



# HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

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## CHP holds bike safety at Zorba's Bike Night



On Tuesday June 19, 2018 at Zorbas, the CHP had an education and safety booth to talk to riders and motorist about motorcycle safety.



L-R: Ramon Dran, Rene Peryde, Dan Olivas and Lawrence Guyness

## CHP conducts Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Operation

In another operation on June 6, 2018 a pedestrian enforcement operation was conducted in Highgrove on drivers and pedestrians who were violating right-of-way laws. As a result of this effort, 67 citations, were issued, 26 warnings were issued, and an untold number of citizens were

educated on the importance of pedestrian safety. **Drivers should be on the lookout for and yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.** Funding for this operation was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

## To Iowa and back then to Seattle and back!



After the Show and Go car show in Riverside we flew to Iowa for Mother's Day and spent 16 days in Iowa where Ardie has 3 children, 7 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Only 8 miles from Ardie's daughter Kelli and husband Wayne's house, I found the Okoboji car collection that is a re-creation of a local Iowa town named Spencer. Our grandson Austin and I were given a personal tour, we met the General Manager, and Toby Shine the owner of this collection. Last month we didn't have room for this article so here is an up-date of the 65,000 sq. ft. Okoboji Classic Car Man Cave and Restoration facility in Okoboji, Iowa. There are over 70 classic cars on display including a Drive Inn Theater with old cars. The back wall shows a painting of the front of the cars and the front wall shows the rear of the classic cars where a real movie is playing.



Our grandson Austin and Toby's dog were dwarfed by this giant rig.

After returning from Iowa, it was time to do the June issue. A short time later my daughter Sharon needed help in Seattle with her townhouse so I flew to Seattle and spent 6 days helping her.

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## Highgrove files lawsuit against Riverside County! (reprint from June)

On May 21, 2018 a lawsuit was filed in Superior Court against the County of Riverside on behalf of the Highgrove property owners in County Service Area 126 east of the I-215 freeway.

In 1992, Highgrove property owners voted to assess themselves an annual fee of \$120.00 per parcel to pay for their own Deputy Sheriff assigned exclusively to their small area. This worked well for many years and in 1997 another vote was taken to comply with proposition 218. Highgrove again approved paying extra for their own deputy and it was approved by 75.8 % of the voters. This worked well again for several more years.

Unfortunately, years later I discovered that the Sheriff car we saw in our neighborhood was not the extra Deputy Sheriff we were paying for. The Highgrove Sheriff position had been eliminated without notification to the voters who approved the special assessment, but the annual fee of \$120.00 is still being collected today with our property taxes. All parcels regardless of size are required to pay the annual fee of \$120.00.

The assessment was approved by two written ballots, one in 1992 and another one in 1997 that was mailed out to the Highgrove property owners by Riverside County. But no ballots or written notification were mailed to the property owners when the Sheriff was eliminated. The Highgrove Sheriff was eliminated over 8 years ago and the Highgrove voters were never notified, but the assessment still continues today.

I also found out that the Riverside County Administration, the Riverside County Supervisor, and the Riverside County Economic Development Agency met and decided that the last day for the Highgrove Deputy would be on Dec. 30, 2009. but the voters were not notified.

According to Riverside County the CSA 126 fund was not keeping up with the rising sheriff costs because the cost of the sheriff increased and the assessment always stayed the same. But the Highgrove MAC has always counted on the

additional revenue from the new homes to add to the CSA 126 fund in order to keep up with the rising costs.

But at one of our monthly MAC meetings, Riverside County's CSA Administrator Bill Brown shocked the Highgrove MAC when he announced that the new Spring Mountain Ranch homes would not have to pay the assessment. The 1997 ballot stated that "ALL" parcels would have to pay the assessment and later we were told that the new Spring Mountain Ranch homes had been added to the list of property owners who were contributing to the CSA 126 fund and Bill Brown was no longer working for the county.

Since 1992 the annual assessment has always been \$120.00 per parcel but instead of the tax bills for the new homes in Spring Mountain Ranch showing the CSA 126 assessment to be \$120.00, some of the new homeowner's tax bills for CSA 126 show as much as \$2,176.00 and new D R Horton taxes show as much as \$633.30 for the same CSA 126 assessment.

I contacted the phone number that appears on my tax bill and asked what the CSA 126 Special Assessment pays for and I received a written reply back that stated it is only for two purposes, one for the Highgrove Sheriff and the other reason was for park and recreation. This was the correct answer. But why are the new homeowners being charged more? All parcels are supposed to be paying \$120.00. The Barnett Vs. County of Riverside lawsuit also has additional Highgrove property owners who have allowed our attorney to use their names.

In direct opposition to the statements made by Supervisor Tavaglione at the Public Hearing on April 11, 2017, No Highgrove MAC money or any other money has been used to hire an attorney because the attorney is taking our case on a contingency basis. Supervisor Tavaglione's untrue statements can be seen by watching the lower left hand video on: [www.highgrove-happenings.net](http://www.highgrove-happenings.net).

## Double taxation without representation!

The Highgrove property owners already paid the special parcel tax for fiscal year 2015/2016 with their tax bills and again for fiscal year 2016/2017 for the Sheriff Deputy we didn't have. Then we paid again when Supervisor Tavaglione took \$25,000.00 out of our CSA 126 fund for the same fiscal year 2015/2016 and another \$35,000.00 for fiscal year 2016/2017. The letter from the Sheriff Department on the right confirms that the Sheriff Department received these funds for these 2 years for a total \$60,000.00 that was removed from Highgrove's CSA 126 account.

The 24 hour coverage (3 deputies) should continue but all deductions for the patrols taken from the CSA 126 account should be stopped and replaced and the deductions should be taken out of Riverside County's general funds as per the Ashley agreement.

## Request made for county to stop taking more money out of Highgrove's CSA 126 account for Sheriff patrols.

The agreement made between Supervisor Ashley, Sr. Management of EDA, and the Sheriff Dept. on Nov 9, 2009 provided for sheriff patrols to Highgrove but **the cost would not come out of the CSA funds**. The cost for 24-hour coverage (3 deputies) was supposed to come out of Riverside County's general fund and was also confirmed in the Audit received back from the county dated Jan. 12, 2016 that stated: **"the cost of the patrols would come out of the general fund."** But under Supervisor Tavaglione's jurisdiction, \$25,000.00 was taken out of the CSA 126 fund for FY 2015/16 and another \$35,000.00 was taken out for the patrols for FY 2016/17 for a total of **\$60,000.00**.

The Fiscal Year will end on June 30, 2018 and we are asking the court to continue the 24 hour coverage as

instructed but take the money out of Riverside County's general fund instead of taking more money out of Highgrove's CSA 126 account for the patrols.

Please read the article in the lower left hand portion of this page titled:

**"Double taxation without representation"**.

Then look at the right hand bottom of this page that shows that \$60,000.00 was received by the Sheriff Dept. for FY 2015/16 and FY 2016/17.

Copies of the Ashley Agreement dated Nov. 9, 2009 and the Audit the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council received back from the county were included with the request to stop depleting the CSA 126 funds and start taking the money out of Riverside County's general fund as provided in these 2 written documents.

Copy of 1997 Ballot mailed by Riverside County that passed by 75.8 %

MEASURES SUBMITTED TO VOTE OF VOTERS	
COUNTY	
COUNTY SERVICE AREA 126 ZONE A	
Shall the County of Riverside be authorized to replace, at the same rate, the existing assessment of \$120.00, with a Special Tax on all parcels within CSA 126 Zone A to continue to finance the same Extended Sheriff and Park & Recreation Services?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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## HERE IS PROOF TO SHOW THAT \$60,000.00 WAS TAKEN OUT OF HIGHGROVE'S CSA 126 FUNDS:



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### RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Stanley Sniff, Sheriff-Coroner-PA  
Jurupa Valley Station  
Inter-Departmental Memorandum

February 9, 2017

To: Lieutenant Don Sharp, Jurupa Valley Station

From: Tammy Nelson, Supv. Acct Tech  
Jurupa Valley Station

RE: CSA Highgrove Supplemental Law Enforcement Funding for FY15-16 and FY16-17

The Jurupa Valley Station has been funded over the last two fiscal years (FY15-16 and FY16-17) for Supplemental Law Enforcement for CSA Highgrove. Below is a summary of the funding received and utilized (spent) for each year:

**FY15-16:** We received \$25,000 in funding for the entire fiscal year. We began operations on July 10, 2015 and finished on June 24, 2016. We expended \$24,902.47 of the funds received leaving a small balance of \$97.53 unspent.

**FY16-17:** We received \$35,000 in funding for the entire fiscal year. We began operations on July 4, 2016. We have expended \$21,951.37 to date (including January 2017 operations). This leaves a balance remaining of \$13,048.63 to be expended before June 30, 2017.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (951) 955-2488.

Sincerely,

Tammy Nelson, Supv. Acct Tech  
Jurupa Valley Station

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## To Iowa and back then Seattle and back

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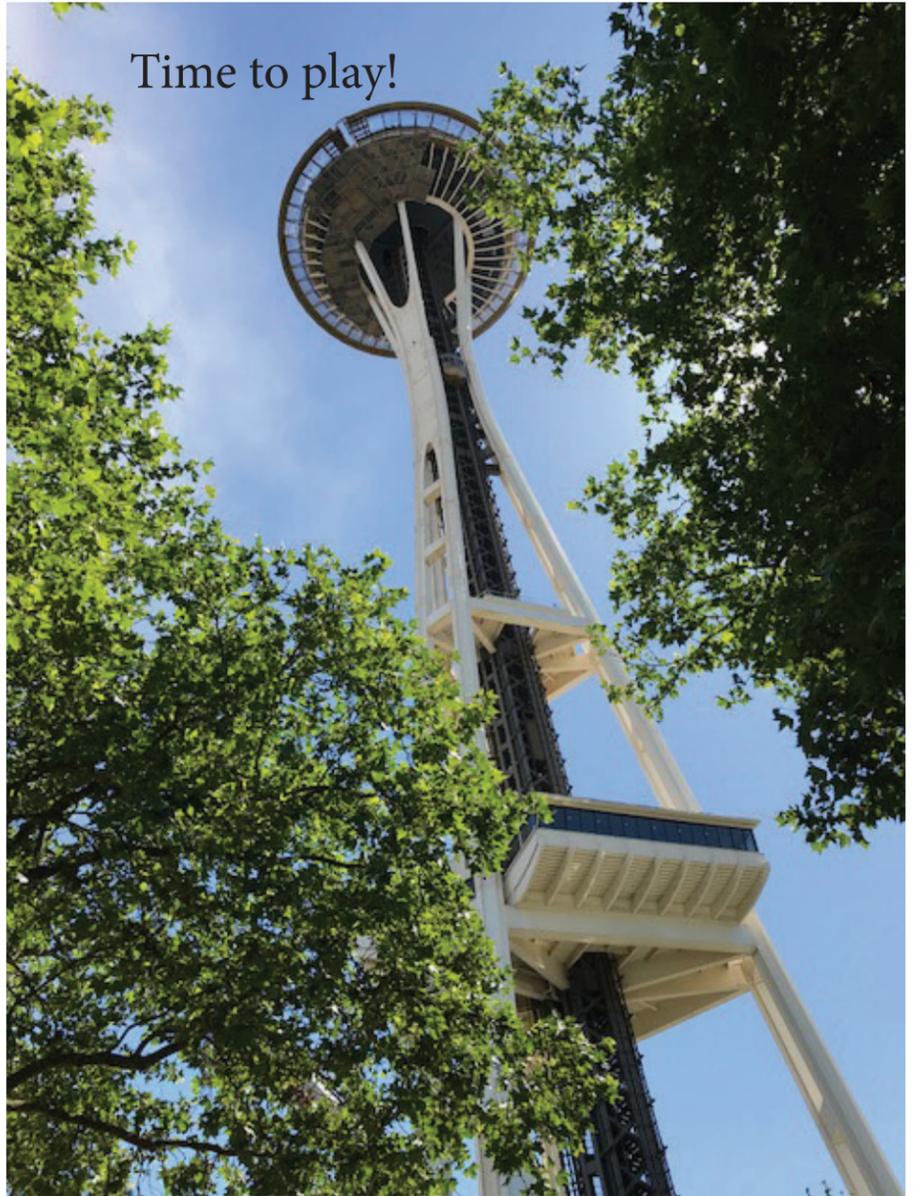
### Time to work!



My daughter Sharon has worked for Costco for 32 years and had a house built in Virginia when she was working on the east coast. Then only after 4 months in her new house, she received another promotion and moved to San Diego. Another position became available in the corporate office in Seattle where she owns a townhouse but she wanted to re-do the interior before she moved into her Seattle townhouse. All of the floors were removed including carpet, padding, tack strip and tile and loaded into the truck and taken to the land fill. I built a new structure to hold her TV above the fireplace and we worked very hard for 5 1/2 days but the last day we went to the Space Needle to have some fun. One day when we were slowing to make a right turn, a baby fawn with spots on its back slipped and fell by the side of the roadway but immediately got up and scampered back to its mother waiting nearby.



My plane home didn't leave until 7:40 pm so we spent Saturday morning doing last minute work, turned her rented truck back into the Rental place, then we took her car to the Space Needle. We went to the top and it was a beautiful clear day. After taking pictures at the top of the space needle we went to the Chihuly Garden and Glass display at the base of the Space Needle which is an awesome display of creations all made out of glass. We worked hard but we had a great time when it came time to play! Photos of Chihuly Glass display on page 5.



### Time to play!

The Space Needle in Seattle has 3 elevators to take tourist to the top of the 605 foot structure. The grand opening ceremony was on April 21, 1962. Eleven years ago we were at the Space Needle when our grandson, Josh Barnett graduated from a local Seattle High School.



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These unique displays are all made of glass by a world famous artist named Chihuly and are on display at the base of the Space Needle. It is hard to understand how these giant displays are made but there is a movie that shows how they are constructed and how the different colors are added to the displays. The 4 pictures above were taken by my daughter Sharon because my batteries went dead on my camera. Go to: [www.highgrovehappenings.net](http://www.highgrovehappenings.net) to see the beautiful colors!



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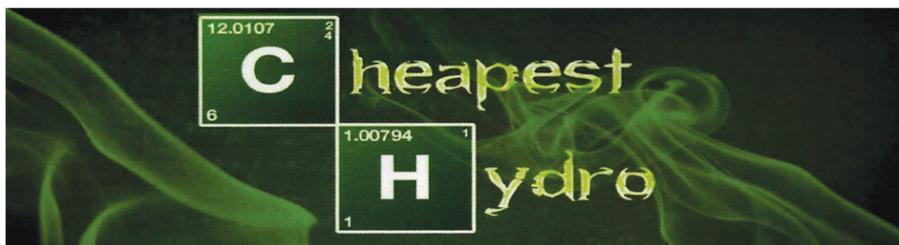
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# HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

## You Can Quote Me

by Cynthia Williams, DC

It was good to walk into a library again; it smelled like home. ~ Elizabeth Kostova

It's my pleasure to be writing this article from the comfort of the Highgrove Branch Library. I'm here for a very short visit; we celebrated my brother Cory and his wife "Ditto's" 25th wedding anniversary. The entire Williams clan was present with spouses, significant others, children and grandchildren of some sort along with them. My 92-year-old uncle Howard Williams was up from Vista; my two sisters, Darcy and "Beans", flew in from Georgia; Dana came from Utah, and I drove down from Oregon. Mark lives in Imperial Beach so he dusted the sand off and strolled up from the beach. Brad left Orange County and his work for a bit of brotherly love. Others came from Arizona, Washington and the east coast. It was quite a crowd.

It's always great to come for a visit. I've been staying in Riverside at a friend's house (Thank you, Angela and John!) and coming to Highgrove, Grand Terrace and San Bernardino for visits and business. It gets harder to recognize each time I trek in. The current Barton Road exit is an experience and the new off-ramp work, when completed, will drop cars closer to the center of the city. The 215 is finally complete and there's enough rebar and concrete to last awhile. Cars zip from the south

end of Riverside to the north end of Berdoo at an unbelievable speed with not a CHP to be seen.

My best friend for the past 35 years has a chiropractic practice in San Bernardino. She's making plans to leave the downtown area soon. It's not safe, it's nasty and she's fed up. A few weeks ago, on an early Sunday morning, someone drove a stolen U-Haul through the front of her office, tried to run, tore up the place badly and she didn't even get a call from the city or the leasing company! One of her assistants happened to drive by, saw the wreckage, and called her. She's had many broken front and side windows, attempted break-ins, theft of copper from the roof-top A/C, and always finds beer bottles and other nasty things around her building early Monday mornings. It's time to leave, for the safety of her patients and herself.

I was driving around trying to find a post office- looking in the places where I know they were- or used to be. The first two were closed down and non-existent. The main post office doesn't have drop boxes; evidently people were setting them on fire, putting unmentionable things in them, and blowing them up. As I drove around Berdoo I was so disgusted. It's filthy, rundown, vacant, and looks like it's on life support. Even the businesses that are able to stay afloat look worn, tired and dirty. There are hundreds of patches on surface streets but potholes and

other hazards make driving feel like a ride at Knott's Berry Farm. The city looks like a war zone.

I passed the enormous industrial complexes at the North-East end of town where Norton AFB used to be. Staters, Amazon, and many, many others are a huge presence and presumably have a vast number of employees. I wondered what the city is doing with all of the money it gets in taxes from these mega-businesses. I don't see evidence of it being put back into the city. I think the huge businesses got a big tax break, don't have to pay much, if anything, and the city just requests the employees buy their lunch in town to support businesses. Whatever they are doing with the money, it's not working.

I'm not blaming the city for it all, after all, the public is the one who has done a lot of vandalism, trashing, and with bad behavior, driven away the public who would like to spend their money and time in Berdoo. They left in droves and it will take an incalculable amount of money, desire and initiative to reverse it. They are too far gone. If the city were to be regarded as one of the many abandoned properties, the city would be torn down, bulldozed over and rebuilt as new. It needs a harsh hand of change.

Fortunately communities like Highgrove and Grand Terrace are aware of the potential downfalls and are taking steps to avoid the same community deterioration. It takes

active participation, a willingness to make those accountable answer for their decisions and a sense of ownership by its citizens to be watchdogs and participate in the process of improvements and maintenance. I had lunch with Darcy McNaboe, Mayor of Grand Terrace and also with Bobbie Forbes, a top real estate agent in the Grand Terrace area who's also a passionate animal rescue contact. Both of these ladies are deeply involved in the present and future health of this area and are very knowledgeable about the process of getting and maintaining a vital city structure. Both have strong allies in the local community and in the bordering cities and counties. Both of these dynamic, intelligent forces of nature are constantly working to keep the area safe, economically healthy, and maintain Grand Terrace and by extension, Highgrove as a location of desire for businesses and homes. They deserve your support in their work and goals.

I've enjoyed my trip to Highgrove. Growing up here, going to Highgrove Elementary for K-6th, and then University Heights and North High, means it will always be home to me. I hope it's a place worth coming back to. With care and nurturing, it will be.

"Home is a place you grow up wanting to leave, and grow old wanting to get back to." ~ John Ed Pearce



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