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SUMMER 2016

RIVERSIDE

Summer Fun
in Riverside

A City of Arts
& Innovation

A More Transparent
Riverside



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Since 1953, The Arc of Riverside County has been committed to securing for all individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities, in partnership with their families, legal guardians or conservators

the opportunity to choose and realize their goals of where and how they learn, live, work and play.

Arc Riverside takes pride in providing much-needed services for these individuals in the six facilities they operate across Riverside County to include:

- Day Services
- Vocational & Job Training
- Social Interaction & Self-Help Skills Training
- Community Awareness and Integration
- Job Placement
- Direct Medical Care



In partnership with the City of Riverside, Arc Riverside hosts My Play Club, a free inclusive play date for children with and without special needs and their families. My Play Club meets every third Saturday of the month at Fairmount Park at the universally accessible playground and offers arts & crafts, entertainment, parent networking, and much

more. For more information on The Arc of Riverside County, visit ArcRiverside.org or on Facebook.

COVER: Kendra Soliman, age 5, at the Arc of Riverside County's My Play Club Universally-Accessible Playground at Fairmount Park

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Van Buren Drive-In Theatre

An American Pastime Experience

The Van Buren Drive-In Theatre, named for its location on Van Buren Boulevard in the historic Arlington district of Riverside, opened in 1964 with a single screen. Built on the site of a former orange grove, the theater was expanded to four screens in 1975.

Beginning in the Depression Era as the ultimate entertainment venue combining America's love for automobiles and movies, drive-ins enjoyed great popularity through the 1950s and 60s. Eventually television, indoor theater multiplexes, and soaring real estate values contributed to the decline of the drive-in. Now, there are just over 400 drive-ins in the country, but the Van Buren Drive-in and others that remain have a dedicated following of devoted fans who love their movies outdoors in a pleasant, family-friendly setting.

In 2006 when real estate developments fell through, the Van Buren Drive-In's owners decided to invest in a remodeling project to enhance the movie-going experience. First, the latest drive-in theater technology including FM transmitters and a state-of-the-art projection system was installed. Then, the lots were repaved and the screens were repainted.

As drive-in theaters become harder and harder to find, the Van Buren Drive-In has remained a staple in the Riverside community.

Beginning in 2007, the old venue was given a new image. Taking cues from the surrounding community's cultural heritage, the marquee, box offices, snack bar and landscaping were set to be remodeled with an "Old California Orange Ranch" theme. The most striking element of the rebranding is the art displayed on the original screen tower facing Van Buren Blvd. The mural depicts a vista of 1930s era Riverside, reminiscent of vintage orange crate labels.

"Over time, drive-ins have been pressured to sell for commercial and residential development as land becomes more valuable in heavily populated areas. The Van Buren Drive-In isn't going anywhere anytime soon," says Supervisor Paul Hamilton. It offers a unique experience where families can spend quality time together and reminisce about simpler times for a bargain price.

For more information and to see what's playing, visit VanBurenDriveIn.com.

SUMMER FUN IN RIVERSIDE



**RHYTHM OF RIVERSIDE
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
FAIRMOUNT PARK**

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Bring your chair, dinner and family for free **Movies on Main**. Downtown, every Thursday evening in July. Please see page 13 for Movies in the Park schedule.

For details, visit RiversideDowntown.org.



Learn something new! Maybe the guitar, golf, knitting, or yoga? Register for an activity at RivReg.org.



Stay active: **#BikeRiverside** along the Santa Ana River Trail, Sycamore Canyon or even Victoria Avenue.



Keep your brain fired up by joining the **Summer Reading Program** for children and adults. Learn more at RiversideCA.gov/Library.



Meet your neighbors. Don't just pass by; stop and introduce yourself. Great neighbors make great neighborhoods!



Get your groove on at the **Rhythm of Riverside Summer Concert Series** at Fairmount Park every Wednesday at 6 p.m., June 15 - July 27, excluding July 6.



Enjoy an eclectic mix of visual and performing arts at Downtown's **Arts Walk**, first Thursday of every month, 6 p.m.



Capture the beauty and memories by sharing your photos with all to see: **#ILoveRiverside**



Volunteer. Be a hero in our community. Community Connect has many opportunities for you to make a difference. **Dial 211** for more information.



Hydration – If you're thirsty, you're dehydrated. Drink to avoid thirst!



Never leave **children or pets** in cars (or those unable to get out themselves)!



Beat the heat and complete outdoor activities in the **early morning**.



Drop-in to one of the many **Cool Centers** across Riverside for temporary relief from the heat. Visit ReadyRiverside.com for a list of locations.



Road Trippin'? – Always bring **snacks** and **plenty of water** in case of breakdown or emergency.



Avoid mosquito bites – Drain standing water and when possible, wear long sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors, particularly during peak hours (dusk to dawn).

FRYDA FERNANDEZ

FUN FACTS:

34 years old.

Born in Chiapas, Mexico.

Has been painting seriously for 10 years.

Moved to Riverside in 2005 and got married at Café Sevilla.

Studied Art at Riverside Community College.

Paints every single day.

When did you get a feel for art?

I remember when I was three years old needing to have a pencil in my hand to draw. I would draw on paper and even the walls of my house... anything was a canvas for me. At age twenty-one, I developed cervical cancer and was told I wouldn't have children and might die in five years. I was very weak from the treatments, but my mind was full of energy, so I did the only thing I could do to ease my depression. Painting became my therapy. Not only did I beat cancer, but today my husband and I have three beautiful children, ages seven, five and two.

Where do you get your inspiration?

I travel to Mexico at least once a year to visit different places and collect things that inspire me. I come back to Riverside and let my imagination flow.

What do you love about art?

It gives me satisfaction and peace. It's food for my soul.

What's your specialty?

I specialize in acrylic oils painting mostly human figures. I'm known for my bright, bold colors.

How did your success start in Riverside?

I contacted the Riverside Arts Council and submitted two paintings for their Artscape project. After that, I met local artists who invited me to art shows and I got involved in Riverside's Arts Walk. After creating a Facebook page to post my work, people started looking for me to purchase my art. I've even sold to customers in Europe!

#ILoveRiverside because...

In Riverside I have had many opportunities to give back and help support good causes. People regularly invite me to have my work displayed at auctions to help raise money.

**To see Fryda Fernandez's work,
[Facebook.com/FrydaF](https://www.facebook.com/FrydaF)**

CITY OF ARTS



CODE PARTNERSHIP



Less than 3% of computer science bachelor's degrees are earned by women. Riverside Unified School District (RUSD), along with eight other school districts, recently announced the formation of the Inland Empire Code Consortium, the largest alliance of school districts in California to partner with the non-profit Code.org. The goal of this consortium is to increase participation in computer science courses by females and underrepresented students of various ethnic backgrounds.

We spoke with (from left to right) **Marcus Ridley (Manager of Grants and Project Development, RUSD)**, **Steve Dunlap (Director, Innovation and Learner Engagement, RUSD)**, **Steve Kong (Staff Development Specialist, Innovation and Learner Engagement, RUSD)**, and **David Bernier (Code.org)** about this monumental partnership.

Why Riverside?

RUSD has conducted student focus groups time and time again and while the students are craving computer science courses, teachers felt a bit ill-prepared to teach the necessary material. As fate would have it, we found an organization that would provide free professional development in order to benefit our students. There was no school district in the Inland Empire already doing this and Code.org recognized the need.

RUSD reached out to Code.org to partner, but alone, Code.org felt the district was too small. In response, Riverside pitched neighboring districts with great success. One of the things we wanted to do was bring in other districts that may not have as many resources as ours and form this consortium

so we can expose computer science to the entire region and not just RUSD. It became an all-hands-on-deck effort throughout the various district(s), city organizations, and community groups.

There's a hunger in education for this to happen.

We want all students to have the opportunities to be full participants in whatever their future career and field of study might be. If only a small slice of our community receives the training, then it becomes a privilege and certain groups may become inadvertently excluded. Computer science is the new basic kind of literacy that all students need to have.

As of now, there are about 86K open computing jobs in California.

Unfilled jobs want the best available talent and we want students to learn in Riverside, work in Riverside, and stay in Riverside. The 3-year partnership begins with the training of the teachers in June 2016, while students will begin engaging with curriculum starting this fall.

It's great to have the Inland Empire taking a lead approach in an initiative like this. To be the largest consortium in the state of California is absolutely thrilling. Students have heard us talk about creating programs of choice and bringing innovation into the classroom; now they're actually seeing it be done.

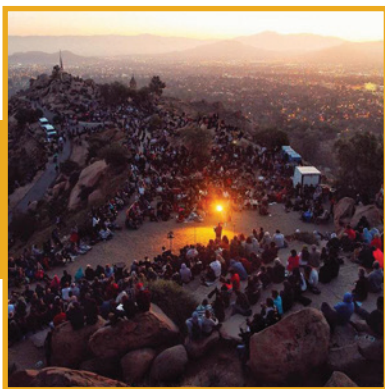
For more information, visit RUSDLink.org.

INNOVATION
&



Show Us Why You Love Riverside!

#ILoveRiverside



@CaliforniaThroughMyLens



@dawnkalapp



@dirka

Use the hashtag **#ILoveRiverside** and your image could be featured in the next ExploreRiverside magazine!

CONNECT WITH US

RiversideCA.gov/SocialMedia



RIVERSIDE

ADOPT-A-DRAIN

The City of Riverside is seeking volunteers to help keep storm drains clean and free from debris. Through the new “Adopt-a-Drain” program, residents can help keep one of about 4,800 storm drains free of leaves, palm fronds, trash, and other debris.

How Do I Adopt a Drain?

- Visit AdoptADrainRiverside.com.
- Locate the drain you wish to adopt on the Adopt-a-Drain map; if it is colored orange it's available for you to adopt.
- Fill out the requested information and sign up.

What Happens Next?

- You will be eligible to receive an Adopt-a-Drain toolkit from the City.
- Clean your drain once a month or as needed.
- Only clean the drain opening and the curb and gutter approximately 10 feet to either side of the opening.
- Report any assistance needed or illegal dumping to the **311** call center or through the **311** Riverside Mobile App.

Safety Tips

- Clear your drain opening only if it is safe. If the drain is still clogged after you've removed the surface debris, call **311** to report.
- Clear only drains next to the curb. Clear from curbside, not out in the street. Watch out for traffic.
- Be careful of standing water to avoid slipping or stepping on sharp objects.
- If children are helping, make sure adults are supervising.
- Don't try to lift storm drain grates; they are very heavy.
- Let City crews handle garbage or any hazards in the catch basin. Clear surface debris only.

Why Should I Adopt a Drain?

- Help prevent flooding in your neighborhood by keeping drains free of debris.
- Prevent pollutants from entering local waterways and the Santa Ana River.
- Help the City maintain infrastructure, especially during the rainy season, when leaves and debris can increase the likelihood of flooding.

Thank you for helping keep
Riverside clean and safe!

For more information and to adopt a drain today, visit AdoptADrainRiverside.com or call **311**.



RIVERSIDE: A CITY OF ARTS & INNOVATION

AMEAL MOORE NATURE CENTER

The Ameal Moore Nature Center sits at the main trailhead entrance to the Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park, a 1,500 acre park. This land is one of eight protected core reserves designated by the Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency for the Federally-listed endangered Stephens' Kangaroo rat. The center offers visitors scheduled naturalist-led nature walks, exhibits, opportunities for experiential, hands-on learning and other programmed events. The center is open to the public and serves to promote Riverside Citizen Science, a project of the Riverside Metropolitan Museum, and its partners.

Riverside Citizen Science seeks to engage the community in the observation and documentation of Riverside's environment and foster an appreciation for the hidden natural world in our urban spaces. Through informal science education activities and the free Riverside Nature Spotter app, participants in Riverside Citizen Science will ultimately help the Museum develop and maintain a more detailed record of how plant and animal life is changing over time in the park.

Open Thursdays - Sundays from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Learn more about the Ameal Moore Nature Center and its events at MySycamoreCanyon.com.





MAIN LIBRARY MAKERSPACE

WELCOME
MakerSpace @ Main
 CHECK OUT WHAT WE GOT!

Little Bits | Makey Makey | Lego Minecraft | Squishy Circuits
 iMac & MacBook Pro | Creative Pen & Touch Tablets
 Sound Recording Booth Coming Soon | More To Come

The Main Library Makerspace, completely funded via grants and donations to the Riverside Public Library Foundation, is now open! The space doubles as a Teen Space and community Makerspace for youth and adults. A “Makerspace” is a do-it-yourself space where people gather to participate in individual or organized group activities in order to collaborate, make, invent, and learn using digital and non-digital tools for design, programming, fabrication, crafting, and artistic creation. Makerspaces can include computers for coding and programming, sewing machines, 3D printers, sound and recording equipment, self-publishing equipment, and other such items for creative expression.



Arlanza Veterans Resource Center - Through the generous support of the California State Library, the Riverside Public Library received a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant, Veterans Connect @ the Library, to make a Veterans Resource Center available to the community.

The center provides assistance to veterans and their families through trained staff and volunteers who can connect veterans and their families to benefits and resources. Books, DVDs and pamphlets on various topics including: transitioning from military to civilian life, surviving change, employment, housing, veteran benefits and managing post-traumatic stress disorders are available.



Summer Reading Program - The Library's hugely popular Summer Reading Program returns June 11, 2016. This year's theme, “Read for the Win!” celebrates the summer Olympic games and encourages community members of all ages to read to reach their goals. Reading just five books can prevent “summer slide” or setbacks in language skills during the summer months. Knowing this, the Library Team connected with several Riverside area businesses to provide cool prizes to program participants for every five books read. Our thanks to program sponsors Friends of the Library, Provident Bank, Adams Motorsports Park, Farrell's Ice Cream Parlour, Roller City 2001, City of Riverside Parks and Recreation Department and The Cove Waterpark!

Learn more about the Riverside Public Library by visiting RiversideCA.gov/Library or calling (951) 826-5213.

A MORE TRANSPARENT RIVERSIDE



EngageRiverside.com

The City of Riverside is committed to providing the public with as much information as possible to **promote accountability and trust in government**. Engage Riverside is designed to make this information accessible to the public in a central location and provide a launching pad for future transparency efforts.

From the City budget to the City Manager's employment agreement, documents that track how city government works can be found on this site. If you have suggestions for information you would like to see on this site, please let us know. Through your feedback and suggestions, EngageRiverside can improve accessibility to the information you need most. Thank you for investing in the transparency portal!

What you can find on the portal:



Results



Share Your Ideas



Open Data



Maps



Fraud Hotlines



eComment



Budget & Finance

- Financial Data & Statements
- Budget
- Ask Finance



Open Records

- Public Records Request Portal
- City Council Records



Council / Board Meetings



mySidewalk

For more information, visit EngageRiverside.com

UTILITY UPDATE

RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES



Don't Forget Your FREE Shade Tree!

Have you redeemed your 2016 FREE Shade Tree Coupon? It's on the back of your March Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) billing statement. Simply take it to one of our four participating Riverside nurseries to receive one FREE qualifying shade tree by June 30 (up to \$25 in value). Shade trees help beautify our city, are great for the environment, and can help cut your summer cooling costs.

Available at:

- Louie's Nursery
16310 Porter Ave.
- Moon Valley Nursery
9501 Lincoln Ave.
- Parkview Nursery
4377 Chicago Ave.
- Parkview Nursery
3841 Jackson St.

And remember, RPU electric customers can also participate in our Tree Power shade tree energy conservation program and receive rebates of \$25 per qualifying tree (up to \$125 maximum) on the purchase of up to five additional shade trees each calendar year. Some restrictions apply.

Get full details at GreenRiverside.com.



Keep Saving Water, Riverside!

While state reservoirs are beginning to fill back up, and spring storms helped to recharge groundwater aquifers, the effects of California's epic drought are still with us. Conserving water will remain to be an important task we all must undertake to ensure that water supplies are abundant for this and future generations.

Remember to avoid water waste and runoff, use a shut off nozzle when washing vehicles, and stick to Riverside's outdoor watering restrictions – currently 3-days per week, only between 6 p.m. and 10 a.m.

For additional information on conservation programs available to Riverside water customers, current water restrictions and more, visit BlueRiverside.com.

Utility 2.0 - Learn More

We're making plans for the future of Riverside's water and energy utilities and we want you, our customer-owners, to know all about it. From installing new water and energy delivery infrastructure, to personnel training, and new technologies, our Utility 2.0 plans for the future.

Join us at one of our upcoming public meetings or find out more at GreenRiverside.com.

JUNE

1

1 Million Cups (Every Wednesday)

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

2

Arts Walk (Every 1st Thursday)

Downtown
6 – 9 p.m.
(951) 682-6737

4

Downtown Farmers Market (Every Saturday)

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



Hellyeah and Escape the Fate: We're All in this Together Tour

Riverside Municipal Auditorium
6:30 p.m.
(951) 779-9800
RiversideLive.com

5

The Rides – Pierced Arrow Tour

Fox Performing Arts Center
6:30 p.m.
951-779-9800



8

Culture Quest

Metropolitan Museum
1:30 – 4:30 p.m.
RiversideCA.gov/Museum

15

Discovery Days

Metropolitan Museum
1:30 – 4:30 p.m.
(951) 826-5273

Tales & Tunes Storytime

Eastside Library
5 – 5:30 p.m.
(951) 684-8347

17

Leon Larregui

Riverside Municipal Auditorium
7 p.m.
(951) 779-9800
RiversideLive.com

17 – 26

Riverside Restaurant Week

Find participating restaurants
at DineRiverside.com



18

Family Fishing Derby

Fairmount Park
6 – 10 a.m.
(951) 351-6135
RiversideCA.gov/Park_Rec

19

Joe Jackson

Riverside Municipal Auditorium
7 p.m.
(951) 779-9800
RiversideLive.com



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Concerts at City Hall

City Hall Clock Tower
Noon – 1 p.m.
RiversideDowntown.org

24

The Canyon After Dark

Ameal Moore Nature Center
8 – 10 p.m.
MySycamoreCanyon.com

26

23rd Annual Ice Cream Social

Heritage House
Noon – 4 p.m.
(951) 826-5273
RiversideCA.gov/Museum

28

Concerts at City Hall

City Hall Clock Tower
Noon – 1 p.m.
RiversideDowntown.org

JULY

4

4th of July Spectacular

Mt. Rubidoux
9 p.m.
(951) 826-2000
RiversideCA.gov/Park_Rec

Front Row Fireworks

Evergreen Memorial Historic Cemetery
5 – 9:30 p.m.

5

Concerts at City Hall

City Hall Clock Tower
Noon – 1 p.m.
RiversideDowntown.org

7

Movies on Main Hotel Transylvania 2

Downtown
7 p.m.
RiversideDowntown.org

12

Concerts at City Hall

City Hall Clock Tower
Noon – 1 p.m.
RiversideDowntown.org

13
Culture Quest
Metropolitan Museum
1:30 – 4:30 p.m.
RiversideCA.gov/Museum

14
Movies on Main
Minions
Downtown
7 p.m.
RiversideDowntown.org

19
Concerts at City Hall
Clock Tower City Hall
Noon – 1 p.m.
RiversideDowntown.org

20
Discovery Days
Metropolitan Museum
1:30 – 4:30 p.m.
(951) 826-5273



21
Movies on Main
Inside Out
Downtown
7 p.m.
RiversideDowntown.org

22
The Canyon After Dark
Ameal Moore Nature Center
8 – 10 p.m.
MySycamoreCanyon.com

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

26
Concerts at City Hall
City Hall Clock Tower
Noon – 1 p.m.
RiversideDowntown.org

28
Movies on Main
The Good Dinosaur
Downtown
7 p.m.
RiversideDowntown.org

19
Julieta Venegas
Riverside Municipal Auditorium
7 p.m.
(951) 779-9800
RiversideLive.com



10
Culture Quest
Metropolitan Museum
1:30 – 4:30 p.m.
RiversideCA.gov/Museum

12
Maks & Val Live on Tour: Our Way
Fox Performing Arts Center
7 p.m.
(951) 779-9800
RiversideLive.com



17
Discovery Days
Metropolitan Museum
1:30 – 4:30 p.m.
(951) 826-5273

26
The Canyon After Dark
Ameal Moore Nature Center
8 – 10 p.m.
MySycamoreCanyon.com

AUGUST

2
National Night Out
Events all around Riverside
5:30 – 8 p.m.
RPDOnline.org



3
Tales and Tunes Storytime
Eastside Library
5 – 5:30 p.m.
(951) 684-8347

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

6
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.