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Lewis Family Playhouse is Turning 10!

Come celebrate our birthday with us! Save the date!

Rancho Cucamonga's own performing arts venue, the Lewis Family Playhouse, is celebrating a decade of bringing quality arts and entertainment to the Inland Empire. Whether you've never been to the Playhouse, or you attend performances every year, your presence is requested at the biggest birthday party in Rancho Cucamonga. The festivities wouldn't be complete without all of the patrons who have supported the Playhouse over the past decade.

We celebrate 10 years of not just entertainment, but also laughs, tears, excitement, and magic. The Playhouse has hosted over 1,500 performances with over 580,400 attendees, making it a major anchor to the City of Rancho Cucamonga and surrounding cities. For 10 years the stage has welcomed incredible performances from the likes of the first ever season opener, Sheena Easton, to the captivating Penn & Teller.

This event is free to the public and \$10 donations for the Lewis Family Playhouse "\$10 for 10,000 Challenge" are encouraged. The goal of the challenge is for 1,000 theatre and arts supporters to donate \$10 each. If we can reach that \$10,000 goal, a generous anonymous donor will match it for a total of \$20,000 towards theatre and arts programming. The campaign is currently at the halfway mark and you can help the Playhouse reach the finish!

Join the celebration on Saturday, August 20th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center. Enjoy live entertainment, 10 seasons of memorabilia, games and activities for the whole family, backstage tours, giveaways, and of course birthday cake!

Follow the 10th Season of the Lewis Family Playhouse on Facebook, or visit www.LewisFamilyPlayhouse.com for show and ticketing information. We look forward to seeing you at the Playhouse!

LEWIS FAMILY PLAYHOUSE
10th ANNIVERSARY

We invite you to come
celebrate our
10th Birthday
with us!

Saturday, August 20, 2016
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Lewis Family Playhouse
Victoria Gardens Cultural Center
12505 Cultural Center Drive.



City Manager's Message

Fiscal Year 2016-17 has begun and marks the fifth or sixth straight year of positive economic growth, according to most economists. The economy is improving at a solid, but not spectacular pace of around two percent per year. At the local level, we expect this growth to continue for between two and three more years.

When redevelopment funding was eliminated, the State of California took more than \$190,000,000 in cash reserves that the Redevelopment Agency saved to pay for the current and future repair, maintenance, and replacement of infrastructure. Realizing that the missing funds will not be replaced easily or quickly, and that infrastructure repairs and replacements are imminent, the City Council wisely prioritized setting aside 100 percent of revenues received. City staff is also focusing on putting money into reserves to cover future needs.

For fiscal year 2016-17 the City is putting \$1,000,000 into its reserves, which represents a 40 percent increase over last year.

The City is also tightly focused on reducing costs. Solar panels installed at City Hall, the Public Works Yard, Central Park, and Epicenter save the City over \$129,000 per year, even after repaying the loans for construction and installation. With utility costs increasing by several percent each year—particularly for facilities that make heavy use of electricity for HVAC and 12-24 hour operations—this type of investment makes good fiscal sense. The City is looking into solar projects at locations like Red Hill Park and additional municipal facilities for the future.

Further electricity cost savings are possible if the City purchases the streetlights from Southern California Edison (SCE). Although SCE currently owns most city streetlights, they are not free. Rancho Cucamonga, like all cities, pays SCE millions of dollars per year to cover the electricity and maintenance costs. Cities that own their own streetlights enjoy lower electricity rates, reduced maintenance costs, and LED conversions would save even more electricity. Purchasing our streetlights would save Rancho Cucamonga \$1.3 million in electricity costs; and an LED conversion would save an additional several hundred thousand dollars per year. Additionally, maintenance would be a significant savings and no additional personnel are required.

The City is saving not only electricity, but water as well. Water costs increased an average of five percent per year for the past five years. Rancho Cucamonga is now the largest water user in the Cucamonga Valley Water District (CVWD) due to maintenance on all of our citywide parks and landscaping. Recognizing a similar but more extreme trend in our electricity usage, the City Council directed staff to aggressively

leverage grants and reserves (where available) for water conservation. Using approximately \$300,000 in grants and over \$700,000 in reserves, the City reduced its overall water consumption by 40 percent and avoided hundreds of thousands of dollars in additional drought costs. Similar to solar, the City will continue these efforts where funding is available to provide for further cost reductions and conservation.

All of these cost savings help the City Council prioritize funding and resources for improved public safety. The Rancho Cucamonga Police Department (RCPD) has deployed mobile Advanced License Plate Readers (ALPRs) on patrol vehicles and fixed ALPRs at key intersections along the 210 and 15 freeway corridors to scan license plates. The ALPRs help solve many residential burglaries where witnesses or home security obtain a full or partial license plate view or a vehicle description. They are a tremendous force multiplier, working at light speed to supplement the efforts of our excellent detectives. The program is being expanded this year along 4th Street and eventually the City's border with Upland. Similar improvements are occurring in the City's Public Safety Video Network (PSVN), a system of dedicated cameras in high visibility public areas that help solve and prevent crimes in the public realm. These PSVN cameras, combined with private cameras at retail shopping centers, help solve and reduce burglaries, robberies, grand theft, and other crimes.

Technology is wonderful, but at the end of the day, most public safety still involves personnel resources. To that end, the City is fully funding one additional Deputy Sheriff and one Sheriff Services Specialist this year. An application has also been submitted for a grant that will partially offset the cost of hiring three additional Deputy Sheriffs, with the City providing matching funds to cover the remaining costs. These resources will allow us to expand our community policing and special enforcement details while maintain the necessary number of patrol officers at any given time. Why is this important? Because part of being a world-class community involves maintaining the public safety and community aspects that Rancho Cucamonga has always been known for. Reducing costs, avoiding cost increases, setting funds aside for a rainy day, and improving public safety are key measures that help Rancho Cucamonga ensure it remains a world-class community.

— *John R. Gillison*
City Manager





Celebrate International Walk to School Day

A day of fun and learning to ensure everyone gets to school safely.

Thousands of students will soon say goodbye to summer and head back into their classrooms. Healthy RC's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program is ready for another school year of working to ensure that everyone gets there safely. This year, Rancho Cucamonga students, parents, teachers, and City leaders will join others around the globe to celebrate International Walk to School Day, a day of fun and learning, on October 5, 2016.

The SRTS program is a comprehensive approach to bicycle and pedestrian safety that enables and encourages all children to walk and bicycle to school. Cyclists and pedestrians learn to stop, look, and listen before crossing an intersection. Bicyclists learn about helmet laws, as well as keeping their eyes and ears open and their hands on handlebars, except when signaling.

Several schools in Rancho Cucamonga participate in Walk to School Day and Safe Routes to School including: Victoria Groves Elementary School, and Vineyard and Alta Loma Junior High Schools in Alta Loma School District; Cucamonga and Ruth Musser Middle Schools in Central School District; Cucamonga and Los Amigos Elementary Schools and Rancho Cucamonga Middle School in Cucamonga School District; and Carleton P. Lightfoot, Etiwanda Colony, Grapeland, and Terra Vista Elementary Schools, and Day Creek, Etiwanda, and Summit Intermediate Schools in Etiwanda School District.

For more information about SRTS, please visit www.HealthyRC.com.

Join Healthy RC at the Nationwide Celebration of Food Day

Celebrate food and improve your health on October 22.

On October 22, 2016, Healthy RC invites Rancho Cucamonga residents, employees, and businesses to celebrate Food Day—the nationwide celebration that inspires communities to change their diets—with a kick-off at the Terra Vista Farmers' Market. This free event will include a food scavenger hunt, a photo booth for taking "Healthy Selfies," cooking demonstrations, giveaways, and valuable information on healthy eating and active living.

Food Day is an opportunity to celebrate real food and the growing movement to improve our food system. Come learn more about the wonderful local resources right here in our community for fresh, healthy food—including the weekly Farmers' Markets.

Food Day will take place on Saturday, October 22nd, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Terra Vista Farmers' Market located in Terra Vista Town Center at 10788 Foothill Blvd in Rancho Cucamonga. Join us at this nationwide celebration that inspires communities to eat healthier! For more information please visit www.HealthyRC.com.



Moving to District-Based Elections

*Many communities have at-large elections;
others have district-based elections.*

*Rancho Cucamonga has a measure on the November 2016 ballot
that would change the city to a district-based system for
members of the City Council.*



What Happened



Rancho Cucamonga was sued, alleging that it is in violation of the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA)



- Fight potential lawsuit
- Put the decision to voters. Under State law, cities over 100,000 in population can only change to district elections by popular vote.

Why this is Important

Due to the threat of potential lawsuits, dozens of cities, counties and school districts are evaluating the CVRA and its requirements.

If residents vote yes on November 8: The City of Rancho Cucamonga would be divided into four geographically defined districts that are approximately equal in population. Councilmembers would be elected by district beginning with the 2018 and 2020 elections. The Mayor would continue to be elected citywide.

If residents vote no on November 8: The City of Rancho Cucamonga would defend against the CVRA lawsuit. As of February 2016, no local agency has prevailed in a lawsuit brought under the CVRA. For example, in 2015, the City of Palmdale settled a CVRA lawsuit and agreed to implement Council districts, paying \$4.5 million plus interest to the plaintiff's attorneys. In addition to the attorney fees, the judge still has the authority to impose Council districts even if the residents do not agree.



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What is the CVRA?

The California Voting Rights Act of 2001 (CVRA) seeks to ensure that every community has an opportunity to elect candidates of their choice in local elections.

Key Terms

Protected class:

A class of voters who are members of a race, color, or language minority group, as referenced and defined in the federal Voting Rights Act.

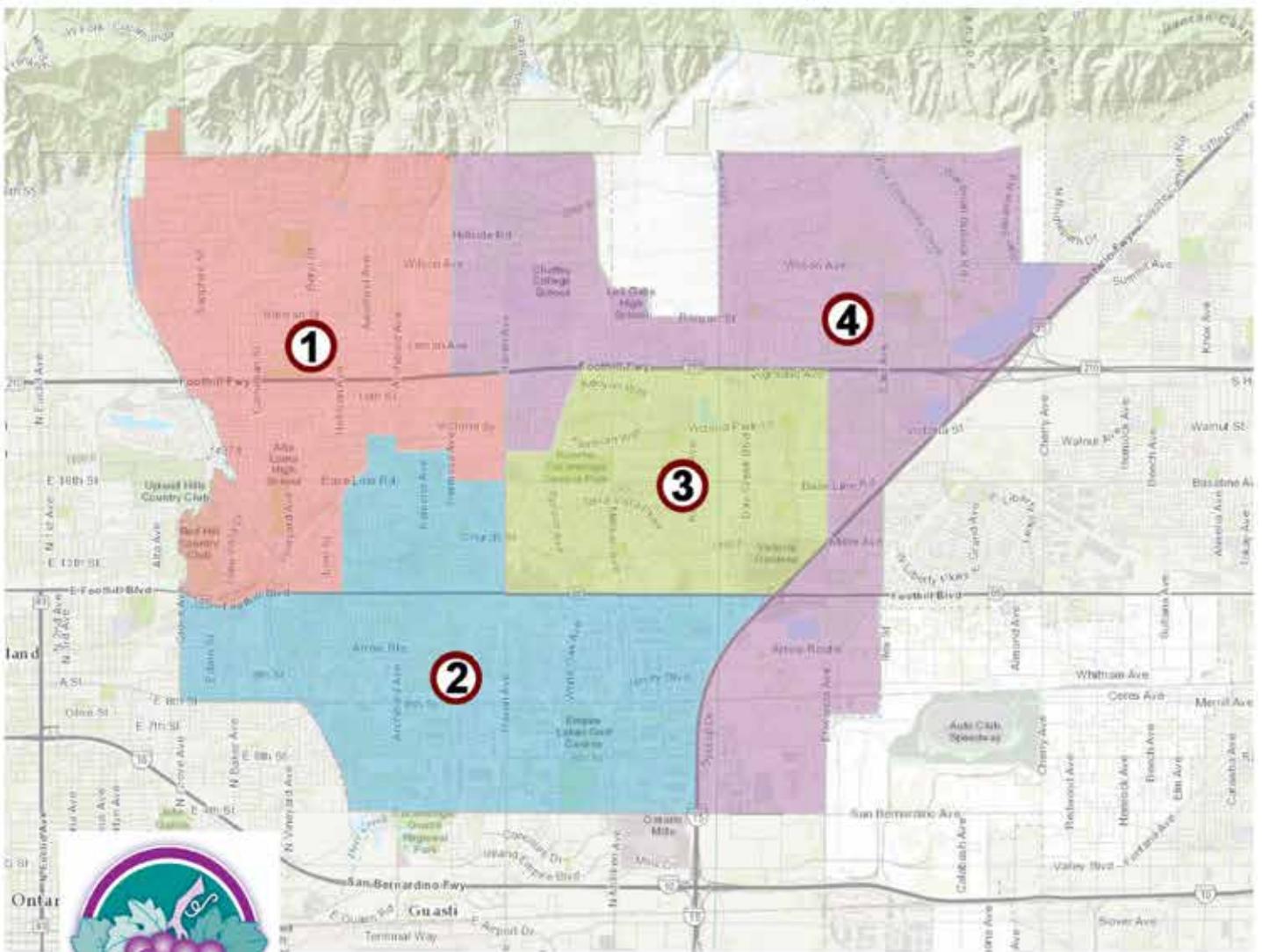
At-large election: (currently used)

Voters elect city council members that provide city-wide representation.

District election: Voters elect city council members to represent a specific district within the city.

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	District Population	Percentage of Citizen Voting Age Population			
		Hispanic	Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black	Asian/Pacific Islander
City Total	165,269	33%	47%	9%	10%
District 1	40,444	29%	60%	5%	5%
District 2	42,463	40%	42%	10%	7%
District 3	42,337	31%	42%	11%	14%
District 4	40,025	33%	42%	13%	12%



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Haciendo la transición a Elecciones de Distrito

Muchas comunidades tienen elecciones generales; otras tienen elecciones de distrito.

Rancho Cucamonga realizará elecciones en Noviembre 2016, que cambiaría a la ciudad a un sistema de distrito para miembros del Ayuntamiento.



Qué pasó



Rancho Cucamonga fue demandado, alegando que está en violación de la Ley de Derechos Electorales de California (CVRA por sus siglas en inglés)



Pelear la demanda potencial

Poner la decisión en manos de los electores. Bajo la Ley del Estado, las ciudades con una población mayor a 100,000 habitantes solo pueden cambiar a elecciones de distrito por voto popular.

Por qué esto es importante

Debido a la amenaza de una potencial demanda, docenas de ciudades, condados y distritos escolares están evaluando la CVRA y sus requisitos.

Si los residentes votan Si el 8 de Noviembre: La Ciudad de Rancho Cucamonga se dividiría en cuatro distritos definidos geográficamente que son aproximadamente del mismo tamaño de población. Los miembros del consejo serían elegidos por distritos comenzando con las elecciones del 2018 y el 2020. El Alcalde continuaría siendo elegido en toda la ciudad.

Si los residentes votan No el 8 de Noviembre: La Ciudad de Rancho Cucamonga se defendería en contra la demanda de la CVRA. Desde de Febrero 2016, ninguna agencia local ha prevalecido en una demanda introducida bajo la CVRA. Por ejemplo, en el año 2015, la Ciudad de Palmdale llegó a un acuerdo en una demanda de la CVRA y aceptó implementar Distritos, pagando \$4.5 millones más intereses a los abogados del demandante. Además de los costos legales, el juez incluso tiene la autoridad de imponer los Distritos, aun si los residentes están en desacuerdo.



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¿Qué es la CVRA?

La Ley de Derechos Electorales de California del 2001 (CVRA) busca asegurar que cada comunidad tenga la oportunidad de elegir a sus candidatos en las elecciones locales.

Palabras clave

Clase Protegida:

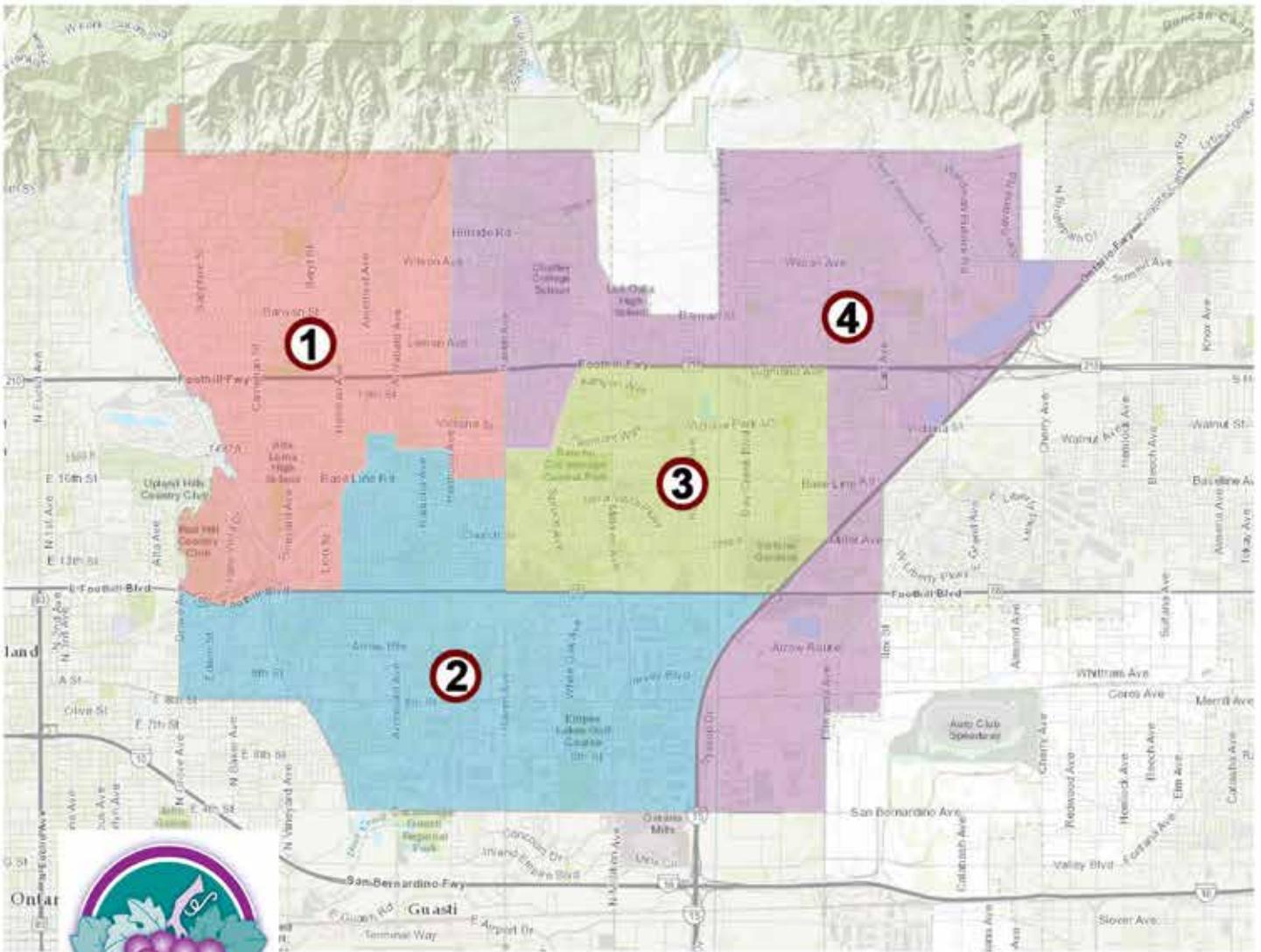
Una clase de electores que son miembros de una minoría de raza, color, o idioma, como se indica y se define en la Ley de Votación Federal.

Elecciones Generales: *(actualmente en uso)*

Los electores seleccionan a los miembros del ayuntamiento que proporcionan representación en toda la ciudad.

Elecciones de Distrito: Los electores seleccionan a los miembros del ayuntamiento para representar un distrito específico dentro de la ciudad.

	Población del Distrito	Porcentaje de la Población en edad para votar			
		Hispano	No Hispano Blanco	No Hispano Negro	No Hispano Isleño
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Call For Entries for the 2016 Founders Day Community Parade

Saturday, November 12th, at 9:00 a.m.

The City of Rancho Cucamonga is now accepting applications for entries in the City's Founders Day Community Parade, presented by Mark Christopher Auto Center on Saturday, November 12th, at 9:00 a.m. The parade route will begin at Day Creek and Foothill Blvd, then continue south to Jack Benny Drive and conclude at the Rancho Cucamonga Epicenter.

Typical entries include small floats and themed marching units, and each must have a banner that identifies the group. All participants must be uniformed, costumed, or dressed to represent the parade theme. Awards will be handed out for categories like Best Representation of Theme, Most Spirited, Most Participation, and Best Overall Float. The coveted Founders Award will be presented to the group that best embodies the spirit of the day.

Applications are available online at www.RCpark.com, and the deadline for entry is Monday, October 17th. Participation is free and the City encourages businesses, schools, youth groups, and other organizations to apply. All groups must be approved and pre-registered to participate.

For more information, please contact the Special Events Division, City of Rancho Cucamonga Community Services Department, at (909) 477-2760, or visit www.RCpark.com.



Kitten Nursery

One of the first 24 hour neonatal kitten nursery to open in a Municipal Animal Shelter

- Opened May through October
- 5 staff members
- Over 3,000 volunteer hours donated
- Supported by generous donors
- 800 underage kittens cared for





Each year, the Animal Center receives nearly 1,000 underage kittens from 1 day old to 8 weeks old that need around the clock care. Finding foster homes for the most fragile of babies was very difficult. With the help from donors and community volunteers, the Animal Center opened a 24hr neonatal kitten nursery. This labor of love project brought the community together for a great cause and saved the lives of many kittens. Volunteers from ages 12 on bottle fed, cleaned and provided general care for the kittens until they were old enough for adoption which improved the adoption rate for cats by over 6%. Due to the success, the nursery will open again April through October and is expected to care for more than 1,000 underage kittens.

Additional funding and volunteers are needed to continue this life saving work.

Please consider donating, volunteering, or becoming a foster parent.

Visit www.RCpets.info to donate or for additional information.

