



# CHUCK'S CHRONICLES

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## FROM THE DESK OF CHUCK WASHINGTON



Supervisor Washington on the night of California's March Primary Election.

### **Regarding the Primary Election**

It has been my honor and privilege to serve the residents of Riverside County as the Third District Supervisor for the past five years. I was humbled last week to have the support of thousands of residents who voted for me to serve another term as Third District Supervisor. I will continue to advocate for increased public safety, safer and more effective transportation and a better future for our children. I look forward to four more years of serving Third District residents and letting people know that Riverside County is Southern California's place-to-be, where people want to live, work and play.



Veterans of Foreign War, Post 4089

28075 Diaz Road, Temecula

Office: (951) 676-1541

Website: [www.vfw4089.org](http://www.vfw4089.org)

#### American Legion Post 852

36505 Winchester Rd., Murrieta

Office: 951-305-0852

Email: [commander@al852tmv.org](mailto:commander@al852tmv.org)

Website: [www.al852tmv.org](http://www.al852tmv.org)

#### Veterans Supplemental Support Network

Office: 951-821-8776

Website: [www.vetsupportnet.org](http://www.vetsupportnet.org)

#### Reaching New Heights Foundation

4053 Chestnut St, #203, Riverside

For benefit eligibility and enrollment info

Office: 951-878-6696

Email: [rnhinc3@att.net](mailto:rnhinc3@att.net)

Website: [reachingnewheightsfoundation.com/](http://reachingnewheightsfoundation.com/)

#### Riverside County Department of Veterans Services

4360 Orange St, Riverside

Office: 844-737-8838

Website: [veteranservices.co.riverside.ca.us](http://veteranservices.co.riverside.ca.us)

#### Veteran Sisters

30141 Antelope Rd. Ste. D674 Menifee,

Office: 951-305-3244

Email: [Admin@VeteranSisters.org](mailto:Admin@VeteranSisters.org)

#### Murrieta VA Clinic at Loma Linda University Medical Center

28078 Baxter Road. STE 540, Murrieta

Office: 800-741-8387 x 5312

Eligibility representative is onsite on Thursdays.  
from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Community Connection

#### Anza Valley Municipal Advisory Council

Location: Anza Community Hall

56630 Highway 371, Anza

Next meeting: March 11, 2020

Website: [www.anzavalleymac.com](http://www.anzavalleymac.com)

Information: 951-955-1030

City of Hemet: 951-765-2300

City of Murrieta: 951-304-2489

City of Temecula: 951-694-6444

#### Winchester/Homeland Municipal Advisory Council

Location: Frances Domenigoni Community Center

32665 Haddock Street, Winchester

Next meeting: March 12, 2020

Website: [www.winchestermac.org](http://www.winchestermac.org)

Information: 951-955-1030

Hemet/San Jacinto Valley Chamber: 951-658-3211

Murrieta/Wildomar Chamber: 951-677-7916

Temecula Valley Chamber: 951-676-5090

# 2020 Census: Our Kids Count!

The U.S. Census Bureau is aiming to count every individual in the United States, knowing that that is an impossible task. With every census, there are always undercounted populations. That undercount creates problems because the federal, state and local governments cannot account for the true population when providing crucial services, such as transportation, public safety, public health and education.

It is especially troubling to parents and families that children under the age of five are one of the most undercounted populations in the United States. In the 2010 census, almost 1 million children under the age of five were not counted. This number represents \$20 billion that communities lost in funding for numerous programs, such as Head Start, free school lunches, Medicaid or Medi-Cal, schools and libraries.



There are many reasons why a young child might be forgotten in the census. Oftentimes, children are undercounted in “complex households” that contain multiple generations, unrelated individuals living together, blended families or foster families. Additionally, when families live in subsidized housing that limits the number of people who can live in the home, families may be fearful of revealing the true number of residents. It is important to understand that the U.S. Census Bureau will not give any information to law enforcement agencies, other government agencies or your landlord.

Supervisor Washington, who sits on the First 5 Riverside County Children & Families Commission, is encouraging families to make sure they count all of the children in the household.

“Together, we can ensure that every child in Riverside County has access to the services they need to have a healthy start in life,” he said.

For more information about the 2020 census, please visit [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov).

# Novel Coronavirus: the County of Riverside's Response

Novel coronavirus, or COVID-19, has caused concern throughout the world, and the County of Riverside has been working closely with our partners to provide a coordinated response. Currently, the number of COVID-19 cases in Riverside County is still in the single digits, and, as of March 10, there have been no deaths. The Board of Supervisors ratified a public health emergency declaration at Tuesday's board meeting. The County has also activated the medical health department operations center, which will help coordinate public messaging and planning among community partners.

Riverside University Health System-Public Health recommends taking the following precautions to reduce the risk of contracting the virus:

- Practice social distancing, which means remaining out of places where people meet or gather and avoiding public transportation, if possible.
- Do not attend work, school or events when sick. Stay home.
- Cough into your elbow or tissue.
- Wash hands frequently with warm water for at least 20 seconds and use hand sanitizer often.
- Stay away from anyone who is sick.

As of March 10, Dr. Cameron Kaiser, the Riverside County public health officer, has recommended rescheduling Coachella and Stagecoach. Other large-scale events may be cancelled later. For updated information on COVID-19 in Riverside County, visit <https://www.rivcoph.org/coronavirus>. The public is encouraged to call 2-1-1 and 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636) with any questions. For medical advice, please contact your health care provider.



# Nonprofit Spotlight: Idyllwild Community Center

The San Jacinto Mountain Community Center, dba Idyllwild Community Center (ICC), is a local nonprofit organization originally founded for the purpose of raising funds and building, developing and maintaining a community recreation center for the benefit of the communities of Idyllwild, Fern Valley, Pine Cove, Mountain Center, Garner Valley and the surrounding San Jacinto Mountain areas in Riverside County.

Over the years, ICC has greatly expanded its involvement and services – in part through private donations and funding from its local CSA 36 assessments – by providing a broad array of recreational, cultural and social opportunities for residents and visitors, in addition to its ongoing mission to build and maintain a new recreational facility.

Currently, ICC puts on numerous free town events, like the Tree Lighting Festival, Easter Egg Hunt and Halloween Carnival. Additionally, ICC hosts the local Sunday farmers market at Idyllwild’s historic Town Hall and operates Idyllwild’s skate park, dog park, and pickle ball court, which are open daily to the public.

Most recently, ICC is proud to host and/or present live summer concerts and events at its beautiful new outdoor Butterfield Amphitheater. Funded through the generous land and financial donations of Loie and Dave Butterfield, as well as community contributions, Butterfield Amphitheater is located next to the Idyllwild Community Playground, which ICC also owns and manages.

In addition to these larger projects, ICC offers numerous free or low-cost community programs, including youth and adult sports, senior fitness programs, free monthly community lunches and after-school and holiday childcare.

In its ongoing effort to expand its services, ICC has just partnered with a local group to co-host the Feeding America food pantry program that provides groceries to the underserved and seniors on the first Tuesday of each month at Town Hall.

As for its original mission of funding, constructing and maintaining a new recreation center, ICC continues in its long-term fundraising and grant-pursuit efforts. ICC remains grateful for the support it has received from Supervisor Washington and the County of Riverside as it continues to expand its local programs and services today.

*Special thanks to Stephanie Yost for writing this article!*



A concert at the new Butterfield Amphitheater

# Need Utility Assistance? We Can Help!

For those who need extra help paying their utility bills, the Community Action Partnership of Riverside County can offer assistance. The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides up to \$383 to qualified customers once per year to help them pay one of their gas or electric bills. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and a citizen or legal resident of the United States. Income limits apply - a household of one must make less than \$2,170.74 per month to qualify. The application requires applicants to provide their last electricity and gas bills, any past due, shut-off or disconnection notices, the names and birthdays of their entire household, proof of income for the applicant and all household members and the applicant's social security card, valid photo I.D. and proof of citizenship or legal resident status.

Applications are available at [www.capriverside.org/program/utilityassistanceprogram](http://www.capriverside.org/program/utilityassistanceprogram). Send the completed application to Josephine Fernandez at [energy@capriverside.org](mailto:energy@capriverside.org) or drop it off at the Hemet Service Center, located at 1049 N State Street, Hemet. For questions, call 951-791-3562 or visit [www.capriverside.org](http://www.capriverside.org).

## February Students of the Month

Hemet Unified School District	Murrieta Unified School District	San Jacinto Unified School District	Temecula Unified School District
Hamilton High School <i>Olivia Hernandez</i>	Visit Murrieta High School <i>Wayne Evans Holness</i>	San Jacinto High School <i>Amy Ramirez Velasco</i>	Chaparral High School <i>Nilson Rodriguez Cadenas</i>
Hemet High School <i>Brandon Chennault</i>	Murrieta Mesa High School <i>Starleen Martinez</i>	Mountain View High School <i>Ashley Lopez</i>	Great Oak High School <i>Caleb Kim</i>
Tahquitz High School <i>Cesar Coleman</i>	Springs Charter School <i>Emma Bayless</i>		Linfield Christian High School <i>Nathanael Mariano</i>
West Valley High School <i>Johnathan Espana</i>	Murrieta Valley High School <i>Edgar Alegria Olvera</i>		Rancho Vista High School <i>Angel Britton</i>
Western Center Academy <i>Aleesa Showalter</i>	Murrieta Canyon Academy <i>Elizabeth Gledhill</i>		Susan H. Nelson High School <i>Julia Steinberg</i>
	Oak Grove School <i>Alexandra Simmons</i>		Temecula Valley High School <i>Indiana Rivera Gandrung</i>

# The Third District Within the Community



Supervisor Washington shows his support for the Girl Scouts of America (2-11-20).



Supervisor Washington speaks at the groundbreaking of Luiseño Village Shopping Center in San Jacinto (2-27-20).



Supervisor Washington gives an interview to JDS Creative Academy's Spectrum Of Innovation show (2-18-20).



Legislative Assistant Opal Hellweg represents Supervisor Washington at the Riverside County Office on Aging Advisory Council meeting (2-19-2020)