



HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS



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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area

May 2016

Highgrove Sheriff eliminated years ago but Assessments still goes on!!!

Every Highgrove property owner east of the freeway should read this article!



Deputy Dean Colbert

We still see the Sheriff car driving around in Highgrove but did you know that it is not the dedicated Highgrove Sheriff position that was approved by voters back in 1991, 1992, and re-affirmed in 1997? About 10 different Sheriff Deputies have filled that position during the last 25 years but the Sheriff Deputy that was exclusive to CSA 126E in Highgrove was eliminated several years ago. Today we are still paying \$120.00 per year, per parcel that appears on our property tax bills for the Sheriff position that we no longer have! If we do not pay our property taxes in full, our taxes will become delinquent and a lien could be put on the properties that do not pay.

We still have regular Sheriff coverage in Highgrove similar to the rest of Riverside County but previously, when we had our own Highgrove Deputy assigned exclusively to Highgrove, the Deputy got to know the people who belonged here and those who did not! The extra Highgrove Deputy was assigned exclusively to the east side of the freeway and was in addition to the regular Sheriff coverage everybody else in Riverside County is entitled to. We assessed ourselves for our own Deputy and the Riverside County Sheriff Department assigned one of their Deputies to Highgrove for about a year at a time to cover the small 3 1/2 square mile area east of the freeway. As an unincorporated community in Riverside County, Highgrove is entitled to 1.04 Deputies per thousand residents without the additional Sheriff

coverage.

The population of Highgrove on both sides is approximately 4,000 people, not including Spring Mountain Ranch.

Back in 1991, Highgrove was the first unincorporated community in Riverside County to authorize a self-imposed annual assessment of \$120.00 per parcel to pay for an extra Sheriff Deputy on the east side of the freeway. This worked well for many years but when the Highgrove Sheriff position was eliminated, none of the parcel owners were given written notice. Taxpayers still have not received written notice from the Riverside County Assessor, Riverside County Board of Supervisors, or the Riverside County Sheriff Department that the dedicated Highgrove Sheriff position was eliminated but the assessment is still being collected to pay for the Sheriff that we no longer have!

When the position was eliminated, the voters should have been given the opportunity to vote again. Three possible choices come to mind for the voters to decide:

1. Eliminate the \$120.00 fee and the extra Highgrove Sheriff position.
2. Vote for an increase in parcel fee to cover the increased cost of the Highgrove Sheriff.
3. Reduce the amount of hours of the Highgrove Sheriff so we can stay within our budget.

Unfortunately none of these choices were offered to the voters. The Highgrove Sheriff was created and approved in writing by the voters in 1992 and again in 1997 by a ballot of the people, by the people and for the people who pay the assessment. Eliminating the Sheriff position without proper written notification to those who pay the assessment is not only unfair but is probably also illegal. We are being taxed for something we do not have which some people feel is "Taxation without Representation".

A copy of the Feb. 21, 1992 ballot stated: ***"The need for extended police protection will be decided with this ballot"***. It said nothing about Park Maintenance, Landscaping, or Recreation which was added later because there was no park at that time. The 1992 ballot can be seen on page 12. (Cont. on right)

31st Annual Highgrove Day Pancake Breakfast

COUNTRY FAIR

AND

Car Show

May 7, 2016 9 am-4 pm

**Classic Cars, Food, Music, Entertainment, vendors, Kids
fun zone, Pie eating contest, lots of fun for the whole
Family @ Highgrove Park**

459 Center St. Highgrove Ca 92507

Car Show Application on P. 4

Vendor application on P. 5

For more information please call Dena @ (951) 205 9927
or Rebekah @ (951) 233 9252

Potential Income denied!

The new parcels in the Spring Mountain Ranch development consists of 1,409 new homes that used to be citrus groves. All of the new Spring Mountain Ranch homes are within the CSA 126E boundaries but the new homes are not paying the \$120.00 assessment. Other members of our community have been paying \$120.00 per year for 25 years for each parcel whether it is residential, business property, or vacant land and we depended on the new Spring Mountain Ranch parcels to help pay for our Highgrove Sheriff.

1,409 new parcels in Spring Mountain Ranch at \$120.00 per parcel would be annual income of \$169,080.00 that would help pay for the Highgrove Deputy to serve all of the existing residents in Highgrove plus the new homes in Spring Mountain Ranch. The \$169,080.00 is addition to the amount being collected from the old part of Highgrove.

On April 13, 2016 I received a reply from the Riverside County Auditor-Controller's Office about my request for the numbers of parcels paying the Sheriff Assessment

and the amount collected for the last several years.

Here is the information I received from the Auditor's office:

Year	Amount
2008-09 CSA 126E	\$132,600.00
2009-10 CSA 126E	\$132,960.00
2010-11 CSA 126E	\$132,840.00
2011-12 CSA 126E	\$132,840.00
2012-13 CSA 126E	\$132,840.00
2013-14 CSA 126E	\$132,840.00
2014-15 CSA 126E	\$132,930.00
2015-16 Park & Rec.	\$651,592.46
Total	\$1,581,442.46

The last figure (2015-16) increased by over \$518 Thousand dollars and none of that figure includes sheriff services? And the CSAE designation has been changed on our tax bills that now shows CSA 126, PARK & REC LNDSCPE. Remember the original ballot was for additional Sheriff protection as shown on page 12. From 2008-09 to 2014-15 the auditor's figures show that \$929,850.00 has been collected for Highgrove account # CSA 126E. But the Sheriff Dept. and the County do not know when the last day the Highgrove's Deputy was on duty. The fee should have stopped the day after the Sheriff was eliminated.

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HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS



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

Highgrove Community Park Hours: Dawn to Dusk

Contact: (951) 951-241-7221

THE NORTON YOUNGLOVE COMMUNITY CENTER

459 Center Street- Highgrove [web site: www.nycchighgrove.com](http://www.nycchighgrove.com)



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

May 2016

Hello Community Members,

Mother's Day in the United States is an annual holiday celebrated on the second Sunday in May. Mother's Day recognizes mothers, motherhood and maternal bonds in general, as well as the positive contributions that they make to society. Although many Mother's Day celebrations world-wide have quite different origins and traditions, most have now been influenced by the more recent American tradition established by Anna Jarvis, who campaigned for the holiday. Organized by Jarvis, the first official Mother's Day was celebrated at St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia, which now holds the International Mother's Day Shrine.^[2] Previous attempts at establishing Mother's Day in the United States sought to promote peace by means of honoring mothers who had lost or were at risk of losing their sons to war. (Wikipedia free encyclopedia)

Memorial Day isn't just about honoring veterans, its honoring those who lost their lives. Veterans had the fortune of coming home. For us, that's a reminder of when we come home we still have a responsibility to serve. It's a continuation of service that honors our country and those who fell defending it. "Pete Hegseth" **Observed—Center Closed May 30th**

May 5th 2-4: Learn new skills and strategies to improve child behavior hosted by FSA/Hope. Child care, giveaways and refreshments will be provided. -o- cost. Class facilitated in Spanish. Call Dariana 951-686-1096 for registration or questions.

SAVE THE DATE: Pancake Breakfast on May 7th 7AM-12 Noon. HIGHGROVE DAY from 9AM - 4PM

Daily lunch for ages 60 and over The Center offers a daily lunch for people 60 and over. It's a great way to meet new people and get familiar with our center and all the services we offer. Delicious meals are served Mondays through Fridays, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participants are asked to fill out an information sheet. **May 6th 8AM, 7th 7AM and 20 8AM:** Hosted by Ana with Assurance Wireless: "Come and get a free cell phone and a free service through Assurance Wireless! Don't forget your government benefit card (medical, WIC, EBT, SSI, proof of income, etc.), and picture ID!! **County Regional Medical Center Mobile Health Clinic is back ! 9AM - 2PM every 1st and 3rd Friday of each month:** RCRMC will be here to answer your personal health questions and provide baselines assessment which include Health screenings (blood pressure /Diabetes-blood sugar screenings,) sick child visits. These 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.

Free or low cost Early Care and Preschool Programs call 951-342-3151.



Norton Younglove Community Center

459 Center St. Highgrove, CA 92507



(951) 241-7221
951-779-3099 fax



@nycchighgrove

Aerodance Exercise

Mon-Thurs 9am-10am \$3.00/per class.

Sewing Class

\$7.50 per class Wed 10:30-1:30 Call Sandra 951-616-7787 for project materials info and clothing alteration services.

3-D Gelatin Molding Class

5 students minimum sign up to schedule classes. \$15 class/10 class course. Completion Certificate awarded

Polynesian Dance Class

AM Wed Sponsored by Regal Medical Group 10-11 \$0 COST for Regal Med Members \$2 for non Regal members . PM Mon & Wed 7:15-8:15pm-Fri 6:30-7:30pm \$3 per class or \$8 per week

The Art of Cake Decorating Baking Intensive course/25 classes.

\$15 per class. Info: Call Marivel 951-275-6815 . 5 students minimum sign up to schedule course Certificate Completion awarded

Guitar Lessons by Pastor Nelson

Thurs 3PM-4PM. -o- cost program, bring own guitar

E-Taekwondo United

(Taekwondo Class) Mon & Thurs. 6pm For details please call Master Elvis Chavez 909 - 958-4799 or 909-954-8511

Square & Line Dance

Tue 6:30pm \$6 donation. Info: 909-823-0294 or 951-788-4245 www.riversidesingleswingers.com

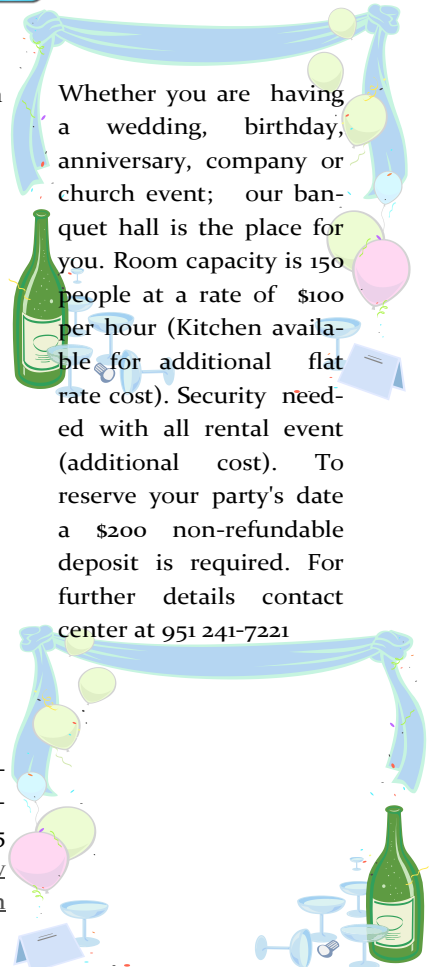
Zion Assembly Church of God

Sunday 11:00 AM. For more info call Pastor Pete Sarry 951-237-2337

Sr. Nutrition Lunch Program

Mon - Fri @11:30 AM \$3 suggested donation

Whether you are having a wedding, birthday, anniversary, company or church event; our banquet hall is the place for you. Room capacity is 150 people at a rate of \$100 per hour (Kitchen available for additional flat rate cost). Security needed with all rental event (additional cost). To reserve your party's date a \$200 non-refundable deposit is required. For further details contact center at 951 241-7221



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*Proof of identity in form of either unexpired drivers License, passport, social security card and/or permanent resident card.

*Your government benefit card such as: Medicaid/Medi-cal, CalFresh, Food Stamps or SNAP, SSI, TANF, Section 8, NSLP, WIC, CalWORKS or proof of income.

See you there!!

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“Highgrove Day” Pancake Breakfast

May 7, 2015 7 am – 12 noon

Includes: beverages, eggs, sausage

Orders To-Go are available!

\$6 per Adult (Includes 1 opportunity to win a prize)

\$4 per Child (Age 12 and under)

Tickets available NOW!

Norton Younglove Community Center

459 Center Street. Highgrove, Ca 92507

951.241-7221

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Norton Younglove Community Center.



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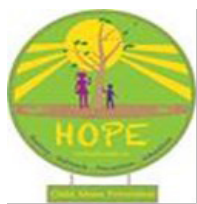


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Norton Younglove Community Center
459 Center St, Highgrove, CA. 92507

- Child care is provided

- For registration and/or questions contact
Dariana Ortiz at (951) 686-1096

*Free kid's meal gift certificate from Applebee's for every child

New Colors of Highgrove T-Shirts available!

If you live in Highgrove you need a T-Shirt that has our Highgrove logo on the front and a 1916 Highgrove citrus label on the back. Some say: “Where Center St. is the main street and Main St. is at the edge of town” Others say: Where half of our main street is in the next county”.

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HIGHGROVE SHERIFF REPORT

During this rating period Highgrove had only one reported part one crime; a burglary. There were no rapes, arsons or homicides.

Lieutenant Dave Kondrit (951) 955 2632



Sheriff Dept.: (951) 776-1099 X 5 (Non emergency)

Capt. Jason B. Horton (951) 955 2600

Lieutenant Dave Kondrit (951) 955 2632

Hot line tips for Highgrove area: (951) 955-2600

Tips on how to protect your mail

Comments from Lieutenant Kondrit about mailbox theft:

“Unfortunately this is more common than ever. Eastvale had 55 separate incidents. When we caught our suspect they still had an entire mailbox in their apartment. That suspect admitted to making a living stealing mail. Here are some recommendations to prevent and minimize the impact of mail theft:”

- Use the letter slots inside your Post Office for your mail, or hand it to a letter carrier.
- Pick up your mail promptly after delivery. Don't leave it in your mailbox overnight. If you're expecting checks, credit cards, or other negotiable items, ask a trusted friend or neighbor to pick up your mail.
- If you don't receive a check or other valuable mail you're expecting, contact the issuing agency immediately.
- If you change your address, immediately notify your Post Office and anyone with whom you do business via the mail.
- Don't send cash in the mail.
- Tell your Post Office when you'll be out of town, so they can hold your mail until you return.
- Report all suspected mail theft to a Postal Inspector.
- Consider starting a neighborhood watch program. By exchanging work and vacation schedules with trusted friends and neighbors, you can watch each other's mailboxes (as well as homes).
- Consult with your local Postmaster for the most up-to-date regulations on mailboxes, including the availability of locked centralized or curbside mailboxes.
- If you see a mail thief at work, call **911**. Or if you believe your mail was stolen, call the (Non-Emergency) number **(951) 776 1099** immediately, then call Postal Inspectors at **877-876-2455** and press 3.

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(A minimal transaction fees will be applied)



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Highgrove Day Car Show May 7, 2016 Entry Form

(Please return by April 29, 2016)



Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ License # _____ Color _____

Name _____ () _____
Last First Phone

Mailing Address: _____
Address Street City Zip

E-mail address _____ 1 FREE Highgrove T-shirt (per pre- entry) size: _____
(Until supply lasts)

Release of all claims:

I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the County of Riverside, its officers, employees, agents, event sponsors, organizers and anyone else involved in the organization and management of this event from any loss, liability, expenses and costs that may result from any injuries or death or damage to or loss of property that I may sustain. I agree that I will make no claim for any property damage, injury or death against the County of Riverside, its officers, employees, agents, event sponsors, organizers, or any one else in the organization and management of this event.

Entrant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Limited to the first-150 Pre-1980 vehicles. No motorcycles or mini-trucks. Fun for the whole family!

Return completed application and \$20.00 by April 29, 2016 to receive free T-shirt Awards will be presented the day of the fair.

Make Checks Payable to: *Dianna Guyer or Rebekah Luther*
Mail Check & Application To :683 Tulare Ave. / 268 Owetzel Ln.
OR Riverside, CA.92507 / Riverside, CA.92507
Email to : dguthrieguyer@gmail.com or Rbluther@aol.com

E-mail application to either:
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by April 29,2016

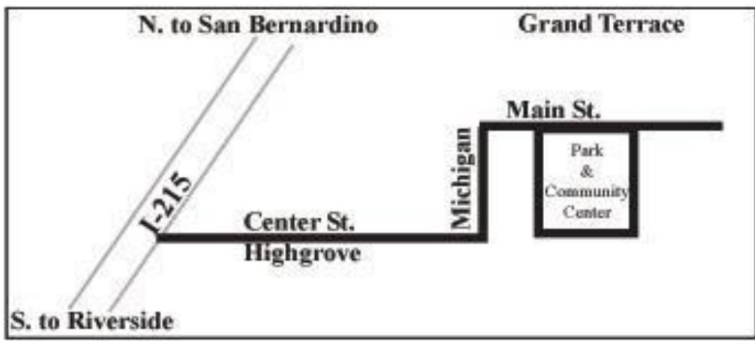
A portion of the proceeds will help Highgrove Community Organizations

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Reminder:

I am registered for the Highgrove Day Car Show on Saturday May 7, 2016
Call Dena (951) 205-9927or Rebekah (951) 233-9252
if you are pre-registered but cannot attend so others who are on the waiting list can be notified.

Directions: From I-215 take the **Center St.-Highgrove** exit and go east 1 mile. Turn left on Michigan Ave. and right on Main Street (½ block) and have your vehicle in place by 9:00 am.



Highgrove Day Car Show



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HIGHGROVE DAY VENDOR APPLICATION

May 7, 2016 from 9am – 4pm

Set-up available Friday afternoon

Phone: (951) 205-9927 for Dena Guyer or Rebekah Luther (951) 233-9252

Email: dguthrieguyer@gmail.com or Rbluther@aol.com

COST: Per 10' X 10' Space (make checks payable to Dianna Guyer or Rebekah Luther)

Highgrove Residents/Non-Profit Organization:	\$15.00	_____
Non Highgrove Residents:	\$25.00	_____
Food Vendors (with food handlers permit(s))	\$50.00	_____

Name: _____ Business Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ FAX #: _____ E-mail: _____

Type of booth/activity you will offer: _____

Approximate size of booth needed _____ (Spaces are priced 10'x10')

Will you have a vehicle on display? (You must have authorization to display a vehicle) No _____ Yes _____

If Yes, What type? _____

Will there be a fee charged to participants for your activity?

No _____ Yes _____ Amount _____

Will you be giving away any promotional items? No _____ Yes _____

Description: _____

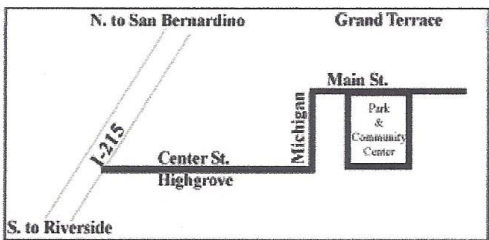
Will you be selling any food? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, please list all food items: _____

Will you be selling any non-food items? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please describe these items: _____

The undersigned acknowledges and agrees to the following:

- Will be responsible to provide all booth needs (tables/chairs & canopy/etc)
- Set up time Friday 3-7 pm , (overnight security provided Friday) or Saturday 7:00am-9:00am, All booths must be completed by 9:00am Saturday.
- Tear down time is 3:30pm- please do not begin tear down until 3:30pm
- Must remove all items from your site at conclusion of the event including all trash
- Food vendors must have proof of DEH permit & abide by all of their regulations




The undersigned agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the County of Riverside, or all representatives connected with Highgrove Day, from all liability, demands, or claims from loss, damage, or injury resulting from participation in this event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ TOTAL _____

Please return completed form by April 29, 2016 (make check payable to and Mail to Dianna Guyer.@683 Tulare Ave, Riverside, Ca., 92507 or Rebekah Luther @ 268 Owetzel Ln. Riverside, Ca. 92507)

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Call us !

We have no reporters so we are asking for your help. You can be a reporter by just giving us a call or sending us an E-mail or a picture. Small town news is what we are all about and we want to encourage you to participate. We try to print positive things since there is so much bad news on TV and in other newspapers. Send us a story, take a picture or call us about something that is happening in Highgrove. (951) 683 4994



Please visit our Highgrove Happenings website:
www.highgrovehappenings.net

Keep in touch: Send us your e-mail addresses to help us keep you informed of activities and projects that effect our community. Send your address to:

highgrovenews@roadrunner.com
Highgrove T-shirt prices reduced! (See P.3)

Notice: We have some Highgrove T-shirts in various sizes that have just been printed. They have the Highgrove logo on the front and a picture of a 1916 “Highgrove Brand” orange crate label showing Sugarloaf with an orange grove at it’s base. It states: Grown and Packed in Highgrove by Sugarloaf Orange Growers Assn., Highgrove. Call (951) 683 4994



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Parcel Fee Cont. from P. 1

And who made the new homes in Spring Mountain Ranch exempt from the CSA 126E fees? These fees were in place many years before any of the new homes were built! Remember the 1997 ballot said: “**all parcels in CSA 126 Zone A**” should pay the special tax!

If almost one million dollars have been collected from Highgrove taxpayers for the last several years to pay for our own Highgrove Deputy Sheriff that we did not have, then why did page 2 of the Jan. 12, 2016 audit only show a balance of \$287,455 at the end of the fiscal year 2014/2015? Where did all of the money go?

Also needed is an explanation why the landscaping costs went from \$37,482 in 12/13 then jumped to \$163,992.

What could possibly require an increase of \$126,510.00 for park maintenance? We only have one park! The audit states: “**This was primarily due to additional funds being spent for landscaping (\$100K more than normal) and an additional 100K being spent on park maintenance**”.

Page 1 of the audit refers to the CSA staff: “**Their primary responsibilities are landscape maintenance of orange groves at Highway 215 and Center Street, medians at Iowa and Center Street, Graffiti removal and reporting street light outages**”.

Page 9 has color photos of the medians, graffiti, and pictures of

the Highgrove Community Park.

This problem has gone on too long and our 2015/2016 tax bills still show the assessment on our properties to be \$120.00 per year. But now instead of stating it is for **CSA 126E** like in the past, the assessment now states it is for: **CSA 126, PARK & REC LANDSCAPE**. Check your tax bills and go back several years.

How can these fees be changed and diverted into Park & Recreation Landscaping when the original intent was for an additional Sheriff Deputy in Highgrove? (See Page 12)

Several suggestions have been made that include a refund of all of the money that has been collected starting on the day after we lost our designated Highgrove Sheriff, a lawsuit, a Grand Jury Investigation, or going to the Press-Enterprise, or Television investigative reporters.

Another possible solution may resolve this problem:

The Sheriff Dept. and County owe the existing part of Highgrove (CSA 126E) several years of service they have already paid for but didn't receive. On the other hand, the new Spring Mountain Ranch homes are also within CSA 126E, but they have not paid anything into the fund to pay for the extra Sheriff.

The \$120.00 annual fee should be stopped after the 2015/2016 fiscal year on the existing properties that have already paid the fees!

Starting in the 2016/2017 fiscal year the Spring Mountain Ranch homes, and any other new future parcels that are created after this agreement, should be required to pay into the Highgrove Sheriff fund until the equivalent amount of revenue is reached that their Highgrove neighbors have paid.

Example:

Using the assessor's figures:

Between 2008 and 2015 the existing parcels in Highgrove CSA 126E have already paid a total of \$929,850.00 and these fees should stop. Then an assessment should be levied on the new parcels in Spring Mountain Ranch and other future developments that have not paid into the fund. These parcels would be required to pay \$120.00 per parcel per year until the equivalent amount of \$929,850.00 is paid into the Highgrove CSA 126E Sheriff fund.

This would balance the scales of justice because the existing parcels have been charged too much and the new parcels have not been charge anything.

On the date of this agreement the existing hourly rate for a Sheriff Deputy would be used to determine the amount that Spring Mountain Ranch or any other new parcels would be charged the assessment.

The present rate for the fiscal year 2015/2016 according to the Riverside County Sheriff Dept. is currently \$127.60 per hour. (Based on 40 hours per week the annual

cost is \$265,408.00). But the rate will increase for the 2016/2017 fiscal year to \$137.14 per hour which amounts to an increase of \$19,843.20 meaning the 2016/2017 annual cost will be **\$285,251.20** using these figures. All of the parcels in CSA 126E would then have a Sheriff Deputy that would include the old part of Highgrove, Spring Mountain Ranch, and any other new developments.

After the new parcels have paid the same amount as the old part of CSA 126E, another vote could be taken to eliminate the assessment, increase the assessment, reduce the assessment, increase the Sheriff coverage or reduce the Sheriff coverage.

During this equalization period, if the City of Riverside decides to consider annexing Highgrove, the annexation should be postponed until this local issue is resolved.

Please read additional information on this subject by going to: www.highgrovehappenings.net and clicking on “Latest Issue” and read the March 2016 issue of the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper.

Your input is requested.

Please call R. A. “Barney”

Barnett

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Geological Rambles and Rumbles

By Robert Fakundiny

State Geologist Emeritus, New York

RUBIES AND SAPPHIRES: gem varieties of CORUNDUM

The last few articles have discussed many of the minerals and gems found in pegmatites on the southern side of the San Jacinto Mountains (SJM) within the Southern California Batholith (SCB; fig. 1). The northwestern and western sides of those mountains contain other gems, notably rubies and sapphires,

which are the gem varieties of corundum, generally a dull-colored aluminum oxide mineral that is used in abrasives, mostly emery, because of its extreme hardness.

Corundum is one of the hardest natural materials (Mohs hardness 9), second only to diamond (Mohs hardness 10) and moissanite, a rare silicon carbide (Mohs hardness 9.25). The crystal form of corundum is trigonal, like tourmaline, both of which are in the hexagonal family

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Feb. 8, 2016

Iowa Ave. Median



The audit we received from Riverside County states that the Economic Development Agency's primary responsibilities include the **"medians at Iowa and Center street, Graffiti removal"** This is the median on Iowa Ave. where no maintenance is needed and how it still looks today!



The median in the parking lot at the Norton Younglove Community Center has no vegetation that requires maintenance.



This BAR-B-Q area has not been properly maintained and needs weeding. The annual assessment of \$120.00 per parcel has been shown on our property tax bills for many years as: **CSA 126E**. But this was changed this year on our tax bills to: **CSA 126, PARK & REC LNDSCPE**.

From 2008 to 2015 the amount shown collected by the auditor averaged **\$132,835.71** but this year shows **\$651,592.46** which is an increase of **\$518,738.75** that has been collected for park fees that does not include any money collected for the Highgrove Sheriff position that was eliminated.

Please turn to page 13 for chart from Auditor-Controller's office.

Chic Boutique at Honey Hills

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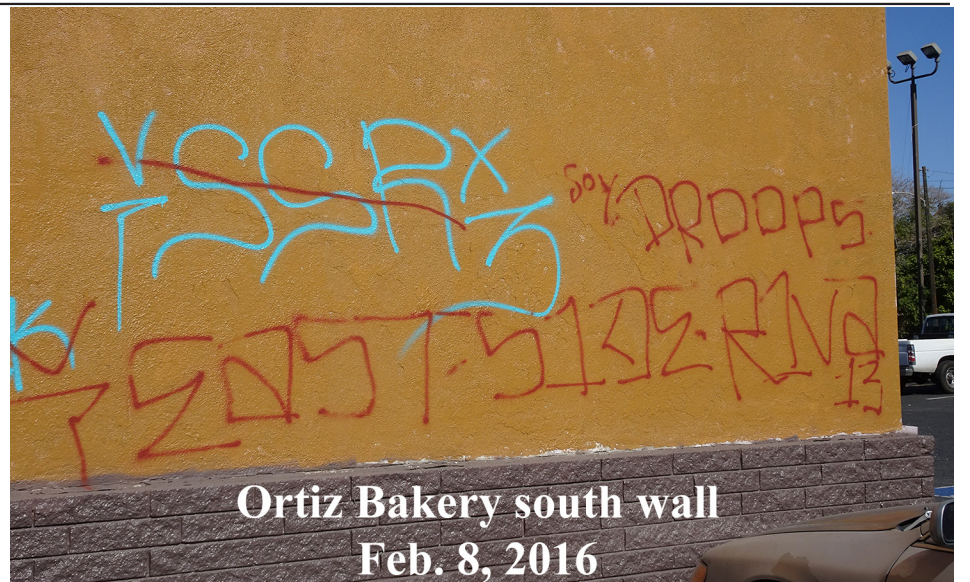
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The following statement was taken from the audit we received from the county:

"On the expenditure side, the expenditures for FY 12-13 and FY 13-14 were in the \$200K range, with FY 14-15 showing a dramatic increase to \$388K. This was primarily due to additional funds being spent for landscaping (\$100K more than normal) and an additional \$100K being spent on park maintenance"

The Park & Recreation/Landscaping costs increased by **\$518,738.75** last year. The vegetation has not been replaced with drought tolerant landscaping like mentioned in the audit and there is no more Pony Baseball or other programs in our park. We only have one park and for that price we should have shrubs without holes and trails paved with gold!

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Geological Rambles and Rumbles

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of crystals. As discussed further on, the trigonal nature of corundum allows the formation of the luminous star seen in crystals that have been properly ground and polished to form star rubies and star sapphires. Corundum occurs in many geological environments, but those within the SJM are found within pods of metamorphosed aluminum-rich sedimentary rocks (mostly mica schist) within the granitic rocks of the SCB. These pods are remnants of older rocks that were intruded by the molten batholith, as discussed in an earlier article. Another source of corundum in Southern California is in the San Gabriel Mountains near Mount Baldy.

Common corundum is rather dull looking, mostly gray or brown and, in some localities, coated with mica. Some of the SJM corundums have clear or blue cores, but most are not suitable for lapidary purposes. The crystals are commonly elongate with tapered ends and can grow to more than 6 inches long and 2 inches in diameter. They have fractures perpendicular to the long axis (called basal parting, fig. 2), much like tourmaline. Some corundum crystals are completely translucent and form rubies or sapphires.

Corundum was discovered on the northwestern side of the SJM within a couple of miles of the Potrero shaft entrance of the Metropolitan Water District aqueduct system near Cabazon in San Geronio Pass around 1924 (Mindat.org, <http://www.mindat.org/loc-3526.html>). The area was visited again in 1939 and later mined at times since 1980. One of the most celebrated deposits is called the Mt. Edna site, reportedly near the earlier exposures of corundum-bearing deposits, although its location is a secret. The SJM corundum localities are mostly at exposures of eroded hillside debris in which loose crystals can be found. Other localities lie on the western side of the SJM at Cahuilla (Coahuila) Mountain and on a hill near Winchester, on the Hemet plain (fig. 1). These western deposits are within pegmatites that also yield abundant andalusite, an aluminum silicate that has a transparent gem variety; this gem has not been reported from Winchester, however.

Red corundum of gem quality is called ruby; the blue variety is called sapphire, and clear crystals are called white sapphires. The clear variety is occasionally substituted for diamonds. Crystals of other colors are generally lumped together as sapphires. A rare, pinkish-orange variety is called padparadsha.

The trigonal crystal structure of corundum and, thus, of rubies and sapphires, allows needle-like inclusions of minerals, such as rutile, to align into a three-plane orientation parallel to the long axis. This crystal structure channels light into a six-pointed star (fig. 3). Crystals of rubies and sapphires containing rutile needles that are aligned with the long axis are generally cut and polished to a rounded upper surface with a flat bottom (called en cabochon cut, as opposed to facets). Orienting the polished, rounded upper surface perpendicular to the long axis produces a six-pointed star of focused light, whereas orienting the rounded upper surface parallel to the long axis may produce a “cats-eye” or “tigers eye” effect rather than a star (fig. 3). Unlike other gems with inclusions, rutile needles in rubies and sapphires attest to the gems’ authenticity as natural specimens because synthetic versions do not contain these inclusions, although many specimens of rubies have had their color artificially enhanced by heat treatment.

Rubies are the birthstone for July, and sapphires are the birthstone for September. Rubies derive their red color from chromium ions in the crystal structure (not the rutile inclusions); blue sapphires derive their color from iron and titanium ions. Aside from their use in jewelry, rubies are used commercially in ruby lasers, and sapphires are used in optical components, wrist-watch crystals, movement bearings, and solid-state electronics.

In addition to rubies and sapphires, the SCB yields a variety of other rare and unusual gems, including topaz and tourmaline (see February and April issues) and kunzite, a pink spodumene. At the northeastern edge of the SCB lie the Crestmore quarries at Jurupa Valley (fig. 1), with a multitude of rare minerals found in their marbles. A future article will discuss this unusual area and its mineral varieties.

Mother Nature and I

By: Sandra Maxwell

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The gardening bug bit me rather late in life. I’d never had the chance really. I’d spent the previous 30 years living in apartments.

I do have a friend who is an avid gardener. Over many years, with great passion, she regaled me with her latest adventures in planting, using Latin genus and species instead of calling a daisy a daisy. She would fall into depression when one of her prize plants snuffed it. Rather a drama queen in my estimation. They were just plants after all.

Then my life changed. I remarried. My new husband came complete with a house and a garden. Maybe garden isn’t the right word for the quarter acre piece of land on the south side of the house, which did not include the land around the house. And it was on a corner lot larger than most others in the neighborhood. Garden? It was a small park! My husband showed me around the near empty lot. The previous owner had allowed everything to die. Only a couple of new trees, some bushes along the fence, and rotted railroad ties that marked an extinct vegetable patch were scattered over the empty dirt lot. My husband had nursed the citrus trees in the back of the house back to life and planted a few roses in the front yard. As we toured, I listened to his plans and dreams on how to make it a garden of delight.

How hard could it be? I wanted to help make my husband’s dreams come true. I had some dreams of my own. I’d learned a few things from my Mother as a child. My gardening friend had expounded loads of information over the years. It would be spectacular! We got advice from the local nursery, bought the latest books, and together my

husband and I planned it all out in a computer program. All we had to do was purchase the right plants, water them, and reap the praise from all our friends. Right?

Wrong. Mother Nature had other ideas. It started when my favorite rose bush died and it felt like I’d lost a friend. How could it have happened? I’d taken great care of it, like it was a child. Angrily I shook my fist at the heavens asking Mother Nature, why, why, why? The vision of Scarlet O’Hara standing in her ruined garden vowing never to go hungry again flashed through my mind and I lowered my fist. Then I thought of my gardening friend. Perhaps she wasn’t such a drama queen after all. I girded my loins, put on my best gardening gloves, grabbed a hoe and started out into no man’s land, determined to win the battle between Mother Nature’s idea of a garden vs. my own. The battle quickly escalated into war and my determination turned to iron will as I failed more than succeeded in executing our garden plans. Where we put roses; She put crab grass. When we installed a lawn ornament; She sent a plague of gophers to knock it over. We planted seeds; She told the birds they were lunch. When an unusually hard frost hit one winter causing the death of a third of our garden, I had to admit defeat. It was over. I had lost the war.

With a heavy heart I walked through what was left of our garden. Dead trees stretched their blackened branches across the sunset sky. All the bougainvillea bushes were brown and lifeless. The roses would never bloom again. The many gopher holes resembled bomb craters. Gullies caused by torrential winter rains gaped like the trenches of World War I. I sat in despair in the arbor and gazed at

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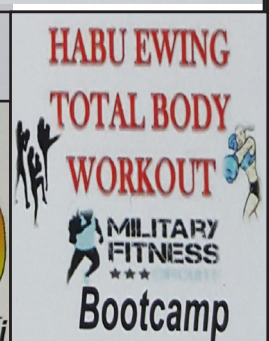
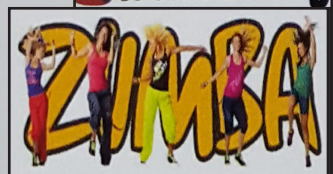
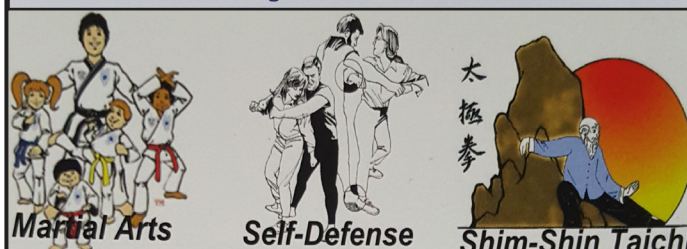
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History of Highgrove Deputy Sheriff!

Here is the timeline!

Aug. 27, 1991: CSA 126 (Highgrove East) minutes state that: *“The Sheriff’s Department will pick and assign an officer to the Highgrove area by 9-1-91 and will work out of the local substation, and will meet monthly with the Highgrove police protection subcommittee group”.*

Feb. 21, 1992: Mail out ballot stated: *“The need for extended police protection will be decided with this ballot”.*

There was no mention for any of these funds going to Park Maintenance or Landscaping because there was no park at this time.

Feb. 25, 1992: Results of the vote were sent in writing to the Riverside County Administration Office verifying that voters *“voted to retain the police protection provided thru contracting with the Riverside County Sheriff’s dept.”*

Spring 1994 issue of Highgrove Happenings: Rate of \$100.00 considered but remained at \$120.00 per year to use the surplus funds to hire an additional Deputy. *“The extra deputy will work the two days per week when our present deputy is off, giving us a deputy eight hours per day, seven days a week”.*

Spring 1995 issue of Highgrove Happenings: announced a meeting on March 27, 1995 calling for expanding Highgrove Sheriff service to the West side of CSA 126. *“Presently the additional coverage is only on the east side. This meeting is important and it will enable you to decide whether or not you want this additional protection”.* The west side did not want the additional Sheriff coverage.

Feb. 1997: Copy of Vote Yes flyer showing comments about a future park in Highgrove. *“We’ll build it if you maintain it has been the policy of the Economic Development Agency in regard to our Community Center and Park”*

Feb 1997 issue of Highgrove Happenings: article about a future park in Highgrove and *Proposition 218.*

March 1997 issue of Highgrove Happenings headline: *\$120.00 annual assessment to be decided by Highgrove Voters*

July 1997 issue of Highgrove Happenings: A new ballot was required before distribution due to west side of CSA 126 not participating. *“The election should only include registered voters from the east side of CSA 126. However, the west side was mistakenly included as well. This required action to correct the problem by only allowing the registered voters on the east side to vote on the measure”.*

July 1997: Impartial analysis of *Measure “T”*

Copy of actual ballot showing: **ALL PARCELS WITHIN CSA 126 ZONE A**

(Zone A is east of the I-215 freeway)

August 1997 issue of Highgrove Happenings headline: *Highgrove Measure “T” passes by 75.8 %*

Nov. 1997 issue of Highgrove Happenings: *Article by Highgrove Deputy Matt Cosgrove and Deputy Patty Ortiz about street gangs.*

April 1999 issue of Highgrove Happenings: *Article by Highgrove Deputy Matt Cosgrove about crime sweep*

April 22, 2015: On my birthday, 3 of the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council members went to Supervisor Tavaglione’s office for a meeting. There were 11 people at the meeting that included Supervisor Tavaglione, Captain Jason Horton of the Sheriff Department, other members of the County, and the Sheriff Department.

I laid out a 3 ft. by 5 ft. color aerial photograph on the table showing an overhead view of the Highgrove area. I pointed out that the blue line at the top was the San Bernardino/Riverside County Line and the red line at the bottom was the City of Riverside’s boundary line. *All of the property between the blue line and red line, which includes all of the new homes in Spring Mountain Ranch, is within the CSA 126E known as Highgrove.* Shortly thereafter Supervisor Tavaglione had to leave for a dental appointment and missed part of the meeting.

August 5, 2015: *Audit hand delivered to Supervisor Tavaglione* at Board of Supervisors office by R. A. Barnett, Chmn. Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council.

January 7, 2016: Captain Jason Horton, Riverside Sheriff Dept. Jurupa Valley Station answered request from MAC Chmn. Barnett asking when the last day was that Sheriff Deputy Dean Colbert was assigned to Highgrove?

Captain Horton’s reply was: *“the answer to your question is not exact, but the last full year was 2008 with a partial portion of 2009 according to my records. I don’t know the date of his last day”*

January 12, 2016: *Audit received from County of Riverside that did not include many items requested.*

February 17, 2016: Information received from Special District Financing that *“the total number of parcels levied for fiscal year 2015-2016 were 1,337.*

March 7, 2016: *Meeting scheduled by Supervisor Tavaglione’s schedule maker Lilliana but Supervisor Tavaglione never attended.* Two of our MAC members

took off work to attend but instead of meeting with Supervisor Tavaglione we met with his Chief of Staff, John Field and Jason Farin.

March 7, 2016: Chmn. of Highgrove MAC, R. A. Barnett *sent e-mail to Supervisor Tavaglione about missing him at the meeting and requested an Op-Ed from him for our April Issue like we talked about last October.*

As of April 28, 2016, over 7 weeks later, no Op-Ed has been received.

March 9, 2016: Chmn. Barnett requested that: *“Ways to solve CSA P126E parcel assessment”* be put on MAC agenda for March 16, 2016 Highgrove MAC meeting. The CSA 126E audit was discussed under old business.

March 17, 2016: Chmn. Barnett called Lilliana and ask for another meeting with Supervisor Tavaglione but *Supervisor Tavaglione decided another meeting was not necessary* because Mr. Field and Mr. Farin told him about the meeting he missed on March 7, 2016. Barnett’s e-mail to Supervisor Tavaglione that afternoon stated in part: *“Please read the information in the March issue of the Highgrove Happenings about this subject and give this subject the priority it deserves”.*

March 2016 issue of Highgrove Happenings contained: *Copy of audit* that was given to Supervisor Tavaglione on Aug. 5, 2015 on pages 1 and 4, Chmn. *Barnett’s letter responding to audit* received from Riverside County on pages 4 & 5. Copies of Barnett’s letter also sent

to each MAC member; Supervisor Tavaglione; Sheriff Captain Jason Horton and Lieutenant Kondrit; Bill Brown, Riverside County Economic Development Agency, and Samuel Wong Senior Management Analyst Riverside County Executive Office.

On page 5 is a *list of 10 Sheriff Deputies* who were assigned to Highgrove from 1991 to ??? and also is a copy of the *request that was made before the 1997 ballots were printed* so the vote on the SUPPLEMENTAL SHERIFF PROTECTION and MAINTENANCE OF FUTURE PARK could be voted on separately.

This separation was denied by the County and a *copy of the 1997 ballot that combined these 2 items* is also shown on page 5 showing that the *Sheriff and Park & Recreation Services were combined on one ballot.*

On page 7 is an article titled: *One three letter word can make a big difference.* That word is *“ALL”* referring to “all parcels within CSA 126 Zone A”.

Zone A is all parcels east of the I-215 freeway in the unincorporated part of Riverside County between the Riverside/San Bernardino County Line on the north, and the city limits of the city of Riverside on the south.

Please read additional information on this subject by going to: *www.highgrovehappenings.net* and clicking on *“Latest Issue”* and *read the March 2016 issue of the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper.*

February 18, 1997

Copy of 1992 ballot
Shown Below!

NOTATIONS

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Measure Submitted to the Voters	
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Please change to:

Shall the County of Riverside, on behalf of CSA 126 (Highgrove), continue the existing annual assessment of \$120.00 for Highgrove properties east of I-215, to finance the :

628,300.00

Item A. SUPPLEMENTAL SHERIFF PROTECTION ? Yes ☐ No ☐

Item B. MAINTENANCE OF FUTURE PARK Yes ☐ No ☐

We want each voter to be able to understand the wording on the ballot and vote accordingly and not be confused by the wording and to be able to vote on items A & B seperately.

Sincerely,

R.A. "BARNEY" BARNETT
Chm. COUNTY SERVICE AREA 126

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Phil’s Philosophy By Phil Turner Celebrity

Why am I forced to know who the Kardashians are? Yes forced. When I turn on the TV in the morning to catch the weather for the day, I have to sit through endless reports on the comings and goings of the Kardashians, the woman of the year (Bruce Jenner), and whoever the hell Kanye West is.

When I’m at the checkout at Stater Bros., I am inundated by headlines of which celebrity is divorcing, breaking up with, dating, getting engaged, or marrying. I’m told how big the diamond the bride was given, how much the wedding dress cost, who designed it, and how much the wedding cost. I’m informed of the security measures taken to prevent crashers, the curious, and the paparazzi, from intruding into the inner sanctum.

If you go on Facebook to enjoy photos of your grandkids, it is impossible to not have to scroll past all manner of unwanted, unneeded, and unappreciated facts, or rumors, or just plane fiction about some ones favorite celebrity.

How did these celebrities become a celebrity? Oh gee! Someone has taken my sex tape and put it on the Internet, or sold it to a distributor. Who could that someone possibly be? From that humble beginning, I’m a celebrity.

There are now and endless supply of new celebrities due to an endless number of reality shows. We now have housewives of this or that town, ex-wives of basketball/sports stars, ex-wives of rock stars, whatever.

All in all, we have a class of people who are famous for being famous. They are celebrities for no other reason that somehow they have become famous.

Recently we have had real several celebrities pass away; Prince, Merle Haggard, Doris Roberts, Harper Lee, and Patty Duke, to name a few. Accomplished, honored, innovative, all words spoken during their lifetime as well as after their passing. These and others we mourn for losing their talent in our present. Still we can appreciate their talent long after their death. We will have the music of Prince and Merle Haggard, the film of Doris Roberts and Patty Duke, and the wonderful words of Harper Lee.

As for the other “celebrities”, I guess we will just have to trudge on being besieged by which moron they are going to vote for, what they use to remove wrinkles, how committed they are to global warming, and how devoted they are to their charities.



(Mother Nature) Cont. From P. 11

the destruction around me. Tears came to my eyes.

From the dim recesses of my mind came an old memory. It was that margarine commercial with Mother Nature raising her arms to the skies crying “It’s not nice to fool Mother Nature!” as lightning struck around her. More like “fool WITH Mother Nature” I thought. I’d learned my lesson the hard way.



My gardening now became... philosophical. I learned what She would allow to grow in my garden and I artfully planted more of it. Out came the dead hydrangeas and in went the rosemary. All the roses were moved to the back where She made them flourish. We added more fruit trees and She allowed them to flower and bear fruit. When plants died, it was fate and I respectfully put their corpses into the Compost Bin to become soil for

future generations. I am no longer afraid to try something new and hope for the best. When it works, I’m ecstatic and thankful. When it doesn’t, I’ve learned something new.

Now our garden flourishes, but not according to any plan of ours. I admit the garden Mother Nature built is wonderful. It is filled with beautiful trees. Lush bushes line the pathways and fragrant flowers blossom everywhere. A cactus garden worships the sun in the back corner and a rock garden supports the birdbath in the front. There is a fountain and a couple of statues that add grace. We built an arbor and a gazebo to join the park benches so we could sit and enjoy Mother’s garden of delights and its peaceful loveliness. Birds sing and nest in our trees. Lizards bathe in the sun. Bees hum over the sage. Ladybugs bless our flowers. And we have the praise of our friends.

Perhaps I’ve become a gardener after all. A real gardener not the naïve woman with a hoe and a plan from a computer. Although we still have our little disagreements over what should be planted and I suspect She’s only being tolerant of our yard ornaments, I enjoy working with Mother Nature. I just smile and rely on her to show me the way.

I am content.

Information received from Auditor-Controller’s office about CSA 126E parcel fees!

Hello Mr. Barnett,

This email is in response to your public information request for CSA 126E parcel counts from 2009-2015. Attached please find a spreadsheet with the parcel counts as requested. Also, for your convenience, I have pasted the information below:

FISCAL YEAR	DISTRICT NUMBER	DISTRICT NAME	AMOUNT	COUNT
FY 2008-09	68-1883	CSA 126E	132,600.00	1,107
FY 2009-10	68-1883	CSA 126E	132,960.00	1,110
FY 2010-11	68-1883	CSA 126E	132,840.00	1,109
FY 2011-12	68-1883	CSA 126E	132,840.00	1,107
FY 2012-13	68-1883	CSA 126E	132,840.00	1,107
FY 2013-14	68-1883	CSA 126E	132,840.00	1,107
FY 2014-15	68-1883	CSA 126E	132,930.00	1,108
FY 2015-16	68-1883	CSA 126,PARK & REC LNDSCPE	651,592.46	1,337

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* Source: Fixed Charge Special Assessments (PRPCA620)

If you need additional information, please let us know.

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HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

California Dreaming

by Dr. Cynthia Williams.

May is upon us. Thank goodness! That means I survived another winter, which admittedly, was milder and shorter than usual. We were given a nice load of snow which was seriously needed and now the warmer weather is rolling in. I'll get to start my very modest garden in a few weeks; our property is blessed with many ponderosa pines which is a lovely environment but makes it sun-challenged. Growing anything other than a handful of herbs is an exercise in frustration.

Mother's Day is coming. I am a great-grandmother (OMG!), grandmother and mother. I find myself thinking about my grandmother, Momo, as a great-great grandmother and my mom when she was a great grandmother. Mom was the mother to eight and grandmother and great-grandmother to a big bundle of offspring. I'd like to tell you about my mom.

Born September 27, 1928 in Shamrock, Texas, Hughee Marie Hogan was a beauty, known for her dark curly hair, long slender legs and beautiful features. She grew up during the depression, living on the family ranch in Wheeler, in the panhandle of Texas. Eventually the family moved to Brownsville, Texas. At the end of WW II she started working for the phone company and then took a job in Hawaii for the military as a phone operator. She fell in love with the exotic location, a love that was to last the rest of her life. I remember her telling me she was so homesick- for Mexican food. She asked her mom to send her a care package of canned chilies, sauce and even canned corn tortillas.

When she left Hawaii she started working for Pacific Bell in Riverside as a switchboard operator. Her mom and sister moved from Texas and joined her at the phone company. The three of them had a great

time working and playing. They were very popular and had a great time with the social scene in Riverside in the late 1940's. They hit the clubs, dancing and partying, where my mom earned the nickname "Legs" because of her long, slim, shapely legs and she was a fabulous dancer. Along the way she met a suave, handsome US Air Force lieutenant stationed at March AFB. They danced, they fell in love and then she married Ernest "Bud" Williams in March 1952.

After Dad finished his Air Force tour they settled again in Riverside. By then I had come along and after that seven more kids within ten years. After the fourth child we moved to Highgrove. Mom had to use all her resources and talents to keep us all fed, clean and clothed.

Mom was an incredibly creative and talented woman. She could sew, crochet, knit, embroider, and did amazing things with craft materials. She made most of our dresses, shorts, tops, sun suits and pajamas. Halloween was a busy time making costumes for us kids. A few times she made costumes for Dad and herself and they were always outstanding and people raved over them. She sewed my wedding dress, a stunning number of white velvet. She learned how to do cake decorating and after that birthdays were even more special. She made nearly everyone's wedding cakes (some more than one...), anniversary cakes and baby shower cakes. They were beautiful and very professional looking. Dad was a supervisor at both of his jobs and being on a tight budget, Mom created the most darling gifts for the employees. Each Christmas they eagerly looked forward to seeing what she had for them. One creation particularly sticks in my mind. She made the most adorable Santas from old-fashioned glass chimneys. The base was a circle of styrofoam covered with red felt; Santa's eyes, nose and cherry mouth were felt glued on the



Hughee Marie Williams

chimney and perched on top was a red hat with fur trim. The inside of this cute creation was filled with peppermint candies. She also crafted little bazaar items to make a little extra money. I remember crocheted poodles to cover nail polish bottles and swans made from netting and beads covering bars of soap. She was very busy as they were in high demand.

When most of the kids were out of high school Mom went to work for the US Census Bureau. She started as a typical census taker, visiting homes and gathering data. Later she started working full-time for the bureau, gathering information for many different types of surveys. She spent a lot of time at hospitals reviewing medical records, driving in remote areas surveying housing, and visiting homes doing health surveys. She frequently traveled to her beloved Hawaii and drove all over Southern California. After Dad retired from UCR he was

her road partner and they were a tight pair. After he died, very unexpectedly, it was work that gave her a sense of purpose and helped her go forward. Mom was highly regarded for her high level of excellence and her charming personality; she received many awards for outstanding service to the U.S. Census Bureau and made a trip to Washington, DC to receive a top award.

Mom was a remarkable, lovely, engaging woman. She was a treasured wife and an amazing mother. We were all devoted to her and we miss her dearly. Mother's Day is a bit less without her.



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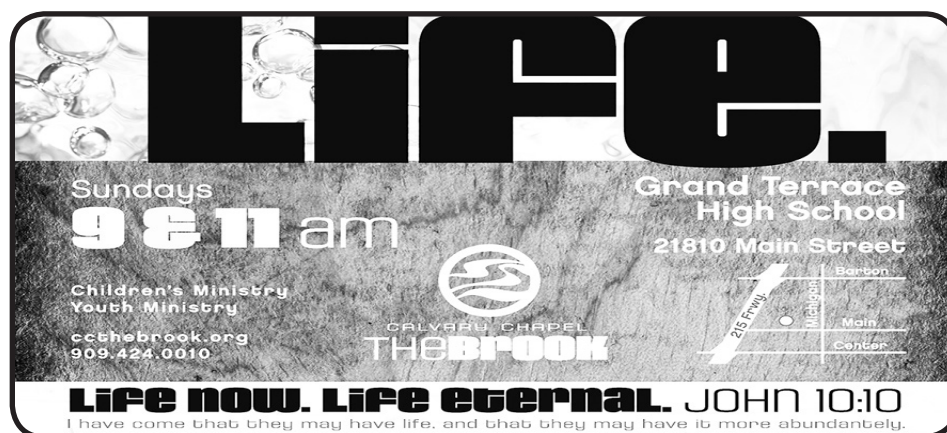
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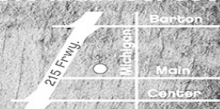


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