

#### WE ARE TEMESCAL VALLEY

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### Jeffries will 'opt-out' on warehouse guidelines

## Supervisor not pleased with watered down version of Good Neighbor Policy

With three warehouse projects either approved or planned in Temescal Valley, we've closely monitored a proposal by **Supervisor Kevin Jeffries** to establish a **Good Neighborhood Policy** that would set standards for warehouses being built in unincorporated county areas.

The guidelines would take into consideration possible impacts – including noise, glare, traffic and air pollution – that such projects may have on nearby residents and other sensitive receptors such as schools and parks.

But when the guidelines were presented at the Nov. 19 **Board of Supervisors** meeting, targeting industrial/manufacturing buildings larger than 250,000 square feet with more than 20 loading bays, they were not as Jeffries had envisioned.

Jeffries objected to the 300-foot buffer called for between warehouses and homes instead of the 1,000 feet he had proposed. Additionally, **Supervisor Jeff Hewitt** tacked on to the approval motion the ability of each supervisor to opt-out from having the policy apply to their district, making the standards not uniform throughout the unincorporated areas. The policy passed on a 3-2 vote with Jeffries and **Supervisor Chuck Washington** dissenting.

Thus far, Jeffries and Hewitt are the only two supervisors who say they will not apply the guidelines in their district but will review warehouse projects on a case-by-case basis.

Industrial/manufacturing projects planned for Temescal Valley include the 477-acre **Serrano Commerce Center** approved by the county in June 2010. The property is on the east side of the I-15, stretching south from the former Rinker Materials property to Temescal Canyon Road near **Terramor**.

**Proficiency Capital** now is in planning discussions with the county about building an industrial complex on the about 70-acre site of the former Hydro Conduit/Rinker Materials pipe plant which it is purchasing from the **Deleo Family**. The property is at Dawson Canyon and Temescal Canyon roads.

Finally, owners of the yet-to-be constructed 355-home **Renaissance Ranch** development approved by the county in 2005 are examining the possibility of making the 157-acre property an industrial complex. The change in land use would require a new set of approvals by the county. The property is adjacent to the **Horsethief Canyon Ranch** community in the area where De Palma Road dead-ends at Horsethief Canyon Road.

Here's what Supervisor Jeffries had to say about the Good Neighbor Policy in the Kevin's Corner comments of his December **Jeffries Journal** newsletter:



**GUIDELINES:** The Good Neighbor Policy was aimed at protecting residents from possible adverse impacts caused by mega-warehouses. Much controversy has been associated with the logistics facilities constructed in Moreno Valley such as the Skechers warehouse pictured here. (File photo by Kurt Miller, The Press-Enterprise/SCNG)

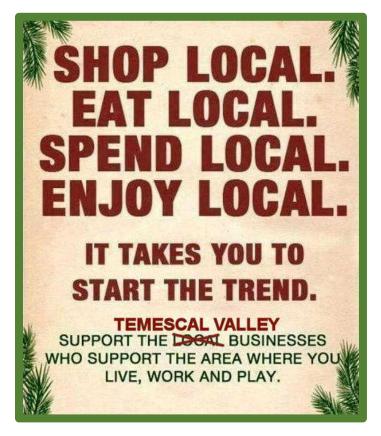
"Warehouse Vote Gets Complicated. About two years ago, our office and the Riverside County Planning Department embarked on an ambitious proposal to develop some uniform standards for new proposed warehouses in the unincorporated territories.

"The County looked for other cities and agencies that had "Good Neighbor" guidelines in place and found very little that had actually been adopted. While owners of property zoned Industrial have a right to propose projects, one of my goals has been to protect the property rights on both sides of the fence, to make sure the voices of the existing homeowners who suddenly found themselves with a new large warehouse being proposed immediately adjacent to their home had an equal voice in the process.

"Unfortunately, I've been on the losing side of numerous megawarehouse votes, as I felt that looking out your kitchen window at a 30 or 40 foot tall building wall, or listening to tractor trailer rig backup alarms all night, the glare of warehouse loading bay lights in your windows, and the local traffic impacts of all the trucks was not fair to impose on adjacent residents.

"After many delays, and opposition letters from the warehouse industry, the final proposal was presented last month by Planning staff to my fellow Board Members. It did NOT go well (for residents, at least). In fact, I think you could argue that the industry enjoyed an incredible victory that they did not even plan for.

"The proposed design standards actually contained a number of good items as far as sound walls, heavy and mature landscaping, and traffic flow restrictions (to name a few). However, the distance requirement between the heavy trucks and homes called for a much lower standard than I was comfortable with, and the real kicker that was contained in the motion that passed 3-2, was that each Supervisor would have the right to opt-in or opt-out of the standards as he/she sees fit. I voted no. From my point of view, having optional standards was NOT leveling the playing field for nearby homeowners to have an equal voice and to make sure they could sleep at night."



# Holiday shopping? Here's why you should try do as much as possible in Temescal Valley

- **1.** A percentage of sales tax revenue is returned to the local governing agency where the purchase was made. Shop at Tom's Farms the revenue is returned to Riverside County to be used in providing services to Temescal Valley. Shop at The Crossings or Dos Lagos the revenue is returned to the city of Corona to be used in providing services to Corona residents.
- **2.** Many Temescal Valley business owners and managers live in Temescal Valley. Neighbors should support neighbors.
- **3.** Do local merchants support your school, church and other fundraisers? Show your appreciation by supporting them.
- **4.** No crowds, no long lines, no traffic jams (unless there's an accident on the I-15 and everyone is using Temescal Canyon Road!)

Looking for last-minute stocking stuffers? Gift certificates are ideal. Try these Temescal Valley businesses:

FITNESS: SoreCore Training, CrossFit School of Sweat, 9Round Temescal Valley, CrossFit Corona

BEAUTY / WELLNESS: Glen Ivy Hot Springs, Charisma Beauty Salon, Temescal Valley Nail Salon, Fantastic Sam's, Regen Nails

RECREATION: Glen Ivy Golf Club, Skull Canyon
Zipline, Action Martial Arts, Temescal Driving Range,
Citrus Cyclery, Brooklyn Dance Academy

MISCELLANEOUS: <u>Tom's Farms</u>, <u>Cheese & Wine</u>
<u>Shoppe</u>, <u>7 Oaks Nursery</u>, <u>Amber's Luxury Pet Salon & Spa</u>

## FERC tells Nevada Hydro to give Forest Service info needed for EIS

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), was expected to soon issue a Notice of Intent (NOI), to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), for Nevada Hydro Company's Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage (LEAPS), project.

The NOI usually includes dates of scoping meetings where details of the project are presented and the public can ask questions and offer comments, but it now appears the NOI will be delayed.

The **U.S. Forest Service** in October let FERC know it did not have sufficient information from Nevada Hydro to work jointly with other Federal agencies in compiling its environmental data.

FERC, in a Nov. 22 communication, informed Nevada Hydro that withholding the needed information could result in the Forest Service having to develop a supplemental EIS at a later date, which would be inconsistent with the intent to have a single environmental document that supports each agency's permitting decision.

FERC told Nevada Hydro before it issues the NOI, "Nevada Hydro must consult with the Forest Service to develop a plan and schedule for providing the requested information and file monthly progress reports with the Commission on the status of the consultation and development of the additional information."

Read the document here:

http://www.wearetv.org/blog/docs/noi.pdf

## WeAreTV Public Safety, Business committees have new chairmen

Two **We Are Temescal Valley** committees have new chairmen that have set ambitious goals.

**Trilogy** resident **Lee Wilson** heads the **Public Safety Committee** which meets the fourth Saturday of the month, 9 a.m., at Trilogy's Blue Water Sports Club.

Lee says the primary goal of the committee will be to re-establish an open line of communication with the **Lake Elsinore Sheriff's Station** which, due to changes in command over the past few years, has been weakened.

The committee also hopes to work more closely with the county's **Code Enforcement Department** to remove a criminal element of "squatters," who live on privately-owned property in conditions that don't meet county codes.

The first goal of the **Business Committee**, with **Wildrose Ranch** residents **Glen** and **Kelly Nelson** at the helm, is to compile a **Business Directory** featuring only Temescal Valley businesses.

The directory will list, by category, both storefront and in-home businesses. Information on how to be included in the directory will be published and emailed in early January.

For information about the Public Safety Committee, email Lee: **leeallanwilson@gmail.com** 

For information about the Business Committee, email the Nelsons: **WeAreTVBiz@gmail.com** 



# RV-storage facility OK'd by county

What for years has served as an illegal Temescal Valley dumping ground and community eyesore, a 7.69-acre parcel on Temescal Canyon Road south of Hostettler Road will soon be developed.

At a **Planning Director's Hearing** held Monday, the county approved a proposal from property owner **Rancon Group** to build a public storage and RV facility on the east side of Temescal Canyon road across from the **Temescal Canyon Rockery**.

Ranch RV & Self-Storage – Temescal Valley will be similar to the public storage business Rancon opened in August 2018 in Murrieta on Briggs Road near Winchester Road.

Planned for the estimated \$17 million Temescal Valley project are 1,304 storage units and a 32-space RV storage area. The project will be built in two phases with 652 units planned for the first stage and 652 units in the second phase.

The development will have walls ranging from 8 to 12 feet in height that allow no visibility of the units along the perimeter of the project. Two 38-foot tall buildings are planned for the center of the development and a 26-foot tall office building will be located on the north end. Improvements will be made to Temescal Canyon road and landscaping on 27 percent of the property will include several mature trees and shrubs.

Rancon anticipates opening the facility in 15 months if the county agrees to allowing improvements made to the road, plus the construction of a temporary road and grading for the project to occur simultaneously.

According to Rancon representatives, the site is visible from the I-15 freeway and will have easy access from the Lake Street off-ramps, and new housing development in the area justifies the need for more storage facilities.

"We will do a great job building a building the community can be proud of," said Dan Stephenson, Rancon founder and chairman.



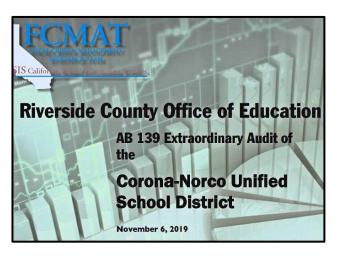
RANCH RV & SELF-STORAGE – TEMESCAL VALLEY: Pictured top, an artist rendering of the project planned on Temescal Canyon Road, south of Hostettler Road. Above, the 7-acre parcel is outlined in red, the storage units and office are illustrated in blue. RV storage is shown at the south end of the parcel which also has an open space water element (green), due to natural drainage through the property.

#### CNUSD's Rozzi to be arraigned Dec. 20

**Ted Rozzi**, the former **Corona-Norco Unified School District** assistant superintendent of facilities charged with 30 felony counts of allegedly embezzling **\$2.6 million** of public funds from the district, is scheduled to be arraigned **Friday**, **Dec. 20**.

Edward Mierau, chief executive officer and chief financial officer of Neff Construction, who has been charged with 27 felony counts for allegedly assisting Rozzi, is scheduled to be arraigned Friday, Jan. 3.

The two are accused of a scheme that diverted school construction funds paid by Neff into personal banking and credit card accounts held by Rozzi.



The independent audit of the district by the state's **Fiscal Crisis & Management Assistance Team**, ordered by **County Superintendent of Schools Judy White**, has exhibits illustrating evidence of fraud and the misappropriation of funds.

Read the audit here:

http://wearetv.org/blog/education/audit.pdf



**LET THERE BE LIGHT:** This beautiful photo was taken by Montecito Ranch resident **KRISSY BRANTSMA**, the queen of Temescal Valley sunrises. While the monthly photo contest has been suspended, from time-to-time we hope to publish outstanding shots in the newsletter.

#### **CALENDAR**

#### **EVENTS**

- Snow Day: At Deleo Regional Sports Park, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 14. In addition to sledding ramps and snow play, event features Santa, crafts, train rides, carnival games, bouncers, cookie decorating and giveaways. Warm clothes and gloves suggested. Sponsored by county's Economic Development Agency and MARS program.
- <u>Band Concert</u>: Temescal Canyon High School, 7 to 10 p.m., <u>Monday, Dec. 16</u>.
- <u>Band Concert</u>: Luiseno School, 5 p.m., <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>Dec. 17</u>, in the gymnasium.
- <u>Holiday Program</u>: Temescal Valley Elementary School, 9 to 11 a.m., <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>Dec. 18</u>.
- <u>No School</u>: Teacher development day at El Cerrito Middle, and Centennial and Santiago high schools, Friday, Dec. 20.
- Winter Break: No school for CNUSD and LEUSD students, Monday, Dec. 23 through Friday, Jan. 10.
- <u>No School</u>: Teacher development day at Luiseno and Temescal Canyon High school, <u>Monday</u>, <u>Jan. 13</u>.
- Sycamore Creek Interpretive Center: A hands-on learning experience where all ages can study the local ecology and natural history of Temescal Valley. The center is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, 11875 Indian Truck Trail. To register for presentations: 951-277-0219 or scic@rcrcd.org. FREE!
- Mistletoe Making! Learn all about the history and ecology of the mistletoe plant, plus make a mistletoe bundle for the holidays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 19, 20 and 21. Donation: \$2.
- <u>Happy Hanukkah</u>: Begins the evening of Sunday, Dec. 22 and ends the evening of Monday, Dec. 30.
- Merry Christmas: Wednesday, Dec. 25.
- <u>Happy Kwanzaa</u>: Celebrated Thursday, Dec. 26 through Wednesday, Jan. 1.
- New Year's Eve: Farewell 2019; Welcome 2020, Tuesday, Dec. 31.
- <u>El Cerrito Public Library</u>: Many fun activities for the kids. Located behind El Cerrito Middle School, 7581 Rudell Road, 951-270-5012 or check out the December events <u>HERE</u>
- 100 Mile Club: For all schools, 8 to 9 a.m., every Sunday, Deleo Regional Sports Park, 25655 Santiago Canyon Road in Sycamore Creek. Adults must accompany runners.
- West County Bookmobile: 9 to 11 a.m., Tuesday and Friday, Deleo Regional Sports Park.
- <u>Tom's Farms</u>: FREE! Every weekend Craft Faire, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Magic Show, noon and 2 p.m.; live music, 12:30 to 5 p.m. Bike Nights: At the Bar & Grill, 7 to 11 p.m., second

Thursday of the month. Family friendly — all motorcycle makes and models welcomed. LifeStream Bloodmobile — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 29. Make a reservation HERE HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS: Fresh cut Christmas trees available. Car Show & Toy Drive — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15. Professional Santa Photos — 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., every Saturday and Sunday, plus Monday, Dec. 23. Holiday Train Light Show — 6 to 9 p.m. every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through Dec. 22.

#### **TEMESCAL VALLEY MEETINGS**

- <u>Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council</u>: No meeting in <u>December</u>. Next Meeting: 6 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 8, Trilogy Lodge, 24503 Trilogy Parkway.
- Temescal Valley Water District Board Meeting: 8:30 a.m.,
   Tuesday, Dec. 17, 22646 Temescal Canyon Road. AGENDA
- We Are Temescal Valley Education Committee: 6:30 p.m.,
   Thursday, Dec. 19, meeting place to be determined.
- <u>Temescal Heritage Foundation</u>: 9 a.m., <u>Saturday</u>, <u>Dec. 21</u>, Temescal Room, Trilogy Lodge, 24503 Trilogy Parkway.
- We Are Temescal Valley Public Safety Committee: 9 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 28, Center of Well-Being Room, Blue Water Sports Club at Trilogy.
- We Are Temescal Valley Identity & Beautification <u>committees</u>: 6 and 7 p.m., respectively, Thursday, Jan. 2, Tom's Farms hamburger stand.
- We Are Temescal Valley citizens' group: 8:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 4, Trilogy Lake Center, 24477 Trilogy Parkway.
- We Are Temescal Valley Business Committee: 10:30 a.m.,
   Saturday, Jan. 4, Trilogy Lake Center, 24477 Trilogy Parkway.

#### **MEETINGS THAT AFFECT US**

- Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Board Meeting: 4
   p.m., Thursday, Dec. 12 and Jan. 23, 31315 Chaney St., Lake

   Elsinore. AGENDA
- <u>Lake Elsinore Unified School District</u>: 6 p.m., Monday, Dec.
   16, 545 Chaney St., Lake Elsinore. <u>AGENDA</u>
- Riverside County Board of Supervisors: 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 17 and Jan. 7. Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon St., Riverside. <u>AGENDA | WATCH LIVE VIDEO</u>
- <u>Corona-Norco Unified School District</u>: Organizational Meeting, 7 p.m., <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>Dec. 17</u>, 2820 Clark Ave., Norco. <u>AGENDA</u>
- <u>Riverside County Planning Commission</u>: 9 a.m., <u>Wednesday</u>,
   <u>Dec. 18</u>, Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon St., Riverside; 9:30 a.m. <u>AGENDA | WATCH LIVE VIDEO</u>





# Register Today! Spring 2020

#### Registration Fees:

#### T-Ball Division:

League Age 4-5 Before 1/12 \$100\*

After 1/12 \$125\*

#### A, AA, AAA, Majors, and Juniors Divisions:

League Age 5+ 11/15 - 12/2 \$145\*

12/3 - 12/31 \$160\*

1/1-1/12 \$185\*

After 1/12 \$200\*

<sup>\*</sup> Additional \$60 Fundraising Fee per player



# 3 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

#### **NEW VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS HANDBOOK**

CNUSD is happy to share a new Visual & Performing Arts (VAPA) Handbook highlighting programs from 4th-12th grade! The handbook is available in Spanish & English under the Parents Tab on the District website (or by clicking the following links: English and Spanish).

#### CNUSD CONNECTION NEWSLETTER

CNUSD Parents! Please be on the lookout for our revamped CNUSD Connection E-newsletter! This is sent out at the beginning of the month and contains valuable information, such as upcoming events, District news, and more. The e-newsletter is sent in English and Spanish.

#### CNUSDTV

Did you know CNUSD has an official YouTube channel? Visit www.youtube.com/cnusdtv. You will find Career Technical Education spotlights, student stories, bullying prevention videos, and more! Be sure to subscribe and you may spot your student in an upcoming school highlight video!

#### **DECEMBER 2019**

Questions? communications@cnusd.k12.ca.us (951) 736-5013





### Mistletoe Making!

Bring a little piece of nature into your home this holiday season
December 19-21, 2019
9am to 3pm

Fun and educational for the entire family!



Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District

- Make your own mistletoe bundle for the holidays
- All the mistletoe is gathered from our preserve!
- Learn about the history and ecology of the mistletoe plant
- Create a beautiful bundle for a \$2 donation
- All proceeds support our education programs!

Sycamore Creek Interpretive Center 951-277-0219, scic@rcrcd.org 11875 Indian Truck Trail

(at Campbell Ranch Road)

Temescal Valley, 92883



#### **University of California Cooperative Extension**

Master Gardener Program of Riverside County

#### **Home Gardening Basics**



In January, the UCCE Master Gardeners of Riverside County will offer a series of gardening classes for members of the public. Register early as the space is limited to **25** students. The cost for all 4 classes is \$50, and will include all materials. (The tuition will go towards expenses and supporting the Master Gardener Program. Master Gardeners are volunteers and are not paid for their time.) Class time is 10:00 to 1:00.

1/4/20 - The Basics: soil, water, sun, vocabulary, tools, safety

**1/11/20** – Putting It All Together: gardening design, preparation, irrigation & resources

**1/18/20** - Garden to Table: vegetables, fruits & herbs, integrated pest management (IPM)

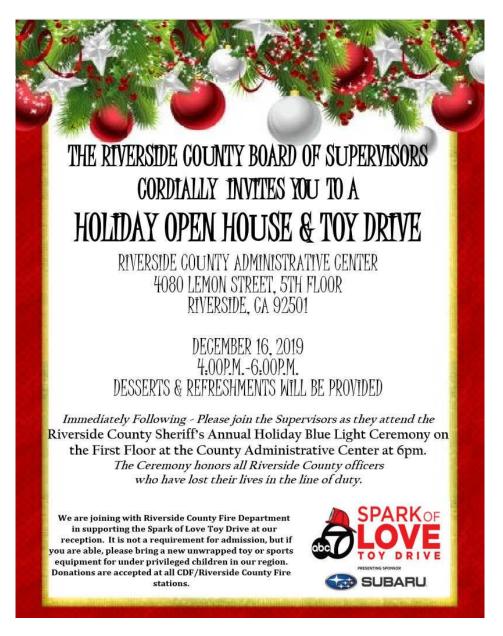
**1/25/20**- Best Plants for Riverside County: drought tolerant & natives, firescaping

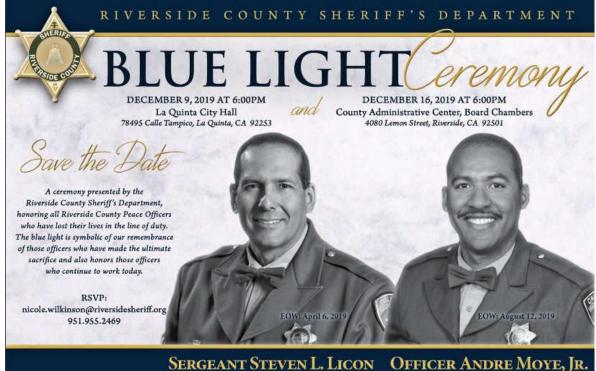
Light refreshments will be provided, and each class will feature an opportunity drawing for gardening essentials.

Held at Sycamore Creek Interpretive Center – Temescal Valley

# ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED NO WALK-INS PLEASE

For information contact the Class Coordinator Linda Powell at <a href="mailto:gardenbasics4u@gmail.com">gardenbasics4u@gmail.com</a>







II AM - 2PM SLEDDING RAMPS - CRAFTS SANTA · CARNIVAL GAMES





FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT RKROSS@RIVCO.ORG OR 951.955A816



# Professional Santa Photos





Photos: Nov. 30-Dec. 22 Saturday & Sunday Monday Dec. 23rd Ilam-7pm.

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### Story Time Among the Sycamores

#### Pre-kindergarten age and under

Free story and an activity: Second week of each month • 10:30 am

Dec 12, 2019 An Adventure with Bobby Bear by Maurice Pledger Activity: Paper Plate Bear Paws (Please register by Dec 10)

Jan 10, 2020 A Log's Life by Wendy Pfeffer
Activity: Hand Print Tree (Please register by Jan 7)

Feb 13, 2020 Mr. Bumble by Kim Kennedy

Activity: Bee Foot Print (Please register by Feb 11)



Registration is required. All children are to be accompanied by an adult, and a liability waiver must be signed at first class attended.

To register: (951) 277-0219, email scic@rcrcd.org or Facebook message: SCICTV

- Practice rhythm and sounds.
- Work on following directions.
- Practice fine motor skills.
- Use imagination and get creative!
- Cultivate a love of nature.
- Parents: meet other local parents.

Weather permitting, we will read under one of our sycamore trees!

#### **Sycamore Creek Interpretive Center**

11875 Indian Truck Trail Temescal Valley, 92883

(Find us at the intersection of Campbell Ranch Rd & Indian Truck Trail, across from the shopping center)



Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District