



HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS



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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area

April 2019

33rd Annual Highgrove Day Cancelled!!!



Last month we published several pictures of past Highgrove Days from the previous 32 years but this year the 33rd Annual Highgrove Day that was planned for May 11, 2019 has been cancelled.

We regret having to announce that this event has been cancelled but the lack of financial support and enough time to properly plan this event were contributing factors in the decision to postpone Highgrove Day until May 9, 2020.

This will give over one year of planning to get new ideas and new participants to continue

this annual event. The next one will be our 33rd annual Highgrove Day even though it will not be 33 consecutive years.

We also were not able to secure entertainment for 2019 because many of the contacts were already booked for May 11, 2019 which was the same date we wanted.

Anyone interested in helping plan Highgrove Day for May 9, 2020 is encouraged to contact either Dena Guyer at: (951) 213 2770 or "Barney" Barnett at: (951) 683 4994.

Get involved in your community and give us a call.

Highgrove residents want Supervisor Spiegel to restore Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council

Residents from the old and new portions of Highgrove want the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council restored by our new Supervisor Karen Spiegel.

Highgrove's County Service Area 126 was created back on Jan 26, 1979.

Community meetings have been held in Highgrove since the early 50's when my dad, Ray Barnett was a member of the Highgrove Civic Association that used to meet in the A-framed building across from Fair Price Carpets on Center Street.

Other community meetings were held at the historic 1890 United Methodist Church prior to the community center being built. We also had public meetings at the Highgrove Elementary School.

On Feb. 12, 1992, the CSA 126 minutes at the school show that the \$10.00 per month cost for Highgrove's Deputy Sheriff was broken down to \$7.96 for extra police protection and \$2.04 for park and recreation development fees.

Four and 1/2 years later on September 28, 1996 the Norton Younglove Community Center in Highgrove was opened and CSA 126 public meetings were held at our new community center.

Then, 10 years later, on Aug 23, 2006 Supervisor Ashley

ask the Board of Supervisors to create a new community group called the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council.

"A Municipal Advisory Council is an organization composed of elected or appointed members whose purpose is to advise the county government about the activities and problems in the area".

And when the new library was built and opened on March 19, 2011 the Highgrove MAC meetings were moved to the new library.

Between the MAC meetings at the Norton Younglove Community Center and the library, MAC meetings have been held in Highgrove for 10 years.

But on April 11, 2017 Supervisor Tavaglione held a public hearing and eliminated the entire 5 member Highgrove MAC that ended public meetings at the Highgrove library.

New residents from Spring Mountain Ranch and residents from the older part of Highgrove are willing to volunteer for a position on a new Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council if a new one is approved.

I have been denied access to Supervisor Spiegel because of the pending lawsuit so I advised Supervisor Spiegel that if she prefers, I will not apply for a position on the new Highgrove MAC. But if you are interested in a position on the Highgrove MAC call: (951) 955 1020

Grand Terrace Skating rink owner victim of homicide!



Ryan Harsany
Age 43

Earl Saturday morning on March 16, 2019 San Bernardino Sheriff deputies responded to

a robbery call at Cal Skate in Grand Terrace.

Deputies found the owner Ryan Harsany inside with several gunshot wounds. Also, there were 2 small fires inside the building that were extinguished by the San Bernardino County Fire Department. Ryan and his twin brother Brian grew up in Grand Terrace and were regulars at Cal Skate for 20 years.

Anyone with information is urged to call Detective Max Kunzman at (909) 387 3589

(more on page 4)

Informational community meeting at Highgrove Elementary School 2:30 Pm Monday April 8, 2019

Riverside Unified School District will hold a meeting about the proposed facilities upgrade at the Highgrove Elementary School authorized by Measure O.

RUSD will review the campus improvements, discuss timelines, and respond to any questions you may have.

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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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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!

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.

April 3rd: 10 AM - 11 AM Weight Loss Program. For more information, call: 951-300-0456 -0- cost program

April 5th: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Medicare Advantage plan resources hosted by George Mora/Health Ins. Agent 909-900-6369 representing Central Health Plan, Scan and United.



April 9th: A social gathering for ages 18+



April 20th Saturday: 7 AM - 12 Noon

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



April 26: No Line Dance Class Session

April 27: Visit FSA's resource booth at the Healthy Living Extravaganza at Jurupa Park. 4600 Crestmore Rd, Jurupa Valley. Free event



May 18th Saturday: Line Dance Social! 11 AM - 3 PM



Volunteer Opportunity! Seeking help for 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. 8 AM-11 AM.

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6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
\$3 per class or \$8 per week.



Highgrove Community Assoc. (formally known as MAC)
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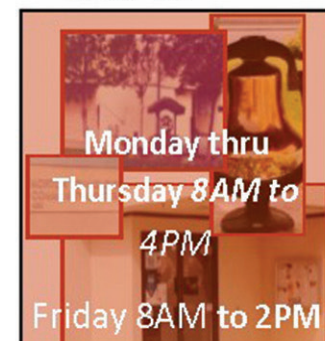
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Child Development Center Has Openings!!

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HOURS OF OPERATION

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County Transportation official comes to Highgrove!

On March 12, 2019, Riverside County Traffic Engineer, Dennis Acuna came to my house for a tour of Highgrove to see some of the traffic problems facing Highgrove. We had ample time to see some of the traffic problems and discuss some of my suggestions on what I think is needed.

TRANSPORTATION RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDED IN HIGHGROVE:

Hundreds of acres of orange groves have been replaced with new homes in the Highgrove area of Riverside County and it is not over yet!

Spring Mountain Ranch is a project being built by KB Homes that is adding 1,409 new homes to Highgrove. And another builder, D R Horton, recently finished 36 new homes by the Highgrove Elementary School and 69 more new homes at the base of Blue Mountain in another project.

Highgrove will continue to grow because there are 183 acres of vacant land that is known as the Springbrook Estates project that has room for another 600 homes. And in another part of Highgrove that used to be orange groves and is right in the middle of Highgrove, is 68 acres of vacant land that is owned by the Lansing Developers in San Diego. One 40-acre parcel of vacant land by the Elementary school has boundaries of Center St. on the north, Spring St. on the south, Garfield on the east and the former UP RR track on the west. In addition to these 40 acres, just south of Spring St. is another adjacent 28 acres owned by Lansing that extends southward all the way to the Springbrook arroyo.

Traffic congestion has already impacted Highgrove but more transportation related infrastructure is needed to accommodate Highgrove's new and future growth.

Here are some challenges listed in random order facing Highgrove and some suggestions for a solution and a plan for the future:

MAIN STREET:

Traffic from warehouse construction in Grand Terrace will impact Highgrove residents.

The north side of Main St. is in Grand Terrace in San Bernardino County and the south side is in Highgrove in Riverside County. A developer is planning to build warehouses on the Grand Terrace side which will create new truck traffic onto Main Street.

Southbound traffic from Grand Terrace should have "Right turn only" signs posted to prevent trucks from going eastbound onto Main St. past the residential section on the south side of Main St. in Highgrove. "Right turn only" signs for southbound traffic on Taylor St. will direct truck traffic toward the I-215 freeway and away from the Highgrove resident's homes.

MICHIGAN AVE.

EXTENSION:

A new southward extension of Michigan Ave. at Spring St. is needed through the vacant field in the proposed Springbrook Estates project that could connect to the south side of the arroyo between the existing warehouses in Riverside that are along Palmyrita Avenue. Extending Michigan Ave. by approximately ¼ mile through this vacant field will create a new north/south road all the way from Barton Road in Grand Terrace southward through Highgrove to Columbia Ave. in Riverside. This new short extension will connect two cities in two different counties (Grand Terrace in San Bernardino County and Riverside in Riverside County) as it goes through un-incorporated Highgrove. Paperwork for a new road through the Springbrook Estates property needs to be in place while this property is still vacant before any new construction begins. (Photo on P. 4)

METROLINK STATION NEEDED IN HIGHGROVE

Since 2001, resolutions from Highgrove's County Service Area 126 and city resolutions from Grand Terrace, Colton, and Loma Linda, have all supported a Metrolink station in Highgrove. Highgrove has an ideal location for a Metrolink station parking lot that is already owned by RCTC but for 18 years they have opposed building a parking lot that the people from both counties want that is right next to the track that has daily Metrolink trains on the IEOC (Inland Empire Orange County) Line between San Bernardino and Oceanside. A map and information is

New/Used Car Dealer to open soon at 235 Iowa Avenue



Highgrove will soon get a new/used car lot on the west side of Iowa Ave. between Center St. and Main Street.

The parking lot has recently been paved and striped and will soon be open for business. We welcome this new business!

available on: www.highgrove-happenings.net (Supporting Docs). RCTC owns 2 properties only one mile apart but they have different destinations. The Perris Valley Line runs from Perris to Highgrove with a final destination at Los Angeles. The Inland Empire Orange County Line runs from San Bernardino through Highgrove (7 miles) with a final destination at Oceanside. At Oceanside there are other commuter trains (Coasters) that go in both directions, southward to San Diego and northward to Los Angeles.

RCTC owned the Highgrove property first and for many years, cities in both counties asked RCTC to build the new station at Highgrove instead of Marlborough Avenue.

But on June 6, 2016 RCTC opened a new Metrolink station at Marlborough Ave. which is just one-mile south of their Highgrove property. And since that time there has been minimal ridership at the Hunter Park Station at Marlborough Ave. while RCTC's property at Highgrove continues to just grow weeds on their excess vacant property that is needed for a parking lot.

When the Perris Valley Line was built, RCTC only needed the Highgrove property for a curved track to connect the PVL to the BNSF main line. RCTC only needed the width of the curved track but their remaining vacant land is an ideal location for a parking lot for commuters in both counties to park their cars and use the existing commuter trains that operate through Highgrove in both directions 7 days a week. The Highgrove location is only ½ mile from the I-215 freeway and accessible from the Center St. exits of the freeway.

SPRING ST. EXTENSION

Spring St. is an east/west road that extends southward from the new homes in Spring Mountain Ranch and dead ends in the old part of Highgrove at Transit Avenue.

If Spring St. were extended westward from Transit Ave. across the Perris Valley Line and connect to Citrus St., Spring St. would become an east/west road that would give access to the Highgrove Metrolink parking lot and also connect to the Iowa Ave. Overpass. A new road over the arroyo was constructed in July 2008 but has never been used. This new road would enable vehicles to use the Iowa Overpass when freight trains block Center St. and/or Main Street. Vehicles blocked by freight trains on Center St. could go 2 short blocks southward on Transit and use the Spring St. extension to get to the Iowa Ave. Overpass. I hope these recommendations will be given ample consideration because if there is no plan to handle future transportation issues, traffic problems will only get worse as construction of new homes chip away at property that is needed for transportation uses. New roads and access to the commuter trains are needed for transportation purposes in our community.

Respectfully submitted by:

R. A. "Barney" Barnett

I gave Dennis Acuna, Riverside County Traffic Engineer, a written copy of the preceding article and on April 19, 2019 the Director of the Riverside County Transportation Land Management Agency, (TLMA) Juan C. Perez, is coming to my house to see the same things.

And on March 29, 2019 I had a meeting with our newly elected Sheriff, Chad Bianco.

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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.

This vacant land is part of the 183 acre Springbrook Estates property. A new road is needed while this land is still vacant.

the LEOs aren't going to share all with us, and that's ok; they will be working tirelessly to bring the disgusting sub-humans who did this to a swift justice. This specific act of violence was particularly heinous and struck a private chord with many people. Ryan Harsany was a much loved, fine man with superb character and integrity. He was 43 years old, a business owner in Grand Terrace as well as the restaurant "Inferno" in Brawley. He and his twin brother Brian spent their young years in Grand Terrace and were "rink-rats" at Cal-Skate. They were good friends with my daughters, coming to our home to hang out, and I remember them both as being the sweetest pair of boys who grew into exceptional, fine young men. The Harsany boys were serious go-getters, working at a young age because they wanted to, owned and drove a car when they were years away from being legally allowed to, and they showed a real drive to make something of themselves. Due to his many entrepreneurial ventures and public persona, Ryan especially had a huge following of friends and admirers.

Kristi Strempeke, my eldest daughter, stayed in touch with both men, especially Ryan. Ryan and Brian went to Terrace Hills Middle School with my girls and then they went to high school in Redlands. Friday and Saturday were steady rink nights. Cal-Skate was THE place to hang out and as a parent, I felt OK with that. Boys like Ryan and Brian made it even better. The day Mandy (my other daughter) turned 15 she started working there; it was her first job. It was a good place for kids; Ryan was passing that on to the newest generation of "rink-rats". Outside the rink, Kristi would get

together with the Harsany brothers and go to Sunday brunch; Ryan even taught her to drive a stick shift. Kristi and Mandy, like a lot of girls, loved the boy group "New Kids on the Block" aka NKOTB and Ryan teased Kristi without mercy, being particularly relentless on the days she wore her prized NKOTB T-shirt. She loved him anyway.

The loss of a loved one is always sad. An unexpected, violent act like the one perpetrated on Ryan is unforgivable and has a deeper disturbing impact on people. Dozens upon dozens of posts for Ryan on Facebook are poignant and brings one to tears; they are heartfelt, coming from the deepest source of pain. Tributes of love are coming in from all over the state and candlelight vigils and Celebrations of Life are being held as far north as the Bay Area. The circumstances of his death has drawn attention from people all over; tweets from celebrities, struck by the senseless of it all, were being shared. (Due to the investigation, the family hasn't been able to make final plans for Ryan. Please check the local news outlets for updates.)

I hadn't had the pleasure of seeing Ryan or Brian since my girls were in high school but I felt like I still knew them through my daughters. I was excited when Ryan bought the rink last year and what that could mean for the area. I am truly heartbroken and my heart goes out to his twin brother Brian and the rest of his family.

Brian said "All this attention makes a difference and shows the footprint my brother left."

"To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die." ~Thomas Campbell

"You Can Quote Me"

by Cynthia Williams, DC

Spring is upon us. Weather-wise it's been an adventurous first few months of 2019 all over the country. Here in central Oregon we had the most snow in February in a 100 years. Over four feet fell in a couple of days and then more. Ugh. Over a month later, it's still melting, slowly is best so there's no flooding. Being high desert, think Apple Valley, we don't get a lot of moisture. The Cascade Mountains capture most of what comes in from the coast, getting all the snow and rain. There's a beautiful river that runs through town so we get the benefit without most of the clouds.

Of course I keep close tabs on what's going on at "home" in SoCal. I belong to various Facebook groups with news and activities in Riverside, Highgrove, and Grand Terrace. I share the beauty of my home with others on Facebook, some whom have never been to SoCal. They will turn their noses up a bit at what they perceive are the flaws of California and I rub them a little with the splendor of palm trees, sunsets and very early Spring blooms.

Other things are too sad to share. I'm sure you've heard about the recent murder of the owner of Cal-Skate in Grand Terrace. As of this writing, no motive or suspects have been publicly disclosed. Obviously,

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HALL FOR RENT

Highgrove Eagles
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All the money collected will go to the Ronald McDonald House in Loma Linda.

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Highgrove Happenings needs your help!

Many of our readers know that my wife has undergone surgery for cancer and is not able to do computer work like she used to do.

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.

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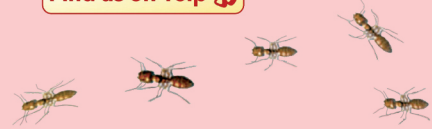
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The Town Hall sign was an A- framed sign with wheels so it could be rolled out from the Norton Younglove Community Center and placed by Center Street to remind residents about our meetings. The two Highgrove Day signs are probably from 2014 and the Clean Up Day sign was used for several years.

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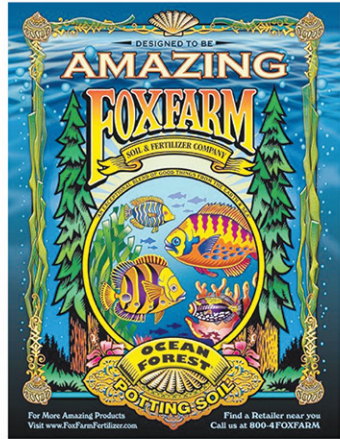
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Why the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council was abolished!

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.

Regretfully, we had to postpone the 33rd annual Highgrove Day at the Norton Younglove Community Center and Highgrove Park until May 9, 2020.

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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Colton residents attend Planning Commission to oppose 800 new homes

On Feb. 26, 2019 I attended a Colton Planning Commission meeting to remind them that the Roquet Ranch housing project of 800 new homes in Colton that is planned north of Center St. and North Orange St. will also impact Highgrove CSA 126 residents who live on the west side of the freeway. Riverside County resident's homes in this area are only accessible from Center St. and preparations need to include traffic signals that will allow Center St. access for CSA 126 residents from Cliffhill, Mont Martre and Versailles on the north side of Center St. and Debbie Lane and Claire on the south side of Center Street.

During this meeting I also talked with Colton residents about the location of a Caboose and how the residents want it moved next to the Colton Museum instead of being located on "M" street.

Then, on March 5, 2019 I attended the Colton City Council meeting in support of placing the caboose next to the museum like the residents want. I spent 41 1/2 years on the railroad and the caboose should be located near the museum for children to learn that freight trains used to have a caboose at the end of every train.



In addition to the 1,409 new homes in Spring Mountain Ranch that are now under construction in Highgrove and the 105 new homes in 2 projects built by D R Horton that

have already been completed, and the 72 more homes under construction by Lennar homes at Mt. Vernon and Palmyrita, there are 3 new homes being built in the old part of High-

grove on the N/W corner of Highland Ave. and Church Street. Colton residents are protesting building 800 new homes in the Roquet Ranch project that is also right next to Highgrove's CSA 126 homes on the west side of the freeway at Center St. and North Orange.

And Highgrove residents are concerned about more traffic created by the additional homes being built in the area. More new homes means more roads and traffic signals are needed to handle the additional traffic.

Proper transportation planning is needed now, before any more new houses are built.

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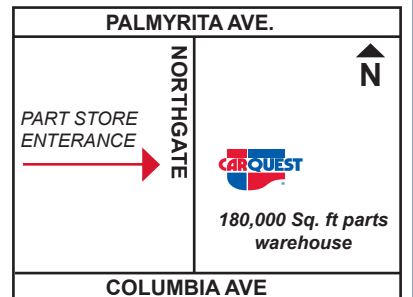
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