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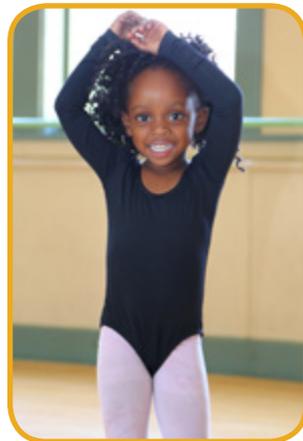
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**RIVERSIDE ARTS
ACADEMY**

“Although the arts are often thought of as solely expressive and affective, they are also deeply cognitive.” – **Collette Lee, Riverside Arts Academy Board Chair**

Riverside Arts Academy is dedicated to empowering Riverside’s youth to grow socially, academically, and culturally through exposure to and training in the arts. They provide low- or no-cost quality arts programs for the community to ensure that all children in Riverside have access to the arts.



Learn more and register for classes at RiversideArtsAcademy.com

EXPLORE COVER: Students of Riverside Arts Academy at César Chávez Community Center  | Steve Jacobs

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(951) 826-2000

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City of Riverside Launches

BIKE RIVERSIDE

The City's First Bike Share Program

Just finished up at the courthouse and heading to The Mission Inn? There's a bike waiting for you. **Classes over at Riverside City College and you want to grab a bite at the Food Lab?** A bike will get you there.

A few months ago, the City of Riverside launched its first bike share program, Bike Riverside, giving the public access to 55 electric pedal assist bikes that can be used for short trips in the historic downtown and adjoining areas.

Bike Riverside provides a mode of transportation that is affordable, non-polluting and easy to use. The pedal assist function makes the bikes attractive to people who are not used to cycling. Just start peddling and the bike's electric motor kicks in, helping you get to your destination faster.

"This truly is a proud moment that has been many years in the works. We know that pedestrian and bike traffic are major sales drivers for small businesses, and we look forward to seeing local residents, tourists, and conventioners using the bikes to visit shops, restaurants and museums." - Mayor Bailey

Bike Riverside is available in a variety of options, including a **\$2 single trip (45 minutes)**, a **\$6 day pass (unlimited 45-minute trips for 24 hours)**, or a **\$20 monthly pass (unlimited 45-minute trips for a month)**. Users sign up on the website – BikeRiverside.org – or use the mobile app, or pay at a payment kiosk where they pick up the bike.

City Council approved an agreement in April 2018 with Bewegen Technologies, Inc. to plan and implement a bike share program. The project cost, about \$334,000, was funded by a variety of grants designed to improve air quality and reduce traffic.

Bewegen established the fee structure, which is roughly 20 percent lower than in cities like Santa Cruz, San Diego, Los Angeles and Long Beach.

"This will offer residents and visitors a fun way to explore our city," Public Works Director Kris Martinez said.

Learn more at BikeRiverside.org

Pictured above: Mayor Rusty Bailey

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R, ENERGY, FUN



Inside Riverside Public Utilities' School Education Program

Since 2001, Riverside Public Utilities' School Education Program has provided a unique, hands-on experience for children in the elementary grades. The program serves **more than 45 public elementary schools** and **30 private schools** in Riverside's service area. The state mandated charges collected on your utility bill pay for the programs designed to align with next generation state curriculum standards, while promoting both energy and water conservation and the science behind it. Kids learn about how electric current works, the water cycle from source to tap, renewable wind energy and utility careers. The reason this program is so special is the creative methods used to teach these topics. The teachers love it too because education kits are left behind with more activities to extend their lessons. Since 2012 alone, Education Coordinator Sharon Gutierrez and her assistant, Damaris Velez, have visited more than 60,000 students in their classrooms. Each day she

brings along creative ways of teaching science that are interactive, age-appropriate, and most of all, fun. Through the program kids can learn:

- How to build a wind energy turbine with straws
- How to create an electric circuit with wires and batteries
- How to test water for safety
- About how pollution affects the watershed by polluting your own miniature model
- What utility linemen do by meeting real linemen
- How to save energy and water
- How electric currents are produced by using hula hoops

For more information about the Riverside Public Utilities School Education Program, visit RiversidePublicUtilities.com/Education or call (951) 826-5485.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:
THE ADVENTUROUS CAREER
OF RIVERSIDE CITY FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC

LOVIE JUNG

Meet City of Riverside Fire Department's Lovie Jung. She has been with the department for about seven years as a firefighter/paramedic.

Have you always wanted to be a firefighter?
When I was younger, I wanted to be firefighter but I got sidetracked by softball. I actually played for the United States Olympic team in 2004 and 2008. When I retired from softball in 2009, I decided I wanted to finally switch over and become a firefighter.

What do you love about your job?
I get to work with a group of people I genuinely enjoy working with. Having that comradery is something I missed after being an athlete. And now, being a mom, I want to be a role model for my daughter as she grows up. I want to

show her she can be independent and have a job that she truly loves, whether it's a male-dominated career or not.

If you had to describe your job in one word, what would it be?
Adventurous. Every day is different. Depending on the training and the type of calls we run, no two days ever look the same. Every day that I come to work looks different than the day before and the day after.

Lovie Jung is just one of the many City employees who impact residents and businesses in Riverside. For open positions, visit RiversideCA.gov/jobs



To watch Lovie's full interview, visit Youtube.com/CityofRiverside

VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION



Riverside would not be the community it is without volunteers. To learn more about volunteer opportunities, visit RiversideCA.gov/Human



Volunteering gets you involved with more than just your next door neighbor or the people you grew up with, but people you may not see at your local grocery store or in your everyday life. It's a great opportunity to meet people and start new relationships. It's incredible to see the community we have here!



- Megan Well, a volunteer with the City of Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department for the past year and a half.



The CERT program has trained approximately 2,300 people. The volunteers here in the City of Riverside are the best. We have a wide-variety of opportunities for our volunteers; I have some that love outreach events, some prefer working with shelters or even emergency incidents, and some that simply want to do paperwork.

- Gina Perez, Community Preparedness Coordinator, Riverside Fire Department



Find the Volunteers in Action playlist at [YouTube.com/CityofRiverside](https://www.youtube.com/CityofRiverside)

6 SAFETY TIPS

TO ALWAYS KEEP IN MIND



Plan Out Your Trip

Avoid the rush by planning ahead. Research the floor plan ahead of time to have an idea of where everything is located. Know where to park and where things are to avoid unnecessary rushing and crowd disturbance. Some streets near the event may be closed so plan accordingly.



Secure Your Personal Belongings

Do not leave valuables in your vehicle and make sure anything important in the vehicle is hidden. Additionally, make sure all valuables you may be carrying are secure and accounted for as there may be crowds.



Be Aware of Your Surroundings

Obey all traffic plans and safety measures that are in place. Take note of designated pathways, exits and entrances.



With A Group?

Plan A Meetup Location

In the event of separation or emergency, plan out a time and place to meet. If your phone battery dies or you don't have service, make sure you have a regroup plan in place.



See Something? Say Something!

Help keep everyone safe by reporting any suspicious or illegal behavior. If you see something that does not seem quite right, say something. In the case of an emergency, call 911. Report non-emergencies to (951) 354-2007.



Sign up for Riverside Alert

Riverside Alert allows the City of Riverside to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as unexpected road closures, utility outages, missing persons and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods. Visit RiversideAlert.com to sign up.

RIVERSIDE ALERT

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Choose how to be notified:



Email



Phone



Text

About emergencies near your:



Work



Home



School



Gym



Other

RiversideAlert.com

Don't forget to share with your family and friends!

TUNE-UP NOW SAVE LATER

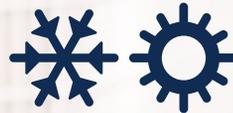
HEATING, VENTILATION, AND AIR CONDITIONING

Now is the time for Riverside Public Utilities' customers to tune-up their HVAC system!

Maintenance tune-ups of your air conditioning units may help to avoid future breakdowns during the hot summer months by catching potential problems early.

The cooler weather is on its way and service technicians usually have more time to schedule maintenance calls from October through February. With Riverside Public Utilities' Air Conditioning Rebate program, not only can you get a rebate for a first-time install or a replacement installation of a new high-efficiency central air conditioner or heat pump (shown on the table below), but the program also offers a \$25 rebate for a maintenance tune-up on your current HVAC system.

QUALIFIED PRODUCTS



Central A/C Units & Heat Pumps

15 SEER-15.9 SEER
\$150 per ton

16 SEER or greater
\$250 per ton



HVAC Tune-Up

(Must include refrigerant level check)
\$25



Smart Programmable Thermostat (Wi-Fi enabled)
\$50



Whole House Evaporative Cooler
\$150

Wall/Window Room Evaporative Cooler
\$50

An HVAC tune-up can be fast and easy and is worth the time it takes so that you and your family can enjoy your home during those very hot summer months. For more information on Riverside Public Utilities' Air Conditioning Rebate Program, go to RiversidePublicUtilities.com/Rebates.

Remember, maintenance now may save you money later!

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GROW RIVERSIDE

GROW LOCAL | EAT LOCAL

Riverside

NextGen Farmer Training Program

Do you enjoy working outside? Have you ever dreamed of being your own boss? Do you want to make a difference by improving the health of our community? Do you have a strong work ethic and love to see the fruits of your labor?



CONSIDER A CAREER IN AGRICULTURE AS A NEXT GENERATION FARMER!

Our nation is in need of new farmers to feed and keep people healthy, steward land and natural resources, and build stronger regional food economies.

Whether you have just graduated from high school or are changing careers in mid-life, or are a veteran, consider becoming a farmer. Through Riverside's NextGen Farmer Training Program, participants will learn everything about the art, science, and business of farming, with opportunities to own and operate their own farms, work outdoors, and provide locally grown products to the community. The program provides comprehensive training and mentorship over multiple years to assist new and beginning farmers become successful.

Over a ten-month period, new farmers attend evening and weekend classes totaling more than 180 hours of classroom and field training in six modules covering topics such as: irrigation, soil management, organic specialty crop production, crop planning, integrated pest management, food safety and GAP, greenhouse management, marketing and business development, and much more.

Riverside NextGen Farmer Training Program is offered in collaboration by the Riverside Food Systems Alliance, Farmworker Institute for Education and Leadership Development, the City of Riverside, and many others.

Learn more at GrowRiv.com



Food Rescue and Waste Prevention

Ambassador Certification Program

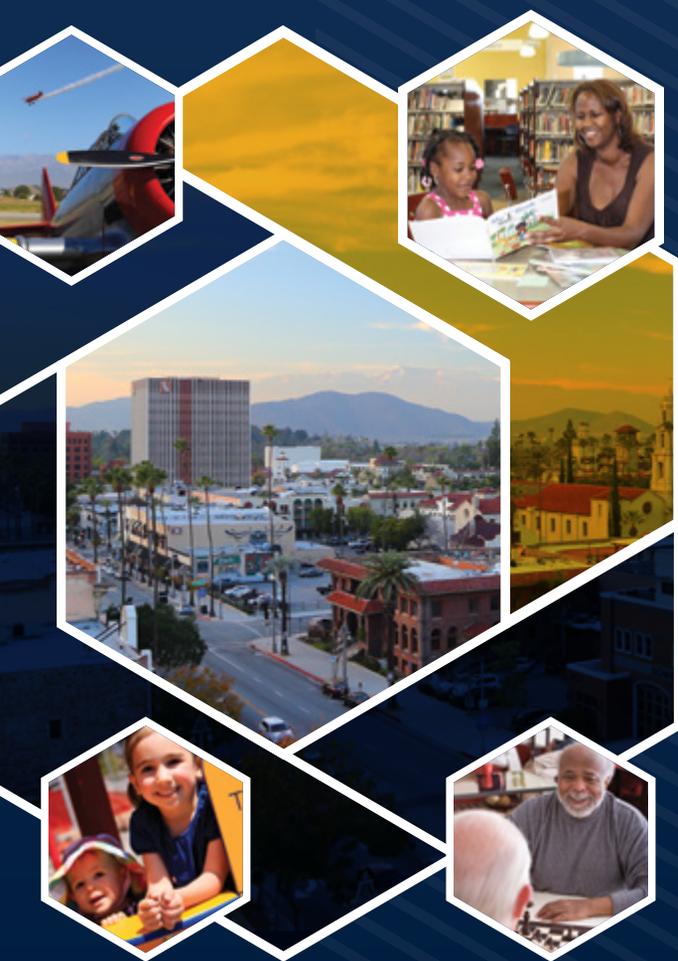
Through a series of FREE workshops, the Riverside Food Rescue & Waste Prevention Ambassador program is designed to engage with local experts and professionals to improve overall community health by neighborhood-led projects focused on actions to rescue food, encourage composting and recycling, and reducing food waste.

The Riverside Food Rescue & Waste Reduction Ambassador program is a free 40-hour certificate program that consists of five workshops followed by a community-based project over a four month period.

Workshops, totaling 20 hours, will feature lectures, hands-on work, field trips, and industry guest speakers. The second half of the program requires attendees to complete 20-hours of community volunteer work or a project pertaining to the program's mission and goals. Upon successful completion of the program, participants will be recognized in an award ceremony with a certificate by the Mayor and City Council.

Registration information can be found at GrowRiv.com





BE THE CHANGE

FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Help shape the future of Riverside and volunteer today!

RiversideCA.gov/City_Clerk



RIVERSIDE TV



YouTube.com
@CityofRiverside



WatchRiverside.com



Watch from the comfort of your home



AT&T | 99

Charter
Spectrum | 3

Frontier | 21



BY ADOPTING A DRAIN, YOU HELP:



Prevent
FLOODING



Prevent Pollutants from
ENTERING LOCAL WATERWAYS



Maintain City
INFRASTRUCTURE

MAKE THE CHANGE TODAY! AdoptADrainRiverside.com



**Shop
Riverside**
COMMUNITY CARD

NOW AVAILABLE

ShopRiversideNow.com

JANUARY

5

Downtown Farmers Market
Downtown
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
(951) 826-5408

8

Keep Calm Color On!
Arlanza Library
11 a.m.
RiversideCA.gov/Library

12

No Label Festival
Riverside Municipal Auditorium
7 p.m.
RiversideLive.com



19

Downtown Farmers Market
Downtown
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
(951) 826-5408

Chess Club

Orange Terrace Library
2 – 6 p.m.
(951) 826-2184

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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Walk-A-Thon
Bordwell Park
8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
RAAHSinc.org

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Mayor's State of the City Address
Riverside Convention Center
4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
RiversideCA.gov/Mayor

**STATE
OF THE CITY
2019**

ELEVATE RIVERSIDE

25

Lewis Black: The Joke's On Us Tour
Fox Performing Arts Center
9 p.m.
RiversideLive.com

26

Dennis Edwards' Temptations Revue
Fox Performing Arts Center
7 p.m.
RiversideLive.com



FEBRUARY

1

Badfish: A Tribute to Sublime – Stand by Your Van Tour
Riverside Municipal Auditorium
8 p.m.
RiversideLive.com

2

Downtown Farmers Market
Downtown
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
(951) 826-5408

Ward 2 Beautification Project

Dario Vasquez Park
8 – 11 a.m.
(951) 683-7100 x212

9

40th Annual Black History Parade & Expo
Downtown Riverside
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
BlackHistoryCommittee.org



12 & 13

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

15

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



16

The Essence of Whitney
Fox Performing Arts Center
7 p.m.
RiversideLive.com



Fant-A-Shes (18+)

Riverside Municipal Auditorium
8 p.m.
RiversideLive.com

22 & 23

Una Noche Romantica con Ramon Ayala, Tiranos Del Norte y DJ Malechin
Riverside Municipal Auditorium
9 p.m.
RiversideLive.com



23 & 24

Riverside Dickens Festival
Downtown Riverside
Dickensfest.com

MARCH

1
Arts Walk
Downtown
6 – 9 p.m.
(951) 682-6737

2
Ward 7 Beautification Project
Rutland Park
8 – 11 a.m.
(951) 683-7100 x212

Chippendales: Let's Misbehave 2019 Tour
Fox Performing Arts Center
9 p.m.
RiversideLive.com

3
Ruben Sings Luther
Fox Performing Arts Center
8 p.m.
RiversideLive.com



4 & 5
Evita
Fox Performing Arts Center
7:30 p.m.
RiversideLive.com

11
Metric & Zoe 2019 Tour with July Talk
Riverside Municipal Auditorium
8 p.m.
RiversideLive.com



15
Disney's DCappella
Fox Performing Arts Center
8 p.m.
RiversideLive.com

23
Downtown Farmers Market
Downtown
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
(951) 826-5408

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

APRIL

Date Announcements Coming Soon

Insect Fair

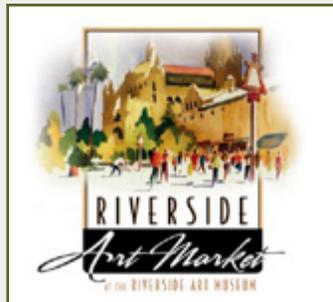
Walk to End Homelessness

GrowRiverside

RiversideCA.gov/Calendar

4
Arts Walk
Downtown
6 – 9 p.m.
(951) 682-6737

6
6th Annual Riverside Art Market
Riverside Art Museum
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
(951) 684-7111



Little Mermaid
Fox Performing Arts Center
2 and 7:30 p.m.
RiversideLive.com

7
Little Mermaid
Fox Performing Arts Center
2 p.m.
RiversideLive.com

9
PAW Patrol Live! The Great Pirate Adventure
Fox Performing Arts Center
6 p.m.
RiversideLive.com



10
PAW Patrol Live! The Great Pirate Adventure
Fox Performing Arts Center
2 and 6 p.m.
RiversideLive.com

13
Downtown Farmers Market
Downtown
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
(951) 826-5408

Ward 5 Beautification Project
California Baptist University
8 – 11 a.m.
(951) 683-7100 x212

15 & 16
Chicago the Musical
Fox Performing Arts Center
7:30 p.m.
RiversideLive.com

27
Downtown Farmers Market
Downtown
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
(951) 826-5408



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.