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President's Message

Welcome to MARCH! And the GOOD NEWS is....Norco is Marching on to SILVERLAKES! R.J. Brandes said the work shall begin. Thanks to Norco's City Manager and Financial Wizard, Andy Okoro, Council members, and all Norconians who continued to have faith in and patience waiting for all the necessary details to come together. Marching on.....**No General Meeting this month.** We are all invited to attend **THE STATE OF THE CITY** address by our MAYOR, HERB HIGGINS....hosted by the Norco Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center (NACC) , Thursday, March 26 Nellie Weaver Hall, 7:00 p.m. presentation.

More good news for the environment...Waste Management has provided Free Battery Collection for Norco Residents @ 2 locations. Parks & Rec Department @ City Hall and the Rose Eldridge Senior Center. We all should know, by this time, you may NOT dispose of batteries in the trash. I have a box of old batteries I have been saving for years...so I am very pleased to know I can now get rid of them responsibly.

Some sad news.....Again, we have lost another old friend. Roy Fleeger, founding member and past Treasurer of RURAL, passed away in Colorado. Laura phoned to let us know. Even though they had moved their horses to the wide open space....their hearts were always with Norco....and kept in touch via the RURAL Newsletter. Disquieting news is that mail theft continues to be a problem. Lt. Briddick passed out Information flyers about the problem at the last City Council meeting. He encouraged the use of a locked mailbox. If you believe you know someone committing mail theft and are concerned about your safety, contact "WeTip" 800-782-7463. Encouraging News from Lt. Briddick is that the NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH program is officially being reorganized.....So we can reconnect with old and new neighbours....and help keep our immediate "Niche in Norco" and "Acres of Neighbors" safer. I shall have more specific information next Newsletter.

See you at Nellie Weaver Hall for our Mayor Higgins's State of the City Address.

Pat Overstreet. 951-734-5081

NEXT MEETINGS

MARCH 26, 2015  
**NO MEETING**  
ATTEND STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

APRIL 23, 2015  
**NO MEETING**

MAY 21, 2015

JUNE 25, 2015

# March 2015

## RURAL General Membership Minutes February 26, 2015

**Call to Order:** 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order and a welcome was given by President Pat Overstreet.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Vice Pres. Kathy Kramer

**Minutes:** Approved as read

**Treasurers Report:** Denise Sutherland, Treas. \$5873.84 in General Fund as of 02/28/15.

### **Old Business:**

- Memory books featuring chronological events of Norco's 50th Birthday celebration are still available for \$5.00 (proceeds go towards the Veterans' Memorial).

### **New Business:**

- Horseweek and Fair Committees are busy planning upcoming events and are always looking for helpful volunteers.
- Ranch Tour May 9th!
- State of the CITY by Mayor Herb Higgins. Thursday March 26, at 7:00 pm in Nellie Weaver Hall.

### **(NO MARCH RURAL GENERAL MEETING!)**

- FYI Historical Preservation Commission has selected a curator for Norco's historical papers, photos, artifacts, etc. Ms. Theresa Hanley. (She will be looking for volunteers to help with what shall become our very own museum.)
  - 2' x 2' (Memory book size) Time capsule honoring 50 years of Norco to be buried in May 2015 and resurrected fifty years from now. Location and more information to come.
- MANY MORE ACTIVITIES ARE HAPPENING; GET MORE INFORMATION THROUGH THE VARIOUS NORCO WEBSITES.

**Remember: Volunteers are always appreciated!**

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Mayor Pro-Tem Kevin Bash

Discussed was:

- The ongoing attempts to get the State Historic Preservation Officer Wayne Donaldson to acknowledge the Norconian Hotel as a Historic Site. Councilman Bash has been working non-stop to have this completed as soon as possible.
- Solar panels that the Navy wants to put on 18.5 acres on the east side of the Naval base. Concerns range from hazards to birds who will mistake these panels as being water (plus they would be located close to the Norconian Lake itself]. The view from the various neighbors' homes nearby is also a concern. The final truth is, it is Navy property and they can do whatever they want.
- Silverlakes in now funded! The bonds expect a 12% return. Look for changes soon on these 122 acres!
- Website for Norco: You can get all the latest information, via e-mail updates regarding the City and its functions.
- Not enough revenue from the 7000 rooftops in Norco to sustain our lifestyle [trails; parks; etc.] We need more economic growth or alternatives will be considered. Attend the council meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month to hear the proposals. Infrastructure is the biggest need, which includes the new (cheaper) vinyl fencing to start replacing the old wood deteriorating trail fencing.
- Film festival Sat. 2/28/15 at the Norco H.S. auditorium.
- Former Wylie Labs' property now owned by Lansing Company is still trying to decide on it's use.
- Code Enforcement becoming more aggressive in compliance throughout the City.
- Revamping City Hall's building permit department to be more attentive to the citizens.
- Discussed: Committees that Councilman Bash serve:
  - Corona Regional Center Hospital, Councilman Bash is an active member of that committee and they are badly in need of a stroke center to serve this part of the Inland Valley area. A closest stroke center is at USC or in Irvine.
  - Norco High School, the dilemma is: swimming pool or skate park?
  - Advisory Council for Eagle Scouts
  - State Recreation Advisory Committee

**50/50:** Pat Overstreet won \$11.00 (donated it back to RURAL)

**Next meeting:** April 23rd, 7 pm Sixth Street Deli




**Adjourned:** 8:05 pm

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Doris Higgins, Secretary

**(Please understand, this is only a BRIEF recap of the meeting. So try to attend in order to get the full focus and extent of our knowledgeable speakers).**

# March 2015

THE NORCO AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE ANNUAL



# State *of the* City Address

**"The Past, the Present, and Meeting the Challenges of the Future"**  
The Honorable Herb Higgins, Mayor of the City of Norco

## and Taste of Norco


Sample food from Norco-based and Chamber-member restaurants  
More information: [www.NorcoAreaChamber.org](http://www.NorcoAreaChamber.org)

**Thursday, March 26, 2015**  
5:30 p.m. Check-In/Taste of Norco  
7:00 p.m. Presentation

**Nellie Weaver Hall**  
George Ingalls Equestrian Event Center  
3737 Crestview Dr. (at Sixth St.), Norco

ALL NORCO AREA BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS  
ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

ADMISSION IS FREE  
TASTE OF NORCO: \$10.00



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# March 2015

## Bunny Hop and Easter Egg Hunt

Easter is just around the corner! Come join in the hunt for Easter eggs and Easter goodies!

The City of Norco Department of Parks, Recreation Community Services is hosting the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, held on Saturday, April 4, 2015 at Wayne Makin Sports Complex, at 3364 Western Ave., Norco.

The egg hunt will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m.

This event is free to the community and serves children between the ages of one and twelve.

At this "Hopping" event, each child will have the opportunity to hunt for prize filled eggs and candy bags. During the egg hunt, each child will be able to search for the "Golden Egg" for a grand prize Easter basket for their age group. The event will also include pet adoptions, games, crafts, the bunny hop and pictures with the Easter Bunny. This is a wonderful family event which creates a sense of community in a safe and wholesome environment.

Don't forget to bring your own basket!

For more information regarding this event, please call (951)272-1619 or visit [www.norco.ca.us](http://www.norco.ca.us)



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### RURAL Membership Application

Please cut out and return with \$25.00 check for an Annual Family Membership

Mail to: 2834 Hamner Ave #510, Norco CA 92860

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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# March 2015

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**March 2015**



March 26, 2015

**NO MEETING!**

ATTEND MAYOR HIGGINS'  
THE STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS  
AT NELLIE WEAVER HALL 7PM



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