



# HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS



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**(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area**

**October 2020**

## Highgrove stripmall fire may be related to illegal drugs!



**Highgrove's fire truck from station 19 is shown next to the fire while other firemen from both counties are responding to the fire on the ground floor and up on the roof of the strip mall.**

The west side of the I-215 freeway in Highgrove was the source of fire and thick gray smoke on Thursday September 17, 2020. The blaze started about 10:50 am in the middle of the strip mall that also includes Martin's upholstery, an auto repair shop on the west end, and misc. businesses on the east end by the freeway. This three alarm fire included fire trucks and firemen from Riverside and San Bernardino Counties and two hook and ladder trucks. There were no injuries reported and after about one hour the fire was extinguished and the damage appeared to be contained to the three middle businesses of the strip mall.

According to fire officials, the area that caught fire was an illegal marijuana grow farm inside the building.



**Two hook & ladder units responded to the Highgrove fire!**



**Stephens St. by Center St. is the access to the I-215.**

## Highgrove Needs to Oppose Another Marijuana Store!

**The 4th meeting about another Cannabis shop coming to Highgrove will be on October 7, 2020 at the Riverside County Planning Commission meeting at 9:00 am at the County Administration Building, 4080 Lemon St. in Riverside.**

Outside marijuana interests are still trying to take over Highgrove and on **October 7, 2020** they will go before the Planning Commission again. On Dec. 10, 2019, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors approved a marijuana store at 240 Iowa Ave. in Highgrove. Then another applicant for another store wanted to shorten the distance between marijuana stores from 1,000 feet apart to only 250 feet apart so they could open another marijuana store on the S/E corner of Center and Iowa Avenue.

The applicant bought the property at Center and Iowa when the county ordinance was 1,000 feet between marijuana stores but they wanted to change the ordinance to shorten the distance between marijuana shops for their own benefit.

Two other hearings on July 1, 2020 and Aug 5, 2020 were held by the Planning Commission and the staff recommendation to the Planning Commissioners was (Quote): ***"Cannabis Retailers shall not be located within 1,000 feet of any other Cannabis Retailer, except when located within the urban core of the Highgrove Community Policy area, defined as the unincorporated County area west of the BNSF Railroad right-of-way."***

Highgrove was singled out as the only community in Riverside County that could have marijuana shops every 250 or 290 feet apart while the rest of the county would remain at 1,000 feet. **To call from home during the Planning meeting See page 10.**

Brace yourself because we know how our Supervisor feels about Highgrove because at the Board of Supervisor's meeting on May 19 2020, Supervisor Spiegel stated she would vote for reducing the distance if it only applied to Highgrove but she voted against it because she didn't want it to apply to all of Riverside county. But is this decision fair to the residents of Highgrove? Things really changed when we asked Supervisor Tavaglione for an audit of Highgrove's CSA 126 funds when Highgrove wanted to know where their money has gone for 10 years after the county eliminated our deputy without notifying the voters. Prior to Supervisor Tavaglione, I had a good relationship with Supervisors Younglove, Mullen, and Ashley but things changed under Supervisor Tavaglione and our present Supervisor who he endorsed when he retired. As an example of how Supervisor Spiegel feels about Highgrove, she is also limiting who can apply for the Highgrove MAC. Please look on page 11 for details.

**County Supervisor's office continues to boycott Highgrove Happenings Newspaper! See page 11.**



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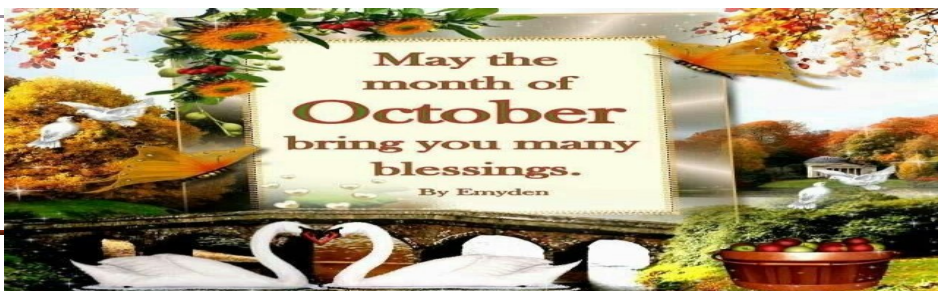
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Hello Community Members,



The City of Riverside and Family Service Association are monitoring county, state and national reports on the impact of COVID-19 and responding appropriately. The Norton Younglove Community Center is closed, with all programming suspended until further notice. Staff is available by telephone at 951-241-7221 should you have questions

Monday through Thursday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Friday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

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

State of California [www.covid19.gov](http://www.covid19.gov) During these uncertain times it is important to receive factual information from reliable sources. Below is a list of trusted agencies.

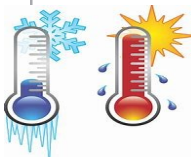
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**October 15th Thursday: "National Shakeout Day"** is observed with the mission to educate the public about the importance of taking immediate action in case of an earthquake. Visit <https://www.shakeout.org>

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**October 23rd Friday: 8AM - 10 AM Resource Info on Earthquake Preparedness** hosted by Yarely with Listos -Community Health & Policy Department.



Temperatures at 97 degrees officially activates Norton Younglove Community Center as a "Cool Center" for vulnerable individuals, seniors, the disabled, and others in need of temporary relief from the heat. Cool Centers are provided for and open to the public June 1, 2020 through October 15, 2020. For a list of Cool /Warm Center sites visit: [capriverside.org](http://capriverside.org) or call 951-955-4900. Temperatures at 40 degrees officially activates the warm center season December 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.



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### Run-away train!

On September 9, 1994, a Union Pacific freight train had a run-away down Cajon Pass, reached 75 miles an hour, and was headed for a 20 MPH curve at San Bernardino! Here is the story.

Between San Bernardino and Barstow, the railroad tracks are shared jointly by the Union Pacific Railroad and the Santa Fe Railroad (now BNSF). The Cajon Pass is well known for its steep down-hill grade between summit and San Bernardino.

You may have seen the eastbound trains going slowly up the hill along the I-215 freeway on your way to Victorville or Las Vegas. But what happens when the westbound trains going up the backside of the hill between Victorville and summit tips over the hill and head downward toward San Bernardino? The easy part is going up-hill but controlling a heavy freight train for 25 miles on a steep 3 % grade is a real challenge even for the most experienced engineers.

In addition to the UP train not being able to stop there was a Santa Fe freight train ahead on the same track. The Santa Fe train dispatcher, Clyde Patterson, called the train ahead and told them that the runaway train was gaining on them and if possible they should speed up to prevent a rear-end collision.

The CHP and San Bernardino police were notified to block off the streets near the 20 MPH curve at Third St. in San Bernardino because there was an ice plant across the street that could emit dangerous fumes if there was a derailment.

The 81 car train had 4 UP engines and was a double stack train with containers stacked two high in rail cars (buckets) that have a low center of gravity.

Meanwhile the UP run-away train headed for San Bernardino where the 10 degree curve has a 20 mph speed limit.

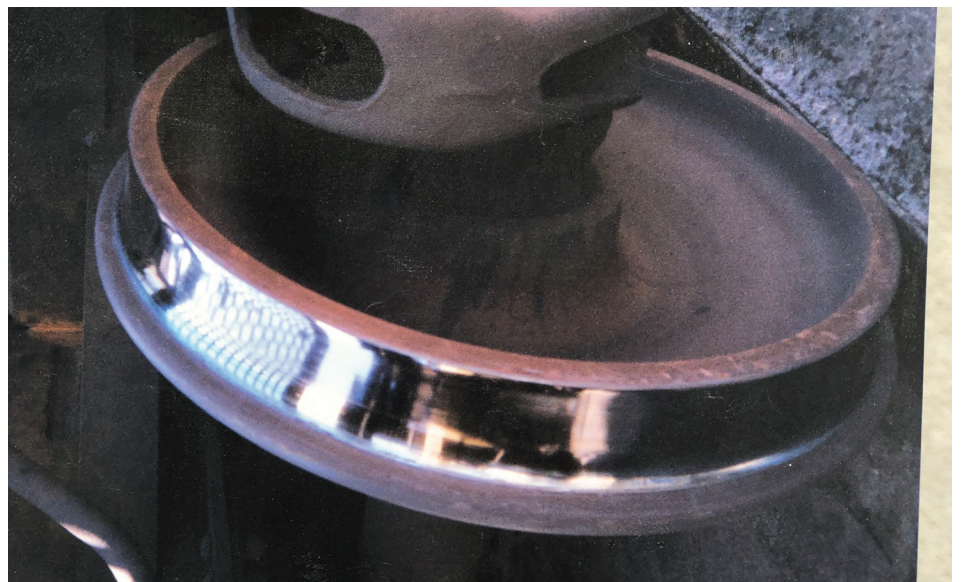
The train Dispatcher, Clyde Patterson, gave green signals to the Santa Fe train in front and lined them toward the second district that goes toward Fontana to help get them out of the way. And after the Santa Fe train cleared West Yard Tower, he immediately lined the run-away train onto the third district which is the track headed toward Highgrove and Riverside.

On this particular day I was working as a Switchman and I was inside a switch engine near the inside of the 20 mph curve when the UP run-away went around the 20 mph curve at 44 mph.

The weight of the engines and weight of the double stack cars with their low center of gravity enabled the train to go around the curve but the force of the sideways pressure



This is the actual train shown after stopping past the Mt. Vernon bridge



I took a picture of one of the wheels that turned purple due to the excessive heat. This could have been a major detailment in San Bernarino and its a miracle that this train stayed on the track & took the 20 mph curve at 44 mph!



John Salvini was Santa Fe's Equipment Manager, and supervised many derailments. He is shown checking the wheels on the run-away U P train on Sept. 9, 1994.

moved the whole track outward but the distance between the two rails stayed connected to the concrete railroad ties that prevented the gauge from spreading. After the curve, the track straightens out and goes uphill a little and the train came to a stop.

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### Runaway train from P. 3.

As a brakeman on the Santa Fe, I too have considered jumping off a run-away train coming down the Cajon Pass. The first time was on a coal train that we boarded at Barstow that was destined to Kaiser Steel in Fontana.

Our Santa Fe crew took the UP coal train at Barstow but we did not know the coal cars had composition brake shoes instead of steel shoes. When we tipped over the hill headed to San Bernardino we didn't know that the composition shoes had to heat up before they started to slow the train down. The engineer set the train brakes but they were cold and away we went!

When I realized we were in trouble I asked the Engineer, Harold Gain, how much air he had set. and he said he had it all set! I looked back at the train and rings of fire were starting to come from each wheel but we weren't slowing down. That's when I put on my coat and gloves and decided if I jumped, I would have to hold onto my railroad lantern so they could find me and my light along the track at night. The train dispatcher said there was no one ahead of us and our speed began to stabilize so we decided not to jump and I am glad we didn't.

**What does the term "Big Hole" mean on the railroad?** When there is no engine attached to the cars of the train, the brakes on the detached cars are fully applied until the engine is attached and the air compressors build up air pressure on the cars to release the brakes.



*My picture appeared in the L. A. Times on Aug. 14, 1983 when I was a brakeman in the caboose when the rear of our train derailed in Highland Park near South Pasadena. Neither the Conductor nor I were injured but we were concerned about the wires that fell on the caboose when the telephone poles were knocked down. Luckily they were not high tension electrical wires. When I saw the cars ahead of the caboose derailed, I put the train into emergency by using the air valve from the caboose cupulo to "Big Hole" the train from the rear end. The engineer and head brakeman in the engine did not know the rear end of their train was on the ground until they heard the air brakes going into emergency. The sudden jerk of the engine knocked the head brakeman, Tom McGinley out of his seat when the engine came to a stop at the front of the train.*

**For other derailments that blocked Center St. and Main Street please go to: [www.highgrovehappenings.net](http://www.highgrovehappenings.net), click on Latest issue, and look at the August 2008 issue of the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper.**

And when the train is going down a steep hill for example, the engineer can slowly reduce the amount of air pressure in the train's cars in order to control the speed of the train. A fully charged system supplies 90 PSI air pressure to the brakes on the cars but when the brakes are fully applied they are in the "Big Hole" which refers to an emergency application of the brakes. Instead of the air pressure being slowly reduced, all of the air pressure in the train's brakes escapes at once for maximum braking. It is similar to popping an inflated balloon because all the air pressure is released at once. But when the train is in the "Big Hole" and you are picking up speed, that is not a good thing!

Another wild ride was when I was a brakeman on a Limestone train from Cushenbury to San Bernardino that was also destined for the Kaiser steel plant. This limestone train is very heavy and when they are loaded a lever on the cars can be set to use 2 brake shoes per wheel instead of only one per wheel that is used when the cars are empty. This time it was during daylight and B. T. Johnson was the engineer. I can't repeat what he said but we were both concerned that this heavy train was picking up too much speed. The steepest grade is between Summit and Cajon on the south track but luck was with us because there were no other trains ahead of us on our track. When we reached Cajon it is not as steep and the train settled down.

Here are 2 other photos of derailments I was in when our Caboose turned over near South Pasadena on August 14, 1983 and when our engine turned over on the Cushenbury branch on Nov. 14, 1988.



*Then about 5 years later, I was the Conductor on this engine on Nov. 14, 1988 when our engine broke away from the second engine, went into the desert, and turned over. My engineer, Clay Wilson, was not injured but I had minor injuries and was off for 4 days.*

*This happened 13.5 miles east of Hesperia when a local resident graded his driveway and dirt road then left dirt in the middle of our curved track. Clay and I went straight into the desert at the curved track kicking up dirt and tumbleweeds, the engine turned left, then turned over on the engineer's side and I fell on top of him. The trucks of the engine can be seen buried in the sand on the right side of the picture. My 2 brakemen, R. L. Hafley and Jim Mobley were in the 2nd engine that derailed but it stayed near the track and they were not injured. I am fortunate to have had 41 1/2 years on the railroad and for 19 years I have enjoyed every day of my retirement!*



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

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

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

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

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

What a contrast between then and now!

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

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Crime Stats 8-19 to 9-16-2020



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Vehicle Theft	(1)		

Homiside in Highgrove: See page 10

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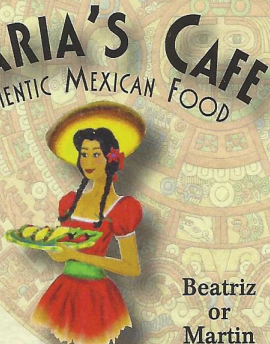
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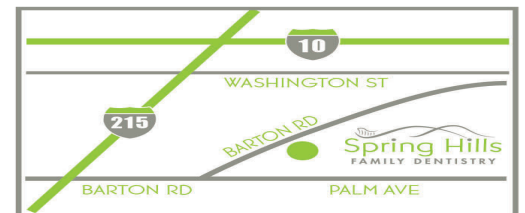
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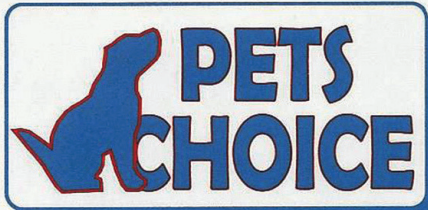
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## HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

### Three Santa Fe railroaders unite for historical purposes!

Two of my friends and I have combined our efforts to show some one-of-a-kind picture that I took when the San Bernardino Santa Fe Shops were torn down to make room for the new piggy back/container yard across from the San Bernardino depot.

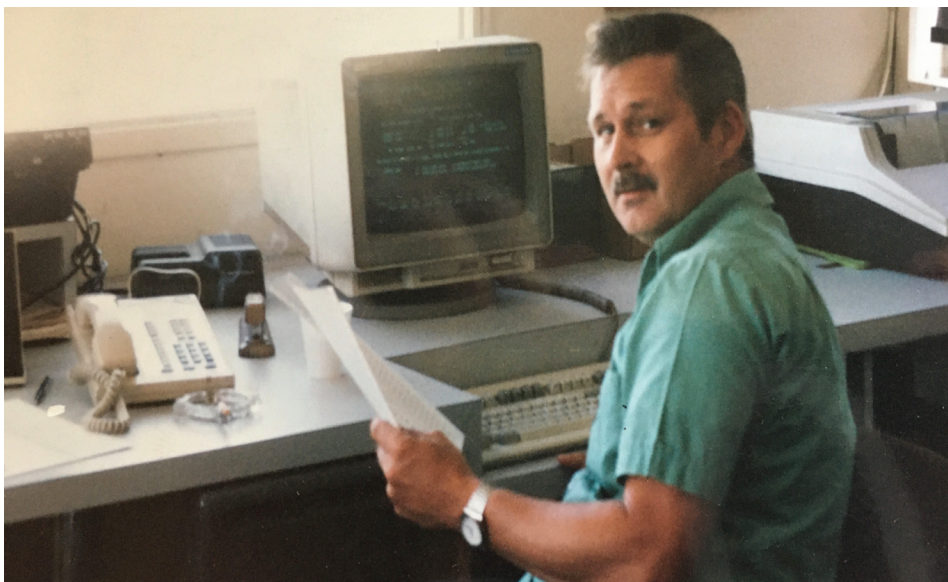
The Santa Fe shops were over 100 years old and was where diesel engines and railroad rolling stock were repaired and maintained. These giant shops were torn down and dismantled for scrap metal because the equipment was riveted together when it was built and couldn't be dismantled to be used by another railroad.

During this time, I was working in the San Bernardino Yard as a Switchman and I had a camera with me to record the demolition process. As a result, I acquired hundreds of photos showing the elimination of the Round House, huge repair shop where giant overhead cranes were able to lift the engine's body off the frames to allow work to be done on the bare engine, demolition of the storehouse, freight house and other buildings.

My pictures were given to John Salvini who had 44 years as a diesel maintainer who kept the engines running and repaired. He retired in 2014 and worked in the shops for many years and was able to document what the pictures were actually showing. I knew what some of them were but he was able to add a name, location, and purpose to the pictures.

On Sept. 1, 2020 we met and talked about our past experiences and Mike Croy who was the former San Bernardino Terminal Manager, took the albums home so he could put some of them on the Santa Fe Railroad's historical website.

Mike had 37 years with the Santa Fe when he retired in 2003. John had 44 years, and I had 41 ½ when I retired in 2001 so between the three of us, we had 122 ½ years working on the Santa Fe/BNSF railroad in different departments.



Mike Croy

Mike came from Chicago and became the Santa Fe Terminal Manager in San Bernardino in 1991 and retired in 2003. He lives in Grand Terrace and has a great model train collection.



"Barney" Barnett

Conductor Barnett is shown waiting to get into the Yard at Barstow. John Salvini's picture is shown on page 3. Mike, John, and I are saving pictures of the old Santa Fe shops.



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### You Can Quote Me Cynthia Williams, DC

Boy howdy! And we aren't even close to done yet. Ugly partisan politics, fire tornados, and the "Coronacoster" of the virus surges and reductions, it's a wonder we are still sane. From the videos I see online, sanity is slipping away quickly. What's the cause behind it? The worry of the virus? It's obvious some people simply do not care or in huge denial, evidenced by their big parties with no "social distancing" or mask wearing. There's conflicting and at times, ridiculous information and dangerous advice to treat or avoid the virus.

The poor state of the economy is urging foolish actions. Too many people are not working and the promised financial aid is tied up with political pissing contests. It can also be the inability of being able to go about our normal lives of movies, restaurants, museums, and other leisure activities.

We never get a break from the constant reminders to wear a mask, hand washing, sanitizing surfaces, and to maintain social distance. (Sorry to be part of the problem but WEAR A MASK!) Managing mental health is necessary. In "normal" times we take our emotions as they come- wait to get over the bad ones and

wish the good ones lasted longer. It's OK and even advised to take the issue in your own hands and help elevate your positive mental health status. How does one go about that in a time of limited recreation, limited professional face-to-face contact, and limited funds? Let's look at some potential solutions.

Admit to yourself that you're distressed. It's not a weakness or a cause for shame. EVERY person I know is going through feelings of frustrations, confusion and anxiety.

You are not alone. Admit and accept it. Don't be hard on yourself for being down. These are exceptional times. We American have never experienced a life like we are dealing with now. We have no history on how to get through it. We are making it up as we go along. I wish I could read what the analysis of 2020 will be in 2120!

Share with others your worries, fears, and frustrations. Allow them the same to do it with you. Cultivate listening skills and strengthen your sense of empathy. You do not need to be able to "fix" their problems; you just need to be able to be there for them. Be sensitive to their situation. If you are working and overwhelmed and they have been unemployed for months, it might be insensitive to tell them about that particular issue. Stay healthy by eating a balanced, healthy menu.

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## HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

### Homiside in Highgrove!

Press release from Sheriff Department:

On Saturday, September 19, 2020, at 9:16 PM, deputies from the Jurupa Valley Station responded to a call of an assault with a deadly weapon in the 150 block of Goldfinch Lane in the unincorporated Riverside County area of Highgrove. Deputies arrived within minutes and located an unconscious male adult, suffering from life-threatening injuries. Deputies rendered medical aid until emergency medical personnel arrived. The male, however, died at the scene.

Investigators from the Riverside County Sheriff's Department Jurupa Valley Station and Central Homicide Unit responded and assumed the investigation. The identity of the decedent is being withheld pending next of kin notification. This is an active investigation, and no additional details are currently available. The Riverside County Sheriff's Department encourages anyone with information or video regarding the incident to contact Central Homicide Investigator Loureiro at (760) 393-3500.

### Grand Jury report requested at next MAC meeting

The 2017/2018 Grand Jury reported that: *"CSA 126 provide a one-time public notice clarifying exactly how the CSA 126 funds are distributed. This notice should include the number of assessed parcels, the amount per parcel for different housing areas, and any current agreements and contracts in effect."*

The 2 year time limit is up! The County has been notified that this item needs to be on the next agenda!

**Cannibis in Highgrove:** To voice your opinion from home during the Oct. 7 meeting of the Planning Commission instead of attending the meeting, please call: **Elizabeth Sarabia (951) 955 7436** or **Tim Wheeler 955 6060**. **Esarabia@rivco.org** or **Twheeler@rivco.org**. **Please stop Highgrove from getting another Pot Shop!** You Can Quote Me from P. 9

Get outdoors as much as you can (avoiding the hellish heat and poor air quality), and stick to a routine. Get up early, go to bed so you can sleep 7-8 hours a night, schedule leisure time, and schedule the physical activity you need be it indoors or out. Filter your news sources and keep it minimal. Select valid, trustworthy, unbiased sources of news and health advice. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has ALWAYS been one of the most informed, most reliable sources for health related information. You will get honest, informed, well researched information from them. Watch kitten and puppy videos.

It's OK to admit if you are having a particularly difficult time emotionally. Get professional help. Riverside County has several resources. One available is: <https://up2riverside.org/resources/mental-health-local-resources/>. Their phone number is: CARES Line at (800) 706-7500. If you are feeling suicidal please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at (800) 273-8255. The calls are free and confidential.

Take charge of this roller coaster we've been tossed on to. Make the decisions for yourself and your family to come out of 2020 a stronger, healthier, happier person. You can do it!

## FAKE NEWS CHALLENGE

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

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

Documentation is available upon request and we welcome anyone who wants to challenge any statements in our paper. Please go to: [www.highgrovehappenings.net](http://www.highgrovehappenings.net) and click on "Latest Issue" to see articles that go back to July of 2008.

Thank you for your many years of support!

R. A. "Barney" Barnett (951) 683-4994  
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NOTICE: The next Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for Oct. 28, 2020 at the Highgrove Library located at 530 W. Center Street in Highgrove.

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## HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

### County Supervisors office continues to boycott Highgrove Happenings Newspaper!

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#### Vacancy on Highgrove MAC

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

**Please let me know.**

**Thank you,  
"Barney"**

Here is the response I received:

**Good morning Barney-**

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

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

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

**Thank you.**

**Best,**

**Matthew Maldonado, MPA**

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

Please re-read the last paragraph at the bottom of the front page!

### Good news about the Highgrove Sheriff!

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

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

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

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

**Mr. Barnett**

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

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

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

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

**Thank You,**

**Chief Deputy, Joseph Pemberton**

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

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

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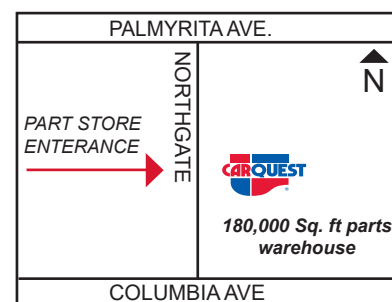
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## Riverside County Supervisor Karen

### Spiegel tested positive for Coronavirus

On July 25, 2020 the Press Enterprise reported that Supervisor Karen Spiegel has tested positive for Coronavirus after she had been quarantined for 14 days due to a previous possible exposure to the virus.

She stated "None of us are immune" and has urged constituents to wear face coverings, practice social distancing, and get tested. Supervisor Spiegel is the Supervisor for the 2nd District which includes Highgrove.