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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area

March 2019

33rd Annual Highgrove day set for May 11, 2019



The 33rd Annual Highgrove Day is set for May 11, 2019 at the Norton Younglove Community Center and Highgrove Community Park, 459 Center St. in Highgrove.

In 1986 Highgrove celebrated its Centennial by holding a Bar-B-Q at Cage Park on Main Street to celebrate the founding of Highgrove in 1886. This event was put together by the late Adam Ornelas who was a barber in Highgrove for many years. On Oct. 16, 1999 the Highgrove Community Park was dedicated and the event moved to Highgrove's new 5-acre park.

For many years I was involved in the event that included a car show, pancake breakfast, music, and entertainment and over the years we had a very successful event that was well attended.

But when my wife was diagnosed with cancer I decided to let someone else take over the event and I gave all of the money and paperwork to a member of the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council. Unfortunately for Highgrove, the person who took the event over changed everything. She changed the name of the event from Highgrove Day to the Highgrove Community

Association Celebration and moved the regular date from its usual date of the Saturday before Mother's Day to June 9, 2018.

Highgrove Day disappeared because no one recognized the name or date of her new event. Then shortly after the event failed she sold her house and moved out of state.

In an effort to regain what we lost, we have been planning the next Highgrove Day for May 11, 2019. So far, we have received financial commitments from Sandals Church, K & N Filters, Workforce Homebuilders, RDO Equipment, and Fair Price Carpets. Quinn Power Systems (Caterpillar) has agreed to let us use a power generator to supply power for the park. Other Sponsors have been contacted but have not yet responded.

The Woof Gang Dogs are already booked for that day and will not be able to attend but we will have a Car Show in the park, the Stem Academy Band will perform and other participants are being contacted. This year FSA (Family Service Association) under the leadership of Lelia Santa Maria will be selling 2 choices of food items at the Norton Younglove Community Center. From 8:00

Views from past Highgrove Days



am until 11:00 and for \$5.00 you will have a choice of either Tamales, Beans and Rice or Chorizos and Eggs.

We will also have vendors set up in the park. **Applications for Vendors and car show participants can be found on: www.highgrovehappenings.net.**

As in the past the vendors will be allowed to set up on Friday evening (May 10, 2019) in order to prevent the vendors from coming into the park at the same time as the classic cars for the car show. The Park will be locked on Friday night and we will have security guards from Friday night to Saturday morning when the event begins. The gate for the car show participants will be opened

at 7:00 am Saturday morning.

In our October 2018 issue of the Highgrove Happenings we printed pictures of some of the events and entertainment we have had in the past. These pictures can also be seen on-line by going to: www.highgrovehappenings.net and clicking on Oct. 2018.

I have selected several pictures from the October 2018 issue for you to see see what Highgrove Day was all about and the fun times we had for many years. With your support we can make this annual event what it used to be!

You will find more views of past Highgrove Days throughout this issue. Cont. on P. 3



HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS



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

Highgrove Community Park Hours: Dawn to Dusk

Contact: (951) 241-7221

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Clerical Volunteers: Jack Aboytes,
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,



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Services to return to Norton Younglove on March 15th - Riverside University Health System Mobile Health Clinic 9 AM - 2 PM on

First and Third Friday of each month: 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. Family Services: Primary Care, Health Screenings, Well Child Checks, Vision/Hearing Testing, Women's Health Services, Treatment for Acute and Chronic Illness, Patient Education. RUHealth.org/mobilehealthclinic 951-486-5765 for more info.

March 1st: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Medicare Advantage plan resources hosted by George Mora/Health Ins. Agent 909-900-6369 representing Alignment, Central Health Plan, Scan and United

March 15th: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Medicare Program resources hosted by Prentice/Field Rep Medicare Programs with Anthem Blue Cross 1-844-647-9228

March 15th: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Medicare and Medicare Advantage plan resources hosted by Gabriel /Community Relations Specialist with Health Net Medicare Programs. 909-361-8573

March 12th: 11:30 - 12:30 A social gathering for ages 18+



Remember to have FUN.



Announcement!

March 17th



SAVE THE DATE

April 13th Saturday: 7 AM - 12 Noon

RUMMAGE SALE

Reserve your participation space! \$10 includes 2 spaces, 1 table chair.

May 11th Saturday: 33d Annual Highgrove Day

May 18th Saturday: Line Dance Social!

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Volunteer Opportunity !!
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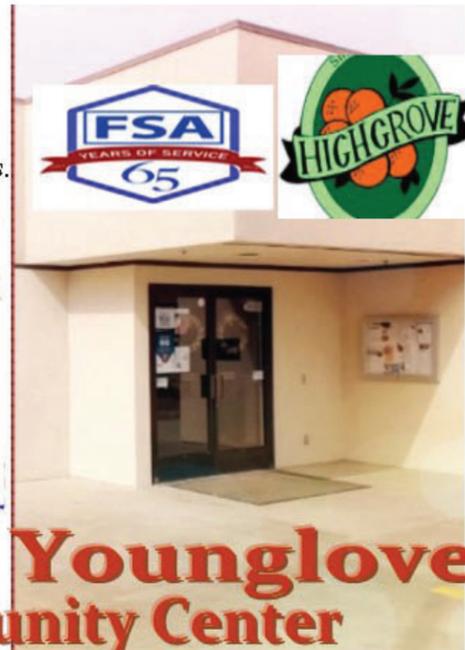


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Colonel Tom Freeman (left), host of "Duty, Honor, Country" on KTIE 590 AM radio was broadcasting from Highgrove Day as he interviewed Assemblymember Paul Cook. Duty, Honor, Country airs on Sunday evenings at 5:00 PM. This was our first broadcast from Highgrove Day.

This photo appeared in the June 2011 issue of the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper.

Highgrove Day (Cont. from P 1)

We are also looking for someone who has antique steam pumps that were used years ago to pump water for irrigation. I have seen them at the Riverside Municipal Airport and once at the Flabob Airport but neither one of them have contact numbers. If you know anyone who has a contact number, please call me. We are also looking for groups or individuals who would like to perform at Highgrove Day.

We need volunteers and if you can help us please contact R. A. "Barney" Barnett at (951) 683 4994 or highgrovenews@roadrunner.com or Dena Guyer at (951) 213 2770 or dguyer@rusd.k12.ca.us



T-34's from the March Field Air Base Aero Club did a beautiful flyover as patriotic music was played by the Riverside Concert Band. Thanks to Colonel Karl McGregor and the 3 pilots: Tyler Trickey, George Watson and Mike Martin. This was the first flyover for Highgrove Day. Photo taken by Brends Salas/Freeman

Cripple Creek Cloggers



The Cripple Creek Cloggers have performed at Knott's Berry Farm and Disneyland. They wore beautiful outfits and were terrific cloggers.

Car Show and vendor applications can be found by going to: www.highgrovehappenings.net

New Gas station coming to Highgrove

Construction of a new 76 gas station is taking place on the N/E corner of Center and Iowa where Fix it Right used to be located.



The parking lot has been dug up and gasoline tanks installed for the new 76 station and we will keep you posted on future developments of this project when they become available.



Thanks to the Reid Park Cheerleaders who did a dance routine to the Highgrove Song that spelled out HIGHGROVE to the beat of the song.

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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

A short road across this field in Highgrove will connect two cities in two different counties.



The above intersection is at Spring St. and Michigan Ave. in Highgrove looking southward toward the city limits of Riverside.

If Michigan Ave. were to be extended southward across this field and connected to the area between the buildings near Palmyrita Ave. in Riverside, this would

make Michigan Ave. a new north/south road all the way from Barton Road in Grand Terrace, through Highgrove, and connect to Columbia Ave. in Riverside.

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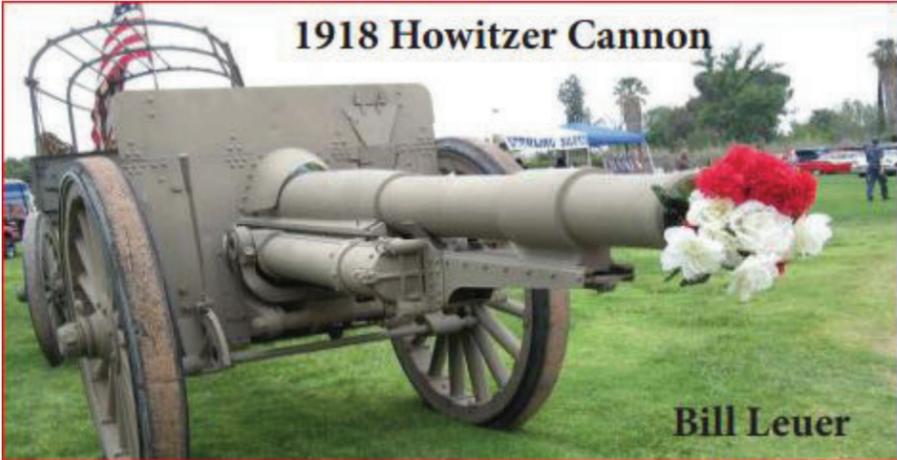
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So we hired a former Press Enterprise employee to help us but she recently found a full time job and is no longer able to help us.

Then on Jan. 15, 2019 I was diagnosed with Kidney stones at Loma Linda Hospital and

exploratory surgery discovered infection around the Kidney stone. More surgery will be required after the infection has been treated.

We are asking for computer help in order to continue bringing you the free local news about Highgrove.

We will train you and compensation is negotiable.

Please call (951) 683 4994

Notice

Highgrove Day Volunteers needed

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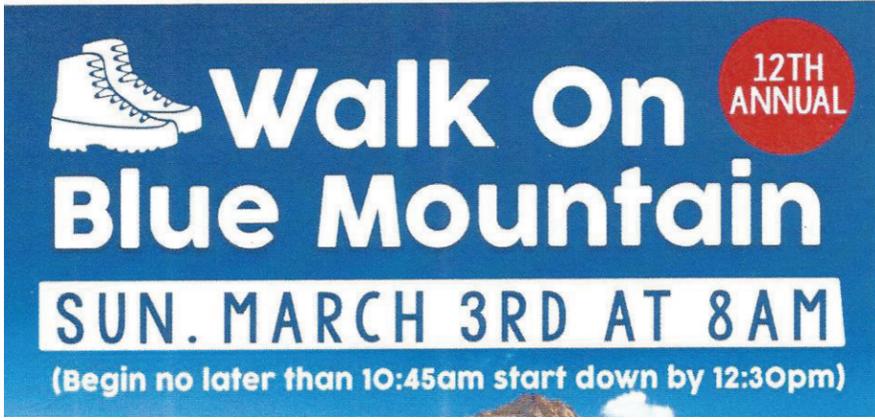
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Obituary

Bill Darwin

Passed away quietly at his home in Grand Terrace of natural causes on Feb. 19, 2019. He is survived by his wife Bonnie Darwin and children David Darwin and Stephanie Darwin, 8 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren. He was born in Bugtussle, Texas on Sept. 28, 1929 and came to California when he was 8 years old. He was a business man in Grand Terrace owner/manager of Darwin Floors and Darcrest Inc. Real Estate. He was one of the founding members of the Grand Terrace Lions Club and the Grand Terrace Area Chamber of Commerce. He devoted countless hours to his community and had a street named after him "Darwin Avenue" He was a very loving husband, father, grandfather, greatgrandfather, and he will be missed by all.



Crime Stats for HIGHGROVE

Crime stats 1-20-2019 to 2-20-2019

- Metal Theft (1)
- Petty theft (3)
- Vehicle Theft (4)
- Theft from Vehicle (2)
- Burglary Residential (1)
- Burglary Garage (1)
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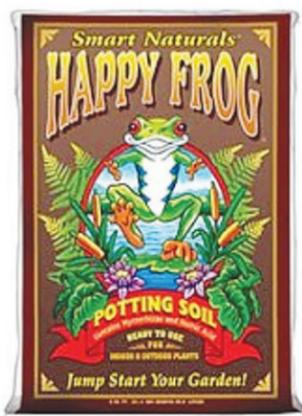
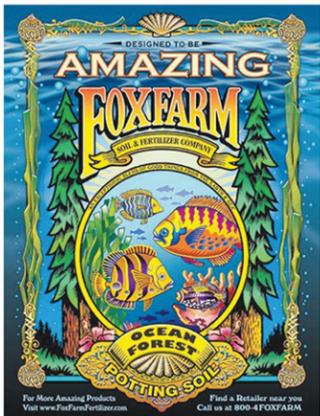
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Why the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council was abolished!

Question: What is/was a Municipal Advisory Council?

Answer: Back in 1996 when the Norton Younglove Community Center was opened it became the meeting place for Highgrove's monthly community meetings. CSA 126 stands for County Service Area and the number 126 was the number assigned to Highgrove as an unincorporated part of Riverside County.

Then on Aug. 29, 2006, by motion of Supervisor Marion Ashley, the Board of Supervisors created the Highgrove Municipal Advisor Council. The CSA 126 boundaries remained the same but the community meetings were held under the new name known as the Highgrove MAC.

When Highgrove's new library was opened on March 19, 2011, the community meetings were moved from the community center to the new library. My wife and I were surprised and honored when the meeting room at the new library was named after us during the opening ceremony.

Later when re-districting required moving Supervisor's boundaries, part of Supervisor Ashley's District 5 was moved into Supervisor Tavaglione's District and Highgrove was put into District 2. At first there were no problems having Supervisor Tavaglione as our new Supervisor. But things changed when Highgrove residents and the MAC started asking questions about their CSA 126 finances. On Aug. 5, 2015, as Chairman of the Highgrove MAC, I hand delivered a request for an audit of Highgrove's CSA 126 funds to Supervisor Tavaglione.

So what does this have to do with the elimination of the Highgrove MAC?

The audit that was returned by Riverside County to the

Highgrove MAC on Jan. 12, 2016 did not provide adequate answers to our questions and a lawsuit was discussed.

But instead of filing a lawsuit, the Highgrove MAC decided to ask questions directly to Riverside County and a list of 27 question was compiled by the Highgrove MAC and published in the December 2016 issue of the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper. Rumors were circulating that the Highgrove Deputy position had been eliminated without notifying the parcel owners but the \$120.00 annual assessment still needed to be paid with our property taxes.

As an example question (1) was: "When was the last day the designated Highgrove Deputy Sheriff was on duty?" We found out that the last day we had the Highgrove Deputy that we were paying extra for, was on Dec. 30, 2009.

Another example was question (22) that stated: "Will Riverside county refund the taxpayer's money that was collected after the Highgrove Sheriff's position was eliminated or will legal action be necessary?"

Many of you already know the answer to that question because in October 2017, four members of the Highgrove community filed a lawsuit against Riverside County on behalf of all of the Highgrove residents who have been paying for the Highgrove's Deputy Sheriff that we no longer have.

The answer to these and other questions were due back from the county at our Jan. 18, 2017 Highgrove MAC meeting. But no one from Riverside County showed up at the January meeting. And no one from Riverside County showed up at the February 2017 meeting or our March 2017 meeting.

Then on April 11, 2017 Supervisor

Tavaglione held a Public Hearing and over the objections of members of the Highgrove community, Supervisor Tavaglione abolished the Highgrove MAC.

Since there was friction between the Supervisor and me, I resigned from the Highgrove MAC prior to the public hearing and asked Supervisor Tavaglione to allow the Highgrove MAC to continue to hold community meetings without me. Next April it will be 2 years since there has been a community meeting held at the Highgrove library.

At the end of the public hearing, after eliminating the Highgrove MAC, Supervisor Tavaglione appointed former Highgrove MAC member Becky Luther to be his contact with Highgrove.

Becky Luther started a new group called the Highgrove Community Association that held meetings at the community center but none of the former MAC members attended these meetings. I attended some meetings but when I read their by-laws I did not want to participate under these new rules.

We lost communication between our community and our Supervisor when Supervisor Tavaglione eliminated Highgrove's voice just because we were asking too many questions.

And when Becky Luther was appointed by Supervisor Tavaglione as Highgrove's contact person, I was surprised when Becky changed Highgrove Day to the Highgrove Community Association Celebration and also moved its usual date from the Saturday before Mother's Day to June 9, 2018. After 32 years of the recognizable Highgrove Day event no one knew it was supposed to be the same event and the event failed.

Between former Supervisor Tavaglione and former resident-Becky Luther, Highgrove lost its 11 year old Municipal Advisory Council and our 33rd Annual Highgrove Day!

The good news is that we have a new Supervisor, Karen Spiegel and hopefully she will restore the Highgrove MAC and open it up to anyone who wants to volunteer on the new Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council.

The additional good news is that on May 11, 2019 we will have the 33rd annual Highgrove Day at the Norton Younglove Community Center and Highgrove Park.

We need your help because Highgrove Day goes back 32 years and we want to get it back where it used to be. To volunteer call:

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The articles in the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper are the truth of what is happening to Highgrove and we are not just printing our opinion. We print articles about what is actually happening to Highgrove that affect you and we have verification to prove that what we print is true- such as the Deputy Sheriff we are paying for that we do not have. Documentation is available upon request and we welcome anyone who wants to challenge any statements in our paper.

Please go to: www.highgrovehappenings.net and click on "Latest Issue" to see articles back to July of 2008.

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The kids were having a ball



This view of Highgrove Day was taken from the top of the Firemen's ladder. I don't know who took the picture but I know it wasn't me!



"Barney" and Ardie did nothing but ride around in the cart all day long!



The Woof Gang Dogs were one of the most enjoyable events of the day. Later the kids raced against each other over the dog's course.

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There were pony rides and a petting zoo on the south baseball field



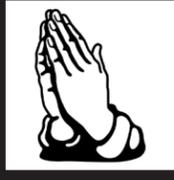
Bill Skinner from Riverside won the "Best of Show" award with his 1956 Chevrolet convertible. The car is beautiful inside, out, and underneath too.



This was the location for the car show registration, T-shirt sales, raffle tickets, and 50/50 drawing. In the past we had a lot of support from volunteers who helped make Highgrove Day a success.



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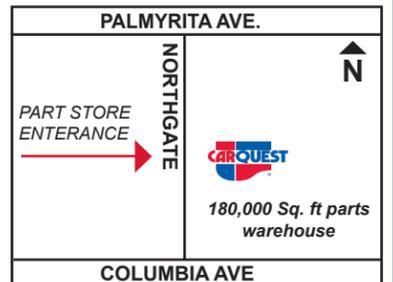
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