



Dedicated to the improvement of our community through awareness and involvement in local issues (FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area NOVEMBER 2017

## NEW SEWER LINE IN HIGHGROVE EXTENDING EASTWARD UP CENTER ST. TO 69 NEW HOMES



## TWO METHODS BEING USED TO RESOLVE ELIMINATION OF HIGHGROVE'S EXCLUSIVE SHERIFF DEPUTY!

New request for Grand Jury Investigation: Letter dated Oct. 5, 2017 See page 3 Letter dated Oct 17, 2017 See page 4 Letter dated Oct. 18, 2017 See page 5 Attorney requesting information from Riverside County: Letter dated Oct. 12, 2017 See page 6.....

Automobile/Motorcycle collision in Highgrove- See page 8

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

Highgrove Community Park Hours: Dawn to Dusk



Contact: (951) 241-7221

THE NORTON YOUNGLOVE COMMUNITY CENTER 459 Center Street- Highgrove web site: www.nycchighgrove.com

### **Family Service Association**

Program Coordinator Leila Santamaria

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**Clerical Volunteers** Priscilla Burton, Jack Aboytes, Rosie Navarro and Cynthia Kupfer

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

Hello Community Members,

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by then - John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

**County Regional Medical Center Mobile Health Clinic** 9AM - 2PM November 3rd and 17th: 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 3rd & <u>17:</u> Resource table hosted by Mini Medical School at UCR.: A student-run community that serves the residents of the Inland Empire by providing professionally approved medical and health-related information to those in community settings in order to help bridge health disparities. November 6th: 12:30PM-2:30PM (6) Monday Workshops. Everyone with Diabetes Counts is a program that encourages small lifestyle changes while learning about your diabetes and the way it affects your Health. Enjoy the benefits of a healthier, more energetic lifestyle by signing up today!

#### November 16th: 7:00PM **Highgrove Community** Assoc.



The time for your voices to be heard

November 17th: 8AM-10AM Resource table hosted by Rochelle with Habitat for Humanity Riverside. Info on "A brush with Kindness" program, products and services for the Highgrove Community! Your local "Habitat has a ReStore where you can find bargains on furniture, building supplies and materials, accessories for your home. November 17th: 8AM-10AM Resource table hostMon-Thurs 9am-10am \$3.00/per class. ed

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**Tuesday Bingo** 

**Aerodance Exercise** 

(951) 241-7221 951-779-3099 fax



12:30 PM 4 cards for \$1 Includes refreshments

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

#### materials info and clothing alteration services.

#### **Polynesian Dance**

Class Mon 7:15 pm. Wed 10 am Sponsored by Regal Medi-

E-Taekwondo Unit-

(Taekwondo Class) Mon 5:50 PM & Thurs. 6pm For details please call Master Elvis Chavez 909-578-4798

etkdumc@yahoo.com or www.etkdu.com

#### **Square & Line** Dance

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

#### **Zion Assembly Church of God**

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

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

@nycchighgrove

Daily lunch for ages 60 and over The Center offers a daily lunch for people 60 and over. It's a great way to meet new people and get familiar with our center and all the services we offer. Delicious meals are served

ed my Michelle with County of Riverside Emergency Management Dept. /District 2. Info of the things you can do to prepare for the unexpected, such as assembling an emergency supply kit, making an emergency plan.

November 18th: 7AM - 12Noon.

Reserve your vendor space



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FAMILY EVENT

today! \$10 for 2 car space, includes 1 table and 2 chairs

November 20th: 6PM - 8PM

Come one, come all! Thanksgiv-

ing Recess Event: Games, Food,

& Fun. Tickets \$2.00 for Adults, \$1.00 for 17 & under.

Note: Center Closed on Friday Nov 16, Nov 23, and Nov 24th.

cal 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

#### The Art of Cake **Decorating Baking** Intensive course/25 classes. \$15 per class. Info: Call Marivel 951-275-6815 . 5 students minimum sign up to schedule course Certificate Completion

awarded and 3-D **Gelatin Molding Class** 5 students

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

Sr. Nutrition Lunch

**Program** Mon - Fri @11:30 AM \$3 sug-

gested donation



Child Development Center Has Openings!!

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



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October 5, 2017 **Riverside County Grand Jury** Post Office Box 829 Riverside, CA 92502

Oct. 5, 2017

Reference: Complaint No. 17-18-017 Sara Lipehak, Foreperson

#### Why should the Grand Jury investigate Riverside County Supervisor John Tavaglione?

1. The public is entitled to know how the Riverside County Service Area 126 (Highgrove) Special Assessment money was spent after the Riverside County Deputy Sheriff was eliminated. The Deputy Sheriff that was assigned exclusively to Highgrove was authorized by 2 written ballots mailed out to Highgrove property owners by Riverside County, but was eliminated by Riverside County without another ballot or any written notification to the Highgrove property owners that the Deputy Sheriff's position had been eliminated on Dec. 30, 2009.

Today, over 7 ½ years after the Highgrove Deputy was eliminated, the assessment still continues on our property tax bills for the Deputy Sheriff that we no longer have that was assigned exclusively to Highgrove and paid for by Highgrove property owners.

- 2. A previous agreement made by former Supervisor Ashley was violated during Supervisor Tavaglione's jurisdiction that resulted in another \$60,00.00 being removed from the CSA 126 account.
- 3. Supervisor Tavaglione called for a Public Hearing on April 11, 2017 that eliminated the 25 year old Highgrove community meetings that were designed to be used for our community to communicate with our County Supervisor.
- 4. No violation of California government Section 31010 was made that would justify Supervisor Tavaglione eliminating the entire Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council.
- 5. Supervisor Tavaglione lied during the Public Hearing when he said that former MAC Chairman, R. A. "Barney" Barnett was: "going to the Grand Jury to try to use MAC Funds to sue the County and hire an attorney to sue the county"

This statement is not true because Supervisor Tavaglione knows that the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council has never had any access to, authorization, or means, to spend any MAC funds.

(See previous letter sent to Supervisor Tavaglione dated Sept. 6, 2017 and sent to you on Sept. 24, 2017) Please watch the video of Supervisor Tavaglione's statements he made at the Public Hearing by going to: www.highgrovehappenings.net and watch the video on the lower left hand side titled: Tavaglione's Statements.

- 6. Supervisor Tavaglione did not want to hear any comments from the Highgrove people about being held accountable for the missing money that was collected by the county for 7 ½ years after Highgrove's exclusive Deputy Sheriff was eliminated. Since Highgrove is in the unincorporated part of Riverside County under his jurisdiction, he eliminated the entire Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council even though Chairman Barnett had previously resigned almost 1 month before the Public Hearing. There was no reason to silence the entire collective voice of the community by eliminating the entire Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council where public meetings were held unless it was to avoid answering questions about the CSA 126 finances.
- 7. I just received my property tax bill for fiscal year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 and the special assessment titled CSA # 126 for \$120.00 still appears on the tax bill even after the Highgrove Sheriff was eliminated on Dec. 30. 2009.

Please watch the Tavaglione video, review the above statements and previous correspondence, and initiate a Grand Jury Investigation to investigate these actions by Riverside County Supervisor John Tavaglione. I will come to your office to show you additional documentation if requested. Thank you,

R. A. "Barney" Barnett Former Chairman: Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council Editor: Highgrove Happenings Newspaper 474 Prospect Ave. Highgrove, Ca. 92507 (951) 683 4994 highgrovenews@roadrunner.com

### **Phils Philosophy:**

By Phil Turner

#### **Reflections of Viet Nam**

I recently viewed the very fine Ken Burns documentary on Viet Nam. First, I must say, that if you are interested in the subject, I highly recommend it. It's long! There are ten segments of two hours each. I think maybe the definitive piece on the war.

I have several takeaways, and revelations from the documentary. Understand that I was there; I'm a history major, I've read quite a lot about the subject, and still learning a lot.

Probably the most troubling was learning that President Lyndon Johnson knew from the outset that it was an unwinnable war. Still he escalated the war in the hope that he could bring the North Vietnamese to their knees, or at least make an "honorable peace".

President Nixon, although wanted the U.S. out of the war from the start of his administration, still followed much the same path.

The tactics of General Westmoreland were of World War II era, minus keeping the territory once it was taken. We would be ordered to take such and such a hill, then after a bloody, costly battle, abandon it to be retaken by the enemy at no cost.

Then there was the body count. The logic was, if we kill enough of them, they would be forced to give up. Well that just didn't work. For one thing, the body count was grossly over stated by the troops to please the generals.

Combining all that with a completely corrupt government, that few of the citizens supported, and you have a recipe for failure.

These things we now know. The problem is our government knew it from the start.

This documentary reinforced a few things I have believed all these years. First Jane Fonda is a traitor. John Kerry by testifying before congress and the Paris Peace gathering, that U.S. troops were murdering, cutting off heads, killing babies, and much more. Awful things happen in war on both sides. But to paint our troops with such a broad stroke, while we were still in the field, was treasonous.

www.highgrovehappenings.net

Desk 951-955-2612

### **CRIME STATS FOR HIGHGROVE OCTOBER 2017**

Cell 951-906-9654

Robbery: Center Street & Northbound I-215 Sexual Assault: 200 block Cliffhill Place. Burglaries: 20800 block Center Street 400 block Iowa Ave., & 300 block Murphy Ave.. Thefts: 19300 block Lone Street, 600 block Tulare Street, 1300 block Villa Street, and 400 block Glen Street.

From Lieutenant Steven Kuzy

**Riverside County Sheriffs Department** 

### **Remember Call** 911 For an Emergency Sheriff's beat car Call Jurupa Valley Station 7477 Mission Blvd. 951-776-1099 Ext. 5

On a personal note, I have to add that when I arrived back at Travis A.F.B. there were protesters greeting us home with chants of baby killers, and murders while they spit on us. They were there at the San Francisco Airport to greet us with the same. When I arrived at LAX again they were there to greet me home with spit, and calling us murders and such.

Those people will forever be the target of my enmity. I will never forgive them. Most all of us were drafted and had no choice but to go. Nowadays our soldiers are all volunteers, but it is now fashionable to support our troops. Lastly, some of those same people that called us returning from Viet Nam, all those terrible names and spit on us, are now running the State of California.

#### October 17, 2017

**Riverside County Grand Jury** Post Office Box 829 Riverside, CA 92502

Oct. 17, 2017

Reference: Complaint No. 17-18-017 Sara Liphak, Foreperson

Please review the correspondence I mailed to you dated October 5, 2017.

Hopefully you have already watched the video mentioned in item 5 that shows Supervisor Tavaglione making false statements about R. A. "Barney" Barnett "going to the Grand Jury to try to use

#### MAC funds to sue the County and hire an attorney to sue the county".

There still have been no community funds or Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council funds, or CSA 126 funds used to hire an attorney to sue Riverside County.

Although it may not be illegal for a County Supervisor to make false statements during a Public Hearing, I encourage you to investigate the records that will show that the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council has never spent any money or signed any checks from the CSA 126 account because they have never had any access or the authority to spend any CSA 126 money.

Also please review items 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 which are self-explanatory.

I am enclosing a copy of the 20 year-old "Impartial Analysis" that was written in 1997 by Riverside County Council that specified exactly how the money from the parcel assessment would be spent. The item outlined in red states: "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. The tax cannot be increased except by a 2/3 vote of the electorate."

Any deviation of using these funds outside of Highgrove for anything but the 2 purposes mentioned above, is illegal and an injustice to the voters who approved this assessment. None of the Special Assessment money should have been given to the Sheriff Department after Highgrove's Sheriff position was eliminated.

If Highgrove's "Extended Sheriff" was eliminated over 7 ½ years ago without written notification to the voters, but the annual \$120.00 parcel assessment still continues today, and Highgrove only has one park to maintain and there have been no improvements to that Park, there should be a large amount of money in the CSA 126 fund. Some of the Important questions that need answers are:

- 1. Were the funds "retained" in the CSA 126 fund for these 2 specific purposes?
- 2. What happened to the money that was collected for this special assessment after the Sheriff was eliminated?

Additional documentation can be furnished upon request. Thank you for your participation,

R. A. "Barney" Barnett Editor: Highgrove Happenings Newspaper





A new year-long joint effort to reduce impaired driving in California is underway. The California Highway Patrol (CHP) and the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) are working together to reduce impaired driving with a new Statewide Impairment Reduction (SIR) campaign, from October 1, 2017, to September 30, 2018.

The SIR grant provides the CHP with funding to conduct additional saturation patrols for driving under the influence (DUI), DUI checkpoints, and traffic safety education efforts throughout California. The primary goal of these efforts is to apprehend DUI drivers and educate the public about the dangers of impaired driving.

In 2015, California experienced 663 deaths and 11,061 injuries as a result of impaired driving collisions, according to data from the Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System. Each injury and death represents a preventable tragedy, and a continued need to focus efforts on reducing impaired driving.

"Law enforcement throughout the state continues to do their part by removing impaired drivers from the roadway," CHP Acting Commissioner Warren Stanley said. "With this grant funding we can continue an aggressive education and enforcement campaign to deter drivers from making the poor decision to drive impaired."

The public is encouraged to call 9-1-1 if they see a suspected DUI driver. They should be prepared to provide a location, direction of travel, and vehicle description. Additionally, drivers should plan ahead before getting on the road. There is always a better option than getting behind the wheel while impaired. CHP Office: (951) 637-8000 Fax: (951) 637-8003



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October 18, 2017

Riverside County Grand Jury Post Office Box 829 Riverside, CA 92502 Reference: Complaint No. 17-18-017 Sara Liphak, Foreperson Oct. 18, 2017

In yesterday's letter dated October 17, 2017, I asked you to review the correspondence I mailed to you dated October 5, 2017.

But today's headline on the front page of the Press Enterprise on October 18, 2017 has an article that states in part that: *"the county needs to save money in the face of rising costs that threaten to derail the county budget".* For many years it has been known that Riverside County has been faced with budget problems due to the rising costs of services from the Sheriff's Department.

Back on June 27, 2016, the Press Enterprise printed the following statement made by Riverside County Sheriff Stan Sniff: *"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"* 

Highgrove may not be a "City" by definition but the agreement was approved by the voters and the responsibility for carrying out the wishes of the voters who agreed to pay the additional fee has always been between Riverside County and the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. Highgrove may not be a city but this agreement should not have been violated by Riverside County Administration or the Riverside County Sheriff's Department.

Is it possible that due to the Riverside County's budget problems and the rising cost of Sheriff services that some of the money assigned specifically for the Extended Sheriff Deputy in Highgrove may have been diverted for other uses outside of Highgrove's CSA 126 boundaries?

A previous request for a Grand Jury Investigation was made on June 24, 2016 about this same subject (Complaint No. 16-17-004) but 2 months later, a letter from the previous Grand Jury dated August 29, 2016 stated: *"After examining numerous documents and interviewing relevant individuals it appears that evidence does not exist to support continued inquiry in your complaint at this time"* 

Due to the extensive written information supplied to the previous Grand Jury we were very surprised to receive this letter. The information given to the previous Grand Jury 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 and Rec."** (The previous statement in bold can be seen in the November 2016 issue of the Highgrove Happenings: www.highgrovehappenings.net on page 5) Maybe now it is time for the new Grand Jury to investigate these proceedings. Maybe it is time to re-examine the evidence and the 47 pages of written documentation provided to the previous Grand Jury and the additional information provided to the new Grand Jury.

I understand that both sides need to have input or be interviewed, but does verbal testimony from county employees wanting to protect the county have precedence over written evidence that has been submitted? Both verbal and written documentation should be judged on their authenticity and accuracy.

I do not know if too much information was presented to the previous Grand Jury but in an effort to prevent not having enough evidence to proceed, I am including additional related information. I apologize if there is more information for the Grand Jury to examine but I respectfully request that the documentation provided to you and the previous Grand Jury be examined in detail because the Highgrove Parcel owners are tired of paying for additional Sheriff protection that is no longer provided. Yesterday's letter included a copy of my 2017/2018 tax bill showing that the annual \$120.00 is still being included on our property tax bills.

Other residual fall outs resulted when Supervisor Tavaglione eliminated the 25 year-old collective voice of the Highgrove people by eliminating the entire Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council because the Chairman of the Highgrove MAC, R. A. "Barney" Barnett the undersigned, was asking too many questions about our Sheriff and related finances. Supervisor Tavaglione eliminated the entire Highgrove MAC at the Public Hearing even though Chairman Barnett had already resigned and ask Supervisor Tavaglione to continue to allow the Highgrove MAC to hold public meeting without him.

Please seriously consider all of the written information submitted. If more information is needed or any



### CHP SETS SIGHTS ON REDUCING TEEN DISTRACTED DRIVING!

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Teenagers are considered at greatest risk for distracted driving, and collisions are the number one killer of teens in the United States. To address these concerns, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and Impact Teen Drivers (ITD) are joining forces to help eliminate these preventable collisions.

Ten percent of all drivers aged 15 to 19 involved in fatal collisions were reported as distracted at the time. Based on miles driven, the Foundation of the American Automobile Association has found teens are involved in three times as many fatal collisions as all other drivers. To improve these statistics, the message of the ITD program is simple: focus on the road ahead and get where you are going safely.

"Teenage drivers are some of the most inexperienced motorists on the road, and with added distractions such as cell phones, we have to work even harder to teach them to drive safely," CHP Acting Commissioner Warren Stanley said. "Impact Teen Drivers and the CHP share the goal of raising awareness about the dangers of reckless and distracted driving."

At schools and community events across the state, the CHP and ITD will work to change the behavior of teen drivers. The one-year grant for the Teen Distracted Drivers Education and Enforcement campaign includes an education component as well as enforcement operations to be conducted throughout California through September 2018.

"It will take all of us - educators, law enforcement, parents, and community leaders – to change the driving culture to one that is distraction-free," said Dr. Kelly Browning, Executive Director of ITD. "By combining quality education and enforcement in a multi-faceted approach, we can stop the main killer of teens in America – 100 percent preventable car crashes." Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Dan Olivas Public Information Officer California Highway Patrol Riverside Area 8118 Lincoln Ave Riverside, CA 92504 Office: (951) 637-8000 Fax: (951) 637-8003

questions arise, I am willing to appear before your committee to answer any questions.The Grand Jury needs to find out how each dollar of the special assessment money was spent after Dec.30, 2009 when the Exclusive Highgrove Sheriff position was eliminated.

Thank you,

R. A. "Barney" Barnett
Editor: Highgrove Happenings Newspaper
Enclosures:
Highgrove Happenings Newspaper July 2016 Pages 6 & 12 (Highgrove Parcel Fee Timeline)

""" Aug. 2016 Pages 5 & 10 (Deputy's last day, 1992 fee breakdown)
"" "Oct. 2016 Pages 1, 3, & 7 (Tax to be "retained" in CSA 126 fund)

Copy of Nov. 9, 2009 Highgrove MAC minutes that shows that Supervisor Ashley's agreement does not include the use of CSA funds for the patrols.
Copy from EDA, (Suzanne Holland) dated Oct. 19, 2016 showing that an additional \$60,000.00 was removed from the CSA 126 account under Supervisor Tavaglione's jurisdiction.
Copy from Sheriff Dept. dated Feb. 9, 2017 that they received \$60,000.00 from Riverside County that

violated Supervisor Ashley's Agreement.

Copy of Press Enterprise article dated Oct. 18, 2017 (Front page and page 2)

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Our File No.: 11537-001

October 12, 2017

County of Riverside Public Records Office 4080 Lemon Street Riverside CA 92501

PUBIC RECORDS REQUEST Sent Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested

Dear Sir or Madam

Pursuant to the California Public Records Act, please provide the following records. A Thumb drive is enclosed for your convenience in providing them to us. Paper copies are not necessary.

- 1. For the past 7 fiscal years, the Parcel Number and amount collected for CSA126 and CSA126E.
- 2. For the past 7 fiscal years, the total amount collected and total number of parcels on CSA 126 and CSA126E.
- 3. For the past 7 fiscal years, the record of receipts and disbursements for all funds received and spent for CSA 126 and CSA 126E.
- 4. For the past 7 fiscal years, all invoices, bills or other statements supporting any payments from the CSA 126 or CSA 126E funds or proceeds.
- Ordinance or other legal basis for the collection of funds for CSA126 and CSA 126E.
- 6. All correspondence involving or related to CSA126 and CSA 126E for the past 7 years.

Don't hesitate to call me with any questions.

Yours truly Law Office of Michael Geller Inc.

Michael Geller Encl: 8 GB Thumb Drive

## VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION **TO BE HELD AT VETERANS WALL OF FREEDOM**

Grand Terrace, CA – The Veterans patriotic performance. Wall of Freedom Organization The Veterans Wall of Freedom was and the Foundation of Grand dedicated on Veterans Day 2016. Terrace are proud to announce This unique monument is dethat the Veterans Day Celebration signed to be an enduring remindat the Veterans Wall of Freedom er of the freedoms we enjoy daily will take place on Saturday, November 11, at 11:00 a.m. in the **Veterans Freedom Park (formerly** Pico Park), 21950 Pico Street, in Grand Terrace, California. The Veterans Day Celebration will salute veterans who have served or are serving in the United States military. It will also be a celebration of the freedoms we enjoy today because of the service and sacrifice of these veterans. US Air Force veteran Jacquelyn Morenberg Rodriguez is scheduled to be the keynote speaker, explaining the importance of the Veterans Wall of Freedom to her family. Dance Dimensions will also be presenting a special

because of the service and sacrifice of those that served in the United States military. The monument spells out the word FREEDOM in six-foot block letters with over 1600 granite plaque spaces for veterans covering the front of the letters. Thirteen stripes, seven in subdued red and six in white, lead to the monument. After the Veterans Day Celebration, veterans and their families will have an opportunity to reserve a plaque on the Veterans Wall of Freedom as a long-lasting honor of the veteran's service to our country. All veterans of the United States military are eligible for a plaque.



**Riverside Transit Agency** 

That's the message Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) and Operation SafeHouse is giving in the days leading up to their annual gift-giving, bus-packing event on Thursday, November 2, 2017.

For the 10th year in a row, RTA and Operation SafeHouse are teaming up for the annual "Stuff the Bus" event, which aims to fi ll buses to capacity with donated non-perishable food, linens, toiletries and other items for the non-profit group that helps at-risk and in-crisis youth.

This year's event will take place at several locations across the region from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Donations will be accepted aboard RTA buses at the Riverside County Administration Center, 4080 Lemon St. (1 p.m.); Riverside City Hall, 3900 Main St. (2 p.m.); CarMax at Riverside Auto Center, 7980 Auto Dr. (3 p.m.); Kaiser Permanente, 10800 Magnolia Ave. (3:45 p.m.); and Riverside Target, 3520 Tyler St. (4 - 7 p.m.).

The donated items are distributed to SafeHouse's emergency shelters and transitional living programs in Riverside and Thousand Palms. Last year's event produced more than 10,000 donated items, ranging from brooms and brushes to dish soap and shaving cream. The donations kept inventory shelves stocked throughout the year. For information about SafeHouse and Stuff the Bus, please contact Fonda McGensy at (951) 858-3701.



Veterans and their families are also invited to bring a small memento of the veteran's service, such as a photograph, unit patch or medal, to be included in time capsules that will be emplaced at the monument in the future.

The Veterans Day Celebration is jointly sponsored by the Foundation of Grand Terrace and the City of Grand Terrace.For more information on the Veterans Day Celebration and the Veterans Wall of Freedom, please visit veteranswalloffreedom.org.

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## **Dedicated to Highgrove!**

#### **Editors note:**

The Highgrove Happenings is dedicated to the residents of Highgrove! For many years our motto: **Dedicated to the improvement of our com-munity through awareness and involvement in local issues**" has been printed on every issue of the front pages. Local Highgrove information is seldom seen in other newspapers publications, and even though every issue of our newspaper has been on-line since July of 2008, many people may not be reading it on-line because they may not even know where Highgrove is located.

The Highgrove Happenings Newspaper discovered that the Deputy Sheriff assigned exclusive to Highgrove had been eliminated without another ballot or any written notification to the property owners from Riverside County Administration or the Sheriff's Department. Without your local newspaper, would you have known that after almost 8 years we are <u>still</u> paying for a specific service that was eliminated?

If the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper failed to reveal this information to the Highgrove residents and property owners, after discovering what actually happened to the Highgrove Deputy, then criticism of our newspaper should be expected. But the information we publish is backed up by written documentation and we feel that this subject should not continue to be ignored any longer. This issue will show you that important efforts are being made on two different fronts to rectify this inappropriate and illegal past action by Riverside County.

The new Grand Jury has a lot of information to examine and I understand that it is a challenge for the new <u>Riverside County</u> Grand Jury to investigate the actions of <u>Riverside County</u>. But hopefully the written documentation supplied to the Grand Jury and the statements made by Supervisor Tavaglione's on the video will be undisputable evidence that the information presented to the new Grand Jury is factual and should be investigated. In response to Supervisor Tavaglione's accusations on the video at the Public Hearing: **There still have been no community funds or Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council funds, or CSA 126 funds used to hire an attorney to sue Riverside County**. The attorney is handling this case on a contingency basis. Please watch the video by going to: www.highgrovehappenings.net and looking at Tavaglione's speech at the Public Hearing on April 11, 2017 in the lower left hand corner. Highgrove is tired of paying for a service that was eliminated on Dec. 30, 2009 and the Highgrove property owners deserve a complete investigation.

### HERE IS A LIST OF PREVIOUS INFORMATION SENT TO THE PREVIOUS GRAND JURY:

Highgrove Parcel Fee Timeline (Mar. 14, 1991 to June 2016) What do the people of Highgrove want and deserve? (Aug. 5, 2015) Residents asking for additional police protection in Highgrove (PE Mar. 14, 1991)

CSA 126 Minutes (Aug. 27, 1991 that shows breakdown of \$10.00 monthly assessment)

Deputy's first day in Highgrove busy (Press Enterprise)

1992 Ballot (Feb. 21, 1992)

Results of Ballot (Feb. 25, 1992)

Proposition 218 (Passed by voters in 1996)

Impartial Analysis (Written by Riverside County Council about 1997 ballot) Copy of 1997 ballot (No mention of Landscaping on ballot) "All" parcels will pay) July 1997 Highgrove Happenings article ("Yes" or "no" on Highgrove ballot) Copy of vote "No" flyer

### OBITUARY



#### **DONALD HARRY BARTEE**

57 year resident of Grand Terrace, CA, passed away on Oct. 11, 2017 at the age of 90. Born Aug. 11, 1927 in Riverside, California. Don graduated from Riverside Poly High School in 1945 & served in the Navy at the end of WWII. In 1950 he married Mary Lou Kretz and moved to Ontario CA, where they had two sons, and Don worked as a commercial printer. In 1960 they moved to Grand Terrace were Don worked for A&D Printing in Colton and later owned the business, retiring in 1986. He was a director in the Colton Chamber of Commerce and a 40 year member of the Colton Kiwanis Club where he served

a year as President.

For the past 16 years Don and his companion Arlene Weaver, have traveled the world. Don liked to garden, cook, play bridge & volunteer at the Grand Terrace Senior Center, where he had been the Treasurer for the past 17 years. He is also a member of Eagles 997 and the Fontana Rialto Elks 2013.

Don was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years Mary Lou and son Jeffrey. He is survived by son Gary; daughter- in-law Leda; 2 grandchildren Michael and Heather; 2 great grandsons Brandon and Tyler, and loving companion Arlene.

Services where held Oct. 26 at The Valley View Chapel, Montecito Memorial Park, 3520 E Washington St., Colton, CA 92324.

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### **Duplicates sent to new Grand Jury**

Oct. 26, 2017 Riverside County Grand Jury Post Office Box 829 Riverside, Ca. 92502 Reference Complaint No. 17-18-017 Sara Lipehak, Foreperson,

I am sending you some of the information that was sent to the previous Grand Jury on June 24, 2016 for your review just in case the previous information sent to them has been lost, discarded or not usable for the current complaint and to insure that the present Grand Jury understands the seriousness of this on-going complaint.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call. Thank you,

#### R. A. "Barney" Barnett

Former Chairman: Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council Editor: Highgrove Happenings Newspaper

In an effort to prevent receiving another letter from the new Grand Jury like the one from the previous Grand Jury dated August 29, 2016 that stated: *"After examining numerous documents and interviewing relevant individuals it appears that evidence does not exist to support continued inquiry in your complaint at this time"*, additional documentation was sent to the new Grand Jury that included: a 5 page letter dated Sept. 1, 2017; copies of articles in the Dec. 2016, July 2017, and Sept. 2017 *issues of the Highgrove Happenings and a copy of the Press Enterprise article on Aug. 20, 2017 titled: "Voice Silenced in wake of questions about tax". Thesee efforts are designed to prevent receiving another letter similar to the one we received from the previous Grand Jury shown in bold italics above.* 



Copy of vote "Yes" flyer

Aug. 1997 Highgrove Happenings (Highgrove Ballot passes by 75.8%) Independent audit requested from County (Hand delivered to Tavaglione Aug. 5, 20 15)

Copy of Audit received from County dated 1-12-16 (many unanswered questions)

Question to county EDA: Does the \$35,000.00 come from CSA 126 Funds (Answer: YES)

Misc. letters about meeting with Tavaglione when he was not present. (Mar. 7, 2016; Mar. 17, 2016; Feb. 22, 2017).

Copy of March 2016 Highgrove Happenings

Copy of Barnett's tax bill 1-1-13 through 6-30-14 (shows \$120.00 deducted for CSA 126E)

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There was extensive damage to the front of the vehicle made by the impact of the Harley Davidson motorcycle shown on the right.



The motorcycle rider Robert Hopkins 55 lives on Michigan Ave. and slid across the windshield of the car and landed on the pavement. He was wearing a helmet but said he was not injured. Lucky Day!!!



The good news is: there were no injuries when this automobile and a motorcycle collided on Oct. 22, 2017 at the intersection of Center St. and Michigan Ave. that included 2 people in the car and 1 on the bike.



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### Poly High School classmates reunited at 60th High School Class Reunion at Victoria Club.



L-R: Tom Kauffman, Fairfield, CA.; Richard Barnett, Highgrove; Ron McHenry, Carson City, Nevada. Story about Poly HS history on page 11







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# **NEW** HIGHGROVE COMMUNITY MEETING Nov. 16TH 7:00 pm at Norton Younglove Community Center 459 Center St., Highgrove





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## **HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS POLY HIGH SCHOOL** HISTORY

#### **By Diane Jenkins**

Poly High was formed in 1887 and was a joint elementary and high school.

First graduating class was seven students, 4 girls and 3 boys

When it got too big in 1902 the high school built their own building on 9th between Lemon and Lime. That property eventually became Grant Elementary.

In 1910 the enrollment was 500 and a bigger building was needed. Instead, the genders were separated and the 9th street school was for the girls, and Poly High was built on Terracina Ave. In 1916 Poly began offering post grad and RCC was started, and then moved to the adjacent property

World War 2 brought many changes, the population of boys waned and the Junior Highs were created. Many Poly girls worked for the war effort by joining the Victory

Corp and making bandages, etc. Note: in 1940 the tradition of naming incoming classes an unflattering name was started. 1951 were Geeks, 1953 - Orts.

1956 began double sessions and in Ramona was born. 1960 brought Rubidoux, North, and then in 1965 Poly moved to their new campus on Victoria Avenue. Colors have always been Green and Orange, the Koala Bear mascot was started in 1940, a picture of the mascot appeared on the yearbook, and it was then known as "The Koala". Fight Song:

Across the field the green and orange waves to us on high Poly's men of Iron Valiant strive to do or die Fight, Fight, Fight. Come on you bears Push down the field Men of Orange will never yield, Fight, Fight your sons are we Hoist your banners in victory!!

#### Alma Mater:

Poly High to you, all our hearts are true, and we'll work with heart and hand.

To spread the fame of your honored name throughout the mighty land.

Though the wide world calls from your well loved halls where the green and orange fly. May our hearts grow light and our eyes grow bright as we sing of Poly High.

So here's to you, our Alma Mater, our beloved Alma Mater.

Here's to the school of sterling worth, here's to the best old school on earth.

Stand up and sing, and swell the chorus, and let our love for you abound, and let the colors floating o'er us never touch the ground.

The photo on the right is a picture of the table decoration cone



that was placed on all of the tables at the 60th Class reunion of Poly High School. The cone is show on the back of my 57 Chevy convertible that I drove in the Poly High School Homecoming parade in Riverside on Oct. 21, 2017.

Unfortunately, I witnessed Poly losing the football game that evening to North High School at the Martin Luther King stadium. I don't think that North HS even felt bad about spoiling the Poly High School's homecoming!









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BEA FOOD

## You Can Quote Me!

By: Dr. Cynthia Williams

"The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here."

#### ~ Abraham Lincoln

Veterans Day is upon us this month. Our service members, current and past, living and dead, are recognized for their service to our country. When you see a member in uniform, do you thank her for her service? Do you understand the level of sacrifice he makes for our country?

Besides our gratitude, what is the pay service members receive for their dedication? Below is a very rough basic pay scale for a few enlisted ranks for 2017. This doesn't include Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH), hazardous duty, combat zone, or any other extra allowances. The rate per hour is my breakdown at 40 hours a week x 4 weeks a month so you can compare it to a civilian wage. Also, I went with the Air Force titles of rank (I was an Air Force wife for ten years) but all services have the same pay chart, just different titles.



E1 Newly enlisted < 2 years of service \$1599.84 \$9.99 / hour \$19.198 /year E5 Staff Sergeant > 6 years of service \$2856.54 \$17.85 / hour \$34,278 / year "The Staff Sergeant (SSgt) is the first level of the Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) ranks in the Air Force. The Staff Sergeant's considered a craftsman with specific NCO supervisory responsibilities and may hold either a 5- (journeyman) or 7- (craftsman) skill level. Additionally the SSgt must continuously strive to further their development as technicians and supervisors. The average Air Force wide active duty time for promotion to the rank of Staff Sergeant is over 4 years." Moving up the Air Force Ranks: Promotion to Staff Sergeant requires three years Time-in-Serve (TIS) and six months Time-in-Grade (TIG). In additionAirmen must achieve a 5-skill level, compete in the "Weighted Airman Promotion System," or WAPS and complete the Airman Leadership School in-residence prior to assuming the rank of SSgt. (military.com)

E7 Master Sergeant > 16 years of service \$4,387.49 \$27.42 / hour \$52,650 / year

"The Master Sergeant (MSgt) functions

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primarily as a craftsman while holding more advanced leadership positions. MSgts hold a 7-skill level. This rank carries significantly increased responsibilities and requires a broad technical and managerial perspective. The average service wide active duty time for advancement to the rank of Master Sergeant is over 17 years. Moving up the Air Force Ranks: The promotion process for Master Sergeant is identical to the process for promotion to Staff Sergeant and Technical Sergeant, except for the minimum requirements: 8 years Time-in-Serve (TIS) and 24 months Time-in-Grade (TIG) requirements, in addition to achieving a 7-skill level." (military.com)

As you can see, the enlisted members between E1 and E5 can easily fall below the poverty level as defined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The rates for 2017:

- \$24,600 for a family of 4
- \$28,780 for a family of 5
- \$32,960 for a family of 6

"In addition, in 2016, military families spent about \$67 million in food stamps at commissaries – the discount stores on military bases, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which administers SNAP. The largest share was in California. 'This suggests that people serving our country may be having difficulty making ends meet,' stated the GAO report, which called on the Department of Defense to do a better job tracking service members' eligibility and use of food-assistance programs." (American Homefront Project) (Also, for various reasons, not all grocery shopping is done at commissaries.)

As you can see, the bulk of the military personnel being the enlisted and non-commissioned ranks, are not paid that well. Some have highly skilled jobs with a serious level of responsibility. My Air Force husband was an E5 for most of his short military career. His job? Maintenance of the nuclear warheads of the Titan and Minuteman missiles. Was he paid enough for that highly technical, top secret occupation? I don't think so.

So when you offer your thanks to a military member for their service to our country, maybe also buy them a meal or a gift card, because I can guarantee you, whatever job they do, they are not being paid enough for the level of service they deliver and the sacrifices they have to make.

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### MORE PHOTOS OF SEWER LINE UP CENTER STREET FOR 69 NEW HOUSES AT BASE OF BLUE MOUNTAIN



### California Air Resources Board Breaks Ground for New Riverside Headquarters

New \$419 million facility will bring as many as 460 high-paying jobs to the area. City, county, State and Federal officials gathered on Oct. 27, 2017 near the UC Riverside campus to break ground for a new \$419 million headquarters and testing laboratory for the California Air Resources Board (CARB), a project that is expected to bring as many as 460 high-paying jobs to the area.

"This is a momentous day in Riverside as we break ground on a project that will not just create quality jobs, but also attract additional attention from companies that want to be near the CARB facility," Mayor Rusty Bailey said. "More than 60 years ago, UCR opened its doors and changed the face of Riverside, and this project continues the momentum of knowledge-based innovation in Riverside."

Dozens of state, local and federal officials joined an audience of hundreds for the groundbreaking. In addition to Mayor Bailey, other speakers included CARB Chair Mary D. Nichols, UC Riverside Chancellor Kim A. Wilcox, Congressman Mark De Saulnier, Congressman Mark Takano, Congressman Ken Calvert, Sen. Richard D. Roth, Assemblymember Jose Medina, and John Tavaglione, Chairman of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors.

CARB's new state-of-the-art, 380,000-square-foot headquarters near the UC Riverside campus will feature one of the largest and most advanced vehicle emissions testing and research facilities in the world. The 19-acre site is on the west side of Iowa Avenue between University Avenue and Martin Luther King Boulevard.

"The Riverside community has welcomed CARB warmly, introducing us to the wide range of assets and resources to support our staff and our work," Nichols said. "We are confident that we have found a new home in Riverside and look forward to moving our Southern California operations here when construction is completed."

The new structure, designed to test the next generation of vehicles, continues the more than 50-year legacy of CARB's testing labs that set groundbreaking pollution standards for cars and trucks, and uncovered the unprecedented diesel engine cheating violations by Volkswagen.

The decision to locate the CARB facility in Riverside followed an extensive effort to promote the advantages to having a facility in this location. The City of Riverside worked with the County of Riverside, Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce, and UC Riverside to make the best presentation possible to CARB.

"With CARB and UCR on the same campus, Riverside stands to become the global center of air quality research," Wilcox said. "This day could not have happened without the partnership of the City, County, Chamber, community, and UCR that has really become the hallmark of how so many things get accomplished in Riverside." CARB chose Riverside in March 2016 after deciding that land owned by the University of California on Iowa Avenue near Martin Luther King Boulevard would provide the best opportunity for growth in the coming decades, and for collaboration with world-class air quality research already underway at UC Riverside. "The choice to come here speaks volumes about the growing importance of our region," Tavaglione said. "Through collaboration, we are able to welcome an important new partner that will benefit from nearby university research as it continues its mission to improve California air quality." (Cont. top right)



Once the sewer line is in place under the street, it is paved over with new asphalt. This particular location is just east of the Norton Younglove Community Center.



The trench for the sewer pipe has reached the intersection of Center St. and Mt. Vernon Ave. and it is only a short distance to connect to the 69 new homes.

"Today's groundbreaking is the culmination of years of hard work, dedication and focus by our community, and represents a major victory for our region and state," Roth said. "This success demonstrates that by working together, we can accomplish great things. Future generations will benefit from the critical work done by the California Air Resources Board and the UC Riverside Center for Environmental Research and Technology to keep our air clean and safe for all Californians."

CARB and other state officials are in the process of choosing a contractor to design and build the new headquarters. Construction is scheduled to begin in February. The headquarters will be LEED Platinum (the highest level of energy efficiency), and will also be the single largest net-zero energy structure in the nation, in terms of square footage and load, meaning it will produce as much energy as it uses.

Solar panels affixed to roofs, walls and over the parking area will supply at least 3.5 megawatts of electricity, and adjacent parking will include at least 120 charging stations for electric vehicles.

"Riverside has made a major commitment to sustainability during the past 20 years, and the CARB facility is very much in keeping with that commitment," said Mayor Pro Tem Jim Perry.

Video of the event can be found at the City of Riverside's YouTube or Facebook accounts at www.YouTube.com/CityofRiverside or www.facebook.com/CityofRiverside.

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#### Here are a few key words in random order outside of Highgrove that should concern you:

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On Thursday September 28th at approximately 12:18 AM in the early morning, 911 dispatch had received a call stating that a pedestrian had been struck by a train! The train had been traveling southbound! The actual time of the accident was at 12:00 am in the early morning! The accident took place at the railroad crossings on Main Street and Transit Street in Highgrove. The pedestrian was Dennis Gallegos who resided on Ruby Street in Highgrove with some good friends. Dennis was 33 years old and was not alone that early morning. He had two of his friends who were aways behind him. The surveillance cameras showed the authorities that this was strictly just an accident, "NOT A SUICIDE ", and that there was" NO FOUL-PLAY INVOLVED!"

The surveillance footage showed Dennis standing very close to the train on the first tracks waiting impatiently for the last part of the train to go by. It finally went by then Dennis without waiting starts to step into the second set of tracks. Dennis didn't realize or see that there was another train traveling northbound on the other side of the first train. He couldn't hear it or feel the vibrations from the other train because the other train still was blowing its loud horn. So part of the train caught onto Dennis's shirt that he had on and swung him right under the train!

Dennis was born on November 22, 1983 in Los Angeles. Dennis is survived by his Mother, Francisca Gallegos, and his Father, Antonio Gallegos, his brother Antonio gallegos the 2nd, his 17 Year old Son, Dennis Gallegos Jr., and his sister Sienna Gallegos who is 11 years of age. I put a little memorial together in Dennis's memory for all of his loved ones and friends to come to and share their memories of Dennis with each other. It is located on the corner of Center Street and Iowa Avenue. Dennis's Mom has also put a memorial up where the accident occurred. Dennis was a Navy Veteran who was honorably discharged and is now buried at the Riverside National Cemetary. Dennis's Mother and I go down together every night to both memorials and light all of the candles!

THANK-YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR PRAYERS WHILE WE GRIEVE DURING THESE STRESSFUL TIMES. SINCERELY,

ELIZABETH FLURY (DENNIS'S GOOD FRIEND)





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