



Dedicated to the improvement of our community through awareness and involvement in local issues (FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area **June 2018** 

# Highgrove files lawsuit against Riverside County!

On May 21, 2018 a lawsuit was filed in Superior Court against the County of Riverside on behalf of the Highgrove property owners in County Service Area 126 east of the I-215 freeway.

In 1992, Highgrove property owners voted to assess themselves an annual fee of \$120.00 per parcel to pay for their own Deputy Sheriff assigned exclusively to their small area. This worked well for many years and in 1997 another vote was taken to comply with proposition 218. Highgrove again approved paying extra for their own deputy and it was approved by 75.8 % of the voters. This worked well again for several more years.

Unfortunately, years later I discovered that the Sheriff car we saw in our neighborhood was not the extra Deputy Sheriff we were paying for. The Highgrove Sheriff position had been eliminated without notification to the voters who approved the special assessment, but the annual fee of \$120.00 is still being collected today with our property taxes. All parcels regardless of size are required to pay the annual fee of \$120.00.

The assessment was approved by two written ballots, one in 1992 and another one in 1997 that was mailed out to the Highgrove property owners by Riverside County. But no ballots or written notification were mailed to the property owners when the Sheriff was eliminated. The Highgrove Sheriff was eliminated over 8 years ago and the Highgrove voters were never notified, but the assessment still continues today.

I also found out that the Riverside County Administration, the Riverside County Supervisor, and the Riverside County Economic Development Agency met and decided that the last day for the Highgrove Deputy would be on Dec. 30, 2009. but the voters were not notified.

According to Riverside County the CSA 126 fund was not keeping up with the rising sheriff costs because the cost of the sheriff increased and the assessment always stayed the same. But the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council has always counted on the additional revenue from the new homes to add to

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#### Grand Jury Investigating Riverside County's expenditures of Highgrove funds

written complaint with the Riverside County Grand Jury and on Nov. 14, 2017, I testified for two hours before the committee and I had written documents with me to support my sworn testimony. At that time the Grand Jury told me that they would have an answer by the end of their

On September 1, 2017, I filed a term which will be June 30, 2018 at the end of this month. Since my testimony, I have supplied many additional written documents to the Grand Jury to ensure that they have ample information of what actually happened but I have not received any indication as to the outcome of their investigation.

## **Highgrove has a Jurassic Park!**



Highgrove has its own Jurassic Park but it is not open to the public. I was given complete access to take pictures of this unique location thanks to the property owner who has spent 14 years converting this 4-acre location into one of the most unique places in the entire area.

The following photos show Dinosaurs of many different types, a giant 8-foot Gorilla and a smaller one, a Brachiosaurus and a smaller one and even a baby Dinosaur being born as it comes out of its egg. If I

were to tell you that there was such a place you probably think I was not telling the truth but these pictures show that this there is such a place.

Just remember that this location is not open to the public. The best and only way to see it is to look at these pictures and enjoying them but do not try to trespass onto this property because these animals have very sharp teeth!

I want to thank Shelby for allowing me to take these exclusive pictures!



**SPECIAL MEETING CALLED FOR ALL HIGHGROVE PROPERTY OWNERS!** Date: Sunday afternoon June 10, 2018 Location: Eagles Aerie # 997, 466 E. La Cadena Dr., Highgrove Time: 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm All Highgrove Property owners east of the freeway please bring a copy of your property tax bills. Hosted by R. A. "Barney" Barnett

Editor Highgrove Happenings Newspaper

When I asked Shelby if he receives the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper he showed me he already had one with him on his tractor.



This Brachiosaurus has seen better days!

More photos on P. 4



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

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Meeting

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<u>June 1 4th:</u> 7:00PM

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**Tuesday Bingo** 

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Line Dance Squad-

June 26th: 12:30 PM Tuesday Bingo Play Bingo and learn about Medicare and Medicare Advantage plans. Prizes & resources hosted by JoAnn with Anthem Blue Cross

June 30th: 9 AM - 1 PM



E-Taekwondo Tournament. Open to the Community- \$3 spectator fee

New Program Addition: Jazzercise Class beginning June 2nd, Saturday at 9:15 AM

July 17th 10:30 - 11:30AM Free Line dance Trial Lesson Event! Latin Genre. Learn the Cupid Shuffle, Wobble, Ahsi Good Times, Electric Slide and more to music Cumbia Sermana, Mission in Bambo and No Rompasmas mi Corazon (Elvira), Cajun Thang and more

July 27th: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM "Humanitarian Day River-side" hosted by Community Action Partnership of Riverside County. Activities: spin the wheel, face painting, and variety of program resource information. Free backpacks (Ages 5-18) First come first serve. While supplies last!

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#### Jazzercise

Mon & Wed 5:20 PM, Thurs 6:15 PM, Sat 9:15 AM

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#### Lawsuit cont. from P.1

the CSA 126 fund in order to keep up with the rising costs.

But at one of our monthly MAC meetings, Riverside County's CSA Administrator Bill Brown shocked the Highgrove MAC when he announced that the new Spring Mountain Ranch homes would not have to pay the assessment. The 1997 ballot stated that "ALL" parcels would have to pay the assessment and later we were told that the new Spring Mountain Ranch homes had been added to the list of property owners who were contributing to the CSA 126 fund and Bill Brown was no longer working for the county.

Since 1992 the annual assessment has always been \$120.00 per parcel but instead of the tax bills for the new homes in Spring Mountain Ranch showing the CSA 126 assessment to be \$120.00, some of the new homeowner's tax bills for CSA 126 show as much as \$2,176.00 and new D R Horton homeowner's show as much as \$633.30 for the same CSA 126 assessment.

I contacted the phone number that appears on my tax bill and asked what the CSA 126 Special Assessment pays for and I received a written reply back that stated it is only for two purposes, one for the Highgrove Sheriff and the other reason was for park and recreation. This was the correct answer. But why is there a discrepancy in the amounts being charged to the new homeowners when all parcels are supposed to be paying \$120.00? The Barnett Vs. County of Riverside lawsuit also has additional Highgrove property owners who have allowed our attorney to use their names.

In direct opposition to the statements made by Supervisor Tavaglione at the Public Hearing on April 11, 2017, No Highgrove MAC money or any other money has been used to hire an attorney because the attorney is taking our case on a contingency basis. Supervisor Tavaglione's untrue statements can be seen by watching the lower left hand video on: www.highgrovehappenings.net.

### Double taxation without representation!

The Highgrove property owners already paid the special parcel tax for fiscal year 2015/2016 with their tax bills and again for fiscal year 2016/2017 for the Sheriff Deputy we didn't have. Then we paid again when Supervisor Tavaglione took \$25,000.00 out of our CSA 126 fund for the same fiscal year 2015/2016 and another \$35,000.00 for fiscal year 2016/2017. The letter from the Sheriff Department on the right confirms that the Sheriff Department received these funds for these 2 years for a total \$60,000.00 that was removed from Highgrove's CSA 126 account. The 24 hour coverage (3 deputies) should continue but all deductions for the patrols taken from the CSA 126 account should be stopped and replaced and the deductions should be taken out of Riverside County's general funds as per the Ashley agreement.

# Riverside County Board of Supervisors criticised for spending \$40 Million on conselting firm.

KPMG is the name of the a consulting firm that is making recommendations to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors on how to save money.

The rising costs since the orriginal contract is the subject of many concerns from taxpayers and Service Union representatives who are saying the money could have been put to better use than hiring a consulting firm to tell them how to cut costs. The contract was awarded to the 4th place bidder out of 5 consulting firms that submitted bids to the county. Back in 2017 we ran an article about a protest at the Riverside County Administration building that was conducted by SEIU Local 721. SEIU stands for Service Employees International Union. The article can be seen by going to: www.highgrovehappenings.net and look at "Latest Issue" (Oct. 2017) on page 6 titled "More **Criticism of Supervisor Tavaglione** from another Group".

biggest booster on the board defended KMPG's work" They quoted Tavaglione saying that counties like Riverside lack the internal ability to make the types of changes it needs without the help of KPMG.

The original agreement between Riverside County and KPMG was for less than one million dollars but SEIU is questioning why KPMG is now getting \$40 million dollars. For additional information that addresses some of the complaints about this subject go to: www.kpmghurts.com. The Press Enterprise also quoted Mike Gardner, one of the 5 candidates running to replace Supervisor Tavaglione, that said: "I have real difficulties seeing the advantage of spending \$40 million on an efficiency consulting firm." And Karen Spiegel stated: "I think it doesn't do any good to say it was good or bad or bash it." Spiegel is Supervisor Tavaglione's choice to replace him when he leaves office. If none of the 5 candidates gets over 51% of the votes it will go to a run off in November.

## In case you didn't know!

The Sheriff Deputy assigned exclusively to Highgrove was eliminated over 8 years ago and the only other expense from this account was for Park and Recreation. Highgrove only has one 5-acre park with no lighting on the 2 baseball fields and there are no longer any activities such as Pony League or other events that require financial assistance in the park and the snack bar has been closed ever since the Pony League ended several years ago.

Highgrove property owners want to know where their special tax money has gone for the last 8 years because we should either have another great big beautiful park or there should be a large amount of money in the CSA 126 account if the money was **"retained"** in the CSA 126 account as explained in Riverside County Council's "Impartial Analysis" prior to the 1997 ballot. Here is another reason why we are asking questions about Highgrove's finances:

#### The Ashley Agreement:

I also found out that on Nov. 9, 2009, Supervisor Ashley, the Sheriff Dept., and the Riverside County Economic Development Agency met without any input from the Highgrove community and agreed that when the exclusive Highgrove Sheriff deputy was eliminated, additional patrols would be given to Highgrove but the cost for the patrols would not come out of the CSA 126 funds.

I have a copy of the agreement that states: *"This agreement does not include the use of CSA funds for the patrols"*.

In addition, the Audit received from Riverside County on Jan. 12, 2016 states:

"In 2010, CSA Administration and Supervisor Ashley worked with the Captain of the Sheriff Department from the Jurupa Valley station to authorize 24-hour coverage (3 deputies) to Highgrove out of the general fund."

But later, when Supervisor Tavaglione replaced Supervisor Ashley due to re-districting, Supervisor Tavaglione violated this agreement and deducted a total of \$60,000.00 from the CSA account for the patrols. (See below)

### HEREIS PROOF TO SHOW THAT \$60,000.00 WAS TAKEN OUT OF HIGHGROVE'S CSA 126 FUNDS:



<u>FY16-17</u>: We received \$35,000 in funding for the entire fiscal year. We began operations on July 4, 2016. We have expended \$21,951.37 to date (including January 2017 operations). This leaves a balance remaining of \$13,048.63 to be expended before June 30, 2017.

The Press Enterprise also stated that: "Supervisor Tavaglione, the

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (951) 955-2488.

Sincerely,

Tammy Nelson, Supv. Acct Tech Jurupa Valley Station

#### COMPLAINTS ABOUT GRAFFITI AND MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES ARE STILL A PROBLEM IN HIGHGROVE! CALL: Riverside County Supervisor John Tavaglione (951) 955 1020 Code Enforcement Officer Villanueva (951) 955 2004

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#### Homeless camp in Riverside is now gone



The homeless camp within the city limits of Riverside near the Highgrove boundary on Iowa Ave. was shown in our last issue but the city of Riverside and Riverside County have eliminated this homeless camp.

## Spring Street gets new surfacing



Have you noticed the new asphalt on some of the roads in Highgrove? This is a view of Spring St. looking east from Prospect Ave. on April 29th.



These workers took a break long enough for this photo when they were laying down the stripes on the newly paved Spring Street.



Improvements were made between Prospect Ave. and Mt. Vernon Ave.

# Highgrove Housing boom continues!



Construction of the 69 homes at the base of Blue Mountain continues.



This one shows the insulation going up on the outside walls.



I asked for all of the new streets signs to have the Highgrove logo at the top and they did it! All of the Spring Mountain Ranch homes and the D R Horton homes are in Highgrove and the streets have the Highgrove logo.



The construction of 1,409 homes continues in Spring Mountain Ranch.



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#### Reprint from Press Enterprise also applies to Highgrove: Government Actions and the Newspaper's Role Throughout our Natiuons history, governmental agencies have been required to alert citizens of certain government activities that may impact a local community, providing citizens with an

of certain government activities that may impact a local community, providing citizens with an opportunity to stay informed and take action when necessary. Newspapers have long partnered with government agencies by publishing public notices, enabling the government to be fully transparent and accountable to citizen taxpayers. Publishing public notices in newspapers informs a wide audience in a local community of a government agency's actions, reaching citizens that are passive information seekers. Publishing public notices through the local newspaper acts as an independent third party able to legally verify that the government agency has given the public notice.



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### CRIME STATS FOR HIGHGROVE Crime stats 4-19-18 to 5-21-18

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Robbery Firearm (2) Grand Theft (4) Assault (4)

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#### You Can Quote Me

by Cynthia Williams, DC

"...A mother is mourning not for what she has lost but for what her dead child has lost... Never, in any place or time, will she have her son on her knees, or bathe him, or tell him a story, or plan for his future, or see her grandchild." ~ C.S. Lewis, A Grief Observed

I wanted to write about the wonderfulness of Summer coming. The warmth, the growing season, the outdoor fun but I can't because my heart is broken. My granddaughter's brother in law was one of the boys murdered by the disturbed student in Santa Fe, Texas. It has turned a too frequent national tragedy into something very personal.

The teenager, still just a child really, was very excited and looking forward to his birthday party the next day. Now, instead of having a party his mother is coming to grips with the death of her son and planning his funeral; it's an unimaginable loss. My granddaughter lost a brother in law, her husband lost a brother. Their children lost an uncle. Her mother in law lost a son, and the grandparents lost a grandson. It hurts me because they are painfully grieving and I can't help. As of Friday, May 18th, there has been 28 soldiers killed in action since the first of this year. As of Friday, May 18th, there have been 31 deaths from shootings in our schools since the first of this year. I grieve the loss of any life in any circumstance. Soldiers and their families will accept loss of life as a risk of their service to our country. I know of no parent or family member who accepts the loss of life in a school setting as acceptable. The loss of teachers and students not only cause me grief but also frustration and rage. It is entirely unacceptable and we should ALL be very angry. We used to think "This can't happen in my town, my school, to my kid." But we no longer secure in thinking that because we know for sure that it can. I am terribly frightened for my grandsons; one will be in high school soon, the other in middle school. They live and play in a low crime city, go to "nice" schools but I harbor no illusions of their automatic safety. Active shooter drills are the norm for them, something that wasn't thought of when their mother was going to Grand Terrace Jr High and Colton High. It's a sign of the times we live in. But like the drills we practiced in school in case of a nuclear attack, we can make these drills obsolete. We must insist on changes being made, NOW.

Solutions to this life threatening problem becomes politicized too quickly and becomes a divisive topic and nothing changes. We cannot rely on our elected representatives or the school district to protect our children. And arming the teachers is the height of lunacy. There are some actions we can all take that we should be able to agree on.

A common finding with the kids perpetuating these horrible acts is their parents were essentially clueless, shocked, and dismayed. They seemed to have no idea their child was disturbed enough to arm themselves to the teeth and go on a killing spree. Parents- please take ample time to engage with your children, at all ages. I know it's a challenge when they reach the teen years but that is when it is most critical. Observe them- do they have friends they socialize with? Is your child in a club, sport, or community activity? How much time are they playing video games? Do you know what games they are playing? Are they appropriate for your child's age? Time limits should be set, boundaries on the games established, and you should play the games with your child to ensure they are grounded in reality and not sucked into the fantasy world they inhabit. Don't ignore your guts if they tell you something's amiss with your child. (The teen in Sante Fe was wearing a T-shirt that said "Born to Kill".) If you aren't able to connect with your child get professional assistance. Your family doctor or the school counselors can get you referrals. This is not the time to give in to your argumentative teen. YOU are the PARENT.

ily available. If you have weapons in your home, (guns, rifles, crossbows, hunt-

hassle. Yes, they take a lot of time to clear through. But like at the airport, court houses, etc., we have all learned how to do it efficiently and get through with a minimum of trouble. Saving even one child's life is worth the cost and time. You do not want this nightmare to become personal, like it is for my family members. "Thoughts and prayers" are useless and at this point; people are fed up with hearing it. They want action. Every adult, whether you have children in school or not, is either part of the solution or you will continue to be part of the problem.

The death of a beloved is an amputation."~ C.S. Lewis, A Grief Observed

## **BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU VOTE FOR BE CAREFUL WHO YOU VOTE FOR**

These political times are more significant now more than ever before due to the technological advances of communications via the internet, social media, and many of the other electronic devices used for communicating. Voters need to be careful for WHAT you vote for!

For example, do you realize what happened when proposition 47 was approved that reduced some Felonies down to Misdemeanors? How do you think that has worked out? Is it helping to reduce crime or is it just moving the scale from bad to-not so bad? But has it made our community any safer? And another thing that was voted on and passed was Governor Brown's High Speed Rail that was approved in 2008 that was supposed to cost \$33 Billion for ground surface transportation between Los Angeles and San Francisco. This project is now estimated to cost \$98 Billion and now the Fedeeral Government has initiated an audit about this over budget bullet train that is way behind schedule. This is another reason to be careful of Highgrove Happenings is giving WHAT you vote for.

The question I have now is how did California become a "Sanctuary State"? I don't recall seeing it on a ballot or getting to vote on this project that has caused so much division in our State. This is a good example of not only being careful of WHO you vote for but also of WHAT they can do after being elected.

And what about WHO you vote for? Does that make a difference? Governor Brown has caused quite a stir by declaring California a "Sanctuary State" and has divided our communities more than ever before. The list of Cities and Counties who oppose being a Sanctuary for law breakers continues to grow each day with both sides shouting at each other at community meetings throughout California.

On June 5, 2018 Highgrove will be voting on who will be the next Supervisor in District 2 which is now Supervisor Tavaglione's district. There are 5 candidates who want to be our Supervisor but if none of them get over 51 %, the November ballot will decide who wins the run-off.

Whether it is a proposition or a person who is running for office it is important to know WHAT you are voting for and WHO you are voting for!

The only recommendation the during the June 5th primary is that we endorse Chad Bianco for Sheriff because the current Sheriff Stan Sniff had to know when the Highgrove Deputy was going to be eliminated but he too made no effort to notify the Highgrove voters.









#### "Highgrove Community Association Celebration" Cancelled!

What happened to "Highgrove Day"?

Since 1987, when Highgrove celebrated its 100th birthday, Highgrove has held an annual celebration that became known as "Highgrove Day."

But after about 25 years of my wife and I being organizers of Highgrove Day, we decided to let someone else take over because Ardie was going through cancer treatments and she was no longer able to help me like she used to.

Becky Luther said she would take over so on Feb 9, 2016 I gave everything to Becky including a list of the car show entrie's names, vendor's names, and \$3,111.81 that was left over from the previous Highgrove Day. I attended a couple of planning meetings at ther library to help the transition and explain what we had done in the past. But Becky continued to reject my input and told me to just "Let it go!" That was on March 29, 2016 and was the last planning meeting I attended.

But after 25 years of working on this event I am sorry that I "let it go" and turned it over to Becky because the 2016 and 2017 Highgrove Day was not as well attended and instead of having about 85 cars in the car show, last year there were only about 20 cars and no live band or entertainment like in the past. Other changes that were made for 2018 was that "Highgrove Day" was eliminated and changed to "Highgrove Community Association Celebration" and the date was changed from the customery Saturday before Mother's Day to June 9, 2018.

And now, the "Highgrove Community Association Celebration" scheduled for June 9, 2018 has been cancelled entirely. Only about 6 cars were registered at the time of this printing.

It is unfortunate that this tradional celebration has ended, but it brings up another question such as: Will there be a "Highgrove Day" in 2019?

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I wasn't too afraid of this one because he looked like he was already dead!



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# HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS 78th annual Tulip Festival in Orange City, Iowa

#### Orange City, Iowa Tulip Festival For 3 days in May the city of Orange City, Iowa attracts thousands of peo-

For 3 days in May the city of Orange City, Iowa attracts thousands of people from all over to celebrate the coming of spring. The streets are lined with tulips and there are 2 parades on Thursday, 2 parades on Friday and 2 parades on Saturday. I was glad I took these pictures on Thursday because the weather was not as good on Friday and the 2nd parade on Saturday was rained out. This year was the 78th year of the Tulip Festival and as always when the city council inspects the parade route to make sure the streets are clean enough for the queen and her court, again they determined that the streets need to be scrubbed before the parade. It happens every year! The boys and men throw water on the streets and the women and children use push brooms to scrub the streets.



The men and boys fill their buckets with water from tubs placed along the parade route and wet down the streets.





Our Granddaughter Cassidy graduated from Unity High School

and our granddaughter Kia graduated from OCS 8th grade.

There were many reasons for our trip to Iowa including being in Ardie's home town for Mothers Day where her 3 children, 9 Grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren live plus 2 graduation ceremonies.





Ardie with grandchildren Austin, Elijah and Elyse.

Ardie with Grandson Tyler and his wife Kristen and Ardie's 2 great grandchildren Haley and Kolton.



The whole family gets into the act and this tradition is in its 78th year!





The Pride of the Dutchmen Marching Band has performed at many important events including the Rose Parade. You can hear them coming even when they are not playing music because they all wear wooden shoes and their clumping, sounds like the march of the wooden soldiers.



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#### Show and Go Car Show takes over Riverside

On May 4, 2018 the Old Farts racing Team hosted their 20th annual Show and Go car show that took over the entire city with 1,000 street rods and classic cars. There was a cruise route around the city where classic cars could be seen crusing every day of the event.

TV star of "Overhaulin" Chip Foose signed autographs all day long on Saturday and even came by for photos.



The people in the line in front of me asked Chip to draw a picture of their car and all he needed to know was who made it, the year, and what body style it is as I watched the artist at work making a drawing of their car.



When I told Chip I had a matching numbers 57 Fulie convertible he came to see my car and said that he recently bought a 57 Chevy convertible but his didn't have a 57 fuel injection.



When "Wild Thing" fires up this fire breathing monster it gets everyones attention and you don't want to stand too close!



After Show and Go we flew to Iowa and only 8 miles from Ardie's daughter Kelli and husband Wayne's house, I found the Okojobie car collection that had a 57 Chev. convertible the same color as mine. Our grandson Austin and I were given a personal tour and we were introduced to the General Manager and the owner of this fine collection, Toby Shine. We will show you this collection in future issues of the Highgrove Happenings but we don't have enough room to show you in this issue.



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