



HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS



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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area January 2018



"Buddie" Barnett

Employee of the Month

"Buddie" Barnett

"Buddy has only been with us for about 2 years when he was rescued from Center St. and Michigan Ave. by our neighbors Sonny and Summer who called us because they knew we wanted a small dog. Buddy has accomplished something I have been unable to do in 23 years because I have never been promoted to employee of the month. If he wasn't such a cutie I would call someone and complain. But he is always around when we need him and we are always around at 3:00 am when he needs us!



See article and photos on page 4

WHO SHOULD BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR ELIMINATING THE HIGHGROVE SHERIFF?

If you have been following our articles on the elimination of the Highgrove Deputy Sheriff that was assigned exclusive to Highgrove, then you know that our Sheriff was eliminated 8 years ago and the Highgrove property owners are still paying \$120.00 per year for the Deputy Sheriff we no longer have. With all due respect to many of the employees of Riverside County who I have worked with for over 20 years, I want everyone to know that my criticism of Riverside County is aimed at their top leadership and not directed toward the rank in file Riverside County employees. I have made a lot of friends and acquaintances with many of these employees over the years when I hand delivered the Highgrove Happenings to the Riverside County Administration Building to floors 3, 4, 5, 8, 12 and 14 and to the Riverside County Annex on 14th St. across from the old Press Enterprise building. We want everyone, including each county department, to know what their leaders have been doing to the Highgrove people. This also applies to the top leaders of the Riverside County Transportation Commission including their Executive Director, Anne Mayer, Deputy Executive Director, John Standiford, and RCTC Chairman John Tavaglione who also happens to be the Riverside County Supervisor for Highgrove. It has been my long time privilege to volunteer for previous County

Supervisors Younglove, Mullen, Ashley, and a portion during Supervisor Tavaglione's jurisdiction. But things turned sour when I started asking Supervisor Tavaglione about the Sheriff that was eliminated without properly notifying the parcel owners and continued even further with the Highgrove MAC's subsequent request for an audit of our CSA 126 funds.

AUDIT:

On Aug. 5, 2015, as Chairman of the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council, I hand delivered a request for an audit to Supervisor Tavaglione because Highgrove was (and still is) paying for a service that is no longer provided. The Deputy's position was established in 1992 with a ballot and again in 1997 with another ballot but none of the parcel owners east of the I-215 freeway received any written notice or another ballot when the Deputy Sheriff that was exclusive to Highgrove was eliminated on Dec. 30, 2009. That was 8 years ago and now each parcel owner is still paying \$120.00 with our property taxes for our Deputy Sheriff that was eliminated.

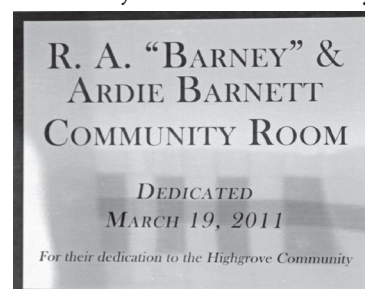
RENTAL UNITS:

If a Highgrove parcel owner has rental property in Highgrove but lives outside the area in another city for example, where the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper is not accessible, it is possible that the property owner may not even know that the Sheriff was eliminated 8 years

ago. How would the property owner who is responsible for taxes on their rental know about the sheriff if they had not received written notification that the Sheriff's position was eliminated?

WAS ELIMINATING THE HIGHGROVE MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL NECESSARY?

It was our honor to have the community room at the new Highgrove Library named after Ardie and me by Supervisor Ashley on March 19, 2011. This plaque is on the wall just inside the entry.



Our monthly community MAC meetings were held at the Highgrove library for 6 years but on April 11, 2017 (8 months ago) Supervisor Tavaglione eliminated the Highgrove MAC at a public hearing and no community meetings are now allowed in the R. A. "Barney" & Ardie Barnett Community Room in the Highgrove Library.

I guess you could say when we

changed Supervisors from Ashley to Supervisor Tavaglione, due to boundary changes, we went from hero to zero!

If Supervisor Tavaglione wants to remove the gold nameplate from the wall with our name on it he probably has the authority to do so. Then maybe a new Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council can be formed without the Barnett name so the collective voice of the community can be heard again through a local Municipal Advisory Council. Municipal Advisory Councils are community organizations that are recognized by the State of California. There was no reason for Supervisor Tavaglione to eliminate the entire Highgrove MAC because the Highgrove MAC did not violate California State Code 31010. (look it up)

Prior to the public hearing that eliminated the Highgrove MAC, I had already resigned from the MAC and ask Supervisor Tavaglione to allow the Highgrove MAC to continue without me.

City of Riverside:

Also, for many years I have delivered copies to the City of Riverside that includes the 7th floor with copies for Mayor Rusty Baily (and previously Ron Loverage), the Riverside City Council members, City Manager and copies are also given to the 3rd and 5th floors at Riverside's city hall. Many County employees and City

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Highgrove Community Center Hours: Mon-Thur 8am-4pm; Fri 8am-2pm

Highgrove Community Park Hours: Dawn to Dusk

Contact: (951) 241-7221

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Family Service Association's Mission is to provide quality human services, child development, housing and senior services to residents of the Inland Empire and Desert Communities.

Hello Community Members,

Wish you and your family a joyful,
bright, healthy, prosperous and
happiest new year ahead. !!

Happy New Year!

January 1st Closed

County Regional Medical Center Mobile Health Clinic
9AM - 2PM January 5th and 19th: Health care services are being offered free as a community service to assist families, especially those who do not have, or who have recently lost, their health insurance.

January 5th & 19th: Resource table hosted by Mini Medical School at UCR: A student-run community that serves the residents of the Inland Empire by providing professionally approved medical and health-related information to those in community settings in order to help bridge health disparities.

January 5th: 8AM Join us for an Overview Presentation Diabetes Self Management Workshop. Everyone with Diabetes Counts is a program that encourages small lifestyle changes while learning about your diabetes and the way it affects your Health. Enjoy the benefits of a healthier, more energetic lifestyle by signing up today! Presentation is available in Spanish

January 11th: 7:00PM

Highgrove Community Assoc.
The time for your voices to be heard



January 15th
Closed



January 22nd: 10:30AM-12:30PM 6 Diabetes Workshop Class Sessions. On each Monday thru February 22nd. Available in Spanish

Save The Date

March 9th, 10th, and 17th: Emergency Response Team Training /3 day course hosted by Michelle with County of Riverside Emergency Management Dept. /District 2. "Citizen Preparedness" How to prepare for and know what to do in the event of a disaster. Info of the things you can do to prepare for the unexpected, such as assembling an emergency supply kit, making an emergency plan.

March 23rd: Easter Event

April 14th: Rummage Sale

2018



Norton Younglove Community Center

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951-779-3099 fax



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Aerodance Exercise

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Tuesday Bingo

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Wednesday @ 11:30-2:30. Call Sandra 951-616-7787 for project materials info and clothing alteration services.

Polynesian Dance Class

Mon 7:15 pm.
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E-Taekwondo United - No classes in January

(Taekwondo Class)
Mon 5:50 PM & Thurs. 6pm For details please call Master Elvis Chavez 909-578-4798
etkdumc@yahoo.com or www.etkdu.com

Square & Line Dance

Tue 6:30pm \$6 donation. Info: 909-823-0294 or 951-788-4245
www.riversidesingleswingers.com

Zion Assembly Church of God

Sunday 11:00 AM. For more info call Pastor Pete Sarry 951-237-2337

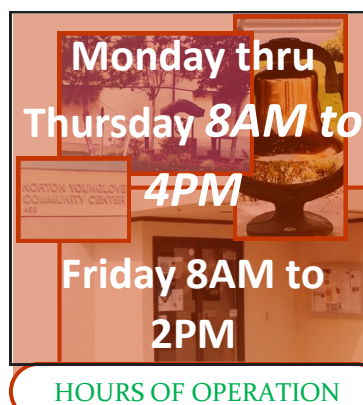
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Daily lunch for ages 60 and over The Center offers a daily lunch for people 60 and over. It's a great way to meet new people and get familiar with our center and all the services we offer. Delicious meals are served Mondays through Fridays, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Child Development Center Has Openings!!

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HOURS OF OPERATION

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HIGHGROVE SHERIFF?

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employees seem to appreciate our efforts, and want to read about what is happening in Highgrove. And even if they do not read it, I remind them it is serving another purpose because it will fit right in the bottom of their bird cage!

IS LEGAL ACTION NECESSARY?

In November of 2016, the Highgrove MAC submitted 27 questions to Riverside County in order for the county to respond before we obtained the services of an Attorney. Question number 22 asked: ***“Will Riverside County refund the taxpayer’s money that was collected after the Highgrove Sheriff’s position was eliminated, or will legal action be necessary?”***

Riverside County’s answer was: ***“There was no money in the CSA fund when the designated sheriff was stopped. The assessment collected after that time were kept in the CSA 126 account until enough was built up to provide enhanced sheriff services. No refunds will be issued.”***

The 27 questions submitted to Riverside County from the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council were published one year ago in the December 2016 issue (pages 5 & 6) of the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper and can be seen on-line by going to: www.highgrovehappenings.net latest issues.

My allegiance is to the Highgrove people. So on behalf of the parcel owners in Highgrove who have paid the \$120.00 assessment after the Sheriff was eliminated, I have given authorization to our Attorney to use my name in initiating legal action against Riverside County, if necessary. Other Highgrove resident property owners have also given written authorization to our Attorney.

If I am offending Riverside County executives in high places such as the Riverside County Supervisor, the head of the Riverside County Sheriff Department, and the head of the Riverside County Economic Development Agency, then they have the right to challenge what I am saying and printing, if it is not true. We need answers from these top administrators because many of these issues may have to be

decided in court. We are confident that the information we print in the Highgrove Happenings is true because it can be verified in writing. Here is my response to Supervisor Tavaglione’s accusations that the Highgrove MAC Chairman Barnett (yours truly) was: ***“going to the Grand Jury to use MAC funds to sue the county”***.

First of all, Supervisor Tavaglione knows that none of the MAC members or former CSA 126 members have ever had any access to MAC funds. The truth is that no money has been spent on an Attorney because our Attorney is addressing these issues on a contingency basis and is now submitting questions to Riverside County.

In regard to the Grand Jury, the answer is yes the Grand Jury is investigating this subject and on Nov. 14, 2017, I testified before the Riverside County Grand Jury committee for 2 hours at their office in Riverside. And no money has been spent for the Grand Jury Investigation from any funds including CSA 126 funds, former MAC funds, or any other funds because no financial payments were required for the Grand Jury to investigate this subject.

The photo below contains written documentation that I took with me to the Grand Jury to show them that I have a paperwork that goes back 25 years to 1992 when the Highgrove Sheriff first started.



Written documentation is inside this box of files to verify the facts if I am asked about the elimination of the Highgrove Sheriff,

Not so Merry news.....

The Spanish Town Heritage Foundation was notified by Council Member Gardner, that the City of Riverside Design Review Committee has approved the proposed 308,000 SF Warehouse at Center and Placentia. We are saddened by this news, but will continue the fight to protect the Trujillo adobe and the Negative impacts on Northside residents.

Council Member Gardner has filed the appeal on our behalf. If Spanish Town were to undertake the appeal, it would have cost us over \$1,500 just in filling fees. This is a huge help and we thank Council Member Gardner for this offer.

Once the appeal is finalized, the Warehouse project will go before the City of Riverside’s Planning

Commission. If the Planning Commission upholds the decision then the project will go to the Riverside City Council and the seven City Councilmen will decide.

We have a battle in front of us and we will need everyone to help. You can help by letter writing, reviewing documents, calling friends and family to help get involved and most importantly attending the meetings.

If you can volunteer, or want to sign up for our emails regarding the warehouse issue, please contact

Karen Renfro

Springbrook Heritage Alliance
(951)787-0617

k.a.renfro7@gmail.com

and add your name to our list as a supporter.

308,000 sq. Ft warehouse approved at Center and Placentia

Dec. 16, 2017

Dear Councilman Gardner:

Thank you, Mike for notifying us of this decision, and filing the appeal for us. We will take it from here and be in touch.

However, I am flabbergasted to learn that this matter went to the Developmental Review Committee without the knowledge of ANYONE in the Northside Improvement Association, Spanish Town Heritage Foundation or Springbrook Heritage Alliance, as we have been keeping track to make sure the matter did not go to the DRC unnoticed.

I WAS NOT NOTIFIED THAT THE MATTER WAS GOING TO THE DEC. 13TH DRC MEETING.

It would have been sent out at the end of November, two weeks prior to the meeting. I should have received that notice by email as I have been on that list for a long now. If I had received it, I would have read it immediately and shared the agenda if it had anything on it of interest to our Alliance. which interests me because I did receive notices for the Nov. 29th and Dec. 27th DRC meeting.

We are aware, however, that the decision-making process for the Developmental Review Committee has been changed so that staff involved in each case are the ones who make the decision whether to approve or deny an application. This was explained to us at our Nov. 16 SHA meeting by Principal Planner Jay Eastman.

My best wishes for a Happy Hanukkah and Merry Christmas,

Karen Renfro

Springbrook Heritage Alliance

(951)787-0617 | k.a.renfro7@gmail.com

Jason Farin left Supervisor Tavaglione’s office

E Mail from Jason Farin

December 20, 2017

It is with much excitement and sadness that I announce that this is my last day working for Supervisor John Tavaglione and his office. I have accepted a position as a Senior Management Analyst with the County’s Executive Office supporting the Public Works Portfolio.

I have enjoyed the last 5 years working for the Supervisor and have enjoyed working with you on a wide variety of Second District issues. Thank you for the guidance, support, friendship, and encouragement you provided during my time with the Board of Supervisors.

Although I will miss working with such a tremendous office and all of my colleagues, I am looking forward to the challenges and opportunities as I begin a new chapter in my career.

Corrine Awad will be taking over my previous responsibilities and she can be reached at 951-955-1020 or by email at CAwad@rivco.org.

Thanks again and Happy Holidays!

Regards,

Jason Farin

Jason: Congratulations to you on your new job and we wish you the best of luck. It has been a pleasure knowing you when you were dealing with our community concerns. Thank you for attending the former Highgrove MAC meetings and I will always consider you a personal friend.



Code Enforcement

Michael Sanders

County of Riverside

Sr. Code Enforcement Officer

County Administration Center

(951) 955-6834

New email: msanders@rivco.org

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Downsizing my Inventory:

For many years I have collected items that I thought I needed but today I find that I no longer need some of the things that I have accumulated.

So I decided to get rid of some of the things I do not need. The first step in eliminating car parts that I do not need any more was to find someone who knew how to repair my propane powered pick-up truck. My old 82 GMC has been sitting for 4 or 5 years and I needed it to take car parts to the Pomona Swap meet. I found a truck repair garage in Rialto, had a tow truck take it to

them, had it repaired, insured, and licensed, and on Dec. 3, 2017 I took a load to the Pomona Swap meet.

I went early Saturday morning, spent the night in my truck on Saturday night and was there for the big day on Sunday. If you need any car parts this is the place to go.

I eliminated some of the parts that I don't need but I have another load ready to go on Jan. 14, 2018.

Here are some pictures of my long week-end!

See next page for 2 items that are "For Sale" but were too big and heavy to get in my truck.



There are over 10 miles of isles to walk through while looking on both sides for that particular car part you need. Bring your walking shoes and a wagon so you don't have to carry your parts with you before going to your car. I saw several kids riding in wagons and even a couple of adult women laying down on their husband's cart because they were too tired to walk.



This vendor specializes in radiators only but other vendors have many misc. parts displayed on their 20 X 20 space. Some people like to look through boxes while others go to another section that has completed cars for sale. Your part is at Pomona but you'll have to walk a lot to find it!



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IN MEMORY OF “BIRDIE POWELL”

Nov. 1, 1920 - Nov. 27, 2017

Our Birdie, so much can be said. Birdie has been a residence of Highgrove. There was time when she travelled with her husband Dennis during his time in service but all in all, most of her life was Highgrove. When she returned to Highgrove she and Dennis purchased the house from her brother Bud, and resided there until October 2017.

On October 15, 1992 Birdie joined the Eagles Auxiliary, Riverside Aerie #997. She immediately was assigned St. Patty's Day. Birdie had made a promise to Dottie DeVille, that if something happened to her, she would take over this charity as Dottie always did it for the City of Hope. Dottie passed away on July 29th, 1992 so Birdie was prepared to do whatever she could for her friend. Birdie would work very hard to get donations so that all the money received would go to the City of Hope. To date, Birdie has donated approximately \$30,000 to the City of Hope. Dottie would have been so proud.

Birdie was asked by Dave Jackson to help with Monday Night Taco's. Birdie agreed, and she continued to do them for over 25 years. Dave passed away in 2008 and Birdie decided to continue doing tacos in Dave's honor. All proceeds went to the “Dave Jackson Memorial Fund.” In doing her taco's Birdie became good friends with everyone. Many jokes and lots of fun came from Birdie's quick wit. Birdie really appreciated the support from everyone. Eagle members, not only supported the Tacos, but they always



supported her City of Hope fund raiser. Birdie would always get everyone to feel sorry that she didn't have all the money for her meat. It always worked, and she never had to pay for anything from the proceeds. You couldn't help but love Birdie. Some of the important times in Birdie's life as an Eagles besides being Madam President was being chosen as “lil Sis” for Frenchy DeVille who had become our State Worthy President. Dennis became Frenchy's “Father”. This was quite an honor for both of them.

Birdie continued to go through the chairs, and in 1996-97 she became Riverside Auxiliary Madam President. Birdie was active not only in the local Auxiliary but she belonged to District #23 and helped at State Convention for quite a few years. She also attended many Mid-Winter Conferences. Birdie received the District Hall of Fame, Carol Bennett Ward, and in 2008 Birdie received the “State Hall of Fame Award”.

Birdie was quite talented. She crocheted Slippers, Afghans, and made

the most beautiful dolls. She enjoyed giving them away, and usually just before Convention those who were going to Convention would receive a “shoe bag”. I have used mine a lot.

We can't forget Birdie's Friday Night Dinners”. This was when the kitchen became “Birdie's Kitchen”. I worked with Birdie almost 21 years, and Birdie loved her job. Every week, faithfully Birdie and I would go shopping. We would come back, set up the kitchen and “ready to go the next day” Birdie had a “great sense of Humor” and sometimes when you least expected it, she would hit you with a good one. Birdie had that “quick wit” until the end.

Birdie loved the Eagles, she loved her kitchen, she loved giving to City of Hope, and she loved everyone. This was Birdie's life, and she missed it at the end. This kitchen should always be “Birdie's Kitchen” in her memory. She made a lot of money, not only for City of Hope and Dave's Memorial Fund, but for the Aerie. Dennis would be proud of her achievements, and I am sure he has already told her.

To her daughter Betty, and all of her family we thank you for Birdie. We give you our sympathy, but we also know that Birdie has lived a good life. She lived 97 good years, and we were fortunate to celebrate many of these years as Eagles with Birdie.

Birdie, I speak on behalf of everyone who knew you. We love you. Till we meet again. Rest in peace Birdie.

Jeanne Terrell

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80 acres east of I-215 to be developed in Grand Terrace



The photo above was taken when the 3 railroad bridges were constructed to span the widened 215 freeway a few years ago. This was the south end of Commerce Way that will be extended southward to the San Bernardino/Riverside county Line at Main St. in Highgrove.

On December 8, 2017 the Lewis Group submitted the "Gateway" Specific Plan. The Specific Plan will provide an opportunity for the City to Master Plan over 80 acres adjacent to the I-215 freeway from Main St. in Highgrove to Commerce Way in Grand Terrace.

The Gateway project proposes residential, commercial and public land uses, and is expected to have an assessed value of \$400,000,000 at

build out. The project will help alleviate historical infrastructure issues that exist in Grand Terrace, through the expansion of Commerce Way to Main St. while also addressing storm water drainage issues. The process is just beginning; there will be a number of opportunities for stakeholders and community members to participate in the process.

<https://tinyurl.com/gateway-specific-plan> (See P. 7)

CRIME STATS FOR HIGHGROVE DECEMBER 2017

Vehicle Thefts: 500 Block of Center Street, 20500 Block Spring Street, and 100 Block of Pacific Ave

Petty Theft: 20500 Block Lyon Rd. & 100 Block Cliffhill Pl.

Assaults: 3500 Block La Ciotat Way, 300 Block Pelican Drive, and 500 Block Prospect Avenue.

Theft from Vehicles: 100 Block Brian Way and 20700 Block Center Street.



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Dead tree poses possibility of 2nd fire!

Dear Editors, Highgrove Happenings:

By Jim Hazelrigg

I have a story that may be of interest regarding Southern Cal Edison's disinterest in damage caused by what I consider to be in their sphere of responsibility. It may not be worthy of a place in your newspaper, but I will relate it to you and submit a picture.

I live at 136 E. Main Street and on April 8th of this year my neighbor to the east of me was having his tree in his front yard trimmed. The trimmers cut a limb that fell on Edison's power lines and broke 4 of the power lines. Some of the lines fell in my yard and burned a groove through my grass which grew back in time and didn't cause any lasting problem.

The problem that I am reporting occurred on the property of the neighbor just west of me when the broken wires fell and set their power pole and the tree next to it on fire. The Edison crew was on the job and extinguished the fire, repaired their broken wires, and left.



This tree has been dead since April 8, 2017 according to Mr. Hazelrigg. How would you like to have to look at this dead tree for almost 9 months? The dead dry limbs are another fire hazzard during our receent fire season.

The tree died because of the damage done by the fire. I suggested to the owner of the property where the tree is that she contact Edison and ask them to send their crew to remove the tree since the fire resulting from their fallen wires killed it. She never did call them so I called in her stead and a crew or member of their crew came and looked at the tree and determined that since the dead tree limbs were not in their wires that it wasn't their responsibility to remove the tree.

I called and lodged a complaint with someone at Edison and the contact there confirmed that the criteria for Edison to trim or remove a tree was that if the tree was in their wires.

I reminded Edison that their fallen wires caused the fire that killed the tree and the tree is possibly a hazard to my property and the neighbor's property just west of me since it is very close to both of our driveways.

Since they have a crew that does tree trimming and removal, and the fire caused by their fallen wires killed the tree, I was hopeful that they would remove the tree for safety's sake and to accommodate their customers.

I am disappointed by their refusal.

Enclosed is a picture of the tree and pole that was damaged by the fire.

Thanks for your interest and informative newspaper.

Sincerely,

Jim Hazelrigg

The Highgrove Happenings contacted Southern California Edison on Dec.20, 2017 and order number 94423 has been assigned to this complaint

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Phils Philosophy:

By Phil Turner

Who Am I?

We've held the legislature/purse strings in California for decades; yet point a finger at others for California being near the bottom in spending for our schools. We declare that Republicans and conservatives could care less about students, or teachers, and hate unions.

We've voted into office some of the most corrupt politicians in history; Marion Berry, Coleman Young, Jessie Jackson Jr., and four out of the last seven Illinois Governors, including Rod Blagojevich who are, or have served prison time for corruption. We've backed two seriously corrupt presidential candidates, Gary Hart and the heartless John Edwards.

For generations we've run some of the world's most prosperous cities into bankruptcy and decay; including Detroit, Chicago, Newark, New Orleans, Cleveland, Stockton, and Buffalo.

We're against the Keystone Pipeline that would bring tens of thousands of jobs to Nebraska, Illinois, and Texas. We're against drilling for oil in Alaska's ANWAR, potentially one of the largest oil reserves on earth, in one of the most remote and desolate areas on the planet. This oilfield could go a long way in making the U.S. independent of OPEC.

We voted in politicians who passed

Obama Care without reading it saying "We'll read it after we pass it".

We enjoy changing the verbiage of things corrupt into words that sound benign. The killing of unborn babies, we call "choice". Illegal aliens we now call "undocumented citizens". Confiscatory taxation is now called "redistribution of wealth", or the even more benign "social justice".

Now that it is politically correct, we support our troops. But in our earlier years we called returning Viet Nam veterans "baby killers", and spat at them upon their return from deployment.

We believe that people of faith hate gay people, and are waging a war on women.

We believe that a person who disapproved of President Obama's job performance and policies is a racist.

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Who am I?

I'm a Democrat.

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Please read the dog and cat article at the top right side of this page.

DOGS AND CATS CAN LEARN HOW TO GET ALONG WITH EACH OTHER!



Why can't the Democrats and Republicans get along like this dog and cat? The recent tax reform bill that just passed congress is a good example of the similarity of the dog and cat attitude between the Democrats and Republicans. If the Republicans want something it is opposed by the Democrats and if the Democrats want something it is opposed by the Republicans. There were zero votes from the Democrats in the recent Republican tax relief bill vote and it makes me wonder what would have happened if just **one** of the Democrats voted for the Republican tax bill. Would that representative not get a Christmas card from the Democratic party? The photo above shows that a dog and cat can actually get along but it is not known if the dog is a Democrat or a Republican or which party the cat belongs to. Its too bad this attitude is dominating our political system!

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RCTC's 1.4 Billion dollar toll lanes create more congestion!

The front page article in the Press Enterprise on Dec. 26, 2017 states how the express lanes on the 91 freeway have taken 10 years of planning and 1.4 billion but has also created more congestion problems.

RCTC, The Riverside County Transportation Commission was in charge of the project and has now hired a consultant for \$635,000.00 to do more traffic studies in this

area. RCTC member, Supervisor Jeffries stated: *"We need to look at doing things differently if they are finding that a 1.4 billion project is still not meeting the regions needs"*

Maybe it is time for RCTC to admit that widening the freeways is not the only answer. Maybe RCTC should re-consider building a Metrolink Station on their property at Highgrove where only a parking (RCTC Cont. on p. 14)

CONSTRUCTION ALERT!

Utility Relocation Work Scheduled on Barton Road in Grand Terrace



San Bernardino County Transportation Authority - SBCTA

As part of the I-215 Barton Road Interchange Project, Southern California Edison crews will be conducting work on eastbound Barton Road between I-215 and Michigan Street beginning on December 21. Work will continue for approximately 2 weeks and will require intermittent lane closures. Information is subject to change without notice. Work activity is subject to weather conditions. Visit project website here.

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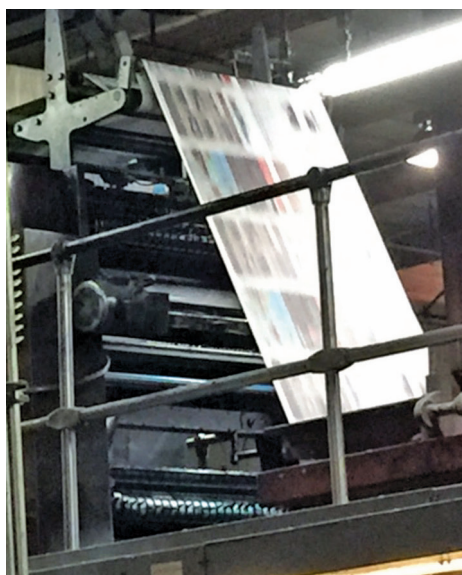
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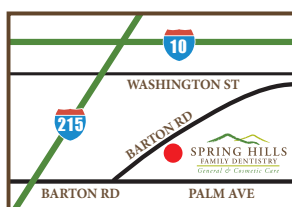


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Moreno Valley's 'M' on Box Springs Mountain Brightens Holiday Season!



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Lighting the "M" promotes the City, its civic institutions, state and federal holidays, and other public events of community significance as well as times of celebration. On a year-round basis, the "M" will be visible under white lights. The regional landmark will be illuminated in specific colors to elevate awareness of special occasions and events. Local non-profit and charitable organizations can also request that the "M" be illuminated in specific colors to elevate awareness of their cause.

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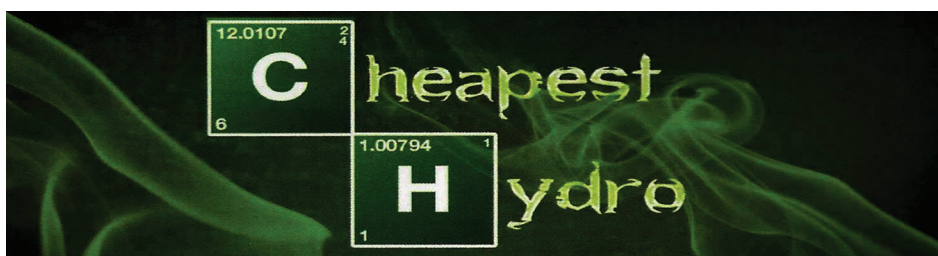
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Growing up in Highgrove!

Our family was from Ft. Wayne, Indiana but in 1947 we sold everything, my dad bought a new Chevrolet and a 26 ft. Liberty trailer, and we moved to Highgrove due to my mother's health. She almost died from allergies to rag weed in Indiana. Mom and Dad, my 2 brothers and me and the cat, headed west to California on Route 66. We stayed in the Aloha trailer park on West La Cadena and later at the Anderson's trailer park north of Pitruzzellos for 18 months.

My mother was fine living in this climate so maybe you can imagine what it was like when we bought the house on Prospect and our family of 5 people moved into a house that was much bigger than a single wide trailer. I was 8 years old at the time. Mom out-lived Dad by 16 years.

Here is what it was like to live in Highgrove over 70 years ago!

At that time there was an orange grove across the street and an orange grove behind us between the Pacific Electric R R tracks (before the SPRR & UPRR) and the school.

In fact there were orange groves all over the place and there was another packing house that burned down on the north side of Center St. between Transit Ave. and the Santa Fe RR tracks.

Across Center St. on the south side was the Highgrove Santa Fe RR depot that had a "No bicycle riding sign on platform" that I used to violate when the Agent was not around. The Agent, the late Bruce Easton and I later became friends and several years ago he gave me a scale model of the Highgrove Depot that he made that I cherish.

Back then we knew almost everyone on our street. From the United Methodist Church southward at the corner of Prospect and Fountain was Charlie and Bea Walters. Their Grandsons Wayne and Larry Walters lived at the east end of Fountain St. with their Mom and Dad. Years ago Larry was killed while on duty as a police officer but Wayne and I are still good friends. Wayne lives in Riverside.

Next to Charlie and Bea Walters

was the Teats and Gladis Twogood family. Their son Theron and his wife have lived in Utah for many years. Continuing southward on the east side of Prospect were the Collins family, Price family, Bowers, Criswells, Clarks on the north side next to us and the Bush family on the south side. In the next block south of Spring St. was where Bert McNutt and Margaret lived with their sons Neil and Steven. The McNutts were the first family in Highgrove to have a television set and all the neighbors would go to their small 2 story house to watch the Lone Ranger and drink Vernors soda.

Across the street from the McNutts was where the Gero family lived and once I had a head-on collision with Robert Gero on our bicycles in front of Dan and Avis' house. Also on the west side of Prospect was the Cormier family, Firestone family and at the S/W corner was the Lunderman family. The next block northward was an orange grove owned by Tom Hawthorn who owned a Ford Tractor that he used, to plow between the orange trees for weed control. He was very old back then and as the story goes when he went to by his tractor none of the salesmen wanted to go talk to him because he looked so scroungy. When he finally was

approached he paid cash. Back then when we would go trick-or-treating at Halloween you would only get a couple of jelly beans at his house on the west side of Spring and Transit. He chewed tobacco and dried his chew out on the cup shelf along the wall for later use. The next block southward on Prospect was the Mitchells house on the corner of Villa and Prospect and once I found my bicycle up on a telephone pole by their house. I never found out who put it up there! Then there was the Spiker house and Dan and Avis Hogans then the Delmonts and on the N/W corner of Fountain and Prospect was the Taylors. Denis Kidd and his parents lived across the street from the church. Ben & Bessie owned Bens Place where you could get a root beer for 5 cents or a big one for 10 cents but we weren't allowed in the back room where the pool table was located.

Yes I enjoyed growing up in Highgrove and I have seen a lot of changes. There were 12 of us who were the last 8th grade class who graduated from the Highgrove Elementary School in 1953 but most of them are gone now.

Highgrove has always been my home town and maybe they will find orange juice in my veins when I am laid to rest. Some people say I never grew up but I just got older!



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Shredding old files

In addition to downsizing extra car parts at the Pomona Swap Meet, I eliminated a lot of old files from the past years by calling for a professional shredding company to come to my house and shred the contents

of the boxes. The contents that were shredded were my own old personal files but I kept the records from previous Highgrove Days and past issues of our newspaper. Past issues are also available at the library.



Too many boxes of outdated files!



The paperwork from the old files were emptied out of the file boxes



and lifted into the shredder



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The weight on the table was too much for the small plastic wheels.

HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

WHAT'S happening!



Three RTA coach operators, a security manager and a contractor are being praised for their vigilance on December 4 when they assisted with the rescue of a family trapped in a car that had crashed near RTA headquarters, an action that reflects their loyal service, bravery and commitment to helping those in need. On that day, coach operators Octavio Davila, Tanya McFail and Odis Session, Safety and Security Manager Richard Ray and contractor Ray Lum, rushed to the scene of an accident just seconds after it occurred at the intersection of Third Street and Anderson Avenue.

The black Ford Expedition had collided with the curb and rammed into telecommunication boxes on the roadside. Inside the crushed vehicle were three children and two adults. Before police and fire arrived to the scene, these individuals reached inside the broken windows and shattered glass to pull three children out of their car seats and to safety. They also assisted with the adults until help could arrive. The five occupants were transported to local hospitals, one with serious injuries. On Thursday, the RTA Board of Directors honored Davila, McFail, Session, Ray and Lum with hero awards for their actions.

FAKE NEWS CHALLENGE:

Sometimes the articles in the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper may seem too political but we are printing articles about what is actually happening to Highgrove and we have verification to prove that what we print is true! We print information that affects Highgrove and documentation is available upon request. We will continue to print the truth and we welcome anyone who wants to challenge any statements in our paper. Go to our web site: www.highgrovehappenings.net and click on "Latest issues" that go back to July of 2008.

Route and Schedule Changes Coming in January

On January 14, RTA will introduce new CommuterLink Route 200 with service connecting San Bernardino, Riverside and the Disney resort in Anaheim as well as Route 205 between Temecula, Lake Elsinore, Corona, and the Village at Orange. Also, get ready for faster service aboard Route 19 which will begin serving stops every 15 minutes. Plus, RTA will launch a spectrum of schedule changes to improve service frequency, reliability, on-time performance, and connections. Details can be found inside on-board brochures, at RiversideTransit.com and in Ride Guides debuting early January.

Holiday Schedule

On Christmas Day and New Year's Day, RTA will provide Sunday service. The Customer Information Center will be open and administrative offices will be closed. On December 22 and 29, RTA will provide regular service and administrative offices will close at noon.

Free Rides on New Year's Eve

On New Year's Eve, December 31, RTA will offer free rides to passengers after 2:30 p.m. on all fixed-routes. It's our way of providing a safe transportation alternative during the holiday and saying thank you to our customers for their year-round patronage.

Avila Elected Vice Chair of Omnitrans Board

Council Member David Avila was elected Vice Chair of the Omnitrans Board of Directors at the transit agency's December 6 meeting. He fills a vacancy created when Redlands Council Pat Gilbreath passed away in October.

Avila's term as Vice Chair will run through June 2019. Traditionally, the Vice Chair subsequently assumes the Board Chair position for a two-year term. The Omnitrans Board consists of elected officials representing each of the 15 cities Omnitrans serves and four San Bernardino County Supervisors. The current Chair is Loma Linda Council Member Ron Dailey.

"There are too many cars on the road. We need to make public transit a more viable alternative," said Avila. "I look forward to working with Omnitrans to help implement faster and more streamlined services to attract new riders."

Avila joined the Omnitrans Board



in January 2017, and has served on the Board's Administrative & Finance Committee. He also represents Yucaipa on the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority Board of Directors.

A 30-year resident of Yucaipa, Avila has served on the City Council since 2014. He had a 32-year career with Cal Fire (California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection) before retiring as a battalion chief.

He received his Associate of Science degree from Crafton Hills College and earned a BA at California State University, Fullerton. Avila said he used public transit often while a student at CSUF.

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You Can Quote Me

by Cynthia Williams, DC

Never give up on something you can't go a day without thinking about Winston Churchill

Dreams are powerful and can be a strong source of inspiration. Passions, however, serve as a driving force, compelling us to pursue goals, regardless of the cost, difficulty, and obstacles.

When I was in chiropractic college I was a single mother with two young girls. Classroom time was over 30 hours a week, working and commuting an additional 30 hours a week and I was raising a six year-old and a 5 year-old all on my own. Study time was difficult and sometimes impossible to come by and sleep was just an enticing whisper. People would ask me "How do you do it?" I told them "I don't think about it. If I did, I'd think it couldn't be done and I would quit. Quitting is not an option." It was that difficult but becoming a Doctor of Chiropractic was my passion. I wanted it so bad I would do nearly anything to achieve my goal. Obviously, I met my goal but it was unbelievably hard- harder than anything I've ever had to do. When you have a true, deep passion, the dream is attainable.

At the first of the year it's a trite tradition to set "New Year's Resolutions". I prefer to set goals- call it a "To Do

List" for the coming year. I'm not wanting to change myself, but I am wanting to experience new things, expand my thinking and maybe clean up some messes from the previous year. If I have long-term goals I will see what I can do this year toward the achievement of the goal later on. Do I want to get healthier? How will I do that? Do I want more money? How will I get it or keep it? Do I want to improve or learn a new skill? Where and how is the best place to do that?

Whatever you call them- resolutions, goals or a to-do list, to achieve them, first they need to be attainable. Don't set the bar too high. Do you really WANT to make the changes or reach the goals you set or do you think you ought to? Making resolutions based on outside opinions and influences usually has a poor outcome. Your list should be based only on what YOU want. Let your interests and passions guide you. Nothing is more discouraging than to create that list of resolutions and fail them. Your self-esteem can take a big hit and your self-talk can be pretty ugly. Create a positive outcome by choosing to list the things you want to accomplish.

Seeing your list checked off can be a thrill. How do you do this? Limit your list to just a handful of items. Too many, unless some are easy- say, clean out the hall closet or dust

under the bed- will be too daunting. Start by breaking each item down into steps. Do you need supplies? Do you need to meet with someone for help? Do you need a mentor or coach? Will you require more than one year to complete a goal? If so, it's OK!

Get your list down on paper- make a big chart so you can see it all. List as many details as you can think. Don't let your critical mind interfere; or anyone else either! Put it all on there and then edit it for do-ability. Use a separate chart for each goal.

If your work on your goals go by the wayside, all is not lost! Pick it back up again- there is no official calendar you have to follow. They don't have to be completed by December 31st. Goals met, whenever, are good goals met! Have a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!



I saw this sign at the Pomona Swap Meet along with many other signs.

RCTC (cont. from page 7)

lot is needed.

For 15 years RCTC has ignored the requests from the people in the "Region" on both sides of the county line asking RCTC to use the EXISTING Metrolink trains that go between San Bernardino and Riverside every day of the week. RCTC already has \$5,347,500.00 invested in vacant land they did not need for the Perris Valley Line.(see: www.highgrovehappenings.net Latest issue Dec. 2012 page 4)

This transportation agency's

refusal to use their un-needed property for a parking lot for commuters is a good example of not being able to see the forest for the trees!

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