



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

NEW HIGHGROVE COMMUNI ASSOCIATION BEING FORME

After the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council was eliminated on April 11, 2017 by Supervisor John Tavaglione at a Public Hearing in Riverside, the Highgrove community was left without a collective voice to communicate our problems to the proper county agencies.

Members of the Highgrove area have been meeting recently on the 2nd Thursday at the Norton Younglove Community Center in Highgrove in order to re-establish communications with agencies in Riverside County that provides services to our community.

Since the Public Hearing in April, to my knowledge there has been between communication no the Riverside County Board of Supervisors and members of the Highgrove Municipal former Advisory Council. Other county agencies such as the Riverside Department Sheriff's County have not attended any of the new Highgrove Community Association meetings like they used to when Highgrove had monthly meetings at the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council meetings. All of the new meeting attendees are from the Highgrove community

including Spring Mountain Ranch. Unfortunately, no one on the west side of the freeway has attended although they have been encouraged to participate because all 3 portions, older Highgrove, Spring Mountain Ranch and the west side of the freeway are all part of County Service Area 126.

By Laws of the new Highgrove Community Association handed out at the September 14th meeting for review and consideration and will be discussed again at the October 12, 2017 meeting. No officers or positions have been finalized and residents from Highgrove, Spring Mountain Ranch and CSA 126 residents west of the freeway are encouraged to attend the October 12 th meeting. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm at the Norton Younglove Community Center located at 459 Center St. in Highgrove next to the fire station.

Highgrove's CSA 126 has had monthly meetings for over 25 years and the October 2017 meeting will be a time period of 6 months since Supervisor Tavaglione silenced the collective voice of the Highgrove community at the Public Hearing on April 11, 2017.

CENTER ST. SEWER LINE BEING EXTENDED TO ACCOMMODATE NEW HOMES



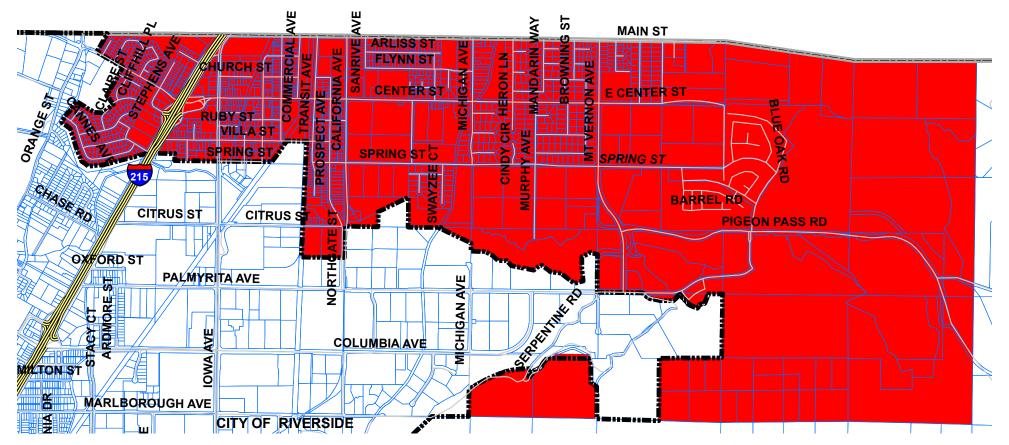
A new sewer line is being installed in the middle of Center St. from Michigan Ave. to 69 new homes at the base of Blue Mountain.



The local gophers are really

upset about all this digging! (Another Center St. photo on pages 3)

IF YOU LIVE WITHIN THE AREA SHOWN IN RED YOU ARE IN CSA 126



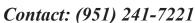
In unincorporated areas, basic services like water, sewer, police and fire protection are provided by the county. Because counties often consist of large and diverse geographical areas, providing a consistant and adequate service level across all areas can be difficult. Residents of urban communities may want more services than those residing in rural areas. The County Service Area Law was created in the 1950's to provide a means of providing expanded service levels in areas where residents are willing to pay for extra service.

Spring Mountain Ranch, Highgrove, and a portion on the west side of I-215 are all part of Highgrove's CSA 126.



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

Highgrove Community Park Hours: Dawn to Dusk





459 Center Street- Highgrove web site: www.nycchighgrove.com

Family Service Association

Program Coordinator Leila Santamaria

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,

It's a Open House....

The community is getting together on October 12, 2017 at the Norton Younglove Community Center at 7:00 P.M. to read/discuss Bylaws to be finalized in November. Everyone is welcome. If you are a property owner and would be interested in being on this board we will be holding election this night. The meeting will be held the 2nd Thursday of every month from this point on day of every month from this point on.

County Regional Medical Center Mobile Health Clinic 9AM - 2PM October 6th and 20th: 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.

October 9th: 10:30 Dental Education and Activity for pre-school ages -o- cost program hosted by Maria with Miles of Smiles/Riverside Community Health Foundation.

October 20th: Join us for an Overview Presentation on Diabetes Self Management Workshop. Everyone with Diabetes Counts is a program that encourages small lifestyle changes while learning about your diabetes and the way it affects you Health. Enjoy the benefits of a healthier, more energetic lifestyle by signing up today! Class begins November 6th.

October 27th: 6PM - 8PM 10th Annual Harvest Costume Ball.

Save the Date

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Tuesday Bingo



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Phils Philosophy:

By Phil Turner

Bring Back the Draft

I realize this is not a new or novel idea, but maybe an old idea isn't necessarily a bad one. The Draft or Selective Service hasn't been in use since 1973. I propose a system with a little different twist.

I believe that every able bodied citizen should, in some way, be required to contribute their time and talents to the service of our country.

There are 27 countries that have mandatory conscription into the military. There are an additional 105 countries that have conscription, but is not enforced. There are 13 countries that have compulsory service, with a non-combat service option.

There are many avenues where a young man or woman can serve one's country. Obviously the first to come to mind is military service. Within the military there are many careers that do not require combat. 90% of military careers are behind the lines, in support of combat troops.

Serving the country could be accomplished in a number of ways, outside of the military. The U.S has a number of cities that are in decay, and within almost every city there are areas that need to be rehabilitated. Young people could be put to work in any number of ways in those cities and neighborhoods cleaning up, rebuilding, and giving new life to those areas.

During The Great Depression the government had a number of organizations including:

CCC Civilian Conservation Corps, that created many of the roads, and

public state and national parks that we still use today.

PWA Public Works Administration built many roads, bridges, public access, again that are in use still today.

WPA Works Progress Administration Again built roads, buildings and structures

FEMA We have has a number on natural disasters here at home, including two hurricanes, and several forest fires. The cleanup and rebuilding could take years.

In addition to projects here in the U.S., organizations like CARE, Save the Children, The Salvation Army, The Red Cross, Doctors without Borders, and World Vision International.

Working for the United Nations relief agencies, education agencies, and such could be counted as fulfilling one's obligation.

There are additional benefits for both our country, and those serving. The young people fulfilling their service would be exposed to a work ethic that may not have been instilled at home. Work and social skills would be taught and gathered.

There could be additional career moves and promotions with in these organizations. Maybe a career could be made within, that would last a persons working lifetime.

I think that similar G.I. Bill benefits could be offered to those completing their service, that would include education, placement, and additional advanced training.

Is this a win, win for us all, or just another pipe dream?



The middle of Center St. is blocked off but traffic is allowed in both directions next to the curb. Please slow down in this area. (Cont. on P. 4)

Attention Spring Mountain Ranch Residents:

Your employer is invited to advertise in the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper that is delivered free to all of the homes in Highgrove including Spring Mountain Ranch. In addition, copies go to all of the businesses in Grand Terrace, Colton and Riverside that advertise with us. They also go to the Mayor and City Council of Riverside, Riverside County Administration Offices, Grand Terrace Senior Center, library, and Civic Center, and Highgrove Library and NYCC Community Center.

We have been bringing local news to our community for 23 years and our rates are low because we work out of our home. Business cards are only \$30.00 per month. and a 1/4 page is only \$100.00.

Call (951) 683 4994 or go to:

www.highgrovehappenings@roadrunner.com "Latest issues" to see issues back to July of 2008.



This historic Steam engine (ATSF 3751) is being painted on the Norton Younglove Community Center wall in Highgrove by Bethany Volker.

Social Media comments needed!

Are you into social media such as facebook, texting, instagram, twitter, skype, video messaging or e-mailing your frinds? If you are using any of these methods, we need your assistance to help spread the word about what our Riverside County Supervisor has done to Highgrove. Even if you don't live in Highgrove you should be aware of what this long time career politician has done to silence the collective voices of the Highgrove people.

I guarantee that the article on page 5 is how things actually happened because these statements are true. And since these facts are true, we need your help to pass the word via Social Media to let everyone else know about these injustices. Please relay the article on page 5 to your friends on Social Media and your Congressman.

We still have Sheriff coverage just like everyone else who is entitled to when they pay their taxes, but after 7 1/2 years we are <u>still</u> paying for our own <u>extra</u> Deputy Sheriff that was eliminated without anyone notifying the voters that our Sheriff was gone!

Whatever happened to "No Taxation without Representation" because the Highgrove people are being taxed and this spacific tax does not represent what was voted on by a legal ballot. We need your help to use Social Media to help expose Supervisor Tavaglione who eliminated the Highgrove Municipal Advisroy Council.

Please e-mail your comments to: highgrovenews@roadrunner.com and we will print your comments subject to editing.



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HIGHGROVE IS RAPIDLY GROWING!

KB HOMES IS BUILDING 1,409 NEW HOMES IN SPRING MOUNTAIN RANCH AND DR HORTON IS ANOTHER BUILDER THAT IS BUILDING 36 HOMES BY THE SCHOOL AND 69 HOMES BY BLUE MOUNTAIN.

A second builder, D. R. Horton has almost completed 36 new homes on the N/E corner of Spring and Garfield by the school and they are currently grading for another 69 homes at the base of Blue Mountain between Main St. and Center Street. shown in the photos on the right.

All of these new homes are in Highgrove (CSA 126) and that does not even include the vacant 68 acre property where townhouses, condominiums, apartments, and a shopping center is planned between Center St. & the arroyo

and Garfield on the east side and the former UP railroad tracks on the west side. This 68 acre property by the school is still vacant.

Highgrove is rapidly growing and all the new street signs will have the Highgrove logo at the top to maintain our identity because all of these new homes are within the CSA 126 boundaries known as Highgrove.

But unfortunately, the collective voice of our Highgrove community was silenced at the Public Hearing in April by Riverside County Supervisor John Tavaglione.



The new sewer pipe is ready when needed for the 69 new homes that are east of Mt. Vernon Avenue at the base of Blue Mountain.



Work is being done at both ends of the sewer line. This trench is for the sewer line to connects the new homes to Riverside's sewer system.

This is the east end of Center St. looking west. The new sewer line will be for the 69 homes that will be built between Center St. and Main Street.

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EVENTS AVAILABLE:

- Tavaglione eliminates Highgrove MAC April 11, 2017
- Highgrove Community meeting April 19, 2017

www.HighgroveHappenings.net

FAKE NEWS CHALLENGE:

Sometimes the articles in the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper may seem too political but we are printing articles about what is actually happening to Highgrove and we have verification to prove that what we print is true! We print information that affects Highgrove and documentation is available upon request. We will continue to print the truth and we welcome anyone who wants to challenge any statements in our paper. (Except for P. 5 of this issue) Go to our web site: www.highgrovehappenings.net and click on "Latest issues" that go back to July of 2008.





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VIDEO TAKEN DURING PUBLIC HEARING TO DISBAND HIGHGROVE MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL REVEALS FALSE STATEMENTS MADE BY RIVERSIDE COUNTY SUPERVISOR TAVAGLIONE

To view the video of Supervisor Tavaglione's actual statements at the Municipal Advisory Council. Public Hearing on April 11, 2017 please go to:

www.highgrovehappenings.net. There are 4 videos on our web site screen. The top 2 videos are the complete meetings that were taken from two different meetings. Please watch the video located at the lower left hand side of the 4 videos on the screen titled "Tavaglione's speech". This video was made by Riverside County during the Public Hearing on April 11, 2017 and is a condensed version of the video directly above, which is the complete public hearing that contains comments from Highgrove residents wanting Supervisor Tavaglione not to disband the Highgrove

The 2 videos on the right hand side were made after the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council was eliminated at what would have been the April 2017 MAC meeting. This video was made on April 19, 2017 at the Highgrove Library, which was our regular monthly meeting place, which was 8 days after the Highgrove MAC had been eliminated.

Supervisor Tavaglione knows that the MAC members or CSA 126 members have never handled any funds because all financial matters are handled through Riverside County Administration!

My letter below to Supervisor Tavaglione dated Sept. 6, 2017 asks if he would like to change any portion of the statements he made at the Public Hearing. No response to my letter shown below has been received from Supervisor Tavaglione.

Supervisor John Tavaglione 4080 Lemon St. Fifth Floor Riverside, Ca. 92502

Sept. 6, 2017

Supervisor Tavaglione,

At the public hearing on April 11, 2017 part of your statements included:

"And when I found out through a very reliable source that Barney you were trying to change the minutes to suit you at the meeting-that you were going to the Grand Jury to try to use MAC Funds to sue the County and hire an attorney to sue the county that's when I finally said that's enough".

I have admitted that I corrected the minutes because of an incorrect statement made by the MAC Secretary Raina Boal but the correction was not to "suit me". It was to correct her statement that said: "the attorney guided me not to sue". The attorney I talked to did not make that statement. Also, I have <u>not</u> used any MAC money to go to the Grand Jury or to hire an attorney to sue the county. The MAC and/or CSA 126 members have never handled any funds because all financial matters are handled through Riverside County Administration.

And after you made incorrect and derogatory statements about me at the public hearing, I was not allowed to respond to your accusations. I would like to know who your "reliable source" is because even if your "reliable source" misled you, you should have known that your statement about me using "MAC Funds" was not true!

It has now been 5 months since you eliminated the entire Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council which was the only collective voice of the Highgrove people for 25 years that was used to communicate with you as our county Supervisor, and three other Supervisors who preceded you.

After re-reading your statement shown above and my explanation of what actually happened, would you like to change any portion of your statement? Awaiting your reply so we can set the record straight. Thank you,

R. A. "Barney" Barnett

Former Chairman: Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council

Editor: Highgrove Happenings Newspaper

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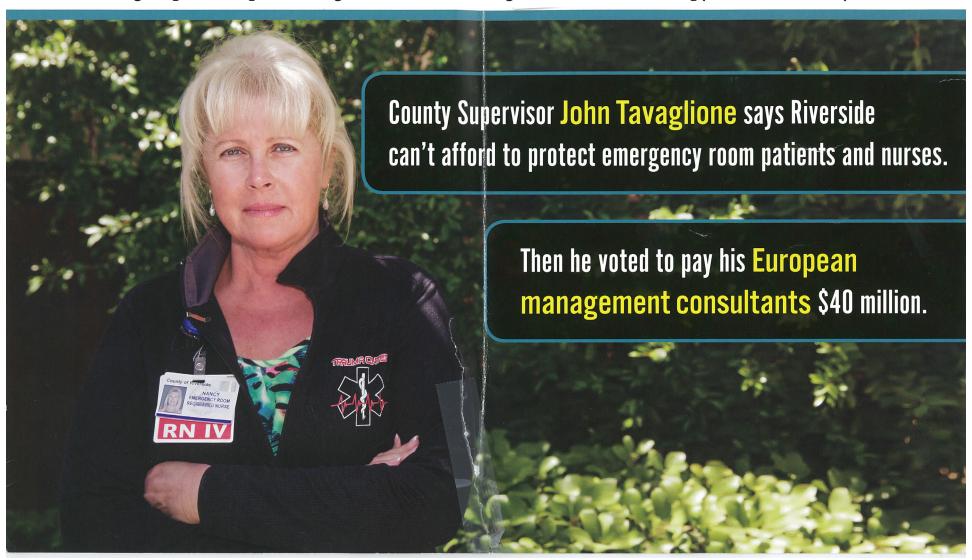
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MORE CRITICISM OF SUPERVISOR TAVAGLIONE FROM ANOTHER GROUP:

Highgrove is not the only group who is challenging Supervisor Tavaglione's judgement. I was given a flyer that shows another group that is questioning his decision making abilities. Here is a copy of the 2 sided flyer I received:



SUPERVISOR JOHN TAVAGLIONE: Denying safeguards to protect patients and nurses from emergency room violence. Approving millions for European consultants.

Riverside County emergency rooms erupt into violence on a daily basis, putting patients and nurses at risk. But Supervisor John Tavaglione says there's no money for hospital metal detectors or full-time security. Then he voted to give Dutch consulting giant KPMG \$40 million in contracts. Riverside Supervisors need to prioritize hospital safety.

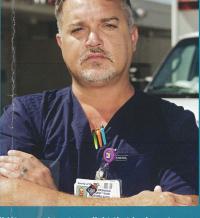


"I treated a verbally abusive patient recently only to find out on the news he was a murder suspect and carrying a gun in the E.R. Please call our supervisor and tell him to prioritize safety for patients and nurses."

"A severely mentally disturbed patient jumped Nancy Norton, RN



off a gurney, grabbed me, tore out chunks of my hair and smashed my head against the floor until staff could restrain him. Supervisors need to make our hospitals safe, not spend millions on overpriced consultants."



"I intervened to stop a fight that broke out between the families of two patients in the E.R. One of the men in the brawl threatened to shoot me if I called the police. How is it we can't afford armed security at the hospital, but we can hire \$40 million consultants?"

Brandon Sumrall MSN, RN

"You have to question who's being served – the taxpayers or the consulting firm?"

Supervisor Kevin Jeffries Riverside Press-Enterprise, 7/28/2017

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After County workers fought to increase safety for patients and staff at Riverside Regional Medical Center and other facilities, and criticized the County's \$40 million deal with KPMG, they were harassed and targeted for surveillance by County officials. County workers and their union filed a complaint with state regulators.

Call your supervisor, John Tavaglione, and tell him to end multi-million dollar sweetheart deals with KPMG and other consultants and invest in better emergency room security!

CALL Supervisor John Tavaglione at (951) 955-1020. Ask him to stop spending millions on wasteful consulting contracts and start investing in keeping patients and frontline healthcare workers safe!

Terry Lopez, RN

MENTONE AND HIGHGROVE HAVE SIMILARITIES

On August 29, 2017 I was invited to a meeting in Mentone which was a community meeting followed by the Mentone Chamber Of Commerce meeting and I encouraged them to consider establishing a small newspaper to keep their residents informed about local Mentone issues like we do in Highgrove.

The following article was submitted to the Highgrove Happenings by Mentone residents:

Mentone is an un-incorporated community in San Bernardino County filled with many generations of families who take pride in their roots. Mentone strives to preserve the rural small-town feel, while focusing on improving the quality of life and the desirability of living in the community Agricultural pride and rich community history is also part of the Mentone presence. The community holds a special place in the hearts of residents and visitors alike.

Mentone values its small-town feel, the fact that many homes have the Zanja creek running through their property, and that the area is the gateway to the San Bernardino Mountains.

While some of us residents were looking through old newspaper articles we found the same issues and

concerns still existing today. These has been that Redlands presented unincorporated area. The plan goes concerns have spanned for at least over 10-15 years.

According to records from 1997 Redlands voters were able to vote on Measure U but Mentone residents, being in unincorporated San Bernardino County, did not get to vote on this Measure U. This has been a hard pill to swallow for the Mentone community because Measure U has given Redlands, in particular, too much power over Mentone.

The community has a very good example of what this Measure U has done to Mentone.

The Highway 38 that runs through the community has a restaurant located on the corner of the Highway and Turquoise Avenue. This building has been sitting vacant for years.

The owner started to build in 2006. Currently the building 95% completed, but the City of Redlands still requires \$89,000 from the owner in order for him to get water service. He cannot get his final inspection until the water is turned on.

During the owners years of completing the building he had many dealings with the City of Redlands, which is to only provide for water service to Mentone. The situation

Here is a layout of the new Spring

fees upon fees to this owner, who had to get legal counsel to help. The original amount of fees Redlands wanted was \$800,000 but since 2006 the owner, having counsel for guidance, was able to get Redlands to drop the fees to \$600,000. Finally the owner was not required to have sewer service and can use the existing septic, but the fee is still \$89,000 for water hookup from the City of Redlands.

Most of Mentone is on septic, including many of the businesses.

It has also been noted that Mentone residents have been paying more for water services from Redlands City than Redlands residents according to a resident in Mentone who calculated the billings.

Most recently, some of the agriculture residents have concerns because there is talk that the City of Redlands is contemplating tapping into the wells of the local residents who still have Orange Groves in the community. This concern is mostly in the Greenspot, Crafton Hills, and Mill Creek areas.

There is a "sphere of influence" that is initiated through Local Agency formation Commission (LAFCO) which is implemented when a city wants sections of an

to the County Board of Supervisors and LAFCO.

Redlands has been having a field day forming small annexations close to their City boundaries in Mentone. They are expanding their city and using this piecemeal tactic on the Mentone Community. Then the tax revenues go to the City of Redlands.

The Mentone people have stated through the years they don't want to be annexed to the City of Redlands. Within the year or so there has been a 'change in the wind" and the people of this area have voiced more aggressively their desire for keeping Mentone unincorporated. They are not the only voices, because there are other unincorporated communities presenting this same message.

A majority of the Mentone community wants to stay rural because people want to live in small towns like Mentone for a better quality of life, trails for bikes and nature lovers, open space, rural living, historical traditions, the Zanja creeks, and generation after generation in keeping with traditions that make a safe community where people want

Update on Spring Mountain Ranch:

Mountain Ranch

I recently visited the sales office for the new homes in Spring Mountain Ranch and according to the information I received on Sept. 21, 2017 there were 420 families now living in Spring Mountain Ranch. The houses are selling very well according to Brad Kellerman who told me that the new Capistrano section has 159 new homes and the Monterey section has156 new homes.

The Spring Mountain Ranch project will bring a total of 1,409 new homes to Highgrove that are being built by KB Homes. This is the largest of the new construction projects for homes.

We welcome our new Spring Mountain Ranch residents to Highgrove and invite you to come to our community meeting at 7:00 pm on October 12, 2017 at the Norton Younglove Community Center at 459 Center Street.

Monterey Section. MONTEREY NORTH AT SPRING MOUNTAIN RANCH SPRING STREET

See Spring Mountain Ranch advertisement on page 8



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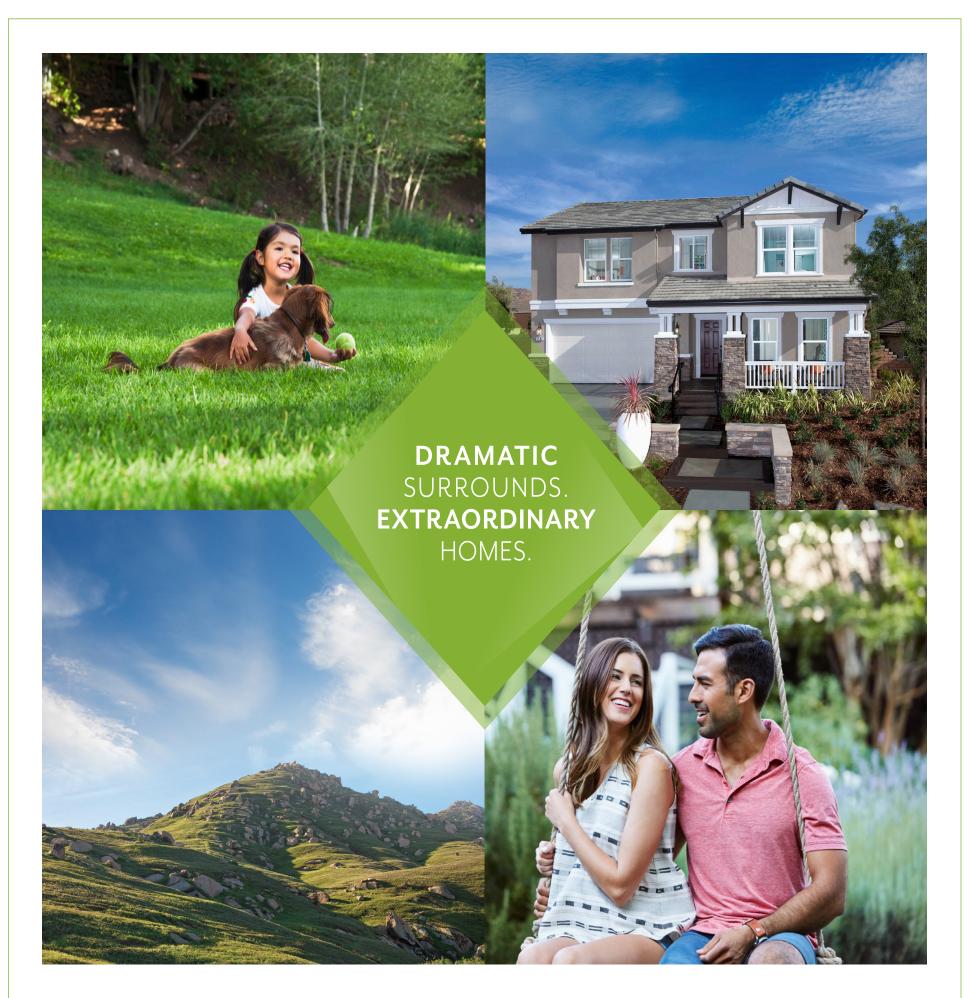
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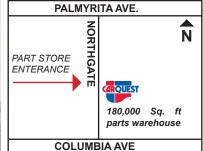
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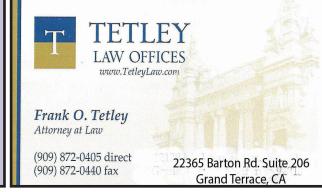


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By: Dr. Cynthia Williams

"I expect to pass through life but once. If therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now, and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again."

William Penn (14 October 1644 – 30 July 1718)

This past August and September was one hell of a time in our country. Massive, unrelenting, widespread wildfires in the western US and historic flooding of biblical proportions in the southeast has led to loss of life and property damage with a dollar amount that is too enormous to be calculated. The recovery time will be in the decades. Many areas won't recover but rather, they will have to reinvent themselves as there is no way to go back to their former lives.

Presented with the opportunity, the worst and the very best in my fellow citizens was on display for the world to see and to judge. From the bakers who spent two days straight baking thousands of rolls to the angel who opened his furniture store so people would have a place to sleep; they displayed immeasurable kindness and generosity of spirit, all without being asked and without a personal agenda and no expectations of repayment. They helped because they could.

Lives were saved through phenomenal social networking and dozens

of selfless citizens risked their own lives and used their own funds and property to go into the flooded areas to rescue stranded people from their rooftops and attics, in the process, saving many lives that would've been lost.

I don't want to even validate with print space the selfish, self serving scoundrels who took advantage of the horrible situations. The lowlife cockroaches always crawl out of the woodwork and prey on those at a disadvantage. They are always there and we have come to expect them.

The ones who could have helped but chose not to... they deserve a special spot on the wall of shame. In an emergency situation when lives are at stake, one shouldn't wait to be asked to help. If you have the means you should open your heart and your doors and do it. We should be past the days of "survival of the fittest" and acting on working as one team of human beings. Southern California will see its day when the "Big One" hits. We will have to pull together to survive and recover. Be prepared for it. Please be prepared to open your doors and your hearts as well.

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OBITUARY

BUD BROWN

Age 92, passed away Thursday, September 7, 2017 in Loma Linda, CA. Bud was preceded in death by his wife Nelda; and is survived by two daughters, Patricia Walker (Gary) of Oceanside and Linda Anderson of Grand Terrace; and a son Bud Jr. (Liz) of La Quinta; eight grandchildren; and twenty great-grandchildren. A World War II Veteran, Bud fought in one of the

longest and bloodiest battles of WWII, the battle of the Hurtgen Forest in Germany where he served as a squad leader; and was awarded the Purple Heart.

Bud was a long time member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 997 in Riverside where he held the position of Trustee for many years as well as serving a term as Worthy President.

He will be missed by many!

A graveside service was held Monday, September 18th in the Veteran's Section of Green Acres Memorial Park, 11715 Cedar Ave., Bloomington.

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MARLBOROUGH AVE. FIRE

There have been so many fires lately that the trend seems to be naming the fires after the street where the fire was suspected of starting.

That happened when the fire in Highgrove behind Spring Mountain Ranch was named the Opra Fire because a new street named the Opera Loop was where the fire started on April 30, 2017.

Then on August 13, 2017 another fire was named the Blaine Street Fire and most of us know where Blaine St. is located. The Blaine St. Fire was on the south side of Sugarloaf and the Opera Loop Fire was on the Highgrove side of Sugarloaf. The most recent fire named the Marlborough Ave. Fire was in the same general area of the other two fires.

The photos on the left were taken by people who were also taking pictures and we thank them for sending their pictures to us to use in the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper.

Luckily these three fires burned a lot of vegitation but no structures were lost. These foothills received a lot of rain last winter resulting in green grass that turned brown after the hot summer arrived. The dry grass made a good fuel supply for the three grass fires in our area.

The photo on the lower right side of the 5 photos shows just how close the flames came to the structure and pick up truck.

We should never take the fire fighters for granted because the ground crews and helicopters did a fine job and we thank them for being there when they are needed.

We also thank the Sheriff Department and other law enforcement agencies for being there when they are needed. Sometimes we may forget how important these organizations are but when we call 911 in an emergency it is good to know that your call will be answered and the proper agency will be notified to assist you when you need help.





Some of the 36 new homes at the corner of Spring St. and Garfield by the Elementary School are already sold and occupied by new families.



The last of the 36 homes are being framed across from the sales office. The property is owned by Foremost and the builder is D R Horton.



When the Meridian Pointe houses are finished the project will be completed but another 69 homes are planned at the base of Blue Mountain



The entrance to Meridian Pointe is from Garfield and this house is on the south corner of the entrance. The photos on P. 4 is the same builder.



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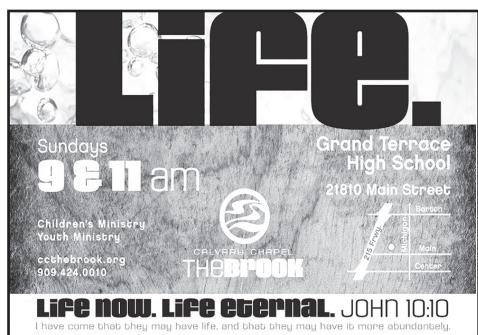
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