



# HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS



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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area

February, 2009

## Warehouses approved over objections of Highgrove residents.....

### Public Hearing delayed 5 ½ hours

It was a very long day on Tues. Jan. 13, 2009 for everyone who attended the Riverside County Board of Supervisors meeting. Public comments dominated the meeting but not from Highgrove residents.

The regular meeting started at 9:00 am and there was a public hearing (Item 9.7) scheduled on the agenda for 9:30 am entitled: "Amending ordinance No. 630 relating the dogs and cats (to include provisions of mandatory micro chipping and mandatory spaying/neutering)"

This ordinance evidently struck a nerve because about 300 seats were taken up by those who were concerned about this ordinance. There were 140 "requests to speak" cards submitted on this item under public comments. Each speaker is entitled to 3 minutes to speak to the Board of Supervisors during this time. After the public comments there was a discussion among the Board of Supervisors

The Highgrove people who wanted to speak against the Bixby Land Company's plan to put warehouses on the 40 acres between the Highgrove Elementary School and the Methodist Church did not get to speak to the Board until after 7:00 pm. Comments from Pat Meyer, consultant for the Bixby Land Company followed the Highgrove resident's comments.

Two carloads from Highgrove (9 people) arrived at 1:30pm for the public hearing but the previous speakers kept coming to the podium. Later, after a short lunch break was taken, the public comments about the dog/cat ordinance continued with more speakers.

The Highgrove group consisted of one resident who has had open heart surgery, one that is handicapped and another who was not feeling well. We could see that if our agenda item actually did come up, it would be very late and this long wait was beginning to show on some of our people. Melanie Zimmermann took the elevator to the 5<sup>th</sup> floor so she could rest on the couch

but she stayed for the entire session. Four of our speakers donated their time to the ones that remained and one person in our group did not want to speak. By the time the Bixby item came up it was after 7:00 pm – five and ½ hours after the time shown on the agenda.

Art Bernal drove two others home after lunch but the rest of us did not get home until 8:30 pm. Many residents felt that they had valid reasons for objecting to this project. Some were unable to stay and others felt they should stay! But this 7 hour trip by Highgrove residents to voice their "Public Comments" had no impact on the decision made by the Board.

Adam Rush Riverside County Planner stated that the county and developer worked together and met about every other day for 30 to 45 days on this project. Supervisor Ashley stated that he thought the County Planning Commission did a good job and he wants a traffic light at the new intersection on Center Street. He also said: "No more warehouses should be planned on the 13 acres", (referring to a portion set aside for future retail at Garfield and Center St. by the school).

Supervisor Ashley made the motion and at 8:00 pm the board voted unanimously to allow the warehouses to be built!

I would like to thank the following people for attending, staying to the end, and voicing their opinion under "Public Comments": Melanie Zimmermann, Highgrove MAC member; George Saunders, who represented the 119 year old United Methodist Church; Highgrove resident Shari Hodge; and Highgrove resident and former Highgrove PCA member, Beatrice Etchison.

Highgrove residents who were present earlier but did not speak were: Art Bernal, Bob Rice, Ardie Barnett, Adam Ornelas, Frank and Marie Zimmermann, and Denis Kidd from Grand Terrace.

## Local racer ready with new engine



**Brad Pierce of Highgrove is shown getting ready to put a new engine in his 1958 Corvette Race car. He proudly displays his 3 "Wallys" that he has earned with this car!**

Highgrove resident Brad Pierce has been racing cars since he was 16 years old. He comes from a drag racing family and his wife Debbie Pierce also drag races.

Brad has a 1958 Corvette that he bracket races. His estimated time is measured from a standing start to the finish line ¼ mile away. If his elapsed time is in the bracket of 9.9 seconds, for example-to travel the 1320 feet, then his goal is to get to the finish line in that number of seconds. If he gets there in less than 9.9 seconds he breaks out of his bracket and is disqualified unless both cars go quicker. If both cars break out the one who goes quickest is disqualified.

Brad races in the Super Gas class and has a new 547 Cu. In. Chevrolet motor that produces around 900 horsepower. The car burns 114 octane gasoline and the compression ratio that he runs is about 14 to 1.

His car requires a drag chute to help him stop because he goes over 150 MPH.

Debbie Pierce who is an alternate on the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council also races her 1990 Dodge Daytona in the stock class. She runs in the low 14 second bracket in her particular class.

They can be seen at the local race tracks at Fontana and Pomona and also at other tracks such as Phoenix, Tucson, Las Vegas, Sonoma and Bakersfield.

This type of drag racing is very competitive and winning a "Wally" is what the winners receive. The "Wally" is the name of the trophy named after Wally Parks who founded the N. H. R. A. (National Hot Rod Association). Brad has won 3 "Wallys" with his Corvette.

His wife, Debbie works for the N. H. R. A.'s "National Dragster Magazine" and builds advertising for their publication.

Congratulations to these 2 fine people from Highgrove and we wish them the best of luck in the upcoming 2009 season.

**NHRA Winternational Drag Races coming to Pomona Fairplex Feb. 5th thru Feb. 8, 2009. If you have not been to the drags lately you need to go- but don't forget to bring your ear plugs or some type of hearing protection! For more information go to [www.nhra.com](http://www.nhra.com)**

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## Highgrove Day planned for May 9, 2009

Here is your chance to plan ahead and participate in Highgrove day in May. Your comments or your suggestions will be greatly appreciated.  
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# HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS



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**Commodities:** 4th Friday of the month 7am -10am



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Family Service Association will hold a Homework Help program for children ages 5- to 12-years-old, at the Norton Younglove Community Center.

The program is held every Monday through Friday, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Cost per week is: \$5 for one child; \$8 for two children; \$11 for three children; and \$14 for four children. If you would like to enroll your child, become a volunteer, or make a donation to the program, then please call the Center.

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1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month

Bring a rolling cart to the Center and our volunteers will attempt to fill it with food. Community members are asked to provide their own cart, sturdy enough to carry about 40 pounds of food. However, we can **not** guarantee how much food each family will receive. This program is sponsored by the Second Harvest Food Bank.

For more information, please call the Center, (951) 341-6634



Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009

## ROLLING CART PROGRAM

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Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> , 11:00 am

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- Learn the importance of hiring only qualified, licensed professionals
- Learn about the resources and services available

### DATE & TIME

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March 11<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 am

### LOCATION:

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459 Center St.  
Highgrove, CA 92507



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**Exhibit "A"**  
**Economic Development Agency**  
**2008-2009 Rates Charged for Current Services**

Division CSA 126

| Item                            | Current Hourly Fee Amount | 2008-2009 Hourly Fee Amount |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Sports Field Rental Fees</b> |                           |                             |
| w/out lights                    | \$15.00                   | \$15.00                     |
| w/lights                        | \$20.00                   | \$20.00                     |

Currently, Highgrove Community Park is free to the community. Highgrove homeowners pay property taxes that allow us to share the common rights and privileges to walk the track, play basketball, tennis, soccer or baseball.

We have been working on the fields lately to bring children together to play organized baseball here in Highgrove. We have a vision that embraces the children of our community that helps them to develop life skills and keeps them out of trouble as they grow older.

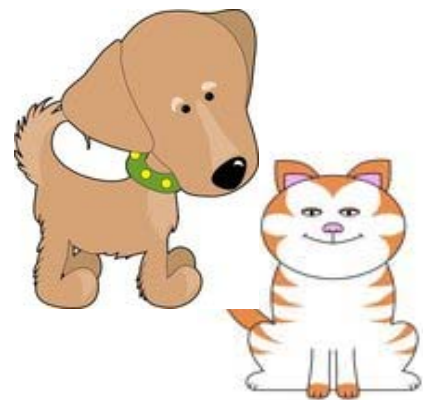
My husband lovingly spends hours each week making the fields the nicest around and we always apply to the RivCo EDA for permission to use the park. We provide our own insurance, but it was brought to our attention today that Riverside County has a policy requiring \$15.00 per hour to be charged for the use of its fields. This would take away our ability to serve the children of our community without charging a fortune and making baseball out of the reach of many.

Highgrove is a community park which by definition should be free for the community. If Riverside County adopted the City of Riverside's policy which is to allow 501c3's like ours- free access to parks, it might solve things for us, but it does nothing about the more serious implications for the other community residents who enjoy the interest we share in the park. Will the basketball players be charged next? What about a charge for taking a jog or walking your dog? The EDA is trying to help us resolve this situation.

Cynthia Cruz, Secretary, Highgrove PONY

## County Dog/Cat ordinance starts March 1, 2009

Microchips in your dog and/or cat will be required under a new ordinance passed by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors. The good news is that animal control officers will not cite anyone until June 1, 2009. Instead of citations officers will hand out information to pet owners whose animals do not have microchips.



Also, pets that continue to require county services such as capturing the animals that are running loose or unlicensed, must be spayed or neutered.

It will cost \$15 for Riverside County Animal Services to inject the microchips under the pet's skin which will identify the animal to find out who it belongs to, vaccination records and other information. The microchip is about the size of a grain of rice.

The fine for dogs or cats over 4 months old will be \$100 for the 1st offense, \$200 for the 2nd offense and \$500 for the every offense thereafter. But the fines will be waived if the owner promptly microchips their pet.

At the Board of Supervisors meeting on Jan. 13, 2009 animal rights activists, pet owners and breeders came out of the woodwork so to speak. And speak they did-for over 5 hours! The public comments portion of this ordinance delayed the Bixby warehouse public hearing plan that was scheduled for 1:30 pm. The Highgrove/Bixby item was not heard until 7:00 pm that evening.

For more information on microchipping and spay/neuter visit [www.rcdas.org](http://www.rcdas.org) and look for Ordinance NO. 630.

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**“Public comments” from  
R. A. “Barney” Barnett to  
THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Jan. 13, 2009**

On AUG. 29, 2006, you as members of THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS created THE HIGHGROVE MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL that replaced CSA 126 that served HIGHGROVE for 17 years. This was a welcome change that was designed to address ALL concerns of the HIGHGROVE area instead of just being limited to Sheriff Protection, Parks & Rec., and landscaping as provided for by the former CSA 126. In the past, we have benefited from the generosity of Riverside County and we appreciate what has been accomplished in our area. But this plan is different in many ways!

Somehow the BIXBY WAREHOUSE PLAN did not include notifying the HIGHGROVE MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL in regard to what was being planned right in the middle of our community.

As soon as the Bixby plan was discovered, the HIGHGROVE MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL sent a letter dated Oct. 22, 2008 (signed by all 5 MAC members and both alternates) to THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT. A portion of that letter reads:

**“THE HIGHGROVE MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL IS REQUESTING THAT THE PROPOSED ZONE CHANGE BEING REQUESTED BY THE BIXBY LAND COMPANY BE DECLINED UNTIL THE HIGHGROVE MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL HAS A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THIS CHANGE WILL AFFECT OUR COMMUNITY”.**

But on NOV. 5, 2008, THE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION authorized a zone change of the Bixby Property from IP to MSC over the written and verbal objections of the HIGHGROVE MAC.

The following day, Nov. 6, 2008 I received a copy of a letter dated MARCH 21, 2008 from the CITY OF RIVERSIDE that was addresses to THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

The letter from the city stated in part: (Quote): **“THE PROPOSED WAREHOUSE USES ARE THUS INCONSISTENT WITH THE AREA’S EXISTING DEVELOPMENT PATTERN, PARTICULARLY GIVEN ITS ADJACENCY TO SENSITIVE LAND USES INCLUDING HIGHGROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, THE HIGHGROVE LIBRARY, AND THE SURROUNDING ESTABLISHED NEIGHBORHOODS.”** (End quote)

(A new library is planned east of the school on Center St., but the school will remain at its present location). The letter also states:

**“GIVEN THE FACT THAT ESTABLISHED RESIDENTIAL USES EXIST ADJACENT (TO THE WEST) TO THE PROPOSED DETENTION BASIN, PLANNING DIVISION STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT SUCH DETENTION BASIN BE MOVED TO A MORE CENTRAL LOCATION WITHIN THE PROPOSED PROJECT SITE”.**

The letter from the city was written 7 MONTHS BEFORE the local residents learned about what was being planned, but HIGHGROVE was the last to know the details about this project!

The developer was invited to our public meeting on NOV. 26, 2008 but declined due to other commitments. A SPECIAL MEETING was discussed

for DEC. 3<sup>rd</sup> so residents could be notified through the “HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS” newspaper that would be home delivered on DEC. 1<sup>st</sup> which was 2 days prior to the special meeting.

**In spite of objections, THE MEETING WAS MOVED UPTO NOV. 18th, which meant that there was NOT ENOUGH TIME TO NOTIFY RESIDENTS by mail about the special meeting!**

The special meeting was held on NOV. 18<sup>th</sup> and a presentation made by the BIXBY LAND CO. and their consultant.

Even though many residents were not aware of this special meeting, a few phone calls resulted in 27 people speaking during the “Public Comments”. These and other comments were printed in the December 2008 issue of the HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS entitled:

**“SPECIAL COMMUNITY MEETING DRAWS CONCERN FROM HIGHGROVE RESIDENTS”** and can be viewed on-line at: [www.highgrovehappenings.net](http://www.highgrovehappenings.net)

Many residents complained about the truck traffic this project will create, and that it is too close to the school. The new intersection for the truck entrance will be on Center St. where the children walk to and from the Highgrove Elementary School. It was pointed out that 500 parking spaces will make a terrific impact on traffic on Center Street. (Actually 586 spaces). Trucks over 6 tons are prohibited on Prospect Ave. so Center St. will be the main truck route. The consultant said that there were no tenants ready to lease the buildings and it was pointed out that many nearby warehouses south of the arroyo are vacant. This project skips over Bixby’s own 27 acres of vacant land adjacent to the warehouses on the Riverside side of the arroyo. The public’s comments evidently were taken seriously because the consultant

did attend the MAC meeting after all on Nov. 26, 2008 as a member of the audience.

This project is located between the Highgrove Elementary School and the Highgrove United Methodist Church that started in 1890 (that makes it 119 year old). 2 different church congregations presently meet at this church. Immediately following the 1<sup>st</sup> service another congregation comes in and meets at this same church.

Highgrove is proud of its historical past but these large concrete buildings are not compatible with the community. And there is no guarantee that this plan will provide any “services” to Highgrove such as a shopping center, post office, bank, hardware store or other related services that Highgrove so desperately needs. Highgrove residents are spending their money for these services in San Bernardino County because they have to go to Grand Terrace.

Highgrove used to have a post office, a bank, a hardware store, and even a train depot for passengers but that was years ago. We need a plan for the future just to get back to where we were!

Today Highgrove has the potential for a great future by proper planning and there is plenty of room for growth.

Highgrove needs “services” not warehouses! Empty warehouses do not bring “services” or “jobs”!

**This is the wrong project, at the wrong location, at the wrong time, especially during these hard economic times!**

**As Supervisors we hope you will listen to the “voice of the people who live in Highgrove” and stop this project!** This project does not need to be put on FAST TRACK- IT NEEDS TO BE DERAILED!

(Please enter this into the record)

*A related article appears above right entitled “Failed Bank CEO is also Bixby Land Co Consultant!”*

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## Failed Bank Chairman is also Bixby Land Co. Consultant!

The chairman of the Board of Directors for the 1st Centennial Bank, Pat Meyer also has another title. He is the consultant and spokesman for the Bixby Land Co.'s development of 11 warehouses on the vacant land by the Highgrove Elementary School. Just 10 days before the 1st Centennial Bank failed, he asked the Riverside County Board of Supervisors to "FAST TRACK" the process to build these warehouses. Many Highgrove residents opposed this project at the public hearing on Jan. 13th. Mr. Meyer is the owner of Urban Environs in Redlands and is also the Chairman of the Board of the 1st Centennial bank that was closed by the State Department of Financial Institutions on Jan. 23, 2009. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC) was appointed as the receiver

but First California Bank will take over in its place. Mr. Meyer, was also the consultant during the initial phases of the Spring Mountain Ranch development that has yet to be developed. Many residents of Highgrove are concerned why the Bixby warehouses had to be "fast tracked" especially during these hard economic times when the warehouses will not bring any services and the jobless rate is 10% in the area. No information is available at this time if Mr. Meyer's request for fast tracking the warehouses in Highgrove as the Bixby consultant, had any connection with his position with the failed 1st Centennial bank just 10 days later. For more information contact the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. at 1 800 822 1918 or visit [www.fdic.gov](http://www.fdic.gov) and click on FDIC failed Bank List.

## Warehouses, Office Buildings or Business Park?

What ever you want to call it, the notice of the public hearing states: **11 warehouses and office buildings** that were given "FAST TRACK" on Jan. 13, 2009. Here is a copy of the notice that was sent out by the County:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY ON A FAST TRACK CHANGE OF ZONE, TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP AND PLOT PLAN IN THE UNIVERSITY AREA - HIGHGROVE AREA PLAN, FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing at which all interested persons will be heard, will be held before the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County,

California, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Board Chambers, County Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, on **Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 1:30 P.M.** to consider the application submitted by Bixby Land Company - Patrick Meyer on **Fast Track Change of Zone No. 7620**, which proposes to change the zone from Industrial Park (I-P) and Manufacturing -Service Commercial (M-SC) to Manufacturing -Service Commercial (M-SC), or such other zones as the Board may find appropriate; **Tentative Parcel Map No. 35612, Schedule E**, which proposes to subdivide 35.96 net acres into thirteen (13) parcels from 0.38 to 14.04 net acres; and, **Plot Plan No.**

23256 (FTA 2007-30), which proposes 11 warehouse and office buildings ranging in size from 6,112 sq. ft. to 67,432 sq. ft. for a total of 370,595 sq. ft. (334,595 sq. ft. warehouse, 26,000 sq. ft. office, 10,000 sq. ft. mezzanine-) on 19.21 gross acres of a 35.96 gross acre site ("the project"). The project proposes 586 parking spaces, one (1) parcel that will remain vacant, and one (1) detention/infiltration basin. The project will be divided in two phases divided by buildings A1 to A7 and B1 to B4. The project is located northerly of Spring Street, westerly of Garfield Avenue, southerly of Center Street, and easterly of California Avenue in the University Area - Highgrove Area Plan, Fifth Supervisorial District.

The Planning Department approved the project, found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and recommended the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for **Environmental Assessment No. 41705**.

The project case file may be viewed from the date of this notice until the public hearing, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at 4080 Lemon Street, 1st Floor, Riverside, California 92501, and at the Riverside County Planning Department at 4080 Lemon Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Riverside, California 92501.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THIS PROJECT, PLEASE CONTACT RUSSELL BRADY, PROJECT PLANNER, AT (951) 955-1888 OR EMAIL [rbrady@rctlma.org](mailto:rbrady@rctlma.org).

Any person wishing to testify in support of or in opposition to the project may do so in writing between the date of this notice and the public hearing, or may appear and be heard at the time and place noted above. All written comments received prior to the public hearing will be submitted to the

Board of Supervisors and the Board of Supervisors will consider such comments, in addition to any oral testimony, before making a decision on the project.

If you challenge the above item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence to the Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing. Be advised that as a result of the public hearing and the consideration of all public comment, written and oral, the Board of Supervisors may 'amend, in whole or in part, the project and/or the related environmental document. Accordingly, the designations, development standards, design or improvements, or any properties or lands within the boundaries of the project, may be changed in a way other than specifically proposed. Please send all written correspondence to:

Clerk of the Board 4080 Lemon St., 1st Floor

Post Office Box 1147

Riverside, CA 92502-1147

Dated December 24, 2008

Nancy Romero Clerk of the Board

By: Cecilia Gil, Board Assistant

**Editor's Note: The Bixby consultant has taken exception of my referring to these buildings as "warehouses" at our community MAC meetings and stated that he preferred that the Bixby Project should be referred to as a "Business Park". But the notice from the county states that they are proposing 11 warehouses and office buildings. Call it what you want but it is still my opinion that this project between the School and Church will cut the Highgrove community right in half, and still not provide any local services. The voices of the people who live in Highgrove fell on deaf ears and this project will have long term affects on the future of our community!**



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## Where will the Palmyrita Ave. Metrolink Station be located?

Grading is underway for a giant warehouse south of Palmyrita!



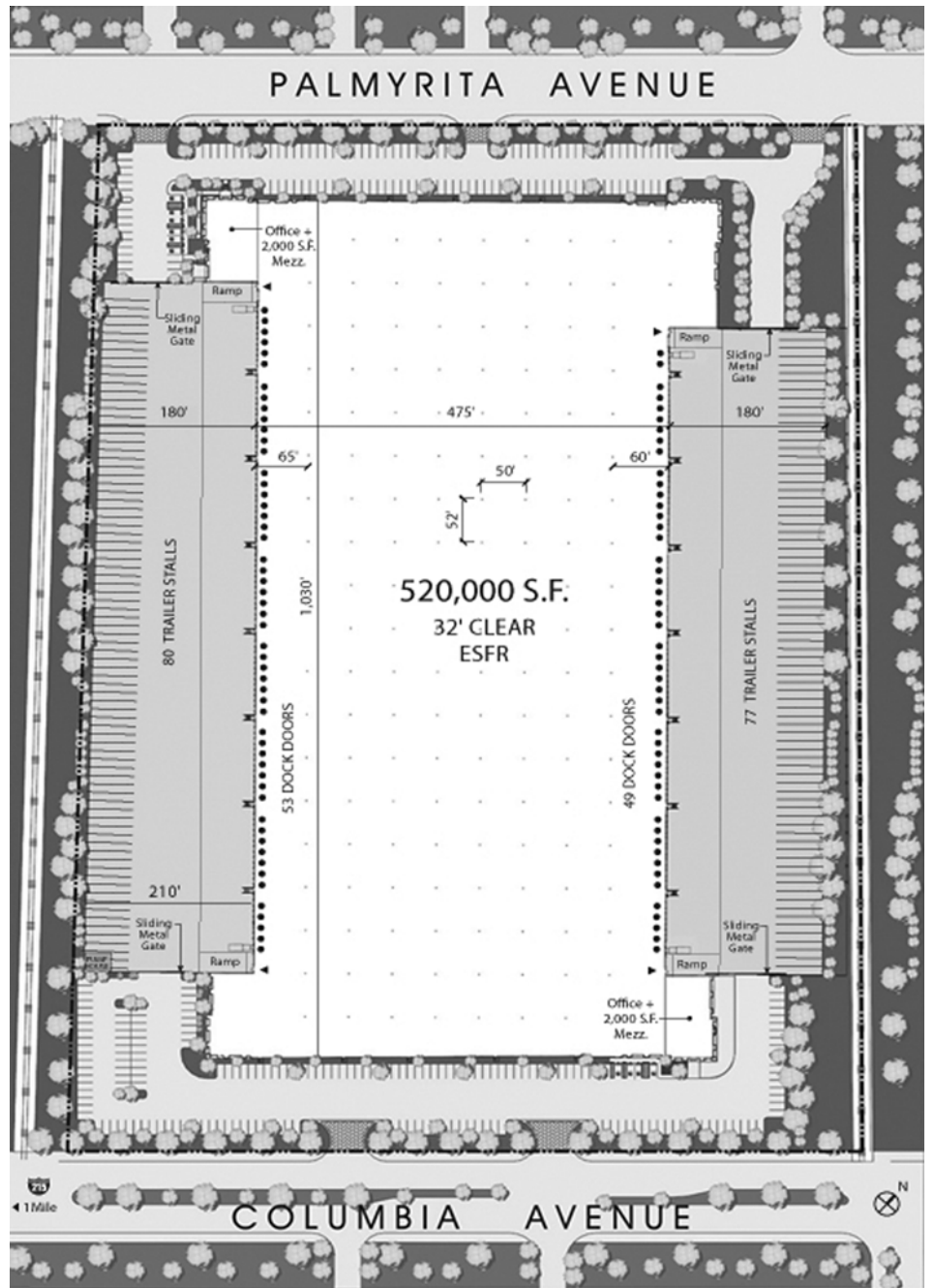
**SOUTHEAST CORNER**

This is the southeast corner of Palmyrita Ave. and the Perris Valley Line railroad track. Grading for the 520,000 Sq. Ft. warehouse shown at right is underway!



**SOUTHWEST CORNER**

On the southwest corner of this area is a warehouse next to the railroad track so this location for a Metrolink Station is out because there is no room for parking. This photo is looking south at the Perris Valley Line RR across Palmyrita Ave.



25 acres are being graded for this giant 520,000 Sq. Ft. warehouse that stretches from Palmyrita Ave. all the way to Columbia Avenue. The plan above shows 53 dock doors on the west side and 49 on the east side for 102 dock doors. It also shows 80 trailer stalls on the west side and 77 trailer stalls on the east side for a total of 157 trailer stall parking spaces. This warehouse is really big like the others that are in the Hunter Park area along Palmyrita Ave. and Columbia.

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**NORTHEAST CORNER**



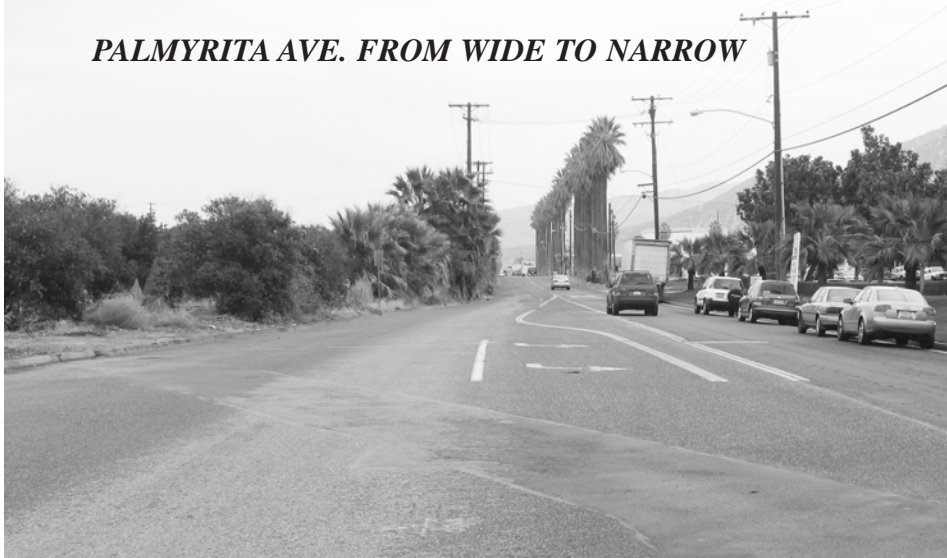
The northeast corner is already occupied by West Coast Wire and Steel Co.

**NORTHWEST CORNER**



And the northwest corner appears to be an orange grove but is only 4 rows of trees deep. This is the narrow part of Palmyrita Ave. just west of the RR track.

**PALMYRITA AVE. FROM WIDE TO NARROW**



These trees will be gone when Palmyrita is widened to match the existing width of the street. Notice how the trees extend into the right-of-way where the road narrows? Palmyrita is wider at both ends of this small orange grove.

(Photo looking east toward the new warehouse that is under construction).

The photo at the left states that it will be a warehouse with 530,000 Sq. Ft. but the floor plan says 520,000 Sq. Ft. Either way this is a big warehouse!

**If this was the location that RCTC wanted for their Palmyrita Ave. station then they are out of luck! Only 1/2 mile away is where there are still 19 acres of vacant land that could be the Highgrove Metrolink Station that is the same land needed to connect the 2 railroads.**

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Metrolink questions directed to

Riverside County Transportation Commission

**Question from Highgrove Happenings: (R. A. "Barney" Barnett)**

1. Has any Federal money been withdrawn from the Perris Valley Line project during 2008 or 2009? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

2. If so, how much was taken back and what date did that occur? \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer from RCTC: (John Standiford)**

*1 & 2) No federal money has been "taken back." The facts are quite simple: \$50 million was included in the Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2009. The PVL was listed with many other projects to be funded in that particular bill. Congress did not approve an Appropriations Bill for FY 2009 and instead approved a continuing resolution. The bottom line is that the \$50 million was never approved because the bill never made it to the President's desk. However, we continue to hold our favorable rating with the Federal Transit Administration and will certainly receive as much as \$75 million in funding for the project as long as the Small Starts program is funded. In addition to the federal Small Starts funding, RCTC has already received more than \$2 million in federal funding for the project from sources other than the Small Starts program.*

*The key points to remember are: 1) Congress approved \$50 million for the project, 2) Congress' bill which funded all kinds of projects was shelved 3) the project enjoys a favorable rating from the FTA which keeps it in line for federal funding, and the project has a demonstrated track record of already receiving federal funding.*

**Question:**

3. Has RCTC purchased the vacant property to connect the PVL railroad to the BNSF railroad south of Villa St. and north of the arroyo? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer:**

*3) We are working closely with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad on a number of issues regarding this project and our commuter rail service.*

*Most recently, the discussions have been productive and cooperative, but it is premature to reveal the exact details of what are legally-privileged negotiations. We hope to have details finalized in the near future and will announce it when we are able to do so. The same is true regarding the land for the connection.*

**Question:**

4. Where is the exact location of the Palmyrita Ave. station site that is planned by RCTC?

5. Does RCTC own the property for the Palmyrita Station site? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer:**

*4 & 5) We are considering multiple locations for the Palmyrita station.*

*As we have repeatedly explained, the purchase of land at any location in this area depends on the approval of our environmental document.*

*Much like our negotiations with BNSF, we will provide details and information as soon as it is appropriate to do so.*

**Question:**

6. Do you have an agreement with the BNSF to run commuter trains between Riverside and Perris? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer:**

*6) We already have the right to run commuter trains along the San Jacinto Rail Line toward Perris, because RCTC owns it. Our main concern with BNSF is between Highgrove and Riverside and that is something that we are negotiating.*

**Question:**

7. Will there be a 4<sup>th</sup> main line to accommodate trains between Highgrove and Riverside? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer:**

*7) Once again this involves working with BNSF and that continues to take place. Constructing another track is an important component in solidifying the approval to run service between Highgrove and Riverside.*

The RCTC web site shows 460 parking spaces at the Palmyrita Station with a proposed start-up date of 2011 that increases to 550 spaces in the year 2030.

But where will the Palmyrita station be located to accommodate this much parking? 3 out of 4 corners are already taken and the other corner has orange trees that are only 4 rows deep that will be eliminated when Palmyrita is widened. Only 1/2 mile north of Palmyrita are 19 acres of vacant land in Highgrove, that is mandatory for the curved track to connect the 2 railroads. Highgrove is an ideal location for a Metrolink stop and the station would be on RCTC property. The curve would be part of the Perris Valley Line. Highgrove now has 62 commuter trains per week that pass right through Highgrove on the BNSF tracks. The station needs to be where the commuter trains are now, and not where others may be in several years when the Perris Valley Line is completed!



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| Hazardous Waste   | 911       | 951-486-3200     | <b>Board:</b>   | Don Earp 909-825 2612           |
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| Highgrove Sheriff Deputy  | 911       | 951-955 2611     |   | Debbie Pierce 909 838 3929      |
| Riverside County Sheriff  | 911       | 951-955 2600     |   | Mark Visyak 951 684 9172        |
| <b>Riverside County Agencies</b>  |           |                  |   | Melanie Zimmermann 951 683 0998 |
| County Supervisor Ashley  |           | 951-955 1050     |   | *Kathy Cochran 951 683 2806     |
| Building and Safety   |           | 951-955 1800     | <b>Churches</b>                                       |                                 |
| Child Protection/Social Services  |           | 951-358-3700     | Highgrove United Methodist                            | 951-684-1395                    |
| Code Enforcement  |           | 951-275-8739     | Immanuel Baptist                                      | 951-784 1100                    |
| Economic Develop Agency (Andy Frost)  |           | 951-955 6619     | Good News Baptist                                     | 951-683 2916                    |
| Graffiti Abatement  |           | 951-955-3333     | Calvary The Brook (Grand Terrace)                     | 909-424 0010                    |
| Local Agency Formation Commission LAFCO   |           | 951-369 0631     | Christ the Redemer Catholic (Grand Terrace)           | 909-783 3811                    |
| Highgrove Library   |           | 951-682 1507     |   |                                 |
| Office on Aging   |           | 951-867-3800     | <b>Utilities Serving Highgrove</b>                    |                                 |
| Registrar of Voters   |           | 951-486 7200     | Water (East of RR tracks) Riverside Highland Water Co | 909-825 4128                    |
| <b>Transportation</b>   |           |                  | Water (West of RR tracks) City of Riverside Business  | 951-782 0330                    |
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| <b>Newspapers</b>   |           |                  |   |                                 |
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## “In Our Own Backyard”

by Cynthia Williams, DC

*Places to go, things to do, people to see!*

How many of us have said- “I’ve lived here for 25 years and I have never been to that [fill in the blank]!” This column is to introduce you to what is in your own backyard and show you what you are missing. Then maybe you will want to go explore for yourself.

### Abraham Lincoln Shrine, Redlands, California

“And in the end it’s not the years in your life that count. It’s the life in your years”. *Abraham Lincoln*

The personal and political life of Abraham Lincoln was in the news a great deal in conjunction with the inauguration of President Barack Obama. America will be celebrating the 200th birthday of the 16<sup>th</sup> President of these United States this February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Located in the heart of Redlands, the Lincoln Memorial Shrine houses the largest collection west of the Mississippi of books, manuscripts, Civil War artifacts, personal property and ephemera related to President Lincoln and the Civil War. The materials numbering in the thousands are maintained by the Special Collections Division of Smiley Library.

Opened in 1932 by Robert Watchorn, a Lincoln admirer, it was dedicated to Watchorn’s son Emery who died in 1921 at the age of 26

from injuries suffered in WW I. Built and endowed by Watchorn, he and his wife Alma presented it to the City of Redlands on February 12, 1932 as a tribute to Lincoln and their son.

The original Shrine was built with reinforced concrete and faced with Bedford Indiana limestone. The facings on the building are inscribed with excerpts from Lincoln’s speeches. Originally the building was a simple octagonal shape with plans for expansion. Due to the Depression Watchorn’s plans for additions would be minimized as 75 foot patio wings added in 1937. It was not until February 12, 1998 that the patio wings were enclosed and opened to the public. The expansion enabled the shrine to house an extensive collection of Civil War weapons and ammunition, relics, and uniforms. In addition, there is a grizzly display of Civil War-era surgeons’ tools- which could easily be mistaken for a carpenter’s tools! When I visited the shrine, I noted a very intriguing phenomenon inside of the octagonal building. The acoustics are so exquisite, that if one stands on any side of the main building, a bare whisper can be heard! I was listening to a docent talk to a visitor and I thought he had a microphone; the sound was that clear and that loud!

The Lincoln Shrine has a well-developed art collection. On prominent

display is a 1945 original painting by Norman Rockwell entitled “Thoughts on Peace on Lincoln’s Birthday.” The centerpiece of this painting is a WW II veteran holding a crutch and appearing to have had an amputated leg. This depiction of a wounded soldier was very controversial as this was during the ongoing war and there was a general attitude that all soldiers should be portrayed as strong, whole and happy. This painting was donated to the Lincoln Shrine in 1945, several months after it appeared in an issue of the *Saturday Evening Post*.

Other interesting items in the museum include castings of Lincoln’s hands and face; sometimes called a “death mask”, this cast of Lincoln’s face was done in 1860, well before his death in 1865. Contrary to common myth, there was no death mask ever done.

The docents are very knowledgeable, helpful, and eager to show visitors the facilities. The facility which also has a gift shop corner, is open 7 days a

week; with winter hours and summer hours. It is closed most holidays but is open on Lincoln’s birthday. Admission is free.

This year being the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of Lincoln, there are many special activities planned. There will be a Boy Scout Pilgrimage march through downtown Redlands to the Lincoln Shrine from 10 am to 12pm on February 7<sup>th</sup>. On the 8<sup>th</sup> there will be an open house at the Lincoln Shrine. 1pm to 4 pm, it is free to the public. On the 12<sup>th</sup> is the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Watchorn Lincoln Dinner. Reservations are required.

Lincoln Memorial Shrine, 125 West Vine Street, Redlands, CA 92373; 909-798-7632 or 909-798-7636

Other Lincoln quotes:

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## A "LOVING" LOOK AT POLITICS

by Jerry Loving

### Taxpayers & Voters lose Every Time

Well, here we go again. We have Senator Clinton, Biden, and Obama getting elected to higher jobs and now they have to be replaced in the Senate. I have several concerns over this revolving door for politicians:

**One**, while they were running for the higher office, did they forgo their Senate paychecks, since they were not at their desks representing the people who elected them into office? Are you kidding? Not only did they cash them, they were getting even more contributions because they were candidates for another office.

**Two**, shouldn't their replacements be elected by the taxpayers and voters in their respective States? Common sense would answer this question with an emphatic yes, but that isn't going to happen! The new Senators will get appointed and it is usually one of the cronies that probably would not be elected if they had to run for the office. Like it or not, our political system is not for the people but for the politicians. As for the Governor of Illinois, what a loser. And to think Obama came from that State and we think he is squeaky clean? Obama has taken advantage of the young people and the minorities in this country to get what HE wanted, the Presidency. I am afraid that his voters are going to see his true colors within a year and will deeply regret voting for him.

**Three**, these Senators who seek a higher office and get it, should have to pay for the elections to replace them. That's right. How can they say they

want one job and then get it and then run for another job? Greed! Money! Power! And they can and get away with it. Who wins in this situation? The politician. Who loses? The voters and taxpayers.

**Four**, our political system is a mess at all levels. We have had a President appointed by the Supreme Court even though the voters wanted his opponent in office. We have at least three Senators bailing out of the jobs the voters wanted them to do for them and now are in better jobs and were appointed to them leaving their old jobs vacant and as political plums for the powers to pick who they want in office. And to make matters worse, in New York, we have a congresswoman being appointed to the Senate and now the voters will have to elect her replacement or the politicians will get to appoint her replacement.

In conclusion, it is obvious that the voters in this country have lost control of the political system. And to bring this home to Riverside, we just had a Superintendent of Schools and a Sheriff bail out of their jobs for higher paying jobs. I just read where the Superintendent of Schools who took the State job just retired from the higher paying job. So it is all about money, retirement, and making the taxpayers pay for it all. Yet, we keep hearing that even though we have "minor" problems with our political system, it is still the best system in the world. Sorry. That's not true anymore. Oh, even though our economy is in the toilet, Congress gave

themselves a raise and the banks are taking the tax dollars and buying other businesses when they are supposed to be helping the people. Do you want to know how much money we have borrowed from China which is really our money we spent on the products they make for American companies and they sell to us? One trillion dollars. I will

even write it out for you. \$1,000,000,000,000.

That's a lot of money-I don't care who you are!

*Editor's note: The opinions expressed in this article are the viewpoints of its author and do not necessarily reflect the viewpoints of the "Highgrove Happenings"*

### Highgrove incident under investigation



Former Highgrove Deputy Sheriff Jason Corey is now working homicide out of the Jurupa Valley Station and is shown in front of the car when he was part of the investigating team that responded to a call in Highgrove.

On Jan. 21, 2009 at about 7:00 am Deputies from the Jurupa Valley Sheriff's Station arrived in the 3200 block of Center St. just west of Stephens St. regarding a found body.

Upon arrival, Deputies found a Hispanic adult male deceased at the location.

The case is currently being handled as a suspicious death by the Sheriff's Central Homicide Unit.

An autopsy was scheduled for the following day but the results of that autopsy was not available in time for our February issue.

The man was later identified by the Sheriff's Dept. as Ronald Chagolla, age 46. Anyone with any information is encouraged to contact Det. Corey at Central Homicide (951) 955 2777 or Det. Negrete at (951) 955 2600.

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**From the Modle T to E l e c t r i c i t e:  
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*Henry Ford's Modle T*

On Oct 1, 1908 the Ford Model T was introduced by Henry Ford. Now over 100 years later this wonderful form of transportation has become a nightmare with so many vehicles on our roads and freeways.

I have often wondered how many vehicles per day are being added to the market compared to how many vehicles are being taken off the streets or junked each day. (Let me know if you know the ratio of this one). Henry Ford started mass production but over the last 100 years it has gotten way out of hand and there are just too many cars for sale and no one wants to buy them especially during this financial crisis.

Unfortunately foreign imports have left American made cars in the dust. In 2008 Toyota finally outsold General Motors for the first time after 77 years but still suffered a \$1.5 billion dollar loss. Chrysler and Fiat are forming an alliance since Chrysler is in financial trouble and everyone wants a "bailout".



*General Motors EV 1*

I took this picture on March 18, 1997 showing rows and rows of new EV 1 electric vehicles made by General Motors. At the time these cars were supposed to be the thing of the future but somehow they didn't catch on and I guess they too have become obsolete. (I added the power lines above)

The EV 1 could accelerate to 60 MPH in less than 5 seconds and had a range of about 100 miles before needing to be re-charged. (not like above)

In 1997 I was working as a Switchman in San Bernardino and placed railroad cars into position for unloading at the GM facility between the Rialto Ave. overpass and Mill St. overpass in the Santa Fe (now BNSF) yard.

Production of the EV 1 stopped in 2003 and I read that GM took them out to the Mojave Desert and destroyed them. Now there is a mad scramble to build hybrid cars because of our dependency on oil to provide gasoline for the millions of cars that are still on our roads. Have we (or GM) learned anything? Was the EV 1 a bad idea?

## OBITUARIES



**Jose "Frank" Araizaaka:  
Pancho Age 74**

Was called to be with the Lord on December 22, 2008.

Funeral services were held January 2, 2009. He dealt with diabetes and kidney disease for many years but died of a heart attach after a surgical procedure. Frank was born and raised in Coachella, CA. He served in the US Army 1957-1959. He resided in Highgrove area from 1962-1995.

He raised 3 children who attended Highgrove Elementary. He moved to Coachella Valley for a couple of years before moving back to the Riverside area.

He is survived by his wife Mary, son Chuckie, daughters, Barbara Araiza and Jackie Araiza-Reyes (Ron). Eight sister and 1 brother. Grandchildren: Ronnie Reyes, Richard Flores, (Laura) Charlie (Gloria) and Michael (Alexandria) Araiza, Andrea Reyes, Desirae Flores and Nicky Reyes; Great-grandchildren: Elijah, Isaac, Mariah, Lukas and Savannah. Pancho had many friends and enjoyed their friendship and laughters.

He will dearly be missed by all. His love for his family will be treasured forever.



**Juan Gomez  
Age 90**

Juan Gomez was born in Highgrove on Jan. 28, 1919 and passed away on Jan. 10, 2009.

Juan would have been 90 on Jan 28<sup>th</sup>. He was a life-long resident of Highgrove and attended Highgrove Elementary School. He was a Veteran of World War II. He entered the army, in Oct 1941 and was honorably discharge on Oct 1945. He was stationed in the Aleutian Islands during the war and later he worked for Hancock Brick Company in Highgrove after the war. In 1948 he started working at Norton Air Force Base, and worked in food service and was a commissary worker. He retired after 33 yrs of civil service. His hobbies included walking and he was an avid Dodger & Lakers fan.

Frank is survived by his wife Dolores, daughter, Connie, (3) sons: David, Victor, and Ben, (5) Grand Kids, (5) Greatgrand kids, two brothers: John and Mike Gomez ,and one sister Shirley Lemos

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# HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

## Virginia's View Point

by Virginia Harford

### GRAND TERRACE'S HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

The following information was published in the recent Colton School District newsletter.

"Grand Terrace has an award winning [Child Care Center](#) and the [highest performing elementary and middle schools](#) in the local school district. Soon, the City will have its own high school. Scheduled to open in 2011, this \$100 million dollar high school will complete the emphasis on education in our community.

There is not much more to report other than the lumber company should be moving out in December...we should start to see some action early next year.

The lumber company did not move out in December and there are no plans to move at this time. I talked to a spokesperson there who said that he did not believe the company would be financially able to move any time soon due to lost revenue and the economic down turn we have all suffered.

### THE GRAND TERRACE SENIOR CENTER

There is very little news regarding the senior center. It has not been abandoned but work there is very slow. I talked to Steve Berry and he said that the main drawback right now is money. The company has run out of funds and so has the city.

It looks so much like a good five or six weeks of vigorous work and dedication would bring the center to completion. Why anyone would want to stall the completion of this project leaves me nonplussed.

### THE GWEN KARGER MEMORIAL PARK

Have you been by the mini park there at Mt. Vernon Ave. and DeBerry

St. just across from the middle school and sat and enjoyed the little park? That is just about the prettiest spot in Grand Terrace in my opinion.

Gwen Karger is the late wife of local developer Barney Karger and a more dedicated to the Grand Terrace community person I do not know. I was in the Grand Terrace Woman's Club with Gwen. She served on a Christmas committee with me several years ago and was a tireless, motivated member that never complained regardless of the difficulty or less than glamorous job assigned to her.

It is a fitting memorial to her and you should stop by and look at the artwork, sit and think about Gwen and her love for Grand Terrace.

### FORTY - SIX CHRISTMAS TREES

At the top of Grand Terrace hill that looks out over San Bernardino and the mountains (on a clear day) sit 46 pine trees that have delighted me ever since the city planted them. I was disappointed that they were not decorated for this past Christmas holiday. They would have been a very appropriate welcome to anyone coming up into Grand Terrace. I would have volunteered to help in that effort had I been asked.

Now I see that someone has decided that three of the trees needed to be moved back to make way for a kiosk that will advertise community happenings. I strongly object to this because it was totally unnecessary to move the trees. The kiosk could have been erected at the end of the row of trees and therefore not threatened the life of the three that were transplanted.

Where do these decisions come from? Why is it done without consultation with the community? My objections to the red light cameras fall in this

category. Does the City of Grand Terrace plan to continue to do these things without thought of who might object? Apparently they do. The red light cameras are still up and functioning. I have appealed to every politician that represents our district and have had letters saying they would "look into the problem" and let me know. I have heard nothing further. I am not happy with a Big Brother attitude by our city fathers and mothers.

**Thanks to those of you who have signed my petition to remove the cameras. FINIS**

*Editor's note: The opinions expressed in this article are the viewpoints of its author and do not necessarily reflect the viewpoints of the "Highgrove Happenings"*

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# HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

## Highgrove PONY Tournament



The Riverside Roughriders won the championship at Highgrove PONY's MLK Tournament January 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds were donated by the host team to help the children of Highgrove and neighboring communities have the opportunity to play PONY Spring ball at our own Highgrove Park. The 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team trophy will be on display at Highgrove Park's Snack Bar once it officially re-opens. A special thanks to Eddie & Veronica Aldama, Ron Cruz and all the Roughriders' parents for their hard work and dedication to make this possible for the children!

Also a thank you to Jillian and Tom from the Inland Empire 66ers who raffled off tickets, 66ers and Dodgers prizes to the lucky recipients. They also donated all of the money raised- to the League.

Seven teams participated in the tournament:

- 1.) Riverside Roughriders
- 2.) Downy Gigantes
- 3.) San Bernardino JayHawks
- 4.) Riverside Rebels
- 5.) Moreno Valley Mavericks
- 6.) Corona Rage and the
- 7.) Rialto Diablos

Congratulations to all the fine players!!

## Highgrove MAC volunteers receive recognition

Supervisor Marion Ashley in recognition of the volunteer efforts of the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council through Brenda Salas of the Riverside County Economic Development Agency, presented all 5 members and 2 alternates with a document similar to the one shown below.

There was an oath taken by the members that was administered by Brenda Salas during the MAC meeting on Jan. 28, 2009.

Those who received the certificates were: Mark Visyak, Melanie Zimmermann, Don Earp, Denis Kidd, Kathy Cochran, Debbie Pierce and R. A. "Barney" Barnett.

On behalf of the entire Highgrove MAC, we thank Supervisor Ashley for the certificates. **Our next meeting will be Feb.25, 2009. We need new people to attend these community meetings and help us improve Highgrove. The meeting starts at 7:00pm at 459 Center St. at the NYCC.**



## Board of Supervisors

### Special Appointment

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting:

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**Richard Barnett**

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**Executive Member- Highgrove  
Municipal Advisory Council**

With an effective date of January 28, 2009.

He is therefore to observe and follow willfully and faithfully the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the State of California and to represent the County of Riverside with honor and distinction, and by the manner specified in and by the constitution and laws and regulations of the State of California.

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*Marion Ashley*

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### Word Search Winner of the Month

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