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Picture taken at Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park



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Cooperation Preserves Literature for Future Generations *District 4*

Riverside County Code Enforcement Officer Jackie Fogh received a complaint regarding an abandoned mobile home, several vehicles, and a recreational vehicle (RV) on a vacant five-acre property in the Sky Valley area of Supervisorial District 4. She investigated the property and issued violation notices pertaining to the abandoned mobile home and vehicles. Subsequently, an abatement of the property was initiated by the officer.

Although the vehicles were removed from the property, the mobile home was filled with memorabilia from the owner of the vacant parcel (a poet and professor in failing health). Unfortunately, the owner (homeless at the time) passed away during the abatement process.

As a result of the property owner's death, Officer Fogh was contacted by the owner's brother, who resides in Europe, and he explained to the officer that he wished to claim the property owner's writings and papers from the mobile home.

The abatement process was postponed 30 days to allow the owner's brother to make the trip and sort through the items in the trailer. Officer Fogh assisted with arrangements to obtain a trash bin from the local waste hauler for the items that were to be discarded. The owner's brother and friends spent over 12 hours at the location sorting through a lifetime of memories. The personal effects within the mobile home resulted in five truck loads of books that were donated to the College of the Desert library, as many of the books are irreplaceable and may assist scholars of the future with research and study.

Arrangements were made by the family to remove the RV and the mobile home from the property and clear the parcel, which saved the County from incurring abatement costs. With patience and communication, the owner's relatives were able to salvage the books and the memories for the family and future generations to come.





Needing a Little Help *District 3*

There are times when a property needs a little help and extra time to meet compliance. Riverside County Code Enforcement officers Wayne Durant, Brett Pollard, and Keith Ross did not know the extent of the County ordinance violations when they first came across a property located in the District 3 unincorporated area of Hemet. As pictured to the left, the rear half of the property was almost completely covered with trash, wood, and other debris.

The officers began their work to tackle the problem of clearing away the accumulated rubbish, and Officer Ross saw this as a great opportunity to utilize Code Enforcement’s Community Improvement Program. To assist the elderly property owners, Officer Ross teamed up with Community Improvement Specialist Becky Mitchell. With the aid of grant money from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Specialist Becky Mitchell arranged for Waste Management, Inc. to drop off multiple trash/yard bins at the property.

After the first bin arrived, the property owners contacted their sons and grandsons for assistance in cleaning up the property, and in one weekend, they filled the first bin. A second bin was delivered and, once again, the family arrived and filled the bin, removing trash, wood, and debris from the property. Other bins arrived, and the property was eventually cleared.

Teamwork and cooperation on everyone’s part contributed to bringing the property into compliance in a timely manner. Thank you to all involved for playing a part in improving the community.

Illegal Vending Enforcement Operation *District 2*

The Riverside County Code Enforcement Department recently received complaints from citizens residing in Supervisorial District 2 concerning illegal roadside vendors operating after 6:00 p.m. during weekends. The complaints also included vendors operating illegal kitchens (taco stands) without Riverside County Health Department approval, with similar complaints reported by the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department (Jurupa station).

To follow-up on the numerous complaints, Code Enforcement officers Travis Engelking, Daniel Gregorio, and Julio Pineda, along with the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department, spearheaded a joint after hours vending operation to eliminate the illegal roadside vending violations. During the operation, taco and flower vendors were contacted and administrative citations were issued for their illegal vending activities. As an extra deterrent, all perishable items were seized and destroyed pursuant to the County’s vending ordinance.

The Riverside County Code Enforcement Department recognizes the potential hazards from vendors selling and distributing food items without the Health Department’s approval and the hazards from traffic distractions caused by roadside vendors. The Code Enforcement Department is committed to

making Riverside County a safe place to live and visit, by identifying and eliminating hazardous and illegal activity.



Illegal taco stand

“The Country Feel” *District 5*

While driving through a residential area of Good Hope, Riverside County Code Enforcement Officer Jennifer Morris observed a property that had mining machinery covering the entire two-acre parcel. Officer Morris opened a case and coordinated an inspection with the property owner.

During the inspection, the property owner expressed to Officer Morris her desire to remove the equipment and return her property back to the “country feel,” which prompted her purchase of the property. Officer Morris worked with the property owner, monitoring the case as they worked toward compliance.

It took a crane, trucks, and a huge amount of hard work to reach compliance. The property owner was able to remove the equipment, rubbish, and inoperable vehicles from her yard just in time for the migratory ducks to use and enjoy the natural pond on the property that had previously been blocked by mining equipment. The property owner was ecstatic by the change to her parcel, and relayed to Officer Morris that she has enjoyed watching the ducks and geese land in her backyard each morning.

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Clean Money Feature



The mountain of roofing materials!



It gets smaller.



The work continues....



Job well done!

Youth Remove 4,500 lbs. District 1

On Saturday, March 20, 2010, Temescal Valley had its second Clean Money Fundraising Event coordinated by Miriam Cardenas, Community Improvement Aide. Although Centennial High School had a school dance the night before, ten youth representatives from Club H.O.L.A. arrived at 9am sharp. Club H.O.L.A. helps Hispanic students unite together as a family to recognize their culture, create new friendships, and serve the surrounding community. They enjoy participating in activities that bring them closer together such as adopting a family in the month of December and hosting the H.O.L.A. dance. The club applied to the Clean Money Program to fundraise for a trip to Six Flags Magic Mountain. In order to earn the full \$500, the group had to clean Mayhew Road and its surrounding vacant parcels. The land was a longstanding eyesore for the community and polluted with furniture, everyday garbage, and construction debris.

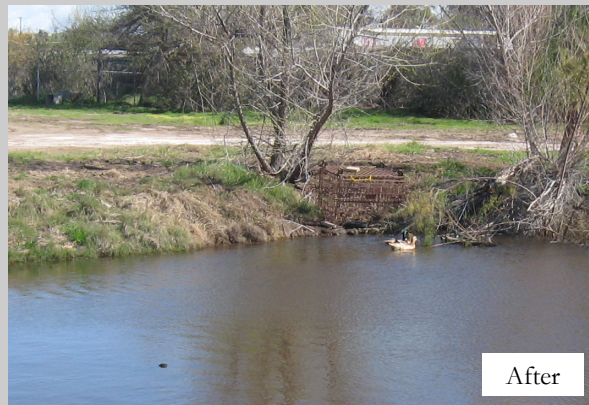
The participants were young women that worked well together and remained focused. As a result of their noble work, Club H.O.L.A. removed an amazing 4,500 lbs. of illegal dumping from the area and earned the full \$500.

*Clean Money Youth Fundraiser Program sponsored by:
Supervisor Bob Buster and Supervisor John Tavaglione* El Sobrante Landfill Citizen's Oversight Committee * Waste Management, Inc.
Riverside County Waste Management Department * Riverside County Code Enforcement Department*

“The Country Feel” District 5
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Before



After

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Clean Money (1 & 2)
	3	4	5	6	7	8 Valle Vista Cleanup (3) Clean Money (4) Highgrove Days (5)
9	10	11	12 Rubidoux Resource Fair (2)	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Eddie Dee Smith Senior Fair (2)	27	28	29

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 MURRIETA SOUTH COUNTY OFFICE - (951) 600-6140
 THOUSAND PALMS EAST COUNTY OFFICE - (760) 343-4150
 MORENO VALLEY/BANNING OFFICE - (951) 485-5840

Clean Money *District 2*

On Saturday, March 20, 2010, El Cerrito had its 3rd Clean Money Fundraising Event supervised by Angel Olivo, Community Improvement Specialist. Eight youth from El Cerrito Middle School's Kaos on Kampus participated. The club's mission is to provide a chance for students to learn percussion techniques by drumming on trash cans. The club applied to the Clean Money Program to fundraise for new instruments. In order to earn the full \$500, the group had to clean Arcadia Street and Francisca Avenue which were both heavily littered. Also in the area, there was an abandoned property with discarded waste in the front yard.

Although there were merely 8 kids, not one piece of blow trash was left behind and 220 pounds of waste was removed from the neighborhood. Their diligent work earned the group the full \$500. Neighbors were pleased to see the club beautifying the community and relieved that litter no longer polluted the neighborhood.



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