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WINTER/SPRING 2016

RIVERSIDE



A City of Arts
& Innovation

Transforming
Downtown

Events to Keep
You Moving



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3900 Main Street
Riverside, CA 92522
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Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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COVER: Two students of the Riverside Arts Academy. Find out about all the classes offered by calling **(951) 826-2000** or visit **RivReg.org**

Cover photo: Riverside Arts Academy

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Riverside Avenue Grade Separation

After many years of planning and two years of construction, the \$33 million dollar Riverside Avenue Grade Separation Project is finally complete. This key project has improved traffic flow for **16,000 vehicles** that can now travel freely through the area **without delays due to trains**. Prior to construction of the project, delays of over an hour per day occurred as thirty-six (36) trains traveled along the railroad where the tracks previously intersected with Riverside Avenue.

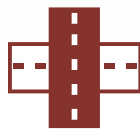
Now, Riverside Avenue has been lowered underneath the tracks allowing a continuous free flow of traffic as well as improved travel for pedestrians along the newly constructed sidewalks.

Completion of the Riverside Avenue Grade Separation marks the completion of the **sixth grade separation** since 2005 which also included crossings at **Jurupa, Magnolia, Iowa, Columbia and Streeter Avenues**. Funded with \$213 million in local, State and Federal funds, these projects have improved traffic flow for **103,000 vehicles per day** and prevented over **45 tons per year in greenhouse gas emissions** due to idling vehicles.

With the impact of rail crossings on the quality of life in Riverside, it's a **top priority** for the City to continue efforts to ease the effects of rail crossings. The City's strategy of prioritizing grade separation projects and completing early design has helped secured **State and Federal funds for construction**. To help ensure future funding, and that local resources are used in the City's highest priority projects, the City Council has adopted a second generation of priority rail grade separation projects which includes: **Spruce, Jackson, Mary, and 3rd Streets** and allocated \$600,000 for their concept designs.

Learn more at RiversideCA.gov/PublicWorks.

Major elements of the project include:



Lowering Riverside Avenue from Merrill Avenue to about 300 feet north of Elizabeth Street

Constructing cul-de-sacs at Elizabeth Street and Tipperary Way



Constructing a new street, Mono Drive, to connect Trinity Court to Sunnyside Drive

Constructing a two-track railroad bridge to carry train traffic



Construction of a storm water detention basin and pump station

COSME CORDOVA



CITY OF ARTS

Blending the arts and culture of Riverside

Who introduced you to art?

I was introduced to art by my grandma. She did all kinds of pottery, sewing and poetry. She really inspired creativity which obviously became a big part of my life. In elementary school, I even remember doing my own Tom & Jerry sketches.

What do you love about art?

It allows me to be alone. Art lets my imagination run wild and create my own world. There's never a right or wrong; art is between you, the paper and your pencil.

How are you involved in the community?

Years ago, I thought Riverside needed something in the art community. Why wait when we can do it ourselves? I started Arts Walk in 2001. I thought Riverside was a blank canvas and, instead of showcasing my art in other cities, I wanted to share it here.

Also, November's annual Day of the Dead festival started in 2004, with three alters, 18 Aztec dancers, one food vendor, and one art vendor. We had to use car lights from the parking lot to highlight the performers. Now, we have 70 alters, 20 food vendors, and 30 sets of performers. The event gives the community a way to connect to roots and attracts all kinds of different cultures. The mixture is wonderful. I never want people to feel left out – I want them to be welcomed.

#ILoveRiverside because...

It's a blank canvas. If you have an idea you can pursue it. The possibility of your dream coming true is higher here in Riverside than any other city I've come across. Everyone wants to see you succeed.

Divison9Gallery.com

3850 Lemon Street, Riverside, CA 92501

SAUMYA KEREMANE

New discovery aims to preserve CA's multi-billion dollar citrus industry

Attended:

Benjamin Franklin Elementary School,
Amelia Earhart Middle School,
Martin Luther King High School (grad 2015)
18 years old, currently attending UCSD

What is Huánglóngbìng (HLB)?

HLB, also known as Citrus Greening Disease, has been a huge problem in many places. Now in California, we are on the verge of getting it so we are trying to prevent it. This disease is caused by a motile bacteria which is spread by an insect, the Asian citrus psyllid.

Tell us about the beginning of this discovery:

During the summer as a volunteer at the UCR Agriculture Experiment Station, some other researchers and I were having a discussion about diabetes and cholesterol. It's a lot easier to control diabetes because you can take a simple test every day to monitor. Whereas with cholesterol, you have to send in a lab test, can only test once or twice per year, and in general, it's very difficult to monitor. So, we kind of mirrored that to Citrus huánglóngbìng. We thought that if you could test the trees more often and in a cheaper more inexpensive way, then it would be a lot better for maintaining and preventing the disease from spreading. We wanted to come up with something very simple, similar to a pregnancy test that can be used in the field. The very first prototypes were handmade and evolved to being created in a lab about 9 months after my initial start.

You've accomplished more at 18 years old than many people twice your age!

Working near a college and in a research facility, I feel very humbled but there is so much more I want to learn and improve upon. I want to be a research scientist in a subfield of biochemistry and cell biology. I'm not sure exactly where I want to concentrate but I can figure that out during grad school.

#ILoveRiverside because...

You can do so many things. There are colleges, amazing schools, and great places to explore in nature. I'm now in San Diego for college but who knows, I may end up back here for grad school because of the research facility/lab and of course, my family.

“ My project uses a model system to achieve a greater goal of furthering California's proactive fight against HLB, a bacterium that has already destroyed half of the Florida citrus industry. I have been aware of a recent epidemic in citrus and really wanted to do something to help with managing this disease.”

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To watch full interviews, visit [Youtube.com/RiversideCAGov](https://www.youtube.com/RiversideCAGov)

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CONTINUING DOWNTOWN'S TRANSFORMATION



STALDER BUILDING

Regional Properties to redevelop historic structure at Market Street and Mission Inn Avenue and adjacent surface parking lots to include:

- Preservation and rehabilitation of historic façade
- 165 residential units; 22,000 square feet of commercial office, retail, and restaurant space
- Regional Properties has 18 months from close of escrow to complete construction of project



IMPERIAL HARDWARE LOFTS

The Ratkovich Company to redevelop historic structure at Main Street and University Avenue and adjacent parking lot to include:

- Historic façade preservation
- Mixed-use apartment building
- 7,973 square feet of commercial space for retailers, cafés and restaurant users
- Groundbreaking anticipated in the 1st quarter of 2016 with completion in summer 2017



CENTERPOINTE VILLAS

- Zion Development to commence in summer 2016
- Two 3-story townhomes on corner of 1st & Market Streets
- Five 3-story townhomes fronting Market Street
- Each unit has 2-car garage, 5 additional surface parking spaces
- Three affordable housing units



CHOW ALLEY

Create a "Chow Alley" to be active with food vendors, public art & shade elements through a public-private partnership

- Extend the Main Street Riverside Pedestrian Mall between 10th & 11th Streets as the "Courthouse Piazza" to include café tables & areas for public events
- Limit vehicular use for delivery & parking thus emphasizing a pedestrian paseo concept
- Celebrate historic courthouse architecture by creating a visual axis from Market Street
- Groundbreaking anticipated in 2016



CENTENNIAL PLAZA

Riverside Community College District's Centennial Plaza, located at Market Street and University Avenue, marks the debut of major arts, cultural and education resources for region

- Key features include: lifestyle, arts, and social awareness tied together by quality higher education and career prep programs that provide economic, intellectual and creative opportunities and experiences for students and the general public
- Completion of construction anticipated for March 2016



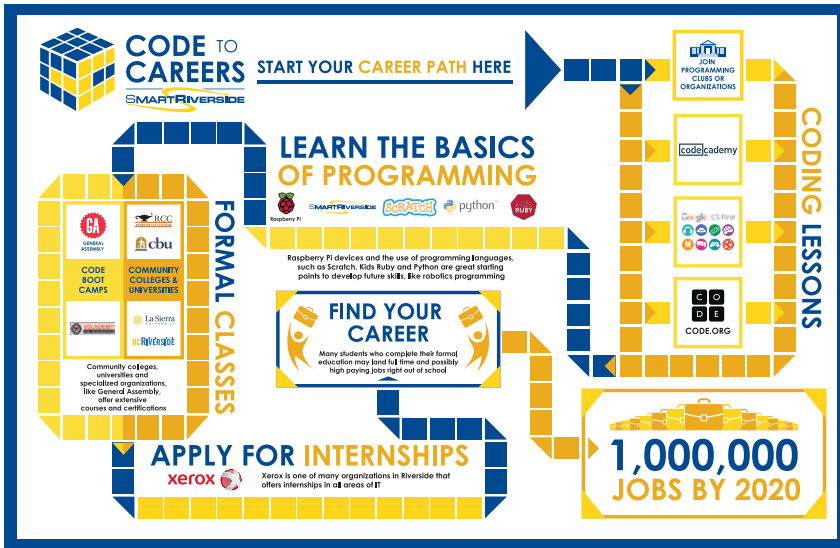
For more information on Downtown Riverside development, visit
RiversideCA.gov/CDD



CODE TO CAREERS
SMARTRIVERSIDE



Create the Roadmap of Your Career



Studies show there may be up to a million unfilled high-paying technical jobs in the United States by the year 2020.

The new "Code to Careers" is a community based team of Riverside's educational, private, and public partners who have come together to create computer programming ("coding") programs for kids in Riverside.

SmartRiverside is aiming to empower Riverside's youth with the coding skills required to apply for such high-paying jobs.

For more details, refer to **PRSCD pg. 56** or visit SmartRiverside.org/CodetoCareers.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
RiversideCA.gov/Jobs

RIVERSIDE LIVE 2016



FOX PERFORMING ARTS CENTER PRESENTS

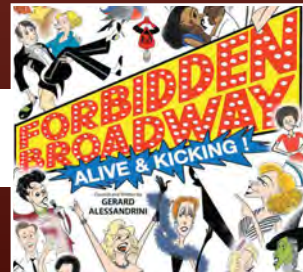
BROADWAY IN RIVERSIDE



January 27



February 14



March 12



April 10

New announcements, show schedules, buy tickets: RiversideLive.com or (951) 779-9804

FOX
Performing Arts Center
Riverside, California

- Feb 8 **Dancing with the Stars**
- Feb 24 **Peppa Pig Live!**
- Mar 3 **Joe Satriani**
- May 16 **"Eat Your Science"**
w/ Alton Brown



Peppa Pig
Feb 24



Joe Satriani
Mar 3



Alton Brown
May 16

RMA

RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM
AND SOLDIER'S MEMORIAL BUILDING

- Jan 15 **Chase Rice**
- Jan 16 **Holiday Hangover**
w/ Strangelove



Chase Rice
Jan 15



Holiday Hangover
Jan 16

RIVERSIDE: A CITY OF ARTS

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM

People who say nothing in life is free haven't been to an event at the Riverside Municipal Museum lately. Besides exhibits of cultural and natural history, the museum also offers free educational programs like **Discovery Days** and **First Sundays** which are family-friendly and always involve a craft making project. There's also Second Saturdays at the Ameal Moore Nature Center in Sycamore Canyon Park.

Did You Know?

Riverside Municipal Museum opened in the basement of old City Hall in 1924 and was originally called the Cornelius Earle Rumsey Indian Collection when the widow of NABISCO magnate Cornelius Earle Rumsey donated her late husband's collection of Native American artifacts to the City of Riverside.

This free event is perfect for families who enjoy nature-based crafts, activities and hikes around the park.

The museum also manages the National Historic Landmark **Harada House** and the National Register listed Victorian House Museum, **Heritage House**.

Learn more about the Riverside Metropolitan Museum by visiting RiversideCA.gov/museum.



Current exhibits include

- Telling Riverside's Story in 50 Objects (part 1)
- Cahuilla Continuum - The Story of Southern CA's Native People
- Chasing the Sun: Riverside Photographers 1880 - 1930
- Nature Lab - A Hands-on Lab Open to the Public



RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARIES



Riverside's Public Libraries are cultural and learning centers for the community, encouraging the joy and wonder of reading, the wisdom of diverse ideas, and the power of lifelong learning.

The best part is most of what they offer is free. Whether it's reading programs like Storytime, eBooks and music; or braille and talking books for the visually impaired.

The Library sparks curiosity and provides tools for discovery. With eight branches to serve you, call or click today to find the branch nearest you.

Learn more about the Riverside Public Library by visiting RiversideCA.gov/Library or calling (951) 826-5213.

Teen Zone - In early 2016, Riverside's Main Library will create a new "Teen Zone." Using various resources the Teen Zone will accommodate individual and group learning in an environment that encourages the emotional, social and intellectual development of teens.



Arlanza Veteran's Resource Center - To help reintegrate California veterans into the workforce and our community, the Veteran's Resource Center will be established at the Arlanza Library in 2016. In addition to fiction and nonfiction books and audio visual materials, the VRC will provide information on state and federal education, employment, housing, health, disability and other benefits that may be available to veterans and their families.



Freegal - Freegal® is a free music service in our library system. All you need is your library card number and PIN. Freegal offers access to about 9 million songs, including Sony Music's catalog of legendary artists, and over 15,000 music videos.

HEALTH'S KITCHEN

Bringing a "Farm-to-Fork" Experience to Riverside

Offering a fresh outlook on the dining experience, Health's Kitchen is dedicated to delivering nutrition you can taste. Co-owner Robin Meadows, Holistic Health Coach and professional chef, has built an entire menu where every ingredient and menu item is designed with a purpose. Health's Kitchen was created as a tangent of Champion Wellness, a family nutrition center in Riverside.

Providing an avenue for people to educate themselves about nutrition and improve their overall health, Meadows was consulting group classes and workshops at Champion Wellness. According to Meadows, customers were always motivated to learn about nutrition and how to eat clean, but when it came down to actually cooking and preparing meals, they were having difficulty. After being constantly asked to be a private chef for clients, she asked herself, "why not open up a restaurant of my own? That way, I would be able to help more people." Health's Kitchen was born.

With a rich history in farming and agriculture, Riverside was the perfect venue for Meadows to encourage the farm-to-fork initiative.

"The farm-to-fork model appealed to us because there is nothing fresher than eating food from local sources that was picked that day," says Meadows.

Opening their doors merely months ago, Health's Kitchen has been very well received by the community, according to Meadows. With little to zero time for marketing, their reputation is being built upon word of mouth...quickly. "As our community becomes more health conscious, the demand for healthy and delicious food is growing."

Riverside's farming and agriculture movement is currently going through a revitalization stage. The City, local school districts, restaurants and local businesses are collaborating to promote local farmers and keep Riverside's variety of fresh produce in the city.

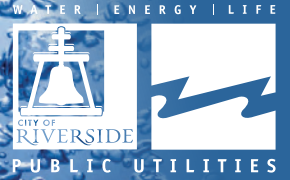
According to Meadows, "I was very surprised to see how much energy and resources the City is putting into the revival of the farming community. The Community and Economic development teams have been helpful and have made it easy for a novice restaurant owner like myself to get off the ground running." Health's Kitchen is a 100% natural addition to what makes Riverside a great place to live, work and play.

Healths-Kitchen.com

10120 Indiana Avenue, Riverside, CA 92503

UTILITY UPDATE

RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES



SAVINGS THAT LAST ALL YEAR

Start the New Year off right by utilizing Riverside Public Utilities' water and energy conservation rebate programs and benefit from utility savings all year long.

We offer our residential and commercial customers a variety of programs and incentives that can help offset the costs of making your home or business more energy and water efficient which can add up to great savings on your utility bills. These programs include:

WEATHERIZATION – Great incentives for installing select attic and wall insulation, and other efficiency measures throughout your home.

ENERGY STAR – Get cash back on purchases of energy efficient appliances, room air conditioners, ceiling fans, windows and more.

LANDSCAPING – Reduce turf areas, install waterwise gardens, and lower watering bills.

TREE POWER – Plant select shade trees around your property and receive up to \$25 back on each tree.

do you know?

Riverside Public Utilities' **Level Pay Plan** can help even out your utility bill payments over the course of the entire year. For example, instead of having larger bills in the summer, you will pay one flat rate all year round. *Some restrictions and qualifications apply.* To find out more about Level Pay, visit RiversidePublicUtilities.com or call us at (951) 782-0330.

conservationcorner



It's important to conserve water whenever and wherever you can, especially while California is in a drought. On average, here's how much water your everyday activities use. Where can you cut back and conserve this year?

Shower 40-70 gal./ 10 minutes

Brushing Teeth 3 gal./ day with faucet on

Shaving 5 gal./ day with faucet on

Dishwasher 15 gal./ load

Washing Dishes by Hand 20 gal.

Clothes Washer 40-60 gal./ load

Running the Tap 5 gal./ minute

Visit GreenRiverside.com for all of our available programs and to download rebate applications, or call us at (951) 826-5485.

JANUARY

3

First Sundays

Riverside Metropolitan Museum
1 – 4 p.m.
RiversideCA.gov/Museum
951-826-5273

7

Arts Walk

Downtown
6 – 9 p.m.
951-682-6737

9

Citrus Heritage Run

Arlington Heights Sports Complex
7:30 – 11 a.m.
CitrusHeritageRun.com

Downtown Farmers Market

Downtown
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
951-826-5408

16

Holiday Hangover

Riverside Municipal Auditorium
7 p.m.
951-779-9800

18

23rd Annual MLK Walk-A-Thon

Starts at Stratton Center
8 a.m.
raahsinc.org

20

Discovery Days

Riverside Metropolitan Museum
1:30 p.m.
RiversideCA.gov/Museum
951-826-5273



27

Bullets Over Broadway

Fox Performing Arts Center
7 p.m.
RiversideLive.com
951-779-9800



28

2016 Mayor's State of the City

Riverside Convention Center
RiversideCA.gov/Mayor



30

Lunar Fest

Downtown
10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
LunarFestRiverside.com

FEBRUARY

4

Arts Walk

Downtown
6 – 9 p.m.
951-682-6737



7

First Sundays

Riverside Metropolitan Museum
1 – 4 p.m.
RiversideCA.gov/Museum

13

Black History Parade/Expo & Car Show

By RCC & Downtown
10 a.m.
BlackHistoryCommittee.org

Downtown Farmers Market

Downtown
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
951-826-5408

14

The Producers

Fox Performing Arts Center
3 & 7 p.m.
RiversideLive.com
951-779-9800



17

Discovery Days

Riverside Metropolitan Museum
1:30 – 4:30 p.m.
RiversideCA.gov/Museum
951-826-5273

20

Downtown Farmers Market

Downtown
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
951-826-5408

28

A Red Carpet Evening at the Fox

Fox Performing Arts Center
4 p.m.
RiversideLive.com

MARCH

3

Arts Walk

Downtown
6 – 9 p.m.
951-682-6737

5
Downtown Farmers Market

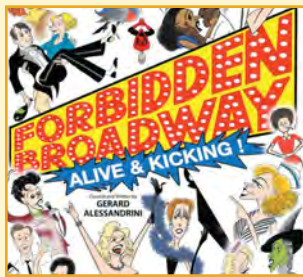
Downtown
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
951-826-5408

6
First Sundays

Riverside Metropolitan Museum
1 p.m.
RiversideCA.gov/Museum
951-826-5273

12
Forbidden Broadway

Fox Performing Arts Center
2 & 7 p.m.
RiversideLive.com
951-779-9800



16
Discovery Days

Riverside Metropolitan Museum
1:30 – 4:30 p.m.
RiversideCA.gov/Museum
951-826-5273

19
Downtown Farmers Market

Downtown
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
951-826-5408

21 & 22
3rd Annual GrowRIVERSIDE

UCR
GrowRiverside.com



APRIL

2
Riverside Airshow

Riverside Airport
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
RiversideCA.gov/Airshow
951-826-5311



Walk to End Homelessness

Riverside Homeless Service
Campus
8 a.m.
EndHomeless.info



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First Sundays

Riverside Metropolitan Museum
1 – 4 p.m.
RiversideCA.gov/Museum
951-826-5273

7
Arts Walk

Downtown
6 – 9 p.m.
951-682-6737

9
Victoria Avenue Day

Between Central and Van Buren
8 a.m. – Noon
951-743-8110

Downtown Farmers Market

Downtown
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
951-826-5408

10
Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Fox Performing Arts Center
1 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
RiversideLive.com
951-779-9800



16
11th Annual Salute to Veterans Parade

Downtown
10 a.m. – noon
ASaluteToVeterans.com

20
Discovery Days

Riverside Metropolitan
Museum
1:30 – 4:30 p.m.
RiversideCA.gov/Museum
951-826-5273

22
Show & Go Car Show

Downtown
6 – 10 p.m.
ShowAndGo.org

23
Show & Go Car Show

Downtown
8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
ShowAndGo.org

30
Downtown Farmers Market

Downtown
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
951-826-5408

