



## Happy 200<sup>th</sup> to us!

Year-long Bicentennial celebration will kick off at May 19 Community Faire

This year is a special one for Temescal Valley – we are 200 years old!

**Leandro Serrano**, a soldier at Mission San Luis Rey, was sent here in about 1818 with a permit to graze cattle on about five leagues of land. He built an adobe in 1824 and called his home **Rancho Temescal**. Serrano raised livestock, planted orchards and vineyards, married twice, fathered 13 children and built two more adobes.

The **Temescal Heritage Foundation** is commemorating the **Bicentennial** with a year-long celebration of events that will begin at the **18<sup>th</sup> Annual Temescal Valley Faire** on **Saturday, May 19** at **Deleo Regional Sports Park** and culminate at the 2019 faire.

In preparation for the Bicentennial, the Temescal Valley logo has been changed from the one pictured at the top of this page to the one pictured above. Faire Committee member and Sycamore Creek resident **Cathie Smith** redesigned the current logo to better reflect Temescal Valley in the time of Serrano.

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**TELLTALE SIGNS:** Real Estate listing signs posted at 7 Oaks Deli and Nursery and mailed advertisements for a 50 percent off inventory-reduction sale provide clues to future development of the property.

## AQMD to discuss air-quality sensors here at meeting

The **South Coast Air Quality Management District** has a new program that measures air quality at the community level, instead of regionally, by using small, portable, low-cost sensors.

AQMD reps will present the program to Temescal Valley residents at a **6 p.m.** meeting, **Wednesday, May 16**, in the Tahoe Room at the **Trilogy Lake Center**, 24477 Trilogy Parkway.

Temescal Valley came to the AQMD's attention when six residents in March attended a public meeting in Riverside sponsored by the agency. The purpose of that meeting was to inform the public about **AB 617**, new legislation that encourages collaboration with and the identification of disadvantaged communities needing assistance in cleaning up the air.

Under the leadership of **Jerry Sincich**, chairman of the **We Are Temescal Valley Development Committee**, group members told the moderator Temescal Valley is an air-quality disadvantage community and needs its own an air-quality monitoring station.

Reasons cited was our valley location between two mountain ranges bisected by a usually-gridlocked freeway. Also noted were the aggregate mines and landfill, which burns methane and uses incinerator ash as ground cover, and the heavy truck traffic.

AB 617 gave residents the online ability to recommend their community as being air-quality disadvantage. Many Temescal Valley residents filled out and submitted the AQMD online form by the deadline earlier this week.

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## Changes could be in store for 7 Oaks Deli and Nursery

The future doesn't bode well for the decades-old **7 Oaks Deli and Nursery** at the southwest corner of Temescal Canyon Road and Dos Lagos Drive.

The familiar Temescal Valley landmark, owned by the **Liston Family**, has **Lee & Associates Commercial Real Estate** signs posted stating the property is available for "gas station and fast food."

A three-page listing on the broker's website shows the property being offered for "gas, food, retail pads for ground lease or build-to-suit." Also included in the listing is a conceptual plan illustrating a service station, convenience store and two fast-food restaurants on the corner.

Repeated phone calls to **Pete Liston** for comment were not returned.

View the listing here:

<http://www.wearetv.org/blog/docs/7oaks.pdf>



## Condo project hearing continued to June 5

The **Riverside County Board of Supervisors** at its April 24 meeting made no decision on a proposed 80-unit condo project and instead voted to continue the hearing to the **Tuesday, June 5** meeting.

The owner of the 14.81-acre property, located on Temescal Canyon Road just north of Campbell Ranch Road, is seeking a zone change from commercial office to medium-density residential.

Also being sought is approval for the project's tract map that would place 80 condominiums on nine acres of usable property by utilizing a motor court layout with eight units on each of the narrow motor court streets.

While all supervisors agreed that a residential use for the property was better than the current commercial office zoning, 1<sup>st</sup> District Supervisor **Kevin Jeffries** voiced concern about the density of the project.

Jeffries told **Mike Naggar**, the developer's representative, that he counted 36 condos without driveways and because fire regulations prevented parking on the motor courts, the only place a resident could park a vehicle was in the garage. Jeffries said this would be an inconvenience to the owners of those 36 condos.

He said that after several meetings with Naggar, he had never received a response to his concerns about the lack of driveways. He asked Naggar to reduce the number of condos to 55.

Naggar said the requested reduction would essentially "kill" the project. Other supervisors attempted to defend Naggar's position and appeared to be ready to approve the development until Jeffries reminded them that the project was in his district.

Jeffries asked for the continuance to June 5 to give Naggar time to show how he will provide additional parking for the 36 units without driveways. The Board agreed to the continuance.

Jeffries wrote in his May newsletter, "The April 24th meeting contained an agenda item regarding a relatively small but controversial new condominium development proposal along I-15. In the little over five years I've served on the Board, this was one of those tense meetings that you hope never to repeat, as we discussed not just the merits of the project, but the rights of a Supervisor to set standards for development within their own district."

Many Temescal Valley residents have opposed the project, emailing comments prior to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisor hearings, as well as attending the meetings and speaking publicly against the development.

Residents' concerns have been that all commercial zoning must be preserved in Temescal Valley, that the project was too dense for the acreage and the roads too narrow for fire-fighting equipment to maneuver. Additionally, there is only one road for access to and from the project. The safety of children walking to and from school along Temescal Canyon and Campbell Ranch roads has been questioned, as well as the proximity of the project to adjacent mines and the I-15 freeway, and more early-morning school traffic on Temescal Canyon Road.

**WHAT'S COMING TO DOS LAGOS?:** The city of Corona Infrastructure Committee heard plans last week by developer Rexco to add a service station, convenience store, car wash, two restaurants, two retail buildings and a four-story, 101-room hotel adjacent to the apartments being constructed at the northwest corner of Temescal Canyon road and Dos Lagos Drive. The plans will require City Council approval.

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Gone are the palm trees, modern homes and orange groves, which have been replaced with adobes, grazing cattle, beehives, orchards and grapevines, a marauding bear and, yes, flowing water.

Bicentennial items to be sold at the faire – T-shirts, mugs and aprons, have been imprinted with the new logo. Caps will be available soon.

Some of the events planned during the year, and their coordinators, include:

- Historical landmarks and wildflower photo shoot (**Rob Mucha**, The Retreat)
- Off-road trek to the top of Santiago Peak (**Terry Morairty** and **Brien Clingman**, Weirick Road)
- Discover the Sense of Community Day (**Tracy Davis**, Wildrose Ranch)
- Butterfield Overland Trail Hike (**Amie Kinne**, Dawson Canyon)
- Business Expo & Mixer (**Dan Smith**, Sycamore Creek)
- Cheese & Wine Tasting (hosted by **Glen Ivy Hot Springs**)
- Temescal Valley Community Cleanup (**Bob Hafner**, Horsethief Canyon Ranch)
- Bicentennial Murals Project (**Tracy Davis**).

Also planned is an event tied to the **Tom's Farms Civil War Re-enactment** in October – possibly an old-fashioned hoedown and chili cook-off, and a 5-10k walk/run the morning of the May 2019 faire.

The Saturday, May 19 faire, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., will feature all the popular free attractions from past faires -- games, prizes, petting zoo, train rides, live local entertainment, **Watermelon-Eating Contest** (**Reese Patton**, Sycamore Creek), **Pet Show** (**John Watson**, Wildrose Ranch; **Kelli Noss**, Horsethief Canyon Ranch; **Amie Kinne**), **Photo Contest** (**Rob Mucha**) — to name a few. But look for some new history-themed events this year, including **10 old-fashioned cakewalks** throughout the day (**Michelle Asmondly**, Sycamore Creek). Plus, all food items – hot dogs, soda, popcorn, cotton candy and snow cones – are still priced at 50-cents each.

The Heritage Foundation has formed a **Bicentennial Committee**, and Chairman **Sam Yoo** asks anyone interested in being involved in the celebration to contact publicity chairman **Jannlee Watson**: [jannlee.watson@ca.rr.com](mailto:jannlee.watson@ca.rr.com)

# Road improvements planned for Knabe and De Palma

The county recently approved improvement projects for two Temescal Valley surface streets – Knabe and De Palma roads.

**Knabe Road** will be restriped to have three northbound right-turn lanes at its approach to Retreat Parkway/Weirick Road to ease early-morning traffic congestion at the intersection. Restriping should begin in mid-July, according to **Patricia Romo**, director of the county's **Transportation Department**.

The project also includes modification of existing traffic signals at the Weirick Road intersection with Knabe and at the Interstate 15 on- and off-ramps.

The **De Palma Road** project, which now is out to bid, calls for the resurfacing of the roadway between Santiago Canyon and Horsethief Canyon roads. The existing severely deteriorated pavement will be removed and replaced with new asphalt concrete pavement.

Also planned is the construction of concrete bridge approach slabs at the De Palma bridges that cross Indian and Horsethief washes.

“A contract for this project is expected to be awarded in June with a construction start in late July or early August,” Romo said.

## Horsethief Canyon residents to meet with housing developer

**Horsethief Canyon Ranch (HCR)**, residents with concerns about a proposed housing development planned at the northwest corner of De Palma and Horsethief Canyon roads can learn more about the project at a **7 p.m. town hall meeting, Friday, May 18**, at the **Luiseno School** gymnasium.

The property, a part of the HCR Specific Plan but not included in the HCR Homeowners Association, is approved for 210 townhomes and 115 single-family homes. The developer is seeking county approval to reduce the single-family lots from 115 to 108 and to replace the 210 townhomes with 130 single-family lots, reducing the total number of housing units from 325 to 238.

**Erik Lunde**, developer representative, will attend the town hall to address residents' concerns including inadequate recreation amenities, traffic safety on De Palma Road and overcrowding at Luiseno School.

**Kelli Noss**, HCR resident, and a member of the **We Are Temescal Valley Development Committee** and the **Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council**, is coordinating the town hall and because of gym capacity asks that reservations be made to her: [kellinoss@live.com](mailto:kellinoss@live.com).

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In the meantime, **Shannon Milliken**, a Butterfield Estates resident who attended the AB 617 meeting, followed up with the AQMD and the May 16 meeting was scheduled to discuss the sensors.

Temescal Valley residents finally could learn “what’s in the air we breathe,” and a good turnout is needed for the May 16 meeting.

## CALENDAR

### EVENTS

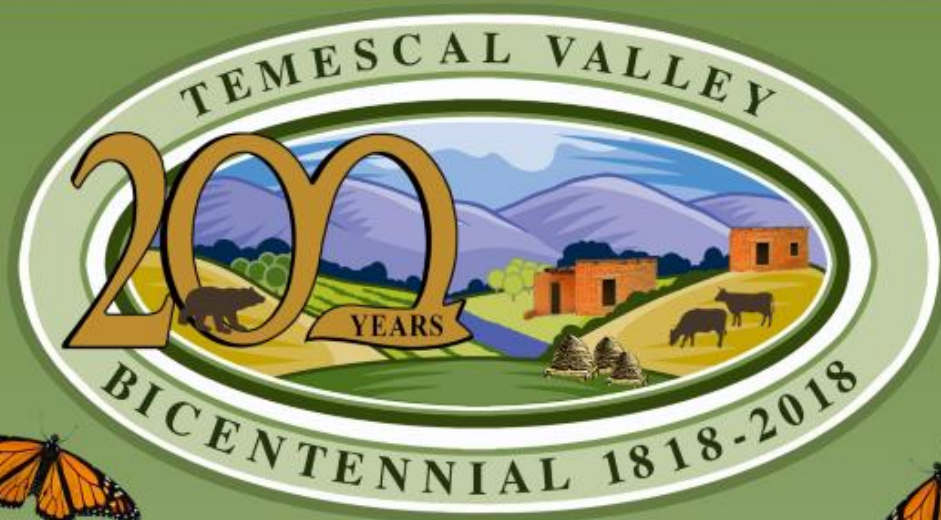
- **Communitywide Garage Sale:** At Trilogy, 7 a.m. to noon, **Saturday, May 12**.
- **Mother's Day:** Do something nice, **Sunday, May 13**.
- **Kids Club at TVES:** Learn more about and sign up for the after-school daycare program coming to TVES in August, 6 p.m., **Tuesday, May 15** at the school.
- **18th Annual Temescal Valley Community Faire:** Sponsored by the Temescal Heritage Foundation, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., **Saturday, May 19**, Deleo Regional sports Park. Lots of **FREE** Family fun!
- **Memorial Day:** Remembering those who paid the ultimate price for our country, **Monday, May 28**.
- **Graduations:** **Centennial High School**, 1:30 p.m., **Thursday, May 31**, Citizens Bank Arena, Ontario; **Santiago High School**, 4:30 p.m., **Thursday, May 31**, Citizens Bank Arena, Ontario; **El Cerrito Middle School**, 9 a.m., **Friday, June 1**, Centennial High School Stadium; **Todd Academy**, 9 a.m., **Friday, June 1** at Todd; **Luiseno School**, 6 p.m., **Monday, June 4**, Temescal Canyon High School; **Temescal Canyon High School**, 8 p.m., **Wednesday, June 6**, Lake Elsinore Diamond.
- **Sycamore Creek Interpretive Center:** A hands-on learning center -- exhibits, displays, activities and touch tables. The center is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., **Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays**, 11875 Indian Truck Trail. **FREE!**
- **Tom's Farms:** **FREE!** Every weekend — **Craft Faire**, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; **Magic Show**, noon and 2 p.m.; **live music**, 12:30 to 5 p.m.

### TEMESCAL VALLEY MEETINGS

- **We Are Temescal Valley Development Committee:** Meets with AQMD to discuss air-quality monitoring sensors, 6 p.m., **Wednesday, May 16**, Trilogy Lake Center, Tahoe Room, 24477 Trilogy Parkway.
- **We Are Temescal Valley Education Committee:** 6:30 p.m., **Thursday, May 17**, Senor Tom's restaurant.
- **Town Hall:** Horsethief Canyon Ranch residents to meet with developer of Horsethief Village, 7 p.m., **Friday, May 18**, Luiseno School.
- **Temescal Valley Disaster Response Team:** Team Leader meeting, 6:30 p.m., **Monday, May 21**, Horsethief Canyon Ranch Clubhouse, 13289 Mountain Road.
- **Temescal Valley Water District Board Meeting:** 8:30 a.m., **Tuesday, May 22**, 22646 Temescal Canyon Road.
- **We Are Temescal Valley Identity and Beautification Committees:** 6 and 7 p.m., respectively, **Thursday, June 7**, Senor Tom's restaurant.
- **We Are Temescal Valley citizens' group:** 8:30 a.m., **Saturday, June 9**, Trilogy Lake Center, 24477 Trilogy Parkway.
- **Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council Meeting:** 6 p.m., **Wednesday, June 13**, Trilogy Lodge, 24503 Trilogy Parkway.

### MEETINGS THAT AFFECT US

- **Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Board Meeting:** 4 p.m., **Thursday, May 10** and **24**, 31315 Chaney St., Lake Elsinore.
- **Lake Elsinore Unified School District:** 6 p.m., **Thursday, May 10**, 545 Chaney St., Lake Elsinore.
- **Corona-Norco Unified School District:** Study sessions, 6 p.m., **Tuesday, May 15** and **June 5**, 2820 Clark Ave., Norco.
- **Riverside County Planning Commission:** 9:30 a.m., **Wednesday, May 16**, desert location TBD; 9 a.m., **Wednesday, June 6**, Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon St., Riverside.
- **Riverside County Board of Supervisors:** 9 a.m., **Tuesday, May 22, June 5** and **12** Administrative Center, 4080 Lemon St., Riverside.



# 18<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TEMESCAL VALLEY COMMUNITY FAIRE

OFFICIAL KICKOFF FOR THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

**Saturday, May 19, 2018, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

LEARN MORE  
ABOUT  
MILKWEED TO MONARCH  
PROJECT

**Deleo Regional Sports Park**  
25655 Santiago Canyon Road, Temescal Valley  
(Within the Sycamore Creek Community)

Purchase  
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FREE ENTERTAINMENT  
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# CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF TEMESCAL VALLEY HISTORY

**SATURDAY, MAY 19**

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Deleo Regional Sports park

**FREE ADMISSION**

**LIVE MUSIC**

Classic Rock by Nightshift

**PET SHOW**

Dogs must be entered  
by 12:40 p.m.

**PHOTO CONTEST**

Vote for your favorite photograph

**WATERMELON-EATING  
CONTEST**

2 p.m. start  
for several age groups

**OLD-FASHIONED  
CAKEWALK**

Throughout the day

**DOOR PRIZES**

Donated by local businesses

**ALSO FREE...**

Entertainment, Games, Arts & Crafts,  
Bouncers, Rock Wall, Train Rides,  
Petting Zoo, Face Painting,  
Cool Sweet Watermelon  
and much more!

**MEET AND GREET...**



Supervisor Kevin Jeffries  
State Assembly and  
Senate Representatives  
Local Service Providers  
Local Businesses  
Local Developers

Temescal Heritage Foundation  
Temescal Valley MAC  
We Are Temescal Valley

A San Luis Rey Mission priest in 1818 sent a soldier north to an area largely populated by Native Americans and grizzly bears. Leandro Serrano was told to befriend the native tribesmen, who favored the area's natural hot springs, and to eliminate the bears. He was given a "paper" - a permit or license to graze cattle on about four to five leagues of land - roughly 27 to 34 square miles.



Serrano found the area abundant with flowing water and lush vegetation. He called the area Rancho Temescal and built an adobe in about 1824. That adobe was the first home built by a non-Native American in what would later become Riverside County.

Through the years, Serrano raised livestock, planted orchards and vineyards, married twice and fathered 13 children. As the family grew, Serrano built other adobes, as did his sons and sons-in-law.

Land barons and squatters arrived decades later, challenging Serrano's claim.

The U.S. Supreme Court in 1866, 14 years after Serrano's death in 1852, denied the family's ownership. The family was given 160 acres surrounding the current adobe in which they lived. The court decision allowed others to claim mining and water rights. The water was piped to neighboring areas, eventually leaving Temescal Valley dry and desolate.

Serrano's second wife died penniless in the 1890s. The last of the Serrano family - two daughters, had to mortgage the family home to pay her burial costs, and the two left the valley in 1898 to live in Los Angeles.

Through the years, very little of the Serrano legacy has been preserved. What still exists are two tanning vats that Serrano used to process leather. They

are situated east of the I-15 at the Temescal Canyon Road interchange across the street from the Shell Station. This isn't the original location of the vats, which were moved and reconstructed at this site years ago.





**Register Your  
Pet & Get  
a Free Hot Dog!** 

## Temescal Valley Community Faire

**Saturday May 19, 2018 - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**\*\* Deleo Regional Sports Park \*\***  
25655 Santiago Canyon Road, Temescal Valley

### PET SHOW ENTRY FORM

#### Pet Categories

*Awards for each category!*

- Best Costume
- Best Trick
- You Ain't  
Nothing but a  
Pound Dog!  
(For dogs from rescues)
- Judges' Choice



#### Rules for Entry

- All pets must be on a leash or securely contained
- Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pet.
- Owners accept all liability for their pet(s).
- Adults must accompany children.
- Early Registration -- No entry fee
- Registration at door -- \$2 (given to local shelter)
- Optional \$2 shelter donation - Get **FREE** gift bag
- Keep your pet cool! Provide water.

**Early Registration by Email Only: [jfwatson5@aol.com](mailto:jfwatson5@aol.com)**

**Early Registration Deadline is May 12, 2017**

**Include the following in Email Registration:**

- ✓ First and Last Name
- ✓ Full Address (must be Temescal Valley resident)
- ✓ Email and Phone Number
- ✓ Animal Type and Breed
  - ✓ Pet's Name
- ✓ Categories entered

**Contestants must check in by 12:40 -- Plan to arrive early!**

**Pet Show Contest: Starts at 1 p.m.**

Aggressive pets will not be allowed entry.

Only registered pets will be allowed to participate in the contest.

Owners must sign a liability waiver.