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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area

September 2020

What is Happening to Our Country?

Please, America be careful who you vote for in the November election!



The worst things about politics are the politicians!

I know that the next election will be the most important election during my lifetime and I am concerned for our country's future!

With the political unrest in today's news, every day we see people on television looting, burning and breaking the laws that have been designed to protect us and I seriously fear that our government is on the brink of being overthrown by radical liberals.

Each vote is important because your vote is your voice and an expression of your opinion. But when you go to the polls or mail in your ballot are you carefully considering what is best for the country or are you voting to support your particular political party? Politics are in every facet of our lives today and how we vote can change the structure of our daily lives.

I have always been a strong supporter of law enforcement but when major cities such as Portland, Seattle, Chicago, New York and others want to defund the police departments it is a sign that regular law abiding citizens are being forgotten while criminals are doing what they do best because they know if they are caught they will not be held accountable.

I usually stick to local politics about Highgrove but in this election I feel I should use our small newspaper to print what is important to our country. I will cover local politics later in this article but the bigger problem includes State and Federal elections.

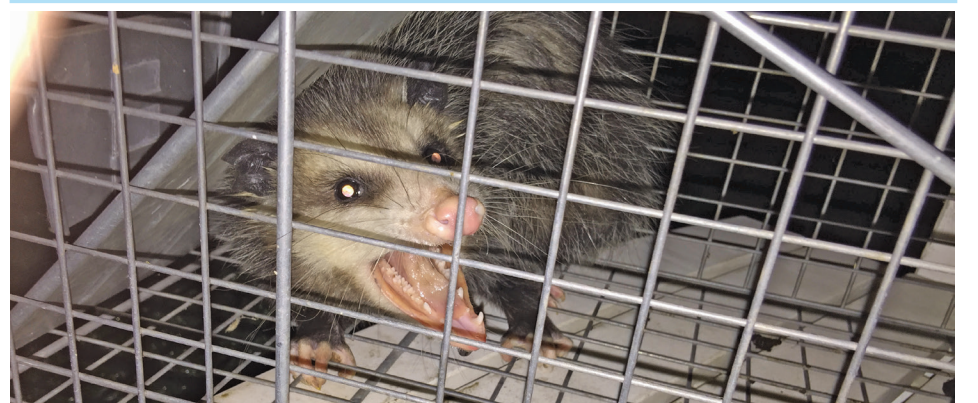
Whether you are a Democrat or Republican we should keep in mind that the state of California has already declared that it is a sanctuary state. Does that mean that we all agree that California is an all blue state? Not by a long shot! But where are the republicans in California who oppose being called a sanctuary state? And is there really an underlying voice of the California conservatives who won't wear a red hat in public to show their preference because they are afraid they will be victimized because they are voting for Trump? And is there actually a silent majority who will vote for Trump when they are alone to cast their "secret" ballot? When I heard that Joe Biden selected Kamila Harris as his running mate I thought about what that selection could mean if they

were elected, in addition to applying their socialistic views of the Democratic party. With the civil unrest and the racial problems that exist today, I am concerned that by Biden selecting a black woman as his vice presidential running mate, the Antifa, Black Lives Matter groups, or other radical groups may look at this as an opportunity for the first black woman to become president if something were to happen to Joe Biden.

This is a touchy subject and maybe should not be considered a racial issue but do you think it is impossible and could not happen during these times when there is civil unrest all across our nation and many so called protesters have turned to violence? In addition to BLM and Antifa groups there are other groups such as the **Radical Youth Liberation Front** who stated in Portland on July 8, 2020: *"We don't want to be led, and we do not want to lead, we just want to destroy the United States of America."*

Please think about what could happen to our country before you cast your ballot because the future of our country is at stake!

Living among Highgrove's wildlife! Be careful what comes in your Doggie Door!



Recently our good friend Karen Rich helped us get rid of a gopher that was digging in our back yard. We ordered traps just like hers and they worked very well.

A few days later we had an Opossum enter our back porch through our doggie door. I closed off the doors to the back porch and set a trap, caught him, and re-located him to a rural area away from any houses.

A few evenings later our dog "Buddy" was barking at something else in a bush in our side yard and I could see another smaller Opossum with my flashlight so I decided to set the trap again and I took the dog inside with me.

Later the next day I heard "Buddy" barking but when I went to check the trap again, guess what was in the trap this time? Answer on page 4.

We also have serious political problems right here in Highgrove!

Federal and State elections and politicians are not the only problems we have because we have local problems right here in Highgrove.

If you have been reading the Highgrove Happenings you will know that on August 5, 2015, I hand delivered a request for an audit of our CSA 126 funds to Supervisor Tavaglione asking about our Highgrove finances. But asking too many questions about where our Sheriff money went was the real reason Tavaglione eliminated the Highgrove MAC on April 17, 2020. **Cont. on P. 3**

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



Contact: (951) 241-7221

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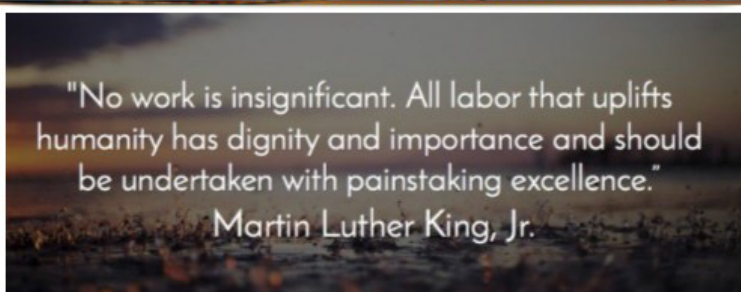


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Priscilla Burton Office Assistant II

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Cynthia Kupfer and Rosie Navarro

Hello Community Members,



The City of Riverside and Family Service Association are monitoring county, state and national reports on the impact of COVID-19 and responding appropriately. The Norton Younglove Community Center is closed, with all programming suspended until further notice. Staff is available by telephone at 951-241-7221 should you have questions Monday through Thursday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Friday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

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

State of California www.covid19.gov During these uncertain times it is important to receive factual information from reliable sources. Below is a list of trusted agencies.

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Temperatures at 97 degrees officially activates Norton Younglove Community Center as a "Cool Center" for vulnerable individuals, seniors, the disabled, and others in need of temporary relief from the heat, Cool Centers are provided for and open to the public June 1, 2020 through October 15, 2020. For a list of Cool Center sites visit: capriverside.org or call 951-955-4900.

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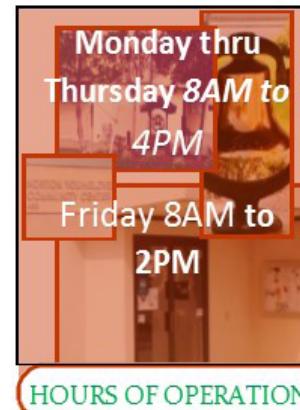
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Political problems in Highgrove (Cont. from front page)

And for 2 ½ years there were no Highgrove MAC meetings at all in Highgrove. Then when Tavaglione retired, he endorsed Karen Spiegel to take his place and she was elected.

The last time I was able to talk to Karen Spiegel was 6 months before she was elected when she was running for office and I gave her a 2- hour tour of Highgrove on July 16, 2018.

Today, after 2 ½ years as our Supervisor, she has refused to answer any of my numerous e-mails or meet with me face to face or talk to me on the phone.

I was concerned with her answer about restoring the Highgrove MAC when she said restoring the MAC depended on why it was eliminated in the first place. All of Highgrove knows I have been pushing the county to give us answers about where our CSA 126 tax money for the Highgrove deputy has gone 10 years after the county eliminated our deputy without notifying the Highgrove voters. Highgrove residents are entitled to an explanation and we are tired of paying for our special deputy we no longer have!

And when Supervisor Spiegel's office conducted interviews to form a new Highgrove MAC, Supervisor Spiegel showed her animosity against the original part of Highgrove by selecting all 7 MAC members (5 members and 2 alternates) from the new homes in Spring Mountain Ranch. This certainly was not the fault of the Spring Mountain Ranch residents who applied for the MAC positions because they wanted to help their community. But it was a definite message from Supervisor Spiegel to the original part of Highgrove that we do not count anymore! I know of at least 2 residents from the original part of Highgrove whose applications were declined while instead, a husband and wife team from Spring Mountain Ranch were appointed to the new Highgrove MAC and this certainly does not seem fair. We have always wanted to make everyone within our boundaries feel proud of living in Highgrove but this was her way to try and divide Highgrove instead of helping to unite us as one small community in her district.

Supervisor Spiegel sees no problem with Highgrove having Pot Shops every 290 feet apart.

At the Board of Supervisor's meeting on May 19, 2020 Supervisor Spiegel said that if reducing the distance between pot shops only applied to Highgrove she would vote for it but since it included all of Riverside county she voted against it.

Then at the 3rd meeting of the Planning Commission on August 5, 2020 about distances between cannabis shops, the staff of the Riverside County Planning Commission recommended the following to the Planning Commissioners. The following is the recommendation from the staff of the Riverside County Planning Commission that goes right along with what Supervisor Spiegel's said at the May 19th Board of Supervisor's meeting.

Here is the staff's recommendation:

Option (1.)

"Cannabis Retailers shall not be located within 1,000 feet of any other Cannabis Retailer, except when located within the urban core of the Highgrove Community Policy area, defined as the un-incorporated County area west of the BNSF Railroad right-of-way."

"The urban core area in Highgrove is characterized as a major commercial corridor with a large area running north/south along Iowa Avenue and also the I-215 Freeway that includes both commercial and industrial Zoned properties. This option would provide a better opportunity for clustering in a defined, core area while maintaining distance separations in other areas, which are potentially more sensitive"

The rest of Riverside County would retain the existing distances of 1,000 Feet between pot shops but Highgrove was singled out to be the only community in all of Riverside County that could have pot shops every 290 feet!

No decision was made by the Planning Commission on any of the 4 recommendations while the wording is being re-written prior to the next (fourth) hearing. At this time there has not been a date set for another meeting but Highgrove residents are encouraged to monitor the Riverside County Planning Commission meetings to watch the agenda and date that this item comes up again. This will be the fourth time this subject will be discussed and Highgrove is being singled out as the only community in Riverside County to have the distance shortened between pot shops.

Brace yourself because we already know how Supervisor Spiegel feels about reducing the distances in Highgrove while other communities in Riverside County can have 1,000 feet between pot shops. Here are the other three options being considered about the distances between pot shops:

Option (2.): Remove the 1,000 foot separation requirement. Establish a maximum number per boundary area, which can include: Census Tracts (100s), Area Plans (19), or districts (5)-which are all existing and defined areas. Create a threshold based upon population or area (acres or square miles). **This is an alternative option with a complicated implementation.**

Option (3.): Remove the 1,000 foot separation requirement. Establish a dynamic area with a fixed threshold. **This is an alternative option with a relatively easy implementation, but potentially less desirable County-wide.**

Option (4.): Remove the 1,000 foot separation requirement. Allow market conditions to control the number/location/proximity of all cannabis retailers. Allow the CUP process, findings, and community compatibility to ultimately determine where the retailers get established. **This is an alternative option with an easy implementation, but less desirable County-wide.**

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Prior to the August 5, 2020 meeting I sent out e-mails to everyone on my list about how you can weigh in and express your opinion by attending or teleconferencing during the meeting. Unfortunately, there was only one other person from Highgrove who spoke against it. There were 41 speakers who wanted to voice their opinion during public comments that included residents from Mead Valley, Anza, Cabazon, Thermal, Aguanga, and Woodcrest but where were the Highgrove residents? For 3 ½ hours there were 18 speakers who opposed shortening the distance and 15 who favored shortening the distance and 8 who were neutral. But most of the opposition was associated with the cannabis industry or the applicant who would benefit financially from this decision. But many of those opposed to this change agreed that it was unfair for Highgrove to be singled out as the only community in Riverside county to have the distance shortened between Pot Shops! Please turn to **Highgrove drops lawsuit** on P. 8)

What was in the trap? Answer from front page

It was our dog, "Buddy", and even though he was inside the trap a very short time, was he was glad to get out!



Buddy: found a new buddy in this cardboard sign inside the CVS drug store while riding in the shopping cart.

Seven Burros recently Killed in Highgrove!

The CHP reported that at about 2:23 AM on July 21, 2020 five Burros were killed on the I-215 northbound Center St. exit of the freeway and one of the drivers sustained injuries.

Then about 10 days later, two more Burros were killed by a vehicle in front of the Highgrove Fire Station. (See P. 10)

Meanwhile, Please Slow down and watch out for the big wild-life in Highgrove like the Burros that can be in the middle of the street at night and can surprise you because they don't have any tail lights to warn you to slow down.

Some of the smaller wildlife animals like the rattlesnakes have no tail lights either but they will let you know when you are too close by using their tails. Drive carefully, slow down, watch for snakes, hawks or coyotes looking for something to eat and if your pet is inside for the night, close your Doggy Door!

Turbulence Ahead in 2020 Election!

Opinion By Tom Freeman

When we are flying across our great country and cruising along at Flight Level 350 (that's 35,000 feet for you [occupiers in Portland](#)) and we sometimes hear a "ding" and the Captain says, "I have illuminated the seat belt light because air traffic control says turbulence is ahead." Well, turbulence will be the understatement when describing what is in store for us in the upcoming presidential election!

This election cycle our registered voters across America will be bombarded with emails, texts, and every manner of technological tools available to "mankind," or is that "peoplekind?"

Our 44th president brought [technology to the presidential election](#) and our 45th president refined it even more. The result was the biggest upset in political history. Technology is going to be the weapon of choice for the campaign team, independent expenditures, and political action committees again this cycle.

Yes, we will see the conventional "weapons of political warfare." With mail-in ballots, absentee ballots and early voting available, the two presidential candidates will be running those television spots earlier than ever. Social media will be ablaze with the puff pieces and the hit pieces.

Both of our major party presidential candidates have colorful pasts and [Joe's record after 50 years in office](#) provides the campaign for Donald with [lots of material](#). With just three-plus years in office, Trump will defend his polices and [his past](#). Ample material for his opponent and the [Never Trumpers](#).

In case you haven't focused on U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives races, they are also a battleground! The Democrats want the Senate back and the Republicans are defending it as if their lives depended on it. Expect more turbulence here.

If you ever donated as little as \$5 to a campaign, expect email or a text asking for a donation. These requests will come from your party, Senate and House candidates, super PACs and special interest groups. Each side, PACs and special interest groups pore over donor records during and after elections and build massive data bases filled with donor data.

As Election Day draws closer, the polls will likely be close to even. That's right — even or close to it. This means the GOTV ([Get Out The Vote](#)) efforts will be very important on both sides. Campaigns will use "[robocalls](#)" to remind you to vote. Many voters hate these things but they do work. If they give the candidate a one point edge they may win on GOTV efforts when combined with radio, TV, direct mail, old-fashioned rallies, social media and geo-fencing. Yes I said rallies — with masks and social distancing. If you can riot and occupy without masks and social distancing, it is likely OK to rally for your candidate and America.

You are going to see those Sunday cable shows going into overdrive, too. The nightly shows on cable will be going all out. If you look at their ratings, the nightly cable shows give the advantage to President Trump. Talk radio is also, for the most part, in the Trump corner. Have no fear as the networks are all about Joe Biden. Since recent ratings show the networks all losing viewers, the advantage, at least statistically, leans to Republicans. It remains to be seen what impact rioters and occupiers will have on the election. Count on their exploits (Cont. on P. 11)

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

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

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

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

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

What a contrast between then and now!

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

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Crime Stats 7-20 to 8-18-2020



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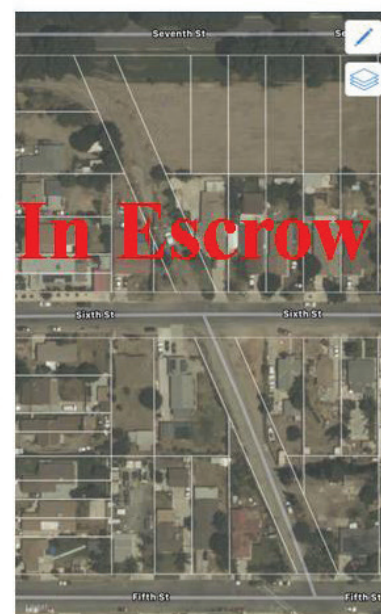
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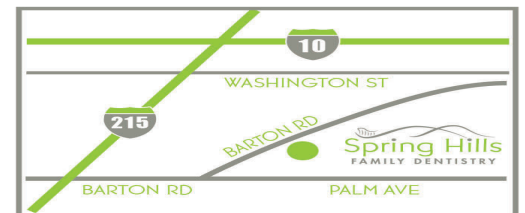
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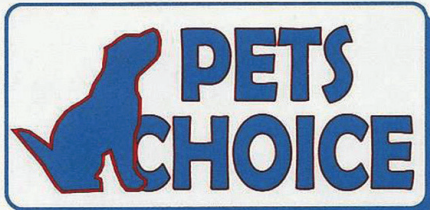
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HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

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Highgrove drops lawsuit!

These photos shows how Riverside County responded to a request from Highgrove's Attorney when the county was asked to provide information about the CSA126 funds related to the elimination of the Highgrove Deputy Sheriff.

Instead of CSA 126 tax records from the county we received a pile of old books to look through!

Background:

On Sept. 1, 2017, a Grand Jury investigation was called in regard to the elimination of Highgrove's own Deputy Sheriff that was eliminated by Riverside County on Dec. 30, 2009. And the 2017/2018 Grand Jury recommended: **"CSA 126 management provide a one-time public notice clarifying exactly how the CSA 126 funds are distributed."**

Then on May 21, 2018, four Highgrove residents filed suit against Riverside County in regard to this same subject. An Attorney from Riverside took the case on a contingency basis and worked on our case for 19 months that included me attending 4 different court appearances but no testimony was taken and postponements were the only thing that were accomplished.

Finally, in January 2020 our Attorney had enough and backed out of the case. I know how much time and energy he put into this case on behalf of the Highgrove community and I thanked him on behalf of everyone in Highgrove who has paid for, and is still paying for, our Deputy that was eliminated. The bad news is that I have not been able to find another Attorney but the good news is that no money was spent for an Attorney to represent us.

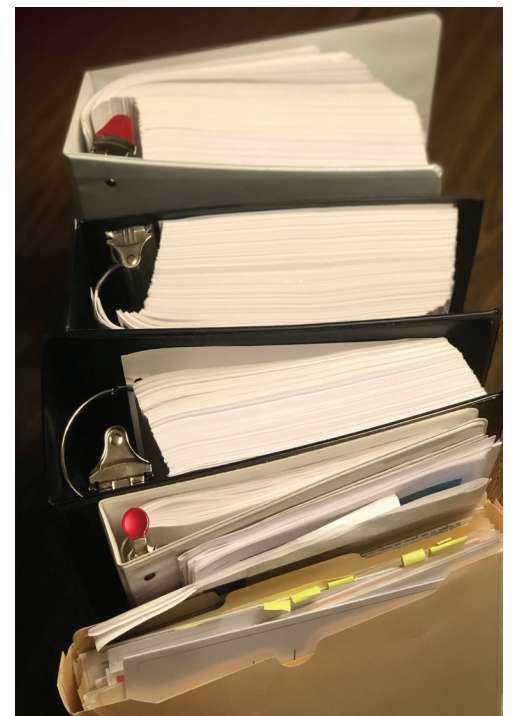
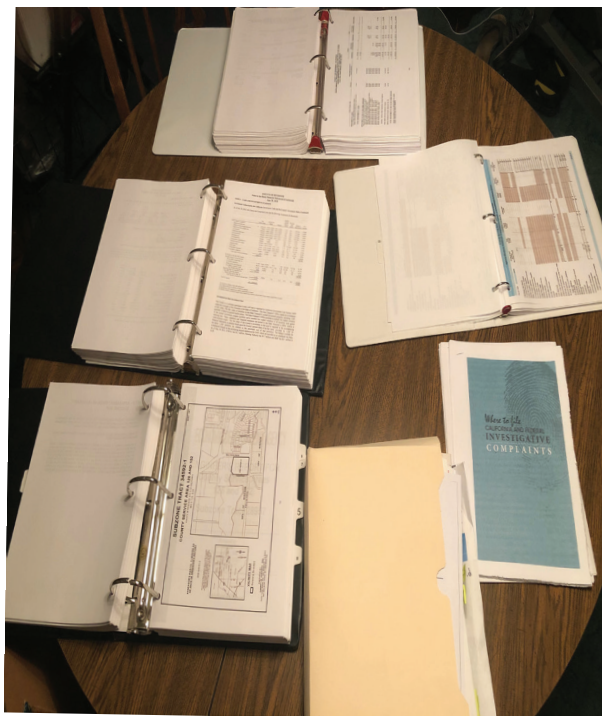
One of the final straws was when we requested information from Riverside county, these massive books were given to our Attorney with the understanding that the information we wanted was somewhere in these books. These books are old county records that may contain the information we wanted but we requested specific information using account numbers from county tax records to show income and expenses for CSA 126. But trying to find the information in these books is like trying to find a needle in a haystack which overwhelmed our Attorney due to time constraints. I have the books now and I instead of providing the information related to our case I found a lot of information about other cities in Riverside county such as Indio and many other cities throughout the county not associated with our case.

On April 16, 2020 I received a letter from California State Attorney General, Xavier Becerra in response to my letter to him asking for the State to investigate our complaint regarding the Highgrove Sheriff. The letter directed me to contact the local District Attorney which is what I did.

Then on June 18, 2020 I was able to get a meeting with two Riverside County District Attorney investigators. After that meeting I provided additional information they requested but I was never able to talk directly to the District Attorney Mike Hestrin or the Deputy District Attorney who was assigned to our case. Then on July 31, 2020 I received the following letter from the Riverside County District Attorney's office:

Good morning Barney,

The Deputy District Attorney reviewed your case in this matter. Collectively we understand and sympathize with your position, however there was no crime in this case. We are bound by those laws that govern the County of Riverside and the State of California. All funds were spent appropriately on parks, landscaping, and police services. It is important to note that



some of the funds were spent on the supplies and salaries necessary to run the services allowed under the government code.

It is unfortunate the citizens of the Highgrove community do not like the way the county apportioned the funds. It should bring the community some satisfaction knowing that the county did hear your concerns regarding the enhanced deputy sheriff service. In 2019, the county designated \$99,000 towards that enhance deputy sheriff services for the Highgrove community. Today, the county has upped those CSA funds for enhance Deputy Sheriff services to \$175,000 which should bring the Highgrove community some peace.

In addition, the county has created a new MAC to overlook the concerns of the community and bring awareness to how the CSA funds are being used. The recommendations of the Grand Jury are being adhered to by the county although COVID-19 has limited the effectiveness to some degree. It is recommended that the new MAC hold a meeting with the Highgrove community to settle differences among community members and reach a common goal moving forward.

Lastly, the CSA 126 funds for enhanced Deputy Sheriff services tax is \$120 a year and there are approximately 1,900 parcels in the "Highgrove" community. This brings the total revenue from the CSA 126 tax to approximately \$228,000. The Total CSA tax revenue is approximately \$22,000 less than the cost of a Deputy Sheriff. (\$250,000 a year) This does not include EDA's responsibility to provide services for parks and recs or lighting in the Highgrove community. Put simply, \$120 does not hold the same value as it did back when the CSA fund was created. Not to mention, the cost to provide a Deputy Sheriff has more than tripled. The new Highgrove communities do pay a higher tax due to contract agreements with the builder, but only \$120 can be used for the enhanced Deputy Sheriff services.

Doug and I would be interested to learn how the next MAC meeting goes with the county. I believe most, if not all your concerns will be answered in the meeting. If you have any questions I would be happy to explain further.

Thank you,

Senior Investigator Patrick Kinney

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On Aug. 24, 2020 I went to the Sheriff Dept. headquarters and asked for a meeting with Sheriff Chad Bianco about sheriff protection in Highgrove. Turn to page 11 for the response.

HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

You Can Quote Me Cynthia Williams, DC

“Are you guys ready? Let’s roll.” ~ Todd Beamer, passenger on United Airlines Flight 93, September 11, 2001

This quote from Todd, one of the passengers on the doomed flight in Stonycreek Township, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, sums up the American fighting spirit when confronted with threats to our country. These were the men and women on Flight 93 who, when informed of the tragedies in New York and Washington, DC *knew* they were on a flight destined to strike another blow to the country they loved. They were not going to allow it.

A few minutes before the first plane hit the first Tower in New York City, Flight 93 departed from Newark, NJ on its scheduled non-stop flight to Sacramento, California. Forty minutes into the flight, when the plane was over Ohio, the four hijackers went into action, breaching the cockpit, armed with knives and boxcutters, claiming to have a bomb on board, they took control of the plane. The 33 passengers plus crew were corralled at the rear of the plane. Huddled together, the passengers started making calls to family, friends and the authorities to alert them of the problem on their flight. That’s when they learned of the attacks in NY and DC; they guessed their plane was highly likely one in the multi-pronged strike against the United States by fanatical terrorists.

The news that planes had intentionally crashed into the Twin Towers in NY City and also the Pentagon chilled them. Shortly after taking control of Flight 93 the terrorists reversed the plane’s direction, heading back east.

Passengers didn’t know what target their plane had in its sights- the White House? The Capitol building? A national monument? A nuclear power plant? No matter the target, the courageous passengers and crew decided right there they weren’t going to allow it.

The group huddled in the back of the plane took a vote. Calls to loved ones were made declaring their love and devotion and informing them of their plan. They were going to do their best to breach the cockpit and take back control of the plane, while acknowledging that their actions would likely hasten the death of everyone on board. Their focus was saving the unknown target from attack from the craven terrorists. They were going to protect their country at all costs.

Flight data indicates they never breached the cockpit doors but with their strong, fervent attack the hijackers knew they had mere seconds to act. Voice recorders saved their frenzied, fanatical cries when they gave up their predetermined target and decided to crash the plane rather than lose control to the passengers and crew. They turned the plane controls and flipped the plane upside-down. At an estimated speed of 580 miles per hour, the plane drilled more than 25 feet into the ground in a field in Pennsylvania, only 20 minutes flight time from Washington, DC. The heroic actions of the 40 passengers and crew members on American Airlines Flight 93 had saved untold American lives and loss of property. These brave civilians gave their all for our country.

The Flight 93 National Memorial, located outside Shanksville, PA is a tribute to the heroes that day. Besides detailed information about Flight 93, other tributes and displays about the tragedies in NY and DC are included.

For more information about Flight 93 National Memorial visit: <https://www.nps.gov/flni/index.htm>



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Protecting the Burros From Harm!

On August 1, 2020, I received a call from Jim Wright, Highgrove resident hiker, who showed me two places where the Burros have access to Center St. in Spring Mountain Ranch. A fence and rolling gate may help protect the Burros from being killed by vehicles. Most of Spring Mountain Ranch is already surrounded by fencing to prevent Burros from entering the area but these two places need to be addressed to help protect these animals.



A fence here between the wall and bush would prevent Burros from entering Center St. in Spring Mountain Ranch.



A short distance away an unlocked rollin gate would prevent Burros from entering Center St. and could be left un-locked when closed then closed again after use.

West end



This is what the Burros see when they want to go from the south side of Blue Mountain onto Center Street. An unlockable closed rolling gate could be opened for service vehicles but closed immediately after entry with a sign posted similar to the following: **“Protect the Burros, Close the Gate After Use”**

North of Center St. in Spring Mountain Ranch at the base of Blue Mountain is a type of gate that is designed to keep Burros and Motorcycles out but will still allow hikers to use the hiking trails in the area between Blue Mountain and Center Street.



This gate for hikers is located at the other end (east end) of the access road from Center St. in Spring Mountain Ranch that is shown in the photo on the bottom left. There is a large amount of manure where the Burros congregate near this gate but there is no gate at the other end to prevent Burros from entering Center Street.



I took this photo of the Center St./Michigan intersection the day after 2 Burros were killed in front of the Highgrove Fire Station, shown in the background. Are these donuts happening in the middle of the night when the Burros are around? And could these marks have anything to do with the Burros deaths?

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HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

Turbulence ahead in 2020 election!

(Cont. from P. 4)

being front and center in this presidential campaign. Law enforcement funding will also be a battle.

There will be those that want fully funded police officers and sheriff's deputies on the street. On the other side there will those who think that money can be spent on higher priorities such as homeless, mental health, and housing. Voters have a clear choice.

So, get ready for the campaign season to take off! Put that seat back tray table in upright position and fasten your seat belt. Expect major turbulence. This is a battle for the heart and soul of a great nation filled with great people.

After this election is over Americas must unite on common ground. We have to get our friends and neighbors back to work and our children back to school safely. We have to make our streets and neighborhoods safe. We must find a [vaccine for COVID 19](#), and safe guard our environment while responsibly developing natural resources. Equal rights and concerns over racism will likely still be center stage and must be addressed. Our massive national debt must be addressed and how we maintain the social safety nets across America. Our veteran and military personnel needs and equipment need further assistance and discussions. None of the above are in order of importance, but all are part of the fabric of America. They will be addressed by the successful presidential candidate.

The president our fellow voters choose will have much to say about all of the above. He will set the [agenda for America](#). It matters not which party you belong to. If you are a Democrat, Independent, Decline to State, or Republican, please get out to vote. The America we love and the future of a great country are at stake.

Meet the Author

Tom Freeman is a retired corporate, state and regional government executive. He is a Veteran of the USAF and National Guard. He is a recipient of the Gerald R. Ford Distinguished Service Award for community service and has received awards from Canada, Japan and Germany. Active in charitable organizations he has helped raise millions for charity. He is a regular contributor to the Uken report.



Tom Freeman

Thanks to Tom Freeman and Uken for this report.

NOTICE: The next Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for Oct. 28, 2020 at the Highgrove Library located at 530 W. Center Street in Highgrove. Please call (951) 955 1020 during business hours to verify that the meeting will take place at 6:30 pm on Oct. 28th.

Good news about the Highgrove Sheriff!

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

The meeting I had with two district Attorney investigators on June 18, 2020 eventually revealed that Highgrove is now receiving extra Sheriff coverage but it is not the same deputy position that was previously assigned exclusively to Highgrove. After I received the July 21, 2020 letter from the D A's office, (See copy on page 8), on August 24, 2020 I went to Sheriff Chad Bianco's office and asked for a meeting about the Highgrove Sheriff.

I was contacted by the Assistant Sheriff Joseph Pemberton and I asked him for a letter explaining the current status of Sheriff coverage in Highgrove.

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

Mr. Barnett

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

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

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

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

Thank You,

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

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

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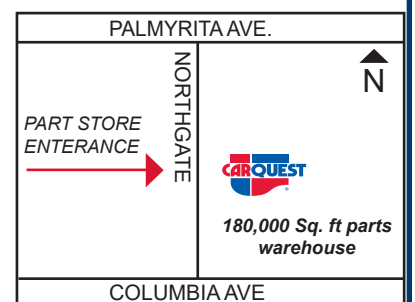
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Riverside County Supervisor Karen

Spiegel tested positive for Coronavirus

On July 25, 2020 the Press Enterprise reported that Supervisor Karen Spiegel has tested positive for Coronavirus after she had been quarantined for 14 days due to a previous possible exposure to the virus. She stated "None of us are immune" and has urged constituents to wear face coverings, practice social distancing, and get tested. Supervisor Spiegel is the Supervisor for the 2nd District which includes Highgrove.

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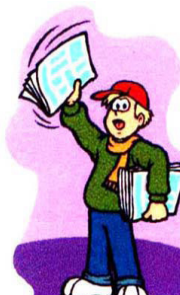
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