

"The RCHCN mission is to make the healthy choice the easy choice in all Riverside County cities through the advancement of health in all policies."

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HCN Connect is dedicated to keep our community informed about the contributions that individuals and organizations are making to improve community and individual health in the Riverside county region.

HCN Webpage

The HCN is pleased to announce the first step into connecting members through an on-line platform. Watch the webpage evolve as our cities continue to grow their healthy city efforts. Please save the following directory to your favorites:

<http://www.healthyrivercounty.org/Built-Environment/Healthy-Cities-Network>

Did you know?

The Riverside University Health System-Public Health is the new name assigned to the Riverside County Department of Public Health. To learn more please visit:

<http://ruhealth.org/Pages/default.aspx>

Healthy San Jacinto Coalition's Launch

On May 26, 2016, a group of community leaders congregated to kick off the Healthy San Jacinto Coalition. Healthy San Jacinto Coalition (HSJC) is a partnership between the City of San Jacinto and the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG). HSJC goals are to help improve the opportunities and choices of the community to lead more healthy and active lifestyles. HSJC participants will be actively involved in coordinating active transportation initiatives; supporting the City's efforts to include a Health Element into the General Plan; and facilitating community-based strategic planning efforts to enhance overall community health and wellness. HSJC will also participate in the development of Downtown Specific Plan. To learn more about it please visit:

<http://gailcarlson.wix.com/healthysanjacinto>



Source: Carlson and Associates

The HSJC kickoff event included presentations from representatives from the Western Riverside Council of Governments, the Southern California Association of Governments, the Riverside University Health System-Public Health and two consulting firms—Carlson and Associates and Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

Go Human Campaign/ Palm Desert Open Streets Recap

Through a partnership between the Southern California Association of Governments and Riverside University Health System-Public Health, funding from the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) was secured to assist the City of Palm Desert's Go Human Open Street event. "Vision San Pablo" was an 11-day demonstration project designed to showcase proposed modifications along San Pablo Avenue to make it more pedestrian and bike friendly. The project was highlighted on Saturday May 7, 2016 during a "First Weekend" street fair from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.



Source: SCAG's GoHuman Campaign

The Vision San Pablo Open Streets event included music, food, booths, parklets, temporary planters, bike lanes, and a temporary roundabout.

To learn more about the SCAG's Go Human Campaign, please visit:

<http://gohumansocal.org/Pages/Home.aspx>

Read the Sun Desert's article "Palm Desert's San Pablo Avenue: A vision for the future"

<http://desert.sn/280Xy6>

Idea Exchange: Riverside-Perris

By Joe Vargo

A contingent of elected and staff officials from Riverside visited Perris to view the City's community garden project June 9 and left with plenty of accolades and appreciation for what they witnessed. Ward 4 City Councilman Paul Davis said Riverside plans to begin its own community garden and is seeking input and advice from cities like Perris, which already has garnered accolades for its "Perris Green City Farm Program." The project features a variety of crops like lettuce, kale, spinach, tomatoes and herbs cultivated in high-yield, low-irrigation systems. Perris City Manager Richard Belmudez and Assistant Director of Administrative Services Isabel Carlos answered questions from the Riverside group.

Learn more about the [Perris Green City Farm Program](http://perris.org/Community-Garden-Program)



Source: cityofperris.org

Perris City Manager Richard Belmudez (right) and Riverside City Councilman Paul Davis examined produce growing in the Green City Farm Program during a June 9 visit to the Perris City Hall Campus.

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Announcements

CalTrans Releases

CTP 2040

The CTP 2040 takes a 'whole system' approach to the state's transportation system that considers greater mobility choices for how California can move toward meeting its greenhouse gas reduction targets and achieving a safe, sustainable, integrated, and efficient multimodal transportation system that enhances California's economy and livability.

Although the document does not have a specific Public Health section, it does acknowledge its significance throughout the document.

The CTP 2040 is available at www.californiatransportationplan2040.org.



Goal 1: IMPROVE MULTIMODAL MOBILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY FOR ALL PEOPLE

Invest Health Teams Announced: Riverside Team Selected

Members of the Riverside County Health Coalition have been selected for the Invest Health Strategies for Healthy Cities Initiative. *Invest Health* is a new initiative that brings together diverse leaders from mid-sized U.S. cities and across the nation to develop new strategies for increasing and leveraging private and public investments to accelerate improvements in neighborhoods facing the biggest barriers to better health. The program is a collaboration between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Reinvestment Fund.

To learn more about it visit

<http://bit.ly/294JBvM>

INVEST HEALTH

Strategies for Healthier Cities

A Project of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Reinvestment Fund

Riverside Invest Health Team
Cecilia Arias -Community Benefit Health Manager, Kaiser Permanente
Gayle Hoxter-Public Health Program Chief, County of Riverside Department of Public Health
Gurumantra Khalsa -Chair of the Executive Board, Riverside Food Systems Alliance

Joyce Jang -Agricultural Business Development Coordinator, City of Riverside

Moritz Wohanka-Vice President of Finance, Altura Credit Union



Randall Lewis Policy Fellowship Seeking Participants

The Randall Lewis Health Policy Fellowship program is a collaborative to assist municipal efforts in the Southern California's Healthy Communities Initiative. Now in its 4th year, the program is seeking Fellowship applicants and Host Cities/Agencies for the 2016-2017 cohort. **The deadline is July 12, 2016.** To learn more about it visit <http://bit.ly/2980Vys> Or contact: Maggie Hawkins at RLHPF10@gmail.com

Upcoming Meetings/ Events

Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Annual Meeting

The Plan is taking [SHAPE!](http://www.shape.org) Please join us for the Annual Community Health Improvement Plan meeting!

We will be discussing the next steps in developing the Riverside County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Together, we can identify opportunities to improve the health of all communities in Riverside County. By sharing your work, we can address the Goals, Objectives, and Strategies for each Priority Area:

1. Creating Healthy Communities
2. Promoting Healthy Behaviors
3. Connecting and Investing in People
4. Improving Access to Care

When:

Wednesday, July 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Where:

Moreno Valley Conference and Recreation Center
14075 Frederick Street, Moreno Valley, CA 92553

RSVP by July 15th for both the CHIP Meeting and Pre-Session. If you would like to attend the Pre-Session, please select a "Pre-Session" ticket registration and a "CHIP Annual Meeting" ticket registration. If you have any questions, please email Sheena Patel at shpatel@rivcocha.org.

Please register at <http://bit.ly/2909a9e>

Pre-Session at 8:30AM.

If you are new to this process or want a refresher, please join us.

Topics include: Public Health Accreditation, Local Public Health System Assessment, Community Health Assessment, SHAPE Community Forums, SHAPE Health Data Portal, Priority Area Workgroups.

Healthy Lake Elsinore Collaborative Meeting

Are you a local health or wellness professional? Don't miss out the opportunity to learn more about the Healthy LE Program, opportunities for partnerships, and networking with other local professionals.

When:

Thursday, July 14th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Where:

Lake Elsinore Cultural Center
183 N. Main Street, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530

Please RSVP by July 12th to Audrey Young at ayoung@lake-elsinore.org or (951) 674-3124 ext. 267.

Please mark your calendar for our Saturday July 30th **Healthy LE Poker Run Event** where you can host a booth and promote your local business.

More information to come.

County of Riverside Certified Farmers Market

When:
Wednesday from 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

Where:
Located in the courtyard of the County Administrative Center (4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, CA 92501), on the corner of Lemon and 10th Street.

Riverside County Healthy Cities Network
Fall Convening

SAVE THE DATE!
September 12, 2016
Location TBD

RIV CO Active Transportation Network

SAVE THE DATE!
September 21, 2016
SCAG Office 3403 10th St #805, Riverside, CA 92501

OPR Healthy Planning Leadership Series

The Governor's Office of Planning and Research will be conducting its 4th Healthy Planning Webinar. To learn more visit <http://bit.ly/28YXPoL>

Or contact
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Let us feature your story, event or resource in HCN Connect!

Do you have a plan, program or endeavor designed to improve your community's health? Do you have a resource you would like to share with the HCN? Please let us know!

Please submit ideas for the next publication by July 16, 2016.

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