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## Town of Apple Valley, California Reliable. Stable. Local. Apple Valley Should Control its Own WATER FUTURE

Have you heard of the Carlyle Group, Carlyle Infrastructure, Western Water or Park Water Company? These are the companies – all part of the Carlyle family – that control our water. And none of them are local. Worse yet, Carlyle Infrastructure has indicated that Park Water – including the Apple Valley Ranchos Water Company (AVR) – is for sale. They announced they have a tentative buyer – a Canadian company!

Absentee ownership, which takes nearly nine percent of our water rates out of our community as corporate profits, means rising costs to all ratepayers. This is unacceptable.

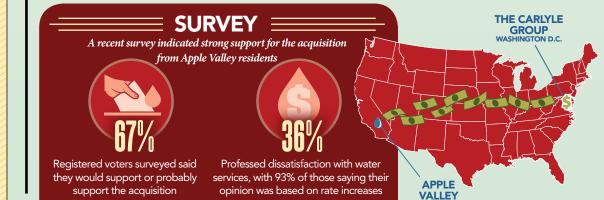
For too long, residents of Apple Valley have had little to no say about our own water; it's time to gain local control so that a far-off corporation isn't making important decisions for our future. That's why the Town should buy Apple Valley Ranchos Water Company.

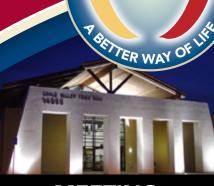
A sale such as the one proposed by Carlyle Infrastructure will take time and require significant regulatory approval in both California and Montana. This gives the Town the opportunity to attempt to acquire AVR. A successful acquisition would allow the community to control its destiny through local control of the Town's water resources, system and rates, which would benefit everyone who lives here.

With Apple Valley ownership, costs would be reduced, thus minimizing rate increases. Also important, community members would be involved and able to voice their opinions on water company affairs. All records – including ratemaking details – are open to the public, bringing transparency and accountability, something a privately-owned company does not provide.

A recent survey indicates that Apple Valley residents already understand the benefits to local ownership and that the majority are supportive.

The Town of Apple Valley's mission is to provide a better way of life through local control of public safety, development, services and amenities; enhancing our residents' lives and providing for our community's future. Acquisition of AVR is key to fulfilling that mission.





## MEETING CALENDAR

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings take place in the Council Chambers at 14955 Dale Evans Parkway

TOWN COUNCIL 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 6 p.m.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION 1st Thursday of alternate months at 6 p.m.

EQUESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2nd Wednesday of alternate months at 7 p.m.

HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

3rd Thursday of alternate months at 2 p.m.

#### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Every Saturday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hazardous Waste Collection Center 13450 Nomwaket Road Information: (760) 240-7000 x7522

**DISASTER COUNCIL** 

Tuesday, January 13, 1:30 p.m. Apple Valley Fire Station #336 19235 Yucca Loma Road



## NEW CELL TOWER

AT&T cellular customers near Town Hall should see an improvement in reception when a new cell tower is completed between Town Hall and the Police Station. Doubling as an attractive clock tower, AT&T paid for all construction costs of the 55-ft tower.

The company will pay a monthly lease of \$2,200 for the first year, with payments increasing by 3% annually for the next 25 years. The tower will carry AT&T service at first, but has room for two more providers, which, if added, would provide additional revenue. The clock tower will provide an attractive way to improve coverage for increasing wireless service demand.

## HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The Town of Apple Valley will be closed for the following holidays:

December 24 to January 2 Winter closure for Christmas and New Year

**January 19** Martin Luther King Jr. Day

> **February 16** President's Day



Copies of the 2015 Community Calendar are still available, packed with monthly tips to help you lead a healthier life. The full-color publication features photographs taken by Apple Valley residents, volunteers and employees. The calendar includes listings of Council and Commission meetings, special events, Town Hall closures and a two-page Town services guide that will make this a resource you won't want to be without. We are grateful to St. Joseph Health, St. Mary for their support that allowed us to distribute the calendars for free. For a list of contest winners visit www.GreenAppleValley.org.

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## LIFESTREAM BLOOD DRIVES Scheduled for 2015

It is easy to save a life and only takes a few minutes when you participate in a LifeStream Blood Drive. The Town of Apple Valley has scheduled five bi-monthly events this year for our residents and neighbors to come by and give the gift of life.

Healthy individuals at least 15 years of age may donate blood. Those 15 and 16 years of age must provide LifeStream with written parental consent. Parent consent forms are available at any donor center or community blood drive. All prospective donors should be free of infections or illness, weigh at least 110 pounds, and not be at risk for AIDS or hepatitis. Donors receive a free mini-physical as part of the donation process. Donating blood takes about an hour, yet gives someone a lifetime.

Walk-ins are welcome. For appointments or more information call 1-800-TRY-GIVING or visit www.Lstream.org.

## Blood Drive 2015 SCHEDULE

Apple Valley Conference Center 14975 Dale Evans Parkway 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

March 17

May 19

July 21

September 15 November 17

## VETERANS' AID & ATTENDANCE PENSION PROGRAM

## Are You A Veteran Or Surviving Spouse?

The VA designed this program to help Veterans and their surviving spouses receive the financial support necessary to ensure their continuing care in an Assisted Living setting. The Aid and Attendance Pension provides benefits to Veterans and their surviving spouses. The program can provide up to \$1732.00 for a veteran, \$1113.00 per month to a surviving spouse, or \$2054.00 per month to a couple.

Eligibility Requirements

- Veteran must have served at least 90 days of active duty, with a least one day served during a time of war.
- Assets must be less than \$80,000. (Assets do not include your personal residence, car).
- Financial need in general, there must be less income yearly than the cost of care provided.
- Medical diagnosis You must have a medical condition indicating that you are in need of assistance from others in order to live a quality life, including, but not limited to the following:
  - Walking Bathing
  - Dressing Meal Preparation
  - Medication Assistance
  - Getting out of bed

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**Information/Registration:** (760) 240-7880 or www.AVRecreation.org

### SPECIAL APPLES VALENTINE'S DANCE Feb. 14, 6 - 8 p.m.

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Dress in your best evening wear for the Special Apples Valentine's Dance and enjoy an evening of music, socializing, party games and fun in the Apple Valley Conference Center. Refreshments will be served. The Special Apples program is designed for individuals with disabilities. In addition to fun, the program offers opportunities for physical fitness, selfconfidence, cooperation and positive use of leisure time. Check out our recreation guide for additional Special Apples programming. Cost: \$5 per person.

#### THE HEART GAMES

#### Feb. 28, 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Register your team today for a great way to have fun while getting hearthealthy exercise. Teams of 3 to 5 will compete in games that are a cross between The Amazing Race and Minute to Win It events. Compete for prizes in relay races, educational games and more. Cost: \$10 per person.

### SPRING DAY CAMPS

#### March 9 - 13

Spring break doesn't have to be boring! Children ages 5 to 15 can enroll in week-long camps where they will have an amazing opportunity for fun, hands-on learning in the creation of video games and music production! This year's featured classes include Video Game Design Class and Media Arts Camp.

**Cost:** Ranges from \$89 to \$99 per session depending on the camp. **Location:** James Woody Community Center.

#### EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA **AND BUNNY RUN**

#### April 4, 8 a.m. - 12 noon

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Join in good old fashioned fun at James Woody Community Center. The free egg hunt by the Optimist Club starts at 9:30 a.m. sharp, but the fun lasts until noon. Children can play games for prizes, jump in the bounce houses and much more with a \$5 wristband. Check in for the 5/10K Bunny Run starts at 7 a.m. at field 8, off Ottawa and the race starts at 8 a.m. **Cost:** Pre-register by April 2 for \$17 or after for \$20; walkers are free.

### **TEEN ART FESTIVAL** April 25, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Students 13 to 18 are invited to submit their drawing, painting, sculpture, photography or digital art to compete for prizes and trophies. Entry forms and submission guidelines are available at Apple Valley Town Hall, Apple Valley Library or on-line at www.AVRecreation.org. Cost: Free. Entry Deadline: April 6. Location: Apple Valley Library.

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## COME PLA With the Town of Apple Valley **Recreation Department!**

A mobile play van will be at Yucca Loma Park every day from 9 to 10 a.m. during spring break March 9 to 13. Bring the whole family for dancing, parachutes, ball play and more. All participants will receive a healthy snack and water. This activity is free and no registration is required. Apple Valley Recreation is keeping families active during school breaks. Grab a friend and come play.





## LIFEGUARD TRAINING

The knowledge and skills taught in this course will provide everything participants need to keep themselves and others safe in and around water. The course covers rescue skills, CPR/AED, first aid, emergency childbirth, and major trauma emergencies. Successful completion of this course is required for all who seek employment as a lifeguard at the Civic Center Park Aquatic Center. All participants must pass the pre-swim in order to continue the course. The course fee is \$200. Refunds will be given for participants who fail to complete the pre-swim. Two sessions are available: March 7 to 14 and March 21 to 29. Visit our website for times and details.

# What's Really in Your **DRINKING WATER?**

Ever wonder what's in your glass of drinking water at the microscopic level or if it's safe to drink? Find out these answers and more at the ABC's of Water presentation on January 27, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the Mojave Water Agency (MWA) office located at 13846 Conference Center Drive in Apple Valley.

Matt Howard, MWA Senior Water Resources Technician, will provide an overview of the elements found in our local water supply and how MWA meets state and federal safe drinking water regulations. Attendees also tour the mobile testing vehicle, and participate in water sampling tests.

To RSVP, contact Gloria Golike at MWA at (760) 946-7001, or email Gloria at ggolike@mojavewater.org.



Spend your summer by the pool...and get paid for it! The Town of Apple Valley is looking for qualified applicants to hire as lifeguards for the summer. Applicants must be trained and certified by the time of their interview, or provide proof of enrollment in the Lifeguard Training course offered in March. Employment applications will be available at Town Hall the week of March 2. Lifeguard Training registration is open now.



MARCH 9 – 13 9:40 – 10:15 a.m. *or* 10:20 – 10:55 a.m. Cost: \$19.00

## Support Apple Valley Events!

Some people save money. Some people save time. In Apple Valley, thousands of people S.A.V.E. a lot more when they attend, participate in or support Apple Valley events.

"We S.A.V.E. a sense of community," said Steve Orr, Director of Business Development for Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group. HVVMG has been the title sponsor of the Sunset Concert Series for two years. "It's so important to give back to the community we serve," Steve said. "The Town's S.A.V.E. campaign makes it easy to do that while also meeting our corporate goals."

"I save memories," said Sharon Scoyne. Sharon first donated as an individual in memory of her husband, John, who passed away on April 30, 2013 . "We enjoyed coming to these concerts together," she said. She hopes her small donations each year will allow other friends and families to create special memories as well. "I tell all my friends to come to the concerts. We have such a good time."

Contributions from other residents, volunteer organizations and businesses have "S.A.V.E.d" other things like the lives of animals, with donations to our animal shelter; our aquatics program, with donations to our Recreation Department; and our environment, with contributions to our Green Apple program.

What Town program or event would you like to S.A.V.E.? Any contribution will help. With a \$25 donation, you will receive a special recognition of your generosity. For \$250 or more, you will be invited to the end of the season donor appreciation event in August. Checks can be sent to S.A.V.E. Campaign, Town of Apple Valley, 14955 Dale Evans Parkway, Apple Valley, CA 92307. Or you can donate online at www.AppleValleyEvents.org using PayPal or a credit card.

The AVCRF is a not-for-profit public benefit corporation. Check with your tax professional to see what tax benefits you may gain from your contribution. For more information call (760) 240-7000 x 7070, or visit www.AppleValleyEvents.org.

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# 2015 Sunset Theater Production Chosen

It's official! Last summer's live production of The Music Man at the Civic Center amphitheater was such a success that hosting a live theater production will be an annual event.

This year's "Sunset Theater" will feature Shrek The Musical, June 18 to 20. Most of the cast is set already, but auditions will be held April 15 and 17 for fillin roles. Look for announcements on audition details in February. Creative Arts Theater, in conjunction with the Town of Apple Valley and Mr. Richard Rorex, is proud to bring this production to our amphitheater.

Shrek The Musical is based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks film that hit movie theaters in 2001. It features a kingdom in chaos, a grumpy ogre, a feisty princess, a loudmouthed donkey, a gingerbread cookie with an attitude and a villain with a "short" temper. Mix them all up and you get a twisted fairy tale that provides fun for everyone. The Broadway production was nominated for 8 Tony Awards and 11 Drama Desk awards in 2009 and the original London production won a Laurence Olivier Award in 2012.



## EVERYONE CAN Help Clean UP!

Apple Valley Senior Construction Inspector Brett Morgan and his sidekick Ellie volunteered their time to help at Community Clean Up Day. Our next event will be **April 18**. Participants receive a free T-shirt, cleaning supplies and a pizza lunch while supplies last.

Sign up in advance at (760) 240-7000 x7071

Town of Apple Valley Clean Up Day Volunteers, Thank You!

35 tons of trash and 1.5 tons of metal were cleaned up on October 4

Spathi & Benetatos Family • Barragan Family • Dohi Family • Ray Family • Andrew Minder • Nichols Family • Glaza Family • Girl Scout Troop 55 • Church for Whosoever • Girl Scout Troops 173, 251 & 436 • Miniszewski Family • Craig Torrey & Virginia Bourland • Wisotzki Family • Tibbett Family • Yucca Loma School • Cordova Family • Higgs Family • Cub Scout Pack 157& 257 •

Boy Scout Troop 557 • Fogleman Family • Risa Berry & Friends • Hammerston Family • David Limehang • High Desert Magic Apple Valley 4-H • Steve Swift • Clark & Adams Family • Scott

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Knights of Columbus • Ron Venable • Blake Curry • Davis Day Care • Knoles Family • Dean's Consulting Service • Michael Owens •

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Apologies to anyone not mentioned

Our next clean up is 4/18/15



## **GOLF ROUNDS** Increase by 10% in 2014

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2014 was a good year for the Apple Valley Golf Club! Play was up 10% over the past year and the course has never been in better shape. The final touches of the most recent painting project were completed at the end of the year giving the clubhouse a much-needed upgrade to its exterior. The entire outside of the facility was updated with new lighting, a new roof and a new paint and color scheme on the building, doors and windows.

When the colder weather *finally* arrived, the pro shop switched to a 9 a.m. shotgun start as of December 1 and made other adjustments that will continue through spring.

For those hearty individuals who don't mind playing their round of golf in chilly temperatures, the Pneumonia Open is returning to the High Desert. After a 12-year absence, the 2-man, best ball tournament is scheduled to take place on January 3 & 4. Call the pro-shop for details...and don't forget to add golf to those New Year resolutions. The Golf Revolution, our yearly membership program, is a great way to get off that couch and get moving instead of being cooped up all winter long. Gather a foursome for exercise with a side of camaraderie. But, whether you just come in a few times, or take advantage of our money-saving membership, whatever you do...get off that couch!

## **GOT A FUNCTION?**

Winter is a great time to schedule a social function at the clubhouse. There are a variety of spaces available to accommodate small parties of 10 to 15, up to larger parties of 150 to 200. Call the Apple Valley Golf Course to schedule your next event.



## **ROYDALE'S RESTAURANT AND BAR Offers Winter Schedule**

RoyDale's Restaurant will be open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and weekends from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday dinners are offered from 5 to 9 p.m. and the bar is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

Make your reservations now for Valentine's day and enjoy a fourcourse meal paired with one of our signature wines. Reservation times are available for a 5 p.m. or 7:30 seating. Spend Valentine's day with your sweetheart overlooking the course while sitting next to our cozy fireplace. Package includes appetizer, soup or salad, dinner paired with a glass of wine and a dessert to end the night in sweet perfection for only \$100 per couple or \$55 for an individual.







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# Town Code Enforcement and Sheriff's Department Achieve DRANATIC GRAFFITI REDUCTION

Through aggressive enforcement and an automated tracking system, Apple Valley saw a 62% reduction in graffiti from 2011 through 2013. Dropping from 2,914 cases to 1,095 cases, the trend has continued in 2014 with only 890 on the books through the beginning of November. This reduction is attributed partly to an aggressive program of eradication that begins with Code Enforcement officers proactively opening 86% of recent cases prior to receiving a complaint.

Town Code Enforcement and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department have partnered in tracking graffiti throughout Apple Valley. Total Automation Graffiti Removal System (TAGRS), a program shared by both agencies, is used to document cases by recording the location, application method and the cost to clean it up. The information and photos are shared with the SMASH team, an anti-gang unit, and other law enforcement agencies.

When a suspect is arrested, the TAGRS information is used to compile a criminal report. If the suspect is convicted, the District Attorney has an accurate restitution amount for all agencies.

The town's graffiti removal program is offered free to property owners town-wide. The paintmatch program eliminates the eyesore of graffiti and preserves the integrity of existing surfaces. Owners can sign and leave a waiver on file that allows the town's contractor to enter the property. If the property owner prefers not to sign a waiver, the graffiti will be treated as a normal Code Enforcement violation and the owner will be required to remove the graffiti within a specified time frame.

Anyone observing graffiti in progress should immediately call 9-1-1. If possible, provide the San Bernardino County Sheriff's with a description of the participants, vehicle description, if any, and license plate number.

To report graffiti, or any other code violations, call (760) 240-7560, visit www.AVCode.org, or use the "Go Request" app on your iPhone or Android mobile device.



## **UNWANTED ITEMS?**

Code Enforcement provides events to get rid of unwanted items such as old tires, mattresses, appliances, and trash free of charge. Join us for these upcoming events from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.:

TIRE AMNESTY: January 24 at Lions Park NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP: February 21 NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP: March 28

info@applevalley.org | www.AppleValley.org

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## **Contractors Sought for** F RFPA K PRNI

The Town of Apple Valley is seeking licensed and insured contractors with experience in home repair to work in conjunction with our Residential Rehabilitation Loan Program (RRLP).

RRLP provides eligible Apple Valley residents with a 0% interest, deferred loan to repair single-family, owner-occupied homes. Eligible improvements include addressing code violations, painting, roofing, plumbing, heating, cooling, damaged ceilings and walls, as well as other health and safety items. The program can also be used for energy conservation and accessibility improvements. Freestanding appliances, room additions, and luxury items such as patios, pools and spas are not eligible.

Local contractors are encouraged to go through the simple pre-gualification process to be put on the bid list. Contractor requirements include a valid state contractor's license, business license and proof of insurance.

> Interested contractors may call the **Community Development Department** at (760) 240-7000 x 7017 for more information. Applications are available electronically by email to rlafler@applevalley.org or in hard copy at the **Development Services Building**, 14975 Dale Evans Parkway in Apple Valley.

SAVE THE DATE Fur Ball - March 28, 2015

Western Benefit For The Animals





## **RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL • MOBILE HOMES**





## **NAYOR'S YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT** Local Teens get Behind the Scenes Look at Local Government



Andrew Banks (right) played the role of Town Manager and Cameron DeLand (second from right), a council member. Both are from Granite Hills High School.

Should Apple Valley spend money to attract a hotel chain to our town? Should the town pay for spay/neuter procedures for pets of seniors? Should the Recreation Department buy a new Wii Sports system to attract more teens to their facility? These are some of the issues 35 local teens debated at the town's inaugural Mayor's Youth Leadership Summit in November.

Juniors and seniors from five Apple Valley high schools were invited to participate in the all-day event that included a town tour, presentations from department managers, lunch with the mayor, as well as information on volunteer and internship opportunities. The day culminated with a mock town council meeting where the students deliberated on how they should spend \$1,000.

The town anticipates making the youth summit an annual event.

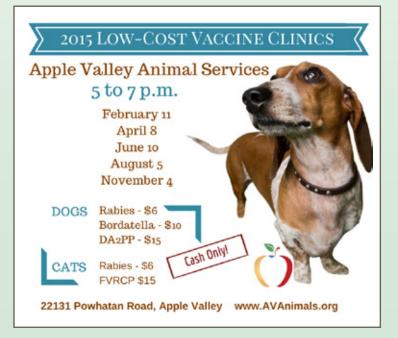


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### HOW TO REACH US (All numbers 760)

Emergencies	
Police (business calls)	240-7400
Police dispatch after hours	245-4211
Town dispatch after hours	961-6001
Town Hall	240-7000

### DEPARTMENT EXTENSIONS Dial (760) 240-7000 Plus:

x7555
x7014
x7900
x7013
x7000
x7600
x7200
x7074
x7500
x7800
x7051
x7522

### OTHER TOWN DEPARTMENTS & SERVICES (Dial Direct)

Code Enforcement	240-7560
Parks & Recreation	240-7880
Trash (Burrtec)	245-8607
Emergency Preparedness	247-7618

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## BUS SHELTERS Offer Advertising Exposure

The Town has installed two new bus shelters in the Jess Ranch Marketplace area. In addition to providing shade and convenience to shoppers who travel to and from the area by bus, the shelters now offer an advertising opportunity.

These shelters, along with eight other existing shelters in town, have been modified with two panels that can hold advertising or other information. With an estimated 340,000 bus riders in Apple Valley annually, and high vehicle traffic, the new panels are sure to get lots of exposure. Call (760) 240-7000 x7522 or email AVAds@AppleValley.org for information on Apple Valley bus shelter advertising.