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November 2020

Slips, Falls and Virus Lands Ardie Barnett in Hospital



Ardie Barnett 1998

Many of you may know that Ardie Barnett has had health issues for several years and we thank you for your prayers. We recently had a nurse who visited twice a week and a physical therapist coming to the house twice a week and her walking seemed to be improving.

But on Oct. 5, 2020, she slipped and fell and was transported to Riverside Community Hospital by ambulance where she was checked out and released without having to be admitted. I was able to pick her up and bring her back home that evening. But one week later on Oct. 12, 2020, she fell again and station 19 from the Highgrove Fire Department responded again and she was transported by

ambulance to Riverside Community for the second time but this time she was admitted.

Then, after being in the hospital for 1 week, on Oct. 19, 2020 a Skilled Nursing Facility was located that had room for her so she could be treated by physical therapists to regain strength in her feet and legs. Many of the Skilled Nursing Facilities in the area are full and could not take her because there are not enough beds available due to the Corona virus so we were glad they found a place for her to go. The Riverside Community Hospital ambulance was supposed to transport her at 4:00 pm on October 19th and take her to the skilled Nursing Facility in Fontana but they require a test for Corona virus before being admitted. The hospital gave her a test for the virus but 40 minutes before she was going to leave the hospital, at 3:20 pm the nurse told me that Ardie tested positive for the Corona virus!

This changed everything! Her roommate was taken out of the room and she was isolated until she could be moved to another section of the hospital where infected patients are kept.

I immediately quarantined myself and got tested for the virus and tested negative. We feel she contacted the virus in the Riverside Community Hospital because we have been isolated at home for many weeks. On Oct. 26, 2020 she was admitted to a Skilled Nursing Facility in Reche Canyon but two days later she was taken to Loma Linda hospital where she is being treated until she is able to return to a Skilled Nursing Facility or allowed to go home. New Highgrove residents may not know that the community room in the library where MAC meetings are held carries her name due to her many years of service to Highgrove. The community room was dedicated on March 19, 2011 by former Supervisor Marion Ashley.

Burros: Is Feeding Them-Good or Bad?

Many people in Highgrove love the Burros but others are tired of cleaning up their yards after the Burros eat their grass or plants around their house. Others can be seen



stopped along the roadway just to look at them but things change when they are given something to eat. These burros are wild but feeding them makes them dependent on people as their food source instead of them trying to find

stops them from trying to find food on their own. Two of the neighbors and I rounded them up and got them to go towards the



entry to their neighborhood at Sweetser and Spring.

After I saw them going toward the exit of this area, I went back to my car and was able to get ahead of them as they started down Spring Street. I carefully got in front of them and turned around and started honking rapidly to get them to go the other way on Spring Street. When they reached Garfield they went toward Center St. and I was able to get 11 of them to go into (Cont. on P. 4)

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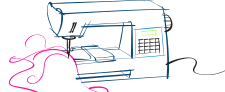


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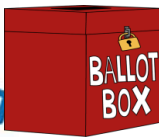


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Nov 3rd-



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Temperatures at 40 degrees officially activates Norton Younglove Community Center as a "Warm Center" for vulnerable individuals, seniors, the disabled, and others in need of temporary relief from the cold.

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Nov 11th

SAVE THE DATE



For Highgrove Community Residents. **Toy Reservation** on Monday November 23, 2020. First 60 Families Drive thru process starts at 9 AM. Parents to bring proof of Residence and children be present. Ages 0 - 18. Tentative Drive Thru Toy Pick Up on Monday December 21, 2020 starting at 9:00AM. Join us to welcome Santa and his Elves. Toys are not a guarantee.



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County declines offer from Highgrove Happenings Newspaper to help fill Highgrove MAC vacancy!

On September 14, 2020 I sent the following e-mail to Supervisor Spiegel's office: *"When will this vacancy be filled? Do you want to put an application form in the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper?"*

The response I received stated that the vacancy will be filled **"when there is a suitable candidate"** and stated that residents should obtain the application on-line and apply through the supervisor's web site.

But to obtain access to the web site, there are 83 various characters that have to be entered in proper sequence and as a courtesy, we printed the 83 characters in our October issue.

Highgrove now has approximately 7,300 residents and the response to my offer has raised several questions about this subject.

1. My first question is why does the county refuse to put an application form in the local newspaper that is delivered free to every residence in Highgrove? (I will provide my opinion at the end of this article)
2. How many Highgrove residents have ever visited Supervisor Spiegel's web site?
3. How many Highgrove residents visit the supervisors web site per month?
4. How will residents know when there is a vacancy and how will the county know **"when there is a suitable candidate?"** if residents do not know there is a vacancy?
5. Residents from Spring Mountain Ranch and other parts of Highgrove who applied for the MAC just wanted to get involved in their community but since all seven members are from Spring Mountain Ranch, are applications only being considered from this one specific location in Highgrove just like the last time? The selection of the MAC members has nothing to do with the residents of the Spring Mountain Ranch who wanted to volunteer to help their community but lies directly with the Supervisor because all individual interviews and appointments were made by Supervisor Spiegel's office.
6. Why were previous applications rejected from the original part of Highgrove while all seven, including a husband and wife team, are from Spring Mountain Ranch?
7. Many residents have computers but those who do not will be unable to apply. This is unfair!

8. The Highgrove Happenings has been bringing residents important free information for 25 years but information that is important to our community is being suppressed by our Supervisor for political purposes.

I have not been able to meet with or talk to Supervisor Spiegel since July 16, 2018 when I gave her a two-hour tour of Highgrove when she was running for the supervisor's office. Since then, I have been refused a sit down meeting with her since she was elected and all of my numerous e-mails have been unanswered except by a response from her staff.

OPINION:

On Dec. 30, 2009. Riverside County eliminated the Highgrove sheriff without notifying the voters but the special assessment still continues today! As the former chairman of the Highgrove MAC for many years, and owner of the Highgrove Happenings, it is quite obvious to me that the present actions against the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper is due to me asking too many questions over the years about where Highgrove's CSA 125 funds have been spent for 10 years **after** the Highgrove Deputy Sheriff was eliminated. If you have been following this subject you already know that I hand delivered a request for Highgrove's CSA 126 funds to former Supervisor Tavaglione over 5 years ago on Aug. 5, 2015. And when Supervisor Tavaglione retired he indorsed Karen Spiegel for supervisor. I feel that when our county supervisor continues to boycott the local Highgrove newspaper that she is punishing me for accusing the county by exposing them for improper use of our CSA 126 funds. But who is going to suffer the most? Are they getting back at me or are they preventing the Highgrove people from knowing about information that is important to all of our residents?

It is unfortunate that this is the current standing of this relationship but the articles we publish, including this one, are backed up with facts and written documentation. We have a Fake News Guarantee (See page 10) and we welcome anyone including Riverside County to challenge any of the statements made in our newspaper.

To read about boycotts from our Highgrove MAC Chairperson and our Riverside County Supervisor, please read the public information article provided to you on page 4.



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After One Year:

Do you know who is the Chairperson of the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council?

On Oct. 30 2019 the new Highgrove MAC held its first meeting and only 5 members of the public attended. At this meeting I asked each MAC member to write down their name, phone number and e-mail on a piece of paper for my future reference.

Since then, I have asked for a photo and bio for information from our new MAC members so I can publish who they are and something about them in our newspaper.

In our May 2020 issue we published photos of four of the seven new MAC members including Jeff Girod, Kathryn Grimble, Jennifer Grob, and Rachelle Roman. Their photos and bios can be seen by going to: www.highgrove-happenings.net and clicking on latest issue-May 2020. I received photos and bios from 4 of the 7 MAC members and you can view them on-line.

But unfortunately, the Chairperson of the Highgrove MAC has not responded to any of the 15 e-mails I have sent to her for one year and I am still waiting for a photo and bio for our newspaper. The only response I received from Christina Tejeda was on Sept. 23, 2020 when she said she could not go to the Planning Commission meeting on Oct. 7, 2020 about the cannabis shops.

I also have not received a photo and bio from the chairperson's husband who is also on the Highgrove MAC or another alternate member who has stated she does not want to be identified.

It has been one year since the new MAC was created but Highgrove residents deserve to know who the chairperson is of the Highgrove MAC and what has she been doing for the last year to improve our community. It is my understanding that her husband's term is expiring and Ismael Tejeda will not seek another term and that is the reason for the vacancy on the Highgrove MAC.

Did you know there was a vacancy on the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council before you read about it in this article? If you did, how did you find out?

The chairperson of the Highgrove MAC is also boycotting the Highgrove Happenings just like our supervisor has been doing which prevents our residents from knowing what is "Happening" in Highgrove on the county level!

As your local newspaper, we receive press releases from other county agencies such as the Sheriff Department, Riverside Transit Agency, and others about subjects that are of interest to our Highgrove readers. But you will not get the news about Highgrove on the supervisor's web site! For 25 years, the Highgrove Happenings has been

providing free information to you that is delivered to your residence every month. Maybe it is time for our readers to start asking Supervisor Spiegel and the Chairperson of the Highgrove MAC to stop boycotting the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper because withholding important information from our small newspaper should not be allowed to continue! Here are their contact numbers:

Supervisor Karen Spiegel

(951) 955 1020

e-mail: district2@rivco.org

MAC Chairperson Christina Tejeda

(909) 904 6707

e-mail: citejeda@hotmail.com

Fire over a year ago

Oct. 19, 2019



When will this be torn down?

Burros: From Page 1

the east end of the empty field of the 40 acres by the school. I had to turn around again to get the 12th one to go into the field and for a moment I was proud that I got all 12 of them off the streets and into the field.

But later, when I went down Spring St. I discovered that the burros knew that there was a hole in the fence at the other end of the field by Spring St. and the old UP RR track. This hurt my pride and deflated my ego as an urban cowboy that used his automobile to do the herding! The people who live on Spring St. have been watering and feeding the burros and this location is right next to Spring Street. The picture on the front page show the tubs in their yard used for water and feed that is on Spring Street. The dead burro was also on Spring St. at Garfield which is only about ¼ mile from the feeding tubs.

More Burro Photos on P. 9

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What a difference only one letter can make between these two words! And if you agree with those who want to **Defund** Police Funding: "Who are you going to call: Ghost Busters?" And do you have Ghost Busters emergency number?

It has been heartbreaking to watch our American values being threatened and eliminated on TV by the rioting, looting, fires, and property damage that occurred after the death of George Floyd.

But these "Protests" have given Americans a look into what can happen if something like the wrongful death of George Floyd, is used to hi-jack America's law and order. We have had a front row seat from our living rooms to watch what has been happening in our large cities and I am thankful that we live in a small community instead of a large city.

Defunding the police will result in the elimination of the agencies that are designed specifically to protect us from harm but taking money away from these agencies is not the answer to our social problems.

Instead, we need to support and **Defend** our Police and Sheriff Departments because when you call 911 they will be there to help you!

I recently ran across an old Andy Griffith TV show and during the commercials, I switched to another channel that was showing the rioting and looting that we have seen for the last several weeks.

What a contrast between then and now!

As I switched back and forth I thought about this old show as representing the "Good Old Days" and I wondered what will it be like when our youth looks back on today's current events. Will they be able to look back and describe today's actions as the "Good Old Days"?

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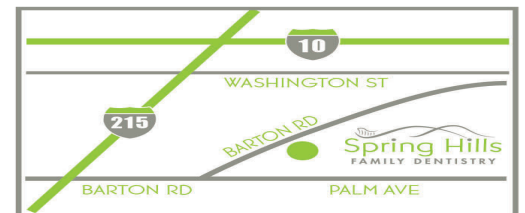
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You Can Quote Me Cynthia Williams, DC

This Thanksgiving and holiday season will be like no other before. Other years in the past have had incidents that affected how we celebrate with years that were hopeful and joyous and then other years with events too drastic and painful to feel like celebrating. I was very young when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. Just the week before Thanksgiving in 1963, it was too somber and sad to celebrate. We as a nation had to struggle to feel thankful. During wars we thank God for the continued safety of our service members while they are missing their families back home. The brave, sacrificing men and women would have discussions of their favorite dishes Mom made, the delicious pies Grandma served, and the recollections of the family and friends gathered around the table laughing and joking and eating. Thanksgiving is always about the food.

Our country is struggling to contain the spread of the virus. So many family members and friends are vulnerable and to become infected would be a tragedy. As a result many will not be able to gather to celebrate as usual. Long-held family traditions will have to be put on hold for an indeterminate amount of time. Due to quarantines and an abundance of caution, many of us are still isolating at home and home cooking is at an all-time high. Grocery shelves are bare at times as so many have begun baking their own breads, making soups and stews, and turning out scrumptious desserts. Make a list and stock up when you can. (Don't hoard!)

I'd like to share with you some of my favorite recipes and tips and a few secrets of my holiday cooking. The recipes are ones I have been making for many decades. (My favorite cookie recipe came from the inside of a bag of flour over 45 years ago!) Let's start with a very traditional Thanksgiving dessert. Pumpkin Pie! There are plenty of recipes out there.

The one on the can of pumpkin is good. But with a little tweaking, it can be much better. Canned pumpkin isn't what it used to be. Once upon a time pumpkin had to be scooped out of the can; it was solid and thick. Now it is fairly watery. The extra water creates a mushier pumpkin custard. To correct this I reduce the amount of evaporated

milk. The resulting custard is thick and rich and will hold it's shape so well you can eat the pie out of hand. (I do!)

This is a spicier pie, with elevated amounts of cinnamon, nutmeg and all the wonderful spices we associate with the holiday season. Pumpkin Spice is the star of this pie. (Please do not use a premixed "pumpkin pie spice" mix. It won't have the proper proportion of spices.

BEST Pumpkin Pie Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

Ingredients:

1 unbaked DEEP DISH pie shell (Pie shells are really easy to make yourself. Don't stress about making them so pretty. The shell is to hold the pumpkin goodness inside.)

3/4 cup sugar, 2 large eggs, 1 Tablespoon ground cinnamon, 1 teaspoon ground ginger, 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg, 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1 15oz can pumpkin, 8 fluid oz evaporated milk (NOT a whole can)

In a large bowl, whisk the sugar and eggs until well blended; add the spices and salt one at a time, whisking well. Whisk in pumpkin. Gently whisk in the evaporated milk.

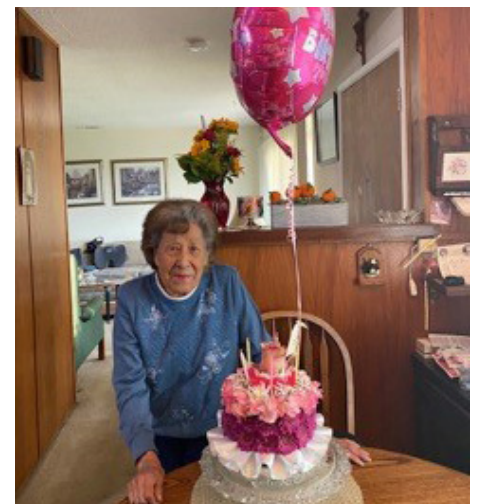
Put the pie shell on a baking sheet and put it on the middle rack in the preheated oven. Carefully pour the pumpkin mixture into the shell and gently slide the pie into the oven. Bake for 15 minutes then REDUCE the oven temperature to 350o. Bake for 40 to 50 minutes or until knife inserted near center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack for 2 hours. Serve immediately or refrigerate.

Have a safe but enjoyable Thanksgiving. My best wishes to you.

Mary Carranza celebrates 101 years in Highgrove!

Mary was born on October 4, 1919 and has lived in Highgrove all of her life. She retired in her 80's from the Brown Estate packing house on Center St. and still loves to gamble.

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Request for Grand Jury report to be on Oct. 28, 2020 MAC agenda receives no response!

On Sept 28, 2020 the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper requested that the next MAC meeting on Oct. 28, 2020 contain a report from the 2017/2018 Grand Jury. Two years ago, this Grand Jury stated that Highgrove needs to know “*exactly how the CSA 126 funds are distributed*” For details of this request that was sent to the county, please turn to page 10.



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Grand Jury report requested at Oct. MAC meeting!

On Sept. 28, 2020 a request was sent to Supervisor Spiegel and the Riverside County Economic Development Agency to have the 2017/2018 Grand Jury report on the October 28, 2020 agenda of the Highgrove MAC . But no response was received and this item did not appear on the October MAC agenda!

Here are the details from the 2017/2018 Grand Jury:

“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 of agreements between CSA 126 management and the Jurupa Valley Sheriff Station for focused law enforcement coverage.”

The 2 year time limit is up! The County needs to comply with the Grand Jury recommendations and Highgrove needs to know where their CSA 126 funds were spent.

Riverside County should follow the Grand Jury’s recommendations and not be allowed to withhold this information from the Highgrove property owners.

R. A. “Barney” Barnett-Highgrove Happenings

FAKE NEWS CHALLENGE

The articles in the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper are the truth of what is happening to and around Highgrove. We print articles about what is actually happening to Highgrove and how that affects you, your property and businesses.

Such as: The Deputy Sheriff we are paying for but do not have. And the 18 year struggle to get a Metrolink station at Highgrove.

Documentation is available upon request and we welcome anyone who wants to challenge any statements in our paper.

Please go to: www.highgrovehappenings.net and click on “Latest Issue” to see articles that go back to July of 2008.

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Vacancy on Highgrove MAC

When I heard that there was going to be a vacancy on the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council I sent the following e-mail to Supervisor Spiegel's office: **"When will this vacancy be filled? Do you want to put an application form in the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper?"**

Please let me know.

**Thank you,
"Barney"**

Here is the response I received:

Good morning Barney-

The vacancy will be filled when there is a suitable candidate.

We appreciate the offer to place the application within the Highgrove Happenings, at this time we wish to have applicants obtain the application and apply online through Supervisor Spiegel's website: <https://rivcodistrict2.org/Our-District/Boards-Committees-Commissions/Highgrove-MAC>.

In addition, the announcement was in the most recent newsletter: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/CARIV-ERSIDECO/bulletins/29fa0b4> as well as been posted in the Highgrove Community 92507 Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1171996746196058>

Thank you.

Best,

Matthew Maldonado, MPA

Board Assistant to Supervisor Karen Spiegel

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It is unfortunate that Supervisor Spiegel and her office will not provide important information to communicate with the Highgrove people through their (your) local newspaper. Our job is to bring you important information such as the vacancy on the Highgrove MAC. Previously they did not authorize using our paper when applications were first handed out at the Spring Mountain Ranch Park Grand opening on June 1, 2019. A friend of mine from Spring Mountain Ranch gave me an application form for the new Highgrove MAC and I printed both sides in the July 2019 issue not knowing that the applications were for Spring Mountain Ranch residents only. I didn't know who Supervisor Spiegel would appoint but when she appointed the new members of the Highgrove MAC, all seven (7) of them live in Spring Mountain Ranch. This is not the fault of the SMR residents because they just wanted to help the community but why were applications rejected from the original part of Highgrove?

Good news about the Highgrove Sheriff!

Meeting with District Attorney reveals new information about Highgrove Sheriff coverage!

The meeting I had with two district Attorney investigators on June 18, 2020 eventually revealed that Highgrove is now receiving extra Sheriff coverage but it is not the same deputy position that was previously assigned exclusively to Highgrove.

After I received the July 21, 2020 letter from the D A's office, on August 24, 2020 I went to Sheriff Chad Bianco's office and asked for a meeting about the Highgrove Sheriff. I was contacted by the Assistant Sheriff Joseph Pemberton and I asked him for a letter explaining the current status of Sheriff coverage in Highgrove.

Here is the letter I received from the Sheriff's Department just prior to the time when I was completing the September issue:

Mr. Barnett

Jurupa Valley Station received \$175,000 from EDA for supplemental proactive patrols, which is \$75,000 more than we received last fiscal year. The sheriff just signed the agreement last week, so the extra duty shifts will begin this week. The \$175,000 allows us to provide daily extra duty shifts of 6 hours, from this week until May/June of 2021. The instructions for this extra duty is basically high visibility, proactive patrol. We encourage a high volume of traffic stops, pedestrian checks, as well as interaction with the local businesses and community members from our deputies that service the Highgrove area.

With our recent increase in staffing, we were able to add 3 county deputies to our Special Enforcement Team (SET). One of the 3 new deputies primarily responsible for Highgrove, with the resources of the entire team when needed in any of our county areas, including Highgrove. The primary mission of our SET deputies is to be visible and proactive, conduct complex criminal investigations, resolve quality of life issues and participate in community outreach. Once the in person MAC meetings resume, they will be formally introduced to the community.

With the increased patrol staffing, additional extra duty funding and new additions to SET, Highgrove should see a significant increase in our presence this fiscal year. I know you mentioned the Marijuana dispensaries in your area and our Special Enforcement Teams have received training in recognizing illegal activity related to unregulated sales, zoning issues and as well as city and county ordinances. They will work closely with County Code Enforcement in these areas.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Thank You,

Chief Deputy, Joseph Pemberton

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Editor's Note: According to the District Attorney's office and the Sheriff Department, the \$99,000 that was allocated in 2019 and the \$175,000 being used for 2020 have been taken out of our CSA 126 account for enhanced Sheriff protection and we appreciate the extra Sheriff coverage.

But when the Highgrove Sheriff was eliminated, under the Ashley agreement dated Nov. 9, 2009, the money for the enhanced Sheriff was supposed to come out of the County's general fund. This agreement stated: **"An agreement was made to provide patrols to Highgrove. This agreement does not include the use of CSA 126 funds for the patrols."**

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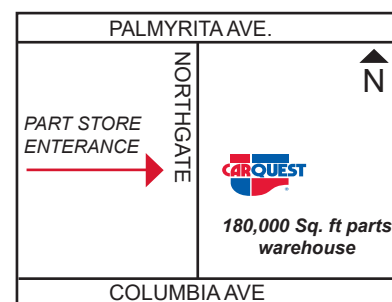
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