



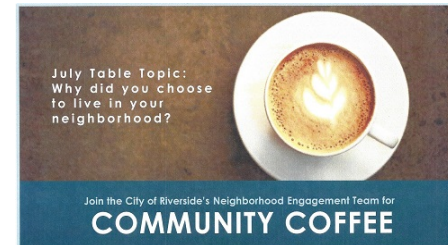
2019 NEIGHBORHOOD AWARDS

RIVERSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC



OCTOBER 24, 2019

Renck Community Center - Hunt Park



The **Riverside Neighborhood Partnership (RNP)** works with the Community and Economic Development Neighborhood Engagement Division to create the “**NEIGHBORHOOD OF OUR DREAMS**”

Yvette Sennewald – Josaline Cuesta – Pangy Crosby ... SALUTE !



Mayor & City Council



Mayor Bailey
City of Riverside



Mike Gardner
Ward 1



Andy Melendrez
Ward 2



Mike Soubirous
Ward 3



Chuck Conder
Ward 4



Chris Mac Arthur
Ward 5



Jim Perry
Ward 6



Steve Adams
Ward 7

The **Riverside Neighborhood Partnership (RNP)** works together with our elected Ward representatives and their legislative field team to **inform, educate, and advocate** on issues and policies that impact our Ward neighborhoods

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT !



The Riverside Neighborhood Partnership (RNP)
received over 20 nominations for these Neighborhood Awards

Neighborhood Spirit Neighborhood Hero Jack B Clarke Sr. Good Neighbor

HERE ARE THEIR STORIES



NEIGHBORHOOD SPIRIT

This recognition is for that group in your neighborhood that fosters connections, creates opportunities for people to get to know each other, and shares the skills and talents of the neighbors for the benefit of the community.

They are quick to share and to take action on what they love about their neighborhood.

THE 2019 nominees are...





NEIGHBORHOOD SPIRIT

ARLANZA MURAL PROJECT

"... Great things are done by a series of small things brought together ... Vincent Van Gogh "

An Arlanza Elementary school class advocating for more art instruction, a graffiti problem at a local business, and a timely Ward 4 Council representative visit to the school, was the germination of this project. Local artists Ronald del Cid and Jesus Castaneda, El Rancho Market, Arlanza Elementary School, RPD Chief's Foundation, and a local charter school pulled together as a community to address the graffiti problem and created a sense of pride by creating this new neighborhood art asset..





NEIGHBORHOOD SPIRIT

GOOD NEIGHBOR RIVERSIDE (video blog)

Ward 2 Council Representative Andy Melendrez | Legislative Field Representative Miguel Lujano

What started over one year ago to promote a LOVE Riverside Canyon Crest landscaping makeover of a senior resident's yard has grown into a regular Ward 2 video blog of neighbors helping neighbors.... Their 31st episode was just uploaded on October 22nd

Now this trending video team is launching a new local business youTUBE series - **SHOP LOCAL | SHOP SMALL RIVERSIDE - Episode 1 – San Jaco Children's Pre-Loved Clothing Store** located at 5950 Magnolia Avenue in the Arlington Area is now available for viewing... **SALUTE !**





NEIGHBORHOOD SPIRIT

LOVE Riverside | Lynn Heatley

"... demonstrating kindness .. spreading goodness ...building community ..."

Love Riverside began in 2016 after Lynn was inspired in seeing other cities in California making an impact by bringing kindness to their communities through citywide serve days. Love Riverside hosted it's first Serve Day on October 22, 2016. They celebrated an amazing day with 30 diverse projects and close to 500 volunteers who served their communities

Since 2017, they have added an annual LOVE OUR SCHOOLS service day and extended the original LOVE Riverside day of service to a weekend event. One person CAN make a difference **THANK YOU LYNN !**



Love Our Schools



NEIGHBORHOOD SPIRIT

N.O.W.S. Riverside

"... neighbors of the wood streets | neighborhood group ..."

NOWS (neighbors of the wood streets) have and continue to be one of the most special neighborhood groups in the City. With a mission to support, educate, and encourage neighborly activities they have been able to create a great community within their neighborhood.

A neighbor favorite has been their **National Night Out (NNO)** event. They have many neighbors coming out to support one another's company, participate in raffles, play trivia games, and enjoy food. We are so blessed to be a part of the Wood Streets community.





NEIGHBORHOOD SPIRIT

Residents of Eastside Active in Leadership (REAL)

"... excellence is not a skill, it is an attitude... Woodie Rucker Hughes "

The **Residents of Eastside Active in Leadership** have engaged in various projects that have all been focused on positively impacting the health and wellbeing of residents in the Eastside Community. Their efforts have focused on **Healthy Eating, Active Living, Public Safety and Community Engagement**. Some of their projects include the Art Corridors, Art Alleys, Walking Wednesday Volunteer Program, Corner Store Makeovers, Walk By Faith and most recently the Eastside Glow Up Festival.

Their primary goal is to **positively impact the quality of life** by partnering and creating programs that residents can engage in and take ownership of them.



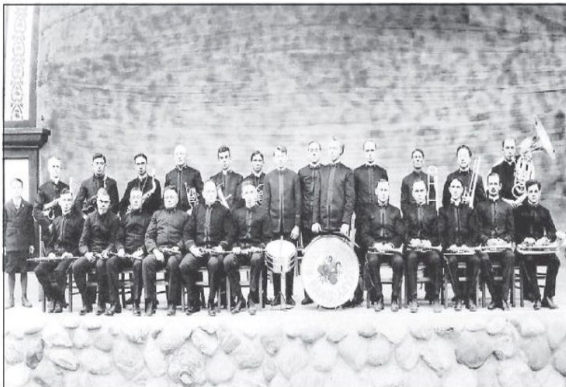


NEIGHBORHOOD SPIRIT

RIVERSIDE CONCERT BAND

"... 143 years of performance in the City of Riverside 1876 - 2019..."

Music is one of Riverside's strongest forms of art. Music thrives here and Riverside loves it. So much so, the City has its very own concert band! **The Riverside Concert Band** has been playing music throughout our neighborhoods for **143 years**. They perform concerts in parks, libraries, retirement homes, schools, churches, for civic, service, and social organizations. Members of the band are all volunteers whose ages range from teens to eighties. A group of dedicated, talented musicians who take pride in Riverside and love performing for the community.



COURTESY OF CITY OF RIVERSIDE LIBRARY

The Riverside Military Band is seen at the band shell in Fairmount Park, circa 1920. Longtime Director Gustav Hilverkus is standing in the middle, behind the bass drum.





AND THE 2019 WINNER IS



NEIGHBORHOOD SPIRIT RIVERSIDE CONCERT BAND

"... 143 years of performance in the City of Riverside 1876 - 2019..."





NEIGHBORHOOD HERO

This recognition is for the person who does not live in your neighborhood and may not even live in Riverside, but has devoted their time, energy, passion, and skills, to help your neighborhood become a special place.

This can be anyone you feel has gone above and beyond for the betterment of your neighborhood and our community.

THE NOMINEES ARE...





NEIGHBORHOOD HERO

SARAH AYALA

Sarah had the idea to start a promotional vlog about her beloved city: *What's Going on in Riverside?* Then, during 2018-19, she conducted a lengthy process to film and edit a second episode with a slight change to: *What's GROWing on in Riverside?* The video is about neighbors' efforts to be more sustainable and to feed those in need. *Watch it at: www.rnpinfo.com*

Sarah premiered the 11 minute video at the 2019 Neighborhoods USA Conference, where she taught other cities about tools for creating videos.

She also served on the **NOWS Riverside** Board, **City's Transportation Commission** and is very involved with the **Pick Group** in recruiting PICK members to volunteer with local community organizations





NEIGHBORHOOD HERO

Barbara Croonquist

Barbara was employed by the U.S. Forest Service for over 30 years at the Angeles National Forest. She was named **"Ranger of the Year"** by the National Forest Recreation Association in 2007. Barbara transferred to the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management in 2010, where she continued her work with diverse urban populations until her retirement in March 2017.

In her "retirement", as a La Sierra resident, Barbara volunteers Summer camps at Hidden Valley Wildlife Preserve; educating the public about native reptiles, is part of the RRR National Night Out - Ice Cream Social events, and volunteers all around Southern California with reptiles for kids. She was a member of the City's Agricultural Water Rates Task Force committee.





NEIGHBORHOOD HERO

Lori Christianson



Lori is the crossing guard at **Castleview Elementary School**. She is such a warm loving presence in our community.

Every morning and afternoon she greets children and parents by name with her infectious smile, as droves of children run to hug her.

Lori decorates her stop sign post every holiday and put out a basket with candy and little things for the kids.

Last year when Lori had a tragedy in her family, she was away from her post for about a week. **When asked her why she didn't take more time off for herself, she said "I miss all the kids and love being here, being with you all makes me happy"**

It's shows Lori, it shows! Thank you for your wonderful smile and loving kindness that brightens everyone's day.



NEIGHBORHOOD HERO

Lilah Rush | Lilah's Lovescaping Project

In March, Jim Rush, while hiking Challen Park with his family, his 6 year old daughter turned to him and said **"Daddy, why don't you grab some guys from work and lets clean all this trash?"**. She presented the idea to **Ward 4 Councilmember Jim Perry**, have gone door to door in their neighborhoods handing out flyers and sharing on social media.

Lilah's Lovescaping goals were simple. 1) Clean up trash 2) provide a sense of community and 3) **show the youth that their voice matters**.

Lilah, with a little help from her family, neighbors, Parks and Recreation, has completed clean up projects in **THREE PARKS : Challen, Harrison and Hunt Parks ... SALUTE !!**





NEIGHBORHOOD HERO

Dr. Karolyn Verville | Sunshine Haven Wildlife Hospital

Dr. Karolyn Verville is a certified wildlife rehabilitator who cares for orphaned and injured wild animals. She founded Sunshine Haven at her home where she and other citizen scientists and wildlife biologists provide temporary sanctuary for local wildlife. Once the animals receive care and are rehabilitated, they are then released back into their natural habitat. They will take in all wildlife mammals, birds, reptiles found within urban areas. It is estimated **Sunshine Haven rehabilitates over 2,000 animals each year !**

By helping to keep the urban wildlife population disease free, Dr. Verville is keeping her neighborhood healthy.



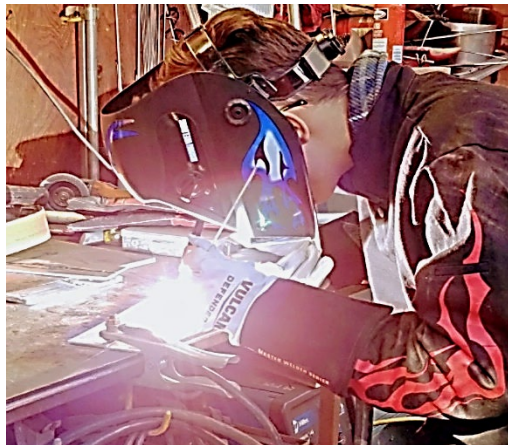


NEIGHBORHOOD HERO

Alexander Chase Webb

Chase, a 15 year old **Inspire Charter School** student, met Melody through her older brother who was on Chase's robotics team. Melody does horseback riding for physical therapy but her wheelchair wouldn't travel well in the dirt on the horse ranch. She needed modifications to her wheelchair so she could go on more uneven surfaces. Chase was taking a welding class at **Vocademy** and decided to research, design and construct this wheelchair modification for Melody. Chase got together a family friend, Erik Lasiewski, an employee of **CSD-R** who oversaw this project.

Melody and her family were given the new modification, completely free of charge





AND THE 2019 WINNER IS



NEIGHBORHOOD HERO

Dr. Karolyn Verville | Sunshine Haven Wildlife Hospital





JACK B CLARKE SR. | GOOD NEIGHBOR

This recognition is for that person who's quick with a smile, makes time to listen and can always be counted on for help. Their passion, skills and gifts are shared willingly with the community.

Their contributions help make your neighborhood a special place.

This recognition was established in 1996 to commemorate the late Ward 2 Councilman Jack B. Clarke, Sr.'s vision of building neighborhood relationships and bringing neighborhoods together for the betterment of the City of Riverside

THE NOMINEES ARE...





JACK B CLARKE SR. | GOOD NEIGHBOR

KEVIN DAWSON

Kevin has been a neighborhood activist for better local government for over 10 years. His energy for supporting his neighbors and working for fairness, equality, and safety are well demonstrated by his involvement with local Ward 1 organizations and the **University Neighborhood Association (UNA)**

His memberships and leadership roles extend across the city: Board member of **Friends of Riverside Hills (preserving open space)** and Co-Chair of **Smart Neighbors for Smart Growth**. Kevin is the UNA representative for the: **Residential protection overlay zone** working group, **UCR** Physical Master Plan Study, & **UCR** North District Working Group. Kevin put his passion to task by running for Ward 2 City Council in 2017.



“ never give up, never surrender”

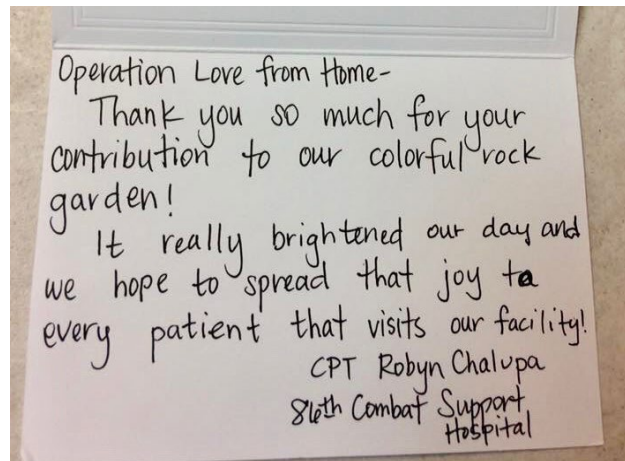




JACK B CLARKE SR. | GOOD NEIGHBOR

SHARON DODGSON | Operation Love from Home

Sharon started this group in 2013 by inviting 10 friends over to sign cards at her kitchen table. Her son is a Marine and she wanted to do something tangible to touch a life of a soldier whether retired or on active duty. They get the cards shipped overseas and deliver the rest to our veterans, active duty service personnel in hospitals, nursing homes, veteran centers in the region. By word of mouth and effective use of social media they have managed to rally the troops just by spreading the word about what they do and asking for volunteers to come sign cards, donate goods **a mission of the heart**





JACK B CLARKE SR. | GOOD NEIGHBOR

ALBERTO HERRERA



Alberto is a La Sierra resident and has been supportive of the **RRR National Night Out (NNO) Ice Cream Social** event for over nine years. He was an involved student in multiple organizations at **La Sierra High School**. Alberto continued his education at **Riverside City College** where he was student government treasurer for two years. He was a campus Relay for Life organizing member and community participant in the event. Alberto joined the **Alvord Educational Foundation** as a board member and served for two years where he helped raise money to help fund continuing education for Alvord teachers and other school education program.



JACK B CLARKE SR. | GOOD NEIGHBOR LORNA JENKINS

Lorna and her husband have embraced Riverside / Orangecrest as their home since 2002. She hit the ground running and has not looked back. Her primary advocacy is her non-profit organization, **MY LEARNING STUDIO**. What started as an arts & crafts studio grew into a tutoring program to help children struggling in school to succeed. To support her non-profit, Lorna created **EXPLORE RIVERSIDE TOGETHER**. In May the kick off event had over 500 registrants scouring all over the City to re-discover our local community assets. Lorna is a graduate of **LEADERSHIP RIVERSIDE** Class of 2014 ... their class project was a **TED-X Riverside Talk** held at the Fox Performing Arts Center which she co-produced





JACK B CLARKE SR. | GOOD NEIGHBOR GURUMANTRA KHALSA

Gurumantra Khalsa is passionate about health. That's reflected in his profession as publisher of Nutrition News, the award-winning newsletter covering food, nutrition and health. He is currently serving as an Ex Officio member of the **Riverside Food Systems Alliance**. Gurumantra is a founding member of the **Friends Of Riverside's Hills**, a non-profit environmental group dedicated to preserving Riverside's hillsides, arroyos and green belt. He is also a founding member and Chair of the **University Neighborhood Association (UNA)**, **Grow Riverside**, and a former Chair of the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership. He has often been heard to say that **he lives in the City of his Dreams**.





JACK B CLARKE SR. | GOOD NEIGHBOR PATRICK MALONEY

Patrick is the textbook description of a good neighbor. He is always full of “**positivity**” and support for all his neighbors in the **Wood Streets** and Riverside. Patrick is always speaking to and making each neighbor feel special and welcome in our neighborhood. He and his partners with **HEY RIVERSIDE** have been very supportive of the **Neighbors of the Wood Streets Riverside** and all neighborhood organizations throughout the City.

Patrick was one of the driving forces to bring back to Riverside and the Fox Performing Arts Theater the **SPIKE AND MIKE** Animation Festival ... The first, called the Classic Festival of Animation, started at Riverside City College in 1977 ... **Thank you Patrick..... !**





JACK B CLARKE SR. | GOOD NEIGHBOR AARON & NATHANIEL MOORE

Aaron and Nathaniel are the **“Dynamic Duo” of the West Side!** They are the father & son team of the Moore Family. They work silently to improve the quality of life for our La Sierra Arlanza community. Aaron created beauty and art when **he built and installed a solid wood bench** for those in our community to give a respite from the intensity of life, to enjoy solace and to engage with nature.

They both have been valuable assets to the community group **RRR-Residents for Responsible Representation**, to **La Sierra Park** and to those who enjoy and visit the **Hidden Valley Nature Preserve**. Their most valued quality is their willingness to help anyone with a need .. **SALUTE !**





JACK B CLARKE SR. | GOOD NEIGHBOR SUE STRUTHERS

Sue Struthers is a champion of local foods, farms, and good health for Riverside residents. For many years, she has facilitated activities that get nutritious, fresh & tasty foods to consumers. Sue is a founding member of the **Riverside Food Co-op**, coordinates the monthly crop box distribution, and currently conducts the demanding job of treasurer. Before she retired as a children's librarian, Sue was **Customer Service Employee of the Year for the City of Riverside!** Sue has helped bring new projects to Riverside neighborhoods: the **Gleaners for Good** program, **Northside's Urban Greening grant** and the **Beginning Farmer Training Program**. This year Sue was recognized by Riverside County as **a Champion of Health**





JACK B CLARKE SR. | GOOD NEIGHBOR

AMANDA TOMBAS



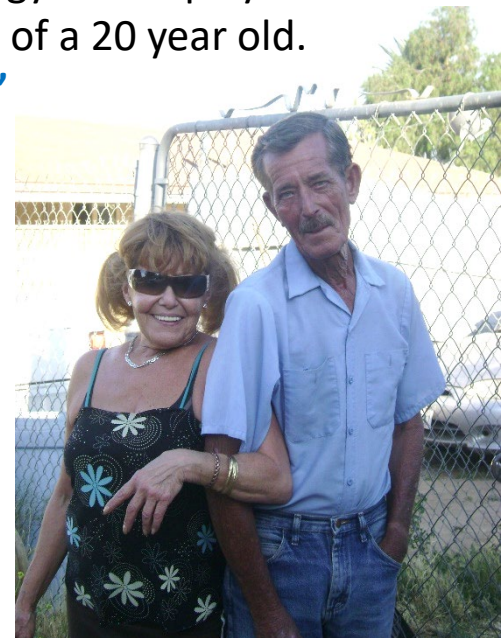
Amanda first came to the La Sierra area in the 1980's during her successful career as a real estate agent. She sold many of the homes in the **Arlanza** neighborhood; most of which are still occupied by the original owners or their families.

You would never guess her age by how much energy she displays when you meet her. At 73 years, her spirit is that of a 20 year old. Her favorite place is to be **"out and in the streets"** meeting people and making new connections.

Amanda is an advocate for seniors and the homeless in her neighborhood. She can always be counted on for help and advise... and if you are lucky a delicious home cooked meal.

Amanda knows the value of **"neighbors knowing neighbors"** and being in a close-knit community.

She believes it improves the quality of life for everyone.





AND THE 2019 WINNER IS



JACK B CLARKE SR. | GOOD NEIGHBOR

SUE STRUTHERS





A BIG **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE NOMINATED
FOR ALL THE WORK YOU DO & THE EXAMPLE
YOU SET IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD**



WE SALUTE YOU... !