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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area

July, 2009

Petition challenges use of Federal money in choosing Metrolink site!

Reasons to support a Highgrove Metrolink Station (July 1, 2009) • The Perris Valley Line Railroad track branches off from the BNSF # 3 main line in Highgrove and dead ends in San Jacinto. This 38 mile branch line from Highgrove to San Jacinto is owned by the Riverside County Transportation Commission and plans have been made for establishing commuter train service between Riverside and Perris (24 miles).

• But in order to run trains between Riverside and Perris, a curved track is needed at Highgrove to connect the 2 railroads. Without this 19 acre property for the curved track, there will be no commuter train service between Riverside and Perris!

• RCTC continues to insist that they want to build a station near Palmyrita Ave. where there are no commuter trains on the Perris Valley Line track. But only ½ mile north of their Palmyrita location, the Highgrove station already has commuter train service between Riverside and San Bernardino on the # 3 BNSF track.

• A station on the Perris Valley Line near Palmyrita Ave. should be abandoned and here are the reasons why:

• The 19 vacant acres have 2 different railroad tracks on its boundaries. The east boundary is the Perris Valley Line Railroad track and the west boundary is the # 3 BNSF Railroad track.

• And the 19 acre Highgrove location is the same exact property that is needed for the curved track that is mandatory to run trains between Riverside and Perris!

• The Highgrove station already has commuter trains passing by the west side of this 19 acres every day of the per week that go through Highgrove between Riverside and San Bernardino- but they do not stop!

• For several years, there have been 3,224 commuter trains per year that have been passing by this location in Highgrove without stopping because there is no station platform for the existing commuter trains.

• And there is no need to use eminent domain to tear down any structures because the 19 acre parcel is all vacant land and is "For Sale".

• The location of the 19 acres in Highgrove has plenty of room for parking and is within a redevelopment area.

• Highgrove is located the middle of the triangle between Riverside, San Bernardino and Perris and one station platform in Highgrove could serve all 3 destinations.

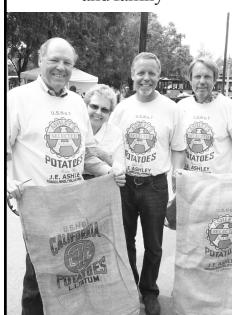
• New property will need to be purchased by RCTC for a station site. There is no need to buy 2 different locations-one for the curve and another piece of property on the Perris Valley Line for a station where there are no commuter trains.

• The Highgrove station could be used now, by using the existing 62 commuter trains per week, and this same platform could be used in the future when the Perris Valley Line is upgraded to meet passenger train standards.

• The Highgrove station could be located on straight track next to the # 3 BNSF track between mile post 7 and Citrus St. which would be south of the curve from the Perris Valley Line connection.

• With a construction time frame of 2 years for example, while the Perris Valley Line track is being replaced, a new train signal system installed, and other

Rods & Rails in Perris..... Supervisor Marion Ashley and family



L-R: Supervisor Marion Ashley, Mary, and their two sons, Tom and Mickey at "Rods and Rails" in Perris.

grove that could have stopped for passengers at a platform on the west side of the 19 acres.

• Delays in delivery of new equipment such as engines and/or coaches are also a possibility because new equipment will be needed for the new commuter train service on the Perris Valley Line.

• No additional equipment will be needed with a station at Highgrove because the train service timetable is already established using existing equipment. (See timetable)

• This logical plan from the people has been supported by every surrounding city, and/or community organization for the last 7 ½ years but nothing has happened! We have been requesting, writing, speaking, and talking to RCTC to get them to realize that the property in Highgrove is the best location for a station because commuter train service



This early railroad crossing warning system is refered to as a "Wig-Wag" The round part in the middle swings back and forth to warn motorists of an approaching train. (Cont. on P. 5)

and Perris when completed.

• The Highgrove station will move the most people for the least amount of dollars spent and is a wise investment for the whole region on both sides of the county line. It is a plan for the "present" by stopping the existing trains at Highgrove, and it is a plan for the "future" when the Perris Valley Line is completed.

• 3,224 trains per year will take thousands of vehicles off the freeways during construction.

• Location, location, location are the 3 most important words in Real Estate.

• Highgrove is the best location for a Metrolink stop because it will benefit commuters from both counties in 3 different directions: to and from Riverside, to and from San Bernardino and to and from Perris in the future, and not just future commuters between Riverside

week including week-ends.This amounts to 62 commuter trains

stations built, there will be 6,448 commuter trains that pass through High-



already exists. The existing trains just and need to stop! • Plo

See supporting Docs on website: www.highgrovehappenings.net
Our Federal tax money should be spent to address the entire area's transportation needs and not just commuters in Riverside County between Riverside and Perris.

• We are not opposed to commuter train service on the Perris Valley Line but we are opposed to the location where RCTC is planning to put a station where there are no trains that will only transport riders between Riverside

and Perris!

 Please look at the important informaour web site: tion on www.highgrovehappenings.net Watch the video, click on Metrolink, and Supporting Docs, and click on each letter of support dating back to 2001. • Please sign the petition and e-mail all your friends to support this petition. If you pay taxes-you can sign the petition! R.A. "Barney" Barnett highgrovenews@roadrunner.com (951) 683-4994

(More information on P. 9)

Highgrove Community Center Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00am-2:00 pm Highgrove Community Park Hours: Dawn to Dusk J YOUNGLOVE Contact: Sherry at (951) 341-6634 (951) 786-6912 COMMUNITY CENTER





459 Center Street-Highgrove



Hey parents, are you looking for something safe and positive for your kids to do this summer?

The Norton Younglove Community Center wants to invite you to bring your kids on Fridays from 9am to 1pm. Play games, story time, recreation, a small snack will also provided all for \$1.00 per child per Friday.

From July 10th thru August 21st, Limited Space.

Come out and join in the Fun!





Community Champion



Congratulations and thank yous are in order for Highgrove volunteer, Joe Morones. He was recognized by the Molina Healthcare orginazation for his efforts in making our community a better place and for giving away food through the Brown Bag, Commodities and Rolling Cart programs operated out of the Norton Younglove Community Center in Highgrove. Thank you Joe for all of your efforts!

Joe Morones



"Lowes Energy Savings Workshop" on July 21st Tues 12:00 noon.

Don't Forget!!!

Brown Bag:

1st & 3rd Tues. 8:00am - 10:00am Commodities: 4th Friday of the month 7am -10am

Rolling Cast FOOD GIVE AWAY 1st and 3rd Friday of the month

Bring a rolling cart to the Center and our volunteers will attempt to fill it with food. Community members are asked to provide their own cart, sturdy enough to carry about 40 pounds of food. However, we can not guarantee how much food each family will receive. This program is sponsored by the Second Harvest Food Bank.

For more information, please call the Center, (951) 341-6634

Highgrove Happenings • 2

Passing the baton: Highgrove gets new Deputy Sheriff

Highgrove Deputy Bryan Vig attended

his last community meeting on June 24,

2009 and introduced our new Deputy

Dean has 10 years experience and is

familiar with the Highgrove area. We

are looking forward to working with

him and remind you the phone num-

bers will remain the same (see below)

Bryan will be an instructor at the Ben

Clark Training Center. Captain

Mayman said that Deputy Vig recently won a bronze medal for tennis in the

men's doubles in Santa Clarita. Thank

you Bryan for your work in Highgrove

and we welcome our new Highgrove

Deputy, Dean Colbert.

Emergencies only

Dean Colbert shown on the right.



L-R: Bryan Vig & Dean Colbert

. HIGHGROVE SHERIFF Call 911 for

Deputy Bryan Vig Stats :

Felony Arrests 2 Misdemeanor Arrests 7

Citations Arrest warrants served 6

Phone Number for the Sheriff Dept.: (951) 776-1099 (Non emergency) Hot line tips for Highgrove Deputy Dean Colbert: (951) 955-2611

New water treatment plant marks water independence

RIVERSIDE, Calif. - Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) is using an innovative project to ensure that city customers have complete independence from imported water.

The John W. North Water Treatment Plant in Grand Terrace, just north of Riverside, has been pumping water into city's system since late 2008, using well water near the Santa Ana River previously used for irrigation.

By using the latest filtration technology, the \$25 million plant will augment the city's drinking water supply by 10 million gallons a day -10percent of the city's supply.

"I think the city's founder, J. W. North, would have been proud," said RPU General Manager Dave Wright. "He envisioned a city fed by water from the underground basins at the foot of the mountains and flowing to Riverside, where a thriving city could grow. With this facility we've achieved almost complete water independence from imported water. Four wells near the Santa Ana, long unused for potable water supplies, were rehabilitated and tapped for the plant, which uses state-ofthe-art membrane filtration to remove contaminants, viruses, bacteria and other pathogens, before pumping it into the city's system. Currently, RPU pumps water from 54 wells across four distinct water basins. Those supplies were supplemented over the last 50 years by connections with the Metropolitan Water District.



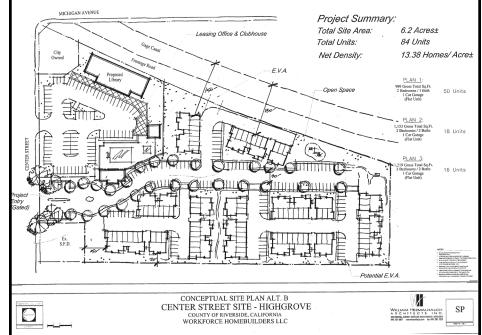
"Dependence on state water, regardless of the source, is not what Riverside is all about," said Mayor Ronald Loveridge. "With this new capacity, we can even support the Western Municipal Water District, thereby reducing Southern California's dependence on imported water. With drought conditions a fact of life here, a local source of clean drinking water will ensure we will not go thirsty."

Using a design-build method of construction, the plant was begun in 2006 and completed in just 20 months. "Although the plant was finished in July 2008, we're hosting an open house to let the rest of the world see what we're so proud of," said Wright. "To the rest of the world, it's just a filtration and pumping plant. The world is full of them," Mayor Loveridge said. "But to us, it's Independence Day from imported water." Austin Carter, RPU Public Information Officer, Riverside Public Utilities. (951) 826-2139

Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council gives approval to Workforce Homebuilders project

The Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council will advise Supervisor Marion Ashley that 84 units have received approval from the Highgrove MAC at the public meeting on June 24, 2009. This project is planned south of the new library near the corner of Center St. and Michigan Avenue.

For several months this project has been discussed and considered and members of the Highgrove MAC visited locations in Riverside, Rancho Cucamonga and Glen Avon that have been built by Workforce Homebuilders or have been bought and up-graded by this company. Final details of the 6.2 acre project still have to be worked out with the developer but the project will now move forward along with the plans for the new library adjacent to this project.



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"Highgrove Song" Highgrove **T-Shirts** Music Video





County Transportation workers recently installed decomposed granite between the curb and sidewalk along Center St. in Highgrove. It really looks nice!

Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council Meetings



We need more members of the Highgrove community to come to the MAC meetings on the 4th Wednesday of each month. When free food is handed out at the community center or there is free entertainment, everyone shows up. But when there is a meeting that pretains to what happens to our community in the future, very few community members find the time to attend. PLEASE attend the monthly meetings and become an active member of your community. There will be a special budget meeting on Monday, July 6, 2009

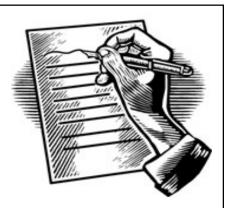
at 2:00 p.m. at the community center next to the fire station at 459 Center Street. Meanwhile, mark your calendar for the next regular monthly meeting on July 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. We need to see some new faces at these meetings. Learn what is going on in your community and participate!

Letters to the Edítor

It seems like when the bureaucrats are involved they think that the opinions of the people do not matter!

Classic examples: RCTC has closed it's doors to listening to the reason of the people who are so in favor of a Metrolink stop in Highgrove. They have their mind set on one thing and one thing only and are not willing to listen to the obvious logic of what the people are proposing as a sensible location for a Metrolink stop. They are willing to spend our tax dollars on putting a stop where it will only serve the residents of the *Perris area, rather than a stop that* could not only serve them, but the whole surrounding area. Wake up government and listen to the people!!!!!!!!

Another example: The new and lovely Grand Terrace Senior Center that has been long awaited by



the residents is lovely! But the planners and bureaucrats once again went ahead and designed the new Senior Center for beauty but did not consider or confer with our people who volunteer and work there as to what would be functional. The kitchen has to be redone in order for the Health and Safety Board to approve it so the senior lunches can be prepared there. Many of the activities and fund raisers that were so enjoyed by the seniors in the past are now not functional.

Again a classic example of the opinions of the people do not matter! (Anonymous)





The Fourth of July weekend was approaching, and Miss Pelham, the nursery school teacher, took the opportunity to tell her class about patriotism. 'We live in a great country,' she announced. 'One of the things we should be happy is that in this country, we are all free.'

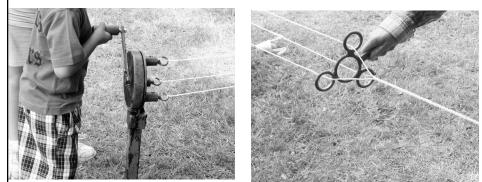
Trevor, who was a little boy in her class, came walking up to her from the back of the room. He stood with his hands on his hips and said loudly, 'I'm not free. I'm four.'



Perris "Rods and Rails" included hot rods, old trains, motorcycles, and.....desperados!



The city of Perris celebrated their 10th annual "Rods and Rails" on June 13, 2009. There were lots of old cars in the car show and many things to do and see at the Orange Empire Railway Museum where the event was held.

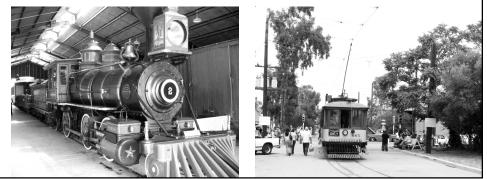


There were hands-on things to do such as making rope by using a hand-held rope maker like the one shown above. And there was a lady on a spinning wheel using wool from a nearby Alpaca that had just been sheared. The afternoon weather was great and there was a good crowd. Ardie liked the vendor area and I enjoyed looking at the trollies, trains, and railroad machine shop.



L-R rear: Mike Carmichael- "Curley", John Lloyd- "Quarter Moon John", Joyce Cox, Pam DeForrest "Nola Forrest", Richard Sarmast "High Spade Buck Dwyer", "Greywolf MacGregor, Zada fields- "Calamity Jane", Ginny Morgan- "Tonya Clevenger", Pam Atkinson-Katie-Bar-The-Door", Becky Aguilera, Fred Atkinson "Deadwood Fred" (kneeling) Paul Christensen-"Banjo Hackett", Bill DeForrest-"Turkey Creek Johnson", Jason Clevenger-"Mad Dog Maguire"

(sitting): Phillip Messer-"Waco Kid". Thank you to Ginny Morgan for her help in identifying the above group. Their web site is: msgoldrush@aol.com Desperados of another type was the band named "Desperado" that played a lot of Eagles songs. It was a fun day for the whole family and kids of all ages!





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A "LOVING" LOOK AT POLITICS

by Jerry Loving

Money Talks and BS Walks

Are you one of the people who is trying to buy one of these "bargain" houses in Riverside only to find out they are already sold and that there so called, "Stimulus Money" is already gone? Well, I am and I have been trying for the past 4 months to buy a house and without going into great detail of which Mortgage Company or bank is playing games, I think you should know what is happening in Riverside County.

At first I played by the rules and would find a house and put in a bid on it only to find out there were anywhere from 6 to 8 bids pending just like mine. I finally got so discouraged plus suspicious of the bidding process so I started doing some research and here is what I found out about this so called, "Stimulus Package."

Certain mortgage companies and banks have short lists of investors they notify when a home comes up for foreclosure and it is a good buy. Now, under certain rules and regulations, they are to put the property on the market and sell it to the highest bidder. Naturally, since my bid was in the pot I was pretty thrilled at the prospect of getting a home for sometimes less than the former value. Well, here is the bitter pill I had to swallow.

The mortgage company or bank would notify their investor list and they would go out and one investor would place as many as 4 to 6 bids on one

house. Naturally, if one of the bids was accepted, he would cancel the other bids and he/she got a bargain basement bargain and they can fix it up and when the market comes back up, they can make a huge profit.

So, to try and get ahead of the game and after raising holy you know what with the Mortgage Company or bank, I actually got a copy of the repo short list. Here is just one example of what I ran into even with the short list and pretending to be a high roller. I would find a house, the people would be in the process of moving out and I would ask them, very politely, which mortgage company or bank held their mortgage. They would tell me and I would immediately go to that bank or mortgage company to place a bid on the house assuming I was the first to know the house would soon be on the short list only to find out it was already closing with another investor. I asked how these people find out about this house and of course was given the run-around to the point that I actually gave up.

Worse yet, they had direct access to the stimulus money whereas I or anyone else as a potential buyer had to go thru the drill only to find out that someone else had already purchased the house.

And guess what: If you found another house, you had to go thru the drill again. So, whomever is catering to the rich in our area will have access to the \$120,000 to \$300,000 houses

while the great \$29,000 to \$79,000 houses are being bought by the investors with the federal stimulus money.

In essence, I am still looking for a house and of course I still have to look at the daily pictures of Obama touring the country and smiling for everyone while catering to the rich.

In other words, he may be worse than Bush when it comes to helping the middle or lower class people in this country. It may not be entirely his fault because I don't think he takes the time to follow up on any of his programs to see if the right people are benefiting from them.

As the economists have been saying for centuries, in any federal program or economic downturn, the rich get richer and poor get poorer.

I won't give up but I have given up on getting a good deal on a house in Riverside County and of course I will have to use my money because the stimulus money is already gone!

Editor's note: The opinions expressed in this article are the viewpoints of its author and do not necessarily reflect the viewpoints of the "Highgrove Happenings"

Gas savings tip of the week!

Hang your clothes on a clothes line to dry them in the hot sun and then briefly tumble them in the gas dryer. Your "GAS" bill will be lower next month!



http://eteamz.com/RiversideHighgrovePONY

Ron Cruz, President Riverside Highgrove PONY

Inspired by the friendships developed in the Highgrove Community and the opportunity to play with her friends in the Highgrove PONY Baseball League, Julie Reynolds wrote a story (you may remember her as the girl who designed two of the League's Team uniforms ~ the Highgrove Little Squirts & the Jedi Knights). Just like us, she is proud to grow up here! Her 14 yr old sister Kelly designed the cover picture for the Friend Grove [aka Highgrove] Story! (see page 7 for story.)



by Julia Reynolds

The Friend Grove THE HOME RUN BRACELET



INTRO

As long as I can remember, I've lived in a wonderful neighborhood blooming with about fifteen kids of all ages. All these kids together live on just two streets, Mandarin Way and Starling Lane. All these kids are very different in so many ways, but they all have one big thing in common. They all live in this wonderful neighborhood. A place I like to call "The Friend Grove".

TO THE PARK

I woke up on the top of my bunk bed, a ray of sunshine beamed through the shutters in my window. It was Saturday morning. Saturday is one of my favorite days because Saturdays are the days when I get to go to the park near my house to coach and play baseball games with my parents and my friends. I jumped from the top of my bunk bed

to the floor, got on my baseball jersey, ate breakfast and I was ready. After the rest of my family got ready we headed out the door.

FRIENDS

The park is about a block away from my house so we just walked there. I stepped through the gate of the park. Then, there right in front of me was a girl. She had shoulder length dark blonde hair, curled bangs, and aqua blue eyes.

"Hey Brianna", I said. Brianna is one of my greatest friends. "Hi Julie", she replied with a smile. "Ready for the game?" I asked "Yep!"

Suddenly I heard the trotting of a horse coming up from behind me. It could only be one person. Without turning around completely I said "Hey Chloe," There she was up on her horse, Chancy. She smiled then laughed. "How did you know it was me?" She asked.

I laughed, "Chloe, how could I not know it was you".

Her long sandy blonde hair shined in the sunlight, and her blue eyes twinkled with excitement. To tie it all together she had her cowgirl freckles on her smiling face. Chloe's mom had passed by to get Chloe's horse. Then, the three of us headed out into the field.

As we walked through the soft green grass we saw my sister Kelly playing Frisbee with our friends Kara, Katelyn, and Monique. To our right we saw my little sister April with Brianna's little brother Michael holding hands while laughing and skipping across the field. Then we headed to the snack bar to see if any more friends were there, and sure enough Sabrina and Robert Anthony were at the snack bar window. "Hey Sabrina," said Brianna."Hi," she replied."Hey Robo," I said. Robo was Robert Anthony's nickname. "Hey, who are you playing today?" he asked."The Dodgers I think."""Well you guys better hurry over to the dugout. Your game's about to begin," Sabrina warned us. "Okay, thanks," said Chloe. "Let's go."

START OF THE GAME

In the dugout we saw our friend Zack. Zack was eight years old with blonde hair that was spiked up, and he had blue eyes. Zack was on the team with me, Chloe, and Brianna.

TO UP FIRST BAT

Our team was batting first. Brianna was the first one up. She stepped up to the plate the pitcher threw the ball.

"STRIKE 1!!!!!,"The umpire called. The ball came again. "STRIKE 2!!!!!," He called again. The ball was pitched another time. "STRIKE 3!!!!! YOU'RE OUT!" Now it was my turn. I stepped up to the plate. The ball came swirling towards me. "STRIKE 1!!!!!" I heard all the neighborhood cheering for me. I swung again. "STRIKE 2!!!!!" "You can do it," I whispered to myself. The ball came again spinning in the air. I swung, but missed. I was out. I ran into the dugout, now it was Zack's turn. He was ready. The ball flew towards him, but it was a miss. It came again but yet another miss. He sighed, looked at me, I gave him a thumbs up, he smiled then looked away. But sadly he got out. Next inning Chloe was up. She skipped to the plate looking confident and determined. Here came the ball. PING!!! The ball flew to the outfield soaring through the air. It had to be a home run! She touched first base, second base, third base, and then home. We were amazed cheering at the top of our lungs. She was smiling while running into the dugout. "How did I do that?" she asked

me. But I just shrugged my shoulders and laughed.

COULD IT BE

The next inning the same thing happened again. Brianna, Zach, and I got out but Chloe got another home run. In the third inning I pondered on why this pattern was happening. Suddenly I noticed Chloe was wearing the friendship bracelet I made her. Then a crazy idea popped into my mind.

"It's impossible." I thought, but I had to try. Before I batted I asked Chloe if I could wear her bracelet for good luck. So she said yes and gave it to me.

A MIRACLE

I stepped up to the plate. The ball came right towards me. PING!!! The ball flew out of the park. I ran as fast as I could. Before I knew it I was at home plate. "So it was the bracelet that did it." Now I had Brianna and Zack wear it when they hit, and sure enough they got home runs. By the end of the game we had won. When we walked out of the dugout our friend Crystal ran up to us and asked, "How did you guys do that?" The four of us looked at each other, shrugged our shoulders, and laughed.

TIME TO GO

When it was time to go I waved to Chloe smiling and then said, "Don't forget to bring your bracelet to the next game!" "Don't worry, I'll never forget." she said with a smile.

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Fireworks are prohibited in Riverside County.



You may not sell, buy, transport, store, or use fireworks in the county. Many of the cities in Riverside County also prohibit fire-

works. The cities of Coachella, Cathedral City, Indio, and Blythe are the only cities that allow the sale and use of State Fire Marshal Approved "Safe and Sane" fireworks. However, these fireworks must not be transported, used, or possessed outside of the cities where they were purchased.

Riverside County Ordinance No. 858 was adopted on June 6, 2006, by the Board of Supervisors. The ordinance was enacted to address a growing problem of the sale, purchase, use, storage, and disposal of fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Riverside County. The personal use and sale of illegal fireworks has become a serious threat to the safety, peace, and health of the public. The ordinance provides for an increase in penalties for the use, sale, transportation, and manufacturing of fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Riverside County.

Section 7(a) of Ordinance 858 states that, "Any person who violates any provision of this part is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not less than

five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by imprisonment in the county jail for not exceeding one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment."

Riverside County Fire Chief John R. Hawkins wants all residents to have a safe and enjoyable 4 th of July Holiday. "It is important to consider the dangers of illegal fireworks. We encourage residents to attend organized professional shows with their families. Don't let an arrest or tragedy ruin a day of celebration. The message should be loud and clear, Fireworks are dangerous and they are illegal," said Chief Hawkins.

Please be aware that all fireworks (including sparklers) are illegal in Riverside County. All fireworks are illegal because they cause serious injuries and they often cause fires. The vegetation in Riverside County is extremely dry and it is very easy to start brush fires with fireworks. Southern California continues to experience a record drought and the fire danger is a major reason to not use fireworks. Did you know that the person who causes a brush fire is responsible for the suppression costs? The cost of a small (couple of acres) fire can be in the thousands of dollars. The suppression cost for larger fires can cost millions. It just isn't worth the risk when there are great fireworks shows throughout the County. Click here for a list of shows in Riverside County.

Wild fires caused by fireworks are not the only danger; fireworks could easily land on an innocent bystander or child and cause serious burn injuries. Is it worth injuring someone? Fireworks set off in the "safety" of the neighborhood sidewalk can easily land on a house or a car, which can start a fire. Is it worth the excitement of watching something explode when it might cost someone his or her car or home?

One more point to consider: The Riverside County Sheriff's Department and CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire Department Law Enforcement Officers will be aggressively enforcing Riverside County Ordinance 858, as well as other laws pertaining to the sale, use, transportation, storage, and manufacturing of illegal fireworks. Those caught with fireworks are subject to citation, fines and/or arrest, and confiscation of illegal fireworks. It is in the best interest of everyone to *leave the fireworks to the professionals*.

2005 Nationwide Fireworks Statistics

Barbecues, family picnics and neighborhood get-togethers are common scenes on the 4th of July. We all look forward to celebrating our country's Independence Day. However, injuries and fires caused by fireworks can ruin an otherwise enjoyable holiday. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission latest data, fire-

works accounted for approximately 10,800 injuries treated in U.S. hospital emergency rooms in the year 2005. These figures do not include those treated in non-emergency room settings or those left untreated. One of the reasons fireworks injuries continue to occur is because people don't consider how dangerous these devices can be. People often don't realize - until they are injured - that the risk of blindness or injury outweighs the excitement of taking risks with fireworks. Injury Statistics: •More than twice as many males as females were injured. •The highest injury estimates were for firecrackers (26%), rockets (21%) and sparklers (11%).

•Among different types of fireworks, firecrackers were associated with the greatest number of injuries at 1,700, followed by Sparklers and Rockets at 1,100. •Sparklers accounted for about half the injuries to children under 5 years of age. •Sparklers can heat up to 1800 degrees Fahrenheit, hot enough to melt gold. •Parts of the body most often injured are the hands- 2000 injuries, eyes -1600 injuries and head/face – 1300 injuries.

Don't put yourself, your family or friends at risk of becoming a statistic. Abide by the laws where you live. Fireworks laws are in place for safety reasons.





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Questions to Riverside County Transportation Commission on May 27, 2009:

 How many Metrolink or Amtrak passengers currently travel by rail between San Bernardino and Riverside per week on the existing trains?
 How many Metrolink or Amtrak passengers currently travel by rail between San Bernardino and Riverside on the week-ends (Saturday and Sunday) on the existing trains?

3. How many Metrolink passengers do you project will be boarding your proposed Metrolink at start up, in the vicinity of Palmyrita Ave. on the Perris Valley Line?

4. How many new commuter trains will run between Riverside and Perris at start up when the Perris Valley Line is ready for commuter service?

5. What are the proposed station locations and times for the stops for the new commuter trains on the Perris Valley Line?

6. Will there be any new commuter trains at start up that run between Perris and San Bernardino in either direction?7. Will Perris area passengers have to change trains to get from Perris to San Bernardino?

8. Will there be any connecting commuter train service at Riverside that will correspond with the arrival of trains from the Perris Valley Line for commuters who want to go from Perris to San Bernardino?

R.A. "Barney" Barnett

Public Notice Sign the Cetition Please go online and sign the petition to support a Metrolink Stop in Highgrove. Our voices must be heard!

http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/highgrovemetrolink <u>Answers from</u> Riverside County Trasnsportation Commission on June 16, 2009:

The Metrolink Inland Empire/Orange County Line averages 92 weekday daily boardings on the San Bernardino Line traveling from San Bernardino to Riverside and the same estimated boardings on the return trip. For weekend service, there were an estimated 229 total passengers in both directions on Saturday and 237 passengers on Sunday. This information was tallied from the third weekend in May 2009. The weekend ridership numbers are higher because a number of passengers utilize the San Bernardino Line weekend service to Los Angeles that includes a special stop in Riverside.

The Perris Valley Line (PVL) is proposed to be an extention of the *Metrolink 91 Line that primarily* serves morning commuters who are traveling to jobs in Corona, Orange County, and Los Angeles. The planned station in the Hunter Park area of Riverside is estimated to begin service with approximately 440 boardings from Perris to Riverside and a much smaller number of 85 boardings headed in the opposite direction from Riverside to Perris. The emphasis of the PVL service is between Perris and Riverside; as a result, commuters traveling between Perris and San Bernardino would



have to change trains.

The PVL is anticipated to have a maximum of six trains in each direction on opening day, as an extension of the 91 Line, with no additional new trains between Perris and San Bernardino planned for the near future.

The proposed train schedule is still in the planning stages, and will not be finalized until the Commission completes the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Supplemental Environmental Assessment.

In conclusion, I would like to emphasize that this project is still in the planning stages and as such, the estimates for the data that you are seeking will continue to be refined and updated. As the Commission progresses with the environmental phase, we will share the project information with you, and all stakeholders, at the public information meetings.

Please note that the Commission does not have information on Amtrak service. I would therefore. recommend that you contact Amtrak directly for its passenger boarding information and train schedules.

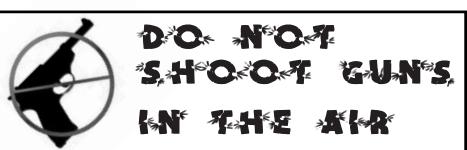
Thank you for your continued interest in this project. Please contact Eliza Echevarria, Community Relations Manager, at (951) 787 7141 if you have any further questions regarding the PVL.

Ann Mayer Executive Director

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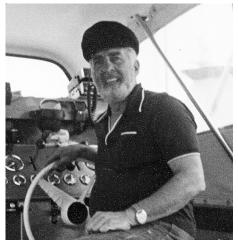
OBITUARIES

FLORENCE GRACE WALLACE



Florence Grace Wallace, whose very active life spanned almost an entire century, died in Vista, California on May 23rd, 2009. Much of that life was spent as a resident of Riverside, California. Florence was born in Checotah, Oklahoma on May 6, 1910. She was the seventh of Eli and Rose Wallace's nine children. After Florence's birth, the family moved back to their farm in Oktaha, Oklahoma. In 1926, the family barn burned and they decided to move to California. The family left several adult children back in Oklahoma when they made the move. Lester, Arthur, Walter, Altha and Florence accompanied the

DANNY JAY



Danny Jay, a resident of Highgrove for many years, passed away May 10, 2009, after a long illness. Born in Waterbury, CT in 1923, he served his country during WW 11 as an Able Body Seaman First Class in the Merchant Marines, Navy and Coast Guard. In 1946 he married and later moved to Los Angeles CA, and in 1950 moved to Grand Terrace. He became a General Contractor and had his offices at 126 Iowa Avenue, Highgrove for many years. As a General Contractor, he built many homes in the area but his main

parents on the move to Highgrove, California. Naoma, Al, Mary and Ermine were left behind. Florence attended and graduated from Riverside Poly High School.

In the late 1940s, she completed a course in hair styling and opened her own salon in Highgrove. During the course of her life, she played a very active part in the lives of her family members, most notably, in helping to raise her nieces and nephews. Although she never had children of her own, Florence loved children, and all of us cousins spent many happy vacations visiting her and our grandparents. If anyone in the family needed help or the consolation of a good listener, she was there offering any solace or assistance she could. She never amassed much material wealth, but she had a huge reservoir of spiritual riches which she generously shared with friends and family. She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews, as well as grand and great grand nieces and nephews and many cousins. All who knew Florence loved her and appreciated her contributions to their lives.

accomplishments were in commercial construction. His pride was a large unit for Chuck Yeager, at Northrop in Haw-thorn.

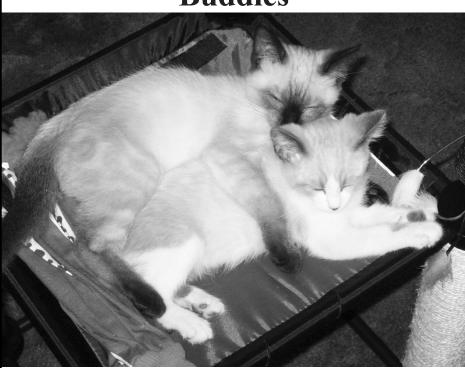
He earned his private pilot's license thru training with Flabio, at the Flabob Airport and flew many business men to other areas on business in his Piper Cub.

One of Danny's loves in life was the ocean and over the years he had a couple of boats at a slip at Mission Bay, in San Diego.

His last contribution to the area was building 15 houses on Flynn St. in Highgrove, just off Michigan Ave.

When he retired, he and his wife Mary traveled to many places around the US. in their 5th wheel and Dodge Pickup.

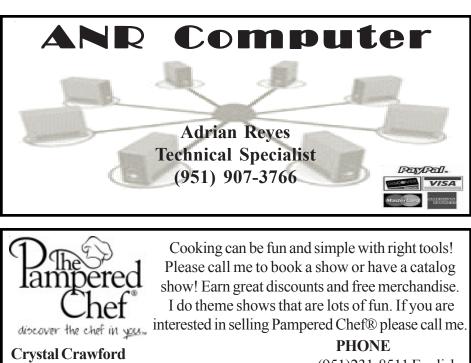
Danny was preceded in death by his son Jerry Jay in 1980. He leaves his wife Mary, son Ray Jay of Oak Hills, daughter Kathy Bott of Costa Mesa, son Daniel Jay of OK, his daughter Mary Ann Arter of Cedaredge, CO, eleven grand children and 6 great-grand children.



Ardie and I have always liked cats and we recently lost our long time cat due to old age so we now have 2 new kittens. "Rufus" is shown with his arm around "Sassy" in an un-posed photo laying on top of their toy tray. These 2 critters are inside cats and we have a lot of fun playing with them or watching them chase the laser light across the floor and up the wall. "Rufus" never seems to run out of energy and wants to play all the time, while Sassy is a little lady.

We made a mistake once by just getting one kitten and my arms and hands paid the penalty. Two are better than one since they take their frustrations out on each other!

Effective June 1, 2009, Riverside County is now enforcing an ordinance that requires pets that run loose or bite people to undergo sterilization and have a microchip installed under their skin. This includes the unincorporated area of Highgrove. For more information please visit: www.rcdas.org/spay.htm You too can rescue an animal by adopting a pet through the Riverside Humane Pet Adoption Center, 6165 Industrial Ave. Riverside, Ca. 92504 or call: (951) 688 4340. Their e-mail is: RHS@PETSADOPTION.ORG



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Watering

Water your lawn three or four days a week rather than every day. A good soaking of one-inch to 1-1/2 inch every-other-day will promote deeper root growth with a stronger grass plant as a result. Water early in the morning or in the evening to avoid the heat of the day when the water will literally evaporate into the air. This step alone can save up to 40% water! Don't water if it is very windy.

Fertilizing

Fertilizing your lawn should be limited to twice a year-March and Octoberafter the heat is gone. More frequent fertilizing will push grass growth requiring more water. Also there is a risk of burning the grass if it is fertilized in the heat. **Mowing**

Mowing the lawn and keeping the grass length high will self-shade the grass. This will help keep the moisture in the ground. Mow when the grass is 3-inches high and cut it back to 2-inches.

Grasscycling

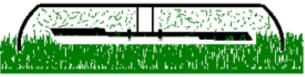
Grasscycling is the act of putting the grass clippings to use in your yard. Grass clippings are 100% recyclable. The clippings return essential plant nutrients to the soil and nourish your lawn. Grass clippings are an excellent source of the nutrients your lawn needs to be healthy. As they decompose, they release nutrients into your lawn even better than purchased fertilizers. That big bag of grass clippings can contain as much as 4 ounces of *usable* organic nitrogen. That is a lot. Grass clippings also keep the soil temperature cool and retain moisture.

Mulching Mowers

The way to get your grass clippings in the best form is by using a "mulching mower". These mowers will save you in many ways. It will save your back! No more dragging a heavy bag of grass clippings to the green recycle bin. It will save water. It will save fertilizing.

"Mulching" lawn mower is a bit of a misnomer. More than 85 percent of mowers are now labeled as "mulching mowers". Mulching lawn mowers leave behind finely shredded grass clipping. These tiny clippings can be left behind on the lawn with no unsightly effects. Contrary to common belief, there will not be a layer of grass clippings on the lawn and you will not have to rake the lawn nor will there be a layer of thatch. Mulching mowers use a special blade similar to a food processor. The blade slices the grass clippings and even dried leaves numerous times before dropping them back deep into your lawn.





Mulching Mower Blade Action

Try each of these tips and techniques and you will get two benefits. A greener lawn and you will be saving water and money.

As always, if you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact me: CWilliamsDC@aol.com.

Cynthia Williams, DC to join Barbara Stanfield, DC in San Bernardino Practice

San Bernardino, CA June 26, 2009 – Dr. Cynthia Williams is entering the chiropractic practice of Dr. Barbara Stanfield in San Bernardino, CA. on June 30th, 2009.

Dr. Williams will see patients for consultation and treatment by appointment only and will focus on those patients who have complaints of TMJ (temperomandibular jaw), foot, ankle, knee, shoulder and arm pain and dysfunction; fibromyalgia and other autoimmune disorders, and those patients who have been unable to obtain relief or assistance from any other health practitioners for any condition. In addition to her chiropractic practice, Dr. Williams is an Adjunct Faculty member at San Bernardino Valley College in the Culinary Arts Department.

Dr Williams is the founder and former owner of Grand Terrace Chiropractic. A graduate of J. W. North High School (Riverside), Tacoma Community College (WA), and Pasadena College of Chiropractic, she has over 28 years of chiropractic experience and experience working in the insurance industry. Dr. Williams also has extensive experience providing orthopedic manipulation for animals, particularly "show dogs" and will talk to interested parties about possible treatment of their animals.

For additional information contact Dr. Williams at (951) 543-1131 or email to CWilliamsDC@aol.com

ABOUT Dr. Cynthia Williams – Dr. Williams is a chiropractor with over 28 years of chiropractic experience and experience working in the insurance industry. She was employed by American Specialty Health, Inc. (ASH, Inc.) as a Clinical Services Manager and also served on the Quality Improvement Committee for ASH, Inc. She is a graduate of J. W. North High School in Riverside, attended Riverside City College, and has two children, Kristi and Mandy as well as three grand-children.





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VIRGINIA'S **VIEWPOINT**

Berry, Acting Grand Terrace City Manager: (909) 430-2226.

We will be celebrating a smallerversion of Grand Terrace Days this year on Saturday, Sept 12th. We are kicking off the day with a fireman's pancake breakfast from 7-noon at the newly remodeled fire station, a Lion's Club Car Show in the middle field of Rollins Park 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and community vendors, a main stage, food vendors, Kid Zone, fun and games from 10 am. to 2 p.m. at the top field of Rollins Park. This is a "community-wide" effort to support the new concept of "Grand Terrace Community Day". Volunteers from local churches, the new GT High School Foundation, plus all the local groups— Lion's Club, Womans Club, CERT, etc... are pitching in to help the City put on this event.

Fireworks will be coming back to the next Council Meeting on 6-23-09for public review.

Here is an update on all other projects:

Barton Plaza: (old Starbucks location): Demolition of the old structures is complete at the northwest corner of Barton Road and Mt. Vernon, to make way for two new stores - Fresh and Easy and Walgreen's. (We are still waiting to hear from the developer and Fresh and Easy about this store.) The project also includes rehabilitation of the existing building at Mr. Vernon and four new restaurant suites along Britton Way. Senior Villas and Senior Center: The Center opened on June 22, 2009. Units are still available. New Stater Bros.: The environmental review process is nearing completion and the project will be reviewed by the Planning Commission and City Council in July or August. Project grading will start soon thereafter. The new store will be open early

Information provided by Steve next year. Commercial Improvement Program: We are working on two applications for rehabilitation of existing shopping centers on Barton Road at Canal. Work on the "Food Connection Center" will start within two weeks, and will include new paint, signs and new landscaping. The second project, across the street (Canal) will start within 60 days. The Redevelopment Agency provides grant funds for such projects.

Neighborhood Grant Program: This program provides funding for neighborhood improvement projects, such as purchasing landscaping materials, fencing and paint to improve neglected properties. We do not pay for labor; that is done by homeowners or volunteers. So far, we have funded about 20 projects, many of which installed landscaping at recently purchased foreclosure properties. Also, on June 6, a very successful neighborhood clean-up project was completed in the Grand Terrace Rd.-Vivienda neighborhood. Large trash dumpsters were brought in and volunteers from The Brook and the city helped families clear weeds and debris from their property. Also, a landscaping project was completed on Vivienda for one of our disabled seniors. Old Circle K building near City Hall will be demolished this month. Vista Grande Property: The City is purchasing the property at 22720 Vista Grande Way near the new senior center to demolish the house that has been boarded up for some time due to subsiding soil conditions. Once the property is cleared, we will be seeking community input for possibly installing a dog agility park. Community Sign Project: We have a project out to bid to replace the community banner structures with a new metal design and an electronic message board. Organizations will still be able to use them, but will look much better.



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NEW PASTOR STARTING HIGHGROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JULY 5TH

The Highgrove United Methodist Church was sad to announce that Pastor Lincoln Galloway was leaving our church. Rev. Galloway has faithfully served our church and the Highgrove community for the past two years. He will continue his teaching duties at Claremont School of Theology. He along with his beautiful family, wife Romania, daughters, Keisha and Alexia, sons Jeremy and Deion have truly blessed our church and will be greatly missed. We wish them our very best as they continue to do God's work and hope they will always feel the love and appreciation of the Highgrove United Methodist Church family. A farewell reception was held immediately following the church services on June 14, 2009.

The Rev. Dr. Paul Kim, the new pastor, will start on Sunday, July 5, 2009. He is currently the pastor of the Knollwood First United Methodist Church in Santa Paula, Ca. where he has served for the past 7 years. Dr. Kim and his family will occupy the church parsonage behind the church on Prospect Avenue. Since the parsonage has not been occupied in several years, this will be a very positive move for the church and it's presence in the Highgrove community.

Dr. Kim's wife Ruth, is director of an after school program in the Los Angeles area. They have 3 children; Daniel- 20 years old, majoring in Mechanical Engineering at UC Santa Barbara, Sharon- 19 years old, majoring in Animal Biology at UC Davis and Ester who is 14 years old and attending high school.

Please come and help welcome Dr. Kim and his beautiful family to the Highgrove community. Worship service starts at 10:00 a.m.



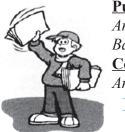
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