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WINTER/SPRING 2015

RIVERSIDE

Neighbor Fest
Parks Make
Life BETTER!

Camp Anza
Get Home Safe

CITY OF RIVERSIDE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Activity Guide

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Sign up for Classes: (951) 826-2000
 RivReg.org

General City Information: (951) 826-5311
 ExploreRiverside.com • econdev@riversideca.gov



Resident Spotlight

#ILoveRiverside



Larry and Rosemary Utesch

moved to the Wood Streets neighborhood in 1984. Within six months they knew 40 people on their very active block. After several years, everything changed; they only knew 11 neighbors in 2009. After that stunning realization, it was decided that a change was necessary... and the Annual Wood Streets Yard Sale was born shortly thereafter. The results are astonishing: 50% to 75% of neighbors participate as either buyers or sellers and the 70 yard sales that took place in 2010 has now grown to 366 in 2014! One neighbor praised the event with, "We met so many nice neighbors we have never talked to before!" **Thank you, Larry and Rosemary for your dedication to Riverside's community! #ILoveRiverside**

Home Front at Camp Anza

Officers Club rehabilitation and veterans housing project



This project in Riverside's Arlanza neighborhood will offer homes where military veterans can live with their families and receive support services. The project will provide affordable housing and renovate the historic Officers Club. The estimated completion date of the Camp Anza Project is February 2016.



For more information, email sherold@riversideca.gov

Services offered:

- U.S. Veteran Affairs on-site field office
- Out-patient medical care
- Courtyards extend living space and provide social gathering spaces
- Physical therapy
- Counseling
- Care-giver support
- Recreation facilities
- Direct case management, life skill courses, resident advisory councils, educational and recreational group activities

The very first Neighbor Fest event took place this past fall at Bobby Bonds Park. Nearly 500 people were in attendance! The event promoted community by bringing neighbors together in a celebration of all that makes Riverside a great place to live. Residents had the opportunity to experience a fun way of learning how to strengthen community by connecting with neighbors.

future. Neighbor Fest includes community development training exercises, performances, mini-arts walk, and a series of interactive activities.

The free events are produced as a collaboration of the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership, neighborhood leaders, local residents and the City of Riverside Community Development Department.



CONNECT • DISCOVER • CREATE

Neighbor Fest supports the skills of local residents

by introducing the power of local associations and the supportive functions of local institutions. Community development draws upon existing strengths to build stronger, more sustainable communities and to engage residents directly in their neighborhoods and the City's

Upcoming Neighbor Fest Dates

Date	Time	Location
Jan 25	11 a.m. - 4 p.m.	La Sierra University
March 7	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Orange Terrace Park
April 11	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Villegas Park
May 2	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Main Street Riverside

Dates are tentative and subject to change

Office of Neighborhoods (951) 826-5168 or visit RiversideCA.gov/ourneighborhoods



Parks Make Life BETTER!

An extensive study asked California citizens and public officials, "Why are parks important to you?" The research, sponsored by the California Park and Recreation Society (CPRS), a nonprofit, professional and public interest organization with over 4,000 members, was used to develop the brand of the profession, "Parks Make Life Better!"

Overwhelmingly, survey respondents value parks and recreation as an essential community service. The "Parks Make Life Better" brand promise incorporates the benefits Californians reported as most important; the many ways parks and recreation make their lives and communities better.

Specifically, parks and recreation make life better now and in the future by providing:

- Access to the serenity and inspiration of nature
- Outdoor space to play and exercise
- Facilities for self-directed and organized recreation
- Positive alternatives for youth, which helps lower crime
- Activities that facilitate special connections, human development, therapy, the arts and lifelong learning

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department (PRCSD)
(951) 826-2000 (Se Habla Español) RiversideCA.gov/park_rec



Our community takes pride in the parks and activities offered to Riverside residents.

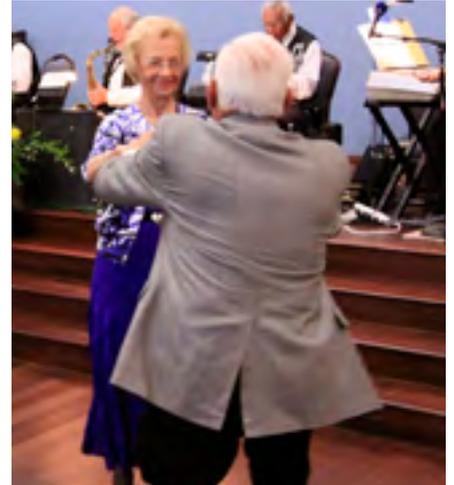
The City of Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department (PRCSD) makes lives better by providing 58 award-winning parks with various amenities. Included are: 11 community centers, 7 pools, teen centers, after-school enrichment recreation, 55-and-better programming, and special transportation. Enjoy award-winning special events such as the Mariachi Festival, Concerts in the Park, 4th of July Spectacular and the Family Fishing Derby, along with dozens

of summer camps, trips and tours, sports leagues, fitness, exercise and special interest activities. Fun activities for everyone!

You've succeeded in the first step in the "Parks Make Life Better campaign" by opening this edition of the Explore Riverside magazine and seeing all of the programs and activities the PRCSD offers; now take the next step and register for one of the PRCSD's innovative activities and see firsthand why "Parks Make Life Better!" **Register at RivReg.org**



For more information visit RiversideCA.gov/park_rec



HISTORIC PRESERVATION

OUR RIVERSIDE • OUR STORIES...

The Storytelling project (Our Riverside, Our Stories) seeks to collect stories of Riverside. All Riverside residents have something to contribute to our city's history. We are interested in family, generational, place-making, and City pride stories. We are interested in hearing from residents and utilizing storytelling as a vehicle for creative expression. To see examples of historic stories visit Historypin.org. If you or a family member have something to share or would like to participate in storytelling at Neighbor Fest events contact:

Erin Gettis,
Principal Planner and
City Historic Preservation Officer
egettis@riversideca.gov RiversideCA.gov/historic

BE AN AMBASSADOR

Now is your chance...to take part in the Riverside Historic Preservation Ambassador Training project coming Spring 2015 to a neighborhood area near you! In this training you will learn how to share with others: why this place matters to you, why it drew you here in the first place, and how to help keep that sense of place for future generations to enjoy. We believe the best ambassadors for history are the residents themselves and this training seeks to build stronger community appreciation and knowledge for sharing the rich history of Riverside with other residents.

Teri Delcamp,
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311 ONE CALL DOES IT ALL FOR CITY SERVICES

RiversideCA.gov/apps



1. 311 mobile app

RiversideCA.gov/apps

When you see a pothole, graffiti or other problem in the City, open the application, take a photo, select the type of issue, and send. A service request is then generated.

2. 311 online at

RiversideCA.gov

Just click on the 311 icon to use the fillable form.

3. Call 311 or (951) 826-5311

for out of area calls.

311 is for non-emergency services only.

CITY APPS



Nature Spotter

Ready, set, take your nature pic! The Riverside

Nature Spotter app is a handy tool that helps nature lovers share their observations --whether it be an insect, plant, animal, or other living thing.

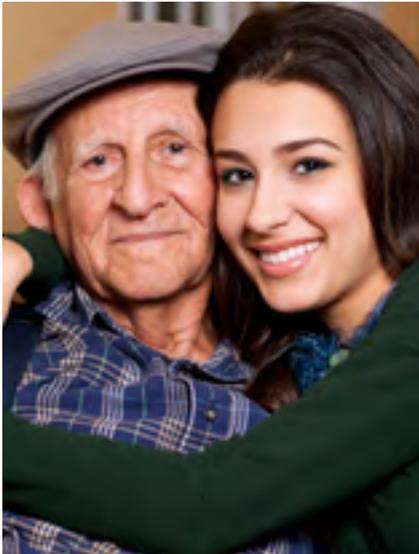


Tour Guide App

Bring the City of Riverside's heritage to life

with fascinating information about Riverside's downtown statues using advanced "geofencing" technology to push photos, audio, and text to users once they come within close range of each downtown statue.

For a list of all city apps visit RiversideCA.gov/apps



Over 60% of Alzheimer's patients will wander or become lost.

The Get Home Safe Program can help!

The **Get Home Safe Program** offers **FREE ID bracelets** with online emergency information profiles for people with Alzheimer's and other cognitive impairment disorders.

These bracelets and emergency information may help first responders locate and identify your cognitive impaired loved ones if they go missing.

For more information contact **Riverside Police Department**
(951) 826-5700 • RPDonline.org



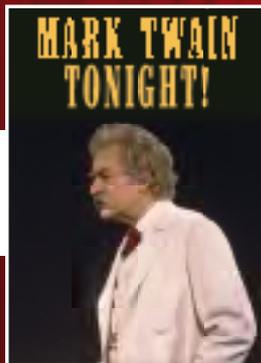
RIVERSIDE LIVE 2015



LIVE NATION

FOX PERFORMING ARTS CENTER PRESENTS

BROADWAY IN RIVERSIDE



Jan 17



Feb 4 & 5



Feb 13 & 14



Mar 25 & 26

New announcements, show schedules and to buy tickets, visit FoxRiversideLive.com or (951) 779-9804

FOX
Performing Arts Center
Riverside, California

- Jan 24 **So You Think You Can Dance**
Live Tour
- Feb 28 **The Very Best of Celtic Thunder**
- Mar 7 **Kathleen Madigan**
- Apr 4 **In The Mood**
- Apr 11 **Chris Botti**
- May 9 **Riverside County Philharmonic**
- Jun 20 **Bill Mahr**



In The Mood

Apr 4



Chris Botti

Apr 11



Riverside County
Philharmonic

May 9



RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM
AND SOLDIER'S MEMORIAL BUILDING

- Jan 2 **Appetite 4 Destruction**
The Ultimate Tribute to
Guns N' Roses
- Jan 3 **Trombone Shorty & Orleans Ave.**
- Jan 30 **WALE: SIMPLE Mobile Simply
Nothing Tour** w/ Doja Cat
- Feb 2 **Bush** w/ Theory of a Deadman
- Feb 6 **Badfish** - A Tribute to **SUBLIME**
- Feb 25 **Taking Back Sunday**
w/ LetLive & The Mezingers
- Mar 12 **Kongos** - Lunatic Tour 2015



WALE

Jan 30



**Taking Back
Sunday**

Feb 25



Kongos

Mar 12



STREETER GRADE SEPARATION

Residents and drivers have experienced the benefits of the long-awaited grade separation at Streeter Avenue which is in the final stages of construction. The \$36 million dollar project allows traffic along Streeter Avenue to flow freely at all times and no longer be delayed by the 36 trains that traverse the area on a daily basis.

The project lowered Streeter Avenue under the railroad tracks and include the construction of two bridges - one to carry Dewey Avenue over Streeter Avenue, and one to carry railroad tracks over Streeter Avenue. The project also realigns and reconfigures Appleton and Lantana Streets; and constructed a new street, Jerry Louder Drive, to connect Streeter and Dewey Avenues.

The new Union Pacific Railroad bridge is already in use and the contractor is completing the east

side of the road, installing lighting, and landscaping and anticipates completion of the project in the spring.

“The grade separation will reduce travel times for the nearly 13,000 vehicles that travel on Streeter Avenue daily”

The grade separation reduces travel times for the nearly 13,000 vehicles that travel on Streeter Avenue daily, a number which is expected to reach 29,000 by

2025; eliminate the 3 to 6 minute delay experienced by emergency responders encountering a train; and improve pedestrian safety, especially for the students of the adjacent Mountain View Elementary School.

Streeter becomes the fifth grade separation project completed within the last ten years to improve the quality of life in Riverside. These are critically important projects for the City as it is trisected by two transcontinental

rail lines with 26 mainline crossings carrying over 75% of the freight handled by the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles. Railroad grade separations are a great way to minimize their impacts, improve safety, and make our neighborhoods quieter while also facilitating commerce and economic growth.

The project could not have happened without funding from the State of California and the Riverside County Transportation Commission and includes \$6.9 million in local funds, \$20.5 million in State bond funds, \$7.5 million in federal funds, and \$1.1 million from Union Pacific Railroad.



CNG Station Opens Early 2015

What is CNG?

Compressed Natural Gas, or CNG, is an alternative fuel that can be used in place of gasoline (petrol), diesel fuel and propane/LPG.

Any existing gasoline vehicle can be converted to a dual-fuel (gasoline/CNG) vehicle.

- CNG is the cleanest, lowest cost fuel. City of Riverside CNG station price is \$1.53 per gallon - the lowest price in the area.

- The new and improved site location is at the corner of Jurupa Avenue and Acorn Street.
- The station is publicly accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days per week and will accept all major credit cards.
- Construction began on May 1, 2014, with an estimated project cost of \$2,899,262.
- The Gas Company supplied the gas line to the City at no cost as part of their Betterment & Improvements projects
- Full return on investment for this project will be realized in 5 years from grant funds and CNG fuel rates.

For more info call Fleet Management (951) 351-6157



OPEN FOR BUSINESS



The partnership between the City of Riverside, the County of Riverside and UC Riverside provides the vital support to increase the number of successful start-up businesses by providing a low-cost space, access to financial, marketing and professional resources along with high speed internet fiber.

EXCITE members will be paired with mentors in specific fields to who they can look toward for support and guidance. Workshops and seminars will also be available for members to learn more about specific areas of business development and create a solid foundation for their business to grow and thrive.

**Riverside Centre Annex, 3499 10th Street
Riverside, CA 92501
ExciteRiverside.org**



Business Visits TeamOED is here for your business!

Riverside's Office of Economic Development (TeamOED) has made a commitment to provide outreach to the business community through weekly business visits, sponsorship of local business events, and hosting topical seminars.

With an initial goal of 365 by December 2014, TeamOED has surpassed this goal by visiting nearly 500 businesses representing over 5,500 employees.

These informal business visits allow the Economic Development team to hear directly from business owners, assist with issues they may be dealing with and share resources to help them be more successful.

#TeamOED is here to help with pre-development meetings, advise on the permitting process, state and city regulations, potential incentives, assessment of reasonable project timelines and fee estimates.

Connect with us
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**CITY OF
RIVERSIDE**

OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



GREEN PAGE

Riverside Named “Coolest California City”

In October 2014, the City of Riverside was named the state's Coolest California City by the California Air Resources Board in recognition of Riverside's efforts to reduce carbon emissions through the CoolCalifornia City Challenge.

Riverside battled through most of the summer before emerging victorious at the Air Resources Board meeting in Diamond Bar, where awards were presented.

Riverside will put the \$32,950 in prize money toward sustainability programs within the city.

To learn more about the [CoolCalifornia City Challenge](http://CoolCalifornia.org), go to CoolCalifornia.org



The Drought: An Update

Although we've gotten some rain lately, it hasn't been enough to roll back the drought. Water reservoirs are still down across the state and experts suggest that the drought will continue throughout 2015.

What can you do to conserve water and lessen the impact of the drought in Riverside?

Take shorter showers.

Don't let the water run when brushing your teeth.

Use a broom rather than a hose to clean sidewalks.

Check for and repair plumbing leaks in toilets and irrigation systems.

Install a smart irrigation controller, which shuts down automatic sprinkler systems when it rains.

Use drip irrigation wherever possible.

Replace old toilets with new ones that use fewer gallons to flush.

Replace kitchen appliances with Energy Star® models.

Wash only full loads in dishwashers and clothes washers.

For more information about the drought and how to conserve, go to BlueRiverside.com



Weatherize and Save!

Riverside Public Utilities makes it easy with a variety of rebate programs that help keep your home energy efficient and at the right temperature all year round.

Insulation Rebates – Earn great cash back for installing select attic and wall insulation products.

Duct Sealing and Required Blower Door Testing – Make sure your system isn't leaking. Receive up to 50% of project costs (up to \$350 back).

Energy Efficient Windows – Receive up to \$1 per square foot when installing qualified ENERGY STAR® rated windows.

Attic Fans – Receive \$100 rebates for installing solar attic fans, or \$50 for electric attic fans (limit 2, either kind).

Learn more about RPU's available Weatherization rebates at GreenRiverside.com and how you can increase your rebate amounts, up to 250%, by using our Whole House Rebate Program!



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

January

3
Downtown Farmers Market
Downtown
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
For more info call 826-5408

Trombone Shorty & New Orleans
Riverside Municipal Auditorium
8 p.m.
For more info call 779-9800

4
First Sundays
Riverside Metropolitan Museum
1 p.m.
For more information call 826-5273

8
Arts Walk
Downtown
6 – 9 p.m.
For more info call 682-6737

10
Citrus Heritage Run
Arlington Heights Sports Complex
8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
CitrusHeritageRun.com

17
Downtown Farmers Market
Downtown
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
For more info call 826-5408

Mark Twain Tonight!
Fox Performing Arts Center
7 p.m.
For more info call 779-9800

21
Discovery Days
Riverside Metropolitan Museum
1:30 p.m.
For more info call 826-5273

23
Mardi Gras Pub Crawl
Downtown
6 – 10 p.m.
For more info visit ConnectRiverside.org

24
Downtown Farmers Market
Downtown
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
For more info call 826-5408

So You Think You Can Dance Live Tour
Fox Performing Arts Center
7 p.m.
For more info call 779-9800

31
Downtown Farmers Market
Downtown
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
For more info call 826-5408

Lunar Fest
10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
LunarFestRiverside.com

February

1
First Sundays
Riverside Metropolitan Museum
1 p.m.
For more information call 826-5273

4
Mamma Mia!
Fox Performing Arts Center
7 p.m.
For more info call 779-9800

5
Arts Walk
Downtown
6 – 9 p.m.
For more info call 682-6737

Mamma Mia!
Fox Performing Arts Center
7 p.m.
For more info call 779-9800

6
Badfish – A Tribute to Sublime
Riverside Municipal Auditorium
7:30 p.m.
For more info call 779-9800

12
Valentines Day Events
La Sierra, Nichols & Villegas Parks
4 – 6 p.m.
For more info call 826-2000

13
Memphis the Musical
Fox Performing Arts Center
7 p.m.
For more info call 779-9800

School's Out Sweets & Treats Day
Bobby Bonds & Orange Terrace Parks
7 a.m. – 6 p.m.
For more info call 826-2000

Valentines Day Events
Bryant & Orange Terrace Parks
4 – 6 p.m.
For more info call 826-2000

14
Black History Parade & Expo
Downtown
8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
For more info call 684-0805

Memphis the Musical
Fox Performing Arts Center
1 – 7 p.m.
For more info call 779-9800

18
Outpost Concert Series: Meerenai Shim
Culver Center
8 – 9:30 p.m.
Outpost.UCR.edu

Discovery Days
Riverside Metropolitan Museum
1:30 p.m.
For more info call 826-5273

21
Downtown Farmers Market
Downtown
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
For more info call 826-5408

21 & 22
Dickens Fest
Downtown
Dickensfest.com

22
An Evening on the Red Carpet
Fox Performing Arts Center
3 – 9 p.m.
For more info call 826-5769

28
Downtown Farmers Market
Downtown
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
For more info call 826-5408

The Very Best of Celtic Thunder
Fox Performing Arts Center
6:30 p.m.
For more info call 779-9800

March

1
First Sundays
Riverside Metropolitan Museum
1 p.m.
For more information call 826-5273

5
Arts Walk
Downtown
6 – 9 p.m.
For more info call 682-6737

7
Downtown Farmers Market
Downtown
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
For more info call 826-5408

Kathleen Madigan
Fox Performing Arts Center
7 p.m.
For more info call 779-9800

12
Kongos – Lunatic Tour
Riverside Municipal Auditorium
8 p.m.
For more info call 779-9800

13
St. Patrick's Day Event
Bryant Park
4 – 6 p.m.
For more info call 351-6135

14
Downtown Farmers Market
Downtown
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
For more info call 826-5408

17
St. Patrick's Day Events
Nichols, Orange Terrace & Villegas Parks
4 – 6 p.m.
For more info call 826-2000

18
Discovery Days
Riverside Metropolitan Museum
1:30 p.m.
For more info call 826-5273

25 & 26
Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles on Broadway
Fox Performing Arts Center
6:30 p.m.
For more info call 779-9800

28
Downtown Farmers Market
Downtown
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
For more info call 826-5408

Riverside Airshow
Riverside Airport
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
For more info call 826-5311
RiversideCA.gov/Airshow

Spring Eggstravaganza
Ryan Bonaminio Park
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
For more info call 826-2000

April

2
Arts Walk
Downtown
6 – 9 p.m.
For more info call 682-6737

Calendar is subject to change.

Please confirm event information prior to participation.

WALK TO END HOMELESSNESS
April 11, 2015

Everyone deserves a safe place to live.

Join us in the fight to End Homelessness by participating in a 2.5 mile walk.

EndHomeless.info



Riverside Ending Homelessness Fund is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization.

RiversideCA.gov/museum

Open thru August 31, 2017

Cahuilla Continuum
TÚKU, ÍVAX, TÚLEKA

Exhibition tells the story of a Southern California Native people--the Cahuilla and features over 160 objects.



RIVERSIDE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM

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