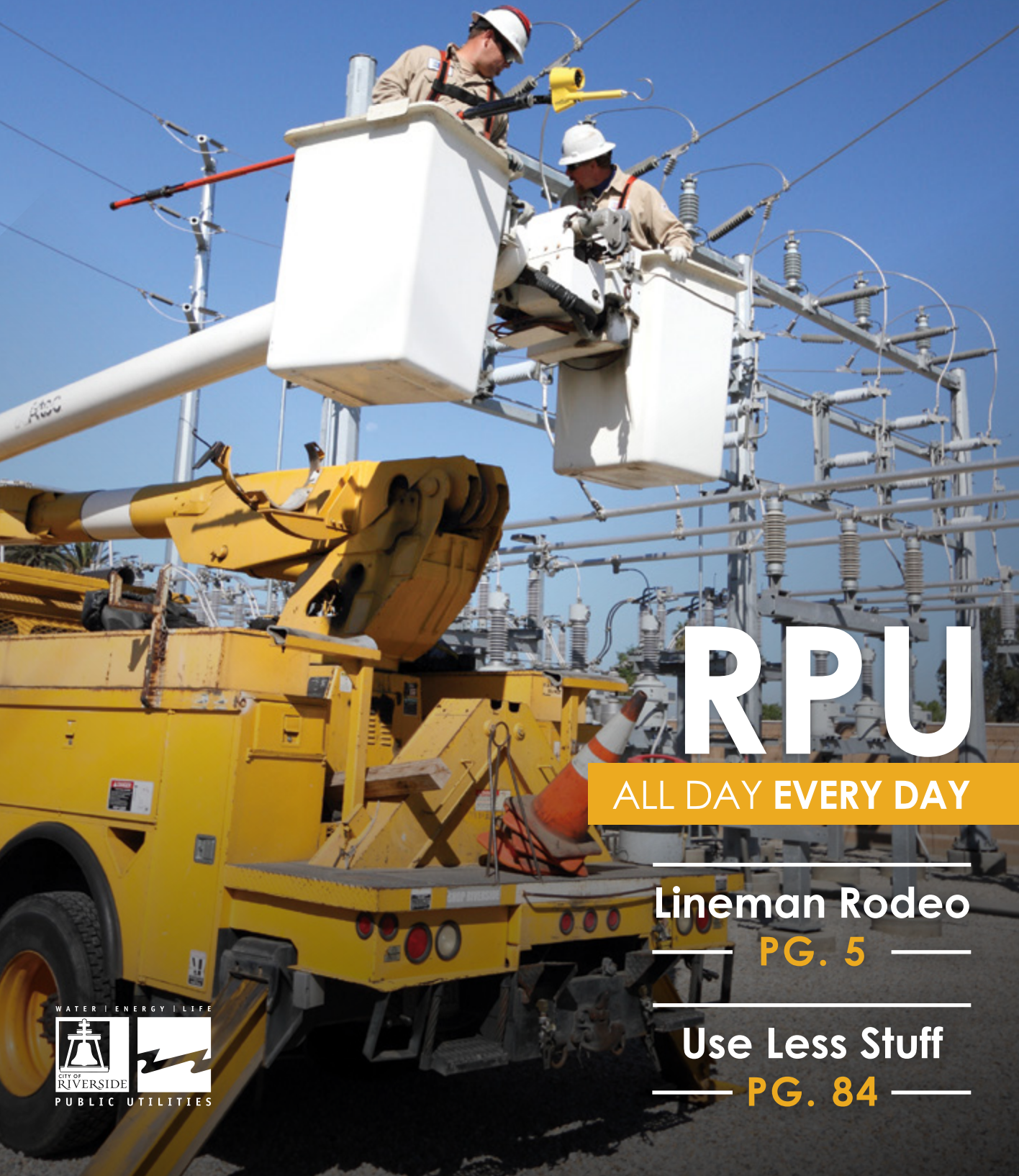


# EXPLORE



SUMMER 2019

RIVERSIDE



# RPU

ALL DAY EVERY DAY

Lineman Rodeo

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Use Less Stuff

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WATER | ENERGY | LIFE





City Hall  
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(951) 826-2000

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## DID YOU KNOW?



Electrical lineman is one of RPU's  
**MOST CHALLENGING JOBS**



A lineman carries an  
average of  
**30 lbs.**  
of equipment and tools.



Linemen must go  
through a  
**SIX-YEAR**  
training program.



Some of the skills needed to be  
a lineman include: Knowledge  
of electricity, math skills, an  
understanding of mechanics,  
safety and first aid training, wire  
stringing, and pole climbing.

If you should experience a power outage,  
please visit [RiversidePublicUtilities.com/outages](http://RiversidePublicUtilities.com/outages)  
for maps, tips, and updated information.

As always, **THANK YOU** for your patience  
as crews work diligently to restore power.

EXPLORE COVER: Riverside Public Utilities linemen working  
on the Casa Blanca Substation Steve Jacobs

# MEET RPU

RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES



Riverside Public Utilities is an award-winning, consumer-owned water and electric utility that has provided efficient, reliable services throughout the City of Riverside for more than 100 years.

## ELECTRICITY | EST. 1895



**97,531**  
residential



**11,181**  
commercial



**854**  
industrial

## WATER | EST. 1913



**59,601**  
residential



**5,705**  
commercial



**334**  
other

## FAST FACTS



**22,942** power poles



**1,000** miles of pipeline



**42** linemen



**1,330** miles of distribution lines



**98.6** miles of transmission lines

Learn more about RPU at [RiversidePublicUtilities.com](http://RiversidePublicUtilities.com)

# HISTORY OF RPU WATER

We are hard at work finding new ways to maintain and expand our water independence. With more than 65,000 metered water customers, this department is committed to serving our customers for the next 100 years and beyond.

Since 1913, the goals have not changed in the Water Department. We work day in and day out to protect our water resources, improve our water delivery systems, and maintain our high water quality for this and future generations.

## 1913

Fueled by growth due to agricultural prosperity, voters approve \$1.1 million bond to purchase the domestic service from Riverside Water Company and others.



## 1927

New 42-inch main from San Bernardino to the new 12 million gallon Linden Reservoir was laid along Iowa Avenue.



## 1937

University Heights 5 million gallon reservoir was constructed.



## 1941

Riverside is hard at work maintaining and expanding infrastructure.



## 1954

With foresight in response to post-WWII growth, Riverside residents voted to form a special district, Western Municipal Water.



## 1965

Gage Canal was acquired, which included assets necessary for production, transport, and distribution of water.



## 1969

Judgment set basin-wide water rights for San Bernardino, Riverside, and Orange Counties. Riverside Public Utilities continues to operate under these regulations today.



## 1974

Riverside Public Utilities acquires Southwest Water Company and begins public water service to La Sierra neighborhoods.



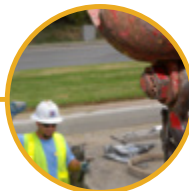
## 1990

In response to five years of drought conditions, Riverside Public Utilities launches its first water awareness campaign.



## 2005

SAFE W.A.T.E.R. plan approved to accelerate improvements such as pipeline replacement, well and booster station refurbishment, and construction of new reservoirs and treatment plants.



## 2008

Riverside Public Utilities declares water independence due to the completion of the J.W. North Treatment Plant, which adds nearly 10% more water to Riverside's supply.



## 2012

Completion of state-of-the-art 16 million gallon Evans Reservoir Replacement, originally built in 1968.



WATER



# LET THE COMPETITION BEGIN

& ELECTRIC

Spring kicked off competition season for several Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) employees! **The Public Power Lineworkers Rodeo** is the foremost showcase of public power lineworker skill and knowledge, the prime venue for public power linemen and women to demonstrate their skills and knowledge in their profession. At the Rodeo, journeyman and apprentice lineworkers compete for professional recognition, attend training courses, and practice essential skills in a safe environment. Attendees have a unique opportunity to connect with and learn from the nationwide community of lineworker professionals.

Participants demonstrate how quickly and safely they can climb power poles, hang transformers, rescue injured workers and perform rope tosses and other duties commonly required of lineworkers.

This year RPU journeymen and apprentices recently joined Southern California Edison and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to compete with their rodeo hopefuls in a nationwide event. They traveled to the Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site in the

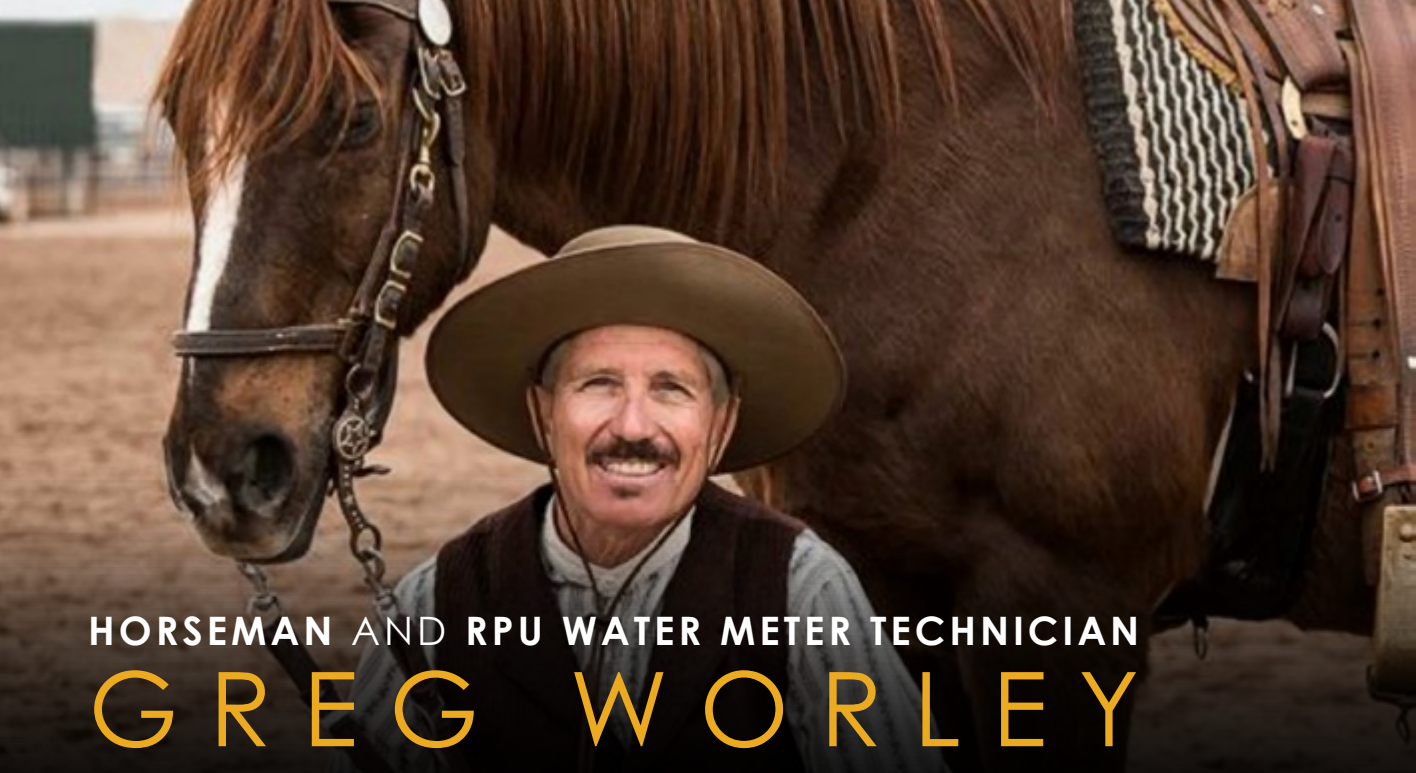
Pikes Peak region in Colorado Springs, CO. More than 50 journeyman teams and 100 apprentice lineworkers from throughout the USA participated in two full days of training, learning, networking and competing. Representing Riverside's journeyman team this year was Dennis McDonnell, Cory Schleidin, and Gary Smith. Zachary Campbell and Andrew Richards competed on the apprentice team.

Being a lineworker requires vast skills and knowledge. The annual rodeo event is truly a great opportunity for customers to recognize what it takes to keep the power on; however, the event is not all work and competition. It is a true family and community event open to the public.

To support Riverside's team and view competition results, visit [PublicPower.org/Event/Lineworkers-Rodeo](http://PublicPower.org/Event/Lineworkers-Rodeo)



**IBEW**  
LOCAL 47



# HORSEMAN AND RPU WATER METER TECHNICIAN GREG WORLEY

On an average day as a Water Meter Technician for RPU, **Greg Worley's** call sheet might include entries like: "Repair 6-inch water meter; or check meter box complaint." While a weekend call sheet for Greg might read: "Ride into western town, pull a #7 – a "whoopin' and a hollerin' guns a'blazing; chat with movie stars; or get to the starting gate for the Cowboy Mounted Shooting competition.

That's because Greg, a **20-year veteran** of RPU's water division, is also an accomplished **horseman**, a **hall-of-fame multi-champion gunslinger**, and a veteran of some of **Hollywood's most famous westerns**. Greg started riding in 1972 at age 11, when his parents gave him his first horse. It had a Hollywood pedigree – it was one of the horses that played Diablo, the trusty equine companion of "The Cisco Kid," from the 1950's TV show.

A few years later, he got into cars, skateboards, and surfing, until an invitation to watch a Wild West show changed his life. "I started talking to the head of the group telling him that I've always liked westerns," Greg said. "And he asked if I didn't mind being one of the guys that got shot." So Greg sold his Porsche and started buying vintage guns, clothes, and a horse. "The better my stuff looked, the more I was asked to do." Now part of the reenactment group, Greg soon became friends with people who

help Hollywood cast actors and riders for western-themed films, commercials, and television shows.

Before he knew it, Greg had an impressive array of film and television credits to his name including appearances in Tombstone, Hidalgo, HBO's Deadwood, and Hulu's Quick Draw, as well as multiple television commercials, and Discovery Channel and History Channel documentaries, including one where he played Billy the Kid. "It's like having fun and getting paid for it," Greg said. "I'd do it for free, but I'm not going to tell them that."

Greg also competes in the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association (CMSA), a group he helped found and promotes. In addition to winning multiple titles as a competitor, he was also the first male to be inducted into the CMSA Hall of Fame in 2001. Oh, and if you're looking for Greg on New Year's Day each year, he's riding in the Rose Parade in Pasadena with the Spirit of the West riders in support of the John Wayne Cancer Foundation.



CITY OF ARTS



# RIVERSIDE ENERGY RESOURCE CENTER

The **Riverside Energy Resource Center (RERC)** is a 200-megawatt natural gas power plant with four 50-megawatt gas turbine engines just like those used in commercial aircraft. The power plant was built to generate power when Riverside needs it most. Finished in 2006 and then expanded in 2011, RERC is used to make sure that we have power during the hottest times of the year and in case of emergencies. The facility can start up to full capacity in 10 minutes, and can start up even when the power grid is down using an on-site diesel engine.

The \$300 million plant complies with all air quality regulations as we have strived to produce the cleanest, most reliable power for the city. Because the plant was designed using advanced technology, it allows us to operate efficiently with highly specialized staff in place. Now that's innovation at work!

### FUN FACT



**65%** of the **RERC staff**

received their specialized training in the **U.S. Military**, bringing more than 68 years of expertise to RERC.



In 2018 RERC provided **86,351.13 Megawatt Hours**

# FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL

IN THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE

MINIMUM FINE: \$1,000

## WHY ARE THEY BAD?



INJURIES



SCARED  
CHILDREN



FIRE  
HAZARD



SCARED  
PETS



For family-friendly 4th of July activities, visit  
[RiversideCA.gov/Calendar](http://RiversideCA.gov/Calendar)

## PROPERLY DISPOSE OF YOUR OLD AND TATTERED FLAG

In 2016, American Legion Post 289 donated the first **Flag Depository Box** to the City of Riverside. The flag of the United States of America is one of the nation's most widely recognized symbols and represents freedom and liberty. When the flag is in such condition that is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified and ceremonial way.

American Legion Post 289 and the City of Riverside Fire Department recognized the need for the citizens of Riverside to have a standard method of proper flag disposal. After a full year of research, modifications and graphic design to a retired, old-fashioned mailbox, American Legion Post 289 presented the inaugural Flag Depository Box to Fire Station 1 located at 3401 University Ave. The box is checked regularly to ensure all flags are cared for in an honorable manner.

Fire Station 1 • 3401 University Ave.





# MAN

175 LBS.  
OF PURE, HUMAN  
FLESH AND BLOOD



# TRAIN

6,000 TONS  
OF SOLID BUILT  
AMERICAN STEEL



# IT'S NO CONTEST.

Every day, people tempt  
fate and die trespassing  
on railroad tracks.



SeeTracksThinkTrain.org



ASSOCIATION OF  
AMERICAN RAILROADS



As winter comes to a close and the days get longer, our thoughts turn to outdoor fun and summer vacations. While it may be tempting to hike to the "C" or to cut across the railroad tracks on Tyler Street to get to the Galleria, it's important to remember that train tracks are dangerous! The **City of Riverside** and the **Riverside County Transportation Commission**, in partnership with **California Operation Lifesaver**, continues to remind you, "**See Tracks? Think Train!**"

With hundreds of freight and passenger trains traveling daily throughout Riverside, it is important for residents to remember that the only safe place to cross the railroad tracks is at a **designated public crossing**. Similarly, it is important that residents know that many of the railroad crossings are designated "Quiet Zones," and trains are not required to sound their horns at these

locations. For a list of Quiet Zones in Riverside, please visit [RiversideCA.gov/PublicWorks/QuietZone.asp](https://www.riversideca.gov/PublicWorks/QuietZone.asp)

For safety reasons, it is illegal to be on railroad right of way unless you are at a designated public crossing. Also, keep in mind that freight trains do not follow set schedules. **Any time is train time!** And lastly, never walk around or behind lowered gates at a crossing, and **DO NOT cross the tracks** until the lights have stopped flashing and it's safe to do so.

**For more information**, visit [OLI.org](https://www.oli.org).

Operation Lifesaver is an international, non-profit educational organization that seeks to reduce collisions, injuries and fatalities at railroad crossings and on the railroad right of way.

# SUMMER SAFETY & FUN



## BE PREPARED!

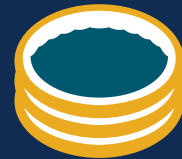
Whether they're swimming in a backyard swimming pool, at a community center, or at the beach, here's some helpful tips for actively watching your child in and around water.



Know the pools your child visits and carefully determine if they are **properly protected**.



Keep **rescue equipment** near the pool.



**Empty wading pools** of all water after use.



**Empty buckets** of all contents after use and **store upside down**.



Complete **CPR** and **First Aid training**.



Assign an adult **"Water Watcher"** while your child swims.

### ABC'S OF WATER SAFETY

# A

#### Adult Supervision

Use eye-to-eye contact at all times, around all bodies of water.

# B

#### Barriers

Block all openings and doorways that lead to pool areas.

# C

#### Classes

Enroll children in swimming lessons at appropriate ages.

For extra water and pool safety information, visit [RiversideCA.gov/Fire](http://RiversideCA.gov/Fire)

For information on swimming programs, see **page 29** or [RivReg.org](http://RivReg.org)



**RIVERSIDE  
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

# SUMMER READING PROGRAM

**FREE** activities will include jugglers, magicians, wild animals, song and dance, plus Science, Technology, Robotics, Engineering and Mathematics (STREAM) activities!

Not only will we offer these things in our buildings, but we will also be taking activities to parks throughout many Riverside neighborhoods.

The fun begins **June 1** and will be highlighted by a fabulous kickoff event at the **César Chávez Community Center at Bobby Bonds Park**. Don't miss it!

## Some Events Include:

**June 1**

**Summer Reading Kick-off Event**

Bobby Bonds Park/César Chávez  
Community Center  
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**June 10**

**Arty Loon Magic and Juggling**

Arlanza Library  
4 – 4:45 p.m.

**June 19**

**Buster Balloon**

Orange Terrace Library  
3:30 – 4:15 p.m.

**June 25**

**Chazz: African Drum Circle**

Arlington Library  
3:30 – 4:15 p.m.

**July 3**

**Musical Paint**

SSgt. Salvador J. Lara  
Casa Blanca Library  
4 – 4:45 p.m.

**July 8**

**Polynesian Dancers**

Arlanza Library  
4 – 4:45 p.m.

**July 17**

**Teresa Smith, African  
Dance, Story and Song**

Orange Terrace Library  
3:30 – 4:15 p.m.

For a full list of events, visit  
[RiversideCA.gov/library](http://RiversideCA.gov/library)

# Help Us All Use Less Stuff



Accepting the challenge to **USE LESS STUFF** can be fun! Use the list below to learn more about how you can help our environment by going green.



Choose to use **reusable containers**. From coffee cups to water bottles to take out boxes, reducing waste is easier when you use your own containers.



Some items are **too toxic to trash**. Never place batteries, motor oil, paint or fluorescent light tubes in the trash. Take them to the waste collection site at 1780 Agua Mansa Road every non-holiday Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.



**Eat and buy local!** You can start at the Riverside Farmer's Market in Downtown on Saturday mornings.



Take the waste from your plate and feed your garden with **composting**. To learn how go to [RCWaste.org](http://RCWaste.org).



Pay it forward; **donating your gently used items** gives them a second life. Local charities appreciate your help.



Learn about **energy rebates and water efficiency measures** at [RiversidePublicUtilities.com](http://RiversidePublicUtilities.com)

To learn more about waste reduction, visit [RiversideCA.gov/PublicWorks](http://RiversideCA.gov/PublicWorks)

## BYOBAG!

Use reusable bags to keep our waterways clean and free of litter!



## TOO TOXIC TO TRASH!



No batteries, motor oil, paint or fluorescent tubes in the trash.

## FROM YOUR PLATE TO YOUR GARDEN

Composting reduces food waste and can enrich your garden!



Printed on recycled paper



CITY OF RIVERSIDE ———  
**TREE CARE  
PROGRAM**  
————— FOR CITY TREES

Since 1987, Riverside has been a **Tree City USA™** community in honor of the care we provide for our trees.

Currently, trees within the City right-of-way are **trimmed every 8 to 9 years**. Residents who would like their trees trimmed more frequently or need other tree services can take advantage of the **City of Riverside Tree Care Program for City Trees**.

For more information on the Tree Care Program, visit

**RiversideCA.gov/Trees**

# MAY

2

## Arts Walk

Downtown  
6 - 9 p.m.  
(951) 682-6737

4

## 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Cinco De Mayo

Villegas Park  
10 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
(951) 351-6142

## May the 4<sup>th</sup> Fest

Riverside Municipal Auditorium  
7 p.m.  
RiversideLive.com



7 & 8

## Riverside Sings Auditions

César Chávez Auditorium  
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
RivReg.org

10

## Ana Barbara - Mi Revancha Tour

Fox Performing Arts Center  
9 p.m.  
RiversideLive.com

11

## Great American Cleanup

All over Riverside  
9 - 11 a.m.  
(951) 683-7100 x212

## "Surf To Summer"

### Open House Event

Bobby Bonds Park  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
RivReg.org

## Doors Open Riverside

All over Riverside  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
DoorsOpenRiverside.com



**Doors Open**  
RIVERSIDE

12

## Grease Sing-A-Long

Fox Performing Arts Center  
3 p.m.  
RiversideLive.com

15

## Havana Nights

César Chávez Community Center  
5:30 - 9 p.m.  
RiversideArtsAcademy.com

16

## Senior Swing Dance with Sozo Jazz Band

Goeske Senior Center  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
(951) 351-8800

## Jo Jo Jorge Falcon

Fox Performing Arts Center  
8:30 p.m.  
RiversideLive.com

17

## Tom Segura: Take it Down Tour

Fox Performing Arts Center  
7 p.m.  
RiversideLive.com



18

## William Shatner Live & Screening of Star Trek 2: The Wrath of Khan

Fox Performing Arts Center  
7:30 p.m.  
RiversideLive.com

19

## Heritage House Ice Cream Social

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
(951) 826-5273

24

## The Sunny Days & Vibes Music Festival with the Hieroglyphics

Riverside Municipal Auditorium  
7 p.m.  
RiversideLive.com

25

## Chili Cook-Off Car & Cycle Show

Arlington Business District  
9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
RiversideABP.com

26

## Up Movie Experience

Fox Performing Arts Center  
3 p.m.  
RiversideLive.com

29

## 1 Million Cups

Back to the Grind Coffee House  
9 - 10 a.m.  
(951) 826-5231

30

## Derek Hough Live

Fox Performing Arts Center  
7:30 p.m.  
RiversideLive.com

# JUNE

1

## Summer Reading & Recreation Kick Off Event

Bobby Bonds Park  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
RivReg.org

2

## I.E. Salsa Festival

White Park  
11 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
IESalsafestival.com

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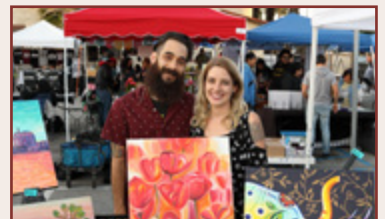
## Summer Camps Begin

Various Community Centers  
RivReg.org

6

## Arts Walk

Downtown  
6 - 9 p.m.  
(951) 682-6737



**8**  
**Father Daughter Dances**  
Villegas Park  
5 - 8 p.m.  
Springbrook Clubhouse  
6 - 8:30 p.m.  
(951) 826-2000

**Riverside Community Sailing Program Annual Regatta**  
Fairmount Park Lake Evans  
4 - 7 p.m.  
RiversideSailing.org

**The Upside Get Down: An 80s Nerd Party**  
Riverside Municipal Auditorium  
9 p.m.  
RiversideLive.com

**9**  
**FleaEsta: Vintage Flea Market Fiesta**  
Riverside Municipal Auditorium  
9 a.m.  
RiversideLive.com

**11**  
**PC Game Club for Teens**  
Arlanza Library  
5 - 6:45 p.m.  
RiversideCA.gov/Library

**12**  
**Rhythm of Riverside Concert Series**  
Fairmount Park Bandshell  
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
RivReg.org

**RENT (Touring)**  
Fox Performing Arts Center  
7:30 p.m.  
RiversideLive.com

**13**  
**Intocable - Percepción Tour**  
Riverside Municipal Auditorium  
8 p.m.  
RiversideLive.com

**19**  
**Rhythm of Riverside Concert Series**  
Fairmount Park Bandshell  
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
RivReg.org

**22**  
**The Great Race**  
Mission Inn Ave.  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
GreatRace.com



**26**  
**Rhythm of Riverside Concert Series**  
Fairmount Park Bandshell  
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
RivReg.org

**29**  
**Bobby Bonds Day Celebration**  
Bobby Bonds Park  
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
(951) 826-5746

**4**  
**Fireworks at Mt. Rubidoux and La Sierra Park**  
9 p.m.  
(951) 826-2000



**10**  
**Rhythm of Riverside Concert Series**  
Fairmount Park Bandshell  
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
RivReg.org

**12**  
**Family Storytime**  
Arlanza Library  
3:30 - 5 p.m.  
(951) 826-2217

**17**  
**Rhythm of Riverside Concert Series**  
Fairmount Park Bandshell  
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
RivReg.org

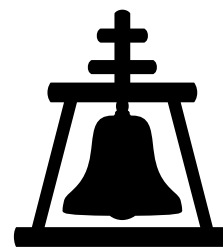
**22**  
**Minecraft**  
Orange Terrace Library  
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
(951) 826-2184

**24**  
**Rhythm of Riverside Concert Series**  
Fairmount Park Bandshell  
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
RivReg.org

**26**  
**Neighborhood Community Coffee**  
Molinos Coffee House  
7:30 - 9:30 a.m.  
(951) 826-2077



**27**  
**Chess Club**  
Orange Terrace Library  
2 - 6 p.m.  
(951) 826-2184



To see more events and detailed information, or to submit your event to the calendar, visit

**RiversideCA.gov/calendar**  
Dates and times are subject to change.

## JULY