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Red Hill Water Feature – A Restored & Renovated Community Amenity

Saving Energy, Water and Operational Resources

The last week of January, construction began for the Red Hill water feature modernization/restoration project. Weather permitting, renovation is set to conclude by the end of March.

The draining and cleaning of the water feature provided the first opportunity in about 20 years to fully inspect the foundation of the water feature and the over 25 year old pumps and equipment. Upon identifying options for more efficient use of the water, retrofitting for recycled water use and sustainable energy use, the construction project was put out to bid. In December, the City Council awarded the contract for the renovation of this community amenity to be funded from the General Fund Capital Reserves.

Key features of the renovation will include:

- A “refreshed” water feature 25 years newer
- Energy efficient modern equipment
- Solar panels for energy and cost savings
- Unique recycled-water reservoir; water within the feature to be cycled to irrigate a portion of the park area
- Due to the cycling of the recycled-water, the entire water surface will remain clear

During the cleaning, over 400 tons of sludge was removed. In addition, many items were found under the water’s surface including skateboards, cell phones, fire extinguisher, bicycle, signs and more. You may recall many fish and turtles were

removed by a biologist, one carp weighed in at over 20 lbs. It’s important to note: the water feature was never intended to support wildlife and unfortunately, over the years, became a place to discard animals. Birds are migratory animals and will continue to visit our park space environment. Residents are encouraged to help protect our restored community amenity and contact the Rancho Cucamonga Animal Care Center for assistance with adoption of pets to a new home.

We thank you for your support and patience as we looked for the most efficient way to renovate and reduce operating costs of this iconic city amenity. Residents can stay up to date on the project by visiting <http://bit.ly/RedHillLakeRenovation>.

Red Hill Water Feature Renovation Community Celebration

Saturday, April 2, 2016 • 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Red Hill Park

City Manager's Message

The much-anticipated El Niño winter appeared later than expected and has all the markings to leave an impression on Southern California. Months before its arrival, there was talk about the El Niño system with its forecasted capacity to flood and create dangerous conditions. Advanced planning efforts and preparations for our community began late last summer. Public Works, GIS, Facility Crews, and Public Safety Fire and Police teams identified several initiatives for advanced preparations. Our Public Works Services Department crews inspected and cleared more than 4,000 storm drains in our city. These storm drains are inspected on a regular basis and continue to be monitored and cleared of any debris that may block rainfall drainage. City irrigation systems have also been adjusted and GIS technologies have been used to map and identify potential risk areas for mitigation and monitoring during storm activities.

The Rancho Cucamonga Fire District's ReadyRC program has coordinated community information including hosting a San Bernardino County public information meeting in November regarding El Niño preparedness, tips, and suggestions. Prior to storms, four fire stations at Amethyst, Banyan, East Ave, and Hellman housed self-serve sandbag stations. In January, our Ready RC team hosted its first National Day of Service with volunteers joining in to fill and provide sandbag assistance to senior community members or those with limited access and mobility. An information phone line is available 24/7 at (909) 919-2993 and will remain active until the El Niño weather patterns have stopped. Our social media platforms also provide key information alerts and relevant weather updates.

Our Rancho Cucamonga Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works Department and other City staff are unified partners in efforts to keep our residents, businesses, and visitors safe and informed. We thank you for your efforts in being Ready RC during the El Niño winter season.

—John R. Gillison
City Manager



 **Scott Kelly** @StationCDRKelly · Jan 16
First ever flower grown in space makes its debut! #SpaceFlower #zinnia #YearInSpace



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 **Rancho Cucamonga** @CityORC · 24 Nov 2015
#GoodMorning .@StationCDRKelly from Rancho Cucamonga CA! #RCfans wishing you well!



Rancho Cucamonga and the #YearInSpace

Join the City of Rancho Cucamonga's Twitter campaign and tweet your own words of encouragement

The City of Rancho Cucamonga is using social media to participate in an exciting chapter in American history.

On March 27, 2015, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) sent astronaut Commander Scott Kelly and Russian cosmonaut Mikhail Kornienko on a yearlong mission to the International Space Station known as the "Year in Space." This mission will be the longest consecutive set of days spent in outer space by any human being, expanding the world's knowledge of science and physics, especially about the human body.

Early this year young fans from our Rancho Cucamonga Library sent a special thank you message. Several months ago we began following Commander Kelly and Cosmonaut Kornienko on Twitter and sending them tweets of well wishes and support. The Victoria Garden's Santa Claus even sent a special holiday video greeting to the entire Space Station crew. The City of Rancho Cucamonga is excited for these amazing space travelers and their landing scheduled for March 3, 2016.

We encourage you to join the City of Rancho Cucamonga's Twitter campaign and tweet your own words of encouragement as the crew nears the end of their yearlong journey. Follow Commander Kelly at @StationCDRKelly, and the Space Station's official account at @Space_Station. Don't forget to use the hashtags #RanchoCucamonga and #YearInSpace. To learn more about the mission and our efforts to wish them well, follow us on Facebook and Twitter.



Special Olympics is Coming to Rancho Cucamonga!

A Legacy from Special Olympics World Games Host Town, 2015

In Fall 2016, Rancho Cucamonga will begin offering sports training and competitions through Special Olympics Southern California.

Local Special Olympics Programs are an official extension of Special Olympics Southern California consisting of key leadership volunteers that plan, implement, and oversee programming for athletes in each region. Rancho Cucamonga IncredABLES will be our own local Program and will introduce soccer to the children and adults of our community with intellectual disabilities. It will provide opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and develop friendships along the way.

Regional competitions will be offered across each county, giving our IncredABLES the chance to compete and show off their talent and skills. The Inland Empire Region serves all of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, assisting seven areas within the Region with over 1600 athletes and 460 coaches.

If you're interested in participating, either as a player, coach or volunteer, please visit www.sosc.org or call 909-477-2760 ext. 8053. Sponsorship opportunities are also available by calling 909-477-2760 ext. 2212.

“March Madness” and “A League of their Own” Teen Events

Outstanding youth programs for boys and girls

From pee wee sports to youth camps, the program schedule is designed to meet the many needs of the youth in our community.

March Madness is one of the most adventurous programs and has been offered since 2009. It is an overnight event that caters to teen and tween boys between the ages of 11 and 17. Sharing the name with the annual NCAA basketball tournament, staff members organize basketball themed activities and coordinate video game tournaments. Food and drinks are also available for all participants. It gives boys a chance to socialize in a safe, secure and supervised facility. This year's March Madness will be held at the RC Family Sports Center from 6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 11th, to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 12th. Parents are welcome to check in, or pick up their child at any time.

As the boys-only March Madness event continues to grow, City staff are excited to introduce a similar spring event for teen girls called A League of Their Own. The program is geared towards teen and tween girls between the ages 11 and 17 and will focus on socialization and participation. Girl-themed activities such as volleyball, soccer and basketball themed games, as well as food and drinks will be offered throughout the overnight event. A League of Their Own will also be held at the RC Family Sports Center, from 9:00 p.m. on Friday, March 18th, to 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 19th.



Be sure to check the full lineup of amazing programs, events, and activities in the Teen Scene section of the 2016 spring edition of the Grapevine.

Healthy RC Seeking Local Restaurants for Healthy Dining Program

In an effort to make Rancho Cucamonga a healthier community the City has launched the Healthy RC Dining restaurant recognition program.

Current national data shows that Americans eat one-third of their meals outside of the home, and two-thirds of adults and one third of children are overweight or obese. Locally, approximately 30 percent of children in Rancho Cucamonga are overweight or obese. Taking these factors into consideration, the City created a partnership with local restaurants to promote healthy options for residents who dine out.

The Healthy RC Dining program is a no-cost voluntary program that recognizes restaurants throughout the City that offer healthy options. It uses guidelines created by the City with the assistance of a registered dietitian. Rancho Cucamonga is proud to feature 17 local restaurants in the program, and is currently seeking additional participants.

Restaurants that choose to participate, and can meet the requirements, receive recognition at a City Council meeting, as well as promotion on the City's website (CityofRC.us) and mobile application (RC2GO). To promote the campaign the restaurant will receive complimentary Healthy RC Dining branded items that identify the restaurant as a program participant, highlight healthy menu selections, and feature healthy eating tips. Items include window decals, table tents, menu stickers, and activity place mats and crayons for children.

Please contact Healthy RC at (909) 477-2700, or visit us online at www.HealthyRC.com, to participate.





RC Celebrates Earth Day

April brings Earth Day to Rancho Cucamonga, and two Saturday events scheduled to celebrate healthy lifestyles and awareness.

The Cucamonga Valley Water District will host its Earth Day celebration and open house on Saturday, April 2nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at The Frontier Project. This free event offers the whole family an opportunity to learn about conservation and explore the cutting edge work of the Cucamonga Valley Water District. The Frontier Project is located at 10435 Ashford Street in Rancho Cucamonga. For more information, please visit www.frontierproject.com or www.cvwwater.com/188/Earth-Day-Open-House.

The Healthy RC Earth Day Celebration returns to the Paul A. Biane Library and Victoria Gardens Cultural Center on Saturday, April 16th, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This free event features a focus on recycling, drought-tolerant landscaping, and water conservation with hands-on exhibits, entertainment, and family-friendly environmental fun. The first 100 attendees will receive a free Healthy RC reusable shopping bag. Also back by popular demand is Shred Fest, sponsored by Burrtec Waste Industries. Bring your old personal documents and have them securely shredded. For more information, please call (909) 477-2720 ext. 5076.



Healthy RC Honors Service of Community Members

Members of the Healthy RC Steering Committee dedicate thousands of hours to improving the health of Rancho Cucamonga residents

Since its inception in 2008, Healthy RC's many successes have been due in large part to the dedication and commitment of community members who give their valuable time, effort and expertise. Members of the Healthy RC Steering Committee dedicate thousands of hours to improving the health of Rancho Cucamonga residents. These community partners were also instrumental in the completion of the most recent Strategic Plan, establishment of policies, and implementation of various programs.

Each year at its End of Year Celebration, Healthy RC honors community members for outstanding service. On December 10, 2015, 5 Year Service awards were presented to the following Steering Committee members:

- Victoria Jones, Friends of the Pacific Electric Trail
- Mary Rocha, His House, New Creation Addiction Treatment Center
- Linda Peek, Healthy Cities Expert
- Irene Chisholm, Youth Accountability Board
- Barbara Marino, Women on the Move Network

Healthy RC also recognized two members of the Steering Committee with the Outstanding Leadership award for work focused on the goals and strategies of Healthy RC in 2015. Eva Armijo of Fleet Feet Sports Rancho Cucamonga was recognized for her consistent efforts with the Healthy RC Steering Committee and Healthy Eating & Active Living Subcommittee. She assisted with the design, implementation, and execution of Healthy RC events and programs. Linda Ceballos from the City of Rancho Cucamonga Department of Environmental Programs, a Steering Committee member since 2008, was honored for her active involvement in the Steering Committee and Communications Subcommittee. Ceballos represented Healthy RC at various outreach events, and assisted with Healthy RC Youth Leader recruitment.



Healthy RC Receives State Recognition for Creating Healthy Communities

Innovative Approaches—Leading the Way

The Healthy RC program received recognition from the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for being a community-based health innovation that advances the Let's Get Healthy California initiative.

Let's Get Healthy California is aimed at making California the nation's healthiest state by 2022, and focuses on promoting health equity, and furthering the Triple Aim of better health, better care and lower costs. The program has two strategic directions – Health Across the Lifespan and Pathways to Health—and six major goal areas – Healthy Beginnings, Living Well, End of Life, Redesigning the Health System, Creating Healthy Communities, and Lowering the Cost of Care.

The Let's Get Healthy California Innovation Challenge promotes improvement in population health and care through new pathways, and recognizes community efforts that demonstrate outstanding effort in those areas. Out of hundreds of entries, Healthy RC was the only Southern California organization selected for creating healthy communities.

Healthy RC proudly accepted an invitation to showcase its efforts at the Let's Get Healthy California Statewide Innovation Conference on January 26th in Sacramento. Jeni Watanabe, Healthy RC Communications Coordinator, participated in two panel presentations and shared best practices with California Department of Public Health officials, community health advocates, community members, health care representatives, and county health officers.

For more information please contact Healthy RC at (909) 477-2700 or visit www.HealthyRC.com.



Celebrate Arbor Day

Rancho Cucamonga celebrates 27 years of being a Tree City

The community is invited to come out and celebrate Arbor Day with a tree planting event on Wednesday, April 20th at 9:30 a.m. at Windrows Park. Windrows Park is located at 6849 Victoria Park Lane in Rancho Cucamonga.

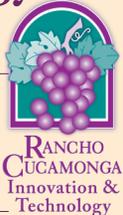
The City will be celebrating 27 years as a participant of the Tree City USA program, which embraces communities who manage and expand their public trees. The Arbor Day event will commemorate an annual tree planting with students from Windrows Elementary School and City Personnel to participate in this year's festivities. The public is encouraged to attend this event to learn more about the importance of the Urban Forestry Program.

For more information about Arbor Day, please contact Lucas Mitchell at Lucas.Mitchell@CityofRC. us or (909) 477-2700, ext. 4115.



Pilot Program Teaches Technology & Community Safety

The three-month classroom program showcased geographical information systems (GIS) as a career opportunity



Students at Rancho Cucamonga Middle School recently had a chance to explore their neighborhoods through technology with the help of Fire District personnel and the City's Department of Innovation & Technology staff. The three-month classroom program showcased geographical information systems (GIS) as a career opportunity while providing life lessons to students and mentoring opportunities. GATE students were given a first-hand look at how the Fire District uses technology to route to calls, identify trends in incidents, formulate prevention activities that reduce the risk in specific neighborhoods, and more. While learning to use mapping programs, students also gained a better understanding of how to keep themselves and their community safe, prepared and resilient in an emergency. Redlands-based ESRI's commitment to the White House's ConnectED Initiative made the program possible, offering schools free access to ArcGIS online which is a cloud-based mapping platform.





Welcome to Mobile Fresh – A New Grocery Store on Wheels

On Wednesday, December 9, 2015, Healthy RC formed a partnership with Family Service Association to pilot Mobile Fresh, a grocery store on wheels that combines the selection of a corner store with the freshness of a farmers' market by offering locally grown produce at discounted prices.

During a yearlong community needs assessment Rancho Cucamonga residents identified healthy eating as the top health priority for Healthy RC. Similarly, at a special City Council workshop on senior needs, local senior citizens voiced concerns about a lack of access to fresh produce. Healthy RC believes Mobile Fresh meets both of these priorities and increases accessibility to healthy foods.

This innovative store on wheels is located inside a repurposed bus. Seats were removed from the interior and replaced with shelving so customers can walk through and select seasonal fruits and vegetables just as they would at a grocery store.

The Mobile Fresh bus will be stopping at the James L. Brulte Senior Center every other Wednesday, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All Rancho Cucamonga residents are welcome to visit and purchase fresh, local produce and dairy products.



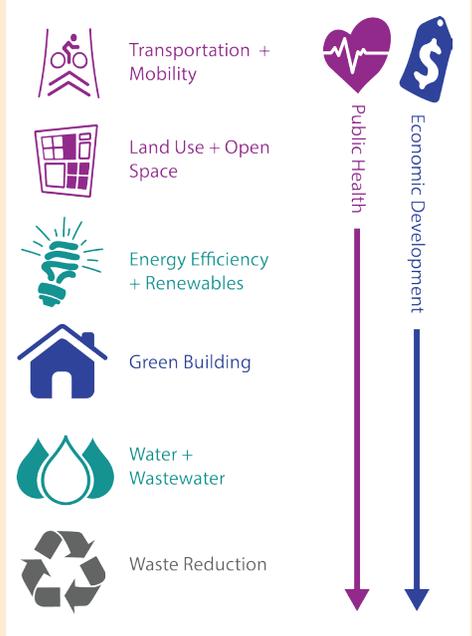
Be Part of Establishing a Vision for a Green RC

The City's Sustainability Action Plan will pave the way for a brighter future!

The City is developing a Sustainability Action Plan or road map for future environmentally sustainable efforts. The new plan will serve as a community vision for sustainability by identifying broad environmental objectives and specific methods for achieving sustainability goals. Your input is vital to help define and prioritize future programs and policies.

An essential component of the Sustainability Action Plan will be robust community engagement. Development of the plan will require input and participation from a broad spectrum of the community for success. The City will engage representatives from regional governments, utilities, agencies, and organizations, as well as residents and businesses. Outreach initiatives will include public workshops, community surveys, a Task Force, stakeholder interviews, and online engagement.

Outreach efforts and community engagement will begin in March. For the latest Plan updates or information on how to get involved, visit www.HealthyRC.info and/or please send your contact information to Deborah Allen at deborah.allen@cityofrc.us or (909) 477-2700, ext. 2047. Get involved today for a better tomorrow as environmental sustainability starts with each of us.





Spring Cleaning Tips

Spring cleaning is a great way to unbury yourself from clutter inside and outside your home

Here are some ways to help ensure you dispose of it in a way that does not harm the environment.

Bulky Items

Utilize the Bulky Item Pickup Program to properly dispose of that old vacuum cleaner that is broken beyond repair, or that recliner that has been stuck upright since the 1990s. Rancho Cucamonga residents served by Burrtec Waste Industries are eligible for four free bulky item pickups each calendar year. Examples of eligible items include furniture, appliances, rimless tires, and televisions. Vehicle parts, construction materials, and hazardous waste are not eligible. For more information or to schedule a pickup, call Burrtec Waste Industries at 909-987-3717. Helpful hint: Many stores offer free removal of old appliances and furniture when new ones are delivered, so be sure to ask.

Yard Waste

After you are done clearing your yard use your green waste barrel to dispose of small branches less than 6 inches in diameter, grass clippings, cleared weeds and brush, leaves, twigs, and livestock manure. Tie larger excess green waste into bundles no larger than 18 inches in diameter and 4 feet long and place them near your barrel. They will be hauled away free of charge. Green waste is composted or recycled and is part of reducing the waste stream. If you need more than one green waste barrel on a regular basis you can request an additional one for a nominal monthly fee. For more information call Burrtec Waste Industries at (909) 987-3717.

Household Hazardous Waste

Did you know the City has a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility where you can safely dispose of unused household cleaners, paint, used motor oil, and electronics? The service is free, but proof of residency in San Bernardino County is required. Acceptable items also include batteries, fluorescent bulbs and tubes, television sets, and computers. Business waste is not accepted. The facility is open on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to Noon, and located at 8794 Lion Street, between Hellman and Vineyard off of 9th Street. Please note that the facility will be closed on Saturday, May 28th. For a complete list of acceptable items, transportation guidelines, and holiday and emergency closure information please call the Environmental Programs info line at (909) 919-2635.

Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting

The Rancho Cucamonga Police Department polices most effectively with our community's help

In an effort to continue making Rancho Cucamonga safer, Chief Danielle Boldt revived the Citizen Advisory Committee, an interactive community group designed to engage citizens and keep them informed and educated.

The Citizen Advisory Committee meets once a month to discuss the operations of the police department and crime statistics and trends. Those in attendance share their community concerns and the police department provides feedback on items from previous meetings. This open communication allows the Rancho Cucamonga Police Department to identify specific problems and address them immediately.

The Rancho Cucamonga Police Department polices most effectively with our community's help. The Citizen Advisory Committee also provides attendees with methods of detecting, preventing and reporting crime. Educating Rancho Cucamonga citizens on these topics "hardens the target" by empowering them to proactively prevent being victimized by criminals. Everyone who lives, works, and plays here is a potential partner with another set of vigilant eyes and ears. Together we can make Rancho Cucamonga the safest city around.

If you are interested in attending a meeting, RSVP to Gloria Gomez at ggomez@sbcasd.org. If you are unable make it, "like" our page on Facebook and follow us on Twitter (@RanchoPD) to view the minutes of the meeting.



If you would like to stay connected with the City of Rancho Cucamonga, be sure to follow us on our social media platforms! Receive updates and information about #RanchoCucamonga on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and NextDoor.



 Nextdoor

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Ready! Set! Go!

Although our community needs the rains brought by El Niño, it also means that we'll probably see our foothills turn a lush green as the vegetation grows, bringing an inherent fire risk with it. Check out the Fire District's Ready! Set! Go! information so you can be prepared in the event of a wildfire in our community. Visit www.RCFire.org for more information.



National Library Week



"Libraries Transform" during National Library Week, April 10th-16th.

Stop by the Archibald Library and the Paul A. Biane Library. Help the library transform our community in 2016. For more information call (909) 477-2720, or visit www.rcpl.lib.ca.us.

2016 Library Foundation Fundraiser



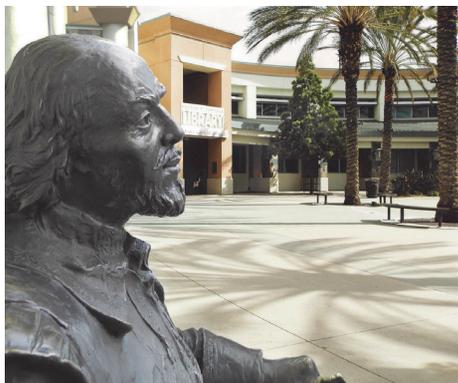
April 21st 5:30pm
Biane Library @
Victoria Gardens

Join us and register a team
(909) 477-2720 x5040



Shakespeare at the Library

The Library will honor the 400th anniversary of William Shakespeare's death with a special family event on Friday, April 22nd at the Paul A. Biane Library. Join us for some Elizabethan performances and storytelling. Take the Bard home with you by checking out his beloved plays and sonnets. Then, stop by the Bank of America Imagination Courtyard and take a photo on the "Shakespeare Bench," created for the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center by Gary Lee Price, and share it with us via the Library's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/rcplib).



Rancho Cucamonga Community & Arts Foundation Honors Arts Supporters

The awards are designed to thank recipients for providing vital support to the Foundation and Lewis Family Playhouse

The Rancho Cucamonga Community & Arts Foundation (RCCA AF) held its annual Donor Recognition Awards Ceremony on January 8th.

A group of 60 invited guests including donors, dignitaries, elected officials, and supporters of RCCAAF gathered at the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center to celebrate another successful year for the arts in Rancho Cucamonga. Susan Sluka-Kelly, Cultural Arts Manager of the Lewis Family Playhouse, says the event is a chance to treat honorees to some well-deserved recognition and fun. Board Officers Bryan Snyder, Paula Pachon and Tina Chen presented the awards on behalf of the Foundation.

Each year, RCCAAF recognizes one individual and one business, and the Lewis Family Playhouse honors one distinguished benefactor. The awards are designed to thank recipients for providing vital support to the Foundation and Playhouse. Previous honorees include Meteorologist Fritz Coleman, the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes, U.S. Bank, and the Lewis Family.

Victoria Gardens was selected as Business of the Year, as the organization behind the popular shopping destination is a stalwart supporter. It not only donates directly to PAL, but also creates fundraising partnerships that provide ongoing financial backing. Each spring, RCCAAF receives proceeds from Victoria Gardens' annual Tour de Fork event, which has raised nearly \$20,000 over the past two years. General Manager Christine Pham accepted the award. The Individual of the Year award for 2015 was presented to Dr. Scott Goldman, whose support of the Foundation and Playhouse date back to 2006. Dr. Goldman is also a Promoting Arts and Literacy (PAL) Program donor.

This year's Distinguished Benefactors award went to Harry and Judy Gibson. Playhouse staff honored the Gibsons for donating a 1901 Rosewood Steinway Parlor Grand Piano to the playhouse. The beautifully restored Gibson family heirloom has filled the theater with music since 2006, often at the hands of world famous artists.

Honorees received a beautiful hand-blown glass vase and engraved stand created by Southern California artists. They were also treated to tickets to the sold out Peter Cetera concert later that same evening at the Playhouse, complete with a meet-and-greet with the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee. To find out more about the Rancho Cucamonga Community & Arts Foundation visit www.RCCA AF.org.