



## RCTC approves draft Traffic Relief Plan

Projects would be funded by a half-cent sales tax measure that could be on November ballot

Earlier this month, the **Riverside County Transportation Commission** approved a draft **Traffic Relief Plan**, outlining a long-term strategy to improve traffic flow throughout the county.

Funding for the plan's projects would come from a sales tax measure that could appear on November's ballot asking county voters to approve another half-cent tax. **Measure A**, the current half-cent sales tax, was approved by voters in 1988, extended in 2002 and expires in 2039. RCTC officials say Measure A funds are not enough to relieve the county's traffic problems.

According to an RCTC news release, "The draft Traffic Relief Plan includes projects and services for better roads, faster highways, easier highway access, more trains, frequent bus service, help with commutes, longer trails, new technology, and in the Coachella Valley, flood and dust control."

### Projects along the I-15 corridor include:

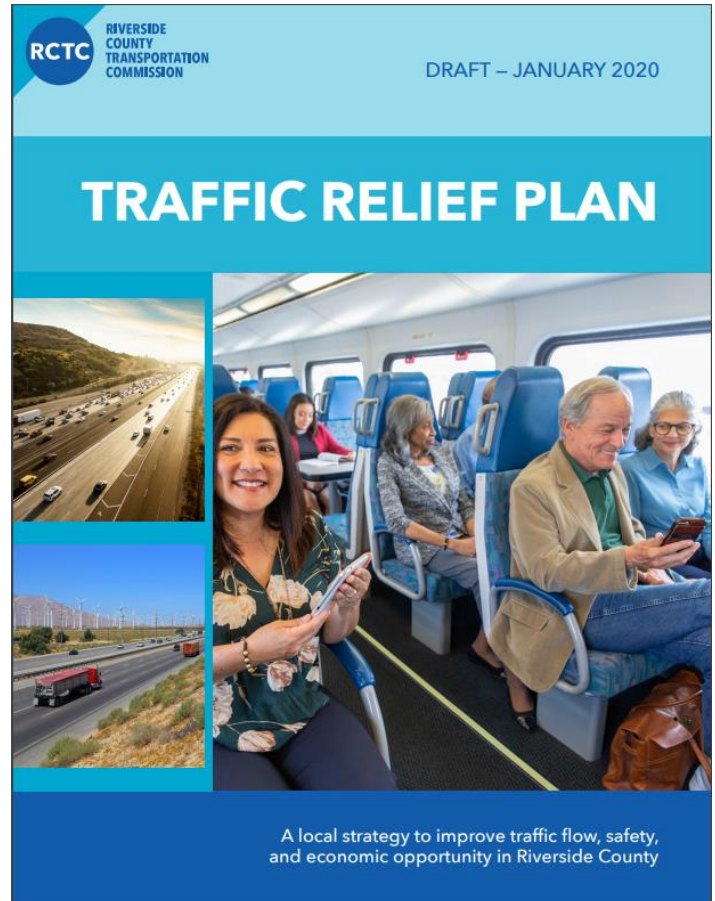
- Add at least one lane in each direction to I-15 between Cajalco Road in Corona and the San Diego County line
- Eliminate the "lane drops" on southbound I-15 between Magnolia Avenue and Cajalco Road in Corona
- Construct the final phase of the French Valley Parkway interchange at I-15 in Temecula
- Reconstruct interchanges with: Central Avenue (Route 74) in Lake Elsinore, Baxter Road in Wildomar, Bundy Canyon Road in Wildomar

Additionally, **Temescal Canyon Road** in Temescal Valley is listed as needing road improvement.

The comprehensive, 32-page plan can be viewed online and is accompanied by a short survey that will be available to the public through June.

According to the new release, "Many of the items in the plan are the result of RCTC's 2019 public engagement effort, **#RebootMyCommute**, which drew thousands of suggestions from residents for improving travel in Riverside County and the region."

RCTC **Chairman Ben Benoit** was quoted in the news release, "RCTC asked residents last year to tell us about their transportation challenges. We listened. The draft Traffic Relief Plan is a long-term strategy to improve traffic flow, safety, and



### View the draft Traffic Relief Plan and take the survey [HERE](#)

economic opportunity in Riverside County. Please add your voice to shape our future."

Transportation commissioners in June are expected to review survey results and decide whether to place the half-cent sales tax measure on the November ballot.

If approved by a two-thirds majority vote, it is estimated the measure could annually raise **\$200 million** in 2020 dollars countywide.

Unlike Measure A, if voters approve the new sales tax measure it would have no expiration date unless repealed by voters, and that's troublesome to a few RCTC commissioners, including First District **Supervisor Kevin Jeffries**.

"It's unusual for government not to have an end date," Jeffries said at the Jan. 8 meeting. "No end ever to this tax."

While the vote taken by commissioners was whether to approve the draft Traffic Relief Plan, which passed on a 29-4 vote,

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# November, December crime stats; encampment disbanded

During the January **Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council** meeting, **Lt. Donovan Brooks** of the **Lake Elsinore Sheriff's Station** gave a detailed report on Part I crimes that occurred here in November and December.

Part I crimes include serious felonies and property crimes; Part II crimes are non-serious felonies and misdemeanors.

He said the station received **402 calls** for service from Temescal Valley during December – 18 fewer calls than received in November.

**Twenty-two** calls in December were for Part I crimes; 23 in November. There were no homicides, rapes or robberies for the two-month period. Here is the breakdown:

**Assaults** – 2 in November and 0 in December.

**Burglaries** – 2 and 6.

**Grand/ Petty Theft** – 9 and 9.

**Vehicle Theft** – 5 and 5.

**Theft from Vehicle** – 5 and 2.

There were **5 arrests in November** – all misdemeanors.

**December saw 7 arrests** – 1 felony and 6 misdemeanors.

**Vandalisms** reported for November and December were **4** and **3**, respectively. **Disturbing the Peace** calls numbered **35** and **31**.

Lt. Brooks also reminded residents to leave nothing of value in their vehicles and to lock them when parking in driveways and on neighborhood streets.

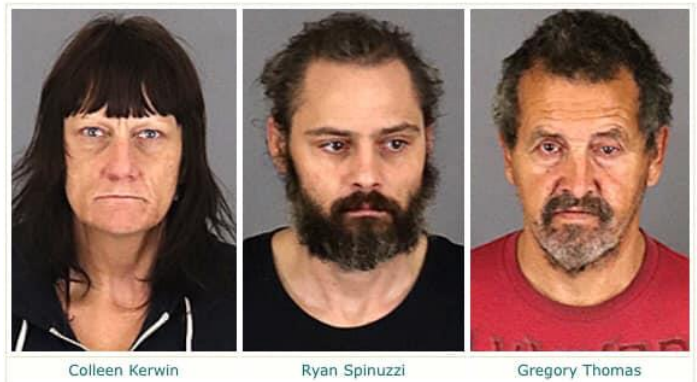
When asked about the increase of graffiti in Temescal Valley, he said it should be painted out as soon as possible, but not before it is photographed and reported to the Sheriff.

He also noted that at the end of December the illegal encampment in the wash area near the northbound off-ramp of Temescal Canyon Road was disbanded and arrests made. If you missed the announcement on the Lake Elsinore Sheriff's facebook page, here it is:

*"In response to complaints from members of our community and at the direction of Sheriff Chad Bianco, deputies assigned to the*



**BUSTED:** Three people who lived here were arrested on various misdemeanor charges including trespassing.



*Lake Elsinore Sheriff's Station Problem Oriented Policing Team responded to the area of Temescal Canyon Road near I-15 regarding illegal encampments along the Temescal Canyon Wash.*

*"Members from the Problem Oriented Policing offered services for substance abuse, mental health, and housing to all persons contacted. Three persons were arrested and booked into Cois Byrd Detention Center.*

*"Colleen Kerwin, 51, of Corona for possession of methamphetamine and trespassing.*

*"Ryan Spinuzzi, 38, of Corona for trespassing.*

*"Gregory Thomas, 60, of Corona for drug related warrants and trespassing.*

*"If you see or know of anyone needing assistance, please call the Lake Elsinore Sheriff's Station, Problem Oriented Policing Team at 951-245-3300.*

*"As a reminder, 'Community Policing' involves partnerships between law enforcement and community members. Business owners and residents are encouraged to report suspicious activity directly to law enforcement by calling Sheriff's Dispatch at 951-776-1099, or by calling 911 if the matter is an emergency.*

*"Citizens may also submit a tip using the Sheriff's [CrimeTips](#) online form."*

## TRAFFIC RELIEF PLAN ...

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commissioners representing the cities of Banning, Beaumont and Eastvale, plus Jeffries, voted no because they oppose the possible sales tax measure which they view as being tied to the plan.

According to the news release, which was issued after the vote, "The plan represents neither a final product nor a vote for a sales tax measure. Rather, it offers a comprehensive set of strategic projects and services that could be delivered if voters approve a transportation funding measure. Should the commission decide to not place the sales tax measure on the ballot, the plan can be used to set long-term priorities, but the investments likely would not be delivered in the near-term or mid-term, due to lack of funds."

## Cleanup set along Temescal Canyon Road

A community cleanup will be held from 7 to 10 a.m., **Saturday, Jan. 25**. Volunteers will meet at the corner of Temescal Canyon and Hostettler roads and progress south on TCR toward Lake Street. Bring gloves and wear closed-toe shoes. This is a good opportunity for teens who need community-service hours. Bring your form with you. If you have questions, email **Bob Hafner:**

[bob.hafner@verizon.net](mailto:bob.hafner@verizon.net)

# WELCOME, 2020!

Here's a review of the past 10 years and the Temescal Valley events having the most impact on the community. The recap serves as a good review for long-time residents and answers many questions frequently asked by newer residents. Links, if available, are provided to more detailed information.

Next month we'll review the decade's top stories in the categories of **Development, Business, Education and Transportation.**

## ANNEXATION

**Corona** city officials, in early 2012, announced plans to annex that portion of unincorporated **Temescal Valley** within the city's sphere of influence. Citizens here, opposed to being governed by the city, immediately organized the **Residents for Temescal Valley** (RFTV), community group and began an 18-month campaign to thwart the city's annexation attempt.

At the **Sept. 26, 2013, Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)**, meeting – a public hearing was held to decide whether to deny the city's annexation application or to approve it and allow the issue to be decided by voters within the sphere of influence. The application was denied on a 6-1 vote by the commissioners.

RFTV members spent a year gathering signatures of registered voters on more than 4,300 letters of opposition that were presented at the almost four-hour LAFCO hearing. Dozens of residents addressed the commissioners, the overwhelming majority opposed to the annexation – each giving opinions on why county services were preferable to city services. A LAFCO commissioner commented, "It shouldn't be the city looking to annex. It should be the citizens looking to be annexed."

Another factor in the LAFCO vote was the inability of the city and county to reach an agreement on the city contracting with the county to provide fire service to a portion of the area. County Fire Chief **John Hawkins** said if the annexation were to occur, and because the city couldn't afford to purchase **Fire Station 64** in **Sycamore Creek**, he would recommend closing the station. This would leave the closest county station 10 miles away in Lake Elsinore to serve **Glen Eden, Horsethief Canyon Ranch** and some areas of **Dawson Canyon** and **Spanish Hills**. [Learn more](#)



**NO ANNEXATION:** Residents lined up at scores of letter signings held throughout Temescal Valley. Signatures of over 4,300 registered voters opposed to the annexation were collected.



**LAFCO HEARING:** A sea of red filled the Board of Supervisors chambers in Riverside as residents turned out to protest the annexation. (Press-Enterprise photo by Kurt Miller)

Following the LAFCO vote, the citizens group decided to stay active, changing its name to **We Are Temescal Valley** (WeAreTV), and appointing chairmen to lead seven committees, each addressing a specific area of community concern.



**SIGN OF THE TIMES:** Weirick Road neighborhood residents Terry Morairty, Rob Miller and Brien Clingman were responsible for the freeway banner and banners adjacent to Tom's Farms.

## IDENTITY

In choosing the new **WeAreTV** committees, it was clearly apparent that one must be dedicated to emphasizing the Temescal Valley identity. A LAFCO commissioner had told residents at the hearing, “If you people fear losing your identity, you didn’t have much of one to begin with.” [Learn more](#)

Under the chairmanship of **Tracy Davis**, the committee quickly moved forward with its plans and:

- **March 2014:** The **US Postal Service** gives official recognition to Temescal Valley, 92883. [Learn more](#)
- **March 2014:** **Google Maps** acknowledges the Temescal Valley name on its products. [Learn more](#)
- **January 2015:** Under the chairmanship of **Bob Hafner**, placement begins of Temescal Valley signs identifying each community. [Learn more](#)
- **February 2015:** The first freeway monument sign was placed at the southbound entrance to Temescal Valley. It was quickly followed with the northbound sign. [Learn more](#)
- **February 2015:** A resident announces he was able to renew his California Driver’s License with the address Temescal Valley, 92883.
- **April 2015:** The first monthly edition of the We Are Temescal Valley newsletter was published. Also compiled was a list of Temescal Valley service providers and a community fact sheet. They were followed later by Temescal Valley demographic information and a map of the community. All information is updated as new data become available.
- **July 2015:** The Board of Directors of the 50-year-old **Lee Lake Water District** changes its name to **Temescal Valley Water District**.
- **November 2015:** Ground is broken for the **Terramor** housing development. Owner **Foremost Communities** markets the location of the neighborhood as Temescal Valley and today continues to do so.
- **November 2015:** The committee launches the **Milkweed to Monarch** project to help the endangered butterfly and make Temescal Valley the Home of the Monarch. [Learn more](#)
- **January 2016:** **Glen Ivy Hot Springs** is sold. New owner **GOCO**, an international wellness hospitality development and management company, announces plans for expansion. The new facility, when completed, will be known as **GOCO Retreat – Temescal Valley**.
- **May 2018:** WeAreTV joins forces with the **Temescal Heritage Foundation** to kick off a year-long celebration of Temescal Valley’s **Bicentennial**. The events call attention to the founding of Rancho Temescal by **Leandro Serrano** in 1818. The area first was identified as Temescal Valley in 1920. [Learn more](#)
- **November 2018:** **Tom’s Farms** begins using Temescal Valley on its marketing materials.
- **January 2019:** **Facebook** finally lets users list Temescal Valley as their place of residence.



**FREEWAY MONUMENT UNVEILED:** In February 2015, a ribbon cutting is held for the first monument. From left, Jeffrey Van Wagenen, EDA managing director; Eric Werner, TV Municipal Advisory Council chairman; Sandy Isom; Deni Horne, representing Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez, and Supervisor Kevin Jeffries. (Photo by **Rob Mucha**, The Retreat)



**OOPS!** Even with the best intentions, we are still misidentified as Bob Hafner found out when he received this piece of junk mail.



**BICENTENNIAL PLAQUE:** Sam Yoo, chairman of the Temescal Heritage Foundation thanks members of the Billy Holcomb Chapter of E Clampus Vitus for the plaque commemorating the early history of Temescal Valley. Sunny Hwang, owner of Tom’s Farms, gave permission to have the plaque placed at the Farm. A dedication ceremony was held in January 2018. (Photo by **Rob Mucha**, The Retreat)

Did you know We Are Temescal Valley has a facebook page? Almost 8,000 members and a great assortment of news, tidbits and events happening here.



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/682232085156639/>

# PUBLIC SAFETY

## HOLY FIRE

The **Aug. 6, 2018**, arson-set fire in **Holy Jim Canyon**, on the west side of the Santa Ana Mountains in the Cleveland National Forest, was dubbed the **Holy Fire** as it quickly raged out of control.

After two days of watchful waiting, the fire crested the mountains, burning east and south toward Temescal Valley and Lake Elsinore. Residents of **Horsethief Canyon Ranch**, **Glen Eden** and **Sycamore Creek** were placed on mandatory evacuation orders as waves of flames advanced on their homes.

The blaze, guided by winds, traveled in a northerly direction along the foothills and burned property owned by **Werner Corp.** and **Glen Ivy Hot Springs. Trilogy** residents on **Aug. 12** were placed on voluntary evacuations as the fire lingered in Coldwater and Anderson canyons. Controlling it here was difficult because of heavy vegetation and steep terrain, but the work of hotshot fire crews and quickly cleared fire breaks paid off.

More than 1,500 ground and air resources fought the inferno which burned 23,025 acres and was fully contained **Sept. 13**. The Holy Fire wasn't declared 100 percent controlled until **Oct. 17**. While thousands of people were evacuated and 18 structures were destroyed in the fire, no homes were lost in Temescal Valley. Several popular roads and hiking trails are still closed today in the Santa Ana Mountains. [August 2018 newsletter](#)

Holy Jim Canyon resident **Forrest Gordon Clark** was arrested and charged with arson. Coincidentally, his was the only Holy Jim Canyon cabin not destroyed. Clark was found mentally competent to stand trial and his next court appearance is **Feb. 14**. The trial is scheduled to begin **March 20**.

Sycamore Creek residents staged a **Temescal Valley Strong -- First Responder Appreciation Day** at Deleo Park on **Sept. 9, 2018**. Many people turned out to personally thank the first responders that attended.

Several Temescal Valley residents say they have been dropped by their insurance companies since the Holy Fire.



**GRATEFUL:** The community says "Thank you" to our firefighters with a little help from Brien Clingman, Terry Morairty, John Watson and Cathie Smith. The signs were placed on both freeway monuments.



**FIRE'S FURY:** Looking more like an atomic bomb explosion, the Holy Fire as seen from Deleo Park on Monday, Aug. 6, 2018. (Photo by **Krissy Brantsma**, Montecito Ranch)



**EERIE SUNSET:** The fire rages in Coldwater Canyon as the hills above Sycamore Creek smolder. (Photo by **Elliot Lim**, Sycamore Creek)



**TOWERS IN TROUBLE:** During the fire, a chief concern was the communications towers and facilities at the top of Santiago Peak. It was incredible work by fixed-wing aircraft that saved the peak. (Photo by **Rob Mucha**, The Retreat)

## FLOODING/DEBRIS FLOWS

Weeks before the Holy Fire was extinguished, fire teams began assessing the burned hillsides. The U.S. Forest Service's **Burn Area Emergency Response (BAER)** report was released mid-September 2018 followed in October by Cal Fire's **Watershed Emergency Response Team (WERT)** report.

The two documents analyzed risk factors for flooding, mudslides and debris flows that could be triggered by seasonal rainfall. In Temescal Valley, areas of high concern included **Glen Eden Sun Club** and the **Korean Church Grace Retreat Center** below Indian Canyon. Local roads at risk for flooding and debris flows included **Horsethief Canyon, Bosley, De Palma, Santiago Canyon, Temescal Canyon** and **Glen Ivy**.

Before the reports were released, the county put together a team to prepare for the quickly approaching rainy season. Representatives from **Flood Control, Fire, Sheriff, Emergency Management** and **Transportation** met regularly to plan strategy. Debris basins and channels were cleared in preparation for the rains. Possible evacuation areas based on canyons, not communities, were made available to the public in digital format. People were encouraged to register their cellphones with the county's **Alert RivCo** notification system. [September 2018 newsletter](#) and [October 2018 newsletter](#)

When the rainfall came – more intense than normal seasons, the probable damage analysis documented in the WERT and BAER reports became reality. The county issued a local emergency proclamation **Dec. 11, 2018**, at that time estimating at least \$4 million in cleanup with 100,000 cubic yards of debris needing to be removed. Mud and debris continued to flow with each heavy rainstorm throughout the season, culminating with the **Feb. 14, 2019**, 12-hour rain event said to be only tenths of an inch short of a 200-year storm. [December 2018 newsletter](#)

Glen Eden was hardest hit and placed under mandatory evacuation with each storm forecast to meet the rainfall threshold that could cause debris flows. Prior to the rains, the private club built a catch basin capable of containing 10,000 cubic yards of debris, but it quickly reached capacity with the first heavy rainfall and overflowed. Unlike the public flood-control lands surrounding Horsethief Canyon Ranch and Sycamore Creek, Glen Eden members were responsible for cleanup and damage repair caused to the club as Indian Creek flowed through it.



**PREPARATION:** County Flood, using heavy equipment, works quickly in Horsethief Canyon to clean up mud and debris between rainstorms. (Photo from video by **Will Wilkens**, Horsethief Canyon Ranch)

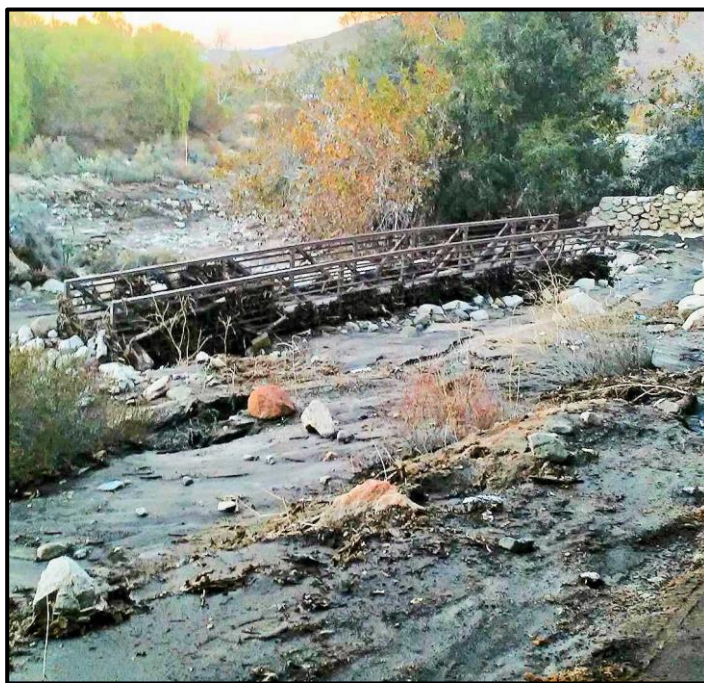


**UNPASSABLE:** During heavier rainfall, Temescal Canyon Road was shut down at Glen Eden Road until mud and debris flowing from Coldwater Canyon could be removed. (Photo by **Rob Mucha**, The Retreat)

A club member issued a call for help with the massive task. Heavy-equipment operators and Temescal Valley residents **Dave Davis** and **Brien Clingman** offered their assistance. **Frank Smith**, owner of **FST Sand and Gravel**, volunteered his help as well. After touring Glen Eden, Smith said, "I have seen pictures of the damage, but in person the devastation is unbelievable." [January 2019 newsletter](#)

During rain events last month, Glen Eden continued to have minor flows needing to be cleaned up with a bulldozer and dump truck, but homes were not damaged. It was stated in the BAER and WERT reports flooding could continue in high-risk areas three to five years after the fire.

The **Werner Corp.** quarries also experienced considerable debris-flow damage. An estimated 150,000-plus cubic yards of mud and debris inundated the long-time mining operation. [March 2019 newsletter](#)



**GONE:** A Debris flow through the middle of Glen Eden carried this steel footbridge downstream.

## SUPER BLOOM

In early **February 2019**, following a much heavier than normal winter/spring rainfall, our hillsides sprang to life, turning orange with a spectacular poppy super bloom.

Media coverage devoted to the local bloom went viral, not only reported by local news outlets, but by national media such as **CNN**, **National Public Radio** and **The Washington Post**. The poppy fields in **Lake Elsinore** had made national headlines, and soon what was advertised as Poppypalooza became Poppy Apocalypse.

Hordes of people, driven by the need to take a selfie posing with the poppies, descended on Lake Street's **Walker Canyon** and neighboring **Temescal Valley**, which was putting on a pretty impressive poppy display of its own. **Dawson Canyon** residents reported having to run off tourists trespassing on their property.

Not wanting to wait in the hours-long line to park at the Elsinore Outlets and be bused to the fields at \$10 a pop, poppy peepers soon were stopping on the gridlocked freeway to gawk at the flowers, parking along Temescal Canyon Road and on the Indian Truck Trail off-ramps – plus in every other place that displayed a “No Parking” sign.

Businesses along Temescal Canyon Road couldn't accommodate customer parking and trucks bringing deliveries to the businesses had to be turned away. Residents couldn't get into the **Shops at Sycamore Creek** center because the parking lot was overrun by tourists stopping in to use restroom facilities at the stores.

While most of the crowd-control strategy had been from a Lake Elsinore perspective, county officials put a plan together in late March to address the situation in Temescal Valley. Porta-potties were placed along Temescal Canyon Road to keep tourists out of the residential neighborhoods and Freeway signs notified motorists of “No Parking on Temescal Canyon Road.” The **Trilogy Sheriff's Volunteers** were called into service to block residential streets, only allowing residents to pass, and they were assisted by members of the **Temescal Valley Disaster Response**



**HOMEGROWN:** A Temescal Valley super bloom. (Photo by **Lanie Blackmon**, Dawson Canyon)

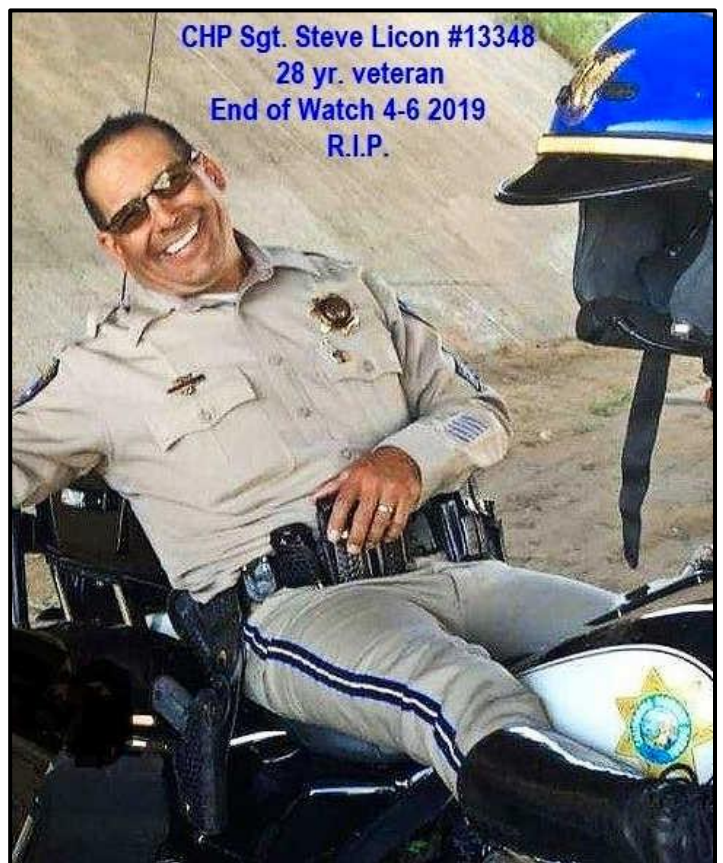


**WINNER:** The theme for last April's photo contest was “Poppies” and this was the winner. All pictures had to be taken in Temescal Valley – Walker Canyon photos did not qualify. (Photo by **Cameron Scheuplein**, Horsethief Canyon Ranch)

**Team** who did food runs for the Trilogy crew and provided relief for breaks. The plan worked with only three weeks of the eight-week super bloom remaining.

The final week of super bloom had a tragic ending. On **April 6, 2019**, **CHP Sgt. Steve Licon** was hit and killed by a suspected drunk driver while conducting a traffic stop on the freeway between Lake Street and Nichols Road. Sgt. Licon was a well-liked and familiar face at **Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council** meetings, giving updates on CHP enforcement activities on local roadways.

Last month a judge ruled there is enough evidence, based on prior DUI convictions, for Winchester resident **Michael Callahan** to stand trial on first-degree murder charges. The trial date is unknown.



**KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY:** Rest in peace, Sgt. Licon.

## NOAH McINTOSH

As the gruesome details of the tragic life of 8-year-old **Noah McIntosh** unfolded, an outraged and shocked public response was witnessed by the thousands of blue ribbons displayed throughout Temescal Valley and Corona.



The boy lived with his father and older sister in the Encanto Apartments in Corona at the corner of Temescal Canyon Road and Dos Lagos Drive, and had attended **Temescal Valley Elementary** and **Todd Academy** schools.

On **March 12, 2019**, Noah's mother **Jillian Godfrey**, requested a welfare check from authorities. The last time she had seen Noah was March 2.

Godfrey and **Bryce Daniel McIntosh**, Noah's father, were arrested **March 13** on suspicion of child abuse after Noah couldn't be found during a search of the apartment.

Based on evidence uncovered during the **Corona Police Department** investigation, on **March 28** McIntosh was charged with the torture-murder of Noah. Riverside County **District Attorney Mike Hestrin** said, if necessary, the case will be tried as a no-body homicide.

According to news reports, store surveillance videos on March 4 showed McIntosh purchasing various types of acids and lye, a 32-gallon plastic trash can, gloves and bolt cutters.

On March 16, location evidence found on McIntosh's cellphone led investigators to **Aguanga**, a rural community about 18 miles east of Temecula. Recovered there was a similar trash can, a paper with "Noah M." on it, several gloves, discarded containers of drain and oven cleaners and parts of a blender. Also found was evidence of human blood.

On the same day, authorities searched **Squaw Mountain Road** in the Temescal Valley community of **Painted Hills** and found a similar glove, a stained yellow towel and part of a wooden spoon.

Noah's mother last month pleaded guilty to two counts of child endangerment. The plea was sealed, so it is unknown if she made a deal with the prosecutor to testify against McIntosh. She is scheduled for sentencing **April 3**. McIntosh is scheduled for a pretrial hearing **March 20**.

A lawsuit is expected to be filed against **Riverside County** on behalf of Noah's sister and his estate for the way the **Department of Public Social Services** handled Noah's case. Reports detailing accusations of abuse and neglect of Noah by his father were first filed with the department in **August 2017**.

## NEW SHERIFF

The **Nov. 6, 2018**, election saw long-time Riverside County Sheriff **Lt. Chad Bianco** staging an impressive win over 10-year incumbent **Sheriff Stan Sniff** in an expensive and often contentious campaign.



**MESSAGES:** An old oak tree on Temescal Canyon Road serves as the backdrop for a Chad Bianco campaign sign tied with a blue ribbon in memory of Noah McIntosh. (Photo by **Krissy Brantsma**, Montecito Ranch)

With the backing of the **Riverside Sheriff's Association**, Bianco garnered 58.3 percent of the vote to Sniff's 41.7 percent. The union poured and estimated \$850,000 into Bianco's campaign.

One of Bianco's stated goals, in addition to boosting morale among the rank and file, was to place more patrol deputies in the unincorporated county areas. In recent months, the **Lake Elsinore Sheriff's Station** has assigned a 24/7 deputy to patrol **Temescal Valley**. More deputies are being trained.



## Station 64 responds to 1,710 calls in 2019

**County Fire/Cal Fire Capt. Jim Brown**, speaking at January's **Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council** meeting, presented the year end totals for **Station 64**.

During 2019 the station responded to **1,710** calls for service with **1,201** of the calls being for medical assistance. Other calls were **163** traffic collisions, **157** false alarms, **72** public service assists, **24** standbys, **22** miscellaneous calls, **20** "other" fires, **13** wildland fires, **12** ringing alarms, **8** residential fires, **7** vehicle fires, **7** rescues and **4** Haz Mat.

Brown said the station had an average **6.3-minute** response time for the year. **670** or **39.2 percent** of the calls were responded to in five minutes or less, **990** calls had response times within five to 10 minutes, **154** calls were over 10 minutes and **12** calls were over 20 minutes.

Call volume increased **6.4 percent** over 2018 and **29.3 percent** over the past five years.





**ANOTHER GLORIOUS TEMESCAL VALLEY SUNSET:** We've experienced several lately – there's less air pollution in the winter months giving rise to more visible vivid colors. This photo was taken by Sycamore Creek resident **Elliot Lim**.

## CALENDAR

### EVENTS

- **Martin Luther King Jr. Day:** A federal holiday honoring the legacy of the Civil Rights Movement activist. No school, **Monday, Jan. 20.**
- **Freshmen Enrollment Night:** Temescal Canyon High School, 6 to 8 p.m., **Tuesday, Jan 21.**
- **LEUSD Spelling Bee:** 5 to 6:30 p.m., **Thursday, Jan. 23.** Lakeside High School.
- **Chinese Lunar New Year and Vietnamese Tet:** It's the Year of the Rat! **Saturday, Jan. 25.**
- **Community Cleanup:** 7 to 10 a.m., **Saturday, Jan. 25.** Meet at the corner of Temescal Canyon and Hostettler roads. Wear gloves and closed-toe shoes. Refreshments provided. Kids needing community Service hours — bring your forms.
- **Freshmen Preview Night:** Temescal Canyon High School, 5 to 8 p.m., **Monday, Jan. 27.**
- **Science Fair Awards:** Temescal Valley Elementary School, 6 to 8 p.m., **Wednesday, Jan. 29.**
- **Luiseno Talent Show:** 6 to 7 p.m., **Friday, Jan. 31,** lakeside High School Performing Arts Building.
- **Sycamore Creek Interpretive Center:** A hands-on learning experience where all ages can study the local ecology and natural history of Temescal Valley through exhibits, displays, activities and touch tables. 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](mailto:scic@rcrcd.org). **FREE!**  
 -- **Story Time Among the Sycamores** — For pre-kindergarten age and under, free story and activity the second week of each month. Registration required. Upcoming: 10:30 a.m., **Thursday, Feb. 13,** "Mr. Bumble," by Kim Kennedy. Make a bee foot print.
- **El Cerrito Public Library:** Many fun activities for the kids. Located behind El Cerrito Middle School, 7581 Rudell Road, 951-270-5012 or check out the January events [HERE](#)
- **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.
- **Tom's Farms: 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.

## TEMESCAL VALLEY MEETINGS

- **We Are Temescal Valley Education Committee:** 6:30 p.m., **Thursday, Jan. 16,** meeting place to be determined.
- **Temescal Heritage Foundation:** 9 a.m., **Saturday, Jan. 18,** Temescal Room, Trilogy Lodge, 24503 Trilogy Parkway, followed by **Temescal Valley Community Faire** meeting.
- **We Are Temescal Valley Business Committee:** 6:30 p.m., **Thursday, Jan. 23,** Tom's Farms Old Fashioned Burgers.
- **We Are Temescal Valley Public Safety Committee:** 9 a.m., **Saturday, Jan. 25,** Center of Well-Being Room, Blue Water Sports Club at Trilogy.
- **Temescal Valley Water District Board Meeting:** 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday, Jan. 28,** 22646 Temescal Canyon Road. [AGENDA](#)
- **We Are Temescal Valley citizens' group:** 8:30 a.m., **Saturday, Feb. 1,** Trilogy Lake Center, 24477 Trilogy Parkway. This meeting is open to the public -- find out what's happening in Temescal Valley!
- **Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council:** 6 p.m., **Wednesday, Feb. 5,** Glen Ivy Golf Club, 24400 Trilogy Parkway.
- **We Are Temescal Valley Identity & Beautification committees:** 6 and 7 p.m., respectively, **Thursday, Feb. 6,** Tom's Farms Old Fashioned Burgers.

## MEETINGS THAT AFFECT US

- **Riverside County Board of Supervisors:** 9:30 a.m., **Tuesday, Jan. 14, 28 and Feb. 4, 11.** Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon St., Riverside. [AGENDA](#) | [WATCH LIVE VIDEO](#)
- **Riverside County Planning Commission:** 9:30 a.m., **Wednesday, Jan. 15** at desert location to be announced and 9 a.m., **Jan. 29 and Feb. 5,** Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon St., Riverside; 9:30 a.m. [AGENDA](#) | [WATCH LIVE VIDEO](#)
- **Corona-Norco Unified School District:** Business Meeting, 7 p.m., **Tuesday, Jan. 21 and Feb. 4,** 2820 Clark Ave., Norco. [AGENDA](#)
- **Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Board Meeting:** 4 p.m., **Thursday, Jan. 23 and Feb. 13,** 31315 Chaney St., Lake Elsinore. [AGENDA](#)
- **Lake Elsinore Unified School District:** 6 p.m., **Thursday, Jan. 23,** 545 Chaney St., Lake Elsinore. [AGENDA](#)



**7 OAKS  
NURSERY**

**TEMESCAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION**  
**ACORN TO OAK PROJECT**



**Time to plant the ACORNS!**

**Saturday, January 18, 2020**

**1 - 2 p.m.**

**7 Oaks Nursery - *Grow Farm***

**26860 Hostettler Road (Corner of Desparado Drive)**

**Temescal Valley, CA 92883**

We need volunteers to plant. Boy/Girl Scouts groups welcome and encouraged, email Tracy to give headcount of troop. Wear closed toe shoes, bring gloves and hand trowels.

***Special Thanks to 7 Oaks Nursery for Partnering with the project!***

Any questions contact Tracy Davis, project lead [tracycto@yahoo.com](mailto:tracycto@yahoo.com)



TEMESCAL • VALLEY

## WE ARE TEMESCAL VALLEY BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

### TGR: Hostettler to Lake Community Clean Up

## Saturday, January 25, 2020

## 7:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Cleaning up from Hostettler to bridge on Temescal Canyon Road

- **Volunteers needed:** Student's community service hour forms will be signed. Parents must participate if kids are younger than 16.
- Wear gloves and closed-toe shoes.
- Pickers and bags provided.
- Water and doughnuts provided.



If you have questions, email Bob: [bob.hafner@verizon.net](mailto:bob.hafner@verizon.net)



**Join**  
A Point in Time



## **VOLUNTEER to COUNT!**

Join the **Point in Time Count** of unsheltered adults on a single day to determine the extent of homelessness in Riverside County.

**5:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

**January 29, 2020**

**Make it Count for Everyone!**

Register to volunteer

[www.RivCoExchange.com](http://www.RivCoExchange.com)

Point in Time Hotline 951-358-3844



# RUMMAGE SALE



**JANUARY 18  
8AM-3PM**

**DONATION DROP OFF DATES:**

**SUNDAY, 1/12 2-4PM**

**TUESDAY, 1/14 5:30-8:30PM**

**SUPPORT CEN-10 BAND & COLORGUARD @ STUDENT PARKING LOT**

- ✓ **BABY CLOTHES**
- ✓ **WOMEN'S, MEN, CHILDREN CLOTHING, JEWELRY**
- ✓ **BOOKS, TOYS & GAMES**
- ✓ **HOUSEHOLD: LAMPS, NICK NACKS, DISHES,**
- ✓ **FURNITURE & MORE**
- ✓ **TOOLS, LAWN & GARDEN SUPPLIES**



**CENTENNIAL HS 1820 RIMPAU AVE., CORONA**

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