



The Posting

A TLMA Code Enforcement Monthly Newsletter



Director Jay E. Orr



Home Gardens Improvement Fair & Grand Opening Celebration

The Improvement Fair on May 31st was the first event of its kind in Home Gardens. Code Enforcement was hoping to create an opportunity to share with residents what we do and the upcoming events and programs that can assist them with voluntary compliance. Community Improvement Specialists sought local merchant and corporate support to make this event possible. Home Gardens and corporate merchants

demonstrated their commitment to their communities. Items donated included use of the venue, hot dogs, Pepsi, ice, raffle prizes, and a jumper. Code Enforcement Officers went door to door inviting the community to the event. They received overwhelming support and words of praise from the community, who was excited that we would soon be opening the doors of our Home Gardens Code Enforcement office.



Code Enforcement Director Jay Orr with Father Guadalupe Ruiz and Madre Estrella of Our Lady of Tepeyac Church



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Children join in the fun!

At the Code Enforcement registration booth, Home Gardens' residents could learn about Code Enforcement, Riverside County Codes & Ordinances, and pickup flyers on upcoming events and



Officers educate the public

programs like the Home Gardens Cleanup, Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Voluntary Inspection Program and the Home Gardens Voluntary Abatement Program. Over 30 Residents

signed up to be on a waiting list for the free program and over 160 families signed in and entered the free raffle for prizes donated from local Home Gardens merchants.

Angel Olivo, CIS (2)

FOUND

Code Enforcement
2007 Annual Report

is now available online!

For your copy, enter the following link into your PC's URL address menu:

http://www.rctlma.org/ce/content/docs/annual_report_20

Code Enforcement, Animal Services, and Riverside Sheriff Department came together Wednesday, May 28th, 2008 to execute a "Lock Out Order" obtained by the new property owner. The purpose of the order was to remove tenants illegally occupying and creating substandard conditions to existing dwellings on the property.

Supervisor Kenneth King along with Code Enforcement Officers Travis Engelking and Wendel Jose, accompanied the Sheriff's Department Case Officer to post and secure three structures located on a 4.35 acre parcel. Finding some tenants reluctant to leave, the Sheriff Case Officer

Lock Out Order

called for additional deputies to assist in removing 18 tenants illegally occupying the property. Animal Services, with the help of Code Enforcement, removed 5 dogs and 2 pigs that showed signs of abuse and neglect.

One of the highlights was the ability to coordinate with the property owner to remove the existing violations. At the same time offering the E.D.A. Demolition Grant Program to demolish the structures and halt any more code violations to develop was the icing on the cake.



Partnering with Animal Services helps get the job done!

"If it wasn't for Code Enforcement, I wouldn't have known what to do about the code violations on this property" Art Benner (Property Owner)

Travis Engelking (2)

Positive Impact

The violations that were occurring on the property were excessive outside storage and accumulated rubbish. The case was an eyesore to the Mead Valley community. After the property was issued a NOV, the property owner sold the property, sight unseen and "as is". The new owner inherited the mess and after an educational conversation

with Code Enforcement Officer Jose Cruz, he decided that his "good deal" came with some responsibilities.

Within a month of taking possession of the property, the owner brought it into voluntary compliance and raised the bar for the rest of the properties in the neighborhood. All thanks to Officer Cruz's willingness to

take the time and explain the goals of code enforcement in the neighborhood and make a positive impact in Mead Valley.

Greg Flannery (1)



Before



After

Recognition & Appreciation

I would like to extend a special thanks to the Department of Building and Safety specifically the Records Division for accommodating Code Enforcements requests for complete record histories needed for our case work in a fast and friendly manner. I would also like to make special mention of Lori Duarte who has always provided an exceptionally positive response to my requests as well as generating swift results. Thank you all for your hard work! **Jacob Dietrich (5)**

Addressing Neighborhood Concerns

With the growing rate of abandoned and foreclosed homes on the rise in Riverside County, communities are seeing their fair share of these properties.

Recently, Officers were alerted to an abandoned residence in Sun City, a 55 and Older Community. They found household belongings stacked near the front door, and a damaged, partially opened garage door. Concerned residents stated people were leaving the house early in the morning on foot, and returning late at night, often in a taxi cab.

Supervisor Mark Slocum along with Senior Officers Wayne O’Gara and Lionel Martinez, as well as Officers Jason Heagstedt and Roy Ryder, visited the location. Upon their arrival, they were greeted by many neighbors in the community, who voiced their concerns and questions about the abandoned residence.

Supervisor Slocum and Senior O’Gara took the time to address their concerns. Meanwhile, other officers placed the household items in the garage and secured the abandoned residence to

detour unwanted guests from visiting the site.

Though this is only a small step, we were able to reassure the neighbors that we care and are looking out for their safety and the best interest of their community.

Let’s commend these District 3 officers for thinking outside the box and for caring about this neighborhood and its residents.

Roy Ryder (1)



Before



After

A big improvement in Sun City!



County Abatement Completed!

This property on Lopez is a vacant lot that exists in the Wagon Wheel area of Good Hope. It is a deep lot that is several acres large.



Before



Before

This property is victim to a large amount of accumulated rubbish, sheds, and a sub-standard structure.

The property itself is not occupied but serves as one more example of blight in the community. In March, Code Enforcement, with their contract services, abated the violations on the lot.

Tom McMullen (5)



After

One more success in the Good Hope area!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Inoperable or non-running vehicles must be stored inside of a completely enclosed building such as a garage.
- The number of farm animals such as horses, cows, sheep, or goats that you can keep on your property depends on the zoning and the size of your property.
- You must obtain approval from the Planning Department before you begin any business or commercial use on your property.
- You cannot lawfully install a mobile home that is over 10 years in age.

James Monroe, Administration



Multi-Agency Response to Unpermitted Grading



Valley Multiple Species Conservation Plan and requires very strict permitting processes. We responded to

On May 20th, the Sky Valley Citizens On Patrol alerted Riverside County Code Enforcement of the grading taking place in the mountains north of East Deception Canyon. This area is part of the newly approved Coachella

the alert for grading being done in the wash and alluvial fan emptying into the valley floor. The damaged properties involved were owned by Bureau of Land Management (BLM), The Friends of the Desert Mountains, and private

owners.

A joint task force involving Code Enforcement, BLM, California Fish and Game, California Resources Agency, Coachella Valley Association of Governments, Friends of the Desert Mountains and Supervisor Roy Wilson's office all rallied to enforce the ordinances and laws pertaining to this violation. When assessment of the damages is complete all agencies will be involved in the investigation. This will be in cooperation with the

Environmental Crimes team of the District Attorney's office, to resolve the restoration needed due to the damage caused by the property owner's actions. The owner graded his own private property without permits and damaged public property. Thanks to all NET officers who participated in this case: Brenda Hannah, Hector Herrera, Allan Haeberle and Jackie Fogh.

Jackie Fogh (4)



Angela Boone-Porcher & Marco Diaz network with the public & community

Mead Valley Tamale Festival

The Mead Valley Tamale Festival was an event with exhibitors promoting health, safety, education, arts, culture, local sports, & community organizations.

There also were authentic arts and crafts, a variety of entertainment on stage including live bands, mariachi shows, dancers, games, contests, children's activities, traditional foods, and much more.

While providing information at the booth this comment was made, "I must commend Code Enforcement. You're doing an excellent job. You've always done a great job but especially since you've become your own department and are being more proactive, the department has been doing good." -Mead Valley Resident

Angela Boone-Porcher, CIS (1)



Cabazon Days

The Department of Code Enforcement was invited, by the Economic Development Agency, to educate the Cabazon community by providing an informational booth for residents at the annual Cabazon Day event. The event began at 9am and families were educated on our department's services and were served lunches at no cost while the children enjoyed the many discovery

booths, games, and kid zones. Our department distributed our Code Newsletter, junior badges, and various promotional items. The event was a success and the community was grateful that officers were available to speak with them on a one-on-one basis and address their individual concerns.

Chaka Osborne, CIS (5)

Preparing For The Worst

May was a busy month for SET Officers. In addition to the usual catching illegal dumpers, citing illegal vendors, and an responding to the increase in reported National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) violations, SET Officers attended training for Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response *aka* HAZWOPER.

Officers frequently come into contact with unknown substances at dumpsites. HAZWOPER is a 40-hour

course that provided hands-on training in: hazardous material recognition, hazardous waste site control methods, and utilization of protective gear & the decontamination process. The hazardous material recognition portion of the course was especially useful.

In addition to HAZWOPER training, Officers also participated in a course on Emergency Response and the Incident Command System. This on-line course was presented by FEMA and instructed officers on the

protocol of emergency response and Incident Command.

Continued training and education is crucial for all of us. Training is only one aspect of our commitment to excellence. It keeps us safe, enhances our ability to be increasingly productive officers, and provides us the knowledge and skills to assist the community in time of emergency.

Stacey Baumgartner, SET



SET Team in safety gear

Highgrove Days



The Department of Code Enforcement District 5 staff participated in the Annual Highgrove Day Event held at the Norton Younglove Community Center & Park in Highgrove. Over 1,000 residents visited our Code Enforcement booth! A wealth of information and handouts were provided to all.

All children were given a Code Enforcement Junior Officer badge to show their support and/or an interest in a career with our Department in the future. Parents who have children who attend the Day Care Center in Highgrove were provided a Code Enforcement Newsletter, note pad, & pencils for the family.

Community Improvement Specialist Chaka Osborne has been invited to speak to all parents in the Highgrove Community regarding code issues and various ways parents can get involved in making a difference in their community.

Chaka Osborne (5)



Extreme Kid Zone



Code staff ready to help!

Ripley's Believe It or Not

During the month of April, Code Enforcement began efforts in the Community of Ripley, a small area about 10 mile south of Blythe. Windshield surveys of the area were conducted to find the most obvious violations. The word got out that Code Enforcement was in town and was actively addressing code issues. In May, as notices of violations were prepared to go

out, it was found that some property owners had already cleaned their properties. One property owner did not call the officers back but spent the weekend cleaning the property and removed the vehicle that, according to the neighbor, had been there for years. Notices were not sent. Voluntary compliance was obtained by "word of mouth."

Lorena Diaz (4)

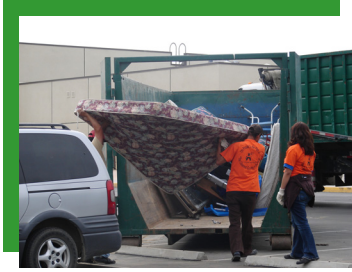


"This car's been here for years"





Mead Valley Community Cleanup



Volunteers help the community unload their vehicles

It was Community Clean-up Day again in Mead Valley! Residents attended and showed all their community pride by assisting with the removal of debris from private property and community property. This event was all about creating and maintaining a safe environment for children, families, and businesses. As always, Tomas Rivera Middle School and the Val Verde Unified School District continued to show its support

by allowing the use of its facility and the assistance of its awesome staff. Trash and debris, electronics, greenwaste, and various other household items removed from private properties, roadways, illegal dumping locations, dirt roads, and other parts of the community totaled:

- 25 Bins = 45.95 tons
- 23 Dump Passes = 20.92 tons
- 171 Vehicles = 66.87 Tons

One resident said, "I learned that I have "bulky item pick-ups" through my hauler, free of charge! So not only did I get to dump for free, I learned something new! Thanks!"

Angela Boone-Porcher, CIS (1)



Good Hope residents bring old mattresses and other items to discard

Good Hope & Meadowbrook

Due to mandatory trash services, increased educational workshops, and frequent community cleanup events, our Department has seen a decrease in the amount of household trash being brought in to the community cleanups in this area. The community has been actively involved and

wants to live in a nice and clean community. Special thanks to residents in both communities and to all community leaders!

Both locations combined:

- 139 vehicles = 41.54 tons
- 50% decrease from last year!

Chaka Osborne, CIS (5)

Jurupa Valley Cleanup

After months of planning, the Jurupa Valley Cleanup took place at beautiful Patriot High School. Despite the heat, the Jurupa Cleanup drew over 230 loads of trash from residents from all over Jurupa Valley.

at the cleanup will ultimately be recycled and diverted from our landfills.

Staff from Environmental Health, Economic Development Agency, Code Enforcement, 2nd District BOS staff and Supervisor John Tavaglione were all present and helped to make the Jurupa Valley cleanup a success.

Burrtec Waste Industries turned out in force and was prepared to handle the largest of loads from its customers. All tires and e-waste accepted

Angel Olivo, CIS (2)

Leaving it better than we found it!



Hector Ruiz, with Riverside County EDA Graffiti Busters, paints over unsightly graffiti on campus



Burrtec was ready for every load

Fireworks in Riverside County

When we think of July 4th, we think family, friends, barbeques, and celebrations, however as residents of Riverside County we need to take a moment and think of Ordinance 858. This ordinance was adopted because of the tremendous growing problem of having people sell, purchase, use, store, and dispose of fireworks in Riverside County. We think of fun without considering the serious effect it has on safety, peace, and

health. The statistics are truly frightening, and the fact that we are present when our children are setting off the fireworks does not make it any safer. Adults may not realize the safety risks that a little sparkler or firecracker can have on our children. In Riverside County brush fires start quickly, especially during the dry summer days.

Riverside County officers, along with the Fire Department, and Sheriff's

Department, will be out and aggressively enforcing Ordinance 858, so please abide by the laws. Any violator who is caught will be guilty of a misdemeanor and can receive a \$500 to \$1,000 fine and/or go to jail. Don't let a tragedy or an arrest ruin your Fourth of July Celebration. Only trained professionals should handle fireworks!

Grace Escobar, CIS (Media)



For a safe fireworks show, we encourage you to attend one of the shows on this list provided by the Riverside County Fire Department.

DATE	TIME (PM)	LOCATION	CITY
06/28	9:00	Harada Heritage Park	Mira Loma
06/28	9:00	California Oaks Sports Park	Murrieta
06/28	9:00	Wheat Field Sports Park	Menifee
07/01	9:00	Patriot High School	Riverside
07/03	9:00	Coachella Valley High School	Thermal
07/03	9:00	Soboba Casino	San Jacinto
07/03	8:00	Riverside National Cemetery	Riverside
07/04	9:15	Lake Elsinore Storm Stadium	Lake Elsinore
07/04	9:00	College of the Desert	Palm Desert
07/04	9:00	Valley Wide Park	Hemet
07/04	9:00	Rancho California Sports Park	Temecula
07/04	9:00	Stewart Park	Beaumont
07/04	8:15	Santana Park	Corona
07/04	9:00	Levee Lake	Lake Elsinore
07/04	9:00	Nicolet Middle School	Banning
07/04	9:00	Indio Fairgrounds	Indio
07/04	9:00	Morrison Park	Moreno Valley
07/04	9:00	Mission Springs Park	Desert Hot Springs
07/04	9:00	UCR Sports Complex	Riverside
07/04	9:00	La Sierra Park	Riverside
07/04	9:00	Mount Rubidoux	Riverside
07/04	9:00	Fairmount Park	Riverside
07/04	9:00	Perris Auto Speedway	Perris
07/05	9:00	Cahuilla Creek Casino	Anza
07/05	9:00	Vail Lake	Temecula

Active Duty Officer



Code Enforcement Officer Danny Gregorio is currently serving in Kuwait with the United States Army. This is his second tour of duty. His wife & two young daughters are awaiting his return in early 2009.



On Independence Day take time to remember the troops that have served so we can enjoy our freedom!



1000 Palms Community Cleanup

The Thousand Palms Cleanup was a huge success. More than 70 curbside pickups yielded nearly 23 tons of trash. In addition, over 45 Residents came out to drop off their bulky items which yielded 17 tons of trash. We had 13 volunteers, thanks to Karen of the community council, who organized to get us volunteers to clean the main corridor of Thousand Palms (Ramon Rd. between Varner Rd. and Monterey). The volunteers came from the Faith Community Church located here in Thousand Palms.

The community really came together. We had the

contributions of the local businesses. Costco donated all the supplies for the bar-b-q, condiments, and water. Sam's Club donated the meats and buns for the hamburgers and hot dogs. Casa De Pasta donated 1 free dinner for two. Carl's Jr. donated 16 free famous star hamburger certificates, Del Taco donated 57 Free Kid's Meal certificates, Domino's Pizza donated five large 2-topping pizza certificates, and Taqueria San Miguel donated three \$15.00 Gift Certificates and that's not all. Classic Party Rentals donated tables and chairs, a 15 x 15 canopy, and even came out to install it. Rodarte Ice Distribution

donated ice for all the coolers and beverages.

One resident stopped to see if we could help her. She had bought new appliances and wanted to get rid of her old ones but didn't know how to unhook them. When she first came to me, I said, "Let's see what we can do." I asked Burrtec supervisor Roy Villareal and he said, "No problem. We will have two men in a pick up follow you and we'll take care of it." She was so grateful. Just another way on how these clean-ups benefit the community. Cleaner yards, cleaner streets, and happier residents.

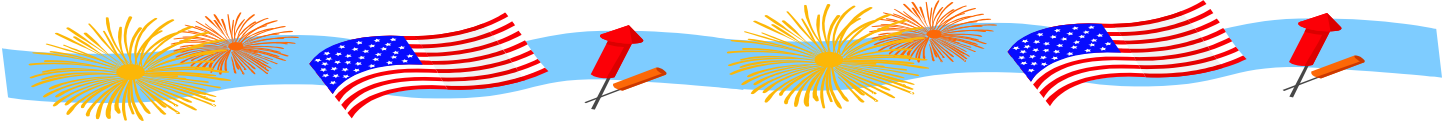
Betty Sanchez, CIS (4)



Volunteers came out to help!



Residents unload greenwaste



July Calendar

4th

Independence Day
(all County offices closed)

19th

**Winchester
Cleanup**
7 am - 12 pm

Tips for staying cool:

Wear a hat

Drink water

Stay in the shade

Wear lightweight clothing

Stay in an air-conditioned place

We welcome you to visit our website at www.rctlma.org/ce where you can:

- View *The Posting*
- Download Code Enforcement flyers & brochures
- Report a violation
- Tell us how we're doing...we'd love to hear from you!

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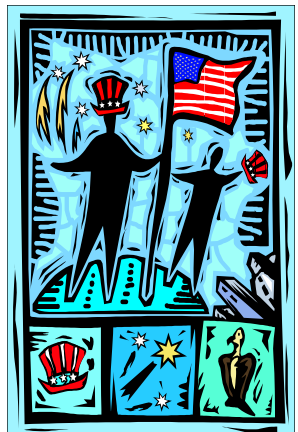
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