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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

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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.

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
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.
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

Visit RiversideCA.gov/Human
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.
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**

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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!
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
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

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- Prevent Pollutants from Entering Local Waterways
- Maintain City Infrastructure

MAKE THE CHANGE TODAY! AdoptADrainRiverside.com

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**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

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

**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

**22 & 23**  
Una Noche Romantica con Ramon Ayala, Tiranos Del Norte y DJ Malechin  
Riverside Municipal Auditorium  
9 p.m.  
RiversideLive.com

**24**  
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

**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

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

7
Little Mermaid
Fox Performing Arts Center
2 and 7:30 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

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

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

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.