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# WE ARE TEMESCAL VALLEY

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## Grant sought for 71-acre preserve, nature center

What's probably the best-kept secret in Temescal Valley? It's the 71-acre preserve located in the heart of Sycamore Creek where Indian Truck Trail dead ends into Campbell Ranch Road.

The preserve is managed by the **Southwest Regional Management Association**, working with the **Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District** -- both are public agencies devoted to the conservation of soil, water, wildlife and native landscapes. The land was given to the agencies by the Sycamore Creek developer as a conservation easement.

Sitting adjacent to the preserve is a former sales office that was used by early Sycamore Creek builders and now is used as the preserve's field office which is open to the public, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.

RCRCD currently is seeking a grant through the California River Parkways Program to turn the field office into a nature center that will host community workshops, field trips for school kids, and programs for scouting badges and Junior Stewardship. The footpath around the 71-acres will become an interpretative trail with signage focusing on native plants and their usage, and endangered and critical species. A brochure will be created for a self-guided walking tour around the preserve and through the surrounding community.

RCRCD employees **Erika Presley** and **Shani Pynn** currently staff the field office. If you're a drought-tolerant, conservationist, preservation-type person, you'll be amazed at the amount of free literature available at the field office.

For information about what is now available at the preserve or future plans, contact Presley, 951-683-7691, Ext. 223 or [Presley@rcrcd.org](mailto:Presley@rcrcd.org).



**NATURE CENTER:** If the grant is awarded, this field office will become an interpretative nature center.



**PRISTEEN AND UNTOUCHED:** An interpretative sign helps nature-lovers to understand what they're viewing in the 71-acre Sycamore Creek Preserve.

## Community cleanup planned

The We Are Temescal Valley Beautification Committee will sponsor another community cleanup Saturday, Sept. 19. Volunteers are asked to meet at 7 a.m. at the corner of Weirick and Knabe roads to clean up trash, clip weeds, and then move to Sycamore Creek's Indian Truck Trail head in the Cleveland National Forest. Bring gloves and tools; trash pickers will be supplied. Information: **Bob Hafner** – 951-258-6404



**WELCOMING ALFREDO'S AUTO GLASS:** About 40 people attended the mixer / ribbon-cutting Sept. 8 at the Temescal Valley location of Alfredo's Auto Glass, 12847 Temescal Canyon Road, Unit D. Cutting the ribbon, from left, **Jeff Greene**, chief of staff for Riverside County Supervisor Kevin Jeffries; **Supervisor Jeffries**; shop owners **Susan and Alfredo Calva**; **Jerry Sincich**, Municipal Advisory Council chairman, and **Dan Smith**, chairman of the We Are Temescal Valley Business Committee. If you are a valley business and would like to be placed on the mailing list, email [WeAreTV.org@gmail.com](mailto:WeAreTV.org@gmail.com).

## QUICK HITS & UPDATES ...

**FOREST BOUNDARY HOMES ...** Construction should begin in the second quarter of next year on the 50 homes approved by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors in May. The 12-acre development is on Forest Boundary Road adjacent to **The Retreat** and **Wildrose Ranch**. In granting the zone change, the county conditioned **TDAC Development** to put in curbs and sidewalks on the Wildrose Ranch side of the street and to create an RV parking area for the development's residents.

**COMMITTEE SAYS NO TO APARTMENTS ...** Developer **Lansing Companies** met with the We Are Temescal Valley Development Committee twice since April to discuss plans for the 9-acre property at Bedford Motor Way and Knabe Road. Lansing, at the first meeting, presented plans for 184 apartments housed in one 3-story and five 4-story buildings. This use would require a zone change and committee members stood firm telling the developer they would prefer the property to be used for light industrial / commercial, its current zoning. At the second meeting, Lansing suggested 105 townhomes. Again, committee members reiterated the need for more businesses in Temescal Valley and suggested an urgent care center, medical offices or senior care facility. Lansing now is scouting that type of development.

**DEVELOPER WANTS TO BUILD 88 HOMES ...** The developer of an area that was approved for office buildings several years ago now wants to build 88 homes on the 14-acre parcel on the west side of the I-15 adjacent to **Painted Hills** and **Butterfield Estates**. The property is only accessible at Campbell Ranch and Temescal Canyon roads. Development Committee members told representatives from **Pinnacle Residential** they opposed the zone change from commercial to residential and restated the need for medical facilities in Temescal Valley.

**SPECTRACOLOR BUILDING DELAYED ...** A new building and expansion for **SpectraColor**, a long-time Temescal Valley business located in the **Wildrose Business Park**, has been delayed indefinitely. SpectraColor, the manufacturer of colored plastic chips, has been asked by the county to delay the project until improvements are made to Temescal Canyon Road.

**CONSTRUCTION STARTS ON BUSINESS PARK ...** Plans for the **Leinen Business Park** were approved by the Board of Supervisors in January 2012. The 15-acre parcel is off Dawson Canyon Road, sits below **El Sobrante Landfill** and is now home to **Canyon Tires**. Plans call for four buildings to be constructed in five phases with 261 parking spaces. The zoning allows for office and manufacturing usage. Because the area is elevated, it's highly visible from the freeway as well as homes on the west side of the I-15. The developer plans to use landscaping to shield the buildings from public view.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL NOT CHANGE NAME:** Members of the Board of Trustees of the **Corona-Norco Unified School District** voted unanimously earlier this month to not change the district's name to include Eastvale. CNUSD sought public opinion through an online survey. 1,230 people responded and 69 percent said "no change." Most of the respondents said that the \$340,000 - \$400,000 it would cost to change the name could be better spent elsewhere in the district. Others opposed it based on the district's strong **CNUSD** identity and the acclaim associated with it.

## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

### THINGS TO DO

- **Patriot Day:** 9 a.m., **Friday, Sept. 11**, Todd, Temescal Valley elementary schools; Luiseno School. Grandparent's Day also celebrated at TVES.
- **Community Emergency Response Team Training:** 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. **Friday, Sept. 11**; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., **Saturday, Sept. 12**; 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., **Friday, Sept. 18**; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., **Saturday, Sept. 19**, Lake Elsinore Senior Center, 420 E. Lakeshore Drive. Registration a must: 951-674-5170.
- **Todd Elementary School:** Picture Day.
- **Luiseno School:** Picture Days, TK-5, **Thursday, Sept. 17**; middle grades, **Friday, Sept. 18**.
- **Community Cleanup:** Sponsored by the We Are Temescal Valley Beautification Committee, 7 a.m., **Saturday, Sept. 19**. Meet at the corner of Weirick and Knabe roads.
- **Sycamore Creek Community Garage Sale:** 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., **Saturday, Sept. 19**, throughout the community.
- **El Cerrito County Library:** 7581 Rudell Road, behind El Cerrito Middle School. Many fun programs for kids; storytimes. 951-270-5012.
- **County Bookmobile:** 2 to 4 p.m., **every Monday**, Tom's Farms; 9 to 11 a.m., **every Tuesday**, Deleo Regional Sports Park.
- **Tom's Farms: Craft faire** every weekend, plus live music, 12:30 to 5 p.m. "Swingin' Saturday Nights," last Saturday of month.

### TEMESCAL VALLEY MEETINGS

- **We Are Temescal Valley Identity Committee:** 6 p.m., **Thursday, Sept. 10**, Senor Tom's restaurant.
- **We Are Temescal Valley Beautification Committee:** 7 p.m., **Thursday, Sept. 10**, Senor Tom's restaurant.
- **We Are Temescal Valley Development Committee:** 6 p.m., **Friday, Sept. 11**, Trilogy, Temescal Room, Pacific Crest Lodge, 24503 The Lodge Drive, off Trilogy Parkway.
- **We Are Temescal Valley citizens' group:** 8:30 a.m., **Saturday, Sept. 12**, Trilogy, Temescal Room, Pacific Crest Lodge, 24503 The Lodge Drive, off Trilogy Parkway. This meeting is open to the public -- check us out!
- **We Are Temescal Valley Public Safety Committee:** 6:30 p.m., **Monday, Sept. 21**, Senor Tom's restaurant.
- **Temescal Valley Water District Board Meeting:** 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday, Sept. 22**, 22646 Temescal Canyon Road.

### MEETINGS THAT AFFECT US

- **Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Board Meeting:** 4 p.m., **Thursday, Sept. 10**, 31315 Chaney St., Lake Elsinore.
- **Lake Elsinore Unified School District:** 6 p.m., **Thursday, Sept. 10**, 545 Chaney St., Lake Elsinore.
- **Riverside County Board of Supervisors:** 9 a.m., **Tuesday, Sept. 15**, Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon St., Riverside.
- **Corona-Norco Unified School District:** Study session, 6:30 p.m., **Tuesday, Sept. 15**, 2820 Clark Ave., Norco.
- **Riverside County Planning Commission Public Hearing:** 9 a.m., **Wednesday, Sept. 16**, Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon St., Riverside.
- **Riverside County Board of Supervisors:** 9 a.m., **Tuesday, Sept. 22**, Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon St., Riverside.
- **Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Board Meeting:** 4 p.m., **Thursday, Sept. 24**, 31315 Chaney St., Lake Elsinore.
- **El Sobrante Landfill Administrative Review Committee:** 10 a.m., **Wednesday, Sept. 30**, Riverside County Department of Waste, 14310 Frederick St., Moreno Valley.