



HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS



Dedicated to the improvement of our community through awareness and involvement in local issues
(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area October, 2008



Flames: both good and bad!



“Cool” flames on this 1932 Ford roadster



These blue flames are on a 1951 Mercury



Here is another car with a different kind of flames- but these are real!

The flames shown at the top are really “cool” but the flames show at the bottom caused a lot of damage. The top left is a 1932 Ford roadster owned by John Stahley of Reche Canyon. “Little Louie” from San Bernardino did the beautiful flame job on John’s car that was first seen at the Old Farts Racing Team’s Mystery run in Riverside. At the top right is a 1951 Mercury with blue flames on the side that was at the Route 66 Rendezvous in San Bernardino. Just below these “cool” flames are flames of another kind that we all do not like to see out of control. The lower left photo shows the outline of one of Highgrove’s Station 19 firefighters that responded to an automobile fire across the street from where we live on Prospect Avenue. We didn’t have to go very far to get this picture. Another vehicle parked nearby suffered minor damage but there were no injuries.



Flames Destroy 4 Businesses in Grand Terrace

Early in the morning of September 17th a fire broke out in the EZ Mart Market and quickly spread to the other 3 businesses of the Terrace Village Plaza located across from Demetri’s Restaurant on Barton Road just west of the I-215 Freeway. The 3 alarm fire brought in 60 fire fighters that struggled for about 3 hours to douse the flames. The walls of the businesses are still standing but the roof caved in on EZ Mart, A-1 Cleaners, JC Stylez Hair and Nail Salon and a florist shop. The fire is being investigated as suspicious after the owner of the EZ Mart noticed that the counter top ATM machine was damaged. Demetri, the owner of the complex, said that someone had attempted to break into the side of the machine with a blow torch. Damage is estimated to be more than \$1 million dollars. If you look closely, you can see the reflection of the EZ MART sign in the water at the bottom of the picture.

Photo and text by Jeffrey McConnell.

MAC Community meetings changed to the 4th Wednesday of each month.

Next meeting Wed. Oct. 22, 2008 7:00 PM

Norton Younglove Community Center, 931 Center St. Highgrove 7:00 pm
Bring a neighbor!

Are you registered to vote?

Are you registered to vote on Nov. 4, 2008? Do you know where to obtain the proper forms to register? If the answer is no to these 2 questions you can obtain more information by going to www.election.co.riverside.ca.us or call: (951) 486 7200 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on Monday through Friday.

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Highgrove Community Center Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00am-2:00 pm
Highgrove Community Park Hours: Dawn to Dusk
Contact: Sherry at (951) 341-6634 (951) 786-6912
THE NORTON YOUNGLOVE COMMUNITY CENTER
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HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL GHOSTUME BALL

October 30th
6pm-8pm
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Trunk or Treat

A Trunk or Treat is a Halloween event that is often church or community sponsored. People park their cars in a large parking lot and open their trunks or the backs of their vehicles and decorate them. Then they pass out candy from their trunks. The event provides a safe family environment for trick or treaters. If you are interest in participating please call and reserve a spot before October 30th. (951) 341-6634
 For ideas go to <http://trunkortreat.homestead.com/>

M.O.U.S.E

Making Online Use Safe for Everyone
October 10, 2008
From 3:30 to 4:30

Adults and children often surf the internet for work and pleasure. However, many people become victims of online crimes. The Center will offer a free seminar about how to avoid becoming a victim and how to set boundaries for children while they use the computer. Join us for the kick-off of our exciting new program and receive vital internet safety information that could help save your child from an internet predator. For more information about internet safety for adults and children please contact the Center at 951-341-6634.

Rummage Sale

Sat. October 18th
8am-11am Set-up @ 7am
Norton Younglove Community Center

Is your garage filled with stuff and you can no longer fit your car in it?
 Are you closets completely filled and you need more space?
 Make money while clearing out your clutter!
SIGN UP NOW FOR A SPACE!

Booth rentals are \$10.00, Rental include one table & chair.
ALL rental proceeds go to the community center in Highgrove

Computer & ESL Classes

Have you ever wanted to work on a computer but simply didn't know where to start? Starting **Oct. 7th** (Tuesday) from **8am-9am**. Learn the basic skills to operate a computer. Your instructor **Damian** will offer Bi-lingual classes to help you navigate the internet in no time. Sign-up today! Class size is limited. Cost of each class is \$1.00. All proceeds benefit the community center. Do you want to learn to speak English? The center is now offering bi-lingual ESL (English as a Second Language) classes starting **Oct. 7th** (Tuesday) from **11am- 12**. The classes will teach basic English language skill to those speaking Spanish. Your ESL instructor **Damian** will help you learn to communicate better at home, work, or school. Sign- up today! Class size is limited. Cost of each class is \$1.00. All proceeds benefit the community center. For more information come into our center or call Leila at 951-341-6634.

Young Californians Remix All Stars

New classes will be offered for
Cheer & Jazz Dance
 They will meet every Monday
 from 6:15pm to 7:45pm

For further information please call 951-359-7827
 or
Norton Younglove Community Center
 951-341-6634

Spend time with the Masters

Learn the basics of art and color and create your own personal creations by using the techniques of the art masters at each session. The instructor will be Annette Ramsey of HeArt Enterprise. Classes are on Fridays at 12:30 p.m. for adults and 2:30pm for youth. Cost is \$1 for supplies. Please contact the center for information

Homework Help is offered at the Norton Younglove Community Center

Family Service Association will hold a Homework Help program for children ages 5- to 12-years-old, at the Norton Younglove Community Center. The program is held every Monday through Friday, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Cost per week is: \$5 for one child; \$8 for two children; \$11 for three children; and \$14 for four children. If you would like to enroll your child, become a volunteer, or make a donation to the program, then please call the Center.

Rolling Cart

FOOD GIVE AWAY

1st and 3rd Friday of the month
 Bring a rolling cart to the Center and our volunteers will attempt to fill it with food. Community members are asked to provide their own cart, sturdy enough to carry about 40 pounds of food. However, we can **not** guarantee how much food each family will receive. This program is sponsored by the Second Harvest Food Bank.
 For more information, please call the Center, (951) 341-6634

Riverside County Department of Public Health will be at the Norton Younglove Community Center on **Oct. 17th at 8am** for HIV/AIDS Rapid testing (results right away).

Don't Forget!!!

Brown Bag:
 1st & 3rd Tues. 8:00am - 10:00am
Commodities: 4th Friday of the month 7am -10am

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Volunteer Center of Riverside County
 and
Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Service Department

Invites you to participate in our
4th Annual
Celebration of Children
 Giving the Gift of Literacy

Face Painting
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Saturday, October 25, 2008
10 am - 2 pm

Bobby Bonds Park / Cesar Chavez Community Center
 2060 University Ave
 Riverside
 (Corner of University Ave. and Kansas Ave.)

For more information please call (951) 686-4402

Special thanks to YWCA Riverside, 2-1-1 Riverside County, Riverside Public Library/ Ready Set Go Mobile, Habitat for Humanity, Barnes & Noble, BI National Health Initiative of the Inland Empire, Alpha Treatment Center, Riverside County Dept. of Mental Health Children's Services, Home-town Buffet, Inland Empire Health Plan, Path of Life Ministries, RCOE Div. Children/ Family Services, Riverside Community College, Riverside County Humane Society, Riverside County Regional Medical Center, RPD Traffic Evaluation Unit, Riverside Press Enterprise, Nutrition Services of Riverside County, Riverside Fire Department, Global Education Systems Alliance, Planned Parenthood, Riverside County Coverage 4 Kids, Pop-A-Lock, Family Care Center of Riverside County, Department of Public Social Services, The Epilepsy Center, Indian Child and Family Services, Riverside Community Health Foundation, Arlington Lanes, La Prensa, Ruby's Restaurant, Mc Donald's Restaurant, Western Eagle Foundation, Titus Entertainment, Stator Brothers Grocery Market, Mr. Joe's Farm, Khol's Department Store, Riverside Regional Medical Center, New England Patriots-Leonard Russell, Riverside County Public Health-Tobacco & Asthma




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Children (5-12 yrs) 5:30-6:30pm

Adults (13 and up) 7:30pm

Monthly Fees:

Children (ages 5-12) \$40

Youth (ages 13-17) \$50

Adults (18 and up) \$60



Free introductory class (reasonable rates, family discounts and no contracts.)

Country Line Dance Classes

Wednesday's 1:00pm-2:00pm

Cost: \$2 per class

Line dancing is a great, low-impact exercise that offers emotional and physical benefits. Come join the fun, beginners welcome! Lessons are taught by Martha Quintero.



Riverside HIGHGROVE PONY LEAGUE BASEBALL/SOFTBALL 2008/2009

Due to the loss of Johnny Hernandez and my new hours and responsibilities to my grandson I will not be able to run Highgrove Pony Baseball/Softball League without more help. Right now I have 2-3 parents helping and that is not enough. We need a few more. There will not be any winter ball but I would like to do a regular season starting January 2009. I would like to keep this league going in honor of Johnny who started this in Highgrove and was very dedicated. We need children ages 5-12 to sign up but most of all I need parents willing to help the league get started again. We will need help with all aspects of the league plus donations to replace lost and missing equipment and uniforms. If you are interested in helping please contact me on Sundays between 4:00pm-6:00pm or leave your information at the community center Sorry this has taken a while but I would like to try one more time to see if we can bring baseball and softball back to our community and youth of Highgrove.

Linda Tobin (951) 323-1467

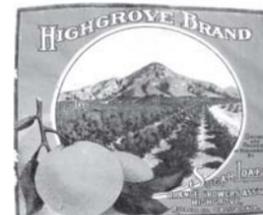
Highgrove Code Enforcement Improvement Fair



Another photo on page 10

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HIGHGROVE SHERIFF

Deputy Bryan Vig Stats :

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Felony Arrests 2 Citations 8
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Phone Number for the Sheriff Dept.: (951) 776-1099 (Non emergency)

Hot line tips for Highgrove Deputy Bryan Vig: (951) 955-2611

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Alan Osmond to be the Guest Speaker at Family Service Association's "State of the Family Summit"

Alan Osmond, the oldest member of the famous "Osmond" singing group, is now a motivational speaker and Multiple Sclerosis survivor. He will be the guest speaker at the State of the Family Summit, sponsored by Family Service Association (FSA) on Wednesday, Oct., 15th, from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Moreno Valley Conference Center.

Alan and his younger brothers formed the Osmond Brothers Quartet and he later produced the "Donnie and Marie Show." Alan has also produced many live entertainment spectaculars including two Presidential Inaugural Balls.

Multiple Sclerosis hasn't dampened Alan's enthusiasm. He often speaks out about having a positive attitude facing life's challenges and encourages others to have hope. The father of eight boys, Alan will also speak about the importance of families and how communities can strengthen them.

During the event, Judge Paul Zellerbach will be honored as the first recipient of the "Peggy Fouke-Wortz "Champion of the Family" Award. Zellerbach was selected for his dedication to the community and for his work as Chairman of FSA's board. The award was established in honor of Peggy Fouke-Wortz, who died earlier this year at the age of 89. Peggy was a dedicated and generous philanthropist who had incredible commitment to



serve the forgotten and disadvantaged members of our community.

Cost is \$35 per person or \$250 for a table of eight people. Sponsorships are also available. All proceeds go to FSA. The Moreno Valley Conference Center is at 14075 Frederick St. in Moreno Valley. For more information, call FSA at 951-686-1096.

FSA is a leader among non-profits in the Riverside and San Bernardino areas, offering services through their Child Development Centers (serving 2,000 children daily), Mental Health Clinics, Senior Nutrition Programs (serving 3,500 seniors daily) Senior Specialty Services, Community Centers and affordable housing. FSA is at 21250 Box Springs Road, Suite 212, Moreno Valley, Ca. 92557. For more information, call 951-686-1096.

Future local changes being considered

Future changes being considered in Highgrove is the addition of an AM/PM gas station on the south west corner of Center St. and Iowa Avenue. Center St. Tire that is located on the west side of this property may be moved to a location across from Zorba's. And speaking of Zorbas, we may see a new Chinese restaurant on their property south of their present location on Iowa Avenue. Other improvements under consideration include a new facade improvement for Riverside Smog on the north east corner of Center St. and Iowa Ave. and the La Frontera Market located on the north side of Chris' Burgers.

We thank Supervisor Marion Ashley and the Riverside County Economic Development Agency for all of the improvements that have been made to our community. Other completed projects that they are to be thanked for are the beautiful award winning "Welcome to Highgrove" entry monument at the I-215 northbound Center St. exit. And also for the two other Highgrove monuments on Iowa Ave., one for southbound traffic near Main St. and another one

for northbound traffic near Villa St in the center divider. These have been in place for quite a while but their importance and beauty should not be taken for granted. We have also seen improvements to other businesses in Highgrove such as Reliable Tire, Iowa Avenue Market, Tacos El Jr. #6, The Good News Missionary Baptist Church and the old Hughes appliance store that was recently completed. These improvements not only make our community look better, but they provide our residents with a more pleasing place to shop locally. With the high price of gasoline it even makes more sense to shop locally. The next time you get in your car to go shopping for something, patronize our local businesses. Without their support we would not be able to continue to bring you the local news through the "Highgrove Happenings Newspaper." We have businesses that have advertised with us for many years and we also get some new ones too. Tell them you saw their advertisement in the local Highgrove paper and let them know you appreciate their support by giving them your support!

Economic Development Agency takes Highgrove by storm!

The Riverside County Economic Development Agency is working to assist with the attraction of commercial and retail development to the area.

Bixby Land Co. has been persuaded to earmark the front portion of their property for retail development at Garfield Ave. and Center St. on their 40 acres west of the school. EDA is also in the process of designing guidelines to put into place consistent utilization of historic architectural treatments, landscaping, signage and theming. This will be based on input from the Highgrove community through the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council, the Redevelopment Agency, the Community Services Division and County Planning. The Community Services Division is also moving to design a community trail system utilizing the right of way for the canal and the Springbrook Wash.

The EDA Revitalization team for Highgrove consists of: Allan Bayer, Bill Brown, Rohini Dasika, Cindy Davis, Richard Dozier, Tina English, Andy Frost, Juan Garcia, Gail Gates, Suzanne Holland, Dominick Lombardi, Deanna Lorson, Ingrid Outlaw, Emilio Ramirez, Brenda Salas, Alexis Villa and Chad Wilshire. We thank Supervisor Ashley and the Riverside County EDA!

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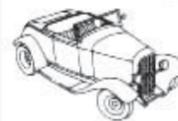
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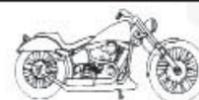


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HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY HELEN HOLMES

Helen Holmes will celebrate her 100th birthday with friends and relatives at the Norton Younglove Community Center on Oct. 5, 2008 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

She will be 100 years old on Oct. 8th and she is an inspiration to anyone who meets her. She is just as sweet as she can be and has a terrific attitude!

Although she lives alone, her neighbors including Rick and Mary Losh and her daughter, Pat are there for her when she needs help. Helen has 3 children: Pat, 72, Bob 65 and Evelyn age 50.

Helen had infantile paralysis (polio) as a youngster and she had hip surgery about 30 years ago. For the last 15 years she has had to use her wheel chair to get around. She said she doesn't feel like she is 100 years old and she and her dog "Muffy" are doing just fine!

Helen worked in a Jewelry store for 10 years in Ohio. Some of the places she has lived are Mt. Vernon, Ohio, Loraine, Ohio, El Paso, Texas, Roswell New Mexico, and Lebanon, Missouri. Helen and her 1st husband



Helen Holmes, who has lived in Highgrove for 27 years will be 100 years old on Oct. 8, 2008.

"Happy Birthday" from all of us!

eloped to Ripley, New York when she was 25 years old. He passed away in 1951 from TB. Her 2nd husband died in 1994. Her son-in-law (Pat's husband) designed the Stuart boat house at Fairmont Park many years ago. Congratulations to you Helen and Happy birthday. We welcome her family to Highgrove to help her celebrate her birthday.

Need a... New Roof Furnace Plumbing Repair Air Conditioner Handicap Ramp?

These repairs and many more can be performed through the Economic Development Agency (EDA) Home Repair Program.

Home Repair Help

EDA can cover the cost of your home repairs up to \$20,000 with no loan or payback requirement if you meet the program requirements: you must own your own home and meet low-income guidelines. In order to be considered, you must currently own a home in a Riverside County unincorporated area or in one of the following cities: Banning, Beaumont, Blythe, Canyon Lake, Cathedral City, Desert Hot Springs, Indio, Lake Elsinore, La Quinta, Maricopa, Menifee, Perris, San Jacinto, or Temecula. Call 1-800-945-4171 today and see what the EDA can do for you!

EDA Program Office

Toll Free 1-800-945-4171
Internet: www.rvceda.org



Highgrove United Methodist Church Bar-B-Q

On Sat. Oct. 25, 2008 there will be a Bar-B-Q dinner at the Methodist church at the corner of Center and Prospect Avenue. Dinner will be from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm and the cost will be \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Come out and get some good food and bring the whole family! For more information please call Denis Kidd at (909) 783 1664.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I just wanted to send you a quick thank you for consistently producing a classy and "professional" paper. As an advertiser it is important to me for the local papers to present unbiased information for the community to become informed and involved, without the use of a paper to promote personal agendas. I truly appreciate the work you put forth to produce the Highgrove Happenings. *Name withheld by request*

We want your feedback! Good and bad!!!

Email us at: highgrovenews@roadrunner.com

Does Annexation 106-(East Blaine) take part of CSA 126?

We recently learned that there is a plan to annex 1,490 acres of land to the City of Riverside. The map indicates that a portion of that annexation may be within the existing boundaries of County Service Area 126 which is known as the Highgrove area. The plan will go to the city council in about a month and if approved it will then go to LAFCO. There is quite a bit of opposition by the residents. There are 19 residents in the area and if at least 25% of the registered voters within the annexation area sign a protest, then it has to go to a vote of the registered voters in the area. If 50% sign a protest, or if there is a vote and it gets

less than 50% then it is dead.

To access the staff report go to the city website: <http://www.riversideca.gov/> then click on City Government, Boards and Commissions, Planning Commission, Current Planning Commission Agenda, City Planning Commission, 2008, 9-18, then Po5-0610 then on report. We will be watching to see if these boundaries that are on exhibit 7 actually go through part of CSA 126. We thank Richard Block for his response to our questions and for providing important information to us that may or may not determine where the line is drawn.

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- * Water safety overview with handout

This event was made possible by a donation from the physicians of Beaver Medical Group and the dedication of the Inland Empire Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Will you be ready to save a life?

Saturday

October 11, 2008

9:00am - 12 noon

Beaver Medical Group
340 Cajon St., Redlands, CA

Go to www.arcinlandempire.org or call (909) 888-1481 to reserve your spot. Start times vary. Limited seats available. Reservations end when class is full, or by October 6, 2008.

Highgrove Library

The library is open
Tues., Thur: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Wed., 10:00 am to 2:00pm
Closed Sun., Mon. & Friday.



690 Center St., Highgrove (951) 682 1507
www.riverside.lib.ca.us

You've got homework. We've got help. The Riverside County Library System offers help from real live tutors via the Riverside County Library System's Web page.

Live Homework Help is available for K - 12 grade and college introduction level students everyday from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. This program connects students to a real live tutor via the internet. Children and young adults simply log on to the Riverside County Library System website from their home or school, enter their library card number, grade level and the subject they need help in and within a few minutes or less are connected to an expert tutor. Students can receive help in math, science, social studies or English. The Spanish language version is available everyday from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. for assistance in math, science and social studies. If you'd like to learn more about the program, please visit the Web site at www.rivlib.net or visit your local library.

Highgrove Library 690 W Center St. Highgrove CA 92507
For more information please call 951-682-1507

HIGHGROVE MAC PASSES RESOLUTION

The Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council has passed a resolution asking Supervisor Marion Ashley and the Riverside County Transportation Department to expedite the re-opening of Mt. Vernon Avenue.

The paving is completed but there is a barrier at the south end of Mt. Vernon Ave. at Palmyrita Avenue. This K-rail barrier blocks traffic from going through this location. Formerly, traffic could proceed between Mt. Vernon and Palmyrita Ave. via the old Horse-shoe Bend where the road went down one

side of the arroyo and up the other side. At the bottom of Horseshoe Bend was where Pigeon Pass Road started but Mt. Vernon now goes straight across the arroyo and is blocked by the K-rail.

MAC Members who signed the resolution were: R. A. Barnett, Don Earp, Denis Kidd, Mark Visyak, Melanie Zimmermann, and alternates Kathy Cochran and Debbie Pierce. The resolution was given to Brenda Salas for forwarding to Supervisor Ashley and to the city of Grand Terrace.

Land purchased for new Highgrove Library

The Riverside County Board of Supervisors is moving forward with plans for a new library in Highgrove. The new library will be located on the south side of Center St. just west Michigan Avenue. The library is a \$6 million dollar venture that is scheduled to be completed by the summer of 2010. R D King Consulting, Inc. will be working the design-build project

under a \$200,000 agreement with the County for their management services. Complete plans are not available at this time but the structure will be between 6,000 and 7,000 sq. ft. and located on approximately 6 acres. Thank you to Supervisor Ashley, The Riverside County Economic Development Agency, and all of you who are making this possible!

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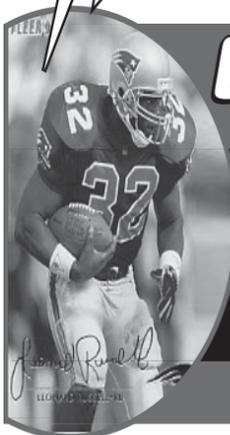
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A "LOVING" LOOK AT POLITICS

by Jerry Loving

There is no water shortage in Riverside

Folks, please don't believe all the headlines in the media about a water shortage in Riverside. To prove my point, just walk through your neighborhood or drive around town and see the sprinkler systems running water into the streets. Once you see all of these sprinkle systems that are out of control, you can see that we actually have water to waste. And, according to the media, we have to tap our water bank for extra water because we have had 3 years of a so called "drought" season and the city may have to raise our water rates to pay for the additional water.

It should be a criminal offense to waste water in Riverside. These people who let their sprinkler systems

run wild should be punished. I have actually gone up and knocked on people's doors and told them, "no matter how much you water concrete, it won't grow." I can't write what they told me to do, but it had something to do with me multiplying myself.

I was walking one day and actually saw two sprinkler heads shooting directly into the streets and a police car went thru the shower. All he did was turn on his windshield wipers. You think he would have gone back and done something about the wasting of the water. Another time I followed a lady that was reading the water meters for the City of Riverside and she passed 3 houses that had sprinkler systems literally drowning the road. I asked her if there was anything she could do to stop these people from wasting water. I was told that if they pay their bill that is all

she cares about. Another time I actually called the police and they came out and told me to mind my own business or they would put me in jail for trespassing. Am I missing a point here?

I grew up in California and as a young man went to Lake Tahoe and actually got to see all of the beautiful lakes up there full of water and fish. I did a lot of fishing and swimming. I recently took a trip to Lake Tahoe and all those lakes are gone. Gone forever. And I know where they went. They are now running down the streets of Riverside!

In my opinion, the biggest outlaws in Riverside are the people who let their sprinkler systems run wild and the police should do something about it. But, a better idea is for people who actually see the waste need to tell their neighbors to be a little more responsible and think of the community and not just of themselves. After all, water is a re-

source that we ALL need and with the growth in Riverside out of control, we need to bring these water sprinklers under control. By someone being able to afford to pay their water bill is not the solution.

In tough times our law enforcement and judicial systems get tough on crime. In reality, I have always thought that traffic violations were more of a predatory tax so the government could reap in free money. And you notice that the traffic police always patrol the neighborhoods where they know the people can pay the fines if they get a ticket.

And I wonder how long it will be until someone receives a ticket for wasting water?

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Comparing Metrolink Station locations: Sept. 23, 2008 Station platform needs to be where commuter trains already exist in Highgrove



The yellow curved line shown on the map above is where there are 17 acres of vacant land that is "For Sale" for \$11 million dollars and is mandatory for the curved track to connect the Perris Valley Line RR to the BNSF RR between Riverside and Perris. Without this curve at Highgrove, future Perris Valley Line

commuter trains will not be able to operate between Riverside and Perris in either direction. If RCTC does not buy the 17 acres, there are plans for 2 more warehouses on the 17 acres. We have waited for 7 years but our plan is still being ignored. RCTC wants to buy

X RCTC wants a station south of Palmyrita Ave. at the X where there are no commuter trains!

property and put a station where there are no commuter trains on the Perris Valley Line. The X at the bottom of the map shows where RCTC wants to put a Metrolink station. This \$25 million dollar property is not needed at all be-

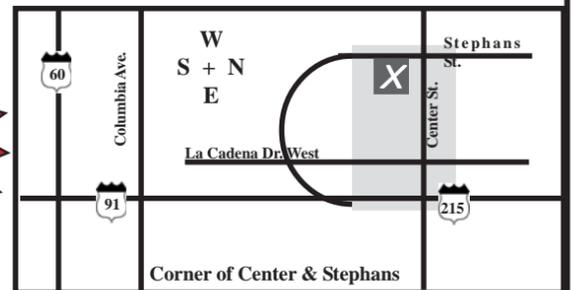
cause the 17 acres at Highgrove could be used for the curved track, a Metrolink station where there are existing daily commuter trains, and plenty of room for parking. Abandoning the Palmyrita Ave. station could save \$25 million of your tax dollars.

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This photo shows one of the 62 Metrolink trains that currently pass through Highgrove each week. A platform is needed at this location and just stop some of these existing trains next to the 17 acres. (see Metrolink Platform on map at left)



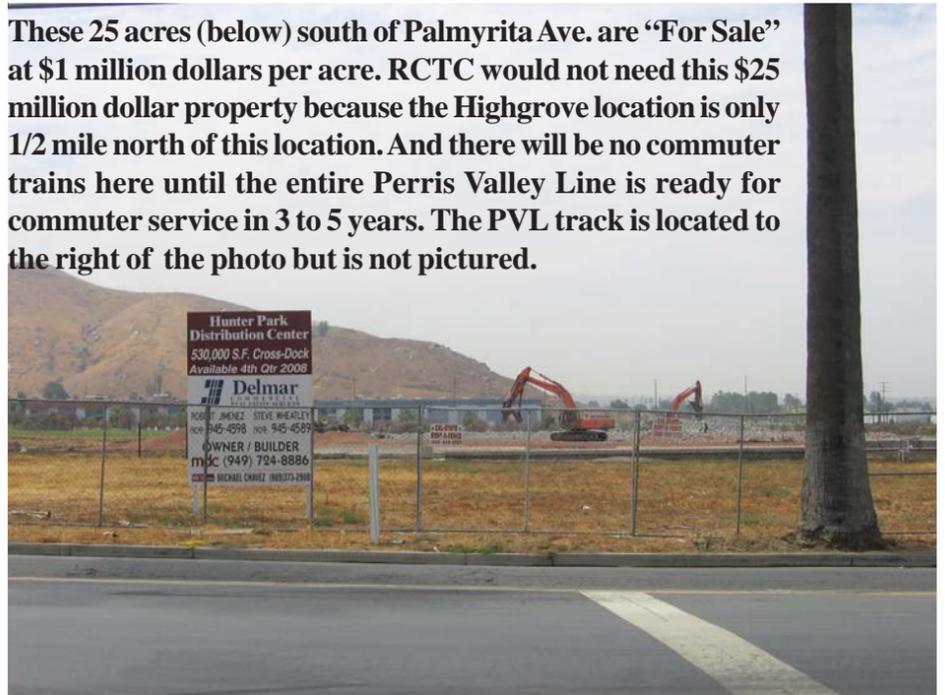
The passenger track speed at this location is 60 mph and the platform for the existing trains would be located on straight track. Just stopping the existing trains does not violate the Feb. 14, 1996 train movement agreement between RCTC and BNSF because there are no additional trains added between San Bernardino and Riverside. The trains are already there- but they need to stop just long enough for passengers. The curved track would intersect the BNSF railroad from the right side of the above picture. Our freeways are so congested and the gasoline prices are so high that many commuters have turned to park and ride. Highgrove is the perfect location to park and ride because the platform would serve commuters in 3 directions: to and from Riv-

erside using existing trains, to and from San Bernardino using existing trains, and to and from Perris when the Perris Valley Line is completed. The Perris Valley Line railroad also needs a completely new signal system to run commuter trains. There are no signals for any trains except for the ones on each side of the railroad junction where the Union Pacific track crosses the Perris Valley Line track at Marlborough Avenue. Additional passing tracks or sidings will have to be built and new engines and coaches will be needed. And there is no rail connection at the other end of the Perris Valley Line because the track dead ends at San Jacinto. But the real question is: How will their trains get between Riverside and Perris without the 17 acres of vacant land at Highgrove?

Warehouses are going up on the portion south of the arroyo and there are plans for 2 more warehouses on the north side where RCTC needs the property for the curved track to connect the 2 railroads. The northern 17 acres are all presently vacant land.



These 25 acres (below) south of Palmyrita Ave. are "For Sale" at \$1 million dollars per acre. RCTC would not need this \$25 million dollar property because the Highgrove location is only 1/2 mile north of this location. And there will be no commuter trains here until the entire Perris Valley Line is ready for commuter service in 3 to 5 years. The PVL track is located to the right of the photo but is not pictured.



During the proposed re-construction time of 3 years for the Perris Valley Line track to be up-graded there will be almost 10,000 commuter trains that pass through Highgrove that do not stop. Here are the figures: Highgrove now has commuter train service 7 days a week. There are 62 commuter trains each

week or 3,224 trains per year. Three years of construction time is equivalent to 9,672 commuter trains that could take thousands of vehicles off the freeways during this period. These figures are not freight train figures but trains that transport people by rail. The platform should be in Highgrove!



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cess is complete we will transmit approved documents to HUD and HUD will provide the funding for implementation. While receiving these funds is a great boost to our county and we are grateful for the assistance, this is not something to celebrate as it is yet one more reminder of the state of our housing market. We will have no further information or comment on this program until we have received direction and guidance from the Board of Supervisors."

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Virginia's View Point

by Virginia Harford

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The 3 candidates who receive the highest number of votes will be elected.

Lee Ann Garcia was elected to the council the first time in 1996 and re-elected in 2000, and 2004 and serves as Mayor Pro Tem. Jim Miller was elected to the council in 2004 and is seeking another 4 year term. His wife, Margie Miller, is publisher of the Grand Terrace City News. Four others are seeking a position on the council., They are Doug Wilson, who is a member of the Grand Terrace planning commission, Robert Mendez, a member of the County of San Bernardino Fire Department, Dontay Nunn, an in-home care provider, and Walt Stanckiewicz, owner/operator of the Pasta Italia restaurant in Grand Terrace.

All of these candidates are qualified and have taken the necessary steps required to enter the race for the three available seats.

Bea Cortes, who has been a council member since 2002 is not up for re-election until as well as Mayor Maryetta Ferre' who also is not up for re-election until 2010. **Editor's note: The opinions expressed in this article are the viewpoints of its author and do not necessarily reflect the viewpoints of the "Highgrove Happenings"**

Riverside Concert Band performed in Grand Terrace

On Sept. 5, 2008 we went to Rollins Park in Grand Terrace to hear the Riverside Concert Band.

This band first started in 1876 and is the oldest year round volunteer band in the nation. There was a good turn-out and the evening weather was beautiful. And so was the music! The concert was free and people sat around in the grass on blankets or brought their own lawn chairs. This band once played at our Highgrove Picnic when it was held in Cage Park at the old Edison Power Plant. That was about 19 years ago when the trees were alive and the grass was green. Everything is dead now and that is a shame but is another story. The Riverside Concert band always welcomes new members. Their members include the High School age group to musicians in their 80's. No audition is required. Just bring your instrument to



rehearsals with a willingness to learn the music. Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 pm to 9:15 pm at the Foothill Elementary School multi-use room located at 8230 Wells Ave. in Riverside. If your business or company is interested in supporting this non-profit organization please e-mail: Lorijen@charter.net or visit their web site at www.riversideconcertband.org

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Therefore, one can conclude with mathematical certainty that: While Hard Work and Knowledge will get you close, Attitude will Get you there.

Writer's workshop held at Riverside library

On Sept. 10, 2008 I attended the writer's workshop in Riverside. It was co-hosted by Ruth Nolan from the College of the Desert and Marion Mitchell-Wilson, Fund Development Manager for the Riverside public library. The program consisted of author reading their short stories that were also printed in the program.

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 Kellee Collier attends 3rd grade at Highgrove Elementary School. She is in Miss Wolfe's class. Kellee loves to do Karate and is working for her black belt. Kellee wants to be a doctor when she grows up.



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