



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

### Attorney and **Highgrove Community** want answers from **Riverside County about Parcel Assessment!**

At a Highgrove community meeting recently, an attorney was present who answered questions about the annual \$120.00 parcel fee that is still being charged 7 years after the designated Highgrove Sheriff Deputy's position was eliminated. This attorney is the same attorney that had previously been contacted when I was accused in the October 2016 MAC minutes of saying: "the attorney guided me not to sue". The attorney never guided me "not to sue" and the upcoming legal action will reveal that this is the same attorney who is willing to sue Riverside County in regard to the parcel fee issue. The attorney is in the process of requesting records from Riverside County because Riverside County has stated that restitution cannot be made without legal action by Highgrove property owners to recover losses that were made for 7 years after the Highgrove Deputy Sheriff's position was eliminated. The MAC has tried to avoid legal

action by previously requesting an "Independent" Audit on Aug. 5, 2015. The County was given the opportunity to provide information from their records and the word "Independent" was inserted so if the information from the county was

insufficient, another outside audit could be made by another agency not connected with the county. I informed Supervisor Tavaglione on Aug. 5, 2015 that this problem will not just go away and the County may receive bad publicity if this issue is not resolved.

In another effort to further prevent a lawsuit, on November 16, 2016, 27 questions were submitted to Supervisor Tavaglione that gave the county until Jan. 18, 2017 to provide answers. But no county representatives were present at the Jan. 18, 2017 MAC meeting to answer these questions and also no county representatives were present at the February or March, 2017 MAC meetings either. Then on April 11, 2017, 8 days before our next scheduled MAC meeting on April 19, Supervisor Tavaglione eliminated the Highgrove MAC at the Public Hearing.

Question 22 of the 27 questions states: "Will Riverside County refund the taxpayer's money that was collected after the Sheriff's position was eliminated or will legal action be necessary?"

Short answer: "No refunds will be issued!" So that is why we contacted an Attorney! (Cont. on Page 3)

Why was the Highgrove Fire called the Opera Fire? Answer on pages 3 & 4

On April 30, 2017 flames raced up the hillsides of Sugarloaf and Tamarack in the hills south of Highgrove that caused thick black smoke that could be seen for many miles around. Luckily no structures were damaged!



Water dropping helicopters were grounded temporarily due to someone flying a droan but ground crews from all over fought the stubborn blaze.



The 32nd Annual Highgrove Day was held on May 13, 2017 at the Highgrove Community Park and the Norton Younglove Community The community center Center. was where the pancake breakfast was held by the Family Service Association the that runs programs out of the community center and the Highgrove Community Park was where their was a car show along with other entertainment under the main canopy.

There was pleanty of good food to purchase and vendors set up their stands in the grass to display there wares. We thank the committee who donated their time and energy to make this another successful Highgrove Day! See you next year!



Fire trucks and crews did a fine job protecting homes!





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

Highgrove Community Park Hours: Dawn to Dusk



Contact: (951) 241-7221

**THE NORTON YOUNGLOVE COMMUNITY CENTER** 

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

### **Family Service Association**

Program Coordinator Leila Santamaria Clerical Volunteers Priscilla Burton, Jack Aboytes, Rosie Navarro and Cynthia Kupfer

Family Service Association's Mission is to provide quality human services, child development, housing and senior services to residents of the Inland Empire and Desert Communities.



#### Hello Community Members,

You may have heard that on April 11, 2017 the Board of Supervisors dissolved the Highgrove Mac board. The community is getting together on June 8, 2017 at the Norton Younglove Community Center at 7:00 P.M. to establish a Community board everyone is welcome. If you are a property owner and would be interested and being on this board we will be holding election this night. The meeting will be held the 2nd Thursday of every month from this point on.

County Regional Medical Center Mobile Health Clinic 9AM - 2PM June 2nd & 16th: 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.

Thank you for your participation in providing resources to our community on Highgrove Day-Pancake Breakfast event! Community Action Partnership –Youth Program Information, InnovAge, Mental Health Systems, Mini Medical School of UCR, Molina Healthcare, Prime America, Regal/Lakeside Medical Group, Riverside County Office on Aging.

A Special thank you for your sponsorship in helping with our Pancake Breakfast: Innovage, Norco Ranch, Stater Bros. Markets, Regal Medical Group, and Zorba's Restaurant! To our wonderful volunteers who helped...hats off to you, thank you. 2017

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

**Tuesday Bingo** 

12:30 PM 4 cards for \$1

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2:30. Call Sandra 951-

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services.

**Polynesian Dance** 

Class Mon 7:15 pm.

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#### Square & Line Dance

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

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.

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Saturday Rummage - 12 Noon



Vendor space participation is Available. Sign up includes 2 spaces, table and chair! sored by Regal Medical Group \$0 COST for Regal Med Members \$2 for non Regal members . Wed & Fri 6:30-7:30pm \$3 per class or \$8 per week The Art of Cake

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

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

Intermediate/ Advanced Square Dance

Sunday 6 PM - 8PM

Start June 11, 2017

Child Development Center Has Openings!!

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



### STRANGE PROCEEDINGS HELPED ELIMINATE HIGHGROVE MAC!

If you read the Highgrove Happenings by now you know that after 15 years of a community organization known as County Service Area 126, that organization became the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council under Supervisor Ashley on August 23, 2006. But, on April 11, 2017 the current Supervisor, John Tavaglione dissolved the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council at a public hearing.

There have been some strange things that may have contributed to the elimination of the Highgrove MAC and without using any names, here are some of the things that have happened within our community during our MAC meetings:

The October 2016 Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council meeting was recorded on the Chairman's flip share video recorder while the MAC secretary typed the minutes on her laptop during the meeting. And as in the past practice, the Secretary e-mailed the October minutes to the Chairman for corrections before forwarding them to the county.

But at the following meeting on November 16, 2016 the Secretary opposed approving the October minutes but did not say why. The MAC did not have a December meeting but on Dec. 3, 2016 the Chairman sent an e-mail to the Secretary stating: "Let me know what you are looking for and I will help you correct any mistakes"

Then on January 13th, 14th & 16th the Chairman tried to contact the Secretary while trying to resolve the problem before the MAC meeting on Jan. 18, 2017. Again on Jan. 29, 2017 the Chairman sent an e-mail to the Secretary and invited her to his home to see the flip share video of the October 2016 meeting to find out what is wrong with them. There was no response.

Then again on February 7th, 10th, and 11th, the Chairman left messages on the Secretary's cell phone and home phone but no response and at the MAC meeting on March 15, 2017 the Secretary accused the Chairman of harassing her about the October minutes. This was 5 months after the October meeting. She also asked the Chairman if the items in the container were his personal items but the Chairman stated that the items relating to the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper had been donated to the community for historical purposes. During this same meeting the Secretary accused the Chairman of using the MAC meetings as a source of information for Sheriff stats that are printed in the monthly newspaper. The Sheriff stats have been given to the Highgrove Happenings by the Sheriff's Department for over 25 years but the May 2017 issue was the first one that has not contained important criminal activity in our neighborhood that alerts the Highgrove community about what to watch out for.

Another unusual item that occurred is that the Secretary recently removed all of the sign-in sheets from the library that were signed by residents and others who attended the past MAC meetings. In a letter from the MAC Chairman to the MAC Secretary dated April 19, 2017 it stated: "These signin sheets should be returned to the library at once!"

A letter and DVD of the Oct. 19, 2016 meeting were mailed via certified mail from the Chairman to the Secretary to prevent further accusations of harassment, but the Secretary has never signed to acknowledge that she received the information that was mailed to her on April 22, 2017. The letter asked the Secretary to look at the DVD and find out where the Chairman said that: "the attorney guided me not to sue" in the October video. The DVD of the Oct. 19, 2016 meeting showed that the information prepared by the Secretary was not true and required a correction. Copies of the DVD of the October 2016 meeting were also given to each of the former MAC members to show them that incorrect information had been given to Supervisor Tavaglione that helped eliminate the Highgrove MAC. Instead of this information being stated as a correction at the Public Hearing, Supervisor Tavaglione stated that: "Barney changed the minutes to suit him!" The corrections made by the MAC Chairman were made for accuracy and were certainly not changed just "to suit him". The MAC Secretary owes all of Highgrove an apology for her contribution in supplying incorrect information that helped eliminate the Highgrove MAC. If an apology is received I will print her apology in the next issue.

of the Highgrove community to communicate with its County Supervisor. Under Supervisor Tavaglione's jurisdiction an agreement was violated that was put in place by Supervisor Ashley on Nov. 9, 2009 that stated: **"Senior Management of EDA, Supervisor Ashley and the Sheriff's office met to discuss the Sheriff's service to Highgrove. An agreement was made to provide patrols to Highgrove. <u>This agreement does not include the use of CSA</u> <u>funds for the patrols.</u>" But the Riverside County Economic Development Agency has admitted in writing that CSA funds were used for the patrols. I also have a written copy from the Sheriff's Department showing that \$60,000.00 has been removed from our CSA funds for the patrols.** 

Not only did Supervisor Tavaglione make the statement that the MAC Chairman changed the minutes to **"to suit him"** instead of stating that the minutes were changed because they were incorrect, at this same Public Hearing, he also said that the MAC Chairman was going to the Grand Jury to use MAC funds to sue the county but Supervisor Tavaglione knows that the MAC does not, and never has handled any money! The MAC is (was) only an Advisory group whose purpose is (was) to relay local information from Highgrove to our County Supervisor. But since the MAC was eliminated, the collective voice of the Highgrove MAC has been eliminated.

#### Supervisor Tavaglione's actions as: <u>Chairman of the Riverside County</u> <u>Transportation Commission</u>

Without a vote, he prevented 30 RCTC commissioners from taking a bus trip to Highgrove on April 12, 2017.

And without a vote, on March 8, 2017 he refused to allow R. A. "Barney" Barnett to be put on the April 12, 2017 RCTC agenda.

#### Two Videos Available on www.highgrovehappenings.net

The video on the right was made at the Highgrove Library on April 19, 2017 after the Public Hearing and are comments from R. A. "Barney" Barnett. The video on the left are the comments from Highgrove residents trying to save the Highgrove MAC during public comments at the Public Hearing followed by Supervisor Tavaglione's comments about why he wanted to dissolve the Highgrove MAC. At the end of the Public Hearing, Supervisor Tavaglione explained how he helped Jurupa Valley and Eastvale become cities under his leadership and he didn't need a MAC to accomplish those goals. If Supervisor Tavaglione was so instrumental in creating 2 new cities without a MAC during his tenure, does that mean that since Highgrove no longer has a MAC, that Supervisor Tavaglione's intensions are to now help Highgrove become a city? Or will Highgrove disappear from the second district map during the last 20 months of Supervisor Tavaligone's term? Are you worried about what will happen to Highgrove iduring that time? Please take a look at his comments on the video made at the Public Hearing on April 11, 2017 on our web site: www.highgrovehappenings.net

#### Recent Information received from the Riverside County Auditor-Controller's Office

The information just received from the County Auditor's office shows that the special assessment of \$120.00 was included on tax bills for 1,138 parcels in Highgrove for the fiscal year 2016/2017. This calculates out to \$136,560.00 that was assessed to Highgrove property owners for just one of the years after the Highgrove Deputy Sheriff was eliminated. The Riverside County Economic Development Agency states that the Highgrove Deputy Sheriff's last day was on Dec. 30, 2009 which is 7 ½ years ago this month!

### Supervisor Tavaglione's actions as: <u>Chairman of the Board of</u> <u>Supervisors</u>

On April 11, 2017 at the Public hearing, under Supervisor Tavaglione's motion, he and the other Board of Supervisors from other districts eliminated the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council that was the only collective voice

# Why was the Highgrove Fire called the Opera Fire?

On the afternoon of April 30, 2017 the brush on the hills on Tamarack caught on fire and spread eastward toward Reche Canyon and westward toward Sugarloaf. None of the surrounding homes in Spring Mountain Ranch were damaged even though the flames came dangerously close to some of the new homes. The smoke was visible for many miles away as the previously beautiful green vegetation that had turned into dry brown brush, was consumed by fire encouraged by easterly winds. Water dropping helicopters were present but had to be briefly grounded due to someone using drones. See page 4 for the answer to the above question. The photo on page 4 is why the Highgrove fire was named the Opera fire. The new street in Spring Mountain Ranch is named Opera Loop and was considered the location near where the fire started.

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# FREEDOM **OF THE PRESS!**

"Dedicated to the improvement of our community through awareness and involvement in local issues" This is what has appeared at the top of each issue of the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper for many years.

This is my home town and for 25 years we have tried to keep our little community informed about issues that affect us in the community in which we live. My allegiance is to the Highgrove residents and if an elected official or powerful agencies are doing something wrong in my estimation, I have no problem of exposing them if they place our community in a category where our small community is being taken advantage of by a large organizations or someone who is considered more important because of their position or title.

As a volunteer for many years in Highgrove, I have had a good relationship with former Supervisors Norton Younglove, Tom Mullen and Marion Ashley. But recent action by our present Supervisor John Tavaglione, who eliminated the collective voice of the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council on April 11, 2017, has changed the relationship I have with our present Supervisor.

On March 15, 2017, I resigned as Chairman of the Highgrove MAC and ask that the MAC be allowed to continue without me since Supervisor Tavaglione felt I was the problem. This was prior to the Public Hearing on April 11, 2017 but Supervisor Tavaglione had already made up his mind before the public hearing and the voices of the 6 speakers, who ask that the Highgrove MAC be allowed to continue, fell on deaf ears.

After my resignation, there was no reason to dissolve the rest of the Highgrove MAC. No violation of California Government Code Section 31010 has ever been violated and even though my voice and the other voices of the Highgrove MAC have been silenced, the Freedom of the Press is still the law of the land and I will continue to use written words to expose those who are taking advantage of our small community!

Highgrove just wants to be treated fairly!

### Thank you for your donations to keep The Highgrove Happenings going!

We are embarrassed to ask our readers to help pay for something you have been getting free of charge but we want to thank those of you who sent a check or gave cash so we can continue bringing you the important local news. I am trying to get a Grant that will allow us to continue and on May 12, 2017 I attended a Grant Writing Seminar held in Muscoy hosted by Assembly Member Eloise Gomez Reyes from District 47 in San Bernardino.

So far I have been un- successful in receiving information from anyone who can help us obtain a Grant. We are willing to pay a 50% commission for any new advertising. If you would like to donate or sell advertising

please contact: Highgrove Happenings Newspaper 474 Prospect Ave. **Riverside/Highgrove 92507** 951-683-4994 Your donations are not tax deductable

### Why was the Highgrove Fire Named the Opera Fire?

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### **Coachella Councilman** V. Manuel Perez named to fill the seat of the late John Benoit on Riverside **County Board of Supervisors**

The new Supervisor, V. Manuel Perez, is replacing John Benoit who died on Dec. 26, 2016. Mr. Perez will represent the 4th district in the Coachella Valley. In 2014 he ran against Benoit for the Supervisors position but lost to John Benoit and was recently named by Governor Brown to fill the unexpired term of the deceased Supervisor, John Benoit. The 4th district of Riverside County is the largest district per square mile in relationship to the other districts.

### **Grand Terrace holds Golf Tournament** on June 10, 2017

Attention Golfers, the Lions Club will hold their 32nd Annual Golf Tournament at the San Bernardino Golf course located at 1494 Waterman Ave. in San Bernardino on June 10, 2017.

For more information please contact Becky Giroux at (909) 261 4833 or Burt Seuylemezian at (909) 783 0143 or visit grandterracelions.com

#### HIGHGROVEVIDEOSAVAILABLEONOURWEBSITE **EVENTS AVAILABLE:**

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

www.HighgroveHappenings.net

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#### Phil's Philosophy **By:** Phil Turner

#### **IMMIGRATION/CITIZENSHIP**

The public debate over immigration has been going on for many decades. I don't presume that what I write here will change the course of that debate, but I will add just a few thoughts.

I think our country needs immigrants. I think those adventurous souls who go through all it takes to be a legal immigrant, are just the kind of people we need. Notice I said legal.

There should be a set of criteria for allowing an immigrant to enter our country. Some of those criteria are, the ability to speak English before entry, possess a skill or education level that is needed here and pass an extensive scrutiny of criminal activity, and citizenship in their home country. Students who come here, like medical students, should be required to serve as physicians in their home country for a number of years before applying to immigrate.

Companies, and farms that require immigrant workers, should be required to keep tabs on their employees, lifting that burden from the government. I understand that farms really do need season workers to pick and tend their crops and orchards. Again the burden of caring for those workers should be on the shoulders of those farm owners. The farms should be able to purchase affordable health insurance for their farm workers, while they are working for them. The burden of providing health care for those temporary workers should not be a burden of the taxpayers.

Let me get back to possessing a needed skill for a moment. The notion that immigrants with no skills enter entry-level jobs like flipping burgers at a fast food restaurant, and then demand a living wage to support his or her family is ludicrous. That is putting the cart before the horse. Entry level, low paying jobs are for students living at home, or trainees just starting out. Only after a period of training and advancement, should an employee be able to make a living wage to support a family.

Presumably, an immigrant should aspire to be a citizen of this wonderful country. Citizenship is much more than finding yourself on this side of the border. Citizenship carries responsibilities and requires work.

A good citizen is gainfully employed, pays taxes, and obeys the law. A good citizen educates himself to be an informed voter. A good citizen serves his country in war and peace and raises his family to love this country.

If you are in and out of jail, or continue to disobey the law and blame







### SAFETY IS A TWO-WAY STREET FOR CYCLISTS, MOTORISTS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - Any time is Bicycle Safety Month, and is a good time for motorists and cyclists to remember that roadway safety is everyone's responsibility. The California Highway Patrol (CHP) promotes bicycle safety to encourage everyone to share the roads safely, responsibly, and respectfully.

"Bicycling is an excellent way to enjoy California in a safe and environmentally friendly way," CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow said. "Bicyclists are reminded to stay vigilant when riding and always follow the rules of the road. The CHP is actively encouraging cycling and is providing opportunities to learn bicycle safety."

The CHP will hold bicycle rodeos and other events at its offices throughout California for Bicycle Safety Month. Helmets will be provided at no charge to children who do not have them. The National Safety Council reports that cyclists who wear a helmet reduce their risk of head injury by an estimated 60 percent. California law requires cyclists under age 18 to wear a helmet, but it is a good idea for all who ride.

Total bicycle collisions have declined in each of the past four years in California, from 13,378 in 2013, to 11,617 in 2016, according to preliminary data from the CHP's Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System. From 2007 to 2014, the cyclist was found to be at fault 56.7 percent of the time in bicycle-involved collisions. The most common collision factors are riding on the wrong side of the road not yielding the right-of-way to a vehicle, and improper turning. The number of cyclists killed in collisions has varied: 164 in 2013, 142 in 2014, 153 in 2015, and 143 in 2016.

Recent California legislation addresses roadway safety for both cyclists and motorists. Starting in 2016, cyclists, like other roadway users, must pull over to let other vehicles pass if five or more vehicles are lined up behind them. Since 2014, California drivers have been required to give bicycles three feet of clearance when passing. If three feet is not possible, the driver must slow down and pass safely.

Motorists are encouraged to expect bicyclists on the roadway, be patient on narrow roads, and share the road. Cyclists are reminded to go with the traffic flow, ride in the same direction as other vehicles, and obey all traffic laws.

The mission of the CHP is to provide the highest level of Safety, Service, and Security.





Flames are visible on the top of the hill behind the new homes in Spring Mountain Ranch that were fueled by the dry brown brush on the hillsides.



Beautiful cars of all colors and kinds are shown parked in the grass of the Highgrove Community Park. Everyone always enjoys looking at these old cars!





Big improvements are coming to Highgrove!

Address: 20 Iowa Ave, Highgrove, CA 92507 Phone: 951-778-3700 Hours: M-F · 7:00 am - 5:00 pm

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You can see how close the fire came to this house but the firemen were able to extinguish the fire from the air and ground with no loss of structures!



The following Cadets are from the US Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Col. Lewis L Millett Division/Training Ship Ford out of Moreno Valley March Reserve Air Base. Front row : Cadet C Diep, Cadet E Edmondson, Cadet Guyer, Cadet H. Edmondson, Cadet Lore, Cadet A. Diep. Middle row: Cadet Arvizu, Cadet Whitbey, Cadet Austin. Back row:Cadet Fairbanks, Instructor Paul Guyer, Cadet Strassman.



Left to right: Zareth Cortez, Annabel Rojas, Yeseia Cabadas, Venessa Williams, and Jackie Portilla



Stater Bros. always brings their 1948 Diamond T truck to Highgrove Day .



There was pleanty of food to eat at the food vendor booths in the park.





### **Grand Terrace Smog**

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### Metrolink trains now allow surfboards

Grab your surfboard and head for the Metrolink train Stations at either San Bernardino or Riverside to go to the beach at San Clemente or Oceanside on the Inland Empire/Orange County Metrolink Line but do not go to Highgrove because the trains do not stop at Highgrove. Did I mention that this is only one of the reasons that the communities around Highgrove want a Metrolink Station-especially with summer coming! Wouldn't it be nice to take the family on the train to the beach and spend the day?

Also remember that if you go to the new Metrolink Station at Hunter Park you do not need your surfboard because the 91 line at Marlborough Ave., known as Hunter Park, only goes to Perris in one direction or Riverside and Los Angeles in the other direction and none of the Metrolink trains at Hunter Park go to San Clemente or Oceanside!

#### Metrolink ridership down on Perris Valley Line and so are ticket prices!

Beginning on May 25th Metrolink extended their 25% reduction of ticket prices in order to try to increase ridership on the Perris Valley Line. Metrolink train services began one year ago on June 6, 2016 and ridership is very minimal.

Back on Dec. 15, 2016, on one of RCTC's promotional flyers RCTC proudly announced that: "It is estimated that the PVL will attract 4,350 riders daily". But in our November 2016 issue we published information from the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA), that is the parent company for Metrolink, it showed that ridership in July 2016 was only 22 passengers, August 2016 was only 23 passengers and September 2016 was only 16 passengers.

The truth is that RCTC has invested \$248.3 Million dollars in 24 miles of track on the new Perris Valley Line, at a cost of over \$10 Million dollars per mile and commuters are not riding these new trains. No Metrolink trains operated on the Perris Valley Line during the 3 day Memorial Day week end but the daily trains continued to run through Highgrove to Oceanside during the 3 day week end. If just a few of our Transportation Dollars were spent for a parking lot at Highgrove, maybe we could take our families to the beach too! RCTC needs to stop this political manipulation and misuse of Transportation Funds and build a station at Highgrove on their excess property that has destinations that are wanted, needed, and supported by those who ride the Metrolink trains!



Damage is shown to the roof of this house on Center St. but on March 29, 2017, Firemen prevented this house from being a total and complete loss!

#### It took ten years to complete the Autocar

#### Things that I did: By Tom Nugent

Removed wood from cab and replaced with metal frame Removed periscope on roof and made solid roof Replaced 50% of metal on cab Made 100% of truck bed and had 221 louvers put on the bed Engine relocated from front to middle of frame Cab tilts

#### Stainless steel by owner:

Radiator pipes, grill, front bumper, bumper brackets, cab & bed side steps, mirror arms, knobs inside cab, throttle & brake pedals, door hinge pins, cup holders, inside cab door scuff plates, tailgate letters, radiator reservoir tank

#### Aluminum by owner:

Grill ornament, outside mirrors, inside dome light, engine pulley covers			
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liter		A/C	IHC Navistar – truck
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Rear Axle	Dana 80 3.54 gears	Gauges	Dakota Digital
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### You Can Quote Me!

By: Dr. Cynthia Williams



"Of all good times remembered when I was very young, my heart holds most dear the time my daddy spent with me." ~~ D. Morgan

It's been 25 years since my father passed away at an unacceptably young age of 66. Without exception, every one of us miss him enormously.

Dad worked two jobs, leaving him precious spare time to spend with Mom and us kids. Quality had to outweigh quantity. Sunday was his only full day off and it was spent in a variety of ways. Home maintenance, yard work, etc were necessary. Dad still liked to have fun and relax. He had an adventurous spirit and it popped out in funny ways. He would do cartwheels in the front yard. It didn't matter that he still had on his work slacks and dress shoes. He would spin and the little ones would dive for the loose change that fell out of his pockets. A trip to Knott's meant he would head for the fastest, highest rides. He stood in the longer line to get a front-row seat on "Montezuma's Revenge" so he would get the highest of the high. He was hold his hands up and wave, never hanging on to the bar. On another ride, I don't remember the name- this one was a big circle with little single cockpits. It would start out flat, spinning like mad, then when it was going maximum speed, it would lift in the air and look like a flat disc. Dad would move quickly to his cockpit and eagerly wait with a grin, giving us little waves. As the speed picked up his grin would get bigger, still waving to us, and eventually he would be spinning so fast he'd have to pull his arm in. He loved the speed and the thrills. At heart he was dare-devil.

One of our favorite Sunday family activities was a drive. The eight of us kids (Yes, EIGHT) would pile into the station wagon (pre-seatbelt days) with Mom and Dad and we would head out. At some point we would play "Right" "Left" or "Straight". We took turns deciding which direction we would go. We had zero clue where we would be heading and that was the thrill. Evidently Dad did because we always managed to get back home. Beach days were rare but very enjoyable. Mom would pack a big lunch and we would drive to the beach and spend a few hours there. We came back with lots of sand that took ages to get out of the car, serving as a reminder of a favorite day.

The point is, a large quantity of time can be hard to come by for moms and dads. Kids remember quality time; as the parent, we get to choose that quality activity. We can't always get it right; I know I hit a couple of duds trying to deliver quality to my daughters; I was working hard to do the job of mom and dad. I knew I got it right when I started receiving Father's Day cards from my girls. They recognized that I was trying. That made it worth it.

Some dads leave an indelible impression on their children, just like our dad did. I've also learned by talking with my many friends that, sadly, my dad was is an exception. A great dad is one of the most wonderful gifts a person can have, even for a short time.

Being an American Dad is a difficult path to walk. Watch prime-time sitcoms on TV and most are bumbling fools, the foil for the jokes and jabs of their mouthy children and their longsuffering wives. Watch the more serious programs; at best, dads are violent drunks otherwise they are absent having run off or they're in jail. It would appear that responsible, affectionate, participating fathers are uninteresting for TV. It's been a few decades since there were dads on TV who are good role models. "Father Knows Best", "Leave it to Beaver" and Sheriff Andy Taylor were patient, kind, and had a close relationship with their kids. They were the bread-winners and head of the house, in a good way. So what went wrong? Why did the good dads vanish? I don't believe the dads on TV accurately reflect what's happening in the home. I know many wonderful men who are fabulous fathers. My five brothers are among them.

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Happy Father's Day! June 18th is Father's Day. If your Father is still living, try to contact him or be with him if possible. If he is not living, take time to reflect on the good times or visit his final resting place.



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