



HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS



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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area August 2016

Signed Petitions from property owners mailed to Grand Jury!

A formal complaint was submitted to the Riverside County Grand Jury on June 24, 2016 in regard to the "Designated" Highgrove Deputy Sheriff's position that was eliminated without proper notification while the \$120.00 annual assessment per parcel still continues to pay for our "Designated" Sheriff deputy that we no longer have. The "Designated" deputy was assigned exclusively to the east side of Highgrove east of the I-215 freeway.

Petitions requesting a Grand Jury Investigation have been circulating in Highgrove and property owners on the east side of Highgrove have been signing the petition. These signatures, a short video of the Feb. 18, 2015 MAC meeting, and copies of the Feb. 12, 1992 minutes were recently submitted to the Grand Jury

and are in addition to the previous 47 pages and photographs that accompanied the June 24, 2016 complaint.

There are articles in the March, May, June and July 2016 issues relating to this subject on line at:

www.highgrovehappenings.net

This subject was also discussed at the July 20, 2016 Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council meeting at the Highgrove Library

The next Highgrove MAC meeting will be Aug. 17, 2016. If you own residential, business property, or vacant land on the east side of the I-215 freeway you are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

Mark your calendars for **August 17, 2016 for 7:00 pm at the Highgrove Library located at 530 Center St. in Highgrove.**

More on pages 5, 6, 7, 10 & 12

Friend looking for Garage space

My long-time friends Paul and Marge Owens are looking for a place to store their vehicle in the Grand Terrace area. If you have a location please give me a call so I

can help these fine people. R. A. "Barney" Barnett (951) 683 4994 or highgrovenews@roadrunner.com



Paul and Marge Owens in my 1957 Chev. Pick Up during Paul's birthday party at the Grand Terrace Senior Center.

San Bernardino Depot 1923



Railroad Communications Before Electronics

In this modern world of electronic communications I thought you may be interested in knowing how railroad crews used to work for 16 hours without two way radios or how brakemen or switchmen were able to perform their duties without being able to talk to their engineer. So, if the railroad engineer is in the engine running the engine, how is he going to know to go forward, backward or stop if the brakeman or switchman is working on the ground switching rail cars and there is no radio communication? In 1960 when I started on the Santa Fe railroad this is how it used to be! Hand signals were used to commu-

nicate information from the ground crews (brakemen or switchmen), to the engineer. If crews were working on a curved track for example, one of the crew members would always have to be visible to the engineer who was in the engineer's seat. Other crew members were positioned around the curve to relay hand signals from the man where the work was being performed (such as go forward or back up) and his signal was relayed to the engineer by each one of the crew members on the curve who repeated the exact movements of the hand signals to the engineer. Sometimes it was hard to stay in the engineers view and

San Bernardino Depot 2016

93 years later



The railroad yard is on the left and Metrolink tracks are on the right.

another member on the curve especially if the boxcars or railcars were moving. I remember many times I would have to be on top of the car next to the engineer where he could look up and watch my signals that I was relaying from another crew member who may be on the top of the 25th car from the engine. This process was also used at night when the signals were relayed with a lantern. Crews are no longer allowed to be on top of the cars. The Hand signals are no longer needed but they were used when the distance between two brakemen or switchmen was too far away and verbal communication was not possible. There

were hand signals for everything. There were hand or arm signals to count from 1 to 10, a hand signal to tell you when to eat (go to beans), a hand signal to refer to the cabooses, or another one to let everyone know the Trainmaster was nearby. Naturally the crews communicated verbally and even though there was animosity between Road Crews (train crews operating between terminals such as San Bernardino and Barstow or San Bernardino and Los Angeles), and Yard Crews who are train crews that operate within Yard Limits such as San Bernardino under the Mt. Vernon Bridge. Switch-

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

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Priscilla Burton, Jack Aboytes,

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Family Service Association's Mission is to provide quality human services, child development, housing and senior services to residents

August 2016

Hello Community Members,

Enjoy the cool air at your local Community Center by joining us on "Friday Family Movie Day" the 5th and Hot Dogs, the 12th and Snow cones. Bring your own blanket and pillow! \$1.00 per person and -0- per Child under 3!



Tuesday Bingo Hour 12:30 PM!

4 cards for \$1.00



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 /Diabetes- blood 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.

August 5th 8AM - 10 AM

Informative Resource Vendor: HICAP of Riverside County will have a resource table to provide Free Medicare information. HICAP is a no-cost program that provides free unbiased Medicare counseling. HICAP can assist with an explanation of Medicare benefits, provide Medicare plan comparisons, and thoroughly explain low income assistance programs through their Benefits Enrollment Center offered within HICAP; in addition, talk about Medicare fraud related issues.

August 19th 8AM - 10 AM

Informative Resource Vendor: "Elder Abuse Awareness Education" hosted by C.A.R.E Program regarding IRS Scam and Grandma Scam,

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 per 2 car space.



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Sewing Class \$7.50 per class Wed 10:30-1:30 Call Sandra 951-616-7787 for project materials info and clothing alteration services.

3-D Gelatin Molding Class 5 students minimum sign up to schedule classes. \$15 class/10 class course.

Polynesian Dance Class

Mon 7:15 pm. Wed 10 am Sponsored by Regal Medical Group \$0 COST for Regal Med Members \$2 for non Regal members. Wed & Fri 6:30-7:30pm \$3 per class or \$8 per week

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Square & Line Dance

Tue 6:30pm \$6 donation. Info: 909-823-0294 or 951-788-4245 www.riversidesingles swingers.com

No classes during Open enrollment-3 weeks July 18 - Sept 2nd. First lesson free

Zion Assembly Church of God

Sunday 11:00 AM. For more info call Pastor Pete Sarry 951-237-2337

Sr. Nutrition Lunch Program

Mon - Fri @11:30 AM \$3 suggested donation

Child Development Center Has Openings!!

Free or low cost Early Care and Preschool Programs call 951-342-3151.

Can't wait to hear from you!

Whether you are having a wedding, birthday, anniversary, company or church event; our banquet hall is the place for you. Room capacity is 150 people at a rate of \$100 per hour (Kitchen available for additional flat rate cost). Security needed with all rental event (additional cost). To reserve your party's date a \$200 non-refundable deposit is required. For further details contact center at 951 241-7221

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



HOURS OF OPERATION

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City of Arts & Innovation

News Release

Repairs to Street, Sidewalks and Curbs Close Part of University Avenue

Use caution in work zone on University between Orange Street and Park Avenue

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – Repairs to University Avenue and nearby sidewalks, curbs and gutters will require a partial street closure between Park Avenue and Orange Street for the next month. Work is underway on the south side of University at Orange Street and will continue east

to Park Avenue. Crews then will switch to the north side of University and work their way back westward to Orange Street. The project also includes the installation of new bus pads and updated wheelchair ramps, followed by street paving. Temporary passenger drop-offs and pick-ups will be allowed at current bus pads. Please drive cautiously and safely around the workers and equipment in the work zone. Advanced warning signs will be placed to inform motorists of pending lane closures. Plan ahead and rideshare if possible.

Imperial Lofts Construction to Require Sidewalk, Alley, Street Closures

Bold new residential development on Main Street Mall to increase downtown housing options

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – Site preparation for the Imperial Lofts project on the Main Street Mall in downtown Riverside is scheduled to start early next week, which will require the full or partial closure of a nearby sidewalk, alley and street. The project from Ratkovich Properties on the east side of Main Street, north of University Avenue, will include retail stores on the ground level, 91 apartments and underground parking for residents. “Imperial Lofts is the next step in the development of downtown Riverside and promises to bring even more life and energy to the area when it is completed,” said City Councilman Mike Gardner, who represents the area. “The increased economic vitality of downtown from the mix of businesses and residences there will be worth the inconvenience in the meantime.” Construction is expected to take 18 months and will include demolition of all of the Imperial Hardware Building except the wall that faces the Main Street Mall; excavation for underground parking; and construction of a new building that is connected to the remaining wall of the old building. The site includes land now being used as a parking lot north of University Avenue. Construction typically will be from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays, and will create noise, dust and traffic. Various closures

to ensure the safety of the walking, biking and driving public include:

- Fencing along the property line securing the existing Imperial Hardware Building and the adjacent parking lot. This fence will not interfere with parking on University Avenue or pedestrian access on the Main Street Mall or the sidewalk on the north side of University.
- When demolition of the Imperial Hardware Building begins, fencing will be extended 25 feet from the west side of the building onto the Main Street Mall, as well as on the south side of the building to include the sidewalk on the north side of University Avenue and 9 feet into the traffic lane on University Avenue that is closest to the sidewalk. This will eliminate access to five on-street parking spaces on University Avenue in front of the project.
- The alley that runs north-south from University Avenue to Mission Inn Avenue will be closed from University to the north side of the Imperial Hardware Building, but a six-foot-wide pedestrian walkway will be maintained. The alley from the Mission Inn Avenue side will remain open to vehicles between Mission Inn Avenue and the north side of the Imperial Hardware Building.

There will be some overlap with already-underway improvements to University Avenue between Orange Street and Park Avenue, but that project is scheduled for completion by late August.

“The Imperial Lofts project is the first of many developments that will be breaking ground in our downtown in the coming months,” Mayor Rusty Bailey said. “From housing to hotels to commercial buildings, downtown Riverside is poised to take a giant step forward.”

HIGHGROVE SHERIFF REPORT

Highgrove had five reported part 1 crimes during the 6/28-7-11 reporting period; two thefts, two burglaries, and one auto theft. Overall, crime numbers are down in all categories for Highgrove this year with the exception of burglaries, which have seen a 5.3% increase over last year at this time. That 5.3% increase represents an increase from 19 burglaries in 2015 to 20 burglaries in 2016. Overall, total part one crimes are down 13%. Total violent crimes are down 15% and total property crimes are down 12.5%. Those numbers are really pretty good...In addition, I have just received word that Highgrove received an increase in funds for proactive patrol. The funding was increased from \$25,000.00 to \$35,000.00. We will be continuing additional patrols through the summer so you should continue to notice an increased Sheriff's presence in your community.



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



The Riverside County Department of Waste Resources will make good, reusable household products available free to residents through the new sustainable Materials Reuse Program. Many products collected through the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection program are in good or unused condition and can be reused instead of processed for disposal. The materials reuse program is available at the Agua Mansa Permanent HHW Collection Facility during operating hours. Residents can take home partially used household, yard and car care products for free. Availability of free products varies, but may include: paint, cleaners, pool, spa, lawn care and automotive products. The department saw a need to make reusable products available and an opportunity to reduce operating costs for handling and disposal of the many items collected through the HHW program. Opening the Materials Reuse Store makes sense for the community and the County. Residents can drop-off HHW and shop for free products at the same location. The Department received grant funding from CalRecycle through a Household Hazardous Waste Grant to purchase needed equipment for this program. The department provides an opportunity for Riverside County residents to keep hazardous waste out of the county landfills and ensure it is properly managed. The Hazardous Waste collection program accepts residentially generated household hazardous wastes from Riverside County residents only. The facility is subject to closure during inclement weather or for other hazardous conditions as determined by the county. The Agua Mansa HHW collection facility is open non-holiday Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1780 Agua Mansa Road. For more information, contact the Riverside County Department of Waste Resources at (800) 304-2226, or <http://www.rcwaste.org/opencms/hhw/flyers/AguaMansa.pdf>.

Janet Moreland, Recycling Specialist

Riverside County Department of Waste Resources

(951) 486-3200

Theft at Highgrove Elementary

We had 2 custom concrete benches in form of a turtle and a rabbit stolen on July 5th. They were donated to the school by our PTA. If anyone has any information on these benches they can contact the school or Riverside County Sheriff's Dept. at 951-776-1099.

Thank you, Delia Murillo

Principal's Secretary, Highgrove Elementary School

dmurillo@rusd.k12.ca.us (951)788-7296 ext. 42251



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men do the same type of work but switchmen make up the trains in the San Bernardino Yard and brakemen take the train to other terminals such as Barstow or Los Angeles. When Switchmen were promoted they became Engine Foremen and when brakemen were promoted they became Conductors. I was a promoted Engine Foreman in the Yard and a Conductor on the Road. About the time I was going to retire some of the switchmen on the ground in San Bernardino had a new devise that hung around their neck that replaced the engineer. There was no engineer in the engine at all and the switchman could make the engine go forward, backward or blow the whistle while standing next to the two railroad cars he was going to couple together. I guess this is progress but as communications become more commonplace maybe in some cases these devices are responsible for the loss of many jobs. Other jobs were eliminated also. In San Bernardino in the mid 70's I was elect-

City of Riverside Transportation Committee meeting 1:00 pm Thursday Aug. 11, 2016.
Riverside City Hall
3900 Main St.
Riverside

ed by my co-workers that included Conductors, Engineers, Switchmen and Brakeman as their representative from UTU Local 811 to be their delegate to the National Convention in Miami, Florida. At that time I was able to meet with UTU President Al Chesser to discuss how car inspector jobs were being eliminated and their responsibilities forced onto the train crews. Jobs were lost when the railroads transferred responsibilities from one craft to another. The remaining workers had to do what the previous workers were doing. When I first started it took eleven crew members to take a train from Los Angeles to Barstow. Today it takes only 2, the Engineer and Conductor. But even the 2 man crew on trains is now in jeopardy. How would you like to have just one person in the cab of the engine with 4 or 5 engines pulling a 100 car freight train? If this keeps up we may have to write to our local "robot" and complain how they too are taking our jobs!

Please turn to page 14 for an article about further reducing train crews size from 2 trainmen on the engine to only 1 trainman.



Multi-Agency Pursuit

Riverside County, California- On Thursday July 14, 2016 at approximately 12:54 AM, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) received notification that the Costa Mesa Police Department was in pursuit of a 2015 Subaru Forrester driven by a male (later identified as, Hector P. Vasquez, 43 out of Beverly Hills). At the request of the Costa Mesa Police Department, the California Highway Patrol assumed control of the pursuit on I-605 near Telegraph. Costa Mesa Police Department advised the vehicle was originally wanted for a traffic violation. As they pursued the vehicle, information was obtained from a witness stating Mr. Vasquez had a handgun in his possession and that he matched the description of a serial murderer wanted in Phoenix, Arizona. The pursuit continued until it terminated on westbound SR-91 east of Promenade Ave. as the vehicle came to a stop within the #1

lane. The CHP officers on scene initiated a felony stop, however, Mr. Vasquez failed to follow the given commands and remained within the vehicle. For safety purposes, the eastbound and westbound lanes were completely stopped at 2:05 AM. The CHP requested Corona SWAT to assist with the stop due to safety concerns. Mr. Vasquez eventually exited the vehicle holding what appeared to be a black handgun. Mr. Vasquez threw the gun across the eastbound lanes and then began complying with commands. Mr. Vasquez was taken into custody without further incident. After the scene was deemed safe, the freeway was re-opened at 5:05 AM. After being taken into custody Mr. Vasquez was booked into the Robert Presley Detention Center on suspicion of evading police, brandishing a firearm, and driving while under the influence of a controlled substance. The CHP has been in contact with the Phoenix Police Department and it was determined that Mr. Vasquez was not the suspect wanted in Arizona. After locating the gun, it was also determined that the gun was a pellet gun.

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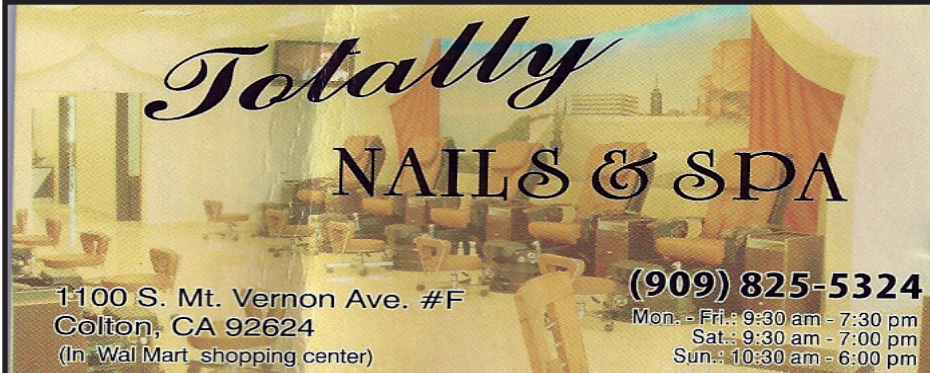
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Why is Highgrove Deputy Colbert's last day so important?

Here is part of the request in the audit that was given to Riverside County on Aug. 5, 2015:

This Audit should include the date that the dedicated Highgrove Sheriff position ended and the amount collected each year after the dedicated Sheriff position was eliminated. The original ballot in 1992 was for "extended police protection" only and in 1997 the ballot added "Park & Recreation Services" but did not include anything about "Landscaping". Riverside County and/or the Sheriff Department is responsible for keeping records about the collection and distribution of the tax money collected from the annual Highgrove parcel assessment of \$120.00. If money from this special self-imposed tax assessment was given to the Riverside County Sheriff Department AFTER the sheriff position was eliminated (without written notification to the property owners or another ballot), then the Highgrove property owners have been paying for a service they no longer have. No one wants to pay for a specific service after it has been eliminated! In an article in the Press Enterprise on June 27, 2016 by Riverside County Sheriff Stan Sniff Sheriff Sniff made the

following statement: *"The department can't trim patrols in cities that contract with the sheriff because these partners, also pinched by labor agreements, pay their own way for specific service levels".* Highgrove was the first un-incorporated community in Riverside County to pay for extra Sheriff protection but this specific service was eliminated which is in direct conflict of Sheriff Sniff's statement. The Highgrove deputy was eliminated several years ago but we need to know when! Today the \$120.00 assessment continues to appear on our property tax bills but somehow the long standing designation on our tax bills has changed from CSA 126E to CSA 126, PARK, REC LNDSCPE that now appears on our July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 property tax bills. The last day Deputy Dean Colbert worked as the "Designated" Highgrove Deputy is important because the day his position was eliminated there should have been another vote. The assessment could have stopped when the service stopped. Determining the Deputy's last day will show how long we have been paying for the deputy position we no longer have and we will be able to determine how much has been collected from Highgrove taxpayers to pay for the Sheriff we no longer have! Highgrove resident are entitled to a refund because they have been paying for a service that was eliminated! See P. 10

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.

Highgrove needs two no whistling RR crossings- wouldn't you like to have a Quiet Zone?

What is a "Quiet Zone?"

Most railroad grade crossings have gates to block vehicles moving in each direction over the crossing. In order to prevent any vehicles crossing the tracks in any direction and create a "Quiet Zone", there must be enough gates on both sides to prevent vehicles from going around the gates when they are down. How many times have you seen a vehicle go around the gates when they are down? There also must be a raised median to prevent vehicles from driving onto the tracks when the gates are down. Trains will still be allowed to whistle during emergencies. Riverside is about to get 12 crossings approved that would be "Quiet Zone"

crossings where train whistles are not required as the train approaches and crosses the intersection. The required whistle is 2 longs, 1 short, followed by another long. Highgrove and the surrounding communities need "Quiet Zone" crossings at Main St. and Center Street. But remember, we are in Riverside County and the trains approaching from San Bernardino are in San Bernardino County. The Supervisors from both counties, City of Colton, City of Grand Terrace, and residents of Highgrove should work together in an effort to make Main St. and Center St. into "Quiet Zone" crossings. This is a "quality of life" issue that seems to just have slipped through the cracks.

Rummage Sale
October 8, 2016
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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 e-mail address to: highgrovenews@roadrunner.com and we will keep you better informed. Thank you!

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Who is paying and who is not!

On Feb. 18, 2015 at the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council meeting we were informed by Riverside County Service Administrator, Bill Brown that the new homes in Spring Mountain Ranch would not have to pay the \$120.00 annual assessment that has been charged to all of the other residents east of the freeway since 1992. This announcement created quite a shock to the Highgrove MAC because each parcel in Spring Mountain Ranch was potential income to contribute to the fund to support our own dedicated Deputy Sheriff.

I reviewed the video of the Feb. 18, 2015 meeting and edited portions of the video to show to the Grand Jury if needed.

The edited video shows Bill Brown introducing himself and identifying his position in the county.

Another short portion is MAC member Becky Luther's question: "Is Spring Mountain Ranch paying the \$120.00?" Bill Brown's answer is "No". He said that "There is no sheriff built into that" and went on to explain that: "In 2010 it was determined that the funds can never keep up because the fee can only be increased by 2% and Sheriff costs are going up by 5%."

Editor: What Mr. Brown failed to understand was that the annual \$120.00 fee would remain the same for all parcels in County Service Area 126 east of the freeway (CSA 126E). New parcels would be paying the same \$120.00 fee as the existing parcels but the fund would increase because more parcels are paying into the system.

MAC member Melanie Zimmermann asked: "Why are we just now hearing about these homes not paying the Sheriff tax?" Mr. Brown answered by saying: "This is the first time I've had to talk about Spring Mountain Ranch"

Editor: 2010 to 2016 is 6 years: If Bill Brown was the CSA Administrator in 2010 and he felt there would not be enough revenue to continue our designated sheriff position, why didn't he give the Highgrove MAC, the parcel owners (voters), or the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper something in writing to inform us that the dedicated sheriff position was in jeopardy? The original authorization came from the voters with a written ballot in 1992 and 1997 but eliminating the sheriff's position without proper written notification has resulted in the Highgrove property owners paying for something we no longer have. That is why it is so important to determine when was the last day that Deputy Dean Colbert was the dedicated Highgrove Sheriff because we do not know how long have we been paying for the dedicated sheriff we do not have!

Remember, on July 1st we started another new Fiscal Year and another \$120.00 will appear on your 2016/2017 tax bill. Please pay the entire property tax that is due and do not delete the \$120.00 because your property could have a lien put on it for non-payment.

We are interested in receiving your input suggesting how to resolve this situation. Please respond by sending your e-mail comments to: highgrovenews@roadrunner.com

At a meeting with the Riverside County Economic Development Agency on April 27, 2016 we were told that Spring Mountain Ranch properties are paying the fees. We were glad to hear this news but we need to know details such as: Is each parcel paying \$120.00 annual fee? Is there a separate column showing amount paid for Sheriff protection? And is there a separate column showing amount paid for park maintenance? And how much is going into the Sheriff fund and how much is going into the park maintenance fund?

California Dreaming

By: Dr. Cynthia Williams

Yup. The heat is upon us, even up here in the northern forest. As usual, it took it's sweet time. So my few little radishes have bolted, and the tomato plants are shooting up. It's unknown at this time if I will get any tomatoes but the plants look good! The "Dog Days" refer to Sirius, the dog star and it's position in the sky. The Greeks and Romans noticed Sirius appeared in late July, the hottest time of the year. This time of year could bring on all sorts of maladies including fever (think mosquitoes), drought, and unrest. The heat has been making people cranky for thousands of years. In more recent times— me.

I'm sure the first Roman emperor - Augustus - who ruled from 27 BC to 14 CE was kept cool by his servants. Wafting palm fans, wonderful wines, juicy, delicious fruits kept him comfortable. Although, considering he died in August and he was 75, the heat probably killed him. And yes, the month of August was named after him.

The heat would appear to be a catalyst for cataclysms. Three large volcanic eruptions occurred in August. In 79 BCE, Vesuvius erupted and destroyed the cities of Pompeii, Stabiae and Herculaneum. It's unknown how many thousands died in this eruption but archeologists have uncovered every evidence of victims, frozen in time covered in lava in Pompeii. Krakatoa, one of the most deadly eruptions killed 36,000 when a 120 foot tsunami swept over the nearby islands. Five cubic miles of earth were blasted into the atmosphere with a height up to 50 miles.

\$754 Million cut by California Transportation Commission

Vehicles with better mileage and falling gasoline tax revenues have resulted in cuts to transportation projects in our state. Does this mean that Metrolink commuter trains are not the states most favorable method to take vehicles off the freeway because they reduce the income needed for other transportation projects? If the state needs more revenue from the gasoline tax from those who are driving gasoline powered vehicles, does this mean that efficient transportation is not as important as ob-



Dog Days of Summer!

The explosions were heard over 2,000 miles away. Volcanic fumes killed more than 1,500 persons in Cameroon in 1986. August is evidently too hot to handle.

On an even more serious note- in August 1945 Hiroshima and Nagasaki were bombed by American forces, dropping history's only atomic bombs used to date on a population to subdue and defeat a foreign enemy. In total, over 205,000 persons died from the initial bomb blasts and later from the effects of radiation poisoning. Emperor Hirohito, realizing that his continuation of his military efforts would only result in greater losses of Japanese lives, accepted Allied surrender terms on August 14th, ending action in the last theater of war. WWII was finally over. The formal surrender ceremony occurred on September 2, 1945 aboard the USS Missouri.

August is HOT. Please keep cool, hydrate, stay indoors and quiet during the heat of the day. You don't want to end up like Emperor Augustus. See you in September!

taining sufficient revenue for other state transportation projects? If a Metrolink station was built at Highgrove that would take hundreds of vehicles off the freeway, would this be a good thing or a bad thing in the eyes of the California Transportation Commission? The Highgrove location only needs a parking lot for a Metrolink station and would be the best economical and common sense decision for efficient public transportation. But taking vehicles off the road.....is that a good thing or a bad thing? Think about this the next time you are stuck on the freeway!



News Release

Moreno Valley Animal Shelter to Hold Five Dollar Fridays Cat Adoption Event

Moreno Valley, CA - The Moreno Valley Animal Shelter will again be holding its "Five Dollar Fridays" Cat & Kitten Adoption promotion every Friday during the month of August on Friday, 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th at the Shelter. This special event will run from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. every Friday in August.

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For more information about these pet adoption promotions, contact the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter at 951.413.3790 or visit the city's web site at www.moval.org and click on "Animal Shelter".

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HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

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

**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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Notice: We have some Highgrove T-shirts in various sizes that have just been printed. They have the Highgrove logo on the front and a picture of a 1916 "Highgrove Brand" orange crate label showing Sugarloaf with an orange grove at it's base. It states: Grown and Packed in Highgrove by Sugarloaf Orange Growers Assn., Highgrove. Call (951) 683 4994

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Have you ever been to Arches National Park in Utah? What a place! Ardie, "Buddy", and I went to the Arches again on our way to Iowa.



Balanced Rock in the Arches National Park is still waiting to fall! If you are there when it falls, please get it on video tape and send to us!



Our dog "Buddy" is shown next to an old Santa Fe Steam Engine when "Buddy" and I took a rest in Kinsley, Kansas on our way back from Iowa.



Kinsley, Kansas is between New York and San Francisco according to this sign. "Buddy" was a great traveling companion. He slept a lot, looked out the window, and kept me company, but I did most of the driving!



Meteor Crater is only 6 miles off Interstate 40 and "Buddy" and I went to see this big hole in the ground created by a meteor years ago. Meteor Crater is between Winslow and Flagstaff, Arizona about 6 miles south of Interstate 40. This side trip was a little off the beaten path and we didn't stay very long but it is a great place to go if you have never been there.

After Highgrove Day, we took off for Iowa to see Ardie's family. This time we drove and took our dog "Buddy" with us. We did some sightseeing and the two top pictures were taken at the Arches National Park on our way to Iowa. After 3 weeks in Iowa, I wanted to start home but Ardie wanted to stay longer than I did. We compromised

and I took Ardie and the dog with me as far as Sioux City, Iowa, where I rented her a car and she drove back to Orange City, Iowa. Then the dog and I headed in the opposite direction for California. Four days of driving and three nights in motels and we were home. A week later Ardie flew into Ontario and Buddy and I picked her up!

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in danger of being lost forever. If you don't want to see your heritage destroyed by ugly warehouses, gigantic development projects and cement flood control channels...Join the club!

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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 following information 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! Refer back to related article on page 5

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Phil's Philosophy

By: Phil Turner

SEX

Now that I have your attention, I want to get a few notions about sex and gender out there for you to think about. The news has been full of the new way we are supposed to look at gender and sex. We are supposed to be OK with someone who declares himself to be a female, to now use bathrooms and shower facilities that were reserved for women. We are to look upon these newly minted women, or men, as we would any unaltered person. As a Christian, we are commanded to love, not judge. That doesn't mean that we are to necessarily agree with or associate ourselves with such behavior. It also doesn't mean that we cannot have opinions both kept to ourselves, or in the spoken or written word. I had a student a few years ago, I'll call Charlie. Simply put Charlie was a girl. He relished every aspect of his gayness or sassiness. Not sure those are real words, but you get the idea. Charlie was a wonderful kid. He was real delight to teach and be around. The point is that some are born with the challenge of gender identity. Are there genetic mistakes, environmental, or cultural issues at play here? Probably all of the above. There are two very major concerns here that are troubling. First is the doctor willing to perform surgery on a patient to change their gender. The most critical dictum of the Hippocratic Oath is "first, do no harm." I think if you are removing a person's genitals,

you are doing harm. So I believe a doctor willing to do such drastic surgery, should immediately lose his license to practice medicine. Maybe even, put in jail. The second concern is the mental stability of a person who wants to undergo such a drastic surgery to change their gender. From what I've read and been made aware of, a person who wants that surgery is, to put it bluntly, crazy. That same person is very likely to have severe mental, and emotional problems. The suicide rate among that community is many, many times higher than the average. We've famously seen the noted athlete Bruce Jenner change his gender identity. What is it about fame that makes it right? Then to be named woman of the year? Woman of the year over the women that took over for Mother Theresa in Calcutta, Queen Elizabeth at 90, whose reigned for over 65 years? Who are these people that proclaim what's right, woman of the year, and such? They are certainly no one whose opinion I respect or feel the need to follow. Because "these people" say it is right, we are in a place that endangers our daughters, and grand-daughters, and normalizes the most abnormal behavior we can imagine. So we have unethical doctors performing, what should be illegal surgeries, on people with unstable mental conditions. And "these people" declare it all well and a new normal. Should we love, care and treat these people? Absolutely. Don't have to condone and embrace this behavior? Decidedly no!



Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District

Dear Community Partner,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that, effective July 1, 2016, CSA Park facilities will no longer be managed by the Regional Park and Open Space District and its management will be returning to Economic Development Agency (EDA). The Regional Park and Open Space District is

working closely with EDA to assure that this is a smooth transition and that service will continue to our customers seamlessly.

Going forward, should you have any questions or concerns, you may contact EDA by calling 866-810-0255.

We have enjoyed the opportunity to work with you and wish you the best in the future.

The letter is in reference to the following parks and community centers:

Facility/Address

-Cabazon Park
50390 Carmen Ave.
Cabazon, CA 92230
-Venable Community Center
-Highgrove Park
459 Center St.
Highgrove, CA 92507
-Younglove Community Center
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Request received for automobile sales and rentals on Iowa Avenue.

The Riverside County Planning Department has received a request for an automobile sales and rental facility located North of Center St., west of Iowa Ave., and east of La Cadena drive.

The request: The Conditional use Permit is for the construction of automobile sales and rental facility containing outdoor automobile storage. The project also proposes a 1,223 sq. ft. sales office/storage/garage building and 12 parking spaces for customers and employees.

I have a copy of the plans if anyone is interested in looking at them and I will bring them to the MAC meeting on Aug. 17, 2016.

Questions of the Day, Week, Month, Year, Years:

How was the money spent that was collected AFTER the Highgrove Sheriff position was eliminated?

If \$651,592.46 was collected during fiscal year from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 how will that money be spent if we are not spending it on a "Dedicated" Sheriff for Highgrove?

Was there ever a contract written up between Riverside County Administration and the Riverside County Sheriff Department about the Sheriff deputy assigned exclusively to the east side of Highgrove?

If there was a written agreement, CSA 126 would like to see a copy of that agreement.

If the \$120.00 assessment was in place before any of the Spring Mountain Ranch homes were built, who made Spring Mountain Ranch exempt from the parcel tax that was already in place? The 1997 ballot specifically stated that: *"all parcels within CSA 126 Zone A to continue to finance the same Extended Sheriff and Park & Recreation Services"*.

(Zone A is east of the I-215 Freeway)

Who is responsible for changing the name of the special assessment from CSA 126E to CSA 126, Park & Rec Lndscpe without a vote?

Are any of the special assessment funds being spent for any services or Park & Recreation or Landscaping on the west side of the freeway?

When was the last day the Highgrove deputy was on duty?

If over 1 million dollars have been collected since 2008 from the special assessment, why does the Audit only show \$287,455.00 in the account for Fiscal Year 2014/15?

Were records kept by Riverside County Administration showing how much was spent each year on Sheriff from the Special Assessment fund and how much was spent each year on Park & Recreation from the Special assessment fund?

On page 3 of the Audit we received from Riverside County on January 12, 2016 it states: *"Due to the recent water conservation regulations, the CSA has replaced landscaping with drought tolerant plants and concrete which dramatically increased expenditures in FY 2014-15"*

Is this a true statement?

How much is in the CSA 126E account as of July 1, 2016?

If Spring Mountain Ranch is now paying \$120.00 per year for each parcel how will this additional revenue be spent? Does the \$35,000.00 now given to the Sheriff Dept. come from the Special assessment account?

Do you need Graffiti Paint?

Hello Barney Barnett,

I am happy that you called today to get more information for the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper about free paint and other good reusable products available at the Materials Reuse Store. The store is located at 1780 Agua Mansa Road in Jurupa Valley. Good reusable paint and other products collected through the Household Hazardous Waste Collection are made available for free at the Materials Reuse Store. Residents, property owners, and businesses can pick-up free paint that can be used to cover graffiti.

Here is the link to the news release for the Materials Reuse Store in Jurupa Valley: <http://www.rcwaste.org/opencms/PublicNotices/NewsReleases/2016PDF/20160609-reusestore.pdf>

Please be aware that the Household Hazardous Waste Collection service (drop-off hazardous waste) is only available to Riverside County residents: <http://www.rcwaste.org/opencms/hhw/flyers/AguaMansa.pdf> This is a good program for Highgrove residents in the Riverside County area. Let me know if you have any questions or need clarification. Thank you for contacting the department for more information.

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Recycling Specialist

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Geological Rambles and Rumbles

By Robert Fakundiny

State Geologist Emeritus, New York

Where Have All The Fossils Gone?

The previous (July) article in Geologic Rambles & Rumbles discussed a 1979 report on the State-Federal partnership in the siting of nuclear power plants, published by the Geological Society of America. The content of that paper remains relevant to residents of Highgrove and vicinity in light of the proximity of the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant (still operating) and the San Onofre plant (now closed). I had intended to provide additional excerpts from that paper for this month's column, but have instead decided to write on a different topic, as I have accrued other writing assignments and submit the following as the final Geologic Rambles and Rumbles article.

Some of the previous articles in this series discuss certain hazards that Highgrove and many of the western states face—earthquakes, landslides, volcanic eruptions (in the distant past)—all of which are related to geographic and geologic conditions; other articles focused on the precious and semi-precious minerals that can be found near Highgrove. This article, in contrast, discusses a geologic subject that Highgrove apparently lacks—namely fossils. Plants and animals of varying forms have occupied southern California for millions of years, but their remains have disappeared except in a few localities far from Highgrove. Their absence is due to the make-up of the soils. The following paragraphs briefly discuss the origin and characteristics of soils in and around Highgrove, and the aquifer (ground-water source) within it that serves the region.

Highgrove is built on an alluvial fan, or bajada, that consists of fine to coarse granitic rock particles that were eroded off the mountains by wind and rain during the last few million years. They were carried by sheet flow onto the valley floor, where they have accumulated to a thickness of several hundred feet. The surface of this alluvial fan on which Highgrove is built slopes gently westward from the Box Springs Mountains and Blue Mountain toward the Santa Ana River.

The rocks that form the mountain ranges from which these deposits originated date from between 150 million and 70 million years ago, as the Pacific oceanic plate collided with the continental plate and slid beneath its western edge, driving the continental material upward. The friction between the two plates produced enough heat to cause the continental rock to metamorphose (transform under pressure during

heating) into schists or to melt it to become granite, as the continental plate rose and became the west-coast mountain ranges. All traces of land and sea life in the Highgrove area during the time of uplift have since been eroded away.

Alluvial-fan material that accumulates on valley floors generally does not contain fossil beds, nor any other trace of the plants and animals that lived upon them. The material is loose and granular, and is continuously being eroded, such that any remains of living things are dispersed before they can form an impression in the surface. Anyone who has attempted to dig in their back yard or to establish a garden in the Highgrove area has found the soil to be loose and granular. Although animals and plants occupied the valley floor for thousands of years, as evidenced by the relatively recent specimens (38,000 years or younger) retrieved from the La Brea tar pits at Los Angeles, I know of no discoveries of fossils of vertebrates, invertebrates, plants, or microbes in soils of the Highgrove area.

Fossils are found mainly in beds of fine-grained, layered material such as shale and siltstone, and also in limestones and volcanic ash beds. Fossil-rich beds of volcanic ash can be found in Red Rock Canyon north of Barstow, whereas clay beds (to become shale) and silt beds (to become siltstone) consist of very fine silt and mica, and form as these particles settle and accumulate in still, shallow water, such as the marine terraces on or near the Santa Ana Mountains. Pressure from the weight of overlying, younger material compacts these layers and converts them to rock, often preserving a fossil imprint of the plants and animals that died there.

The alluvial fan upon which Highgrove is built may contain fossil-bearing layers of siltstone or shale at depth; drilling would be needed to address this question. The alluvial soil receives runoff from the Box Spring and Blue Mountains that seeps into the soil and continues to flow westward and downward to the water table, where it forms an aquifer (groundwater source). In contrast, water in the Santa Ana River valley is derived from the San Bernardino Mountains and flows southwestward, mostly underground, where it merges with the aquifer that underlies Highgrove. Land slippage along the San Jacinto fault and related faults near Redlands has abraded the valley-floor material into a fine-grained, clay-like material that is impervious to water. This material, along with calcite that is found within these faults, dams the aquifer, while the overlying soil (called "cap" materi-

al) keeps the impounded groundwater under pressure. In the past, wells drilled into the Santa Ana aquifer system upstream of the faults flowed at the surface. Water from this aquifer near Redlands is now funneled to Highgrove and Riverside via the Gage Canal to irrigate our citrus groves. * * *

In bidding farewell to Geologic Rambles and Rumbles to complete work here in eastern New York, I wish to say that Highgrove, in which I grew up, remains close to my heart. It is where I found hap-

piness in collecting mineral specimens in the surrounding hills and in mapping various geologic features; it also provided fond memories of Highgrove Elementary School, the Methodist Church, boy-scout meetings at The Grange Hall, swimming in the Gage Canal, hiking in Pigeon Pass, "smudging" in the orange groves in winter, and being befriended by many kind people of Highgrove. I hope that the articles in this column have awakened your interest in some of the geologic aspects of this beautiful region.

Super 8 Motel catches fire when grass fire spreads



On Thursday evening July 21, 2016 a vegetation fire on the south side of I-10 near Hospitality Lane in San Bernardino spread to palm trees and caught the Super 8 Motel on fire. It was a 3 alarm fire with 70 firefighters on the scene fighting the fire. All occupants escaped without injury but one firefighter suffered a minor injury.

I took this photo on the following day and if you look closely you can see the sky through the holes in the roof and the burned palm trees. The Super 8 Motel at this location has 79 rooms, 42 were occupied, and there were 32 rooms and 2 vehicles destroyed.

The Liberty Bell is crying!

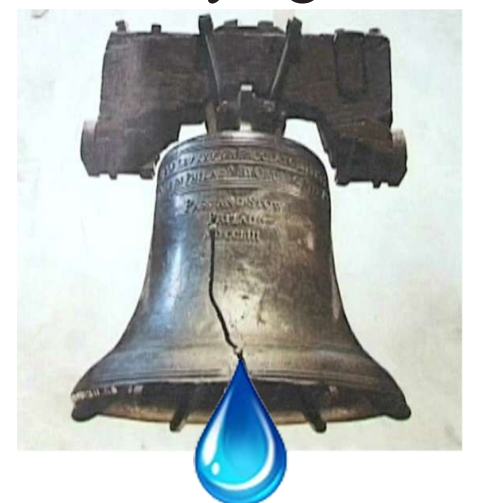
By R. A. "Barney" Barnett

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 its 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"!



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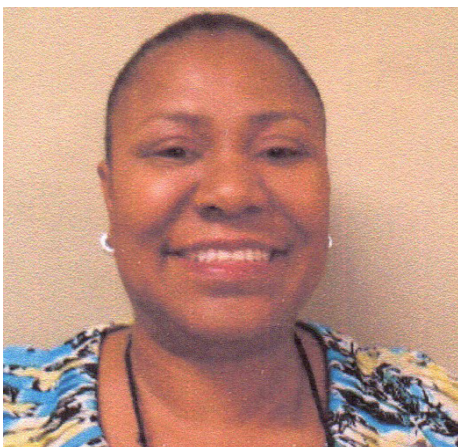
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Highgrove United Methodist Church



We at Highgrove United Methodist Church, are welcoming a new Pastor. I would like to introduce her to the Community of Highgrove and beyond. Her name is Rev. Jackeline A. Vives. Born July 5, 1962 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. She completed elementary and high school at San Juan. Her desire to be Prophetic voice of the community was first inspired by her Sunday school teacher, Mrs. Rosa Gonzalez and her youth pastor, Estela Martinez. In September 1996 she was accepted at Latin American Bible Institute

A Little CARE Goes a Long Way - District 2

Riverside County Code Enforcement staff were in the community of El Cerrito conducting follow-up site investigations when they observed a motorhome parked under a tree in a vacant lot. The staff made contact with a woman who was living in the motorhome with her cats. During their conversation with the female, the staff learned that she had a part-time job at a local convenience store but was experiencing a run of bad luck. A chain of unfortunate events left her homeless and stranded without a working vehicle. Through conversation it was discovered that the woman had struggled to make her medical appointments or fill her medical prescriptions. Code Enforcement staff offered the women potential assistance to which she agreed to. A staff member placed a phone call to a resource partner with the CARE Team, a division within the De-

partment of Public Social Services. A few days later, Code Enforcement and the District 2 Coordinator for the CARE Team met with the woman at her motorhome. They discussed a few programs and benefits that the woman may qualify for, and an application was completed for a program that should meet many of her immediate needs. A plan was also put into motion that would get the motorhome off the vacant lot and point the woman towards a more suitable and safer living condition. The woman was very grateful and expressed relief to both of the County employees. She told them that she felt her luck was finally starting to change.



Earlier today, I testified at a public FRA hearing in favor of a strong federal regulation mandating the use of two-person crews on all freight trains in the United States. I was joined by a wide array of safety advocates supporting two-person crews, including North Dakota Senator Heidi Heitkamp, several Mayors from across the country, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen, the Transportation Trades Department of the AFL-CIO and one of our own members, Mike Rankin, who shared his story about how he and his engineer worked together to save the life of a teenager struck at a grade crossing.

By issuing the proposed rule, the FRA has acknowledged the critical safety importance of two-person crews, and it is my hope that in the coming months the agency will take our comments into consideration and issue the strongest possible final rule.

My testimony is attached to this email and a full account of Mike's story can be found here: <http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/labor/287824-operating-a-freight-train-with-a-single-crew-member-is-unsafe>

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tor Assistant Administrator). 2007 - Wesley United Methodist Church, Los Angeles (Assistant Pastor). 2008 - 2011 - First United Methodist Church of La Puente (Hispanic/Latino Ministry Developer). 2011-2016 - Neighborhood/La Vecindad United Methodist (Part time Senior Pastor). Throughout the years, she has received recognition and numerous awards for her dedication and efforts for the social and spiritual transformative works in the various community.

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