



Riverside's Civil Rights Stories

Dramatic self-guided driving tour:
Lowell School Fire, Civil Rights Pioneers at Evergreen Cemetery, Homegrown Heroes
and conversation at the Civil Rights Institute
Saturday, April 5
10 AM

The **inVISIBLE/unHEARD** project focuses on the journey from invisibility to visibility for those who have suffered racism and other forms of discrimination. **inVISIBLE/unHEARD takes you on a tour** of a portion of Riverside's role in this global conversation through **3 stops and a discussion session. Appropriate for ages 10 & up.**

How it works:
Register free online:
<https://tinyurl.com/inVISIBLE-unHEARD>.

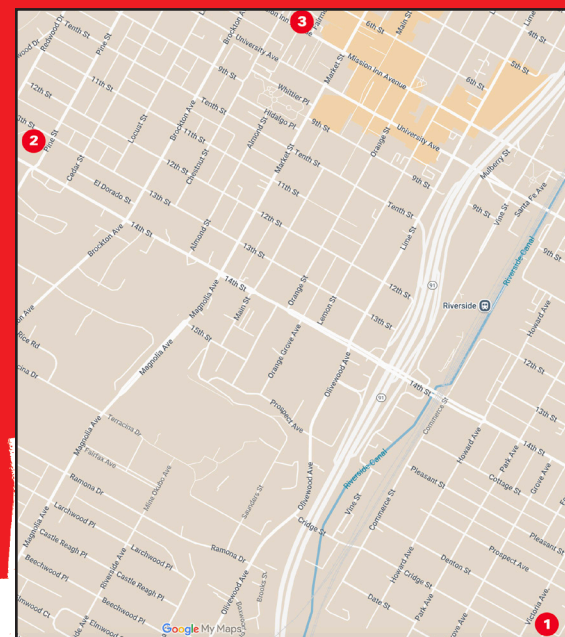
JOIN the group **April 5th at 10 AM at Victoria Avenue and Cridge Street**

Follow us to the tour stops.

Racism and discrimination erect barriers to fulfillment of potential for many people. The impact of those aggressions often manifests as a sense of invisibility. This project explores moments in local history that contributed to moving from invisibility to visibility, from being unheard to being heard.



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1. Tour Stop #1: "Unbroken Spirit: The Aftermath of the Lowell School Fire" 10-10:35 AM Cridge St. and Victoria Ave.

Set against the historical backdrop of Riverside's Eastside neighborhood, the presentation will take place at the location where Lowell Elementary School once stood, now JE Wall Manor Senior Apartments (4660 Victoria Avenue). Through song, dance, storytelling, and historical reflections, the audience will witness the events surrounding the burning of Lowell Elementary School on September 7, 1965, a pivotal moment in Riverside's civil rights struggle. This powerful presentation honors the resilience and determination of the Eastside community, who, despite adversity, ignited a movement to desegregate Riverside's schools.

Army deserter and decorated Union soldier. Hear also John W. North, an abolitionist who established the City of Riverside, and Lucy Vaughn, a formerly enslaved Black woman.

3. "Tour Stop #3 "To Thrive is to Understand" 11:45 AM-12:45 PM Civil Rights Institute of Inland Southern California 3933 Mission Inn Ave.

Take part in an intergenerational conversation that reflects on the experience of the In/VISIBLE, un/HEARD locations and the concept of exploring to connect. Build and know roots as well as branch out. Includes a look at the *Homegrown Heroes* exhibition and a deeper conversation.

In/VISIBLE, Un/HEARD: Riverside's Civil Rights Stories 2025 was organized by the following: Empower You Edutainment, Evergreen Memorial Historic Cemetery, Civil Rights Institute of Inland Southern California, Museum of Riverside, Inland Institute, Center for Social Justice & Civil Liberties



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