



HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS



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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area

MARCH 2017

Snow, Rain, and Rainbows-is the drought really over?



When the rains come to the valleys it brings snow to the mountains.



This rainbow photo was taken from our back yard.



Sugarloaf and everything around Southern California has turned green!



Grand Terrace is the Blue Mountain City but it has turned green too!

Construction in and around Highgrove reducing availability of vacant land!

Last month we published an article titled: “Here are some more of the reasons Highgrove needs a Metrolink station to accommodate this growth!” The article focused on the amount of new construction that will bring new residents to Highgrove and the surrounding area.



This construction sign on the S/E corner of Palmyrita and Michigan is where several giant earthmovers are busy playing in the dirt.



More construction items and photos on pages 4 & 8

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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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459 Center Street- Highgrove web site: www.nycchighgrove.com



Family Service Association

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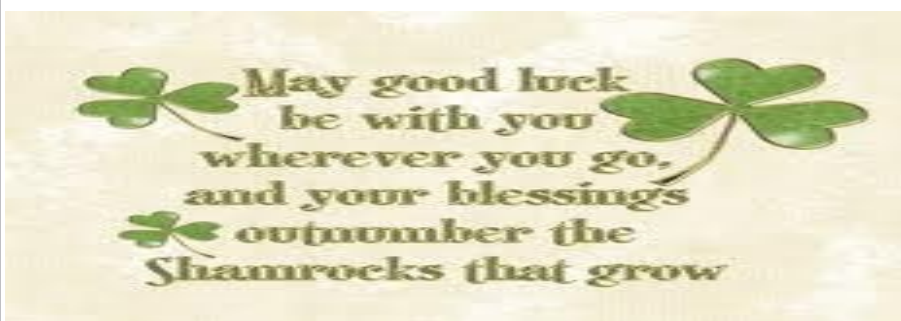
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Priscilla Burton, Jack Aboytes,
Rosie Navarro and Cynthia Kupfer

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.

MARCH 2017

Hello Community Members,



County Regional Medical Center Mobile Health Clinic
9AM - 2PM March 3rd & 17th: RCRMC will be here to answer your personal health questions and provide baseline assessment which include Health screenings (blood pressure /Diabetes-blood sugar screenings,) sick child visits. These 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 3rd 8 AM- 10 AM: Resource table hosted by George representing Primerica Life Insurance company.

March 17 8 AM- 10 AM: Resource table hosted by Riverside County Office on Aging West Info Van Services

March 3rd & 17th 8 AM - 10AM: 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.

Nutrition and Education Program: Nutrition Series
10:15 AM hosted by RUHS- Public Health. Certificate of Completion awarded! Topics include Build a Healthy Plate, What's on a label, Shopping on a budget, Planning Healthy Meals and Rethink your Drink. English Thursday 2nd and 16th, Spanish Thursday 9th and 23rd. -o- cost program

Save The Date :



March 18, 2017 7AM - 12Noon Vendors reserve your participation!
\$10 includes 2 spaces, 1 table and chair.

April 6th: Easter Bunny Visit 1:30 - 3:30 PM

\$1 for ages 3 and over. Includes Hot dog, beverage, and games/prizes



Norton Younglove Community Center

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Aerodance Exercise

Mon-Thurs 9am-10am
\$3.00/per class.

minimum sign up to schedule course Certificate Completion awarded

Tuesday Bingo

12:30 PM 4 cards for \$1



Includes refreshments

CIZE LIVE Hip Hop Class

Wednesday 7:30 PM

\$5 per class

Sewing Class

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

E-Taekwondo United

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

3-D Gelatin Molding Class

5 students minimum sign up to schedule classes. \$15 class/10 class course.

Square & Line Dance

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

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

Zion Assembly Church of God

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

The Art of Cake Decorating Baking

Intensive course/25 classes. \$15 per class. Info: Call Marivel 951-275-6815 . 5 students

Sr. Nutrition Lunch Program

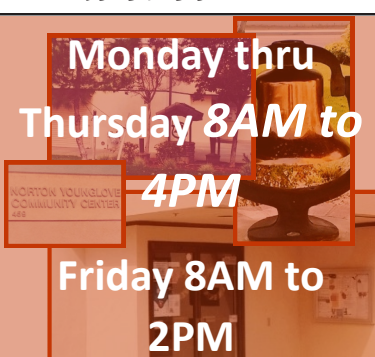
Mon - Fri @11:30 AM \$3 suggested donation

Whether you are having a wedding, birthday, anniversary, company or church event; our banquet hall is the place for you. Room capacity is 150 people at a rate of \$100 per hour (Kitchen available for additional flat rate cost). Security needed with all rental event (additional cost). To reserve your party's date a \$200 non-refundable deposit is required. For further details contact center at 951 241-7221

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

Child Development Center Has Openings!!

Free or low cost Early Care and Preschool Programs call 951-342-3151.



HOURS OF OPERATION

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Since the CHP entered the social media arena in 2012, its following has grown to nearly 195,000 on Facebook and more than 24,000 on Twitter. To connect with the CHP on Facebook, visit www.facebook.com/chp/, and on Twitter @CHP_HQ.

The CHP also operates a Nixle account. Nixle allows the CHP to provide nearly immediate, geographically-targeted, public safety information to subscribers. Nixle has been used to provide notifications to the public ranging from advisories to emergencies.

In addition to the above accounts, the CHP also maintains accounts on Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/californiahighwaypatrol/>, YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheCHPChannel>, and Vimeo <https://vimeo.com/chphq> to share videos for public viewing, such as public service announcements and safety messages. These messages include information about AMBER Alerts and the prevention of driving under the influence.

“Connecting with the public we serve allows them to share their thoughts on CHP operations. Whether it is a comment or concern, we want the public to feel their voice is being heard by the CHP,” said Commissioner Farrow. “Public safety and trust are our primary interests.”

Many CHP Division and Area offices are also part of the growing conversation on social media. Twitter and Facebook accounts are a popular way for local CHP Areas to alert the public to traffic issues in their area.

The mission of the CHP is to provide the highest level of Safety, Service, and Security to the people of California.

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Conceptual Trail Drawings

The elimination of Redevelopment cancelled this plan for a trail along the Gage canal. Photo taken from our March 2009 issue on page 4.

A series of multi-purpose trails with intermittent pocket parks

Landscaping in high visibility areas

Trail entry points at each neighborhood

Promotes physical activity and community awareness

A non-motorized means of connecting historic Highgrove with

new neighborhoods along Gage Canal

Another photo on P. 4



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HIGHGROVE SHERIFF REPORT

Part 1 Crimes 01/31/17 to 02/21/17



Assault: 300 block of Iowa Ave.

Robbery: 300 block of Stephens Ave.

Theft: 100 block of Iowa Ave.

Vehicle Theft: 200 block of LaCadena Dr.



Sheriff Dept.: (951) 776-1099 X 5 (Non emergency)

Capt. Jason B. Horton (951) 955 2600

Lieutenant Don Sharp (951) 955 2629

Hot line tips for Highgrove area: (951) 955-2600



Lieutenant Don Sharp



Captain Dave Kondrit

Greetings Highgrove,

I would like take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Lieutenant Don Sharp with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department assigned to our Jurupa Valley Station. I have been tasked with overseeing the unincorporated communities the Jurupa Valley Station services. I recently took over for Captain Dave Kondrit. Captain Kondrit was promoted to the rank of Captain in September of 2016 and assigned to command the Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility. I was transferred from the Sheriff's Corrections Division to the Jurupa Valley Station in October of 2016. Captain Kondrit and I have discussed his involvement with the community and I am pleased to have this opportunity to assume his responsibilities and service our community.

For this month's report, Highgrove had 11 reported part 1 crimes during the 1/10/17 through 02/06/17 reporting period; seven thefts, an assault, and three auto thefts. Overall, crime numbers are down in all categories for Highgrove this year with the exception of thefts, which have seen an increase over last year at this time. Overall, total part one crimes are down 7%. Total violent crimes are down 75%; however total property crimes are up slightly. We will be continuing the additional "Focused Enforcement" patrols, so you should notice an increased Sheriff's presence in your community.

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department receives numerous calls for service regarding U.S. mail theft and the theft of packages. Between credit card solicitations, holiday gift mailing, and tax filing season, it important if you see something, say something!

Mail theft is a crime of opportunity. Criminals are looking for personal identifying information that can be used in identity theft. Ways to prevent identity theft are to not mail any personal information from unsecured mailboxes. Make sure you pick up your mail promptly after delivery and do not leave outgoing mail in the mailbox overnight. Use the letter slots inside the post office, or hand your mail directly to the mail carrier. Also, make sure to review your credit report at least every 12-months.

If you see a crime in progress, immediately call 9-1-1. Safely attempt to provide as much information about the suspect(s) as possible. If the crime has already occurred, report the incident to the Riverside County Sheriff's Department non-emergency line at 951-776-1099. Also report the incident to the Postal Inspector at 1-877-876-2455 or online <http://postalinspectors.uspis.gov>

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This property is located next to Grand Terrace High School

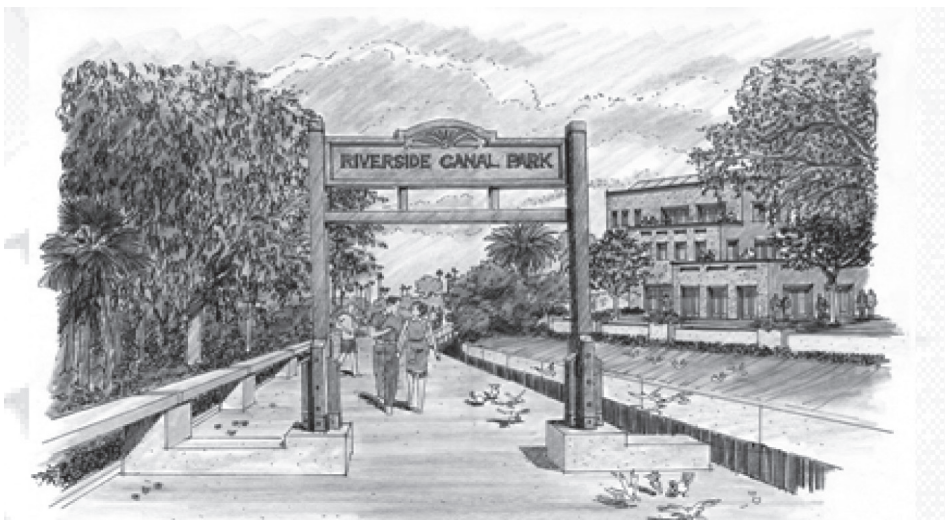


Do You know what used to occupy this property?
Turn to page 6 for the answer



What is the reason for the flat spot on Sugarloaf?
Turn to page 6 for the answer

Conceptual Trail Drawings



Instead of a trail here, a trail is needed on the abandoned UPRR property.

Colton continues to support Highgrove Metrolink Station

Barney,

Thank you attending the Colton City Council meeting last Tuesday. I am committed to assisting you with supporting a Metrolink facility in Highgrove. I will continue to meet with SANBAG officials and ask that our Colton representative Frank Navarro do the same.

Your determination is with the support from Colton.

Richard DeLaRosa

Mayor

City of Colton.

Sanctuary Cities:

“To Protect and to Serve”

But who are they protecting and who are they serving?

This motto appears on the sides of many police cars but listening to the various Police Chief's, Mayors and Governors around the country it makes me wonder who are they protecting and who are they serving?

Sanctuary cities are in many major cities in America that allow criminals to have a safe haven from those who would pursue them for crimes they have committed or for those who want to be protected from being arrested. There has been a lot of coverage recently about Sanctuary cities with Police Chiefs, Mayors and Governors stating that their city or police forces will not turn over criminals to other authorities such as the INS or other Federal agencies. I may be wrong but I always thought that Federal laws supercede State or local laws but that does not seem to apply any more. One example that comes to mind is the drug enforcement laws. On one hand the Federal laws say certain drug possessions or abuses are illegal while on the other hand States are passing laws that permit incidents that are supposed to be violations of the Federal laws.

Does the phrase: **“To protect and to Serve”** apply to the victims of crime who call the police for protection or does it apply to the criminals who are running from the Law?



Warehouses approved over objections from community groups

Riverside Residents oppose 1.4 million-square foot warehouse-approved Moreno Valley residents oppose 446,350 square foot warehouse-approved February 2, 2017

Sycamore Highlands Community Action Group

Riverside, California

sycamorehighlands@yahoo.com

Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure, as spokesman for Springbrook Heritage Alliance, to inform you that at our Jan. 19th meeting, our members voted unanimously to support you in your fight to save your neighborhood from encroachment by mega-warehouses and other industrial development.

You may mention Springbrook Heritage Alliance wherever you think it may be of help to your Cause.

Karen Renfro, Spokesman

SPRINGBROOK HERITAGE ALLIANCE

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Construction
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PUBLIC ASKED TO CALL CONGRESS IN SUPPORT OF TWO-PERSON CREWS!

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET) and the Transportation Division of the International Association of Sheet Metal, Rail Air and Transportation Workers (SMART TD) are urging their respective memberships and the public to contact members of the House of Representatives about co-sponsor-ing The Safe Freight Act of 2017 (H.R. 233), a bill that would mandate two-person train crews on freight trains—one certified locomotive engineer and one certified conductor.

Introduced by Congressman Don Young (R-Alaska) Jan. 3, 2017, The Safe Freight Act states in part: **“Effective 30 days after the date of enactment of the Safe Freight Act of 2017, no freight train or light engine used in connection with the movement of freight may be operated unless it has a crew consisting of at least 2 individuals, one of whom is certified under regulations promulgated by the Federal Railroad Administration as a locomotive engineer pursuant to section 20135, and the other of whom is certified under regulations promulgated by the Federal Railroad Administration as a conductor pursuant to section 20163.”**

Now is the time to speak up and voice your support for two-person train crews! All active and retired members of the BLET and SMART TD, as well as their Auxiliary Representatives, should contact their House Representatives and ask them to co-Sponsor H.R. 233, the Safe Freight Act of 2017. SMART TD and BLET members: Please visit the SMART TD Legislative Action Center at http://www.congressweb.com/SMART_Transportation/12 where you can easily find and contact your representative and urge him or her to support H.R. 233.

Members and the public can also call the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121, and ask to speak with the House of Representative member from your Congressional District. Contact information can also be found online at: <http://www.house.gov/htbin/findrep>.

“The nationwide fight over operating crew size is far from over, and we are urging all BLET and SMART TD Brothers and Sisters to contact their member of Congress on this extremely important issue,” BLET President Dennis R. Pierce said. “In spite of what the railroads might say, technology has not advanced to the point that it can replace the eyes and ears of railroad professionals. Please do your part as the job you save may be your own.”

“We will continue our tireless and years-long work of supporting a minimum of two crew members on all trains. An overwhelming majority of Americans from both political parties support this measure: the American people have spoken and are in favor of this bill. It is past time for our government to get on track, do the right thing and support H.R. 233. This measure is a matter of domestic safety and security for railroad workers, passengers, our cities, towns and our entire nation,” said SMART TD President John Previsich.

H.R. 233 can be viewed at:

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/233/text?r=61>

Phil's Philosophy

By: Phil Turner

Giving

It's not possible to go to WalMart, Target, or get on or off a freeway, without being subjected to a panhandler. A trip shopping often entails being approached 4 or 5 times. They now often have a dog in tow. We all love dogs, right?

On television there are spots including The Shriner's Hospitals, St. Jude's, The Red Cross, ASPCA, Marine Toys for Tots, The Humane Society, to name a few. All, I'm sure, are worthy charities.

Many of us tithe, or give to our local church. We give at the office to the United Way, and other organizations.

All the service organizations that I'm familiar with, raise funds for charities. That would include The Eagles, The Elks, The American Legion, The Lions Club, and so on.

It is indisputable that we are a very blessed number, within a very blessed country. We may lament that we aren't able to afford the new luxury car that our neighbor has, or that we aren't able to vacation as lavishly as our other neighbor. Beyond that, most of us live a very abundant life.

Tonto is the name of the city dump outside Manila, Philippines. There are 60,000 people that live there along with the rats, and bugs, and whatever other vermin. They pick through scraps each day to make a meal, and clothe themselves.

Over half of humanity, 3 billion people, live on less than \$2.50 per day. 80% of humanity live on less than \$10.00 per day and 22,000 children die of starvation every day.

I won't go into any more statistics, but as I said, we are very fortunate. So what do we do with our abundance, to help those that through the accident of being born in a poor village, or because of a natural disaster, or born into a web of addiction, live in poverty?

So, how do we decide which charity, or organization do we support? How can we know that the person panhandling on the corner is truly in need?

I wish I had an answer to these questions. But I do not! I have a few ideas though:

Supporting your church is an easier decision, because by being involved locally, the good they do can be seen up close. Although I have moved away, I'm still involved with The Rock Church in San Bernardino. I know that they feed more than 500,000 people yearly, have outreach to the homeless, go out to the neighborhoods to support struggling families, and such.

I was on the Advisory Board of The Salvation Army for over 20 years, and I know firsthand what good they do. I have researched the good that The Wounded Warrior Project does. So involvement in your charities and organizations, and knowing firsthand is your best bet.

Seldom do I give to panhandlers. I direct them to The Rock Church. Another thought, is to buy a handful of gift cards for McDonald's, Jack-In-The-Box, and so forth, and give those out instead of money that can be used for drugs and alcohol.

I feel we should all do something, with our abundance. It is a responsibility that we should take seriously. If we don't know firsthand about the charity we are considering, there are watchdog groups to help us with that. Here are a couple.

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“Before” picture from page 4 “After” picture from page 4



Years before the Grand Terrace High School was built, the N/E corner of Main St. and Taylor used to be a chrome shop. This photo was taken during the dismantling of the old tin building that appeared in the November 2008 issue of the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper.

“Before”



Photo courtesy of
Jim wood

This pipeline runs from Silverwood Lake in the mountains to Lake Perris.



This is how it looks today after the contaminated dirt has been capped with concrete. This location is on the east side of the former UPRR right-of-way.

“After”



The pipeline carries water up and over Sugarloaf on it's way to Lake Perris.

MORENO VALLEY, CA - The City of Moreno Valley is saddened to announce the loss of Moreno Valley Police K-9 Ivan, a seven-year-old German Shepherd who spent the last 5 ½ years keeping our city safe. Ivan succumbed to natural causes on Thursday, February 23. He is

survived by his K-9 handler Deputy Kevin Brooks. Ivan was born in Croatia on May 22, 2009, and was brought to the United States to be trained as a police service K-9. In November 2011, Ivan finished his training and was assigned to Deputy Brooks at the Moreno Valley

Station. Ivan was trained in patrol, narcotics detection, tracking, and evidence location. His abilities and keen instincts won Ivan numerous awards at police K-9 competitions over the years. Ivan worked hard to please Deputy Brooks and both enjoyed their time together, working,

playing fetch or relaxing at home. The relationship between a police officer and a K-9 is special. They work as a team, keeping each other safe. They eat, train, and live together. Teamwork is critical to their collective mission. By design, they are virtually inseparable.

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Fare reduction of 25% designed to attract riders to Perris Valley Line



This is one of the passenger coaches like there is on the Perris Valley Line at the Marlborough Ave. Metrolink Station where you can go to Los Angeles in one direction and to Perris in the other direction.



There are 24 Handicap parking spaces at the Marlborough Station.



And there are 42 of these signs in the Marlborough Ave. parking lot.

Thank you to Jim wood for the pictures of the different modes of rail transportation from the past.

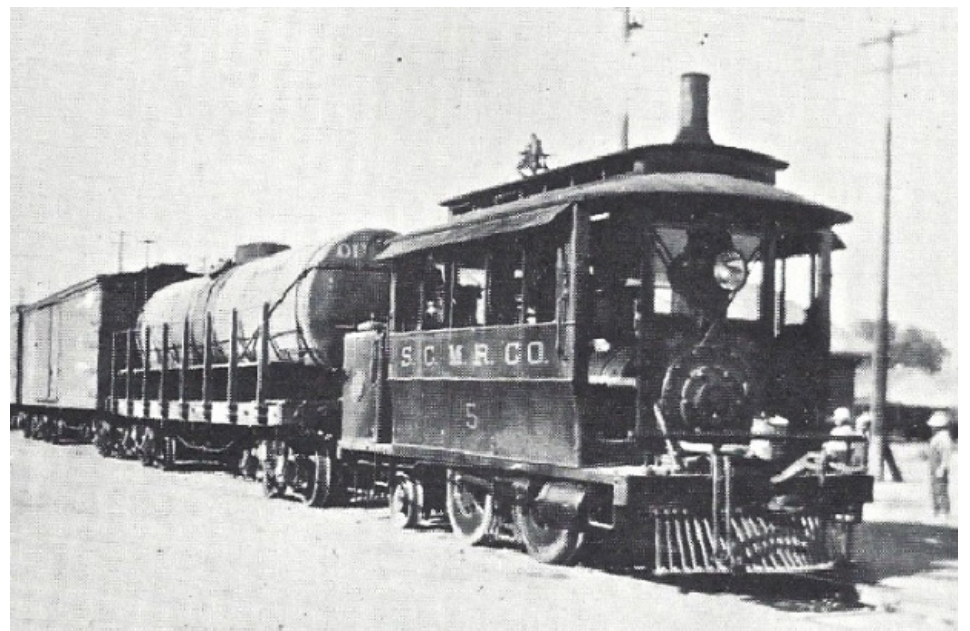


The Santa Fe Highgrove Depot in the late 40's/early 50's

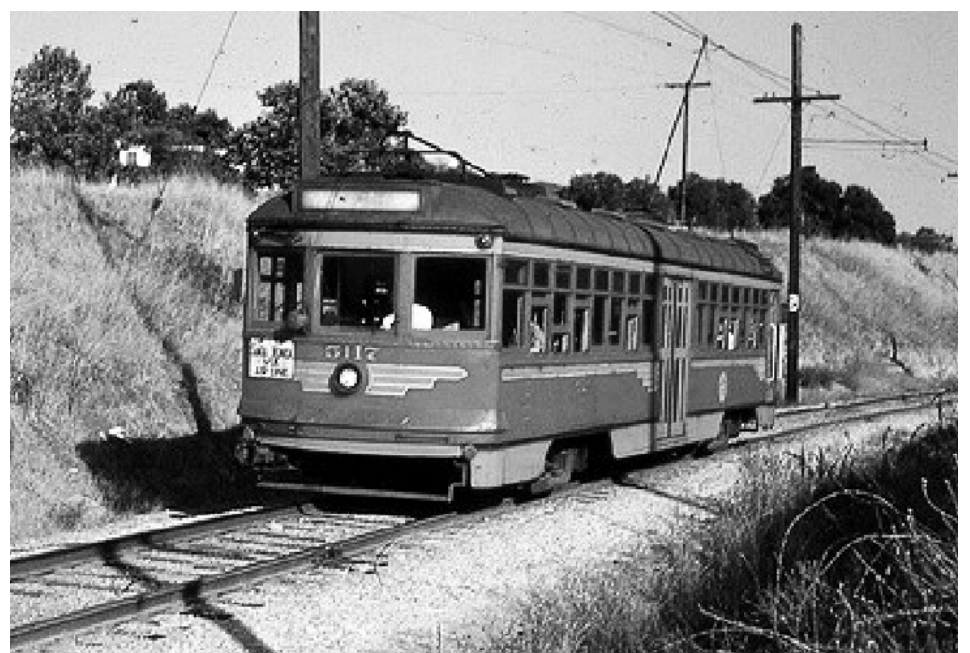
“Crossing Center Street - A History”

by Jim Wood

Center Street in Highgrove is more of a main artery than the town's Main Street itself. Center is home to businesses, a school, library, fire department, and if we travel back in time, a railroad station where tracks cross today. Speaking of crossings, several historic features cross Center Street, often invisible. Beginning up to the east at Oreole Avenue and Center, we note the huge underground Santa Ana Valley Pipeline of the California Aquaduct system transporting water from northern California to Lake Silverwood and to Lake Perris. Structures are not allowed be built above this giant buried pipe. Mount Vernon Avenue is the major intersection as we go west down Center. It runs north past the 215 freeway, Santa Ana River, Union Pacific Railroad, and 10 freeway. Beyond that, it was part of the famous Route 66 running across the country. What you may not know is that 66 and Mount Vernon run very near or on the “Old Spanish Trail” of 1829, a national historic trail. It was also part of a “Mormon Trail” later. Neither trail crossed the river to Highgrove, however. Next going west on Center between the fire station and Michigan Avenue is the Gage Canal built about 1888 to carry water from the Santa Ana River by old Norton Air Base to the orange groves by old Arlington. Parts of it are underground and still used. Next west on Center by the citrus industry is where the old Southern California Motor Road rails ran. It was built in 1887 as a steam train line from the San Bernardino Santa Fe Depot to downtown Riverside by Market and First. Tracks were removed at Center St. after 2012. Next west is the Burlington Northern Santa Fe triple track mainline railroad, once Santa Fe Railroad with a Highgrove Depot. Before that, in 1885, it was the California Southern Railroad from San Diego to Barstow. That track still branches off the main line by Center Street. Sharing the mainline now is Union Pacific, Amtrak, and Metrolink. Watch for trains at all times. Next going west between Pacific Ave. and Iowa Ave. is the Riverside Upper Canal from about 1887 that carried water from the river near Colton to downtown Riverside and on to Arlington citrus groves. Some of it is covered. Next west is the



This Southern California Motor Road train ran through Highgrove at Center St. in the 1890's. It was built in 1887 as a steam train line from the San Bernardino Santa Fe Depot to downtown Riverside by Market and First Street. The tracks were removed at Center St. after 2012.



The Pacific Electric trollys crossed Center St. in Highgrove in the 20's.

215 freeway, but earlier it was the old Pacific Electric trolley line that ran red trolley cars over much of the Inland Empire and Los Angeles region in the early 1900's. This PE segment once connected San Bernardino with Corona with a stop at West Highgrove. Next going west is the original 1905 railroad line location. Rails were never installed. It can still

be traced through North Riverside to the 60 freeway. It crosses Center just a few feet east of Orange Street. Orange may be the oldest road in the area, passing through the old “Spanish Town” site of “La Placita de los Trujillos” established about 1844 by people from New Mexico. It was sadly destroyed by a flood in 1862.

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More construction photos in and around Highgrove!



Grading is underway at the base of Sugarloaf Mountain on the south side of Marlborough Avenue east of the Perris Valley Line railroad track.



A short distance away at the corner of Marlborough and Northgate, preparations are being made for another warehouse in this area.

Since last month's issue, I found out that 800 more homes are in the planning stages north of the intersection of Center St. and North Orange St. on the west side of the freeway. This plan is called Roquet Ranch and is in South Colton. When I attended a recent meeting on the west side of the freeway at the Ruth Lewis Community Center, a presentation was made by Grant Henninger that was not well received by some of the local residents about the addition of 800 more homes.

800 MORE HOMES?



Photo courtesy of Jim Wood

This project is in addition to the 1,409 homes in Spring Mountain Ranch, 68 acres of townhouses, condominiums and apartments on the former Bixby property, 89 Apartments in the Highgrove Blossom Apartments, 36 new single family homes under construction on the N/E corner of Spring and Garfield, 600 apartments planned for the east side of Mt. Vernon between Center St. and Spring St., 138 single family homes east of Spring Mountain Ranch, 72 condominiums owned by the Shopoff Group and 650 single family homes on 183.5 acres in Highgrove. Last month I referred to the Springbrook Estates project as a 103-acre project but I have subsequently learned that the Springbrook Estates is 183.5 acres.



The sewer hook-ups are completed for the new 36 single family homes behind the block wall on the N/E corner of Spring and Garfield by the school.



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This was what Highgrove looked like many years ago!
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HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

Andy Frost Riverside Transit Authority Employee of the Year!

RTA ANNOUNCES 2016 EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

Top Honors Awarded to Elite Drivers, and Maintenance and Administrative Staff

RIVERSIDE, CA — February 14, 2017 — Whether it was making a difference on the streets, in the maintenance shop or behind the scenes, several Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) employees have earned top honors for 2016.

The administrative employee of the year was RTA's Project Manager Andrew Frost. Maintenance employees of the year were Jean Arroyo, Antonio Castillo, Dan Cooke, Daniel Rodriguez, Reginald Stewart, and Albert Vega. Coach Operators of the year were Paul Aliado, Timothy Bruner, Monica Guice, Benny Iverson, Herman Miller, Felita Moore, Alexander Moreno, Robert Owens, Enrique Rueda and Carl Waithe.

"I am proud of the success we achieved in 2016," said RTA Chair Linda Krupa. "RTA employees are an exceptional bunch who are dedicated to their jobs and focused on improving our customers' quality of life."

Frost was instrumental in establishing a whole new way of delivering bus service in downtown Riverside. His biggest contribution to RTA came during the second half of 2016 when the Agency was making preparations to close the Riverside Downtown Terminal and shift the way it delivered service in the downtown area.

To facilitate this change, Frost coordinated the creation of 18 new bus stops, improvements to 16 existing stops, installation of 18 new shelters, and replacement of sections of sidewalk to bring the changes to ADA compliance. In addition to construction, the project involved traffic lane closures, removing six mature trees, notifying businesses, getting city approvals, processing change orders, daily problem solving and consensus building.

The maintenance and coach operators of the year not only set the standard for excellence during the year, they also had perfect attendance, no disciplinary actions, and a perfect safety record.

The Maintenance Department, which employs more than 60 mechanics, groundskeepers and supervisors at two facilities, kept the vehicle fleet and bus stops in excellent condition. During the year, the group achieved 1,000 days without a lost-time injury, which was a testament to RTA's seasoned employees who are passing on safe work habits and positive attitudes to new employees.

In a department that never shuts down, crews are working around



Andy Frost

the clock on general maintenance, repairs and new technology. Last year, the department inspected 37 new buses before they hit the streets to ensure the vehicles were clean, safe and reliable.

The year was also a busy one for RTA drivers. RTA's 280-plus coach operators manned a fleet of 224 buses on 44 routes.

When the year ended, RTA buses had handled 8.9 million boardings. RTA expanded service to include four new Metrolink stations, extended a student ride program at area colleges and universities, and began offering free Wi-Fi on all buses.

RTA coach operators are trained to be safe, courteous and put the customer first. Fact is, they do much more than move people from place to place. Sometimes they are guardians of the streets helping find and assist people in need. Every RTA bus is considered a safe place for children and teens in crisis, and every year drivers play a strong role in connecting dozens of individuals with intervention and outreach services.

The Riverside Transit Agency provides public transportation for Western Riverside County, operating 36 fixed routes, eight express routes and Dial-A-Ride service. RTA's service area spans 2,500 square miles, among the largest in the nation. For bus route and schedule information contact RTA at (951) 565-5002 or go to www.RiversideTransit.com.

Editor's note:

When Andy Frost was working for the Riverside County Economic Development Agency, a video was made by Riverside County and followed the theme of the "Andy Griffin show".

Andy played "Andy Griffin", I played "Barney", and Melanie Zimmermann played "Aunt Bea".

I do not know what happened to this video but if a copy is ever discovered we will let you know.

If all of the copies have been lost or destroyed maybe that is a good thing but it was fun making the video.

R. A. "Barney" Barnett



When Andy Frost worked for Riverside County, he helped get a granite Historical Marker made after the brass marker was stolen. The marker is on the west side of Iowa Ave. across from Zorbas. (See Jan. 2009 page 8 & 9)



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Keep in touch: Send us your e-mail addresses to help us keep you informed of activities and projects that effect our community. Send your address to:

highgrovenews@roadrunner.com
Highgrove T-shirt prices reduced! (See P.3)

Notice: We have some Highgrove T-shirts in various sizes that have just been printed. They have the Highgrove logo on the front and a picture of a 1916 "Highgrove Brand" orange crate label showing Sugarloaf with an orange grove at it's base. It states: Grown and Packed in Highgrove by Sugarloaf Orange Growers Assn., Highgrove. Call (951) 683 4994

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Highgrove Day Car Show May 13, 2017 Entry Form

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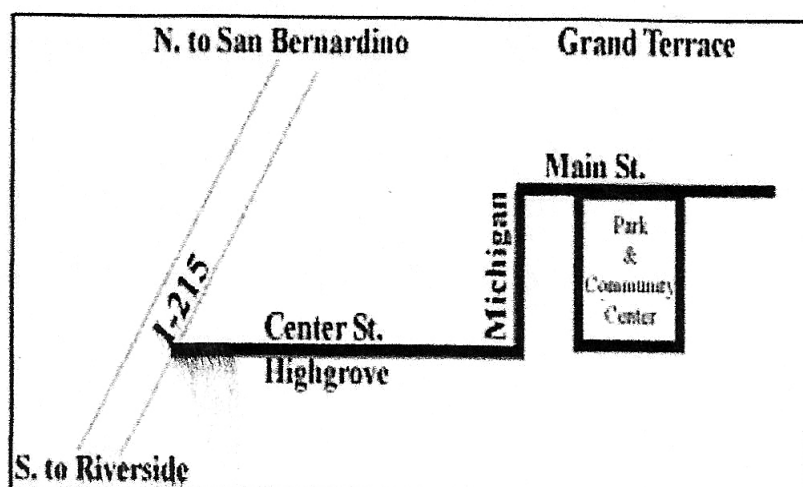
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Directions: From I-215 take the **Center St.-
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Michigan Ave. and right on Main Street (½ block)
and have your vehicle in place by 9:00 am.

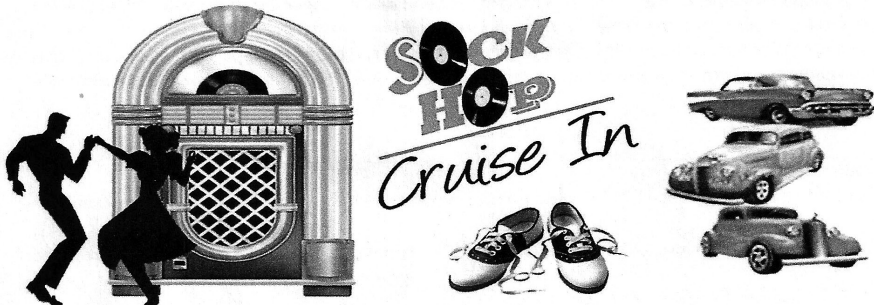


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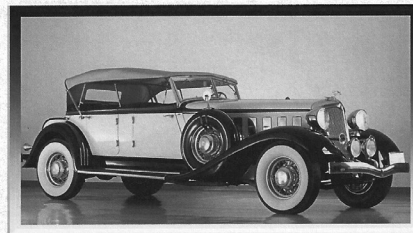
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Hauled Away - District 2

Code Enforcement Technician Lucero observed two inoperable vehicles in the Highgrove area. She stopped and spoke with the property owner's parents, who live next door, and explained the vehicle abatement ordinance and issued a Notice of Violation for the inoperable vehicles.

The property owner, subsequently called Lucero and informed her that the white Chevrolet vehicle was repaired but that she would need extra time to repair the Buick. She stated the Buick belongs to her son who lives out-of-state and that she has called him several times; however, he has not returned her calls.

Lucero reviewed the Department of Motor Vehicle printout she had on hand and revealed to the property owner that the vehicle was also in her name. Then she proceeded to inform the owner of the available program, "Junk Your Clunker", that will tow vehicles away from a property free of charge. When she asked the owner if she would be interested in participating in the program, she stated, "Oh my goodness, I would love that, but I will have to discuss it with my son. What all do I have to do?" Technician Lucero provided further explanation about the program and instructed her to complete the necessary application and return it to the Code Enforcement Department. The owner said she would do as instructed but only after speaking to her son. She, later, did sign the "Junk Your Clunker" form authorizing the removal of the inoperable Buick vehicle only.

Consequently, Lucero made arrangements with our towing service to tow the vehicle away from the property. The owner was very happy to see the vehicle gone. She stated she was grateful for the program as she was worried about the fines she might have to pay due to the inoperable vehicle.



Spay neuter program
available to Highgrove
residents

The Riverside County Department of Animal Services is very pleased that the Highgrove community has embraced the pet service offered to the community. With a generous donation by the grantor, an organization which wishes to remain anonymous, the department has provided spay or neuter services to over 126 dogs and 12 cats at the Highgrove Library located at 530 Center Street in Highgrove.

The mobile clinic also provided complete core vaccination, rabies vaccination, microchip and flea treatments to your neighbor's pets.

The community is welcome to stop by the Highgrove Library and obtain an appointment for a future spay neuter deployment or call 951-358-7335.

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LIVING IN THE WILD WITH THESE CRITTERS!



This opossum was caught stealing oranges from our tree in the back yard. This nighttime photo is not too good but maybe we are still living in the wild with these critters! Or maybe they are still living in the wild with us. I know that our dog was very persistent that there was something in our tree and I thought he would wake up the neighbors before I could get him to stop barking. I'm glad I didn't find the spider while I was pulling weeds!



This big spider fell into our outside sink and the stainless walls were too steep and slick for him to get out. I told ardie she could have the quarter!

Join us for the Tenth Annual Walk on Blue Mountain

The 10th annual walk/hike up Blue Mountain will take place in Grand Terrace on Sunday, March 5. Hikers may begin at 8:00 am but no later than 10:45 am and start down by 12:30 pm. At approx. 9:30 am, the Rev. Lisa Wright will give a sermon at the top.

Arrive early and remember to bring water, a hat, sunscreen and at least a windbreaker for the always breezy top. Sturdy footwear is a must! And don't forget your camera. This is your once-a-year opportunity to enjoy not just spectacular views, but also an abundance of wildflowers, thanks to the recent rains.

Pets are allowed but must remain on a leash. But dogs aren't the only animal friends usually on the mountain as the event is a favorite with llama owners.

There is no charge to participate, but free will offerings will be appreciated to help Friends of Blue Mountain's fund raising efforts to make this wilderness trail accessible year round. Commemorative T-shirts will also be available for purchase.

Ample parking is available at Azure Hills Church, where there will also be food trucks. A shuttle bus will take you from there to the starting gate.

Denis Kidd, President
Friends of Blue Mountain

See Blue Mountain Flyer

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Please leave time to visit the Friends of Blue Mountain booth and learn about the efforts to create the Blue Mountain Wilderness Park.

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- ♦ *There will be commemorative T-shirts available*
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- ♦ *There will be a devotion at the top at 9:30 a.m.*

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CALIFORNIA STATE BIKE & PED PLAN



What is the California State Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan?

The process is underway to develop the first-ever California State Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, which will be a visionary and comprehensive policy plan to support active modes of transportation and to increase safe bicycling and walking in California. The plan will guide the State in developing an integrated, multi-modal transportation network for all users, including: bicycle and pedestrian accommodation on the State Highway System where appropriate; connections to intercity rail and public transportation; and support for local government efforts to develop safe active transportation networks.



Why is the California State Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan important?

California has set a target to triple bicycling and double walking by 2020 by improving these options for all Californians. Better bicycle and pedestrian facilities that safely connect people with where they need to go will also promote healthy and active lifestyles and improve the environment by reducing automobile use and greenhouse gas emissions. Policies that stem from this plan will guide Caltrans' decisions about future bicycle and pedestrian investments in safe facilities and programs that encourage walking and bicycling.

VERSION 10/23/15

Abandoned Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way needed for a trail!

The tracks have been removed from the I-215 Freeway in Grand Terrace southward through Highgrove to Marlborough Ave. in Riverside. This would be an ideal trail for bicycles, walking and horses. "Someone" needs to investigate how this can be accomplished.



Bike & Ped Draft Plan

Caltrans welcomes public comment on the Draft California State Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan: Toward an Active California.

Review the Draft Plan here!

There are two ways to provide comments to Caltrans: Online Comment Tool Meetings and Webinars. Caltrans is hosting four meetings/webinars as part of the public review. During the meetings, the project team will present the Draft Plan and answer questions and receive input on the document. Participants can attend the meetings in person or by webinar. Detailed webinar information is provided, please note that the access code is unique to each meeting.

Following is the scheduled meeting and webinars. All share the same agenda and presentation.

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Caltrans District 12 Office

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Webinar phone number: 888-921-7813

Webinar phone code: 2664478

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