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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area July 2019

Supervisor Karen Spiegel accepting applications for new Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council
See pages 3 and 4

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Riverside County Supervisor Karen Spiegel



Spring Mountain Ranch Park Ribbon cutting June 1, 2019 Another photo on Page 10

trails around the park and benches for all to enjoy. Movies in the park are being planned but normally the park will be closed from dusk till dawn. Highgrove now has two parks. The 5 acre Highgrove Community Park was opened on Oct. 16, 1999 and is located next to the Norton Younglove Community Center at 459 Center St. and has 2 baseball fields, 2 basketball courts, a tennis court, and other amenities.

HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

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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July 9th:

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September 14th Saturday: 7 AM - 12 Noon .

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September 21st, Saturday

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October 19th Saturday: 10:30 AM - 4:30 PM Community Emergency Response Team Training Begins. Through training, citizens can manage utilities and put out small fires, provide basic medical aid. CERT is about readiness, people helping people, rescuer safety and doing the greatest good for the greatest number. Free

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2019

July

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Highgrove Community Assoc.

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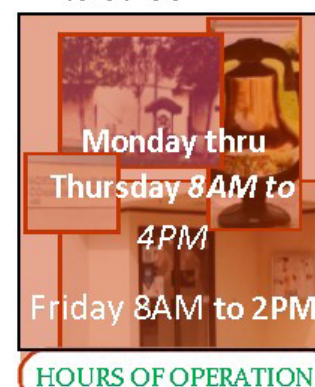


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HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

Application form for Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council

County of Riverside
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Do you have any business, property, or investment interests that might create a potential conflict of interest or appearance of conflict of interest with your requested appointment? If yes, explain

Is there anything in your background (such as criminal, convictions, lawsuits, controversial group memberships, tax liens, political activism, etc) which, if made known to the general public through your appointment, would cause an embarrassment to the Board of Supervisors? If yes, explain

Do you know anyone who might take any steps to oppose your appointment? If yes, explain

AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE

I understand that in connection with this application for appointment an extensive investigation of my business and personal background may be conducted. I hereby authorize the release of any and all information pertaining to me or businesses in which I participated, including information of a confidential or privileged nature in the possession of government or private agencies or individuals. I hereby release all such agencies or individuals who furnish such information from liability for damages which may result from furnishing the information requested.

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Metrolink Board of Directors asked to overrule objections by RCTC management and approve a Metrolink Station at Highgrove!

In order to overrule the 18 year-old objections to a Highgrove Metrolink Station by the upper management of the Riverside County Transportation Commission, I felt it was necessary to go above RCTC's head and go to the Board of Directors of SCRRA (Southern California Regional Rail Authority) that is the parent agency for Metrolink transportation in Riverside County, San Bernardino County, Orange County, Ventura County and Los Angeles.

For 18 years the leaders of RCTC have opposed building a Metrolink station at Highgrove on vacant property that RCTC now owns that is right next to the tracks on the IEOC (Inland Empire Orange County) Metrolink route.

Opposition to the station at Highgrove has been under the leadership of a few top executives in RCTC's management including their Executive Director, Deputy Director, and former chairman who retired last January.

On March 8, 2017, the former RCTC chairman John Tavaglione denied my request for the 30 RCTC commissioners to actually visit their location at Highgrove via 2 busses provided by RTA (Riverside Transit Authority).

So, on June 14, 2019, I went to the Metrolink Depot in San Bernardino, bought a ticket, and took the Metrolink train to Los Angeles. I spoke for 3 minutes during public comments and presented a copy of the following article addressed to each of the 11 members of the SCRRA Board of Directors. The packets included the following:

A short video of the Highgrove location I made on Feb. 11, 2009; a 2 page letter titled **"Politics preventing Highgrove Metrolink Station"**; 4 pages of comments supporting a Metrolink Station at Highgrove that was pre-pared 9 1/2 years ago on Jan. 14, 2010 that can be seen on our web site www.highgrovehappenings.net listed as "Comments over the last 8 years"; City resolution of support from the city of Loma Linda dated Jan. 24, 2002; City resolution of support from the city of Colton dated April 15, 2015; City resolution of support from the city of Grand Terrace dated Dec. 13, 2001; Letter of support from California State Senator, Jeff Stone from Riverside County dated Feb. 11, 2015; Letter of support from California State Senator Mike Morrell from San Bernardino County dated Feb. 25, 2015; Letter from RCTC to Federal Transit Authority dated Aug. 24, 2009, stating the property wanted by the public for a Metrolink parking lot at Highgrove is considered by RCTC

to be an **"Uneconomic Remnant"** that is not needed and that RCTC only charged 38% of the purchase price for the Highgrove property to the Perris Valley Line.

(Editor's Note: The remaining 92% of RCTC's un-needed property is the same property that is needed for a parking lot for the Metrolink station at Highgrove).

Here is the letter I gave to the SCRRA Board of Directors on June 14, 2019:

Politics preventing Highgrove Metrolink station!

On July 15, 2006 Metrolink trains passing through Highgrove increased from 5 days a week to 7 days a week. This allowed 62 trains per week to continue to go through Highgrove without stopping. 62 trains per week tabulates to 3,224 trains per year that have passed through Highgrove without stopping.

And 13 years later, **41,912** Metrolink trains have passed through Highgrove without stopping and that does not include the 5 days a week Metrolink trains between 1995 and 2006.

Why is this important?

For the last 18 years, residents from both Riverside and San Bernardino counties, civic organizations, surrounding city resolutions, and California State Senators from both counties have submitted written letters of support for a Metrolink station at Highgrove.

And on October 24, 2014 Congressman Takano and his staff came to Highgrove and, in reference to the Marlborough Ave. station one mile away on the Perris Valley Line and the proposed Highgrove station the people want, Congressman Takano stated: **"Both locations are needed because they have different destinations"**

The Riverside County Transportation Commission owns two properties within one mile, a vacant 17acre lot at Highgrove and a Metrolink Station at Marlborough Ave. that opened on June 6, 2016. The Marlborough Ave. station has minimal ridership and an empty parking lot due to infrequent 5 days a week trains and no way for any Metrolink commuters to get from anywhere on the Perris Valley Line to San Bernardino because all of the PVL trains only go between Perris and Riverside.

But RCTC's vacant property one mile away at Highgrove is right next to the track where IEOC Metrolink trains go between San Bernardino and Oceanside 7 days a week in both directions. All that is needed at Highgrove is a parking lot and momentarily stop the existing

Metrolink trains. No new coaches, engines or train crew are needed because the trains are already scheduled on the IEOC Metrolink timetable. The Highgrove Metrolink station will be 7 rail miles from San Bernardino and 3 1/2 rail miles from Riverside.

So the 64 dollar question is why do the upper leaders of RCTC staff recommend that their commissioners continue to oppose building a station on their 17.22 acres of vacant land at Highgrove that is right next to the IEOC Metrolink route? On March 8, 2017, RCTC's Chairman John Tavaglione prevented 30 RCTC commissioners from taking 2 previously arranged RTA (Riverside Transit Authority) busses to visit their Highgrove location.

Today RCTC has a new **"RebootMyCommute"** program asking Riverside County residents and businesses to submit ideas about a long-term transportation plan that Riverside County voters approved in 2002.

RCTC's Executive Director, Anne Mayer stated: **"all ideas are welcome."** And in a video on RCTC's website, Mayer said, **"We will listen to you"**.

Anne Mayer and I go back many years because of my requests in trying to get RCTC to build a Metrolink station and parking lot at Highgrove.

So, on May 13, 2019 I requested another meeting with Anne Mayer but I was told she was **"unavailable"** to meet with me about their new program.

RCTC paid **\$8,625,000.00** for 17.22 acres of vacant land at Highgrove but they only charged 38% of the cost to the Perris Valley Line because they only needed the width of the curved track to connect to the BNSF main line at Highgrove.

RCTC calls the remaining 62% of their vacant land an **"uneconomic**

remnant" but their uneconomic remnant is the same exact property that has been needed for 18 years for a Metrolink parking lot.

62% of the cost that RCTC paid for the property at Highgrove amounts to **\$5,347,500.00** that RCTC already has invested in vacant land that is just growing weeds!

Not only is it time to stop the Metrolink trains at Highgrove but it is time to stop RCTC's upper management from opposing a station at Highgrove on property they already own that is right next to the No. 3 BNSF main line where the IEOC trains travel in both directions 7 days a week between San Bernardino and Oceanside.

If **"all ideas are welcome"** and **"We will listen to you"** why does Anne Mayer continue to ignore 18 years of requests made from the very people who are most likely to use Metrolink?

On behalf of the surrounding residents who have supported this station for many years, we are asking the parent agency of Metrolink, the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA), to examine the public documents and city resolutions of support and authorize building a Metrolink station at Highgrove that the people need and want!

Please look at our web site: www.highgrovehappenings.net click on Metrolink, and double click on Supporting Docs to see the actual letters of support, then click on 8 years of Comments.

Thank you,

R. A. "Barney" Barnett

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This is the train I took to Los Angeles on June 14, 2019 but similar Metrolink trains go through Highgrove that go to the beach. Wouldn't it be fun to take the family on the train and go to the beach for the day?

Summer is here and Metrolink trains need to stop at Highgrove so we can take the whole family to the beach at San Juan Capistrano or Oceanside!

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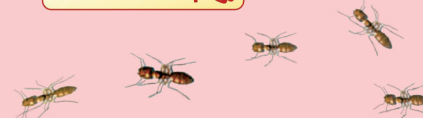
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The photo above shows the demolition of one of the existing structures in order to make room for the new 2 story building that will replace some of the portable buildings. RUSD has also purchased another school site in Highgrove on Spring St. east of Mt. Vernon but no date has been set to begin construction.

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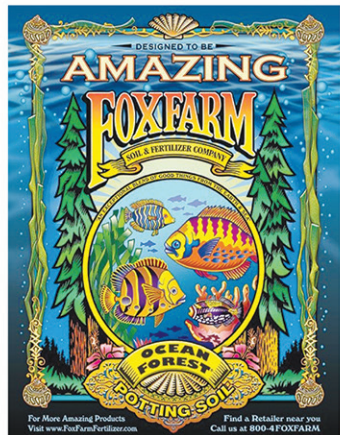
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HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

You Can Quote Me

by Cynthia Williams DC

You got a great deal on these rockets. They're not totally legal but you're going to shoot them off towards the street so no one gets hurt. Holding the rocket in your hand you use your lighter to to get it going. As you bring your arm back to toss it it suddenly explodes in your hand. It's bad. Real bad. At the hospital the surgeon tells you she can save your little finger and half of your ring finger. The rest of your fingers have been vaporized by the explosion.

While this guy is fictional, the scenario is not an exaggeration. In 2017 there were close to 13,000 emergency room visits due to injuries and EIGHT DEATHS from fireworks, including a four-year-old Wisconsin girl who died when shrapnel from a metal tube filled with sparklers exploded and ripped through her neck; her father created that one. Hands and fingers blown off, eyes blinded, 2nd and 3rd degree burns to the face, arms and hands; and illegal M-Class explosions cause the most severe injuries and deaths. There's thousands more firework-related injuries that go unreported because they didn't require medical treatment.

"Among the different types of fireworks, sparklers accounted for 14 percent of the estimated injuries during the July Fourth period last year; reloadable shells were involved in 12 percent of the estimated injuries; and firecrackers were associated with 10 percent. Bottle rockets and homemade/alterd devices were involved in three percent of the injuries each." Public fireworks are responsible for less

than 1% of the reported injuries. The firework industry has taken steps to create safer items but the vast majority of injuries is due to MISUSE of the fireworks. Besides injuries, fireworks, even the very safe ones, are responsible for fires that destroy homes and animal habitat. According to the National Fire Protection Association. fireworks cause on average 1,300 structure fires, 300 vehicle fires and nearly 17,000 other fires resulting in thousands of injuries.**

The National Safety Council (NSC) recommends you do not purchase or use consumer fireworks and leave them to the pyrotechnic professionals; but if you are going to use consumer fireworks please follow these guidelines:

- Never use fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol
 - Never allow young children to handle fireworks
 - Older children should use them only under close adult supervision
 - Anyone using fireworks or standing nearby should wear protective eyewear
 - Never light them indoors
 - Only use them away from people, houses and flammable material
 - Only light one device at a time and maintain a safe distance after lighting
 - Never ignite devices in a container
 - Do not try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks
 - Soak unused fireworks in water for a few hours before discarding
 - Keep a bucket of water nearby to fully extinguish fireworks that don't go off or in case of fire
- Follow these guidelines and you can have a "Safe and Sane" 4th. Be careful. Don't be a statistic.

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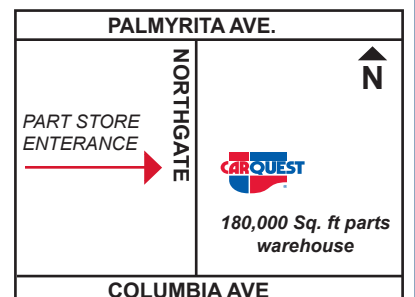
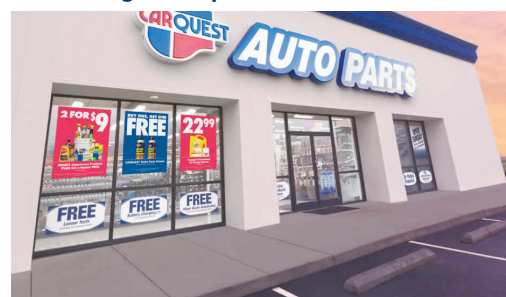
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