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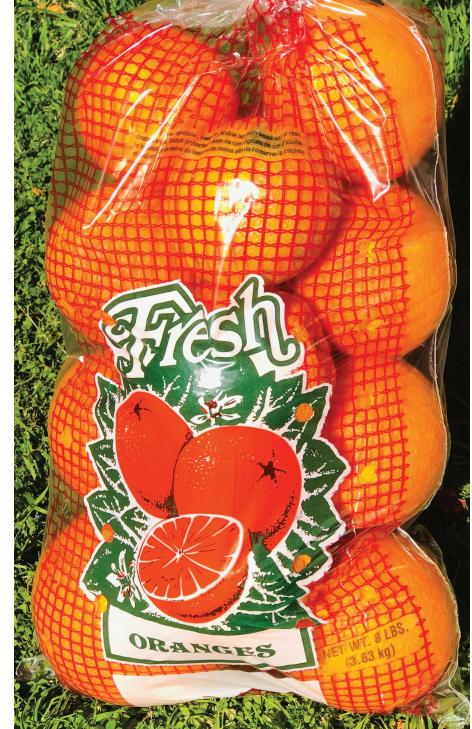
New construction of 600 more homes as viewed from Highgrove's last orange grove



This photo was taken on Feb. 22, 2021 from the last 8 acre orange grove in Highgrove on Spring Street looking toward the earth movers on the other side of the barrier as they prepare the 383.5 acres for 600 more homes in the Springbrook Estates project in Highgrove.

Giant earth movers are re-shaping the land that has been vacant for about 15 years that includes grading on the S/E corner of Mt. Vernon and Spring Street and a larger section on the S/W corner of Mt. Vernon and Spring St westward to the Gage Canal that is now underground.

The front page of our February 2021 issue shows the layout of the Sprinbrook Estates project.



Endangered Species? When I saw the "For Sale" sign for a bag of oranges on Spring



Street, I stopped and bought this bag of oranges from the owners of the last orange grove in Highgrove.

Highgrove once had several citrus packing houses and you can see some of the citrus labels that were packed in Highgrove by visiting the Norton Younglove Community Center at 459 Center St., next to the fire station, where there are 93 different citrus labels that were packed in Highgrove.

Denis Kidd, my schoolmate from Highgrove Elementery School in the early 50's, collected and framed the citrus labels that are displayed along the upper walls of our community center. The street sign in the photo on the left is near the boundary between Spring Mountain Ranch and Springbrook Estates. When Spring Mountain Ranch was under construction I requested that all of the street signs include the Highgrove banner at the top to help maintain Highgrove's identity.

A similar request will be made for all the new streets in Springbrook Estates. More photos starting on page 3

HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

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



Contact: (951) 241-7221



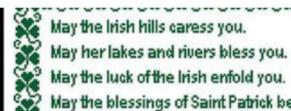
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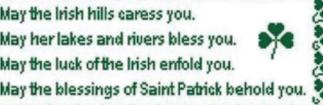
459 Center Street- Highgrove web site: www.nycchighgrove.com

FAMILY SERVICE ASSOCIATION

Leila Santamaria Center Manager Priscilla Burton Office Assistant II Office Asst Volunteer Cynthia Kupfer

Hello Community Members,





The City of Riverside and Family Service Association are monitoring county, state and national reports on the impact of COVID-19 and responding appropriately. The Norton Younglove Community Center is closed. Bingo, Sr. Potluck, Sewing, and Zumba Classes are currently sus-pended until further notice. <u>Staff is available by telephone at 951-241-</u> 7221 should you have questions Monday through Thursday 8 am to 4 pm Friday 8 am to 2 pm.

State of California www.covid19.gov During these uncertain times it is important to receive factual information from reliable sources. Below is a list of trusted agencies.

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** CalFresh: If you need assistance applying, please visit

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**HEREO (Homebound Emergency Relief Outreach) - Once a month emergency food box for those who do not have transportation: Visit FeedingAmericaIE.org/Find-Pantry or call 951-359-4757 to locate your closest pantry.



<u>March 5th 12 pm to 2pm</u> Free to participate! Register at www.sbcms.org/events OR https:// uso2web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpc-CqrDkiEtLERHuowXTp9MQQq3sQavMQ: COVID-19 Updates and Vaccine Distribution in the Inland Empire. Emcee: V. Manuel Perez/Riv Co. Supvr, 4th Dist. Panel-ists: Joe Baca, Jr. SBdo Co. Supv, 5thDist. And Karen Spie-

gel Riv Co. Supv, 2nd Dist. **Keynote Presenter:** Cameron Kai-ser, MD, MPH, FAAFP Riv University Health System, Public Health and Rosilicie Ochoa-Bogh State Senator CA, Dist 23.



March 26th: Commodities Food Distribution for Highgrove Resi dents at 8:00 AM. Drive Thru Pick up.

Temperatures at 40 degrees officially

Family Service Association's Mission: Building community one family at a time, through compassion, advocacy and comprehensive model services, fostering self-sufficiency and sustainable impacts.





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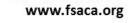


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Our Senior Nutrition program is currently

offering frozen meals to registered participants age 60 and above only for pick-up on Wednesdays, 11:00 AM To 1:00 PM. We will make all attempts to keep you informed as information becomes available. Stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you back soon!



activates Norton Younglove Communi-

ty Center as a "Warm Center" for vulnerable individuals, seniors, the disabled, and others in need of temporary relief from the cold Warm Centers are provided for and open to the pub-lic December 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021. For a list of Cool /Warm Center sites visit: www.capriverside.org or call 951-955-4900/TTY 951-955-5126. WE HAVE WIFI - Complete your home studies during the Warm Center " activations 8 – 4 Monday through Thursday.. Community parents, please accompany your children while at the center if under the age of 12.

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Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved.

Child Development Center Has Openings!!

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

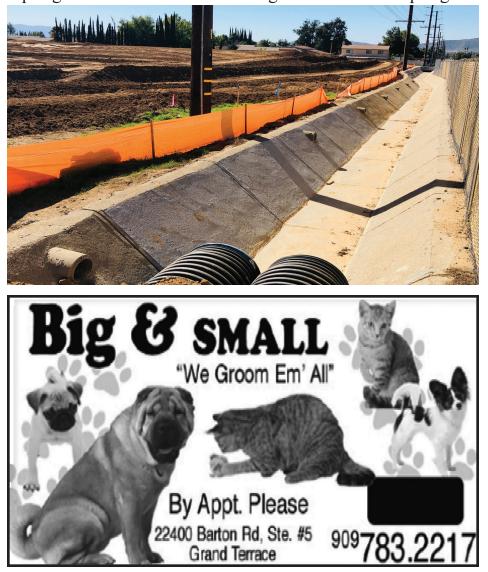




This machine is pulling a sheeps foot to compact the dirt on the south east corner of Mt. Vernon and Spring Street.

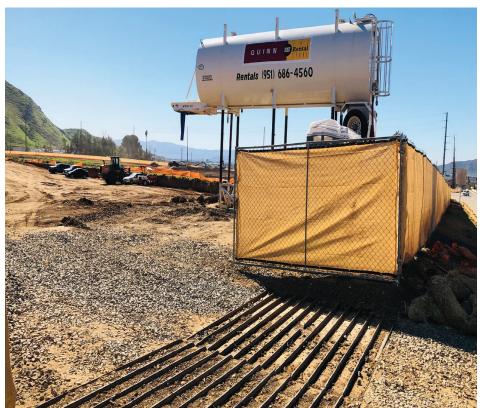


This view shows Spring St. on the left side and the difference in elevation between the proposed homes in Springbrook Estates and Spring Mountain Ranch. The house at the top is the first house when entering Spring Mountain Ranch from Spring Street. Below is the old irrigation culvert on Spring St.





Due to the higher elevation from Mt. Vernon westward to the lower elevation by the Gage Canal, the pads for the new homes have to be terraced in order to make them level.





"Changes are coming that effect both you and me, changes to H-i-g-h-g-r-o-v-e" From the Highgrove song that can be heard on: www.highgrovehappenings.net.

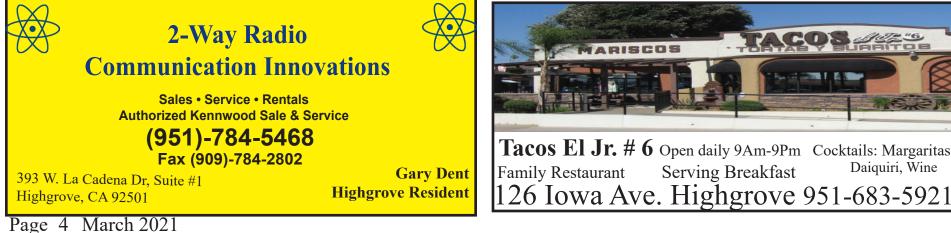




Michigan Ave. is being dug up between Spring St. and Center St. in order to connect to the sewer line on Center Street. Due to the small lot sizes, all of the new homes have to be connected to a sewer system. The sewer line on Center St. runs westward from Mt. Vernon to East La Cadena Dr. where it turns southward and connects to the Riverside sewer system near Palmyrita Avenue. During Supervisor Ashley's jurisdiction there was a plan for a future sewer system for the old part of Highgrove but I have not heard of any recent plan to replace the septic tanks between Mt. Vernon Ave. and the freeway and between Main St. and Spring Street. Even back then there was a concern that the septic tanks were poluting the ground water.



were temperary delays but the street was still passable between Center St. and Spring Street.



By the time you receive the Highgrove Happenings the sewer line will probably be connected to the sewer line on Center St..



2017/2018 Grand jury report still not complied with!

On June 13, 2018 the 2017/2018 Grand Jury report stated: "CSA 126 provide a one-time public notice clarifying exactly how the CSA 126 funds are distributed. This notice should include the number of assessed parcels, the amount per parcel for different housing areas, and any current agreements and contracts in effect. At least once every two years, CSA management should make a summary report available online and at a public meeting open to all residents"

That was 2 years and 8 months ago!

On September 28, 2020, I sent the following request to the Riverside County Economic Development Agency and Supervisor Karen Spiegel requesting that the Grand Jury item should be on the October 28, 2020 Highgrove MAC agenda but it was not and it did not appear on the Jan. 27, 2021 agenda either!

Here is a copy of the letter to the EDA and Supervisor Spiegel: September 28, 2020 **Riverside County Economic Development Agency** 3403 Tenth St., Riverside. Ca. 92501 **Riverside County Supervisor Karen Spiegel** 4080 Lemon St., Riverside, Ca. 92501

Grand Jury report requested at next MAC meeting

The 2017/2018 Grand Jury reported that: "CSA 126 provide a one-time public notice clarifying exactly how the CSA 126 funds are distributed. This notice should include the number of assessed parcels, the amount per parcel for different housing areas, and any current agreements and contracts in effect. At least once every two years, CSA management should make a summary report available online and at a public meeting open to all residents"

To refresh your memory here are the details:

"Recommendations

Riverside County Board of Supervisors Riverside County Economic Development Agency

CSA126 COMMUNICATION

CSA 126 management provide a one-time public notice clarifying exactly how the CSA 126 funds are distributed. The notice should include the number of assessed parcels, the amount per parcel for different housing areas, and any current agreements and contracts in effect. At least once every two years, CSA management should make a summary report available online and at a public meeting open to all interested Highgrove residents. This effort is appropriate and necessary since there is no current forum to discuss such issues in the Highgrove Community. Part of the summary of contracts and agreements should explain the effective date and cost of the current chain or agreements between CSA 126 management and the Jurupa Valley Sheriff Station for focused law enforcement coverage."

A response from Riverside County to the 2017/2018 Grand Jury report is requested by the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper.

Thank you, R. A. "Barney" Barnett Editor Highgrove Happenings Newspaper 474 Prospect Ave Highgrove, CA 92507 951-683-4994 highgrovenews@roadrunner.com www.highgrovehappenings.net

The **Grand Jury** report did not appear on the October 28, 2020 Highgrove MAC agenda or on the Jan. 27, 2021 MAC agenda and I have never received a response to my letter dated September 28, 2020.

In the previous CSA 126 COMMUNICATION the Grand Jury report states: "This effort is appropriate and necessary since there is no current forum to discuss such issues in the Highgrove Community".

The Grand Jury's statement was made because Supervisor Tavaglione had already eliminated the entire Highgrove MAC on April 11, 2017 because the MAC was asking too many questions about where our special assessment money was being spent after the deputy was eliminated. Supervisor Tavaglione eliminated Highgrove's only voice for 2 1/2 years until a new MAC was appointed on Oct. 30, 2019. Read about the elimination of the Highgrove MAC in the May 2017 issue by going to www. highgrovehappenings.net.

The 2- year time limit set by the Grand Jury has expired and the property owners who paid the special parcel tax for the Highgrove Deputy want to know where our "CSA 126 funds were distributed". Written documents state the tax was to be used only for: "continuing the extended Sheriff and Park and Recreation services" so if the Sheriff was eliminated 11 years ago and the County still collected the tax, where did the money go? Why wasn't the Sheriff's position restored after one year?

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Crime Stats 1-20-21 to 2-16-2021



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Assaults	(5)	Commercial Burglary	(1)		
Grand Theft	(0)	Residential burglary	(3)		
Petty Theft	(5)	Vehicle Theft	(5)		
Lieutenant Sean Vickers					
Riverside County Sheriffs Department					

Jurupa Valley Station 7477 Mission Blvd.

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"If the family were a fruit, it would be an orange, a circle of sections, held together but separable - each segment distinct."

~ Letty Cottin Pogrebin

At this moment, I feel like I'm writing an obituary. An obituary for a time of life, for a community, and for a history of a way of life that is fading.

The name HIGHGROVE was established in 1897 after a vote to change it from "East Riverside". Some other name contenders were "Golden", "Bonnie Brae", and The Riverside "Vivienda". Enterprise pronounced it a "significant name" with a "high-sounding flavor about it." (Think of the British estate of the Queen's - Highgrove, favored by Prince Charles.)

names that describe locations, having to explain where the name HIGHGROVE came Riverside?)



a strong sense of community, in great part to long-time residents. They are the people who were born and raised here, people who went to Highgrove Highgrove Methodist Church watching the groves being

Like a lot of other cities with and Highgrove First Baptist ripped out and the land just left Church, and visited the we are now transitioning to Highgrove Branch Library. They picked up their mail from the post office on Center from. (Where's the river in St., had their hair cut at the barber shop on Center St., Highgrove has always had and walked past the packing plants on Center St. I moved to Highgrove with my parents and a few siblings before I started Kindergarten. All eight the sense of belonging in of us Williamses attended the school for seven years each. We still have close ties to our school pals and neighbors, Riverside opened I was slightly even if we don't live in uncharitable remarking that Highgrove anymore.

groves we are losing our identity. Our namesake groves are being rapidly ripped out Now I'm seriously grousing and now we are down to a single grove- fiercely guarded by two brave elderly ladies. Elementary School, attended I have been reduced to tears

fallow for decades, blowing dirt into homes across the way and when the empty fields are disced the mice take refuge in our homes. It's not just the loss of the oranges, it symbolizes a loss of history and it's a loss to the community. No offense to newcomers, but without your participation and care, Highgrove will be like the dust blowing off the fields.

When the Citrus Museum in in the future the only way I With the rapidly eroding could show my grandchildren my orange heritage was to take them to a museum. as it has become the truth. I will admit the museum is a wonderful place with loads of information.

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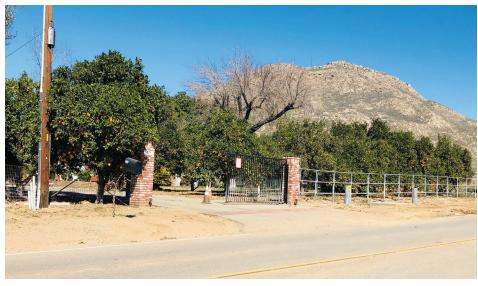
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It will portray it in a sentimental way that all can enjoy.

Riverside County has been fortunate to have two excellent resources for the citrus industry; ones that have been helping the citrus industry for decades. The UCR Citrus Experiment Station has been a vital part of the produce growing industry of southern California since the beginning of the 20th century. Established in 1907, it became the seedling for establishing the university by providing research for citrus and other crops essential to the rapidly growing counties in southern California. Another invaluable resource is the Givaudan Citrus Variety Collection at UCR. Spread over 22 acres, their purpose is to gather and research as many varieties

of citrus as possible. They have over 1000 specimens of varieties as small as a fingernail and as large as newborn's head. Over many decades the varieties have been developed as experiments to study what is a good crop for our climate and for business. Now it serves more as a repository to save rare and valuable specimens of many varieties. A bank of sorts.

The tearing out of groves and the building of elbow to elbow homes is frequently cited as "progress". I've never been a supporter of "progress", particularly at the expense of open spaces and nature. I'm very sad at the loss of our tremendous citrus heritageit literally built southern California. It appears to have also been its own downfall. (See the photo below!)



Oranges are "For Sale" at Highgrove's last orange grove!



continue to finance our own deputy. The stanard ratio for community Sheriff coverage has been one deputy per 1,000 residents.

Grand Jury report continued from P. 5

munity Sheriff coverage has been one deputy per 1,000 residents. And the ballot that was approved by the Highgrove property owners in 1992 added a deputy **in addition to the one we were entitled to** like other taxpayers. It was in addition to and not instead of, and we agreed to pay extra for an <u>extra</u> deputy assigned exclusively to Highgrove!

By then there would have been enough money in the fund to

Two ballots approved the special tax in 1992 and 1997 but our Sheriff's position was elimnated without another ballot or even notifying the voters. The county doesn't like me exposing them but I will continue stand up for <u>all of Highgrove's residents</u> because the 2017/2018 Grand Jury report is being ignored!





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HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

•Please take the Highgrove survey! How long have you lived in Highgrove?

Number of years

- Do you live in the original part of Highgrove? Yes No
- If you live in the new homes what part do you live in?
- Spring Mountain Ranch
- D R Horton
- Lennar
- •Do you receive the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper?
- Yes
- No

•Do you get your local information from the Highgrove •Happenings or from Supervisor Spiegel's website?

- **Highgrove Happenings**
- Supervisor Spiegel's website

•Have you ever visited the Highgrove Happenings website to •looked at any of the 12 years of past issues that are on-line?

- Yes Website: www.highgrovewhappenings.net
- No

•Do you believe application forms for the two vacancies on •the Highgrove MAC should only be available on Supervisor Spiegel's website or should they be printed in the Highgrove •Happenings Newspaper that goes to every house in Highgrove?

- Highgrove Happenings Newspaper
- Only in Supervisor Spiegel's website
- Both
- •Do you want the Highgrove Happenings to continue?
- Yes
- No
- •Name:
- •Phone: e-mail

E-mail your responses to:

•Highgrove News @ roadrunner.com

or mail to: R. A. "Barney" Barnett, 474 Prospect Ave,

Highgrove, Ca. 92507 or call (951) 683 4994



Results of Highgrove Survey

Time in Highgrove from 81 years to present 67% orriginal part/33% from new homes 100% said they received the Highgrove paper

- 100% said they receive community information from the
- Highgrove Happenings.
- 67% have visited the Highgrove Happenings web site.
- 33% said they have not.
- 67% want application forms for the Highgrove MAC printed in the Highgrove paper.
- 33% want MAC application forms in both the Highgrove
- Happenings paper and Supervisor Spiegel's web site.
- 100% want the Highgrove paper to stay online and in print.
 - The survey was hand delivered to every home in Highgrove!



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HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

1934 Mt. Vernon Bridge over BNSF Railroad yard being removed and a new bridge will take its place in 2022



This is where I parked when I worked for the Santa Fe/ BNSF railroad. The crew dispatchers building was located under the bridge and was used for calling train crews to go to Barstow, Los Angeles, San Diego or switch crews who handled the train movements in the San Bernardino yard.

The two photos on the right were taken from the Metrolink parking structure. The top one shows that the concrete portion over the south end of the bridge has already been removed and the photo below it shows the tangeled mass of re-bar that was removed from the concrete. Years ago my 1963 Econoline Van was stolen from under this bridge but I got it back when the police found it after the clutch arm broke. I spent 41 & 1/2 years going to work on the train and most of it started from the former crew dispatcher's building located under this bridge.







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