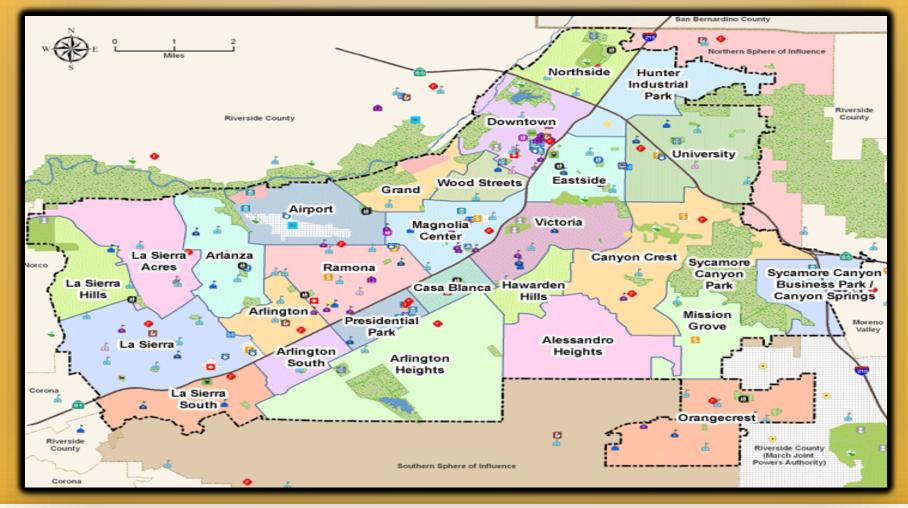


2018 NEIGHBORHOOD AWARDS

"Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping."



The Riverside Neighborhood Partnership (RNP) is an association of associations whose mission is to <u>connect & unite</u> community members with neighbors, groups, & resources to facilitate community engagement.



The Riverside Neighborhood Partnership (RNP)

began in 1995 when then Mayor Ron Loveridge and the City Council organized the first Neighborhood Conference

Recognition of neighborhood champions began in 1996 with the Jack B Clarke Sr. Good Neighbor Award

Today we also recognize neighbors in two other categories:

NEIGHBORHOOD SPIRIT NEIGHBORHOOD HERO



Neighborhood Matching Grants Program



Four Categories Available



Neighborhood Beautification

For physical improvement projects



Neighborhood Social Enhancement

For one-time community building activities.



Education

To attend or provide trainings, conferences or workshops.



Community Development Block Grant

For physical improvement projects in CDBG eligible areas.



Over 20 "Small Sparks" Grants have been awarded over the past three years.....

Please join us in recognizing these neighbors who made an investment in their neighborhood assets through this Riverside grant program



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

Neighborhood SpiritNeighborhood HeroJack 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 2018 honoree is ...



NEIGHBORHOOD SPIRIT CASTLEVIEW ARROYO PROJECT

"What was interesting about this project was how spontaneous it was.... and the response of the neighborhood....These people weren't directed, they just came together." The **Castleview (Park) Arroyo Project** is a group that formed with the purpose of protecting and utilizing a neighborhood treasure: the waterway at their local park.

Over **40 volunteers donated over 270 hours** toward the clean-up effort., Brian Geiger, Larry Deckel, Chuck Tobin, Siren Orinion, Daisy Valdovinos, Jennifer & Ole Becker and Jamie Micallef coordinated this effort. They are **continuing to work together** to protect this neighborhood asset and bring their neighbors together to make a difference in their neighborhood. <u>Castleview Park</u> in on the boundary of Wards 2 and 4



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 & beyond for the betterment of your neighborhood and our community.



NEIGHBORHOOD HERO Anna Moore



Anna is a resident of La Sierra. She is an active member of the Residents for Responsible Representation (RRR), and a local entrepreneur ... with her Bo Peep Bakery.

Her sense of activism led her to become involved with issues impacting Prop R and Measure C. She is currently working with neighbors to raise concerns on the **RTRP (riverside transmission reliability project)** transmission towers impacts to her neighborhood.



Anna is one of the newest members of the RNP board and is a great advocate for our Riverside environment

NEIGHBORHOOD HERO JOAN WILSON

For over 40 years, Joan has been a valued friend and neighbor to the residents living on Cochran Avenue and the surrounding streets in La Sierra. She is always available to anyone in need... her homemade soup is legendary to those who are sick and at home in the neighborhood.

She is a long- time volunteer for the Riverside Concert Band, RRR neighborhood meetings, and for events at Norte Vista High School.



Joan is the definition of what you would like to see in a neighbor... friendly, helpful, and is always there when you need assistance... ON ANYTHING ...!



NEIGHBORHOOD HERO JUDY NICHOLS



Judy is now a retired member of the Norte Vista guidance council office where she served the students and the Alvord District for over 30 years...

She is still very active as a sub and volunteer for both Norte Vista and La Sierra High Schools. **"If you need anything done, Judy is your "go to gal ... !** All the kids and staff love her"

Judy is an active member of RRR in La Sierra and is an annual fixture and organizer for the annual RRR Ice Cream Social.



NEIGHBORHOOD HERO Serenity & Sarah Odette

Serenity is a student at the Riverside STEM Academy, an active girl scout, martial arts athlete, and an entrepreneur who raises funds for rescuing animals from local shelters. She has a fruit stand in her neighborhood. By picking and selling the fruit from her family trees, Serenity raises the funds for

the Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center, and Foster Fur Babies. She then finds homes for the animals she rescues. Serenity now has enlisted her neighbors help in supporting this effort.







NEIGHBORHOOD HERO Ben Ontko

"On December 21st, there was a major fire in the Santa Ana River bottom, alerts were sent out to residents to evacuate and I was as work. I received a text message from Ben, that he was watering down my house and not to worry." This was not from just one neighbor, but several neighbors wrote us to commend Ben's action to assist them during this Downtown fire emergency.





Another neighbor was at home, recovering from major surgery. Ben came to her home and assured her that he was there for her.

He assisted in securing important items in the home for her, began to water down the house, and took care of their (3) golden retrievers until her husband returned home. Both neighbors **SALUTE BEN** and feel fortunate and lucky to have him as one of their neighbors

NEIGHBORHOOD HERO Jeri Lile



Nothing can keep Jeri down for long..... 90 + and with more energy than most half her age.

She has been a volunteer for the Riverside Police Department, an active docent at the historic Riverside Heritage House, the Red Hat Society, RRR, and a serious bunco player with her friends and neighbors..

She has more energy than the Energizer bunny !



NEIGHBORHOOD HERO BETH O'LEARY

"Beth is an individual who has such a big heart. She enhances the neighborhood with her generosity, compassion for her neighbors in need and is one of the first to take action. She is what makes our neighborhood and Riverside a warm and welcoming city." Some examples are: tree trimming a **50**' tree for an elderly neighbor, bringing together a group of neighbors to clean out a homeless encampment in the neighborhood, and rescuing 19 senior cats that needed homes due to the owner's death. *(note: all cats found new homes due to Beth's efforts)*

Beth is also an artist who creates beautiful glass art and sculptures for neighbors. ("Songs from the Sun") She truly brings "karma" to the Wood Streets. She is someone who leads with her heart We are very fortunate to have her as our neighbor and our friend.



NEIGHBORHOOD HERO ANNA MARIE SOTO

Anna Marie is one of the original founders of the Neighbors of the Wood Streets (NOWS) Riverside. She is committed to do whatever it takes to bring positive change the Woods Streets.

Anna is especially an advocate for tree care and the street markers / banners that make the Wood Streets special. She also bring to the NOWS meetings a strong knowledge and understanding of the issues and needs for our local parks, libraries and how to work with City Hall and our elected representative to get the job done.





NEIGHBORHOOD HERO KALE & SARAH ROBINSON

A big thank you to Kale & Sarah for stepping up to take over the Annual RRR Ice Cream Social. Due to personal issues with the main organizer and planner for this event, and with no one stepping forward to take it on, it appeared that it would be cancelled. Kale and Sarah, who were neighbors, found out what was happening and stepped forward to host the event at the 11th hour.

The event was a huge success and over 200 neighbors and their families were in attendance. Activities included a live band, a reptile exhibit and a limbo contest *Working together, neighbor to neighbor* is alive and well in La Sierra





NEIGHBORHOOD HERO Scott & Judy Stewart

Scott & Judy moved to Riverside 18 years ago. Almost immediately, they began a routine that is making a positive impact in their neighborhood. Twice a week they "suit up" and walk a mile square and pick up trash. They have also organized two larger scale cleanup projects: Arlington between La Sierra and California and the Hidden Valley Preserve between Tyler and the Pierce Brothers Cemetery. On this last project, it took them **TWO YEARS of weekend clean ups** to get rid of all the



trash, old tires, bulk waste and even trim the trees.

When asked why they do it, they said... *"it gives us a better understanding of our neighborhood and our neighbors. And it is good exercise for us both."*



If you are on Campbell and near Doty Trust Park, keep an eye out for Scott & Judy

NEIGHBORHOOD HERO ELIZABETH ("BETH") STRALKA



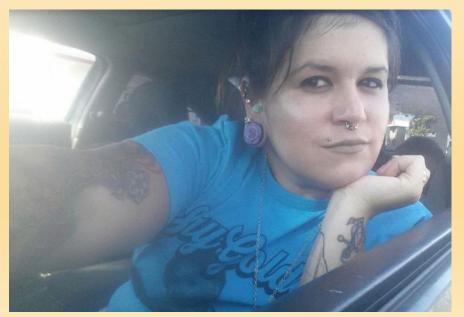
Beth is a long time Riverside Elementary teacher and a strong supporter of arts education in the City. She is a patron of the Riverside Arts Academy, and supports local muralists on her own property. Her University Knolls home features waterwise landscaping and gardens with a diversity of species. Beth is active on issues that impact the neighborhood: UCR traffic cut through, feral cats (Trap Neuter Release program), and tree maintenance to name a few. Beth picks and carries fruits from her grove to donate to the Salvation Army.



NEIGHBORHOOD HERO MEGAN HERNANDEZ

Megan is the eyes and ears, the informal watch leader of her Arlanza neighborhood cul-de-sac. She will alert you of that broken sprinkler, notify 3-1-1 if there is a suspicious person in the neighborhood , and assist a neighbor in finding a lost pet.

She does it with a smile and in a positive manner. Her actions and attitude are qualities you hope to find in every neighborhood. This is what makes your street, **HOME** and your neighbors, **FAMILY**... we are proud to nominate Megan as our local neighborhood **HERO**





NEIGHBORHOOD HERO ERIN SNYDER

Where do you begin..... Long time advocate for the Northside and the Northside Improvement Association, Erin is also active with the: Riverside Woman's Club, Riverside Lawn Bowling Club, DANA, KRCB, Springbrook Heritage Alliance, Neighbors of Mt Rubidoux, and the RNP. She has been recognized for her life long volunteer service to Riverside: Girl Scouts – 25 years Red Cross - 25 years and 4H – 15 years. Erin's current passion is to complete the first ever specific plan for the Northside **#ERINSNYDERgsd**





NEIGHBORHOOD HERO NANCY LAURENCO



Every neighborhood has that one home where the kitchen is a magnet for all the neighbors. This is Nancy's kitchen.

She is a skilled chef and baker who shares her talent in the kitchen with her neighbors.



Nancy believes in "paying it forward". She has been known to prepare and deliver meals for her elderly neighbors and is a frequent volunteers at local community kitchens for those in need. Julia Child would be proud....!



NEIGHBORHOOD HERO THIS RECOGNITION GOES TO ...



Beth O'Leary

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 VIVIAN STANCIL

Vivian Stancil may be best known as a multi-gold medal senior Olympian, but there is much more to what Vivian and her husband do to promote strong, local neighborhoods. First as a member of the Commission on Disabilities, and now as a member of the **Human Relations Commission** she is actively engaged on educating city staff and elected officials to learn first hand how they can help local neighborhoods. She organizes a weekly food drive, ran the Eastside Ice Cream Social, and started the free **Drown Proof Swimming Clinic** this past April. Vivian does not believe in problems without solutions. She founded the **Eastside Neighborhood Group** to focus on issues important to her neighbors. She is a model neighbor for our Eastside !





JACK B. CLARKE SR. | GOOD NEIGHBOR FRANCES BORELLA

Frances is a resident of the University Neighborhood. She teaches anthropology at Mt San Antonio College, is a gourmet bread and cake baker and a devoted gardener. For over 10 years, she has hosted a free vegetable table at each harvest. All donations go back to support the Native American Student organization at the college. Frances and her husband also raise food for local wildlife, conduct bird surveys, and provide housing for students in need on their property. Their garden feeds over 20 families each Summer based on their guest book data.

This is an example of what an "agri-hood" can be like in Riverside







JACK B. CLARKE SR. | GOOD NEIGHBOR ROSE MAYES



Rose has committed the past 28 years as a community advocate with the **Riverside County Fair Housing Council**. This is just her day job.

Rose is a Riverside inspiration, a role model for us all to follow. She is affiliated with the : Riverside African American Historical Society, the Group-Riverside, Eleanor Jean Grier Leadership Academy and countless regional boards and commissions

One of Rose's life long goals was to bring a Civil Rights Institute to Riverside. She is now closing in on that goal with The Civil Rights Institute of Inland Southern California. www.inlandcivilrights.org

The project will also provide 72 units of **affordable urban workforce housing** and a new home for the offices of the for Fair Housing Council of Riverside County. The facility will house small conferences, public programming and performances, children's programs and community meeting space.



JACK B. CLARKE SR. | GOOD NEIGHBOR DICK & DONNA WING



Dick Wing is a retired Emeritus Professor of Chemistry at UCR and Donna is a retired RN. They are an inseparable team in the Downtown neighborhood and longtime members of DANA. Dick also serves on the board of the **Riverside Dickens Festival**. Their biggest contribution to Downtown and Riverside is **Project Food / Riverside Free Clinic** at the First Congregational Church.

Starting in 1984 **Project Food** offered hot meals for the homeless and a children's program. In 2004, they began offering basic medical services and in 2008 the **Riverside Free Clinic** was opened in partnership with UCR. In 2010 dental services began with Western School of Dentistry, mental health services with University of Redlands & County Mental Health, and a partnership with the RCC College of Nursing.



JACK B. CLARKE SR. | GOOD NEIGHBOR JASON HUNTER



Activist Jason Hunter, worked for the City of Riverside as a Utilities Resource Principle Analyst.

Since his departure from RPU, he has been a tireless advocate / critic of the City of Riverside as it relates to the management of the Riverside Public Utility and our City financial policies and governance.

Whether you agree with Jason or not, he is creating a conversation with neighbors on issues vital to our community.

Jason currently serves on the NOWS Riverside Board and is a member of the RPU AG Water Rate Task force committee



JACK B CLARKE SR. | GOOD NEIGHBOR RECOGNITION GOES TO ...



FRANCES BORELLA

THANK YOU TO OUR RNP & N.E.D.TEAM FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK & LEADERSHIP FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOODS THIS PAST YEAR



2018 RNP Board

N.E.D. Team

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



WE SALUTE YOU...!