

Notes from Geospatial/GIS Meetup November 12, 2024

Zoom

Attendees: Janet Reyes, facilitator

Via Zoom: Christina Gonzalez, IPHONE, Jasmin Young, Luis Barrios, Lynn Sweet, Mike Cohen, Ray Uzwyszyn, Satoru Hiramatsu

Announcements

This meeting was recorded; video is available [here](#). The passcode to view is \$T7Im*4a

November is the month for [GIS Day](#) events!

- [Riverside County](#) is holding an in-person GIS Day event on Monday, November 18 from 9-12 at the County Administrative Center on Lemon Street. Two UCR affiliates will be among the presenters.
- The [City of Riverside](#) is holding its GIS Day observance on Tuesday, November 19 from 10:30 am - 3:30 pm at City Hall. Mike Cohen, who does GIS support work for the Botanic Gardens and the Herbarium, will give a drone demonstration.
- The fifth annual [UC GIS Week](#) is coming November 19-21! Your free registration provides access to any of the virtual presentations, lightning talks, or workshops offered over the 3-day period by UC affiliates and alumni, including two UCR affiliates. Programming is in one-hour blocks at 10:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 3:00 pm each day.
 - Along with UC GIS Week, all are invited to participate in a [mapathon](#) at your leisure throughout the week. You are also welcome to view the content of the UC GIS [virtual gallery](#).
- Esri's Joseph Kerski will be presenting a fun and informative [webcast for GIS Day](#) on November 19 at 3:00 pm.

The **IE GIS User Group** will be holding their [year-end meeting](#) on December 3 at Esri headquarters in Redlands from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm.

December 6 is the deadline for this year's [ArcGIS StoryMaps Competition](#), with the theme of "Storytelling for a Better World." [Guidelines](#) for entering the competition are provided.

The American Geophysical Union ([AGU](#)) annual meeting will be in Washington, DC on December 9-13.

Shared links

When does a visualization qualify as a "map?"

<https://blogs.loc.gov/maps/2024/11/is-it-a-map-unusual-graphics-in-the-geography-and-map-division/>

Discussion

Unfortunately, our scheduled presenter missed this meetup.

Janet is considering changing the format of at least some of the meetups. For instance, there could be one every once in a while that is research focused, with UCR researchers briefly sharing what their work entails. Others could be themed for instruction, or for students (especially relating to careers), or for staff interests or needs surrounding GIS.

Janet will probably send out a survey to members of our geospatial community for their opinions on these ideas. The meetup format has evolved in the past. Because in-person attendance has diminished a great deal, Janet is considering holding future meetups on Zoom only.

Mike noted that the meetups have had a lot of remarkable speakers, and the announcement links that Janet shares during the meetups have been timely and helpful.