EXPLORE RIVERSIDE WINTER/SPRING 2015

Neighborhood Fest
Parks Make Life BETTER!

Camp Anza
Get Home Safe

CITY OF RIVERSIDE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Activity Guide WINTER/SPRING 2015
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Riverside, CA 92522
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Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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RivReg.org

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ExploreRiverside.com • econdev@riversideca.gov

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

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 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.

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Dates are tentative and subject to change

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

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**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
egotis@riversideca.gov RiversideCA.gov/historic

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**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,
Historic Preservation Senior Planner
tdelcamp@riversideca.gov RiversideCA.gov/historic
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

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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

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

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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
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 towards 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

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.
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, 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
9 p.m.
For more info call 779-9800
First Sundays: Riverside Metropolitan Museum
1 p.m.
For more info call 826-5273
3 Arts Walk
Downtown
6 – 7 p.m.
For more info call 682-6737
10 Citrus Heritage Run
Armitage Heights Sports Complex
8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
For more info: 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
10 a.m. – 1 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
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
8 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
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:
Moorenum Shin
Guver 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
Dickens Fest
Downtown
DickenFest.com
22 An Evening on the Red Carpet
Fox Performing Arts Center
3 – 8 p.m.
For more info call 826-5769

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
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
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For more info call 826-2000
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8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
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Downtown
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
For more info call 826-5408
23 Legends & Legends
Fox Performing Arts Center
7 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 Botanical Park
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
For more info call 826-2000
28 Downtown Farmers Market
Downtown
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
For more info call 826-5408
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Riverside Airport
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
For more info call 826-5311
RiversideCA.gov/Airshow
Spring Eggstravaganza
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For more info call 826-2000
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Downtown
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
For more info call 826-5408
14 Downtown Farmers Market
Downtown
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
For more info call 826-5408
In the Mood
Fox Performing Arts Center
1 p.m. & 7 p.m.
For more info call 779-9800
11 First Sundays
Riverside Metropolitan Museum
1 p.m.
For more information call 826-5273
Chris Botti
Fox Performing Arts Center
7:30 p.m.
For more info call 779-9800
18 Tamale Festival
White Park
11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
For more info call 235-3589
A Salute to Veterans Parade
10 a.m. – noon
For more info call 687-1175
ASaluteToVeterans.com
19 Fox Performing Arts Center
6:30 p.m.
For more info call 779-9800
25 Downtown Farmers Market
Downtown
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
For more info call 826-5408

April
2 Arts Walk
Downtown
6 – 9 p.m.
For more info call 682-6737
28 Downtown Farmers Market
Downtown
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
For more info call 826-5408

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

RiversideCA.gov/museum
Open thru August 31, 2017
Cahuilla Continuum
TUKU, IVAX, TÜLEKA
Exhibition tells the story of a Southern California Native people—the Cahuilla and features over 160 objects.
RiversideCA.gov/museum

TO SUBMIT EVENTS AND SEE MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON RIVERSIDE EVENTS CHECK OUT
EXPLORERIVERSIDE.com