

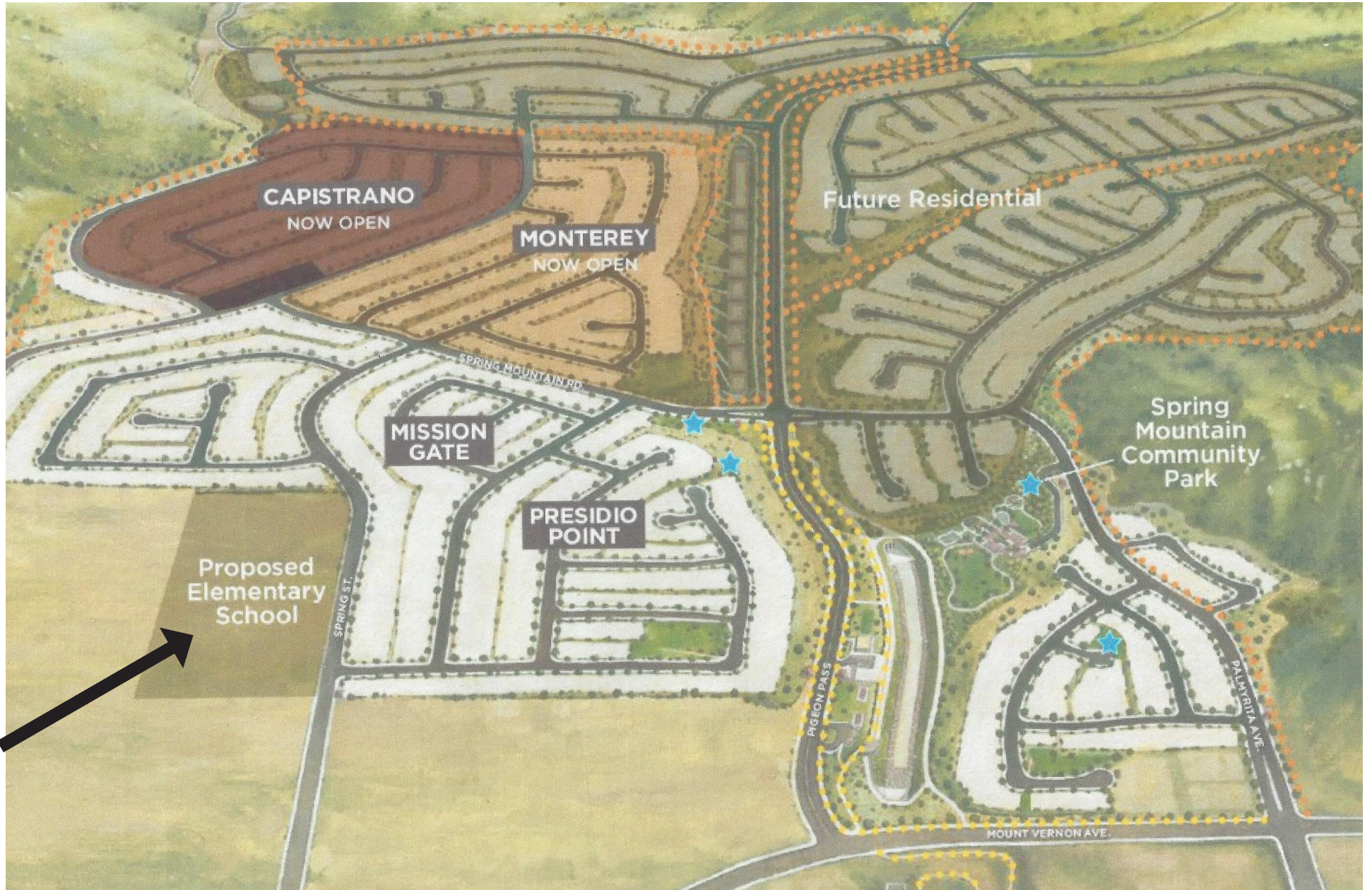


HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS



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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area March 2018

NEW SCHOOL NEEDED IN HIGHGROVE AREA



On Jan. 31, 2018 two members of the Riverside Unified School District came to my house for a tour of the Highgrove area to discuss the need for a new school in Highgrove. They were Sergio San Martin, Assistant Superintendent of RUSD and Ana Gonzalez, RUSD Director of Planning and Development. Spring Mountain Ranch resident Jeff Girod also went to the school location

with us and talked about the need for a new school.

The following day I called to see if I could show the Board of Education Vice President Dr. Angelov Farooq the same thing. Then on Feb. 6, 2018 Dr. Farooq came to my house and Jeff Girod and I showed him why a new school is needed in Highgrove. Dr. Farooq is also the Board member whose district includes Highgrove.

That same evening on Feb. 6, 2018, we attended the Riverside Unified School District meeting to inform the other RUSD members that a new school is needed in the Spring Mountain Ranch area to accommodate this new growth. There were 6 people who supported a new school and 4 of us spoke at the podium under public comments.

The map of the Spring Mountain

Ranch development shows where a Proposed Elementary School may be located but the Riverside Unified School District does not own this property.

Speakers at the School Board meeting were encouraging RUSD to purchase this land or other close by property for a new school in Highgrove that may be a K to 8 School.

Meeting for Spring Mountain Ranch and DR Horton residents!

There will be a special meeting for all new Highgrove residents to review the parcel fees being charged for the Extended Highgrove Sheriff deputy that was eliminated on Dec. 30, 2009 that also included park and recreation. All new residents are encouraged to look at their property tax bills and see if the amount charged for CSA 126 is \$120.00. If it is more than that you may be paying too much for the extended deputy Sheriff we no longer have. There are

other Sheriff deputies who currently patrol all of Highgrove but the \$120.00 per parcel fee was approved by Highgrove property owners in 1992 for Highgrove's own Deputy that was assigned exclusively to the east side of the freeway in Highgrove. That Deputy's position was eliminated on Dec. 30, 2009 but the old part of Highgrove is still paying an annual fee of \$120.00 per parcel. We want to know how much our new residents in Highgrove's

SMR and DR Horton are paying!

Look at your tax bills across from CSA 126 and it should read \$120.00. The meeting will be hosted by yours truly, R. A. "Barney" Barnett, Editor of the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper at the Eagles Aerie on the east side of the I-215 freeway just south of the northbound Center St. exit. Mark your calendars because we would like to meet our new neighbors and welcome them to Highgrove.

The meeting is open to all old and new residents who are paying the parcel assessment. Bring your tax bills to see if you are paying the correct amount.

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

7:00 PM

**Riverside Eagles Aerie 997
466 East La Cadena Dr.
Highgrove, Ca.**

Eagles Aerie advertisement on page 6

INCOME FROM CSA 126 PARCEL FEES FY 2010 TO 2017

The chart on page 12 is from Riverside County records and shows how much was collected. AFTER the Highgrove Sheriff Deputy was

eliminated on Dec. 30, 2009. This figure does not include the Fiscal Year 2017/2018. The money actually spent during this time period for

Park and Recreation services and improvements should be deducted from these amounts.

The parcel tax was for only 2

purposes. Prior to the 1997 election the Riverside County Council's "Impartial Analysis" states: **"The tax will be retained"** Cont. on page 12

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

Highgrove Community Park Hours: Dawn to Dusk

Contact: (951) 241-7221

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

Hello Community Members,



County Regional Medical Center Mobile Health Clinic
9AM - 2PM March 2nd & 16th: Health care services are being offered free as a community service to assist families, especially those who do not have, or who have recently lost, their health insurance.

March 2nd & 16th: Resource table hosted by Mini Medical School at UCR: A student-run community that serves the residents of the Inland Empire by providing professionally approved medical and health-related information to those in community settings in order to help bridge health disparities.

March 8th: 7:00PM

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



March Friday and Saturday: Emergency Response Team Training /3 day course hosted by Michelle with County of Riverside Emergency Management Dept. / District 2. "Citizen Preparedness". **March 9, 10, and 17th Must Register-No Cost for training . For more information 951-955-4700.**

March 29rd: Easter Celebration with friends and family from 4pm-6pm

Special Guest - Easter Bunny. Games, Fried Chicken Dinner, beverage , and dessert all for \$1.00



New Programs

E-Taekwondo United

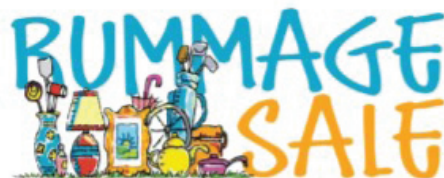
Martial Arts is Back! Tuesday and Thursday

Crochet Class on Monday

Line Dance with Martha on Friday

Save The Date

April 14th: Reserve your space for \$10! Includes 2 spaces, 1 table and chair.



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Crochet Class
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Line Dance Squad
Fri 4pm-5pm \$2 per class Website: underthesunlinedance.com

Sewing Class \$7.50 per class Wed 10:30-1:30. Note* 2nd Wednesday @ 11:30-2:30. Call Sandra 951-616-7787 for project materials info and clothing alteration services.

Polynesian Dance Class Mon 7:15 pm. Wed 10 am Sponsored by Regal Medical Group \$0 COST for Regal Med Members \$2 for non Regal members . Wed & Fri 6:30-7:30pm \$3 per class or \$8 per week

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Riverside Single Swingers Square & Line Dance Club
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Zion Assembly Church of God

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

Sr. Nutrition Lunch Program Mon - Fri @11:30 AM \$3 suggested donation

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Child Development Center Has Openings!!

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Friday 8AM to 2PM

HOURS OF OPERATION

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GOING UP!

69 NEW HOMES BY DR HORTON



New homes being built at the base of Blue Mountain See page 8

NEW ROAD EXTENSIONS NEEDED TO ACCOMMODATE HIGHGROVE GROWTH

The new homes in the existing developments have added and will continue to add more vehicles to our local roads. This is part of the expected results when water for orange groves becomes too expensive to make a profit and when the citrus property becomes more valuable due to the need for more housing.

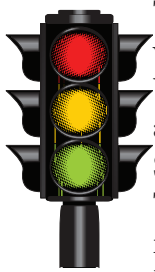
I have re-submitted a request to extend Michigan Ave. southward across the vacant field formerly known as Spring Brook Estates. This ½ mile extension would then permit a north south road all the way from Barton Road in Grand Terrace southward on Michigan like it does now and continue through the vacant Spring Brook Estates property, between the buildings on the south side and go all the way to Columbia Ave. in Riverside.



Two new Traffic Signals added to Mt. Vernon Avenue

The new traffic signals at Mt. Vernon and Spring St. were activated on Jan 18, 2018 and other ones were activated at Mt. Vernon and Center St. on Feb. 12, 2018 and a new stop sign was placed on Spring St. at Prairie Dr. on Feb. 8, 2018.

The 2 new signals are in addition to the new traffic signals at Mt. Vernon and Pigeon Pass Road and Mt. Vernon and Palmyrita Avenue. The only other traffic signal on the east side of the freeway in Highgrove is at the corner of Center St. and Iowa Avenue.



COMPLAINTS RECEIVED ABOUT GRAFFITI AND MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES

5 dispensaries have popped up in Highgrove recently! Here are some numbers to call to complain about graffiti and marijuana dispensaries:

Riverside County

Supervisor John Tavaglione (951) 955 1020

Code Enforcement Officer Villanueva (951) 955 2004

Sheriff Dept. Lieutenant Morin (951) 955 2612

Property owner of one of the dispensaries (909) 783 0649 ?

GOING DOWN!

YUM YUM TORN DOWN



TO BE REPLACED WITH STARBUCKS



The Yum Yum Restaurant was a popular eating place for many years but has been closed for a long time. The structure has been torn down and will be replaced with a Starbucks Coffee Shop.

This is good news for some and not so good news for others!



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POMONA DRAG RACES 57 YEARS LATER!

Three former long-time school mates and fellow Mi\$er Car Club members went to the Winternationals Drag races again in Pomona.

Former Canyon Crest resident Tom Kauffman drove from Fairfield, California to Carson City, Nevada, where he picked up former Highgrove resident Ron McHenry and they came to my house in Highgrove on Feb. 8, 2018.

It was my pleasure to host them for 3 days so we could get up Saturday morning and go to the Winternation Drag Races in Pomona on Feb. 10, 2018.

This old photo was taken about 57 years ago when we used to race the Mi\$ers Car Club Pontiac powered "B" gas dragster at Colton, Fontana, Lion's drag Strip, and Pomona Drag Strip. This is what our Dragster looked like back in the early 60's but I am ashamed to tell you how fast we went back then in the 1,320 foot ¼ mile but I think our best ET was 10.20 seconds.

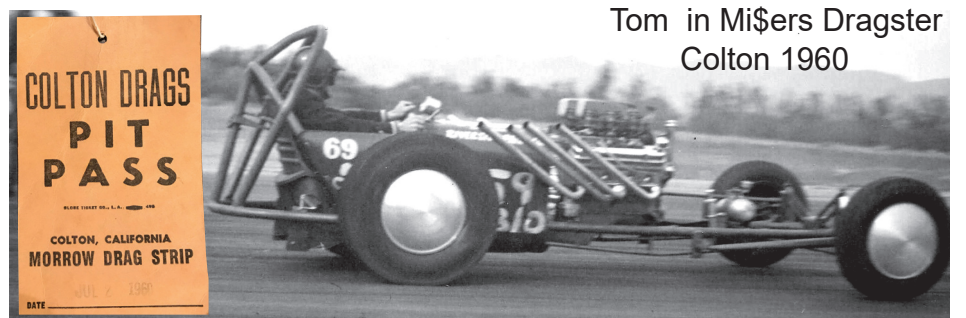


Palmyrita Ave. in Highgrove had orange groves on both sides and no intersections. At that time Tom owned a 1947 Ford like this one, Ron had a 1940 Chevy, and I had my first car which was a 1948 Chevy. Drag racing at the track is the right place to race and certainly not on the street, even if there were orange groves on both sides. We were young and should not have done this even 60 years ago (we can talk about it now but we now say we are in "the older I get the faster I went" club).

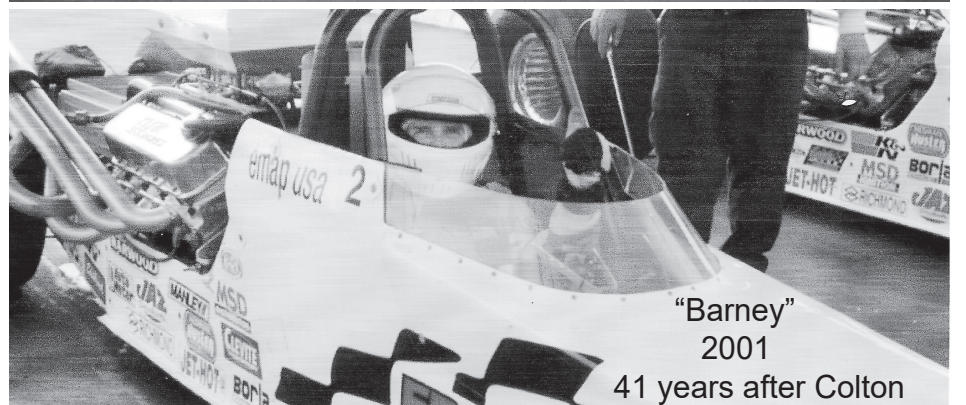


Today here is what Steve Torrance's dragster looks like that goes over over 330 mph in 1,000 feet in less than 4 seconds.

The new Elapsed Time record is now 3.628 seconds set by Clay Millican.



Tom in Mi\$ers Dragster
Colton 1960



"Barney"
2001
41 years after Colton



Driver "Fast" Jack Beckman (bottom photo) now drives a 330 MPH Funny Car, and was my instructor at the Frank Haley Drag Racing School in Pomona in 2001. At the Drags on Feb. 10th, I talked briefly with him and I always try to say hello to him when I go to the drags. Here he is folding his drag chute getting ready to make another 330 MPH run!

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DATE:

March 9, 10 & 17, 2018

TIME:

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2:00pm-6:00pm
Saturday, March 10, 2018 and
Saturday, March 17, 2018
9:00am-5:30pm
(1/2 hr. lunch breaks)

HOW TO REGISTER:

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WHEN: March 9, 10 & 17, 2018

Stand Up / Sit Down!

If you watched President Trump's State of the Union address on Television, it was almost like a Stand Up/Sit Down comedy when Republicans stood up and clapped while Democrats remained in their seats. The divided audience was easy to tell what side was the Republican side and what side was

the Democrats side. Every time the President would make a point the Republican side would stand up and applaud while the Democrats remained in their seats and did not clap. I wonder what would have happened if one of the Democrats momentarily forgot what he was

supposed to do and stood up and clapped while his constituents remained in their seats! What would the penalty be for that? It is unfortunate that this political divide is so prevalent. The division is also prevalent by switching from CNN to Fox News because the opinions are like night and day on

the same subjects. Maybe the Fox supporters should be required to give CNN equal viewing time and the CNN supporters should be required to watch Fox news for the same amount of time! If you think that will ever happen, I have some ocean front property For Sale in Arizona!

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WHY WAS THERE NO STATE OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY ADDRESS IN 2017?

The State of the Union address was on Jan. 30, 2018 by President Trump.

The State of the State address was on Jan 25, 2018 by Governor Brown.

The State of the City address was on Jan. 25, 2018 by Riverside Mayor Rusty Bailey.

But there was no State of Riverside County address this year by Supervisor Tavaglione.

On Nov. 11, 2017 a Press Enterprise article by Jeff Horseman reported that Supervisor Tavaglione will not have a State of Riverside County address due to financial challenges.

For some time now, we have known about the financial problems facing Riverside County and it is unfortunate that the good news accomplishments cannot be announced from the podium at the Morongo Hotel like they have done in the past.

On a more local basis, financial questions have been submitted to Riverside County on behalf of the Highgrove property owners who are still paying for their own Sheriff Deputy that was assigned exclusively to the east side of Highgrove but was eliminated 8 years ago!

The Highgrove property owners are entitled to know where their CSA 126 funds are now, since they have been collected with our property taxes for the last 8 years. No CSA 126 funds should have been given to the Sheriff Department after the Highgrove Deputy Sheriff's position was eliminated on Dec. 30, 2009.

Is it possible that due to the Riverside County's budget problems and the rising cost of Sheriff services that some of the money assigned specifically for the

Extended Sheriff Deputy in Highgrove may have been diverted for other uses outside of Highgrove's CSA 126 boundaries?

It is unfortunate that Riverside County is having financial difficulties but that is no reason for Riverside County to continue to collect a special tax for an Extended Sheriff whose position was eliminated 8 years ago.

It is also important to know if Riverside County Administration gave the Sheriff's Department any of the Highgrove CSA 126 tax money after Highgrove's "Extended Sheriff" Deputy position was eliminated. The Special Tax should only have gone to actual park and recreation expenses that can be verified by county expense records.

The special tax money that was collected after Dec. 30, 2009 should be refunded to the property owners with exception of the money that was actually spent for park and recreation during this period. The annual \$120.00 parcel fee was only for two purposes: the Exclusive Sheriff Deputy, and Park and Recreation. If it was not used for these 2 specific purposes, it was supposed to be "retained" in the CSA 126 fund as specified in the "Impartial Analysis" written by Riverside County Council just prior to the 1997 ballot that approved the assessment.

A portion of the Impartial Analysis written by William C. Katzenstein, County Council, County of Riverside, in 1997 states:

"This tax will be retained in the CSA 126 fund to be used only for purposes of continuing Extended Sheriff, and Park & Recreation services and improvements."

Truck traffic on Main Street



Mr. Juan Perez
Assistant CEO/TLMA Director
4080 Lemon St. 14th floor
Riverside, Ca. 92502-1605

Dear Mr. Perez,

Recent information has been received that Grand Terrace is planning on developing 80 acres between Barton Road in Grand Terrace and Main St. in Highgrove. This location is along the east side of the I-215 freeway and residents on the Highgrove side of Main St. are concerned that this development will create more large truck traffic onto Main St. when Taylor St. connects to Main St. on the Grand Terrace side. Riverside County needs to know what is planned that will affect Highgrove because we do not want more eastbound traffic on the Highgrove side.

Maybe all southbound traffic on Taylor St. at the intersection of Main St. and Taylor should have a sign "Right turn only" so traffic will be directed toward the freeway instead of through Highgrove.

I wrote an article about this subject in the Jan. 2018 issue of the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper on page 6 that can be seen by going to: www.highgrovehappenings.net "Latest Issue"

I just wanted you and Riverside County to know that what happens in Grand Terrace may not necessarily stay in Grand Terrace!

Your input is requested.

Thank you,
"Barney"

R. A. "Barney" Barnett
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Highgrove Mother charged for murder in death of her daughter

A Highgrove mother who had a brain tumor and a history of mental illness has been charged in the murder of her 3 year-old daughter at their home on the west side of the I-215 freeway on Cannes St. in Highgrove.

Susan Marie Rank, 30 has been charged for the death of her daughter Zayla Rank on Jan. 26, 2018. Our condolences are extended to the family and relatives of this little girl.

Susan Rank's mother, Lori Wood said she feels as if she lost her daughter and granddaughter on the same day! The family is heartbroken and believe that: "Mental illness took the life of our beautiful baby". There was a candlelight vigil in Riverside on Tuesday Feb. 13, 2018 and the Press Enterprise reported that the group congregated outside the Riverside County Psychiatric Emergency room where Susan Rank had sought

help in the weeks before her daughter's death.

The mother pleaded not guilty and a court date appearance was set for March 16, 2018.

These are sad times for this Highgrove family and your donations are appreciated. Donations can be made by going on the internet and type in: **gofundme.com**

Zayla Traclyns Family Needs Help.



Zayla Rank

Curb appeal requires tow truck

While this vehicle was entering the Veterans park on Pico St. in Grand Terrace the driver turned into the parking lot but did not see the curb on the passenger side. The right front wheel went over the curb and a tow truck was called to pull the vehicle back over the curb. There was no damage to the vehicle and it did not block the entrance to the park. The driver was embarrassed but a local resident said this happens all of the time!

On the opposite side, the driver noticed that there were tire marks on the other curb on the left side entrance to the park and when this vehicle was towed back it was evident that this driver was not the first one to go over the curb on the right side entrance to the park because there were numerous tire marks in addition to the marks just made.

The driver has suggested that the



City of Grand Terrace install vertical tubes to warn drivers to not turn too quickly or they will go over the curb where there is a difference in elevation between the entrance to the park and the parking spaces on



each side. In addition to these 4 ft. marking tubes maybe this driver needs more training. If he needs more training he can be contacted at the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper and ask for the driver who is known as "Barney".

Yes, I was the driver but maybe these vertical tubes will stop this from happening to other drivers.



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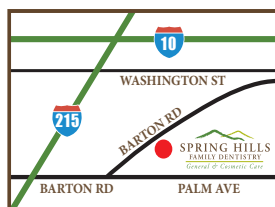


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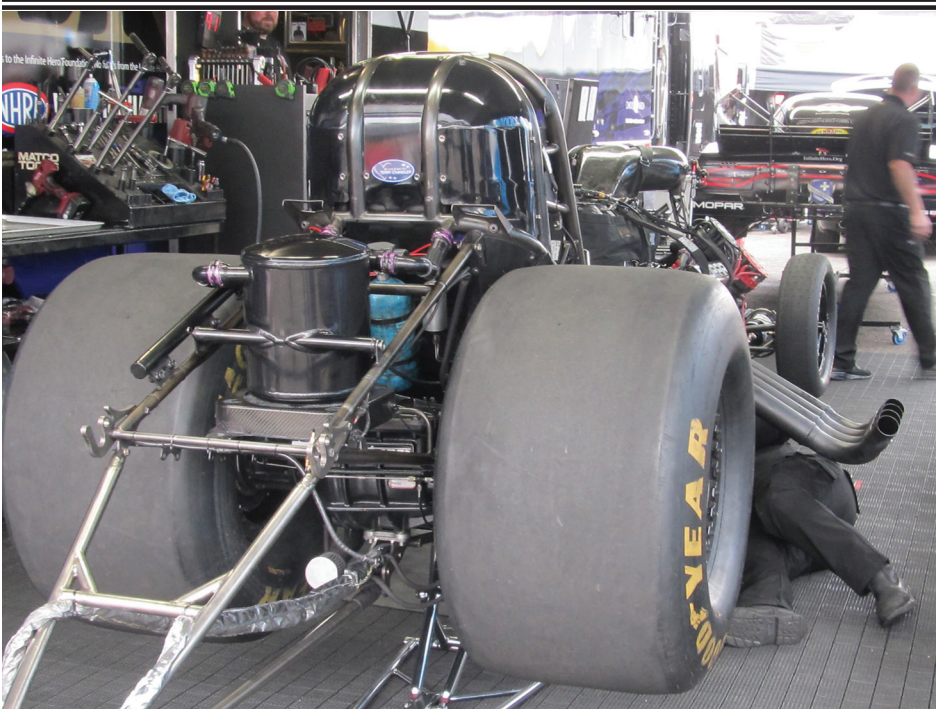
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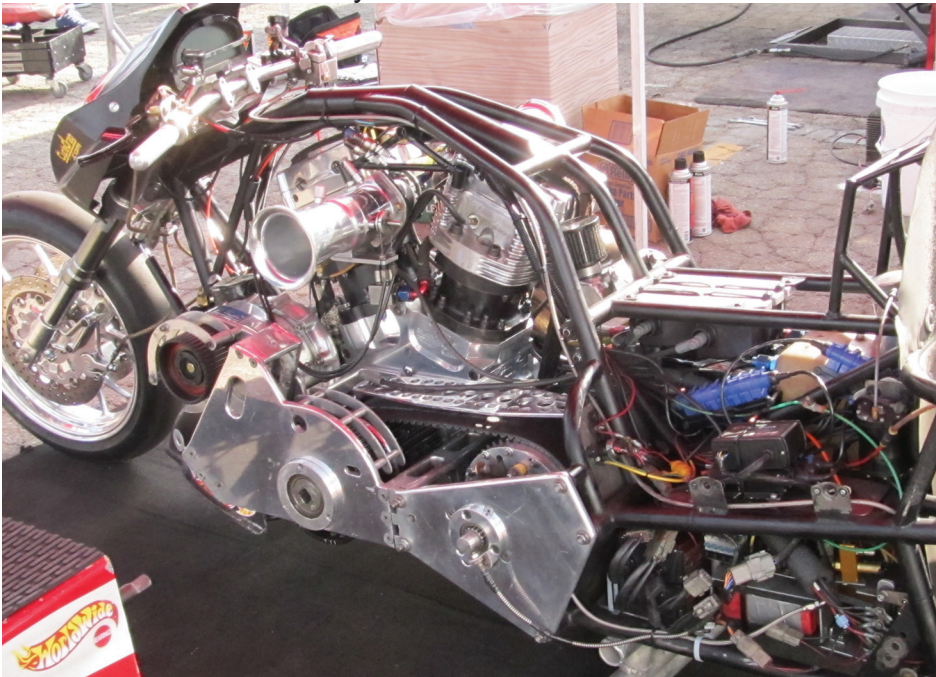
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The motors in these funny cars are rebuilt after each run!



"GET UR DONE" was a 4 engine sled puller on display in the pits.



Nitro powerd Harley Davidson motorcyclces go 220 MPH and the rider has to wear a bullit proof vest in case the motor blows up.



My 57 Chevy never looked like this one that was on display but yet again I never had to raise my hood like this!

Grand opening for new homes at base of Blue Mountain set for March 3, 2018
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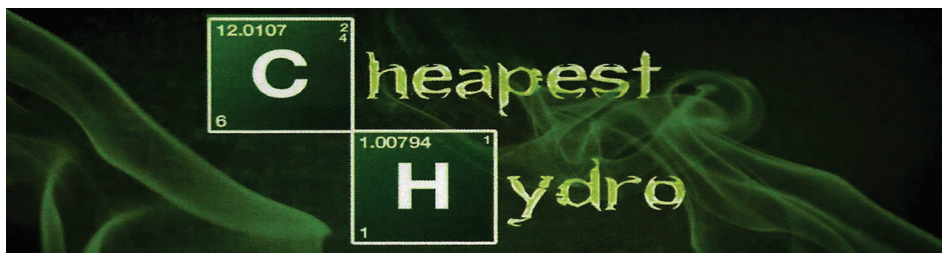
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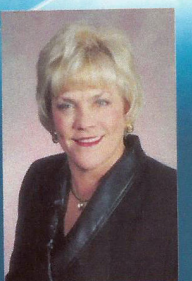
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Continued from front page INCOME FROM CSA 126

in the CSA fund to be used only for purposes of continuing Extended Sheriff, and Park & Recreation services and improvements.”
If the CSA 126 funds were supposed to be used only for these 2 purposes

and one of them was eliminated 8 years ago, there should be a major portion of the 3 million dollars left in the Highgrove account because the only other purpose for this tax was for “*Park & Recreation services*

and improvements”. There is only one five-acre Park in Highgrove and neither of the 2 baseball fields have overhead lighting.
Highgrove property owners want to know if the parcel funds were

“retained” in the CSA 126 account or if any of the special assessment money was spent outside the east side of Highgrove’s CSA 126E boundaries for any other purposes!

The following figures are from Riverside County showing that over \$3 million dollars was collected AFTER the Extended Highgrove Sheriff’s position was eliminated but does not include the amount collected for the present Fiscal Year from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Fiscal Year	Total Parcels Assessed	Total Collected
2010/2011	1,167	\$248,141.79
2011/2012	1,166	\$249,181.45
2012/2013	1,166	\$266,444.84
2013/2014	1,167	\$251,988.71
2014/2015	1,167	\$316,417.46
2015/2016	1,403	\$785,772.09
2016/2017	1,442	\$945,212.25

Total \$3,063,158.59

1992 and 2009 CSA 126 minutes show breakdown and mis-use of parcel fee

Over 26 years ago on **Feb. 12, 1992** when the parcel assessment was being considered, the CSA 126 minutes state that the \$7.96/month for extra police and \$2.04 for park and recreation would be a county auditing/accounting office procedure and was rounded off to \$10.00 per month because it made the accounting process simpler to assess through the County Assessor’s office.
But still, even over 26 years later this seems to have been forgotten, because on Nov. 16, 2016 Highgrove’s CSA 126 Municipal Advisory Council submitted 27 questions to Riverside County before acquiring an attorney. The Highgrove MAC wanted to give the county a chance to answer questions before this became a legal issue.
Question # 25 was: “Was there ever a bookkeeping procedure put into place that seperated the two different purposes for this assessment?”
The county’s answer was: “No, seperating the assessment between the two purposes would prevent administration from sucessfully providing both services”
Question # 22 was: “Will Riverside County refund the taxpayer’s money that was collected after the Highgrove’s Sheriff position was eliminated, or will legal action be necessary?”

The county’s answer was: “There was no money in the CSA fund when the designated sheriff was stopped. The assessment collected after that time were kept in the CSA 126 account until enough was built up to provide enhanced sheriff services. No refunds will be issued.”
Question # 14 was: “Why weren’t the voters notified prior to eliminating the designated Highgrove Sheriff?”
The county’s answer was: “They were notified. On November 9, 2009 Bill Brown advised the Highgrove MAC that an agreement had been made with the Sheriff’s department to provide patrols in Highgrove without the use of CSA funds and that is why the designated sheriff was eliminated on 12/30/2009”.
But notifying the Highgrove MAC is not the same as notifying the property owners individually like was done when the ballots were mailed out by Riverside County Administration in 1992 and 1997.
Then on Oct. 19, 2016 when Riversside County’s EDA, Suzanne Holland was asked about using CSA 126 funds for the patrols, her answer was: “Yes the \$35,000.does come out of CSA 126”.

Actually, \$25,000 was taken out in FY 2015/2016 and another \$35,000 was taken out in FY 2016/2017 for a total of \$60,000 that was taken out of our CSA 126 funds.
The \$60,000 is in addition to the property taxes that were already collected for this same purpose after the sheriff was eliminated.
The actual wording in the minutes of the Highgrove MAC meeting on Nov. 9, 2009 are: “**Bill Brown, the Operations Manager for CSAs made**

an announcement regarding Sheriff’s service. Sr. Management of EDA, Supervisor Ashley and the Sheriff’s Office met to discuss the Sheriff’s service to Highgrove. An agreement was made to provide patrols to Highgrove. This agreement does not include the use of CSA funds for the patrols”.
(See \$60,000 letter on page 13)
On Feb. 20, 2018, I hand-delivered another 25 pages of information to the Grand Jury!

Are Consulting Firms breaking Riverside County?

In our October 2017 issue we ran an article on page 6 about Riverside County spending \$40 million dollars to hire the **Consulting Firm KPMG** instead of spending money to protect emergency room patients and nurses. You may remember that the nurses in the hospital wanted more security and Supervisor Tavaglione was directly criticized in their article.
Then, in an article in the Press Enterprise recently on Feb. 21, 2018, it states that the only hospital run by Riverside County is projected to end the Fiscal Year on June 30, 2018 with a \$15 million dollar shortfall. It also states that \$26 million dollars was

spent to hire another **Consulting Firm Huron Healthcare** to help the hospital regain its financial footing.
Is it really worth it to spend \$66 million dollars for **Consulting Firms** to tell the county how to spend its money? Where is the savings?
Maybe I should start a one man **Consulting Firm** as a transportation expert that is willing to work for Riverside County for one dollar a day!
Then maybe the Riverside County Transportation Commission would save lots of money and Highgrove would finally get its Metrolink station!
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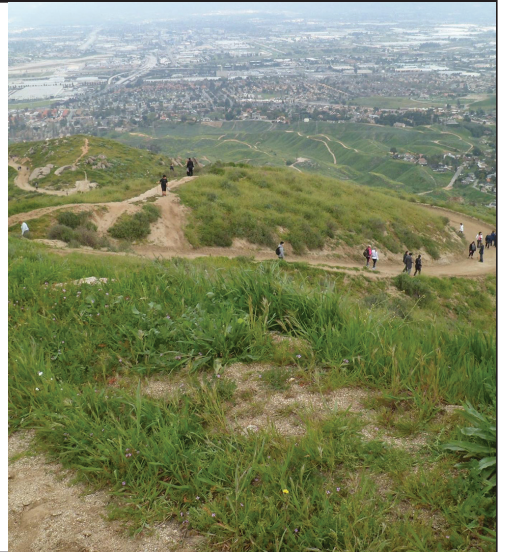
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Inter-Departmental Memorandum

February 9, 2017

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To: Lieutenant Don Sharp, Jurupa Valley Station

From: Tammy Nelson, Supv. Acct Tech
Jurupa Valley Station

RE: CSA Highgrove Supplemental Law Enforcement Funding for FY15-16 and FY16-17


The Jurupa Valley Station has been funded over the last two fiscal years (FY15-16 and FY16-17) for Supplemental Law Enforcement for CSA Highgrove. Below is a summary of the funding received and utilized (spent) for each year:

FY15-16: We received \$25,000 in funding for the entire fiscal year. We began operations on July 10, 2015 and finished on June 24, 2016. We expended \$24,902.47 of the funds received leaving a small balance of \$97.53 unspent.

FY16-17: 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.

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

Sincerely,


Tammy Nelson, Supv. Acct Tech
Jurupa Valley Station

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You Can Quote Me

by Cynthia Williams, DC

"I cannot live without books." ~ Thomas Jefferson

Libraries have been a life-long passion of mine. No matter where I have lived, and I've moved a lot being an Air Force wife and a college student, I seek out the library. I worked for the Highgrove Branch Library as a freshman in college- I thought I had died and gone to heaven and I worked for the library at an Air Force base in Wyoming- I thought I had landed my dream job. I spent hundreds of hours studying in public, university, and medical school libraries in college and chiropractic school and one of the first things I did when I graduated was to go to the public library and check out a big stack of fiction! That day my eyes were bigger than my arms. Libraries have evolved in a special and tremendous ways since I worked with the card catalogue in Highgrove. The resources are endless and valuable; I can use my local library app on my iPad, browse and reserve books, place a hold on one, specify where I want to pick it up and will get an email when it's waiting for me. If I want, I can check it out as an eBook or audio book and download it to my iPad. I use the Kindle App on my iPad, my iPhone and my Mac computers. I can be reading on my iPad and stop and pick it up again on my iPhone, never

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I was in town recently and made a point to visit the branch to see what they have to offer you in this new electronic era of library use. Louise Gutierrez, the branch manager, wasn't in that day but I had a nice talk with Hannah, one of the employees and she got me up to speed on what's available for you here in Highgrove. By downloading the RCLS (Riverside County Library System) app from iTunes or Google Play you can start your e-Experience by checking out an eBook to read or an Audio book to listen to. Audio books are obviously ideal for those with vision impairments but others benefit as well. Many people use the audiobooks in the car for commutes, to listen to while doing other activities and those who's first language isn't English can listen to books being read and get a boost on their learning as well as enjoy a book they might not otherwise be able to read.

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website will give you many more resources. Visit www.rivlib.net and start browsing. The library schedule and holiday closure notices are there. At the top of the web page you will see tabs for eServices; these are links to the State of California with quick information for business, consumers, drivers, and education, among the many topics. The tab for eResources will lead you to Online Resources for Homework, ebooks, audio books, magazines, Veterans Resource Center and a link to the largest library in the world: the United States Library of Congress. The sources there are multilayered and infinitely helpful. I asked Hannah what is particularly special about the Highgrove Branch Library. She pointed out the convenience of it being close to homes and the school. Many public libraries are located in city business areas and one has to make a trip, sometimes a lengthy trip, to get to them. The Highgrove branch is a short walk or drive from your home. Also there is Pre-school story time twice a week: Wednesdays 11:30 to 12:00 and Thursdays 3:30 to 4:00. There is an impressive supply of computers for patrons with the ability to print. One long row is dedicated for children and the other long row for adults.

I was curious about the little room for "Friends of the Library" Bookstore that was being used for

storage. Hannah explained that right now there is no one coordinating it. It seems the "friends" needs more friends! This is traditionally a position that is filled with a community volunteer and other volunteers to keep it running. Money from the sale of used books and other materials is used to buy new books and materials for the branch. This is your chance to step up and make a real difference. The sale from the "friends" have greatly benefited the branch libraries where I live now. It just takes a few people to choose to be involved.

Here's something I had no idea about: Per information from the Riverside County Library System: state law protects the contents of library patron records. This includes sharing information about what is checked out with any one else, including parents, spouses, or law enforcement (without a properly executed search warrant.). No one can find out what you are reading or viewing or may check out books on hold with your card without your consent or a court order. If you wish someone to know what you have checked out or pick up library holds for you, you must provide a signed note specifically allowing that person to have access to your library records.

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