



Dedicated to the improvement of our community through awareness and involvement in local issues (FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area September 2016

Changes in Highgrove Area Plan discovered in Riverside County General Plan: 68 acres in the middle of Highgrove shown as High Density Housing!



The same 68 acres right in the middle of Highgrove has gone from Orange groves to warehouses then to single family homes and now possiblly High Density Housing!

I recently obtained a CD copy of the Riverside County General Plan Housing Update dated July 2016 and discovered important items of interest that concern Highgrove.

I immediately sent a letter to Mr. Steve Weiss, Riverside County Planning Director.

Aug. 2, 2016. Here is a portion of that letter:

Mr. Weiss,

the Highgrove MAC, I have submitted information to Riverside County regarding changes in Riverside's General Plan that are needed in Highgrove. The county should have a record of these requests but for reference these requests can also be seen on-line by going to: www. highgrovehappenings.net and clicking on "Latest Issues". Information was printed as far back as 2012 in the July issue (pages 1, 5, 12), the August issue (page 12), and the Sept. issue (pages 1 & 8) which was forwarded to Riverside County. On Aug. 2, 2016 I talked briefly with Juan Perez, Director of Riverside County Transportation and Land Management Agency

(TLMA), and I expressed my concern that we would like the Planning Department to re-examine the requests from Highgrove. One particular concern is the need for a Metrolink station on RCTC's 17.22 acres at Highgrove. Other concerns are for providing for two new roads to address the growing needs of this community.

Spring Mountain Ranch has about 300 families now living in this 1,409 housing development and we are concerned that the need for new roads and a Metrolink station in this fast growing area may For many years, as chairman of not have been given proper consideration. New roads are needed! Enough room should be left at the base of Blue Mountain for a future road from Moreno Valley (Pigeon Pass Corridor) so it could remain available to connect to Main Street if needed. Main St. could become a future underpass and costs could be shared by both counties because it is on the county line. Center St. on the other hand, has Historical structures including a Historic Church built in 1890 and former Highgrove Bank from the 30's and is not suitable for a future underpass.

ed to Palmyrita Ave. which would have less impact on the Highgrove Community due to increased traffic. Palmyrita Ave. is a wide street with warehouses on both sides and does not go through a residential or historical area.

68 acres of High Density Housing opposed and here is why!

On Sept. 25, 2013 at the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council meeting, Riverside County Supervisor John Tavaglione and Mike Severson from Bixby Land Co. all agreed with the Highgrove MAC that the 68 acre property owned by Bixby Land Co. should be single family homes. A draft of this layout was printed on the front page of the November 2013 issue of the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper (www.highgrovehappenings.net). We are disappointed that these combined efforts to get this 68 acres changed from warehouses to single family homes has now been changed and is now being designated as 75% High Density Housing in the new "Center Street-Garfield Avenue Neighborhood".

have to go to Grand Terrace in San Bernardino County to get groceries or services. There is room for a future shopping center adjacent to the Citrus Packing house on the north side of Center St. between the abandoned UP RR track and the Highgrove Elementary School.

The following is a summary of items needed in Highgrove:

1. Shopping Center/Retail along Center St.

2. Metrolink Station needed next to BNSF Main Line on property already owned by RCTC.

3. Protect historical structures on Center St.

The future Pigeon Pass Corridor connection between Moreno Valley and Highgrove should be connect-

Another concern is that a provision should be made for a future shopping center to keep the revenue in Riverside County. Highgrove needs local shopping so we do not

Connect future "Pigeon Pass 4. Corridor" to Palmyrita Avenue.

5. Extend Michigan Ave. southward through the vacant land and connect to Palmyrita Court in Riverside. The addition of this short 1/2 mile road would enable Michigan Ave. to become a new North/ South road between Barton Road in Grand Terrace, all the way to Columbia Ave. in Riverside.

6. Make a trail system between Grand Terrace and Marlborough Ave. in Riverside using the abandoned Union Pacific Railroad's right-of-way.

7. Review status of Sewer System for Highgrove.

8. Require major changes to (Cont. on P.3)



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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County Regional Medical Center Mobile Health Clinic is back ! 9AM - 2PM every 1st and 3rd Friday of each **month:** RCRMC will be here to answer your personal

health questions and provide baselines assessment which include Health screenings (blood pressure /Diabetesblood sugar screenings,) sick child visits. These health care services are being offered free as a community service to assist families, especially those who do not have, or who have recently lost, their health insurance.

September 5th Center Closed : Labor Day Observed

Honoring The American Worker

Sept 2nd 8AM - 9:30 AM: Shield yourself from the Flu. Sign up for your flu Shot with Rite Aid Pharmacy here and get a free immunization evaluation.

September 21 1:15pM: Wednesday After School Family Matinee.





Need to complete your homework? Stay after the matinee and finish your homework before you journey on home!

Aerodance Exercise E-Taekwondo United Mon-Thurs 9am-

951-779-3099 fax

10am \$3.00/per class. Sewing Class \$7.50 per class Wed 10:30-909-578-479 1:30 Call Sandra 951-

616-7787 for project m or materials info and www.etkdu.com clothing alteration

Center St. Highgrove

services.

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ing Class 5 students minimum sign up to schedule classes. \$15 class/10 class course.

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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

Save the Date:

October 8th 7 AM - 12 Noon: Community Rummage Sale - 1 table and 2 chairs available to the first 20 vendor participants, \$10 for 2 car space.

October 13th 10:15AM: Spanish movie hosted by Regal Medical Group.

October 21st 8AM - 9:30A: Rite Aid Pharmacy will be here with your flu shots . Sign Ups will be held on October 7th from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM.. Please bring your Insurance Card. Call Rite Aid if you have any questions: Pamela J. / Wellness Ambassador Rite Aid 5717 951-686-2203

October 28th: 8th Annual Harvest costume Ball

Med Members \$2 for more info call Pastor non Regal members . Wed & Fri 6:30-7:30pm \$3 per class Sr. Nutrition Lunch or \$8 per week

The Art of Cake **Decorating Baking** Mon - Fri @11:30 AM \$3 suggested dona-Intensive course/25 classes. \$15 per class. Info: Call Marivel Child Development Center Has Open-951-275-6815 . 5 students minimum sign up to schedule course Certificate Completion awarded

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<u>Can't wait to hear</u> from you!

served Mondays through Fri days, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participants are asked to fill out an information sheet.



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Fatal Hit And Run Traffic Collision

RIVERSIDE COUNTY, California- On Wednesday, August 3, 2016, through further investigation, additional information was obtained regarding the fatal hit and run collision which occurred on Sunday, July 31, 2016, on Cajalco Road west of Wood Road. The suspected hit and run vehicle is possibly a 2008-2014 model Ford pickup truck (unknown color). The vehicle is suspected to have damage to the right front which may include a broken right headlight. The Riverside CHP area is seeking the public's help in apprehending the driver of this fatal collision. Through the public's assistance, the decedent has been identified. The identity of the decedent is being withheld pending notification of next of kin. This traffic collision is still under investigation and if anyone has further information or if anyone may have seen this incident; please contact California Highway Patrol Officer Carter at (951) 901-8401 or at the Riverside CHP Area office at: 951-637-8000.

Dan Olivas, Public Information Officer, California Highway Patrol Riverside Area, 8118 Lincoln Ave. Riverside, CA 92504





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Flu shots coming to you from Rite Aid Pharmacy

Sign-ups will be held on: Sept. 2, 2016 & Oct. 7, 2016 @8:00am to 9:30am. Flu shots to be given on: Oct. 21, 2016 @ 8:00am to 9:30am Location: Norton Younglove Communtiy Center

If you have any questions call our Wellness Ambassador or Staff @ 951-686-2203

Highgrove Spay/Neuter Bus Day



Riverside County Department of Animal Services will be in High Grove on: September 14 To perform free dog & cat spay/neuters to include vaccines and microchip

(Additional fee for dog license – not purchasable on site

HIGHGROVE SHERIFF REPORT

Greetings, once again Highgrove is doing well when it comes to crime. Highgrove continues to be down in crime almost all areas. As a community, Highgrove has seen decreases in burglary, auto theft, and larceny over last year, going against the trend being experienced in many parts of the state and county. There



were six reported part 1 crimes during this rating period; 3 assaults, 1 burglary, and 2 auto thefts. All three of the assaults were domestic violence related cases between people who were involved in a relationship. Taking those incidents out of the equation, that leaves only three part on crimes, all relating to stolen property. However, to keep those numbers low, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department encourages to people to take reasonable care to protect their property. Theft is usually a crime of opportunity. Individuals who are inclined to take your property are usually looking to make a quick, easy, score. Therefore, taking valuables inside, locking vehicle parked in the driveway or on the street, and having your property will lit will discourage persons from stealing. As always, if you experience a theft, or in any way in the Riverside County Sheriff's department, please call. We are here to help!

Sheriff Dept.: (951) 776-1099 X 5 (Non emergency) Capt. Jason B. Horton (951) 955 2600 Lieutenant Dave Kondrit (951) 955 2632 Hot line tips for Highgrove area: (951) 955-2600







Saturday, September 17th 8am -12pm



22795 Barton Rd, Grand Terrace

Letter to Riverside County Planning Director Cont. from front page.

Highgrove Municipal Advisory is recommending the removal of Council first, before going to Riv- Neighborhood 1 of the exhibit. erside County Board of Supervi- The property owners have apsors or Planning Department. (Pol- proved tract maps and request for icy adapted by Supervisor Marion *the properties to be removed.* Ashley) Main St. and the Center St. BNSF railroad crossings. This will create a 4.7 mile "Quiet Zone" between Valley Blvd, in Colton and Palmyrita Ave. in Riverside. Please respond and let me know if you have been receiving these requests. Here is the Good News!

Highgrove being presented to grove Area. Please note that staff I will keep you posted on the MAC. 9. Establish a "Quiet Zone" at *Please let me know if you have any* questions. Thank you, Phayvanh Nanthavongdouangsy TLMA- Planning, Principal Planner



Highgrove Library

530 Center St Highgrove, CA 92507 Please contact Craig 951-358-7335 between 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday to schedule an appointment

Check in will be from 8:00 am - 9:00 am and pick up will be between 1:00 pm to 5:00pm. We will only be able to alter dogs under 50 pounds,

68 acres to remain single family homes!

Here is a note I received from Planning after I wrote the letter to Riverside County.

Hi Barney,

Please find attached the proposed polices and exhibits for the High

4080 Lemon St. 12th Floor Riverside, CA 92507 951-955-6573

According to the latest information received, Neighborhood 1 (The Bixby property) will remain 68 acres of single family homes but the property on the east side of Mt. Vernon between Center St. and Spring St. (Neighborhood 2) is planned for high density housing.

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Is RCTC's opposition to building a Metrolink station on their property contributing to Air Polution?

Here are the facts: 33,852 Metrolink trains have passed through Highgrove since July 15, 2006! A parking lot on RCTC's excess property at Highgrove would have taken thousands of polluting vehicles off our freeways.

The Perris Valley Line is now completed and residents from both sides of the county line have been waiting 15 years for a Metrolink stop at Highgrove. Parking polluting vehicles and using the existing 7 day a week Metrolink trains between Riverside County and San Bernardino County is long overdue! Local Air Quality has been ignored for 15 years!

On Aug. 4, 2016 I went to Diamond Bar and spoke to the Southern California Air Quality Management District TECHNICAL ADVISORY COM-MITTEE OF THE MOBILE SOURCE AIR POLLUTION REDUCTION REVIEW COMMITTEE. During public comments I was able to speak to the 25 member committee without a 3 minute timer and allowed to show a short video that I made and showed to the Riverside County Transportation Commission on Feb. 11, 2009 about vacant property that is needed for a Metrolink station at Highgrove.

Here is a follow up letter sent to the Southern California Air Quality Management District:

Air Quality ignored for 15 years!

To: Southern California Air Quality Management District

SCAQMD Governing Board,

Question #1:

Then the full year:

How many vehicles would you estimate would have been taken off the road since 2006 by 33,852 Metrolink commuter trains that have gone between Riverside and San Bernardino Counties on the IEOC Metrolink Line?

Five years earlier in 2001, the community of Highgrove in Riverside County, asked the Riverside County Transportation Commission to build a parking lot next to the BNSF main line and stop the existing 5 day per week Metrolink trains between Riverside County and San Bernardino County.

Then on July 15, 2006 this same Metrolink train service increased from 5 days a week to 7 days a week. From July 15, 2006 to Dec. 31

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33,852 Metrolink trains have passed through Highgrove on the IEOC Metrolink Line Total

since July 15, 2006. This figure does not include any previous 5 day a week Metrolink trains between 2001 and 2006.

On Aug. 4, 2016 I presented these figures and a short video to the TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE MOBILE SOURCE AIR POLU-TION REDUCTION REVIEW COMMITTEE at the SCAQMD facility in Diamond Bar.

The Riverside County Transportation Commission recently completed the extension of the Metrolink 91 Line and Metrolink trains are now operating between Riverside and Perris. The curved track to connect the Perris Valley Line to the BNSF main line goes right through 17.22 acres of vacant land at Highgrove and is owned by RCTC.

But RCTC's letter dated Aug. 24, 2009, claims this same exact property is "an uneconomic remnant" (see P. 6).

RCTC's property at Highgrove is where the curved track is located and the west side of this property is where a platform is needed to use the existing Metrolink trains that operate between the two counties 7 days a week. The Highgrove location is 1/2 mile from the I-215 freeway at the Center St./ Highgrove exit and is one mile north of RCTC's new Marlborough Ave. station but they have different destinations. RCTC's Highgrove location is on the IEOC Line that goes between San Bernardino and Oceanside where there are other connections to San Diego on the "Coasters". Commuters at the NEW Marlborough Ave. Metrolink station cannot get to San Bernardino because Perris Valley Line commuters can only travel between Riverside and Perris and into Los Angeles.

Question # 2:

How many tons of Air Pollution would have been eliminated if the Highgrove Metrolink station were built 15 years ago? Facts:

The Metrolink trains that are going through Highgrove are on a 7 day timetable schedule, the Highgrove location has had public support for 15 years, RCTC owns the property right next to the track, 1,409 new homes are being built I mile away in Spring Mountain Ranch, and Riverside County wants to build more high density housing in Highgrove.

Please visit: www.highgrovehappenings.net look at the map, click on "8 years of Comments" that was made in 2010 then click on each (Cont. on P. 5)







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The Liberty Bell is crying!

By R. A. "Barney" Barnett

After watching the Republican Convention and later the Democratic Convention, I realized that since there is such a division between the two political parties, the crack in the liberty bell just seems to be getting wider.

With the Republicans on one side of the crack and the Democrats on the other side of the crack I picture a large tear being cried from the crack in our liberty bell.

I consider myself to be politically involved and aware of the differences between the two parties. I have been to Philadelphia to see the real liberty bell with it's crack.

When Ardie and I were in Philadelphia, I bought an Uncle Sam top





hat that was "Made in America" and in the past you may have seen me wearing it at Highgrove Day.

Today, I choose not to reveal what party I support because some of you will agree with me and some will not.

Your choice should be what is best for our country but as individuals we tend to vote for what is best for us personally.

I hope you look at both sides and make your vote an informed vote based on what you think is best for our country.

But be sure to "vote"!

get on the train, and help clean up

Please help us! We need your influ-

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Thank You,

visory Council

ence and your help!

R. A. "Barney" Barnett

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item in "Supporting Docs" and look at the date on each letter of support from California State Senators from both counties, residents and organizations from both counties, and supporting resolutions from the cities of Grand Terrace, Loma Linda and Colton. Some letters of support date back to 2001.

The commuters in both counties need AQMD's support to turn RCTC's "uneconomic remnant" into a parking lot that will allow commuters to park their vehicles,

Highgrove e-mail address needed!

We are in the process of establishing better communication between Highgrove residents to keep everyone aware of what is happening in our community between the monthly publications of the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper. If you would like to send us your e-mail address we will add you to our list. Please indicate if you live on the east side or west side of the freeway and whether you are a property owner or renter. Send your email address to:highgrovenews@roadrunner.com and we will keep you better informed. Thank you!

TV host Bob Barker helping wild burros! New facility comming to Reche Canyon

to our local Wild Burros"

Mr. Bob Barker, TV Legend, original Price is Right game show host, Philanthropist, worldwide Animal Rights Activist and a DonkeyLand Guardian Angel generously contributes a Legacy to the local Wild Burros. We are grateful to Mr. Bob Barker founder of DJ&T Foundation for blessing us with the full amount of money needed to acquire land owned by the animals in our care who are sick, injured and orphaned. Dreams do come true.

The new facility will be located off Reche Canyon Road in Colton, California. This will make a perfect permanent home in the heart of where the Wild Burros live and travel, which is imperative to be close by for emergency rescues. We want the facility to meet the needs for today, tomorrow and the future for our guests healing and the permanent residents who call Donkey-Land home.

It all begin with a grant request of \$3,500.00 and lots of faithful prayers with the DJ&T Foundation. Mr. Bob Barkers Foundation is most committed to making grants at the grassroots level to deserving organizations. After learning about DonkeyLand, Mr. Bob Barker has blessed our boots off.

He gave us the \$3,500.00 - in fact, he gave us so much more than we could have ever dreamed of.

"A living Legend leaves a Legacy We received a call from an Angel in his office who asked if we still needed land? They asked us to pick one out that would work and get back to them. After hiking the hills for years, we already had our eyes on a particular piece of land that would work, we included 2 of our favorite options in our package. A week later we received a call that Mr. Bob Barker said to make an offer, well, we called and you wouldn't believe it, the land that was vacant for years was already in escrow for 3 days and would close in a total of 15 days. Devastated we called his office and told them the sad news. The other land that we loved was double the price. Then Mr. Bob Barkers office called and said "The Price is Right" make an offer. Our founder Amber-LeVonne K. was screaming and crying, then Mr. Bob Barker got on the phone and said how much he loves the little Donkeys.

> In return, we honor the famous Mr. Bob Barker by naming the facility after him and please remember "help control the pet population, have your pets spayed or neutered." This land gives the burros a blessed foundation to continue on, as we strive daily to make a difference and save lives, yet, with such a huge undertaking we will continue to need the support from every

Angel out there.

Thank you Bob Barker!!



Additional information requested from Riverside County Economic **Development Agency:**

A letter has been sent to Suzanne Holland, Riverside County Assistant Director EDA, requesting additional information about parcel assessments, how the \$120.00 assessments are distributed, and how much money was in the CSA 126 fund as of July 1, 2016.

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Riverside County Transportation Commission's "uneconomic remnant" property neeeded for Highgrove Metrolink parking lot!



4080 Lemon Street, 3rd Floor • Riverside, CA Mailing Address: P. O. Box 12008 • Riverside, CA 92502-2208 (951) 787-7141 • Fax (951) 787-7920 • www.rctc.org

August 24, 2008 Ms. Melanie Robertson **Transportation Program Specialist** Federal Transit Administration 201 Mission Street, Suite 1650 San Francisco, CA 94105 Subject: Perris Valley line Project -Citrus Connection Real Estate Issue request for Guidance Dear Ms Robertson

On April 9, 2008, Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) adopted the current locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) that is on the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) line at Citrus Avenue. The Perris Valley line (PVL) will operate primarily on track used as a freight line known as the San Jacinto Branch line (SJBL). RCTC needs to acquire rights for additional railroad right of way to connect the SJBL to the BNSF line and to the Downtown Riverside Metrolink station.

The property that is the subject of this request for guidance is necessary for that connection (Citrus Connection} under the LPA and

the PVL project.

The portion of the property needed for the PVl project is approximately 6.6096 acres or 38 % of the full parcel. A partial acquisition of the property is not feasible at this time for the following reasons: (a) Condition of Approval No. 23 on page 7 indicates that Villa Street may only be used as emergency access. A partial acquisition will leave the remainder of the property an uneconomic remnant. {A copy of Approval of Development Application by the city of Riverside Community Development Depatment is attached as Exhibit B); and (b] since this is an Advanced Acquisition for Protection, RCTC cannot exercise its power of eminent domain.

RCTC's intent is to make an offer to acquire the property and to use project funds to acquire the 6.6096 acres required to connect the SJBL to the BNSF line. The remaining 62 % of the cost to acquire the property will be financed using RCTC Measure A funds (local funds) and held for RCTC's future use.

RCTC is requesting FTA's guid-

Phil's Philosophy By: Phil Turner

Strange New World

Can you imagine waking up from a deep coma from 50 years ago? Truly you would think you had arrived in Rod Sterling's "The Twilight Zone", or Robert Heinlein's "Stranger in a Strange Land".

The technology we now enjoy, space travel, cell phones, televisions with 500 channels, home computers, all would be a wonder to our newly awakened friend.

But it's our society that has had the most dramatic transformation. It used to be said, "sticks and stones can break my bones, but names will never hurt me". We used to adhere to the maxim that "Your rights end at the point of my nose". Boy, has all that changed.

Apparently your rights begin at the entrance to your eardrum, and your retina. If your tender ears happen hear something that is offensive to you, someone is to blame, and is liable. If you were to actually see, as well as hear something offensive, then your must be doubly wronged, and the transgressor must pay out double the fine.

In the course of all our modern sensibilities, we are transgressed at every turn. Black people see racists

lurking around every corner. Liberals see gun-totting, meat eating Cretans under every rock, and conservatives see commie, nanny state, liberals at every turn.

Everyone has new "rights" that seem to appear out of nowhere. Athiests, Jews, and others have the right to not see a cross, a nativity, or the Ten Commandments anywhere they choose to look. muslims are demanding sharia law (I refuse to capitalize anything that has to do with that ridiculous cult) everywhere they go. Transgenders, and those that this morning proclaim to be so, demand to be able to use women's restrooms. Liberals demand that because they exist, are owed a living, an education, healthcare, childcare, and whatever cradle to grave benefit they can think of. Conservatives just want to be left the hell alone.

I remember in one of Robert Heinlein's science fiction novels, women spray on their costume for the day. Although I don't see this every day, it appears somewhere daily, probably soon to come to vour neighborhood.

So let's pick our favorite "right", and go block a freeway until we get it. For me I think I'll hop aboard the Starship Enterprise, and voyage back to Earth.



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Petitions for Grand Jury Investigation still being collected

Last month's headline was "Highgrove Property owners request Grand Jury investigation".

On page 4 of the July 2016 issue there was a form that could be filled out to be signed only by property owners in Highgrove east of the I-215 freeway. The Highgrove Happenings has been receiving these forms in the mail supporting a Grand Jury investigation and other concerned residents have been going door to door gathering signatures. This is only for the property owners on the east side of the I-215 freeway. Here is what the petition is all about:

Petition for Grand Jury Investigation

To be signed only by property owners in Highgrove east of the I-215 freeway

In 1992, the property owners on the east side of the freeway in Highgrove, known as CSA 126E, voted to approve assessing ourselves \$120.00 per year per parcel for "extended police Protection" which was for our own Deputy Sheriff assigned exclusively to the east side of Highgrove. This was in addition to our regular Sheriff coverage provided for by law. It was voted on again in 1997 and approved by 75.8%. We have discovered that the extra Sheriff Deputy's position was eliminated several years ago without a vote but the assessment of \$120.00 per parcel still appears on our property tax bills. The designation has been changed from CSA 126E to CSA 126. PARK & REC LNDSCPE.

The following property owners in CSA 126E are asking for a Grand Jury Investigation to determine the facts regarding this issue:

| Name | Address | Phone | Date |
|------|---------|-------|------|
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Property owners east of the freeway sign and mail the above petition to: R. A. Barnett, 474 Prospect Ave., Riverside/Highgrove, Ca. 92507.

The response has been very good and we thank the volunteers who went door to door circulating the petition. We are keeping the originals and sending copies to the Grand Jury because the information provided to them can not be returned. Information about this issue was printed in the March, May, June, and July 2016 issue of the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper and can be viewed on-line by going to: www.highgrovehappenings.net and clicking on "Latest Issues". More signatures are needed to send to the Grand Jury using the form provided above.

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The "Highgrove Happenings" advertising rates are the lowest rates in town. If you have already trained your dog to bring in the paper (like the one on the right) you can be assured that he won't be lifting anything too heavy by bringing in our little newspaper. Some of the other larger newspapers are wasting just too many trees, especially in their Sunday edition. No one should ever ask their



dog to lift something that heavy! Our little paper has lots of local news and we take pride in providing you with something free of charge that will fit in the bottom of your birdcage! Give us a call (951) 683 4994 or check out our web site for pricing and sizes of our ads. Go to www. highgrovehappenings.net and click on the contact us page.

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A visit to Chino Airport



On my way home from Diamond Bar, I stopped by the Chino Airport.



This P. 40 "Flying Tiger" was like the one on the Chino entry sign.



During WW II many of the B-17 Bombers were lost in combat missions.





This work place was on the front of the B-17 and there was another one under the airplane. The work place under the plane was close to the run-

Here is the tail gunner's work place. This B-17 is a beautiful airplane!



There were Bi-Planes like shown above, a flying wing, and many WW II planes on display. This was my first time to visit the Chino Airport and I

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Three Strikes and you're out! House in Highgrove Hit for third time!



May 2015 Issue. Hit and run on April 14, 2015 at about 1:15 am on East La Cadena Dr. Car ran into house on corner where kitchen is located.



June 2, 2015: Car ran into same house on opposite corner by bedroom.



June 10, 2015 another car ran through the damaged the iron gate and knocked a storage building off its foundation.

Highgrove resident looses 200 lbs!



Brenda Koker and her husband Jim are shown before going on the Dr. Oz Television show. They have lived in Highgrove for 21 years



This is Brenda when her and her husband Jim celebrated re-newing their wedding vows after 30 years of marriage.

I wanted to share my story of my struggles with weight loss.

My family has been residents of Highgrove for 21 years. I moved to California in 1984 and in that process my occupation changed from being on my feet working and managing restaurants to office work. Office work is more at a desk and very little walking that I was used to. Over the years I slowly put on weight. Then having my children I put on more weight to the point that I reached 350 lbs. Over 25 years I had tried every diet on the planet, along with prescription diet pills that allowed me to lose weight with a lot of effort, exercise and strict diet plans. Then eventually I found out that the prescription diet pill phen phen caused damaged to my heart. So with desperation in my heart to lose this weight and failing at everything

out there for me, I decided to have the bariactric surgery. When my neighbor LaShawn heard this, she had already been in communication with the Dr. OZ Show for a community weight loss event but when that didn't go through, she convinced them to look at our story.

So the Dr. Oz production team came out to our home and filmed one whole day. Then we flew to New York to NBC and filmed the first airing of the show on weight on national TV. Dr. Oz ask if I would postpone the surgery to give them a chance to help first. I agreed. Talk about being accountable to millions of people watching your every move!

We followed their coaching and went to the YMCA 3 times a week. Jim lost 50 lbs the first weight in and I lost 35 lbs. We flew back to New

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This house is located at the northbound Center St. exit of the I-215 freeway on East La Cadena Drive.

So far there have been no injuries but the Highgrove property owner is quite upset that the exit has a hairpin turn in the right lane that is too sharp for vehicles exiting the freeway. After his house was struck 3 times the owner tore the house down. His Home was Run into so many times it is now gone!



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Looking out for Highgrove!

In our daily lives of going to work or raising a family sometimes we may be too busy to see what is going on in our own community. That is why I have been active in trying to inform our community members of items that affect all of us who live here. Some of the items we print may not be as important as the others but when it comes to a Grand Jury Investigation about Highgrove property owners paying for a service that was eliminated years ago or seeing that 68 acres of High Density Housing is not allowed to be built right in the middle of Highgrove when Supervisor Tavaglione, the Bixby Land Co. and the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council all agreed it should be single family homes, or requesting a "Quiet Zone" for train whistles at Center St. and Main St., or the disappearance of the Highgrove Station Sign at Main St., or making sure that the new Spring Mountain Ranch street names include the Highgrove logo at the top, or 15 years of trying to get the Riverside County Transportation Commission to build a parking lot at Highgrove.

We hope you read our paper because these items are important to the future of our community.

In 2008 Highgrove had 1,155 acres of vacant land and how that land is used should be important to those of us who live here. We need a transportation plan with new roads and a Metrolink station to address all of the traffic that is coming and will come to Highgrove because of the availability of vacant land. We need to be aware of what is planned by agencies that actually have the ability and jurisdiction to

make changes in planning and zoning because these changes may not be what we want in our neighborhood. The Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council is just an Advisory Committee made up of volunteers from the community who forward information to our Supervisor. Unfortunately we have no power to do what is needed in our community because we have to rely on our County Supervisor to use his position to change or correct or add services that are important to Highgrove residents. All we can do is tell our Supervisor what is needed. That is what happened in 1992 and 1997 in regard to our own Highgrove Deputy Sheriff that worked for so many years. The people voted and agreed to pay for an additional Sheriff Deputy exclusive to the east side of Highgrove. The results of the vote were forwarded to the county and implemented by

Riverside County agencies that included our Supervisor at that time (Supervisor Ashley), the County Tax collector, Assessor's office and the Riverside County Sheriff Department.

Our MAC meetings are open to the public and are held at the Highgrove library on the third Wednesday of each month. The next MAC meeting is September 21, 2016, we need to be aware of our surroundings, and your help is needed.

The address is 530 Center St. and we would like to see some new faces at these monthly meetings. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm and maybe you should consider attending if you have never been to one of these meetings.

We have never handled any finances nor have we ever had a closed meeting.

See you at the library Sept. 21 st at 7:00 pm!



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Purpose of Special Assessment changed without authorization!

I recently discovered that the special assessment for the old part of Highgrove for the parcel tax has a different name listed for the Spring Mountain Ranch parcels.

For 17 years from 1997 to the fiscal year 2014/2015, the purpose shown on our tax bills for the old part of Highgrove was CSA 126E but that was somehow changed without a vote and our next tax bills for 2015/2016 was changed to: CSA 126, PARK & REC LNDSCPE.

In examining the reason for the change in the "Special Assessment" a little further, I found out that the Spring Mountain Ranch has the same account number (68-1883) that shows their assessment title to be: "CSA # 126, PARK & REC, SHERIFF, LANDSCAPING.

And instead of \$120.00 shown on the tax information like the rest of

Highgrove, the paperwork I found showed the amount to be \$1,870.04. If all the parcels in CSA 126 east side of the freeway should be paying the annual \$120.00 fee shouldn't the name or purpose for the assessment be the same for all of the properties within the CSA 126 boundaries?

I sent a request to the Riverside County Tax assessor asking for a breakdown showing how much was given to each agency or company for services provided from the \$1,870.04 tax that was collected from the parcel in Spring Mountain Ranch.

If all parcels within CSA 126 should be paying the annual \$120.00 parcel fee, the answer I should receive from the tax collector will show whether or not \$120.00 is being credited to the CSA 126 account from the Spring Mountain parcel.

1992 Minutes reveal parcel assessment breakdown! Good records important!

Highgrove property owners east of the I-215 freeway know they are paying (and have been paying for many years), an assessment of \$10.00 per month per parcel which appears on our property tax bills as \$120.00 per year.

I recently reviewed many years of previous minutes taken during our Highgrove community meetings. Here is an item of interest to us all that dates back 24 and one half years ago when Joe Barber was Chairman.

The followinformation was taken from the minutes of County Service Area 126 (Highgrove East side) and is dated Feb. 12, 1992.

Page 2 of the minutes show the \$10.00 per month breakdown to be \$7.96 for extra police and \$2.04 for park and recreation.

Why is this important?

We have asked for an audit showing how much of our annual \$120.00 fee for special assessments is going to the Sheriff Department and how much is going to Park and Recreation. The agreement that goes back 24 and one half years has not been changed.

Since then, our "Designated" Highgrove Sheriff position has been eliminated, but we still are being required to pay the \$120.00 per year. We want to know if any of the special assessment money that was collected from our taxes went to the Sheriff Department after the Highgrove Deputy's position was eliminated because the funds were for a spacific service and not to be used by the Sheriff Dept. outside of the east side of Highgrove!



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California Dreaming By: Dr. Cynthia Williams

Saturday, August 13, 2016, 3:30 am. The ringing of your phone wakes you; groggy from half a night's sleep, you reach for it and answer, still not quite awake. It's the police. Your heart starts racing; you are now fully awake and frightened. Your son has been in an automobile accident. He's in the hospital in serious condition. You tumble out of bed, still not fully functional but your mind is racing. What does serious mean? What happened? Is he going to be ok? Where are my shoes? Gotta get there NOW!

At the hospital you learn your precious boy was a passenger in a car being driven by a drunk driver. The driver was going twice the speed limit, blew a stop sign, hit an eight-foot tall rock embankment and rolled the car. All five boys in the car are in the hospital. Your son has the most serious injuries- a broken neck. Later that day he has surgery where rods, screws and other hardware is installed in his neck. You are told he will never walk again, he may regain use of his hands, he might be able to breathe on his own without a permanent tracheostomy. Your head is reeling, your heart is broken and you know your son's life has just taken a 180 degree turn. Your life and the rest of your family's life is over as you know it, forever.



This is not a fabricated scenario. This actually happened to a lovely

and then blowing a stop sign. He has been charged with several criminal offenses and will likely do jail time but that won't help Nathan.

This tragedy happens all across



the country every single day. The message not to drive if one has been drinking is still not getting through! The overall percentage of teens and adults who drink and drive has gone down, but obviously it only takes one driver who ignores what they know is the right thing to do and drives while intoxicated regardless of the consequences. According to the CDC (Center for Disease Control), teen drunk driving has decreased by 54% since 1991, but still, one in ten teens in high school drinks and drives, and young drivers (ages 16-20) are 17 times more likely to die in a crash when they have a blood alcohol level (BAC) of .08% than when they have not been drinking. (http:// www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/teendrinkinganddriving/)

According to MADD (Mother's Against Drunk Driving), "in 2014, 9,967 people were killed and approximately 290,000 were injured. Each crash, each death, each injury impacts not only the person in the crash, but family, friends, classmates, coworkers and more. Even those who have not been directly touched help pay the \$132 billion yearly price tag of drunk driving." In Nathan's case, he will be on permanent Social Security Disability with Medicare Insurance for the rest of his life. We all pay the cost of the driver's criminal behavior. Each day, people drive drunk more than 300,000 times! Only about 3200 are arrested each day. That is insane. In 2014, 401,904 males were arrested for drunk driving vs. 130,480 for females. That's THREE times a many. The highest rate of drunk driving is among 26-29 year old. 30% of fatal crashes occurred was with drivers ages 21-24; 29% was in drivers 25 to 24; 24% was in drivers ages 35-44. That's 83% of all drunk driving crashes occurring with ages 21-44. Over 200 children die each year due to drunk drivers- they are in the car with a drunk driver or they are the victim of a collision with a drunk driver- either in the car they are in or while a pedestrian or on a bicycle. These aren't just numbers. The numbers become very real when someone you know is involved. I realize the majority of people reading this are responsible adults; you are not part of the problem. Here's how to be part of the solution.

The link below is for a site directed towards teens with some real facts and real talk they can understand. For example:

• Car crashes are the No. 1 killer of teens in the U.S. Believe it.

• Teens are four times more likely to die or be injured in a car crash than older people.

• In 2003, teens accounted for 10% of the U.S. population but were involved in 13% of car crash fatalities. Seem unfair? It is!

• Males are twice as likely as females to die or become injured in a car crash. http://www2.courtinfo. ca.gov/stopteendui/teens/facts/teendriving-crash-and-fatality-stats.cfm It is never too early to start educating your children about the responsibility of drinking and driving. Your best sphere of influence is between birth and 12 years old. Use that time!

• Be a broken record- tell them early and often not to drink or do drugs and then drive.

• Tell them early and often to NEV-ER get in the car with someone who's been drinking or using drugseven if they "look ok".

• Give them the confidence they need to stand up to their friends who may tease, bully or belittle them for not wanting to take that drive with them.

• Make it easy, safe, and non-judgmental to call for a ride so they can avoid being in the car with a driver who is under the influence of alcohol or drugs- even marijuana. Make it ok to be the one left behind at 2 am, to call you for a ride. No lecture, no punishment; just be thankful you get to have them home in one piece.

• When you see a news article about another alcohol related crash share it with your child. It is another reminder that the problem is very real and they need to be constantly aware.

Make sure you are not part of the problem. Monitor your alcohol intake, drink lots of water, eat food, and cut yourself off early if you are going to be driving. Make sure you get to get home in one piece and oth-

Where is the Highgrove Station sign?



Lena Kent, BNSF Railroad 740 E. Carnegie, San Bernardino, Ca. 92408

Dear Lena,

I am enclosing a photo taken at the Main St. grade crossing on May 14, 2012 showing the "Highgrove" Station sign as the 3751 passes by.

This sign may have been improperly removed but we would like to have the Highgrove sign replaced. The post is there but the sign is gone! This location is at MP 6.41 on the BNSF main line and is directly across from the switch that leads to the Perris Valley Line in Highgrove.

Thank you,

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Resident looses 200 lbs! cont. from P. 9

York again 2 month later. We continued for 6 months and hit plateaus but it was challenging to stay committed. I had re-injured my back causing me to have to stop exercising, and when that happens weight wants to come back on. Shortly after the YMCA in Riverside closed I told Jim I wasn't putting this weight back on. I called the surgeon to be put back on the schedule.

In March of 2012, I had my surgery and it took me 18 months to lose 200 lbs. which was perfect for the renewal of our wedding vows for our 30th annaversary. We both were able to lose weight for that occassion. Four years have passed and I have put 40 lbs back on. The Dr. said I would level off, but I'm not happy with this 40 lbs. so I went back to him and stressed that I'm still only able to eat 2-4 ounces per meal and I'm putting weight on. His reply was I was one of the few successful people to even come close to loosing 200 lbs. I explained, that I was sorry but I want it off. So he prescribed a diet pill that I took for a month and I had no weight loss. My friend Kandi shared with me my magic beans and they are kicking butt. In 2 weeks I lost 12 lbs and lost 2 inches off my waist. My energy was back, my brain fog is gone, and I am feeling much

happier.

young man in my son-in-law's family here in Bend. He is family to me. Nathan is 20 years old, full of love, life and potential. He was the most seriously injured; he had not been drinking with his buddies; the two boys in the back seat with him had mild injuries. They didn't know the driver was too drunk to drive. They don't know why all of a sudden the driver started going 80 miles an hour. They barely remember anything. Essentially, their brains went through a blender. It's a miracle no one was killed. It wasn't an accident-- it was an avoidable tragedy that occurred because the driver- a 23 year old- committed a criminal action by knowingly getting behind the wheel drunk and then speeding Page 12 September 2016

Talk with your teens. I know, it's a challenge... but please share this with them.

ers who are innocent are not affected by your bad judgment.

If you would like to help Nathan and his family, here is the link: https://www.gofundme.com/2jjy4f8

"Firenadoes"- a word I'd not heard before. The pictures of the devastation in the Cajon Pass area are heart wrenching. Our area has always been a tender box but with the drought it was a matter of when it was going to become an explosive fire season- a serious issue. Hopefully every one is safe, all pets and livestock are safe and accounted for, and all will be able to rebuild their lives without further heartbreak and trauma. My heart goes out to all families affected.

Quiet Zone needed!

Supervisor John Tavaglione Second District 4080 Lemon St. Riverside, Ca. 92502 Ref.: "Quiet Zone" needed between

San Bernardino, Ca. and Riverside, California.

Dear Supervisor Tavaglione,

The BNSF main line between San Bernardino and Riverside passes through Highgrove which is Mile Post 6.1 on the San Bernardino subdivision timetable and is also the junction point connection to the Perris Valley Line. This main line track is used by BNSF freight trains and Union Pacific freight trains and the (IEOC) Inland Empire/Orange County line Metrolink trains, all of which travel between the two counties.

A "Quiet Zone" is needed at two grade crossings that can be heard in both counties: Highgrove, and Riverside in Riverside County, and Colton and Grand Terrace in San Bernardino County.

The grade crossing at Main St. is on the Riverside/San Bernardino County line and is right next to the Grand Terrace High School where the train whistles dominate their football games and other sports activities and important events such as graduation ceremonies on the football field.

I have heard this sound from inside the engine as a former Santa Fe/ BNSF Conductor for 41 1/2 years, and I have also heard this sound since 1947 as an 8 year old child when I first moved to Highgrove.

It is long overdue to improve the quality of life of the surrounding communities without having these interruptions by establishing quiet Please forward this request to the zones at these two crossings.

The grade crossing at Valley Blvd. in Colton at MP 3.06 (DOT # 026456M) requires that trains whistle at this crossing.

The next at grade crossing for westbound trains is Main St. at MP 6.41 (DOT # 026470H) followed by Center St. at MP 6.7 (DOT # 026471P).

As you can see Main St. and Center Newspaper St. are very close together (.3 tenths of a mile apart).

By making Main St. and Center St. into two "Quiet Zone" crossings, trains would not be required to whistle for 4.7 Miles between Valley Blvd. in Colton and Palmyrita

Ave. in Riverside. The Palmyrita Ave. grade crossing is MP 7.7 (DOT # 026474K).

proper agencies that will assist in authorizing "Quiet Zones" at the Main St. and Center St. grade crossings.

Thank you,

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The winner for September puzzle is Felicity Chavez who is 7 years old and the daugther of Rudy Vasquez and Hayley Chavez. She attends Grand Terrace Elementary School and is in 2nd grade. Her teacher is Miss. Parker.

Thank you Felicity for providing the words for this month puzzle.

The first child 12 or under to turn in the correct answer to the above puzzle will win a prize and get their picture in next months paper. **(You can only win once)** Take or fax your completed puzzle to the Norton Younglove Community Center 459 Center Street (951-779-3099 fax) during their regular business hours. Good Luck!



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