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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area

January 2019

Highgrove Elementary School Improvements



The photo above shows what the building will look like. This project is funded by the RUSD Measure O General Obligation Bond, which the voters approved in November 2016. The project involves two main components: 1) construction of a new two-story building with 12 classrooms to replace portable classrooms, and 2) the renovation of the existing classrooms with new flooring, paint, lighting, roofing, replace air conditioning, etc. The construction plans are currently being reviewed by the Division

of the State Architect. Once the plans are approved by the State, we will then bid the construction contract, and upon Board approval, we hope to move forward with construction when the students get out of school at the end of May.

You also inquired about the construction of a new elementary school in the Highgrove area. I have attached an aerial of the site that the Board has authorized staff to purchase. It is located near the corner of Mt. Vernon and Spring Street. We

are awaiting site approval by the CA Dept. of Education in order to close escrow. We anticipate closing escrow by the end of the school year, however, the construction of this school is several years out still since this school has not been designed yet.



New school site planned east of Mt. Vernon on Spring Street



COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

Highgrove Elementary School (drop off)
Saturday, January 26, 2019
8:00 am to 12:00 pm

NOTE: Does not include disposal of industrial, business, or household hazardous waste, building materials, or household trash. If you need additional information please contact Riverside County Department of Waste Resources at (951) 486-3200. Alternate formats available upon request.



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Cynthia Kupfer and Rosie Navarro

Family Service Association's Mission: Building community one family at a time, through compassion, advocacy and comprehensive model services, fostering self-sufficiency and sustainable impacts.

Hello Community Members,



Tuesday January 1st: Center Closed



No service for the month of January. Mobile Clinic services will resume on February 1st.

Riverside University Health System Mobile Health Clinic
9 AM - 2 PM on First and Third Friday of each month:

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January 4th: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Medicare and Medicare Advantage plan resources hosted by Anthem Blue Cross 760-713-1554

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May 11th Saturday



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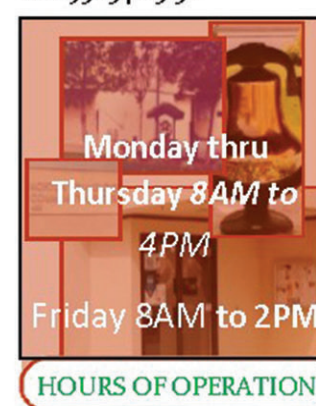


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308,000 Sq. Ft. Warehouse approved on Center Street

SAVE THE TRUJILLO ADOBE!

The Springbrook Heritage Alliance led by Karen Renfro has opposed this large warehouse due to its close proximity to the Trujillo Adobe that is located on the N/W corner of Center St. and North Orange. The warehouse will also be located near the Ab Brown Sports complex but the Riverside City Council has voted to approve the application to build the warehouse.



Springbrook Heritage Alliance still planning to oppose warehouse on Center Street

Riverside City Council's five-to-two decision on Dec. 11 against our Appeal of the giant Center Street Commerce Center warehouse is a betrayal of their primary obligation to the people of the Northside--to protect our lives, well-being and homes. The warehouse is wrong for the location because the area is primarily residential.

We had asked Council to uphold our Appeal of the Planning Commission's April 5 approval of the Project, or failing that, to require a full Environmental Impact Report. Council refused to consider either of these requests. Councilman Mike Gardner's motion to uphold the Appeal, seconded by Andy Melendrez, was not even taken up for discussion. Instead, Council voted on an alternative motion to uphold the Planning Commission. Council's main argument seemed to be that since Colton had recently approved a smaller warehouse on the north side of the Center Street-county line, Riverside had no legitimate reason to deny the warehouse on the south side of the street. Even worse, SHA had not sued to stop the Colton warehouse and Council asked our attorney, Chris Sutton of Pasadena whose specialty is land use and eminent domain, to tell them why.

He answered that his clients had not known of the project until long past the filing deadline. We should have

known, they said. What happened was this. I had been receiving notices from the City of Colton about their meetings for a while. But, somehow over the 2017 holidays those notices stopped coming and I didn't realize it until a few months into the New Year. And then I had to call the city twice to get back on the list and then it took me awhile to catch up.

The Center Street Commerce Center Project is to be a 308,000 sq. ft., high-cube distribution and/or manufacturing facility. The developer, Art Day of Transition Properties, does not even have a tenant yet and doesn't know what it will be but, he wants the warehouse to go on the 15.9-acre site across Placentia Lane from the popular AYSO-operated Ab Brown Sports Complex, down Center Street from the 1862 Trujillo Adobe, and near Reid Park and the Championship CIF Cross Country Course.

The famous Trujillo adobe is a designated city landmark, county historical site, and State Point of Interest.



If the new use is a warehouse, hundreds of heavy trucks would be adding to the congestion on Center St, Main St. and Columbia Ave., the I-10, I-60, I-91 and I-215 freeways every day!

Many serious Air Quality, Traffic, Noise, Health, Liquefaction, Hydrology, Infrastructure and Quality of Life issues we raised were judged of little or no consequence by the project's CEQA studies and Mitigated Negative Declaration, the document developers go with when they don't want to do an Environmental Impact Report.

The MND cited an out-of-date traffic study that claimed there would be no impacts to air quality from the truck traffic. Another study claimed there would be absolutely no measurable vibration at the Trujillo Adobe. Interestingly, the MND did not list the adobe's historical credentials even after documentation had been submitted by the Trujillo Family and other opponents of the warehouse including SHA. These credentials mean the adobe is eligible for consideration by the National Historical Register and the City of Riverside is obligated to do an EIR.

Planning staff from the city's Community and Economic Development Department maintains that all questions raised by SHA and other opponents of the warehouse have been addressed and no EIR is necessary and we've been accused of being anti-warehouse and anti-development.

The Springbrook Heritage Alliance is not against warehouses or new development. But, we do believe that new

development should be beneficial to the people who are already here, not harm them. No property owner or developer has a right to cause harm to their neighbors no matter how a property is zoned.

The area around the Trujillo Adobe is one of the oldest communities in Southern California. It has a history going back to the days when local tribal bands called it home, long before Europeans arrived 400 years ago. The establishment of La Placita de los Trujillos by New Mexican Genizaros in 1843 at the base of La Loma Hills connects the Northside to the Old Spanish Trail, and that trail connects it to every archaeological and historical spot from Santa Fe to Los Angeles. A descendant of the founder of La Placita, Sharon Trujillo Kasner, grew up near the old Trujillo Adobe. She says, "My family came here in 1842 to protect this land from outlaws. Today, 176 years later we are still fighting to protect it!"

Riverside city officials see land differently than ordinary people do. To them, private property is a revenue-generating system. They like land uses that raise the assessed value of the land to its highest potential. Publicly-owned property generates no tax revenue. Private industrial uses have a higher assessed value than single-family residential uses. And residential property requires (Cont. on P. 10)

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Attention Spring Mountain Ranch and D. R Horton Homeowners!

Since 1992, Highgrove property owners have been paying \$120.00 extra per year for our own Deputy Sheriff that was assigned exclusively to Highgrove.

Then on Dec. 30, 2009, Riverside County eliminated the Highgrove Deputy's position without notifying the Highgrove property owners but the assessment still continues today.

The old part of Highgrove has been paying the annual \$120.00 for many years but our new neighbors in the SMR and DR Horton homes are being charged up to \$2,967.40 for the same CSA 126 line item which is Highgrove's special assessment for the Sheriff we no longer have, and Park and Recreation.

On behalf of all Highgrove property owners east of the I-215, I am suing Riverside County to find out where Highgrove's CSA 126 money has gone for the last 9 years after our Deputy Sheriff was eliminated, but I need your input. I have collected several SMR and DRH tax bills showing the improper amounts being collected but I need more!

Check your property tax bill. If your CSA 126 assessment on your property tax bill is more than \$120.00 you should call Riverside County at (866) 810 0255 and request a **written** response showing where the CSA 126 assessment money is being spent. A verbal explanation over the phone is insufficient.

Then send a copy of your 2018/2019 property tax bill to: highgrovenews@roadrunner.com and include your phone number, and send me a copy of their **written** reply or their response to your request. You may have to request this information under the freedom of information act. If you have any questions, please call me at (951) 683 4994. or e-mail: highgrovenews@roadrunner.com

Thank you,

R. A. "Barney" Barnett

Editor: Highgrove Happenings Newspaper

Is current Sheriff response time similar to 1991?

The excessive response time for a Sheriff to respond to 911 calls from Highgrove was the exact reason that Highgrove residents voted to pay extra for their own Deputy Sheriff that was assigned exclusively to Highgrove back in 1992.

Today, after nine years of our Highgrove Deputy's disappearance, complaints about response time still are still being received. The following letter was written by a Highgrove resident who has given us permission to let you know what is still happening.

Highgrove Happenings:

In the month of November, my wife and I were notified by American Metals located in the city of Grand Terrace that someone had sold them cable and it appeared to be our cable. When I went there to identify

it, I was able to tell them that it was definitely our property. This cable is easily identified and only a few companies should have possession of it. We also package this cable in a unique way. American Metals told me they had purchased this cable on two separate times within a few days. I went back to my house and noticed a great deal of it missing. the suspects appear to be jumping a fence by my garage at the south end of my residence.

Two days later my wife saw

one of our motion lights come on around 2:30 am. When I went out in the morning, I saw more cable was missing. I went to a few of the local scrap yards to see if the cable was taken to them and it hadn't. On my way back home, I saw a white Toyota extra cab pick-up truck sitting in front of American Metals with what appeared to be our cable. I called San Bernadino Sheriff's Department and they sent four units within five minutes. They detained the suspects and asked me if I

could identify the cable, which I did. The San Bernardino Deputy in charge of the call contacted Riverside County Sheriff's Department due to the fact the two crimes crossed jurisdictions. The San Bernardino Deputy and myself waited for the Riverside

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Sheriff (Cont. from P. 4)

Deputy to meet us in front of American metals. It took approximately two hours for the Riverside Deputy to show up. The San Bernadino Deputy told me Riverside was going to handle both the theft and the possession. When the San Bernardino Deputy left, the Riverside Deputy told me he was going to release them for further investigation because he said I could not prove the cable was mine. Two days later someone was in our back yard as well as in our neighbor's yard and stole a bike from each yard.

After this incident, we installed approximately \$1,500 worth of cameras and lights. These lights went off two days later Thanksgiving morning. We called 911 because a motion light in the front turned on at 2:28 am and approximately ten minutes later the garage light went off. This is where things were being stolen from. I told my wife I had enough and asked her to call 911. I explained our situation to 911 and said they were going send a deputy. I patrolled the area and found nothing. Approximately an hour later two deputies showed up.

Since then and to this date, our motion camera lights are being triggered periodically at always around the same time 2 am to 3 am. I have attempted to wait at these times but have not been able to see anyone. I do not think this is a Riverside Sheriff's Deputy problem but an administration issue.

I am being told that deputies are being (Cont. on P. 11)



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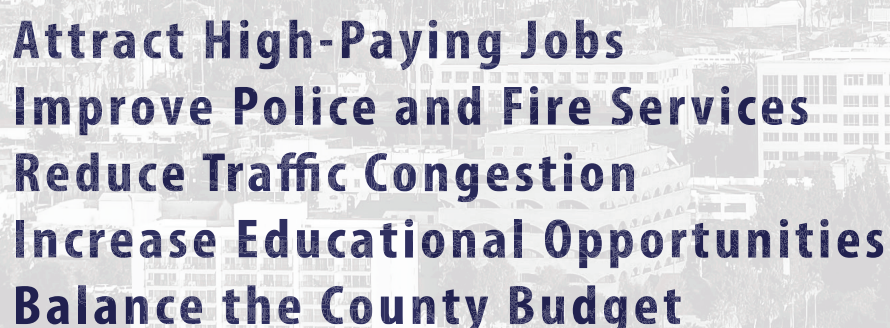
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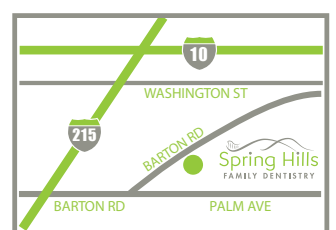
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2019

Happy New Year! If you are like me, you are hoping desperately for 2019 to be more sane, more civil, and more productive. Unfortunately a lot of the outcome is out of our control. More fortunately, a good amount of your personal sanity, civility and productivity is in your own hands. How do you capture your share of the peace? Follow along... FIRST: Disconnect from social media. Most of the distress comes from following current events. It doesn't matter the source- TV, cable, radio, newspaper, Twitter, Facebook, news apps on your phone, and "urgent news bulletins" that break in during your favorite game show. It's been shown that too many hours a day connected to electronic devices, radio, and TV shows is detrimental to your sleep habits and your health. Put the electronics away at least an hour before you go to sleep.

Next: Take a break. Ironically, you can use your phone or smart watch to set alarms to remind you to take a few minutes to stop and breathe. Take a few breaths, deeply into your belly. In through the nose, out slowly out through your mouth. If you do this once an hour you will notice the difference.

Take a stretch break. After doing that minute or two of deep breathing- stretch your body. If you spend your day curled over a desk or computer do stretches that move you in the opposite direction. If you do lifting and bending do some stretches for your lower back. If you stand in one place a lot, walk about a bit and flex your ankles and stand on your toes. A minute of these once an hour will feel like a tiny spa moment.

Nourish your body. When you get a break it's easy to pull a candy bar and an energy drink from the vending machine or eat a few of the kids' lunch cookies. Prepare for these low energy moments by stashing a supply of snacks that will help you get through the long days. Healthy is not bland or boring anymore. There is a buffet of nutritious and very tasty energy bars and snacks available. Don't forget fruits and vegetables! Stores have a terrific array of individual packs of snacks with fruits, vegetables, cheese and nuts and peanut butter. WATER should be your choice for drink. Please avoid "energy drinks"- there isn't a single thing about them good for you. Be prepared for the times when your energy is too low to think smart. Challenge yourself! Read more books, play more games, take short classes, go to lectures, set goals! Keeping your mind and body fit and challenged is the absolute key to health, vibrancy, and longevity. Decide to become a "life-long learner".

Happy New Year! Wishing you the most health, happiness and peace in the coming year! *I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're Doing Something... Whatever it is you're scared of doing, Do it. Make your mistakes, next year and forever.* Neil Gaiman



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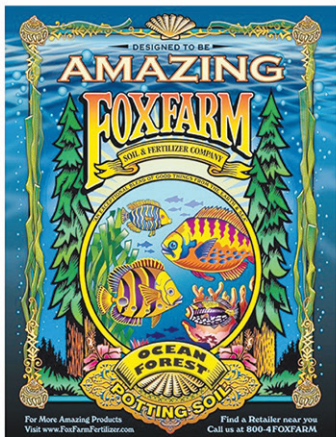
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Crime stats 8-21-2018

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What happens in Grand Terrace may not stay in Grand Terrace!

The southern boundary of Grand Terrace is also the northern boundary of Highgrove and there are projects planned for the north side of Main Street that will have a direct effect on the south side of Main Street where Highgrove residents live.



The photo above shows the metal beams being blasted and the dust it creates on the north side of Main Street.

One of these projects in Grand Terrace is the application for a permit by Duncan Bros. Inc. to the South Coast Air Quality Management District to use abrasive material to blast metal beams that causes dust particles to become airborne.

A request for a public hearing on this matter has been sent by the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper and residents will be notified if and when a public hearing is granted.

The following text was included when this photo was sent to the SCAQMD:

Main Street is the Riverside/San Bernardino county line. The zoning for the Duncan Brothers property may be in compliance with the zoning for the City of Grand Terrace on the north side of Main street, which is in San Bernardino County and the Grand Terrace High School is east of the Duncan Brothers property just across the BNSF railroad tracks and is also located in San Bernardino County.

But across the street, the south side of Main Street is all residential in Riverside County and is known as the unincorporated community of Highgrove. Excessive dust particles are being airborne and are too close to residential properties that are located on the south side of Main Street.

If this business is applying for a permit to use this abrasive blasting process, why is this business already using this abrasive before they have the proper permits? This photo was taken on December 16, 2018 showing the abrasive blasting in progress and the dust it is creating.

Residents in Highgrove are requesting a public hearing due to the close proximity of their homes to this facility.

Please turn to Cage Park on Page 10 for a related article.



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Another article about: What happens in Grand Terrace may not stay in Grand Terrace!

CAGE PARK WAREHOUSE TRUCK TRAFFIC

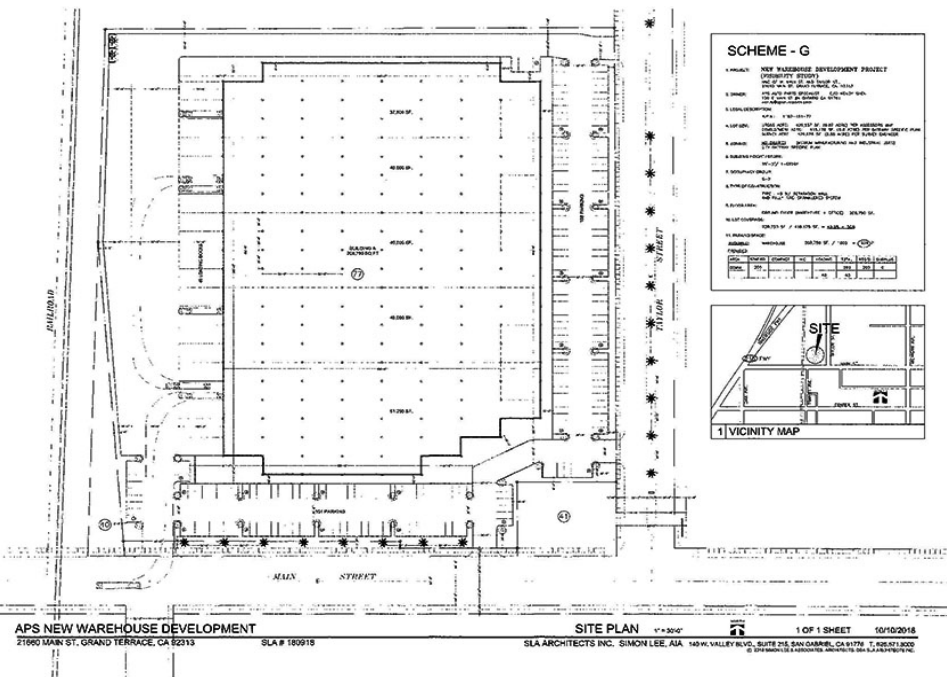


Cage Park was formerly owned by Edison and was where Highgrove’s Centennial was held in 1986. The park had many beautiful trees and a small pond on the west side by the RR tracks. Cage Park is where the late Adam Ornelas brought his Bar-B-Q from his nearby home across the RR tracks to celebrate Highgrove’s 100th birthday. This is also where the Highgrove Picnic got its start that eventually turned into Highgrove Day when the Highgrove Community Park was dedicated on Oct. 16, 1999.

But Cage Park may soon cease to exist due to being replaced by a 208,750 Sq. Ft. Warehouse on 9.87 acres that will have 40 truck docks. This means that the truck traffic and other traffic that is created by this new warehouse will not stay in Grand Terrace if they are allowed to use the south side of Main Street.

About one year ago, I contacted Riverside County and ask that when any new development is planned on the north side of Main St. in Grand Terrace that southbound traffic from Taylor St. in Grand Terrace would include a RIGHT TURN ONLY sign so all of the additional traffic would be directed toward the freeway and not be allowed to pass the Highgrove homes on the south side of the street.

The north side of Main St. is already a truck route but the south side is not a truck route and new traffic should not be allowed to go past the Highgrove homes between Sanrive Ave. and Michigan Ave. or any other streets on the south side of Main Street clear up to Blue Mountain where it ends.



Warehouse (Cont. from P. 3)

lots of costly city services, like public safety, public works, public parks and libraries. so, industrial developers are naturally seen as a city’s greatest asset, and the people who live here as a city’s greatest liability. that is why warehouses win. But I think the greatest value of this land to the City of Riverside is not the latest revenue-generating fadd, but it’s unique and diverse heritage. The people who live here now are part of that heritage, and this is our home. We want to see new development based on that heritage and a new land use policy based on those values.

People are asking us whether we will be filing a lawsuit against the City of Riverside. Well, there are several possibilities and right now we are examining our options. Lawsuits cost money and take years to resolve. One thing we are looking at is the cost and we are asking for help.

SHA’s legal Fund Raising Campaign is underway with a current goal of \$10,000. SHA is a non-profit group but is not tax deductible. We appreciate whatever you can do, and whatever you do will make a difference! Here are two ways to contribute to the fight to save the old Northside:

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forced to work back to back 16-hour shifts. I also have been told there are only two deputies assigned to our area ranging from our address, at the Riverside-San Bernardino County line to the I-215 area. This is unsafe for us, the citizens of Highgrove but I believe a bigger officer safety issue for their deputies. I now see the suspects, which are at least 7 men around our area and they are even trying to intimidate me. I fear for my family's safety. Two of them live within a hundred yards of my residence. They have made it obvious they know who I am. I am hoping the incoming Riverside Sheriff will fix these unsafe environmental issues, not only for the citizens of Highgrove but for the Sheriff deputies. We ourselves pay twice (for our exclusive Highgrove deputy that we do not have) due to the fact we own two parcels.

Warren Carter, Highgrove resident.

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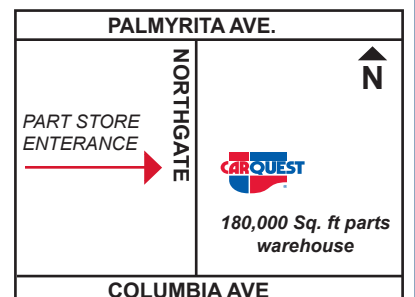
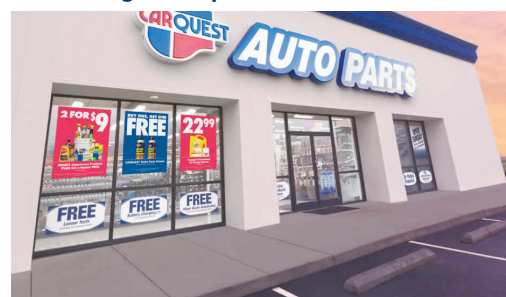
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