

ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS UPDATE

**Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Department**

Park and Recreation Commission
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ARTS RECOGNITION

The Arts & Culture District was selected as one of California's 10 new state-designated cultural districts in December



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RECOGNITION – CHEECH



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BY THE NUMBERS: JULY – JUNE



77 Special Event Permits Processed and Approved



15 Presentations/Talks/Tours

33 Grier Events



7 Special Projects/Events

27 Arts & Culture Grants



26 Film Permits

2 Public Art Grants

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ARTS PROGRAM – TEEN POET LAUREATE



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ARTS PROGRAM – BRIDGE



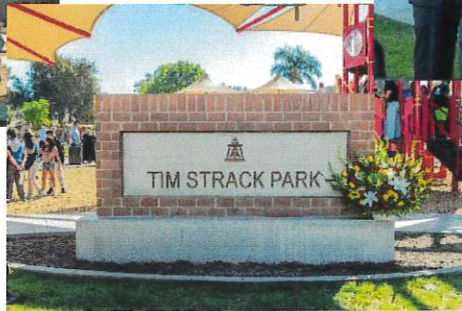
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SPECIAL EVENT – 9/11



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TIM STRACK PARK GRAND



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WARD 1 EVENT/PROJECTS



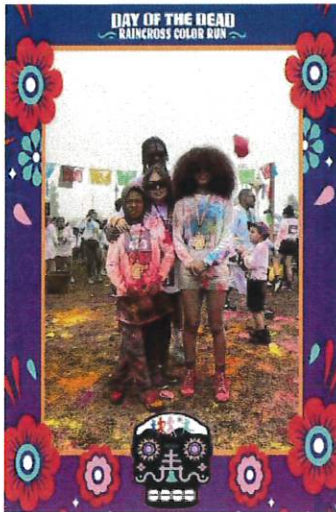
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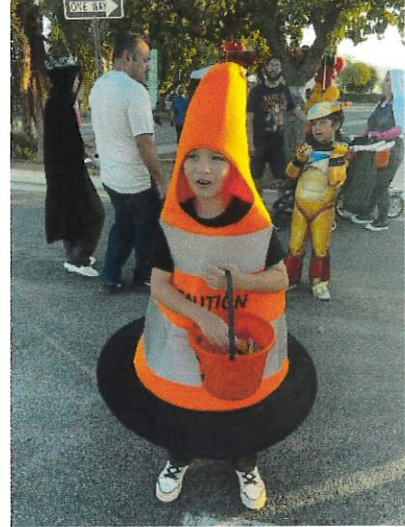
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WARD 2 EVENT – COLOR RUN



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WARD 3 EVENT – PLANES &



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WARD 5 EVENT – FALL



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WARD 6 EVENT – SLEDDING UNDER THE STARS



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WARD 7 EVENT – DOG PARADE



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FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

600,000 in attendance for the duration of the event featuring Ice Rink, Merry Artswalk, live community performers, Santa Claus, and food vendors



Instagram:

Followers: 17,717 followers (+1,926)
Reach: 118,484 people (+36,078)
Interactions: 6,807 interactions (+977)
Audience: 61% Female, Ages 25-64, 39% Male, Ages 25-44

Facebook:

Followers: 14,262 followers (+1,012)
Reach: 533,639 people (+492,526)
Interactions: 20,898 interactions (+18,619)
Audience: 77% Female, Ages 25-54, 23% Male, Ages 25-44

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INSECT FAIR



RIVERSIDE INSECT FAIR CELEBRATING Earth DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026
10 A.M. - 4 P.M.

20K+ ATTENDEES	1 INSECT CARE CENTER	1 SPONSOR
RAC. 41 RESEARCH ARTICLES	4 ART PIECES SOLD	1 ARTIST DONATION
40 PHOTOLOGY STUDENTS	40 BOOTH & INFO EXPERIENCE	28 SPECIES
21 RESEARCH LABS	3 FRESH WINNERS	1 SOCIAL MEDIA

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SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS



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FACILITY ART

La Sierra Library



SSgt. Salvador J. Lara
Casa Blanca Library



GRIER PAVILION EVENTS

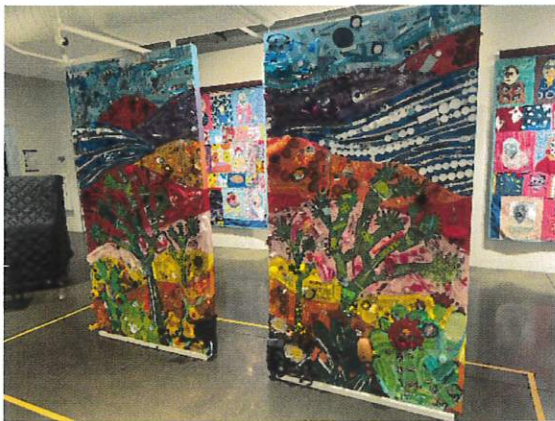


COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS – CHALK DAY



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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS BODY OF FREEDOM



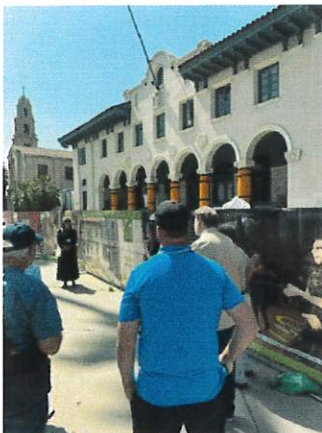
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PRESENTATIONS



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THANK YOU

Without the support of the Commission and the Department we could not do the work we do for our community and visitors

Thank you for helping us create moments for our community

