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Working Together *District 1*

Some areas in Riverside County seem to be an attractive lure for illegal dumping and littering. Areas with dirt roads, secluded turnouts, and large parcels are especially enticing to dumpers and tend to accumulate trash and hazardous materials. The Code Enforcement Department's Mead Valley office received a request for a long term solution to secure and correct an on-going issue regarding a property owner who is facing yet another cleanup, which will be a great expense to him.

Supervising Officer Manny Acueto and Officer Ronald Welch stopped by the site to consider various remedies in order to solve the problem plaguing the unfortunate property owner. The officers collaborated with the property owner and suggested the closure of a portion of a non-maintained dirt road that was allowing the dumping traffic through to the site. This area offers several other routes on maintained roads in close proximity to the parcel, making this closure a great alternative.

The owner had the site secured from vehicle traffic by using large stones to block entry onto the dirt road. Although not a conventional fix, it is a remedy that enables horses and hikers to continue enjoying the trails and nature that surround this property. Working together is always the best solution and in the end, the site was cleaned and cleared, hopefully for the last time.



Hikers are welcome
but traffic is not

Large stones create a natural barrier

Dumping On Own Property *District 3*

During a routine drive, Officers Brett Pollard and Mark Mandel drove past two adults standing at the rear of a pick-up truck parked on the side of the road. To insure that the individuals were not involved in illegal dumping, the officers decided to investigate the situation further. Both adult subjects, a husband and wife, admitted to Officer Mandel that they had just dumped four truckloads of tree branches onto the hillside; however, they explained that the hillside was part of their property and the branches were cut from trees on another portion of their land.

Officer Mandel informed both individuals that dumping tree branches, or any green waste, on one's own property is a violation of county codes (RCC 9.24.010 & RCC 8.120.010). Additionally, Officer Mandel confirmed with the couple that they did not dump the tires that were also in the area. Nonetheless, Officer Mandel explained to both individuals that the tree branches and tires would have to be removed and that an accumulated rubbish case would be opened to monitor the progress of the cleanup.

After verifying that the husband and wife actually did own the property where they had dumped the tree branches, Officer Mandel informed them of an upcoming community cleanup event. Community Improvement Specialist Becky Mitchell, supplied the property owners with an Environmental Health Department form to complete, which allowed them to haul up to 20 tires at a time. Just over one month later, the property owners had removed all of the dumped tree branches and had disposed of over 100 tires from their property at the Valle Vista Community Cleanup event.



Dumping is illegal even on your own property

Dilapidated Barn Near School Gets Removed *District 2*

Officer Karen Nguyen visited a property in district two concerning a complaint regarding a substandard structure and accumulated rubbish. After the visit she made contact with the elderly property owner. Due to her age, the owner was unable to maintain the entire property on her own. The owner needed assistance with a structure/barn that was located to the rear of her property and was so large it extended from one side of the property line to the other. In addition, the property borders a local school yard and was an eye sore to both the staff and students.

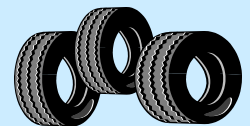
Officer Nguyen listened to the owner's issues of being unable to preserve this large structure after her husband passed away. Therefore, the structure had become very dilapidated. The widow wanted to do something about the substandard structure for some time now, but she did not have the funds necessary to have the homemade construction removed.

Officer Nguyen offered the property owner the assistance of Community Improvement Specialist Angel Olivo, who had the large building and accumulated rubbish removed through the use of Community Development Block Grant funds before the new school session began!



Property was cleared with grant assistance

Please dispose of tires properly.
Go to www.rivcwm.org
for more information.



Did You Hear the One About the Cows and the Onions? *District 4*



While driving in her assigned area in supervisorial district four, Officer Lucero Iniguez came across a 20-acre parcel covered with a white substance. After she stopped at the location to investigate further, Officer Iniguez was able to see that the substance was actually onions! The onions were stockpiled on the front area of the property by the road and measured about 160,000 square feet.

After contacting Riverside County’s Environmental Health Department, the officer learned that the onions would soon rot and attract rodents and insects. Officer Iniguez made contact with the property owner, who explained that the onions were considered “rejects” and that he purchased them from a local company to feed his cows.

Officer Iniguez explained to the property owner the concern regarding the rodents and insects that would be drawn to the property by the aging produce. The property owner, however, was hoping that the cows would consume all of the onions within the month. Due to the potential environmental health hazard of the rotting onions, the property owner was issued a Notice of Violation for accumulated rubbish and stockpiling onions and given 30 days to clear his property.

Officer Iniguez continued to monitor the property and verified that the onions were slowly disappearing from the parcel. Shortly after 30 days had elapsed, the cows had, in fact, eaten up all the onions.



An area full of onions



Gone in about a month

Property Ready for New Tenants *District 5*

This property located in the unincorporated area of Nuevo was ready to go through an abatement process due to the rubbish, debris, and furniture left behind by the previous owner, who was losing the property as a result of a bank foreclosure. Following the Code Enforcement Department’s violation notification procedure, Officer Lori Lyon contacted the banking institution—the title holder. A bank representative informed Officer Lyon that the bank was in the process of taking possession of the property, and she promised to keep the officer informed of any developments with the property.

Within a few weeks, the bank representative telephoned Officer Lyon to notify her that the bank was obtaining bids to clear the property and that the property would soon be in compliance. Then, two weeks later, the debris was gone. The property is now ready for a new owner to move in and make this property a home.



October 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Winchester Cleanup (3)
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Lake Mathews Cleanup (1) (curbside only)
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Lakeland Village Cleanup (1) Anza Cleanup/Tire Event (3) Meadowbrook & Good Hope Cleanup (5)
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 * Districts listed in ()

Contact your local Code Enforcement Office

LAKE ELSINORE OFFICE (1) - 951.600.6650
 MEAD VALLEY OFFICE (1) - 951.657.0122
 JURUPA OFFICE (2) - 951.275.8739
 HOME GARDENS OFFICE (2) - 951.280.4100
 MURRIETA OFFICE (3) - 951.600.6140
 THOUSAND PALMS OFFICE (4) - 760.343.4150
 MORENO VALLEY OFFICE (5) - 951.485.5840



Mead Valley Tire Amnesty Event

Statistics:

- 5,156 tires** (estimated amount)
- 185 Community participants**
- 18 Community participants had Open Code Enforcement Cases**
- 17 Community Volunteers**
- 14 Code Enforcement Staff assisting**



Comments:

"It's a good thing. It helps out the community" - *J. Marrujo*
 "You guys are a godsend. I appreciate you very, very much." - *R. Tenorio*
 "This is very good, we don't have the money and it makes the community look so much better. Thank you Code Enforcement." - *J. Barnar*

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