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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area

November 2016

Input needed from Highgrove parcel owners about Parcel fees!

Property owners who pay the annual \$120.00 parcel fee on their property tax bills are being asked to submit questions they want answered by Riverside County. This is only for the property owners in

CSA 126 on the east side of the I-215 freeway.

The following list is some of the questions that were discussed at the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council meeting on Oct. 19, 2016.

Questions that need answers about Highgrove Parcel fees

1. When was the last day the designated Highgrove Deputy Sheriff was on duty?
2. How much was collected from the Highgrove property owners **after** the designated Highgrove Deputy Sheriff's position was eliminated?
3. Do you have a copy of the written agreement between the Riverside County Administration and the Riverside County Sheriff's Department about the designated Highgrove Deputy Sheriff?
4. A portion of the Impartial Analysis of measure "T" in 1997, written by Riverside County Council stated: ***"The 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"***. Our records show the amount that was collected **after** the Extended Sheriff's position was eliminated on Dec. 30, 2009 was **\$1,382,362.46**. Why did the CSA 126E fund only show a balance of **\$164,962** on July 1, 2016?
5. If the special assessment collected is \$120.00 from each parcel for 7 years after the Sheriff was eliminated, was any of this Special Assessment money given to the Sheriff Department that was used outside the boundaries of the east side of Highgrove's CSA 126 **after** the Deputy was gone?
6. On Feb. 18, 2015, CSA Administrator Bill Brown told the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council that the property owners in the new Spring Mountain Ranch homes do not have to pay the special \$120.00 assessment. Are the Spring Mountain Ranch property owners now paying the \$120.00 annual parcel fee?
7. If Spring Mountain Ranch property owners are paying the special assessment of \$120.00 and there is no designated Highgrove Sheriff, does any of that money go into a ***"fund to be used only for purposes of continuing Extended Sheriff, and Park & Recreation services and improvements"***?
8. If the Spring Mountain Ranch property owners are now paying the annual \$120.00 assessment, how much money collected from Spring Mountain Ranch is going for ***"Extended Sheriff"***?
9. Is any of the money collected from the parcel assessment being used for ***"Park and Recreation services and improvements"*** or landscaping in Spring Mountain Ranch?
10. In 1991 the distribution of the \$10.00 per month assessment was decided and specified that \$7.96 would go toward to Sheriff protection and \$2.04 would go to Park and Recreation. How much of the CSA 126 funds are currently designated to be used for ***"Sheriff"*** protection and how much is designated for ***"Park and Recreation services and improvements?"***
11. Who authorized changing the name of our special assessment on our tax bills from **CSA 126E** to **CSA 126 PARK & REC LNDSCPE.**, then change it again to just **CSA 126**?
12. Was Bill brown the County Service Administrator on the day the Highgrove Sheriff was eliminated?
13. On May 9, 2009, were any CSA 126 funds used to pay for entertainment or food for Highgrove Day? How much was used and did Bill Brown authorize it?
14. Why weren't the voters notified in writing prior to eliminating the designated Highgrove Sheriff?
15. Physical ballots were mailed out by Riverside County in 1992 and 1997 to the east side of Highgrove's CSA 126 parcel owners, why wasn't another ballot mailed out to give voters other options such as reducing the amount of the Highgrove Deputy Sheriff's hours to stay within our budget, increase the annual fee, or eliminate the extra Sheriff's position entirely?
16. Were the plants or shrubs in the Highgrove Community Park replaced with drought resistant vegetation?
17. How many parcels are now paying the special assessment after the

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Fishing trip to High Sierras!



There are many beautiful lakes in the High Sierras but fishing was bad.



When my son, Mike called and ask me if I wanted to go fishing with the Barnett men in June Lake I called my Nephew Danny in Riverside to find out the details because I am not a fisherman and I wanted to find out more about the trip. Danny was the one who rented the cabin and the plan was that my brother Ron, his son Randy, Danny and my son, Mike and I, were all going fishing. Danny was traveling, and when he returned from New York he had to take his mother to the hospital so he could not go. Mike could not go either and he dropped out too so 5 Barnetts turned into 3 Barnetts who actually went on the trip.

My brother Ron from Grand Terrace, his son Randy from Menifee, and I ended up going in Randy's truck. It took a little over 6 hours to travel to June Lake because we stopped in Bishop for lunch and we bought fishing licenses.

The weather was great but we had way too many clothes and way too much food! We arrived on Thursday Oct. 6, 2016 and had a nice cabin that was near the lake. On Friday I fixed sack lunches and took them to Randy and my brother who were fishing. I was

not fishing but after a while I saw a trout drifting toward the shore with his belly up! I told Randy "Look he has a white flag and he is surrendering!" When the fish was almost to the shore I broke off a nearby tree branch and put into one of its gills and lifted him out of the water. He was about 14 inches long and still breathing but he must have swallowed a hook because he was almost dead. Later that day when neither of them caught a fish I told them that I caught more fish than they did and I never even touched a fishing pole, and I didn't even use a hook! All I used was a stick!

I took a picture of my fishing license and my fish and we gave the fish to some nearby fishermen who were also skeptical about eating it so they later threw it back.

On Saturday Randy caught a 9 inch trout that he cleaned and had for dinner. He cooked the one fish and some great steaks on the Bar-B-Q that was just outside our cabin while I built a fire in the fire pit. We had a little fish and a lot of good steak for dinner. The property owner said there were bears around so don't leave food outside or where they can smell it even if it is in your car. My brother Ronald said he

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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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County Regional Medical Center Mobile Health Clinic is back ! 9AM - 2PM every 1st and 3rd Friday of each month: RCRMC will be here to answer your personal health questions and provide baselines 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.

November 7th, 14th, 21, Diabetes Workshop 12:30 - 2:30 : Do you or someone you love have diabetes? Enjoy the benefits of a healthier, more energetic lifestyle by signing up for the 6 series Diabetes Workshops today! -o- cost

November 8th: Selected Voting Polling Place 7 AM to 8 PM

November 11th: Center Closed - Veterans Day Observed

November 16th 7:30 PM CIZE LIVE Class: What is CIZE LIVE? It is a professionally choreographed dance program created by world-famous choreographer and fitness trainer, Shaun T. The class breaks down dance routines, step-by-step, so that anyone can dance. You will burn serious calories, and it's so much fun.

November 17th 10:15AM: Spanish movie and Health Education presentation hosted by Regal Medical Group. -o- cost. Snacks provided.

November 21st 3PM - 5 PM: Thanksgiving Recess event Craft activity, Games, Hot Dog and other snacks all for \$1 !

November 24 and 25h: Center Closed for Thanksgiving Day

SAVE The DATE!

Nutrition and Education Program: 10 AM hosted by Riverside University Health System 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.* Spanish class every other Thursday Beginning Dec 8 and English class every other Thursday Beginning Dec 15. -o- cost



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Aerodance Exercise
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3-D Gelatin Molding Class 5 students minimum sign up to schedule classes. \$15 class/10 class course.

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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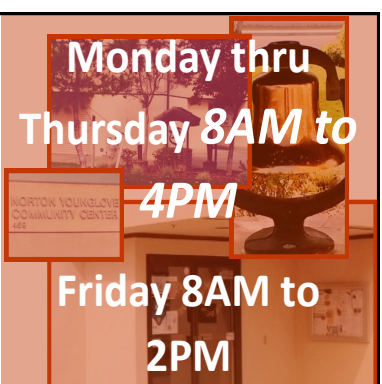
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FAMILY MESSAGES CAN SAVE TEEN DRIVERS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California Highway Patrol (CHP) recognizes National Teen Driver Safety Week, October 16-22, which provides an excellent opportunity for families to have life-saving conversations with their teen drivers.

Motor vehicle collisions are the leading cause of death for teenagers, ahead of all other types of injury, disease, or violence. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that nationwide in 2014, 2,670 drivers age 15-19 were involved in fatal crashes, resulting in 3,004 deaths. In 2014 in California, 262 teens were behind the wheel at the time of fatal collisions. Sixty-five percent of those young drivers were at fault.

“Even as teens become more independent, their families still have a strong influence,” CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow said. “Young people whose parents or guardians set firm rules for driving typically engage in less risky driving behaviors and are involved in fewer collisions.”

Inexperience is the leading cause of teen collisions. The safest way for young drivers to gain experience is for a parent or guardian to ride with them frequently and monitor their progress. By helping their teenager gain experience, parents and guardians should also highlight the five most deadly behaviors for new drivers:

***Alcohol consumption:** Driving or riding with anyone under the influence of alcohol or drugs can have deadly consequences.

***Driving without seat belts:** Wearing a seat belt is one of the simplest ways for anyone to stay safe and survive in a collision, but too many teens and their passengers do not buckle up.

***Distracted driving:** Eyes must be on the road and hands on the wheel all of the time.

***Speeding:** Almost one-third of drivers under age 20 involved in fatal collisions in 2014 were speeding.

***Carrying extra passengers:** Research shows the risk of a fatal collision goes up in direct relation to the number of passengers in the car.

As part of its commitment to educating the motoring public, the CHP has developed several programs for teen drivers and their

families:

Start Smart is a driver safety education class that targets new and future licensed drivers between the ages of 15-19 and their parents/guardians. The CHP has released a mobile application (app) for Start Smart, designed to assist young people through the process of obtaining their California driver license. The app includes a step-by-step guide covering everything from the Department of Motor Vehicles Driver Handbook and the final steps for obtaining a provisional license, to ultimately achieving an unrestricted California driver license.

Every 15 Minutes focuses on high school juniors and seniors, challenging them to think about drinking, driving, personal safety, the responsibility of making mature decisions, and the impact their decisions have on family, friends, and many others.

The CHP also works with Impact Teen Drivers, a non-profit organization dedicated to saving lives through evidence-based educational programs that support good decision-making strategies behind the wheel. “Although we focus on teens because they are uniquely vulnerable to car crashes because of their driving inexperience, the overarching mission is to change the culture of driving to one that is distraction-free. We partner with teen influencers – law enforcement, educators, and parents, to empower everyone in the community to commit to safe driving choices,” said Dr. Kelly Browning, Executive Director of Impact Teen Drivers.

“National Teen Driver Safety Week is about bringing awareness to the well-being of newly licensed teen drivers who are hitting America’s roadways,” said Rhonda Craft, Director of the Office of Traffic Safety. “By encouraging cautious and responsible driving habits among teens, we are helping to create safer roadways for everyone.”

The CHP is aware of the importance of role models in a youth’s development. Education of new drivers and their families is regarded as a critical function by the CHP to help keep everyone safe on California’s roadways.

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

HIGHGROVE SHERIFF REPORT



Highgrove had six part 1 crimes during the 9/21-10/17 reporting period; three thefts, one burglary, one theft of a vehicle, and one assault that was domestic violence related. Respectively, these numbers are low. However, to keep these numbers low, the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department encourages people to take reasonable care to protect their property. Theft is usually a crime of opportunity. Thieves often look for easy targets to make a fast and easy score. Residents can make themselves a less desirable target by removing valuables from their cars, locking their cars and homes, and parking under well-lit areas. Additionally, get to know your neighbors and look out for one another. If someone looks like they’re up to no good, they just might be, so if you see something, say something.

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

Capt. Jason B. Horton (951) 955 2600

Lieutenant Dean Spivacke (951) 955 2632

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



Hit and Run driver sentenced for leaving Deasha Butts!

Brendan Garth Vinson has been sentenced to a year in jail and 3 years of felony probation for his guilty plea in a felony hit-and-run. Hearing on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2016. Judge Richard T. Fields: The maximum potential sentence was three years, according to court records. Vinson's attorney, Daniel Greenberg, apologized on his client's behalf to her and her family.

A victim impact statement was made in court by mother Bobbie. She said, he was a coward for leaving her in the middle of the road unconscious and un-protected. He devalued her life and human rights that day by doing that. Ms. Butts is very appreciative for the outpouring of assistance from Highgrove, Riverside, and San Bernadino residents.

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Sheriff was eliminated? Please list each year separately.

18. Please provide a list of names and addresses of property owners who paid the special assessment after the Sheriff was eliminated. Please list each year separately.

19. The report the MAC received on Oct. 19, 2016 states that on July 1, 2016 the balance for CSA 126E is \$164,962 and the SMR balance is \$543,649. If all parcels are within the same area on the east side of CSA 126, is there one fund for the older part of Highgrove and another fund for Spring Mountain Ranch? Why are there 2 separate funds?

20. What is the amount of CSA 126E funds used to pay for "PARK AND RECREATION SERVICES AND IMPROVEMENTS" for each year starting in 2010 and ending on the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2016? Please list each year separately.

Property owners east of the I-215 are encouraged to submit additional questions that are not covered by the previous questions,

Please send your questions to:

Highgrove Happenings Newspaper

474 Prospect Ave. Highgrove, Ca. 92507

E-mail: highgrovenews@roadrunner.com Phone: (951) 683 4994

Please include your name, address and phone number with the question you want answered. Your name should co-inside with the name on the tax bill. Also please review the questions to see if your question may have already been answered. Deadline to submit your question is Nov. 10, 2016.

Special Meeting about parcel tax/Highgrove Sheriff well attended!

On Oct. 11, 2016 a special meeting was held by the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council to examine the information surrounding the elimination of Highgrove's own Deputy Sheriff without proper notification to the property owners. The meeting was advertised in the Highgrove Happenings, it complied with the Brown Act, and was open to the public.

The Highgrove community meetings have always been open to the public and never have been held during a closed session or behind closed doors. The only thing on the agenda at this special meeting was about the "Highgrove parcel fees/Highgrove Sheriff/Park & Rec."

Information was presented that showed that in 1991 the minutes stated the \$10.00 per month parcel fee would be divided by distributing "\$7.96 for extra police and

\$2.04/month for park and recreation development fees."

In 1992, at the request of County Service Area 126E, Riverside County mailed a ballot to the Highgrove property owners on the east side of the I-215 freeway. The first line of the ballot stated: **"The need for extended police protection will be decided with this vote"**.

The vote was tabulated and Riverside County was notified in a letter on Feb. 25, 1992 that stated: "CSA 126 has voted to retain the police protection provided thru contracting with the Riverside County Sheriff's dept. Please adjust your records to comply with the above vote."

The first Deputy Sheriff assigned exclusively to Highgrove on the east side of the freeway was Deputy Chuck Ortiz. Over many years other deputies were assigned one at a time exclusively to Highgrove.

In 1997 Proposition 218 required we vote again to continue this special assessment. Proposition 218 required that a 2/3 majority was needed to continue the assessment. Highgrove passed this self-imposed tax by 75.8 % during Supervisor Tom Mullen's jurisdiction.

The most important thing about the 1997 ballot was the "Impartial Analysis" written by William C. Katzenstein, County Council-County of Riverside that stated in part: **"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. The tax cannot be increased except by a 2/3 vote of the electorate."**

This extra Deputy Sheriff worked for many years and we paid the assessment with our property taxes. But what we didn't know was that our extra Deputy's position was eliminated without another ballot and no one knew when the Sheriff's last day was in Highgrove. This created quite a concern because the Riverside County Sheriff's Department said they didn't know when the Highgrove Sheriff was eliminated. Then on Aug. 17, 2016 we received a response from the Riverside County Economic Development Agency that the: **"Deputy stopped patrolling Highgrove in December 30, 2009 due to depleted funds"**.

Another thing we cannot understand is why the Sheriff was eliminated without a vote of the people who are paying the Special Assessment. The assessment was authorized by two ballots, one in 1992 and another in 1997, that were mailed by Riverside County to the voters who paid the special fee but when the Sheriff was eliminated it was not cancelled by a vote of the people who are paying the Special assessment. Another

vote could have voted to increase the assessment, reduce the amount of Sheriff coverage to stay within our budget, or eliminate the assessment all together. No vote was taken but the property owners are still paying \$120.00 per parcel per year for our Sheriff that was eliminated at the end of 2009.

That means that in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016 (7 years) Highgrove property owners have been paying a special assessment for an extra Sheriff we did not have. At the Special meeting I compared this service item to other expenses we have such as our electric bill, our gas bill, or lawn service. If any of these services were eliminated, we would know immediately when the lights went out, we had no heat in the house, or our lawn was overgrown with weeds. The difference between these services and the service provided by the Sheriff Dept. is when we see a Sheriff car drive by our house how are we supposed to know that it was not the Sheriff we were paying for? But we NOW know for the last 7 years it has not been the Sheriff Deputy we contracted for and are still paying for even after he is gone! It was probably the beat 15 or beat 40 Sheriff car in our neighborhood but we now know that it was not the designated Sheriff Deputy we are paying for.

I went to the Riverside County Tax Collector and the Riverside County Assessor's office and asked for "Public Information" about the Highgrove assessment. On April 13, 2016 I received a reply that showed the amount collected during this time period, after Dec. 30, 2009 (according to my calculations) is: **\$1,382,362.46**

Then on July 21, 2016 I asked the Riverside County Economic Development Agency the five following questions:

1. Does the \$35,000.00 that is now being used to supplement the

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sheriff protection in Highgrove come from the money collected from the annual \$120.00 parcel fee?

2. If not, where does this money come from?

3. Do all of the Spring Mountain Ranch tax bills include the \$120.00 assessment and if so, how much money is being given to the Sheriff Dept. and how much is given to Park & Rec. or other costs?

4. Is the \$120.00 collected only after the parcel is actually sold?

5. How much money is in the CSA 126E account as of July 1, 2016?

At the Highgrove MAC meeting on Oct. 19, 2016 just before the meeting I was handed the answers from the EDA to these specific questions. Here are the answers to the above 5 questions:

1. **Yes the \$35,000 does come out of the CSA 126**

2. N/A

3. **Yes the tax bills within Spring Mountain Ranch include the sheriff and park and rec assessment for CSA 126. Currently out of the 1400 parelts to be built only 285 parcels are on the tax roll. For 15/16 \$34,200 was collected for**

sheriff and park and rec services.

4. **The \$120 is collected on the parcels that have been occupied.**

5. **As of July 1, 2016 there was \$708,511.57. CSA 126E balance is \$164,962. SMR balance is \$543,649**

The Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council and it's preadessor CSA 126E have done everything by the book! Two ballots were taken from the parcel owners who are paying the fees, and later when we discovered abnormalities, we asked Supervisor Tavaglione for an **"Independent"** Audit on Aug. 5, 2015. We gave the County the opportunity to tell us what happened to the funds and the word "Independent" was used if needed for an unbiased auditor to examine the records. The Audit we received from the County on Jan. 12, 2016 was insufficient and left us with more questions than answers. Then on June 24, 2016 we requested a Grand Jury Investigation that included copies of the 1992 ballot, 1997 ballot and 47 pages of documentation to show the Grand Jury the information about the

Highgrove parcel fees/Highgrove/Highgrove Sheriff/ Park & Rec..

During the time we were waiting on the Grand Jury report, in an article in the Press enterprise on June 27, 2016 Riverside county Sheriff, Stan Sniff made the following statement: **"The department can't trim patrols in cities that contract with the sheriff because these partners, also pinched by labor agreements, pay their own way for specific service levels."** Sheriff Sniff 's statement is in direct conflict with what happened in Highgrove!

Then on Aug. 29, 2016 I received a letter from the Riverside County Grand Jury stating that: **"it appears that evidence does not exist to support continued inquiry in your complaint at this time. Therefore the case is closed."**

On Oct. 11, 2016 a Special Meeting was called and the Highgrove MAC and members of the community who are property owners on the east side of the freeway voted to contact an Attorney about taking legal action but the questions will go to the County before legal action.

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Phil's Philosophy

By: Phil Turner

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I recently walked through a mall with a friend, and noticed that there is a Gelato machine in the middle of the promenade. This is a self-contained, automated unit that needs no employee, except to service and supply the machine.

We've had Automated ATMs for many years, self check outs at Costco, Sam's Club, and WalMart.

I've read that there is a McDonald's in Phoenix that uses robots to serve patrons. Wendy's is going automated very soon and there is a cafeteria in San Francisco that is fully automated. I've read that in China it is routine to be

served by robots. All those robots are replacing jobs people once held.

Sounds wonderful? I've read that 300 restaurants in Seattle have closed in the aftermath of raising wages to the \$15.00 per hour minimum. The restaurants that are still open are adjusting by doing two things. They are automating and outsourcing. Order taking, and as much food preparation as possible, is automated. As much food preparation as they can, is outsourced to a wholesaler. This eliminates jobs across the board.

Truthfully, my concern is not for the father/mother who can't afford to raise their family on minimum wages before the \$15.00 takes effect. It was their decision to start a family without the education,

training, or skills needed to make enough to start a family. It is not up to society to soften the blow of such decisions.

Minimum wage jobs are by definition, entry-level jobs, that are a training ground for students and young people that need after school, or summer jobs to get them through school. They are not, nor should they be jobs that right from the jump, are a sufficient wage for raising a family.

Let's do the very simple math. Current California minimum wage is \$10.00 per hour. Based on working 20 hours per week, the gross pay is \$200.00 per week. After deductions, that will be a net of \$165.00 per week.

Now, here is a college, high school

student, living at home, bringing home \$165.00 per week. Think of it! A student that pays no rent, or utilities, and does not pay for his own food, probably not even his own clothes, and is bring home \$660.00 per month. His own parents don't get to spend \$660.00 on themselves. Seldom do I get to spend that much on myself.

But now, how many employers are going to shell out \$15.00 per hour, to an untrained, and as yet undisciplined, new employee. If I were an employer in that situation, boy would I be looking into robots!



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- Are 65 years of age or older
- Are a Medicare beneficiary
- Have borderline diabetes or diabetes

Program details:

- Begins Monday, 11/07/2016 -
- Each class is 2 hours
- Six short weekly workshops
- No cost to participate!

Where: Norton Younglove Community Center
459 Center St. Highgrove, CA 9257

When: Monday, 11/07/2016 - 12/19/2016


Time: 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

To register, call Leila: 951.241.7221
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- Eyes, Teeth, Toes, and Feet—What You Need to Know

Program details:

- Begins: 11/07/2016
- Six short weekly workshops
- Each class is a couple of hours
- No cost to attend or participate!

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Where: Norton Younglove Community Center
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California Dreaming

By: Dr. Cynthia Williams

The traditional time of Thanksgiving is here. I'm am so thankful the election is almost over. It's certainly been a campaign for the history books. The traditional "rules of engagement" were thrown out the window and we've seen the public participate with an enthusiasm unmatched in my lifetime and behaved in ways that have embarrassed me as an American. I had no idea there was so many hateful people simmering in the background, waiting for an opportunity to voice their huge, anger and frustration.

After the election, I pray all Americans will focus on working together- across the isle in Congress as well- to move forward and show some real progress in resolving the many serious issues this country faces. Partisan party

politics is pulling us apart and obviously will not correct any issues. America IS great now but there's room for improvement. We are no longer number one in the world for many of the things we used to be known for, the things in the 20th century we set the bar for: education, health care, and manufacturing. There are many reasons for this loss, most of them have to with money.

It's always all about the money-making it and keeping it. There's a pervasive greed and stinginess surrounding money that's a bit misplaced. I'm not talking about the folks reading this paper, I'm talking about the ones who make money in the millions and billions who don't have a value system that says they should simply help others because they have the ability to do so. Thankfully, some do- there's the Giving Pledge campaign, formed by Bill & Melinda Gates and Warren

Buffett in June 2010.

The Giving Pledge is an effort to help address society's most pressing problems by inviting the world's wealthiest individuals and families to commit to giving more than half of their wealth to philanthropy or charitable causes either during their lifetime or in their will... the pledge now includes people from a mix of countries around the world. givingpledge.org

As of June 2016, 154 individuals and couples were listed as pledgers with an aggregate net worth of over \$74 billion dollars. Current pledge members include Mark Zuckerberg (Facebook founder), Richard Branson, George Lucas (Star Wars), David Rockefeller, and Ted Turner.

Obviously we don't have their wealth but we can have their spirit of giving. Give of your time, your energy, and simply from your heart. We aren't millionaires in wealth but we can be billionaires in spirit

and in our minds. Create the softness of the heart that sees others through a sense of compassion. A tremendous amount of change and improvement can be made with just the willingness to want to. No money involved.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving and continued health and happiness.



HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS



BARTON ROAD INTERCHANGE

START DATE: Summer 2017

COMPLETION: Summer 2019

COST: \$92.3 Million

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Interstate 215 (I-215) Barton Road Interchange project will improve traffic congestion and lengthen the existing bridge to enhance local circulation and access to and from Interstate 215. Located within the City of Grand Terrace, this project also includes improvements to city sidewalks, adding bike lanes on Barton Road and a roundabout west of the bridge at the southbound on- and off-ramps. Some local streets will be reconfigured and improved, including Vivienda Avenue, Michigan Street and Commerce Way. All freeway ramps will be realigned and signals will be upgraded.

PROJECT BENEFITS

The project will improve traffic circulation, increase capacity, provide congestion relief at Barton Road and I-215, and serve as a gateway to the City of Grand Terrace. Barton Road is the only interchange servicing directly to the City of Grand Terrace. It is currently a two-lane road extending from La Cadena Drive in Colton and continues as Brookside Avenue through Loma Linda and Redlands.

PROJECT FEATURES

1. Widen Barton Road from west of Grand Terrace Road to east of Vivienda Avenue
2. Add a roundabout west of the bridge at the southbound on- and off-ramps
3. Transition Michigan Street into a cul-de-sac and connect Vivienda Avenue to Commerce Way
4. Realign La Crosse Avenue
5. Lengthen the bridge to accommodate future freeway improvements

PROJECT MAP



TIMELINE


Environmental Phase	March 2014
Design and Right-of-Way	February 2017
Construction	Summer 2017
Project Completion	Summer 2019

PROJECT FUNDING

Approximately \$92.3 million in federal and local funds have been secured for this project.

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Butler Racing

Saturday, September 24th, 2016
Orange Show Speedway News!

Team Owner/Driver, Troy Butler II of Grand Terrace, recently finished out the race season with a big win. Butler received Rookie of the Year and Division Championship in his #22 Butler Racing, Outlaw Figure 8 Race Car at the Orange Show Speedway in San Bernardino on Saturday, September 24th.

This is Butler's first year in the Outlaw Figure 8 Division and after the recent wins, fans are in for an exciting season in 2017!

"You can buy the whole seat but you're only going to need the edge," Butler said, in a press release.

The Butler Racing Crew said the crowd was on their feet at the show, cheering on Butler as he flew through the intersection at 80 miles an hour narrowly missing fellow drivers for the championship!


Butler began his racing career in 1999 racing in the following divisions over the years; Tri-State Mini Stock, Golden West Tire Speed Truck, Street Stock Figure 8, Late Model and Outlaw Figure 8.

Butler Racing would like to thank the following 2016 Season Sponsors: American Metal Recycling, JLT Guatemala, J. Riley Distillery, Bakers Drive Thru, GT Imprints, La Pasta Italia, Old No. 22 Brand, Garcia Tires and Carpet Coop.

By: Jamie Lynn Lopez
San Bernardino, CA



Photo Left to Right: Dwayne Fister, Rob Anderson, Jason Young, Travis Butler (Troy II's Son), Troy Butler II and Billy Arbaugh.



Highgrove Elementary School
690 Center St.
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July 13, 2016

Dear Community Member,

On behalf of Highgrove Elementary School, I am cordially inviting you to participate in our 2016 Career Day. We are a "No Excuses School" and strive to provide students with meaningful educational experiences that stimulate learning. In view of that, we are inviting professionals from various fields to share their educational background and professional experiences. Our Career Day is scheduled for November 30, 2016. The event will take place at our school from 7:45-9:30 a.m. Your audience could be kindergarten through second grade, third through fourth grades, or fifth and sixth grades depending upon your field of expertise and student interest. We have technology available if you'd like to show a Power Point presentation, and we encourage you to bring realia. Below are

several guiding questions to help you prepare your presentation:

- Where were you born?
- Where did you grow up?
- What college did you attend?
- What did you study?
- What is your career?
- What do you do during the workday?
- What are your responsibilities?
- What advice do you have for students?
- What advice do you have for students?
- What should every student know and do to be successful?

Your participation in our annual Career Day will be a highlight to our event. Our students are appreciative and eager to learn about various professionals. The time you spend with them is vital to learning about the opportunities that a college education can provide. Once you confirm, we will follow up with details of the event.

Respectfully, Lou Mason
(Assistant Principal)

Highgrove Elementary School
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I responded that I would be more than happy to participate again this year,

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fishing story cont. from P.1
heard a bear during the night but decided it was me snoring instead. We didn't see any bears but we did see deer, ducks, chipmunks, cottontail rabbits, lots of birds and 2 trout.

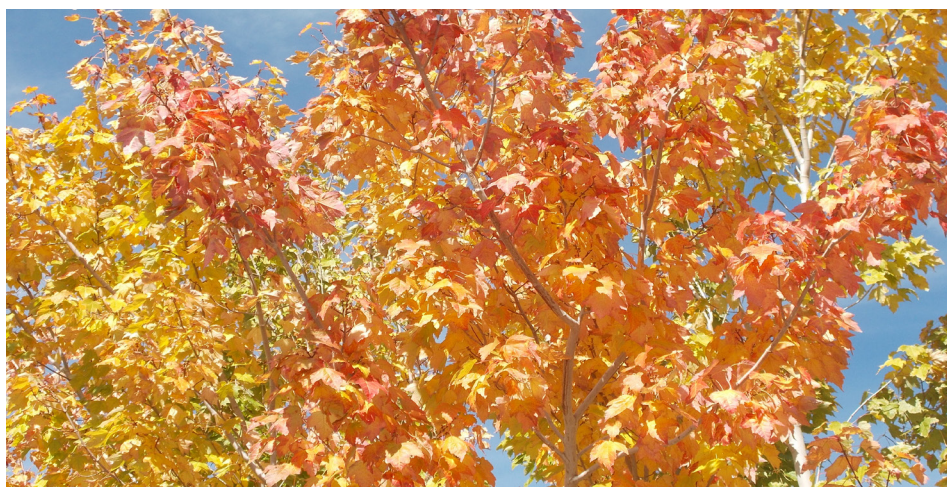
On Saturday we took a side trip to Lee Vining and went to the visitor center at Mono Lake and a place called Hot Creek that was in a really remote area on a dirt road. We also went sightseeing to Gull Lake, Silver Lake, Convict Lake, Rock Creek Lake and other small lakes in the area. When Randy was fishing in Rock Creek Lake,

Ronald and I sat on a nearby picnic table and later I laid down in the sun on the table. After a while I found out that my brother had been putting bread crumbs on me to see if the chipmunk would come and get the crumbs off my chest. I should have known better to close my eyes while he is around!

Ronald and Randy spent the rest of the afternoon fishing while I took pictures of streams and the beautiful trees turning into fall colors. We had a great time but we wished Danny and Mike could have gone too!



We anticipated cold weather but the weather was perfect!



The October fall colors were everywhere as shown by this beautiful tree!



Randy loves to fish but we only caught 2 fish during the 3 day trip.



Convict Lake pictured above was really beautiful but we didn't take time to fish there. The cabin where we stayed at in June Lake was very nice. It was within walking distance to the lake in one direction and the small town in the other direction. June Lake is 100 years old this year and I had a really good time with my brother and my nephew!

More photos on pages 10 and 11.



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New Marlborough Ave. Metrolink boardings stats disappointing after first three months of operation!

Here are the boarding stats for the new Marlborough Metrolink Station for July, Aug., and September 2016 to compare to the other Metrolink stations:

	July	Aug.	Sept.
Marlborough Ave. Boardings:	22	23	16
South Perris Boardings:	52	56	45
Downtown Perris Boardings:	41	43	36
Moreno Valley Boardings:	55	57	50
Downtown Riverside Boardings:	964	981	778

As you can see the Boardings on the Perris Valley Line are off to a very slow start!

Source: SCRRA Southern California Regional Rail Authority known as Metrolink.

Riverside Line Pedley Metrolink station name changed to Jurupa Valley/Pedley Station.

On Oct. 3, 2016 Metrolink's Pedley 1993 station received a new name. Also on Oct. 3rd Metrolink implemented a new schedule for the **Perris Valley Line** for one hour earlier departure times for trains 731, 733, 735, 732, 734, and 736. For mor info. call (213) 452 0205 or mackq@scrta.net



Randy Barnett from Menifee and his dad Ron Barnett from Grand Terrace at Lee Vining when we went to see Mono Lake.



Hot Creek was nice from a distance but you don't want to go in the water!



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This is the entrance to the Mono Lake visitor center that we visited.



The waters of Silver Lake reflected the mountains in the distance.



I caught this fish without a fishing pole or hook! When it floated up to the shore I caught it with a stick. He was still alive but was almost dead!



Here is the 14 inch trout I caught with a stick. I gave Randy a bad time because I am not a fisherman and he loves to fish. I told him I caught as many fish as he did but later he gave me a small bite of the one he caught.



Randy's fish!

Here is a Randy's fish but the two photos are not to "scale".

His fish was actually about 9 inches long but when I took this picture my hand was a lot closer to the camera than the fish so the fish looks much smaller than its actual size. Its a good thing the 3 of us didn't depend on eating fish for 3 days because we would have starved to death!



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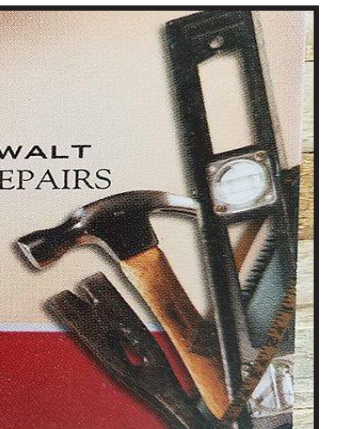
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Spay neuter program available to Highgrove residents

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 to date provided spay or neuter services to over 100 dogs and 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.

Everyone knows that spayed and neutered pets live healthier and happier lives and vaccination prevents most of the common infectious diseases which can devastate young pets. Microchips provide permanent identification which can reunite lost pets with their owners. In the end, everyone benefits from this program, but it is the pet population which gains the most. The principal of herd health immunity helps protect even those pets which had not been vaccinated and a lowering of the reproduction rate of the population keeps unwanted pets from being born and out of animal shelters.

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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This sign is in reference to the closure of Center Street at the BNSF Railroad tracks on Nov. 7, 2016 from 5:00 pm to 5:00 am Nov. 8, 2016.

The railroad is scheduled to be working on the track during this overnight closure and will be using on-track equipment to level the curved track for a smoother railroad roadbed.

Residents are encouraged to avoid using Center Street during these times and drive carefully while following the detour signs.

Clinton or Trump?

Editorial:

Highgrove definitely has its own political problems but the political problems facing our **Country** are the most controversial we have ever seen in a Presidential campaign!

Most of our news is local about Highgrove, Grand Terrace and the surrounding areas, but on Nov. 8th, your vote will become part of the most important election this **Country** has ever seen!

In my 60 years of voting I have been a Democrat, an Independent, and a Republican.

Have you ever heard the phrase: "IF YOU DON'T STAND FOR SOMETHING- YOU MAY FALL FOR ANYTHING". Taking a stand may change how you feel about our recommendation because if you do not agree with us we may lose your valued respect.

California may be a Blue State but maybe it's time to put your political party aside, look at the facts, and put your **Country's** future first!

As parents of 7 children, 14 grandchildren and 1 & 1/3 great grandchildren, Ardie and I are concerned for this country's future if Hillary is elected.

Trump is the lesser of two evils.

He is the only one who has used his own money and has not been bought by Washington insiders and lobbyists. Trump is running as an outsider and the insiders and lobbyists are scared to death! We may never find another candidate who is able to finance his own Presidential campaign, who is not obligated to any donors or lobbyists, and who has fought against the Washington establishment and the news media!

Ask yourself which one of these candidate's past actions have endangered the security of our **Country** and which one has not? It is time to support a non-politician and end the corruption in Washington. Trump has his flaws but his past actions certainly did not endanger our **Country**!

"Barney" and Ardie Barnett

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Water Shortage evident even at high elevations



Schematic of new homes taken from Aug. 2009 Highgrove Happenings.

The graphic below shows what was previously planned for the N/E corner of Spring St. and Garfield Avenue. This plan was approved in 2005 but new ownership has resulted in recent grading on the property. New plans for 36 single family homes were not available but will be provided when available.

New residential units planned for North/East corner of Spring St. & Garfield Ave.





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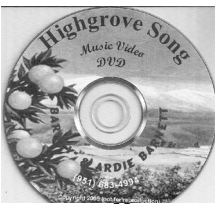
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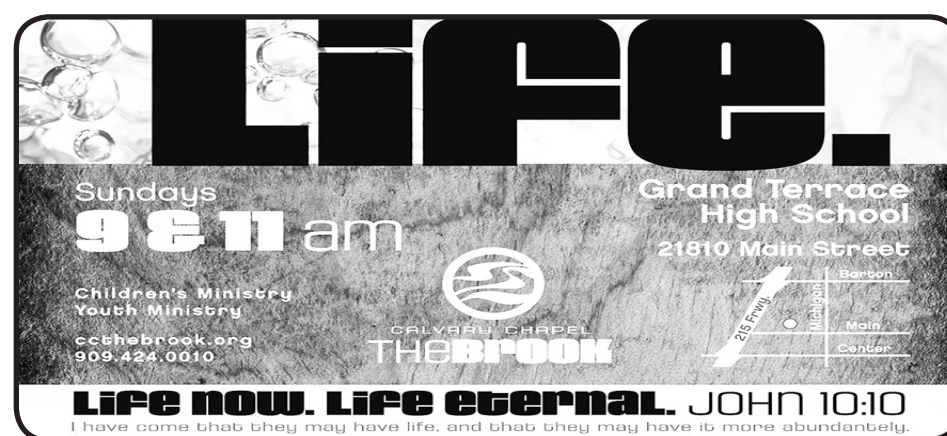


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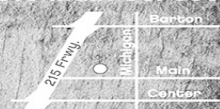


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