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THE RAMOS REVIEW

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Redlands High School Mock Trial Team Places 2nd in State Finals

On March 24th, the Redlands High School Mock Trial Team competed in the state competition. The team was invited to the competition as a wild card. Despite having only two weeks to prepare, the team became the first wild card team to ever advance to the California State Finals. They overcame tough competition to win four rounds in just over 24 hours to make it to the Finals. The team competed in a battle against the back-to-back State Champion team and placed 2nd in the California Mock Trial Competition. Congratulations to these young men and women for their dedication and perseverance!



Peter Brierty Retires after 35 Years of Service

San Bernardino County Assistant Fire Chief Peter Brierty was recognized by the Board of Supervisors upon his retirement after serving 35 years with the County. Brierty was instrumental in decreasing the risk of fire in the mountain regions by overseeing the removal of thousands of dead trees and developing safer building codes. Thank you Chief Brierty for your service to our community! You will be missed!

If you would like to submit a story or event to The Ramos Review, please send an email to SupervisorRamos@sbcounty.gov or call 909.387.4855. Due to limited space, we may not be able to accommodate your request. Please note the information found in the calendar is subject to change without notice.

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Supervisor Ramos Around the District

A Day in Barstow

Making his way around the district, Supervisor Ramos spent a day meeting with constituents and touring facilities in Barstow on April 1st. Over lunch, he had a discussion with City Councilmen and the City Manager about issues affecting the residents of Barstow. Following this discussion, the Supervisor had meetings with the Chamber of Commerce, the Senior Center, Desert Manna Ministries, and the Planning Commissioner and City Treasurer. He had the opportunity to tour the Desert Manna shelter facilities. The Supervisor was impressed with the work Desert Manna is doing to assist those individuals who do not have adequate shelter or nourishment. "The efforts of those who work at Desert Manna can be felt by talking with those utilizing the shelter. Desert Manna is filling a crucial need in the community and staff there go above and beyond what is required of them," Supervisor Ramos stated after his tour of the facility.



The Supervisor examines food packages at Desert Manna



A group of children sing a song with the Supervisor

A Day in Big Bear

Supervisor Ramos was able to spend a day in Big Bear recently. He taught a group of young students a bird song and spoke to them about the importance of education at the Bear Valley Community Breakfast held at Baldwin Lane Elementary in Sugarloaf. The Supervisor spent the remainder of the day in Big Bear meeting with constituents and local organizations.

Supervisor Ramos Around the District

Morongo Basin Tour and Briefing with Supervisor Rutherford and CEO Devereaux

In an effort to bring more attention to the issues facing the Morongo Basin communities, Supervisor Ramos brought the Chair of the Board, Janice Rutherford and the County Chief Executive Officer, Greg Devereaux out for a tour. They spent the day meeting with local groups and touring different facilities. They had the opportunity to hear local concerns from residents themselves and to see the great treasures of the Basin.



The Supervisors and CEO take a meeting at the Hi-Desert Medical Center



The Supervisor accepts a plaque on behalf of the Third District

Yucaipa Youth Soccer Association Appreciation Ceremony

The Spartans FC and the Yucaipa Valley Youth Soccer Organization held their ribbon cutting ceremony for road improvements and installation of additional lighting at the Regional Soccer Complex on April 18th. The Supervisor spoke about the importance of providing recreational opportunities to youth and adults. "We are pleased to work with Yucaipa on promoting opportunities for recreation within Yucaipa and throughout the Third District," stated Supervisor Ramos. Following the ribbon cutting, the Supervisor had the opportunity to tour the field. Be sure to make a visit to this complex and take in the incredible view of the valley!

Progress in the Third District

Barstow, Big Bear and Needles Courthouse Closures Update

Since the last meeting regarding the court closures in our County, progress has been made. One courtroom in Barstow will remain open until June 21, 2014, barring any unforeseen additional reductions in court funding. The Judicial Council of California distributed unused monies from a statewide 2% reserve to courts throughout the state. Of this amount, our County court system is scheduled to receive a one-time only funding of approximately \$1.2 million. These funds will allow the Court to maintain limited operation of the Barstow Court on a temporary basis. This courtroom will operate Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week starting May 6, 2013. The clerk's office will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on those days. A drop box is provided to receive documents during closed hours.



Barstow Courthouse

While this does not resolve the matter, it does relieve some of the burden that would have otherwise been felt by the residents of the greater Barstow area. The battle for equitable funding of our court system is ongoing. Chair of the Board, Janice Rutherford met with officials in Sacramento this past month to stress the necessity of greater funding for our County. The Board of Supervisors has made its opinion known and will continue to be the voice for justice for the residents of San Bernardino County.

Video Conferencing Update

The County has been working on establishing the teleconferencing location in Joshua Tree. The site is expected to be ready for use in time for the May 7th Board meeting. Through this teleconferencing, the public can either testify before or make presentations to the Board of Supervisors or simply watch the meeting without having to travel into San Bernardino. The County is also moving the Victorville teleconferencing location to the Government Center in Hesperia. Teleconferencing at the new Hesperia location is expected to resume sometime during the summer. Live and archived meetings can be viewed through CountyDirect at <http://www.sbcounty.gov/main/countydirect.asp>.

Progress in the Third District

DRECP Study Session

On April 16, 2013, the Board of Supervisors held a special study session on the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan. The DRECP will serve as a plan for areas which will be protected and areas which will be used for renewable energy projects. THE DRECP affects land and desert regions shared by seven counties- Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego. This plan will play a major role in the future development and conservation of the Mojave Desert in San Bernardino County. "The County has an opportunity to have a strong voice in this process and to take a leadership role. I have pushed for the public hearing on DRECP to make sure our full Board is educated on the importance of this issue and to give our constituents an opportunity to be heard," stated Supervisor Ramos. The purpose of the study session was to provide information to the Board of Supervisors and to allow for public comment on the issue. No actions were taken as a result of this session.



Marketing Study Approved at SBIAA

The San Bernardino International Airport Authority authorized the issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) from qualified firms interested in providing airport marketing services for the San Bernardino International Airport.

After Ramos' first meeting at SBIAA, the Supervisor called attention to the need for a complete market study to examine all possible sources of revenue at the airport. Specifically, the Supervisor wanted to include sectors for non-commercial aviation businesses such as maintenance and aircraft painting companies. Yesterday, the Airport Authority unanimously approved this item and expects a firm to be chosen to conduct the study at the May – June meeting.



"SBIA is home to major non-commercial aviation business operations such as Lasera Technologies, Inc. and Aviation & Defense, Inc. I feel it is vital to conduct a marketing study that includes the businesses that have proven to be successful in creating jobs at the airport. This is a great step towards building a stable economic environment at the SBIA," stated Supervisor Ramos.

The agenda and minutes from SBIAA Commission meetings can be found at

Third District Community Highlight

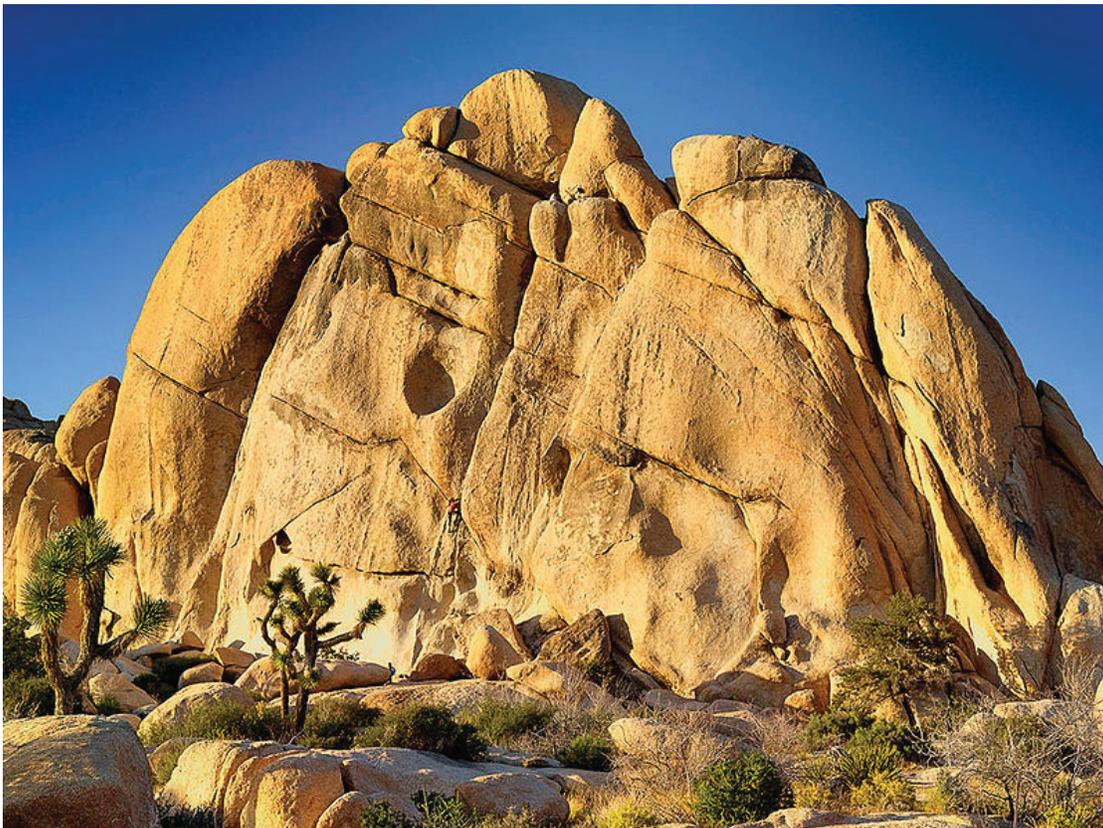
Joshua Tree National Park

Looking to escape the hustle and bustle of city life? Take a drive out to Joshua Tree National Park and enjoy the quiet days, stary nights, and beautiful landscape!

Joshua Tree National Park covers 792,623 acres, of which approximately 592,000 acres are designated wilderness. Joshua Tree provides habitat for 813 higher plant species, 40 reptile species, 41 mammal species, and 240 bird species. The federal register lists one park reptile, the desert tortoise, as threatened. The park protects over 700 archeological sites, 88 historic structures, 19 cultural landscapes, and houses 230,300 items in its museum collection.

This park may be visited year round. Visitor centers are located along main roads leading into and through the park. Ranger-guided walks, hikes, and campfire talks are conducted chiefly in the spring and fall. There are nine campgrounds throughout the park and plenty of recreational opportunities such as rock climbing. Make sure to bring water and an adventurous attitude!

For more information, visit <http://www.nps.gov/jotr/index.htm>.



Events Around the County

Date	Event
• MAY • 10 FRI	Health and Information Resource Fair for Homeless and Low-income Adults Where: Barstow Community College Gym When: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
• MAY • 10 FRI	A Walk in Their Shoes Where: 345 N. 5th Street, Redlands When: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm \$75 per person https://youthhope.org/
• MAY • 22 WED	Free Cooking Class Where: ARMC, Oak Room, 400 N. Pepper Ave., Colton When: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
• JUN • 6 THU	“Teen Sexual Exploitation” Documentary Screening Performing Arts Center Big Bear Lake 6:00pm
• JUN • 15 SAT	Big Bear Heritage Parade Intersection of Big Bear and Summit Blvd. Begins at 4:00 pm http://oldminers.org/events/big-bear-heritage-parade/