



HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS



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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area September 2015

Supervisor Tavaglione to attend Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council meeting on Sept. 16, 2015

Welcome to the new home owners in Spring Mountain Ranch!

This month's MAC meeting will be attended by Supervisor John Tavaglione and will be held at the Highgrove Library located at 530 Center St. in Highgrove. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

Among items to be discussed is the \$120.00 annual parcel assessment that has been in place since 1992 and the reasons why this assessment is not being charged to the new parcels in Spring Mountain Ranch. Residents are encouraged to mark your calendars and attend this important meeting.



August MAC meeting well attended

The Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council meeting that was held on August 19, 2015 was well attended and not only included Highgrove residents but the Mayor of Grand Terrace and other Grand Terrace residents were there. Items that were discussed were applying for a grant to assist residents to hook up to sewer lines, the Planning Commission meeting that was held July 29, 2015 in regard to 200 new homes being built on property in the middle of Highgrove owned by the Bixby Land Company that is south of Center St. all the way to the arroyo, east of the UPRR track that has been abandoned, and west of Garfield Ave by the school. There are approximately 65 acres that will become 200 new homes that is in addition to the 1,409 new homes being constructed in Spring Mountain Ranch.

Also discussed at the August meeting was the parcel fee that was established in 1992 and re-voted on in 1997 that was approved by 75.8% of the voters to continue assessing ourselves through an annual parcel fee to pay for our own Deputy Sheriff. This designated Sheriff Deputy was assigned to CSA 126 in Highgrove from the I-215 freeway to the foothills within the CSA 126 boundaries. Highgrove was the first unincorporated area in the county to contract for our own Deputy Sheriff. The annual fee appears on all of the property tax bills as CSA 126E for \$120.00 except for the 1,409 new parcels in Spring Mountain Ranch which will be again be discussed at the next MAC meeting on Sept. 16, 2015. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM at the Highgrove Library at 530 Center St. and the public is invited to attend!



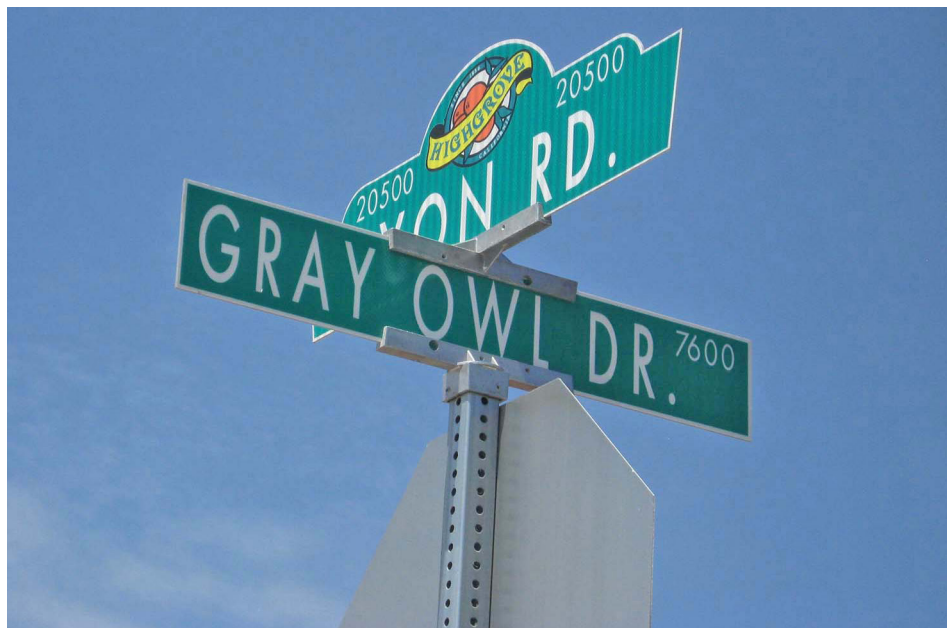
Pigeon Pass Road is the entrance to Spring Mountain Ranch that takes the new residents to their new homes near the base of Blue Mountain.



Many new residents are now living in these beautiful homes in the Spring Mountain Ranch area of Highgrove as shown by the cars in the driveways.



After this project was delayed for many years, iStar Financial and KB Homes joined forces to create these beautiful new homes. Maybe one of these can be yours. Stop by and look at the model homes. They're Great! At each intersection, the new street signs in Spring Mountain Ranch display the Highgrove logo at the top as shown in the photo on the left.



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September 4th and 18th 8-10 AM Resource table by Mini Medical School/UCR - hosted by students from the undergraduate, post graduate and medical school levels from University of California, Riverside. Resources and or Presentations can be about a medical problem or diagnosis, provide an explanation for the medical school and residency process, explain the difference between generic and brand name drugs, demonstrate a practical way to shop for healthy food alternative in the neighborhood or anything that is related improving the health or education of the public.

September 4th 8 AM - 10 AM: "Early Flu-shot Sign ups" for Seniors. Hosted by Rite Aid Wellness Ambassador Pam Hanson 951-686-2203. Please bring your insurance cards with you, assistance with forms will be provided.

September 7th closed for Labor Day

September 8th 2015/2016 Square & Line Dance Classes to begin. 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

September 4th and 18th - 9 AM - 2 PM County Regional Medical Center Mobile Health Clinic will be here to answers your personal health questions and provide baselines assessment which include blood pressure and blood sugar (Glucose) screenings at no cost to you. No appointments needed! First come first served basis

September 18th 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM Flu Shots for Seniors Hosted by Pam Hanson with Rite Aid.

September 18th 8:30 AM Safety Awareness for Seniors hosted By Regina Goodpaster 951-686-7273

September 22nd 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM Need help with your utility bill? LIHEAP Utility Assistance Outreach hosted by Vanessa Diaz with Community Action Partnership 951-955-8110

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HOURS OF OPERATION



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Follow the income guidelines to make sure your household is eligible to apply. Your monthly or annual income cannot exceed

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2	\$2,611.31	\$31,336
3	\$3,225.74	\$38,709
4	\$3,840.17	\$46,082
5	\$4,454.59	\$53,455
6	\$5,069.02	\$60,828
7	\$5,184.23	\$62,211
8	\$5,299.43	\$63,593
9	\$5,414.64	\$64,976
10	\$5,529.64	\$66,356

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- Current gas and electric bill (showing 22-days of usage) (BOTH bills are required for the application process)
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- Photo I.D.
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- Proof of citizenship (one of the following):
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 - US passport
 - Report of birth abroad of a US citizen
 - Certificate of Naturalization
 - Certificate of Citizenship
 - Statement provided by a US Consular Officer
 - US citizen identification card
 - Northern Mariana ID card
 - American Indian card with a classification code of KC
 - Military documents showing place of birth

For more information, please visit our website: www.capriverside.org

Protect yourself from the Flu...



Your friendly neighborhood **Rite Aid** will be taking **"Early Flu-shot Sign-ups"** at the following location:

The Norton Younglove Community Center
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Sign-ups September 4th 8:00 am to 10:00 am

Shots given on September 18th 7:30 am-9:00am

Please bring your insurance cards with you
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Questions? Please feel free to contact your knowledgeable Wellness Ambassador, Pam Hanson at 951 686-4504.

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Highgrove Elementary School News

By Elizabeth Gosnell, Principal
Highgrove School, along with four other RSUD schools, had their staff attend the No Excuses network of school conferences this summer. Highgrove staff embraces universal achievement and has high expectations for every student to be prepared for college. The founder of the NEU network, Damen Lopez shared facts and statistics on the value of education and how students need to begin in pre-school to set goals and build a foundation and love for loving. Highgrove School has been a member of the network since 2008.



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Part 1 crimes in Highgrove dropped sharply during this report period, with five Part 1 crimes occurring during this period as opposed to nine Part 1 crimes during the previous two weeks, a 45% decrease. One assault that included Homicide, Rape, Robbery and aggravated assault was a 50% drop from the previous 2 weeks. Property crimes dropped from 9 to 5 and overall Highgrove has had a 1.7% decrease in Part 1 crimes compared to the same period in 2014.

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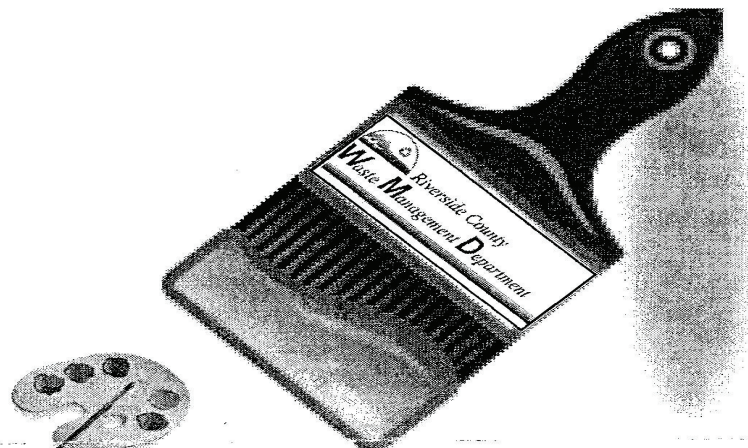
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Spider in the bedroom!

Recently my wife, Ardie told me that there was a large spider in our bedroom. I grabbed the flyswatter and sure enough there was a large grass spider almost the size of a quarter on the wall by the electrical receptacle. I think I got part of him but he was still able to run under the bed. I couldn't find him so I got some wide tape and sealed up the bottom 2 doors and the outside bottom of the 3rd door as I left. It was 10:30 PM and too late to call the exterminator so Ardie slept on the couch and I tried to sleep anywhere but the bedroom. There was no way we would sleep in our bedroom without knowing the spider was dead!

The next morning I called the exterminator but he couldn't come out until that afternoon so I went to Bauman's and bought a bug bomb canister to put off in the bedroom but waited until the exterminator came. When he arrived he sprayed in the bedroom being careful to not brake the seal at the bottom of the doors. He said we could go back in in a few hours but I decided to give



him another shot with the bomb I bought at Bauman's Hardware.

After several hours we decided to air out the bedroom but I never found the dead spider's body before we went to bed. That night it was very hard to sleep not knowing where the spider was. I thought about using a feather on Ardie's arm after she went to sleep but I wanted to live until daylight so I decided against that! (I wouldn't like that either!)

Even a week later when I looked for the spider's body there was no sign of my 8 legged intruder. I think I broke a couple of his legs because I know I hit part of him but how could he hobble out of the sealed room? If anyone sees a spider on crutches with 6 or 7 legs, that's probably him! Don't call 911 and don't call me. Maybe he is still alive! But where could he be????

Historical Days we should never forget!

Dec. 7, 1941 Japan attacks Pearl Harbor
Aug. 6, 1945 Atomic Bomb dropped on Hiroshima
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Neil E. "Pete" and Darlene Petersen, owners

City of Riverside Transportation Committee meeting

On August 13, 2015 I attended the City of Riverside's Transportation committee meeting.

You may recall the article I wrote in our July issue titled: 3 hour wait and 2 trips to Riverside to speak 3 minutes where I explained that I called prior to attending 2 other Transportation Committee meetings but the 311 operator didn't know they had been cancelled.

This time there was a meeting and it was not very well attended. There were only 2 of us in the audience and the other person was from the Mayor's office. I was the only one at city hall from the public.

And I was glad I was there because attached to the agenda were 22 pages from RCTC and the name "Barnett" appeared 25 times in the paperwork that RCTC submitted. There was also a colored map that was attached to the agenda.

John Standiford, the Riverside County Transportation Commission, Deputy Executive Director spoke for about 15 to 20 minutes against building a Metrolink station at Highgrove and my name was mentioned numerous times throughout his verbal report.

When I was called to speak under public comments for 3 minutes, I pointed out that the colored map presented by RCTC to the committee was incorrect because the orange portion of the Highgrove property shown on the map is not needed for the Perris Valley Line as indicated.

I invited the Transportation Committee to come to Highgrove and see why the Highgrove Metrolink station is so important to the region. Committee member Andy Melendrez already took the tour of Highgrove last January.

The Highgrove location is within the city limits of Riverside but is

owned by the Riverside County Transportation Commission and is surrounded on 3 sides by Highgrove. This 17.22 acre property has become known for almost 14 years as the Highgrove Metrolink location where residents from both counties want a parking lot where they can use the existing Metrolink trains that pass by RCTC's property 7 days a week.

Riverside City Council member Mike Gardner and former Council Member Steve Adams came to Highgrove for the tour on Jan. 7, 2015 and Riverside City Council members Mike Soubirous and Andy Melendrez came to Highgrove for the tour on Jan. 22, 2015 and I showed them the Highgrove Metrolink location, the Marlborough Ave. Metrolink location and the new homes in Spring Mountain Ranch. And one week after the Transportation Committee meeting, on Aug. 20, 2015 Riverside City Councilman Paul Davis came to Highgrove for the same tour.

I have already taken five of the City councilmen on the Highgrove tour. Everyone seemed to understand the need for this regional Metrolink station except Steve Adams who no longer is a city councilman or the City of Riverside's representative on RCTC.

Hopefully my invitation to Riverside City Councilmembers Chris MacArthur, Jim Perry, and John Burnard, City Manager John Russo, and Mayor Rusty Bailey will result in them also coming to Highgrove to see first-hand why this Metrolink station is so important!

My goal is to inform as many elected officials as I can to overcome the Riverside County Transportation Commission's refusal to build a station on their property at Highgrove that is also in Riverside County!

Articles needed for Highgrove Museum!

If you have anything that you would like to donate for a future Highgrove Museum please give me a call. We want to collect items from our past that may include a smudge pot, old photographs or pictures of things that do not exist anymore. We need to preserve our past his-

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RCTC CONTINUES TO OPPOSE “REGIONAL” HIGHGROVE METROLINK STATION

At the City of Riverside’s Transportation Committee meeting on Aug. 13, 2015, it was very apparent to me that RCTC wants to stop the Highgrove Metrolink station at the committee level and to discourage it from going to the Riverside City Council for consideration. The Highgrove location is a unique location that is within the city limits of Riverside and has railroad tracks on both sides. This property should be used for a parking lot for present and future commuter trains. The city of Riverside should not allow buildings to be constructed on this location because it is needed for transportation purposes. If new buildings are allowed to be built on this property this unique transportation property will be lost forever! In a notice sent from Anne Mayer, Executive Director of RCTC, to the Commissioners of the Riverside County Transportation Commission on Oct. 12, 2011, she stated: *“Should another party be interested in developing this parcel in the future, the Commission has existing processes in place that provide that opportunity for acquiring the property once it is declared surplus”.*

The real question is: WHY does the Riverside County Transportation Commission still continue to oppose building a parking lot on their vacant land that is right next to the track where there are daily existing Metrolink trains that operate between Riverside County and San Bernardino County? The answer to this and other questions can be attributed to the leadership of the past and present Executive Directors of RCTC. Here are some examples:

Quotes from Eric Haley, the previous RCTC Executive Director on Oct. 11, 2006:

“Highgrove station would be too close to the county line”; “Buying the Highgrove property would be land banking and RCTC is not in the business of land banking”; “The Colton Flyover costs would have to be added to the Highgrove station”; “The residents of San Bernardino County would be using the Highgrove station”

R. A. Barnett’s response to Eric Haley’s statements:

RCTC should have bought the Highgrove property many years ago when 35 acres were available. We asked them to buy the property when it was cheap but their delay resulted in RCTC paying \$8,625,000.00 for only 17.22 acres of this property.

The Colton Flyover (where the Union Pacific track is elevated over the BNSF track) was completed in August of 2013 and has never had anything to do with the Highgrove station!

The Highgrove station will serve the REGION on both sides of the county line just like the I-215 freeway. Freeway travel and rail travel both allow commuting between the two counties.

Quote from Anne Mayer current RCTC Executive Director in the Press Enterprise Feb. 15, 2009: *“We have to put the stations where they will serve the most people”.*

R. A. Barnett’s response to Anne Mayer’s statement in Press Enterprise:

The Perris Valley Line railroad track has not had any passenger trains since the steam engine days. Even when the new Marlborough Ave. Metrolink station is completed, commuters will still not be able to get to San Bernardino from the Marlborough Ave. Metrolink station because the new commuter trains on the Perris Valley Line will only operate between Riverside and Perris. The Perris Valley Line is an extension of the **91 Line** and the new Metrolink trains will go around the curved track at Highgrove without stopping, turn southward toward Perris, and stop at the new Marlborough Ave. Metrolink station.

But at Highgrove, thousands of Metrolink trains have gone between Riverside County and San Bernardino County since July 15, 2006 when Metrolink train service increased from 5 days a week to 7 days a week. All of the trains that go through Highgrove between the counties go through Highgrove and cross the county line at Main St. on the BNSF main line. The Highgrove Metrolink location is 7 miles

south of San Bernardino and 3.5 miles north of Riverside and RCTC owns 17.22 acres of property that is right next to the BNSF main track. All that is needed is a parking lot on RCTC’s property where commuters can buy a ticket and go in either direction. Commuters from Highgrove could ride to the San Bernardino depot where there are other commuter train connections to destinations on the **San Bernardino Line** such as Upland, Pomona, and 9 other cities that goes into Union Station in Los Angeles.

Commuters wanting to go in the opposite direction could get on at Highgrove and go to the beach! Highgrove is on the **Inland Empire Orange County Line** and there are 13 other cities on the IEOC Line between Highgrove and the Metrolink station at Oceanside including stops at San Clemente and the San Clemente Pier. RCTC has been advertising a \$10.00 Weekend Day Pass to go to the beach on the IEOC line that goes through Highgrove but you have to get on the train at San Bernardino or Riverside because these existing trains do not stop at Highgrove.

If RCTC needs to put the stations *“where they will serve the most people”* how could a station at Marlborough Ave., that is located on a dead-end street, be the best place where *they will serve the most people?* How many Metrolink trains have passed by Marlborough Ave. on the Perris Valley Line since the steam engine days? The answer is **zero!**

And how many Metrolink trains have passed by Highgrove where the parking lot is needed? The answer is approximately **3,000 Metrolink trains** because each year since July 15, 2006 there have been 324 Metrolink trains per year that have passed through Highgrove without stopping. That is over 9 years ago and does not include any of the previous 5 day a week Metrolink trains before the 7 day a week service began.

Other important information can be found on the web site: **www.highgrovehappenings.net** by going to: “Metrolink”, and clicking

on **“RCTC’s INAPPROPRIATE ACTIONS TO PREVENT A HIGHGROVE METROLINK STATION 2004 TO 2010.**

(Take time to look at it!)

Highgrove has hundreds of acres of vacant land for future growth and RCTC should not be allowed to sell this unique transportation asset to a developer for other uses.

RCTC’s letter dated Aug. 24, 2009 states that RCTC only needs 38% of the Highgrove property for the Perris Valley Line (the width of the curved track to connect the 2 railroads) and the other 62% (the inside and outside of the curved track) they claim is *“an uneconomic remnant”* but is needed for a parking lot for Metrolink trains that go between the counties.

38% of the \$8,625,000.00 they paid for the property is \$3,277,500.00 and 62% of the \$8,625,000.00 they paid for the property is **\$5,347,500.00** (The total paid for the Highgrove property is \$8,625,000.00.

These figures show that RCTC’s already has **\$5,347,500.00** invested in vacant land at Highgrove that they do not need for the Perris Valley Line. But this property is the **same exact property needed for the Highgrove parking lot!**

RCTC has opposed this “REGIONAL” location for almost 14 years against requests from both sides of the county line. So if RCTC’s already has \$5,347,000.00 invested in property they don’t need, isn’t that a pretty good start for a parking lot at Highgrove? RCTC doesn’t need to buy any more property because they already own it. Building a parking lot on RCTC remaining vacant land would then become a “REGIONAL” asset instead of *“an uneconomic remnant”!*

The only opposition to building a parking lot at on RCTC’s property at Highgrove has come from RCTC but Highgrove is in Riverside County and is under RCTC’s jurisdiction. Main St. is the county line and RCTC’s has jurisdiction on the south side of Main St. and in San Bernardino County SANBAG has jurisdiction north of Main Street. The Perris Valley Line switch is located only

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RCTC opposes Highgrove Metrolink (Cont. from P. 5)

35 ft. south of the county line at Main Street where the Perris Valley Line connects to the BNSF main line.

Instead of RCTC and SANBAG working together for the benefit of both counties like they do on freeway widening projects for example, RCTC's opposition has resulted in SANBAG simply saying that Highgrove is not in their jurisdiction.

But do these transportation agencies understand that this unique property, would benefit residents from both counties? The Highgrove location is only ½ mile south of the county line, and could have station platforms on both sides of RCTC's property. A platform on the west side already has daily Metrolink trains between the two counties and a platform on the east side of this same property at Highgrove could be used for future Metrolink trains between Perris and San Bernardino. All that is needed is a parking lot in the middle and two platforms, and commuters could park and ride in 3 different directions.

1. From Highgrove to Riverside and Oceanside
2. From Highgrove to San Bernardino depot where there are other connections to LA
3. From Highgrove to Perris in the future if a platform was placed on the east side of RCTC's Highgrove property

Isn't it about time for these two transportation agencies RCTC and SANBAG to cooperate and work together for the benefit of the entire region on both sides of the county line?

The support for the Highgrove Metrolink station is overwhelming. It is supported in writing from the cities of Grand Terrace, Loma

Linda and Colton in San Bernardino County including every Mayor from Grand Terrace since it became a city in 1978. Citizens and elected officials from both San Bernardino County and Riverside County have supported the Highgrove location including California State Senator Jeff Stone from Riverside County and Senator Mike Morrell from San Bernardino County. ***"Both locations, the Highgrove station and the Marlborough Ave. location are needed because they have different destinations"*** according to Congressman Mark Takano from Riverside after he and 3 of his staff took the Highgrove tour on Oct. 24, 2014.

Other organizations who have given written support include the Riverside Land Conservancy, Northside Improvement Association in Riverside, University Neighborhood Association by UCR, Springbrook Heritage Alliance in Riverside, Riverside Eagles, and the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council. This property is a very valuable asset as a REGIONAL transportation center for commuters between the two counties and certainly is not ***"an uneconomic remnant"*** that should be sold or used for any other purpose except a parking lot for Metrolink trains to help reduce freeway congestion! After the Perris Valley Line project is completed why not build a parking lot at Highgrove on RCTC's property? It will be a lot less expensive than widening our freeways! Please look at the map and written documents of support on: www.highgrovehappenings.net and click on Metrolink, Supporting Docs, (click on each title and you can see the date and the original document) and 8 years of comments.

Recent conversation with RCTC Executive Director reveals no change after 14 years!

On August 26, 2015 I attended a Transportation Summit at the Perris city hall that was hosted by the Riverside County Transportation Commission.

The group listened to a presentation by RCTC Executive Director, Anne Mayer then was broken into 4 groups for brainstorming ideas about transportation issues.

Group 1 discussed Jobs and the Economy, **Group 2** discussed Innovation and Technology, **Group 3** discussed Access For All, and **Group 4** discussed the Environment. I was the spokesman for Group 3 and each group gave a report after about a 25 minute session.

After the meeting I approached Anne Mayer and thanked her for hosting the Transportation Summit and asked when the first Metrolink trains would be running on the Perris Valley Line. She said the target date is by the end of this year if possible.

I told her I had not received the information I requested on August 14, 2015 and tried to hand her a copy of my request but she refused to take it. Instead, she said she would send herself an e-mail and ask her staff about my request.

My e-mail asked 4 questions: 1. What is the total cost of the Perris Valley Line?

2. What amount is being charged to the cost of the Perris Valley Line inside the 17.22 acres at Highgrove that is owned by RCTC? 3. How many acres will the width of the new curved track occupy between the BNSF main line and the Perris Valley Line? 4. When do you expect the first Metrolink train to operate on the new Perris Valley Line?

I have been delivering the High-

grove Happenings Newspapers to RCTC for many years in the County Administration building and I am sure the Executive Director will not like the article on P. 5 and 6.

But after 14 years of opposing the Highgrove location, it is apparent to me in this case that RCTC is only interested in Metrolink trains that operate within Riverside County on the Perris Valley Line and ignoring how the Metrolink system is supposed to work by transporting commuters to and from other cities in other counties to relieve freeway congestion.

I have collected information for many years showing how the Highgrove location has been supported by the public from both counties, Senators from both counties, and city resolutions, (**Supporting Docs and 8 years of comments** on our web site).

But the bottom line is the Highgrove location is in RCTC's jurisdiction. These two leaders have used their position to somehow get the commissioners to almost always vote with the staff's recommendations.

I have names, dates and quotes that show what RCTC has done to stop the Highgrove Metrolink station. See: www.highgrovehappenings.net click on "Metrolink" then on "RCTC's inappropriate actions to prevent a Highgrove Metrolink Station 2004 to 2010".


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On Aug. 24, 2015 dignitaries from San Bernardino held a Transit Center Completion Ceremony that included Chairman of Omnitrans, Sam Spagnolo; Congressman, Pete Aguilar; Leslie T. Rogers, Federal Transit Administration; Commissioner Fran Inman, from the California Transportation Commission; Ryan McEachron SANBAG Board President and R. Carey Davis, Omnitrans Board member and Mayor of San Bernardino.

The San Bernardino Transit Center project represents more than a decade of visioning partnership between Omnitrans and SANBAG. Omnitrans is the owner and operator of the San Bernardino Transit Center. Design and construction was managed by SANBAG.

This 4 acre site at the corner of "F" St. and Rialto Ave. has 2 additional acres for future transit oriented development. The 7,500 square foot building has 22 bus bays and is expected to serve 6,000 people daily.

The \$25 million dollar project was funded by the Federal Transit Administration, Federal Highway Administration and the State of California through the State Assistance, Local Transportation Funds, and Proposition 1B funds. At the end of the ceremony hundreds of butterflies were released into the air and was an interesting end to the celebration.



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Cardiff Library hosts art show presented by Billy Barnett's Eventide Tattoo

No tattoos on display but tattoo Artists have other talents too!



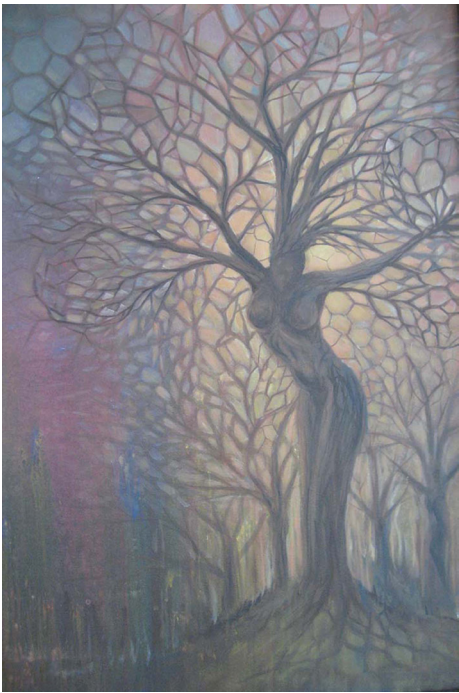
Cardiff Library, 2081 New Castle Ave., Cardiff, California

Two tattoo artist from Eventide Tattoo in Cardiff by the Sea are having their artwork displayed at the Cardiff Library. Their display ends on Sept. 30, 2015.

Half of the proceeds from the artwork sold will go to the Art Dept. at San Dieguito High School Academy to help keep art alive in Encinitas, California.

Justin was born and raised in Los Angeles but now lives in San Diego and works at Even Tide Tattoo in Cardiff. His love for art started as a child reading comic books and his free time is spent creating personal art pieces. His inspiration is from ornate patterns and sacred geometry with nature and science.

Justin@eventidetattoo.com



This tree is definitely a girl tree!



Justin Dilmore

Billy Barnett



128 Aberdeen Dr. Cardiff, Ca.



These jazz players were made by Billy Barnett and are made out of electrical wire. These particular items were not for sale at the art show.



Billy Barnett is my son and the owner of Even Tide Tattoo in Cardiff. He has been creating artwork in various styles and mediums as long as we can remember. Nature has been a constant inspiration to his life and his work.

His collection of artwork combines elements of sacred geometry and nature its self. Billy grew up in Grand Terrace and previously worked at the old Stater Brothers on Barton Road as a box boy then as a checker but has been doing tattoos for over 20 years. The art show is very close to the Even Tide Tattoo shop that he owns where he has a view of the ocean from his shop. Contact him at (760) 753 8282 or billy@eventidetattoo.com



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from the freeway on the south side of Main St. which is the county line. RDO does it all-from maintenance, repair, rentals, parts and sales.

Right across the street is the SUNSTATE rental yard due to open soon but Skip Klinkhammer, RDO Executive, says he is glad to see them move so close by because they buy a lot of parts.

Ardie worked in the RDO office for 4 1/2 years until she retired in 2001. Cont. on P. 13



The new building will be 50,000 sq. ft. and add 18 more service bays to the 11 they have now according to RDO General Manager Mark Kuhn.



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GEOLOGICAL RAMBLES AND RUMBLES

by Robert Fakundiny

State Geologist Emeritus, New York State

Landslides

I have discussed earthquakes in previous articles because they present hazards to life and property, especially in the western United States; they also can trigger landslides. Regardless of the statistical approach used to assess damages from geologic hazards, landslides are just as hazardous over time as earthquakes, hurricanes, tornados, or flooding. Landslides and other types of ground failure, especially those in and near urban areas, typically cause 25 to 50 fatalities annually in the United States and incur more than \$1 billion in economic losses. Consequently, it would be helpful for municipalities to be able to identify them and know what might be done to minimize their likelihood and avoid their adverse effects, especially those that threaten our safety and property.

Most classifications of slope movements (the general term for landslides) include falls, topples, slides (rotational and translational), lateral spreads, and flows. These may occur in various combinations termed "complexes." Each of these five slope-movement categories has subcategories related to the type of material that moved: (1) bedrock (2) predominantly loose, coarse soil, (3) loose, fine soil, or (4) various combinations of these materials. The five major categories of landslides are as follows:

Falls are masses of rock or soil that become detached from a steep slope or cliff and descend through the air in free fall or by leaping,

bounding, or rolling. These movements are generally very rapid. Falls that derive from bedrock are termed rock falls, whereas falls that originate in coarse or fine loose material are termed debris falls or earth falls, respectively.

Topples consist of forward-rotating masses that fall outward from the slope. These masses include rock topples from bedrock outcrops, and debris topples or earth topples of loose, coarse material or loose, fine material, respectively.

Slides are the most easily recognized types of slope movement; they also are the most common type of earth movement on hillslopes, especially in the hills and mountains of the West. They move downward along outward-curved or planar surfaces. Rotational slides are those in which the bottom moves outward and upward; they take the form of rock slumps, debris slumps, or earth slumps, depending upon the type of material involved. Translational slides move toward the valley on slightly sloping base surfaces without rotation; they take the form of rock slides, debris slides, or earth slides.

Lateral spreads are any type of material that moves laterally or spreads outward at the base. These include rock spreads, debris spreads, or earth spreads.

Flows consist of slope materials that move from their source more or less like a fluid. They can be rapid or slow, wet or dry. This category includes soil creep and rock creep.

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Kathryn Ford, a resident of Brookdale Solutions in Grand Terrace, celebrated her 100th birthday on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2015.

Attending the event were her daughters, Arlene Weaver of Grand Terrace, Marni Ziegler of Costa Mesa and son Darrell Ford of Escondido.

An afternoon reception was held on Sat., Aug. 29 at Brookdale which included many grandchildren and great grandchildren, out of town guest, dignitaries and family friends.

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During this time of year, plants are also beginning to cycle into

dormancy and require less water than the summer and spring which is the height of the growing season. Dormancy is triggered by shorter days and less direct sunlight as opposed to warm weather, so even though September and October days may be warm, the extra water really does the plants no good.

At this time of year, the water put into the soil remains in the ground longer because the plants require less water as they prepare to go dormant. In addition, less water evaporates as the days become shorter with less intense sunlight.

Remember to also turn off your irrigation system in advance of local rainstorms. Irrigation systems can remain off for a week or more following major storms as the soil retains the moisture longer than the summer months.

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Phil's Philosophy

By Phil Turner

Retirement

Having recently retired, I have given the subject some thought over the last several weeks. I certainly must say, it's good to be retired. Having worked from the time I was 16 to 68, I honestly think I am comfortable in saying that I deserve it.

I didn't give retirement much thought until it was close. And now that I am retired my conversations evolve into far different territories. Social Security, Medicare, doctors, prescriptions, subjects that were seldom broached.

Looking around at the people who I know are retired, their circumstances are all over the map. People who retire from most any government agency, if they stayed until full retirement age, are pretty much set. Those that are retired from utilities, railroads, schoolteachers and such, have good retirement packages if they stayed with the institution for 40 or so years.

Union members that stay until retirement age are well taken care of. These unions would include, carpenters, electricians, masons, plumbers and so on.

Police, firefighters, and correction officers are a category all their own. Before I go into this part of our discussion, let me say that if I were given the deal, I would take it as well, in a heartbeat!

In researching for this piece, I found that police, fire and corrections jobs are paid differently depending on the state and county. But several things seem to be in common. Many retire after only 20 years or so. The average pay that I'm finding is in the \$58,000 range. After 30 years the figure climbs to \$108,000. Often officers go out with a disability, which makes this figure climb even higher.

I fully realize that these officers often have very dangerous and stressful positions. Additionally these are the contracts that our elected officials negotiated with their bargaining units. Again, I'd take the deal too!

The problem lies in the sustain ability of these wages. It's all good and well for politicians to promise these wages, but quite another for their governments to be able to fund them. In San Bernardino the city is in bankruptcy for just this reason. The same is true in Stockton, Richmond, Fresno, Compton, and many other places.

At the federal level politicians and bureaucrats can, and do, promise the moon. All they have to do is print more money to pay for it all. On a local level they can, and do, raise taxes to pay wages not backed up by actual truths.

The most blatant example is when Governor Grey Davis was in office. He panicked when corrections officers threatened to strike, and gave them a huge wage and benefit package. We Californians are still paying for that mess. The antithesis of that was when Ronald Reagan was president, the air traffic controllers went out on strike. He declared that they must go back to work or would fire all those that didn't, and he did!

The problem is that citizens are seeing their taxes go up to pay for the promises they didn't get to vote on. Citizens should be able to vote on wages, and any other expenditure.

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California Dreaming

by Dr. Cynthia Williams

You may be aware that I work as a Senior Technical Advisor for a large “fruit” company that sells computers, phones and tablets, and many other devices. I talk to people who have problems, sometimes big problems. One of the current, very common problems I hear about is junk popping up when they are in their internet browser (ie: Safari or Internet Explorer). You see warnings: “YOU HAVE A VIRUS!” “CALL 800-888-8888 FOR ASSISTANCE REMOVING!” “YOUR COMPUTER MAY BE INFECTED!” “YOUR COMPUTER IS AT RISK!” “CALL MICROSOFT!” “CALL APPLE!” And when you call that number you are speaking to someone NOT in the United States; they will install software on your computer that opens a window and runs a list of “problems” as “proof”. Then they tell you that you need to pay \$300, \$500, \$700, even \$1,000 to remove the “virus”. That’s when you should get VERY suspicious and HANG UP THE PHONE!

Unfortunately, some of my customers have paid that. It’s sad to hear they were taken advantage of by criminals preying on people’s lack of knowledge of their computer systems. They are very scared that their information is at risk. People get educated very quickly when they have to call me.

Here’s what happens- you are browsing the internet and come across a video that looks fun. You click it and you get a popup message that says you need to install a particular plug-in or player. You

click it, install it and you sit back to watch your video. It worked! Except when you download the plug-in or player you also download what I call “parasites”. It’s little pieces of programing that attach to your internet browser and redirect you to their website with all the warnings. There are also little pieces that get into your operating system or your user files. These are not viruses, they are called “ad-ware”, or “mal-ware”. At work, we call them “scare-ware” because that is their purpose. To scare you into calling them and giving them your money. You can avoid this problem or if afflicted, hopefully remove it.

So here is my “Safe Surfing 101”.

Prevention:

1. Do not download and install any plug-in or player except for Adobe, QuickTime, or Java Script. If you see a message that says you need to install or update one of these DO NOT click in the website you are in. Open a new browsing page and go directly to the website for these or to the Microsoft or Apple websites. Pay very close attention to the website. There are imposters posing as the real thing. Be patient and read carefully to make sure you have the real website.

2. Keep your operating system up to date. If you have a Windows computer, make sure your anti-viral (AV) program is up to date. Even though these scare-ware programs are not viruses, many AV programs also have software

to scan and remove the ad-ware. If you have a Mac, keep the updates done.

3 If you are trying to watch a TV show or a movie that, normally, you would have to pay for with Netflix, iTunes, or Amazon Prime and you find a website that you can watch it for free, do not do it. Free comes at a cost. It can be expensive in time and productivity to remove these problems.

4. As a technical advisor I have to mention this: porn sites are the worst! You can get so many viruses (no pun intended) on Windows computers and the risk of getting ad-ware is very high on a PC or a Mac. Consider yourself warned.

5. Make sure you run backups of your computer information. (On a Mac there is a very simple application called Time Machine, located in System Preferences). If you do mess up your computer, you can erase and reinstall the backup to before the problem came in.

Removing the Problem:

1. DO NOT, EVER, CALL THE NUMBER that pops up in your browser! Neither Apple, nor Microsoft will have a scary message that pops up when you are on the internet to warn you of a virus with a number to call. This is the start of the scam.

2. On a Windows computer, run your AV program. If that doesn’t do it, install a different one.

3. If you have an Apple Mac computer, do not install AV software. Macs do not need them nor does the AV software “play well” with the Mac operating system. IF the AV program can have the anti-viral actions turned off and just run the scan-

ning for ad-ware, etc. they might be ok.

4. There is one program recommended to remove ad-ware and other nuisances- MalwareBytes is a free program you can download, install and run. (<https://www.malwarebytes.org/lp/sem/5/?gclid=CKO7srTXv8cCFYsDaQodRDgLYg>) You can install it on a Mac or PC. Again, you need to make very sure you are going to the real website. DO NOT install MacKeeper. They are part of the problem, convincingly posing as a helper.

5. On a Mac you can follow this Apple Support article for further assistance: HT203987 (<https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT203987>) You can also call Apple for assistance. Again, make sure you are talking to Apple Support and not an impostor. 1-800-My-Apple is the number and the advisor should be in the US. (You might also get an advisor in Canada, that’s ok.) If you are quoted a charge over \$29 for a Per-Incident Plan to fix the problem, you do not have Apple!

6. On a Mac, if your browser is so messed up with the adware that you can’t download the MalwareBytes, create a new user account with Administrator privileges and use that account to download and install the software. Switch back to your user and run the application from there.

The internet is more scary and predatory than it’s ever been. I wouldn’t want to go back to the safer days of dial-up but we have to be very cautious on what we click. Be aware, don’t be too trusting, and keep your wits about you.

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Exterior rendering of future RDO Equipment building for John Deere Dealership in Highgrove



This is a view of what the RDO Equipment building will look like when completed. The completion date may take in the neighborhood of 14 months.

Landslides Cont. from P. 10
Soil creep on hill slopes commonly causes deformation of tree trunks such that the base of the trunk points outward from the slope as the upper parts attempt to grow back to vertical. The next time you travel into hilly areas, watch for deformed tree trunks as indicators of creeping soil.

The March 2014 mud slide in Oso, Washington, which killed 43 people, and the May 2014 mud slide in Collbran, Colorado, which killed 4 people, were debris or earth flows. Both were caused by a combination of heavy spring rainfall and undercutting of the base of the hill through erosion by swollen rivers. The heavy rain, which replenished

the soil water and turned some of the loose material into fluid, together with the loss of buttressing at the base, decreased the soil's cohesion and allowed the force of gravity to pull it down. Most of the Highgrove region, fortunately, is not prone to serious landslide potential except on steep gully slopes. Information on the types of landslides in California

and where they may occur is available at the California Geological Survey's web pages that discuss [landslides:www.consrv.gov/cgs/geologic_hazards/landslides](http://www.consrv.gov/cgs/geologic_hazards/landslides).
In a future article I will discuss some of the ways in which landslides are triggered, and some methods for preventing or re-mediating them.

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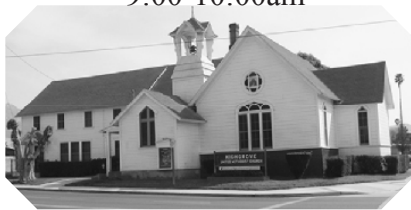
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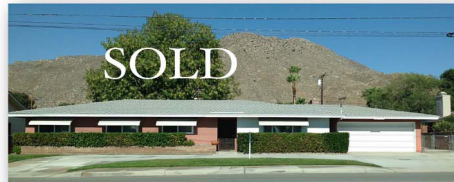


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