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Offering “A Better Way to Live and Play” in Apple Valley

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The Town of Apple Valley Parks and Recreation Department offers an amazing variety of programs for all ages. In 2010 alone, we processed 13,621 program registrations! From after school programs and adult softball, to hip hop and healthy cooking classes, from winery tours to water aerobics – we truly offer something for everyone.

We also provide places for creating your own recreation experience. With 198 acres of parks, you can get away from the distractions of everyday life with family barbeques, playing ball on our fields or just taking a stroll.

Civic Center Park, our premier event park, is now home to the newest and largest playground in the High Desert. The playground opened in February and has separate structures for toddlers and older kids, swings, climbing walls, rope amenities and so much more. With a capacity of over 200 kids, the playground adds an active play area to our premiere park. The next few months will see the installation of a permanent restroom, additional benches and picnic tables as well as a dog park. All of this should be done by the time the Sunset Concert Series starts up again in June.

Improvements are also happening at James Woody

Park. The outdated cinderblock dugouts on our ball fields have been replaced with cleaner, safer chainlink, just in time for the start of Little League. Additionally, an extension and renovation to the 3-Diamond Skate Park is underway. When completed, the new facility will be able to accommodate BMX bikes, as well as skateboards and skates, to become a complete action sport facility. Watch for information about a grand re-opening in April.

The Town is also nearing completion of an update to its Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This strategic document will help us determine our parks and facilities needs for the next twenty years, including where they are needed and how we can get them done. Over the last year, we have solicited input from the community through our website, at special events, and at public workshops. Soon, we will be conducting a phone survey. If you get a call, please take a minute to answer the questions. Your input is important to us and will ensure that we can continue to offer “A Better Way to Live and Play” in Apple Valley. Visit www.AVRecreation.org for more information. ○





MEETING CALENDAR

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

TOWN COUNCIL

2nd & 4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION

1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6 p.m.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

1st Thursday of alternate months, 6 p.m.

EQUESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2nd Wednesday of alternate months, 7 p.m.

HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

3rd Thursday of alternate months, 2:00 p.m.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

*Every Saturday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Public Works Yard
22411 Highway 18
Information: 240-7000 x 7522*

DISASTER COUNCIL

*Tuesday, April 12, 1:30 p.m.
Fire Station #336
19235 Yucca Loma Road
Information (760) 247-7618*

Tap into local government from your smart phone


Potholes that need filling, barking dogs that need quieting, and graffiti that needs removing can now be reported using Android smart phones with the launch of the Town of Apple Valley "GO Request" application.



Android smart phone users simply open the app, select an issue, and take a picture – when you tap the send button, your Android smart phone application sends a photo and the precise location directly to the right person who can easily find and fix the issue. You can now truly connect with someone who can help – on the go and around the clock – all from your phone. The Android smart phone application follows last year's release of our iPhone app.


The GPS and camera features built into the Android smart phones make it simple for you to alert Apple Valley officials about a variety of issues while you're mobile. You'll know that your issue went to the right person, and you can also receive status updates on your issues.

Download the free Android smart phone application by searching for GORquest in the Market.

The Android app is the latest enhancement to Apple Valley's citizen relationship management (CRM) solution from Government Outreach, Inc. Apple Valley already uses the GORquest iPhone app and has made the CRM system available for Black Berry and Palm as well. 

Who ya gonna call?


Got a problem in your neighborhood? Code Enforcement not only enforces regulations, but cleans up graffiti, and removes abandoned dump sites, illegal signage and road hazards. They inspect rental properties and secure investigation sites. In 2010 Code Enforcement opened over 6,500 cases and cleaned up over 162,000 pounds of trash from fields, yards and along our roadways.

Grant-funded community collection events brought in 74 mattresses, 58 appliances, and 5,653 tires, which otherwise may have been abandoned in our desert. Free to all property owners, our Graffiti Abatement is one of the best and our contractor expertly color matches all surfaces. The Code Enforcement staff takes great pride in their job; they are essentially the cleaning crew for our community. Next time you see something unsightly on your street, or have something you need to get rid of, give them a call at (760) 240-7560 or use the "Let us know" feature on the Town's website at www.AppleValley.org. 

Learn your ABC's . . . of water

Tuesday, March 22, 5:30 to 7 p.m. This month's topic is "Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation and emergency response". Hear more about the recent storm damage to VVWRA from General Manager Logan Olds. He'll discuss the rapid response conducted to contain the spill, and their plans to alleviate and prevent this problem in the future. The free talk takes place at Mojave Water Agency, 22450 Headquarters Drive in Apple Valley. RSVP by March 21: Gloria Golike at (760) 946-7001 or email ggolike@mojavewater.org.



Free water tour, Wednesday, May 4, 8a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mojave Water Agency (MWA) is giving a free mini tour including lunch. Visit two field sites and get a first-hand perspective of facility operations and the role MWA plays in maintaining the economic vitality of our region. Information and RSVP by April 20: Gloria Golike at (760) 946-7001 or email ggolike@mojavewater.org. 

A Better Way of Life

Green Apple Events: (760) 240-7560 www.AVCode.org

Tire Amnesty Day, Saturday April 23, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Residents of Apple Valley can turn in tires free of charge. Passenger car and light truck tires without rims are accepted and proof of address must be provided. The event is sponsored by the Town of Apple Valley and Burrtec Waste.

Community Clean Up Day, Saturday, April 9, 8 a.m. to noon: Take pride in our community by volunteering to clean up our streets and fields. Community service organizations, schools, churches, clubs and individual volunteers are invited. Teams are provided with trash bags and gloves and assigned an area to clean. In return, get free event t-shirts and lunch while supplies last! Volunteers must sign up in advance to get supplies, assignments and fill out a liability waiver.

Also from 9 a.m. to noon household items may be dropped off free of charge at the collection bins on the corner of Navajo and Pahute. No hazardous materials or tires will be accepted. Our

Clean Up Days are made possible with the help of Burrtec, Sparkletts and Keep America Beautiful. Information: (760) 240-7000 x 7071 or email events@applevalley.org.



Shred Fest, Saturday,

May 7, 8 a.m. to 12 noon: Free shredding services will be available on-site for High Desert residents at the Victor Valley Materials Recovery Facility Recycling Center, 17000 Abbey Lane in Victorville. Limit four boxes. You can also redeem CRV bottles and cans for cash and drop off old TVs, computers and appliances for free. Information: (760) 955-8615.



Grab that bag!

Single-use plastic bags are becoming a thing of the past. In an effort to put a stop to plastic pollution, the San Bernardino Zero Waste Communities (ZWC) is launching a Reusable Bag Campaign to encourage residents to stop single plastic bag use and grab a reusable bag instead.

Using a reusable bag greatly reduces unwanted waste in landfills and pollution in our cities. So why do people continue to use these single-use plastic bags if they harm our environment? ZWC survey results across the County indicated two main obstacles; forgetting to bring reusable bags, and leaving reusable bags in the car at the grocery store.

To help alleviate these obstacles and to encourage reusable bag use, ZWC partnered with several grocery stores to implement the

Reusable Bag Campaign. These stores will remind customers to use reusable bags and applaud the ones that do. Signs in the parking lots will remind residents to grab their bag before leaving their car. School presentations and other outreach efforts will help spread the word to all family members.

While Apple Valley doesn't have one of the grocery store pilot programs yet, the campaign still serves as a good reminder to pass on the plastic. Don't use them at the grocery store, and don't dispose of them in your blue recycle cans.

The Zero Waste Communities of San Bernardino County is made up of 16 cities and the County of San Bernardino, including Apple Valley. They have partnered to educate their residents and businesses on waste reduction, reuse, and recycling. Reducing waste helps save valuable resources and decrease disposal at our landfills, ensuring a better quality of life. For more information visit: www.zerowastecommunities.org.



GREEN APPLE TIP Have an old TV to get rid of? How about paint, pesticides, medical sharps or motor oil? You can do it all free of charge every Saturday at the Household Hazardous Waste drop off from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Public Works Yard, 22411 South Outer Highway 18 at Tonikan, just west of Central Road.



Recreation Events:

(760) 240-7880 or www.AVRecreation.org



Horsemen's Center Overnight Adventure, Friday, April 15, noon:

Don't miss this event at beautiful Horsemen's Center. Enjoy storytelling and s'mores around the campfire, volleyball, a scavenger hunt, relays, games, a full dinner and breakfast for just \$9 per person; 5 and under are free. Pre-register by March 25. Minimum of 20 paid participants for the event to be hosted.

Youth Track Meet, Saturday, April 16, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.: This free meet for boys and girls born between 1997-2002 is at the Apple Valley High School Newton T. Bass Stadium. Pre-register by April 6 to participate in a variety of track and field events. Information: (760) 240-7880.

Bunny Run and Eggstravaganza, Saturday, April 23:

Join in good old fashioned fun like face painting, relay races and concessions at James Woody Community Center. The free egg hunt by the Optimist Club starts at 9 a.m. sharp, but fun lasts until noon. Children can play games for prizes, jump in the bounce houses and much more with a \$5 wrist band. Check in for the 5/10K Bunny Run starts at 7 a.m. and the race starts at 8 a.m. Pre-register by April 21 for \$15 or after for \$18; walkers are free.



Mother's Day Luncheon, Saturday, May 7, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.:

Mothers and daughters - enjoy a special day with each other. Let the recreation staff serve you lunch while you create a special craft and participate in some mother/daughter activities. Held at the James Woody Community Center the cost is just \$5 each. RSVP by Monday, May 2.

Movies in the Park, May 13: Alice in Wonderland starring Johnny Depp will be featured on the big screen at beautiful Horseman's Center starting at dusk. Bring outdoor games and blankets for family activities until the movie begins. Admission is free and affordable concessions are available. This event is subject to weather.

Community Health Fair, Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.:

Learn tools and tips to improve your life. Take part in health screenings, cooking demonstrations, education, resources and more for all ages and abilities at the James Woody Community Auditorium. Shine a spotlight on your business and become a vendor. ●

Special Events:

(760) 240-7000 x7071 or www.AppleValleyEvents.org

Equine Trail Ride, Sunday, April 10, riding out at 9 a.m.: High Desert horse owners are invited to join the Town of Apple Valley Equestrian Advisory Committee at Lion's Park on South Outer Highway 18 between Dale Evans and Flathead. The ride will be limited to 30 experienced riders and horses, is subject to the weather, and all riders must sign a liability form. RSVP to Sherry Regner at (760) 240-6239.

Kid's Safety Fair and Bicycle Rodeo,

Saturday, April 30, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Kids in kindergarten through fifth grade can meet police and firefighters, get fingerprinted and pick up safety information along the way. Bring your bikes for a safety check and bike course. This event is sponsored by the Apple Valley Rotary Club and Apple Valley Police Activities League.



Concerts in the Courtyard, every Thursday in May: Connect with friends, family and neighbors for four free nights of great music featuring a variety of styles from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at The Courtyard of Apple Valley Commons at the northeast corner of Highway 18



and Dale Evans Pkwy. This event is made possible through the generosity of Apple Valley Commons and Lewis Retail Centers and is hosted by the Town of Apple Valley.

Blood Drives: LifeStream and the Town of Apple Valley invite all healthy individuals to give the gift of life the first Thursday of every other month including May 4, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Town of Apple Valley Conference Center, 14975 Dale Evans Parkway. For every lifesaving donation, participants receive points as part of the "Gift of Life" Donor Loyalty Program, complimentary cookies, juice and more! For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit www.LStream.org or call LifeStream at (800) 879-4484. Donating blood takes about an hour, yet gives someone a lifetime.

National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 5, Noon: Join together in fellowship and praise under the flag pole between Town Hall and the Library, 14955 Dale Evans Parkway.

Rockin' Flea Market, Saturday, May 7, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Join us at the first Flea Market of the year at Lion's Park. Enjoy live music while shopping for deals on exclusive items from new to used, antique to the plain unique! Come by early for the best selection on furniture, clothing, music, apparel and more. Admission is free and the treasures are priceless! ●

A Better Way of Life

Apple Valley sees results with RDA

Apple Valley Commons. Jess Ranch Marketplace. Walmart Distribution Center. More than 5,600 jobs. These are just a few of the outcomes from the effective administration of Redevelopment Agency (RDA) dollars in the Town of Apple Valley.

The State of California is threatening to dissolve RDAs across the board. However, in a report presented to the California Redevelopment Association, it is clear we have made wise use of this important resource. In addition, a number of critical projects would be brought to a screeching halt should the ill-advised proposal come to pass.

From 2004 through today, the Town has invested \$55 million of RDA funds, which in turn has generated \$394 million in project expenditures through our development partners, and an economic impact of \$739 million. This means each \$1 million invested has resulted in a \$13.4 million economic impact. The Town can also attribute more than 5,600 jobs to our RDA investments – a figure that translates to only \$9,749 per job created.

The largest project, providing as many as 1,100 jobs, is the Walmart Distribution Center. Built in 2004, it was the first recipient of RDA funds, which were used to help acquire a portion of the property they built on. This investment paved the way for the formation of the 5,100-acre North Apple Valley Industrial Specific Plan, an area expected to provide 38,000 jobs at build-out. Construction of additional backbone infrastructure would already be underway if not for the state raid of almost \$4 million from AVRDA last year, and will be postponed indefinitely should RDAs be eliminated.



Investing locally for the long term: Other RDA projects focused on the installation of backbone infrastructure such as roads, storm drains and traffic signals. RDA dollars assist business development by defraying the overall cost of the project; however, the Town still owns the infrastructure. These public improvements help the community as a whole, providing improved traffic flow, as well as the commercial development that may not have happened otherwise.

The Town was also fortunate to have the opportunity to fund a municipal animal shelter as well as a public works facility (currently under construction) through the redevelopment mechanism. The facilities fall squarely within a redevelopment area. The surrounding light industrial area will be served well with the location of these well-designed municipal buildings. Studies have shown that such uses raise the visibility and property values of surrounding development. ○

Animal Services Events:


Information: (760) 240-7000 x 7555 or www.AVAnimals.org

Give your pets a shot at good health, April 6, 5 to 7 p.m.: All dogs four months of age or older must have their rabies vaccination and a current license in the Town of Apple Valley. You can meet these requirements at this low-cost rabies clinic. Rabies shots are \$6 each (cash only) and will be given at the Town of Apple Valley Animal Shelter, 22131 Powhatan Road, on the corner of Quinnault. Clinics are for Apple Valley residents only. Other vaccinations are available at a reduced price and dog licensing is available the same day.

Classes: Upcoming events include a Basic Animal Emergency Services Class (April 2-3) and a free Pet and Owner ResPAWnsibility class (April 16).

Dining to Donate, Tuesday, April 12, all day: If homeless pets break your heart, but you can't take one home, this is your chance to help! Stop by the shelter and pick up a flyer or print one from www.AVAnimals.org. Bring it to Applebee's during the event and they'll donate 15% of their proceeds to benefit our shelter animals.

Cruisin' Fur Critters Poker Run, Saturday, May 21 at 10 a.m.: Motorcycle road warriors of all makes and models are invited to gather at the new Apple Valley Animal Shelter at 22131 Powhatan Rd. for a chance to win one of two \$100 prizes as well as enjoy live music by Southern Spirit, vendors, bike games, a car show, bike show and more! Pre-register at the shelter or online by April 15 to receive a ride shirt and pin. All proceeds benefit animals in our shelter.

Adopt A Pet! Find your way to the shelter and you just might find a friend for life. From puppies to parrots and lizards to livestock the Animal Shelter has an assortment of animals to choose from. If you're looking for a household pet the adoption fee is \$75 for dogs and \$35 for cats. The adoption fee includes spaying or neutering, checkup by a veterinarian and a sample bag of food. The Town of Apple Valley Animal Shelter is located at 22131 Powhatan Rd. two blocks south of Highway 18 at the corner of Quinnault Rd. Call (760) 2407000 X 7555 or visit www.AVAnimals.org. 



A Better Way of Life

Town offers 0% interest home repair loan

Does your house have repair needs but you're short on cash? Apple Valley homeowners may qualify for a 30-year deferred, 0% interest loan for up to \$20,000 for eligible repairs. Homeowners must be within Town boundaries and must be low- to moderate-income. For example, a household of two is limited to \$41,600 annual gross income (AGI); a household of four is limited to \$52,000 AGI.

Known as the Residential Rehabilitation Loan Program (RRLP), the program provides money to address health, safety and code violation issues, energy conservation, weatherization, accessibility and deferred maintenance. Eligible items include, but are not limited to: roofing, heating and air conditioning, evaporative coolers, doors and windows, painting, flooring, insulation, plumbing, and electrical work.

There are no required payments during the 30-year term of loan, but the loan becomes due if the property is sold, transferred, no longer the primary residence or refinanced for cash out. The applicant must complete an application packet and provide evidence of income, show responsible credit history, and be current on house payments, property taxes and insurance.

Residents interested in participating in the RRLP loan program may call (760) 240-7000 x 7913, 7919 or 7921 for further information. The program has been very successful and is currently funded for the 2010/2011 program year. A program brochure and additional information may be downloaded from the Town of Apple Valley website at www.AppleValley.org - look under Community, then Housing Programs. ○



Crime-free program expands to businesses

Reducing crime on rental property presents a unique challenge for law enforcement. Most renters don't have the same commitment to their neighborhood as homeowners, or motivation to improve safety. At the first sign of criminal activity renters can just give notice, pack up and leave.

Property owners and managers are placed in the difficult position of dealing with difficult tenants, and have nowhere to turn when they come up against a criminal element. Owners often aren't aware of their rights when it comes to crimes committed on the property.

The solution has been the Crime Free Programs: a coalition of police, property managers, and residents of rental properties working together to keep crime out of their area. The Crime Free program doesn't imply that there is no crime, but rather serves as a warning that there are serious consequences for anyone affiliated with illegal activity in the designated area. Criminals are not a protected class; this program provides the tools and information to legally evict those who participate in criminal activity.

The Apple Valley Police Department joined the Crime Free program with two goals: to see a decrease in calls for service and an increase in safety for our rental properties. Law enforcement provides participating properties with training, certification, police issued signs, and advertising privileges – all at no cost!

The Town of Apple Valley began the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program in 1995, when it was adopted by the County. Since then we have expanded to add mobile home communities, rental homes, and crime free business.

We are one of very few communities in the county that offer the Crime Free Business Program. Business owners are often told that the responsibility to prevent internal and external crime lies squarely with you. But what exactly can you do to create a safe and secure environment for your employees and your business? The Crime Free Business Program provides free training to both business owners and employees in robbery and burglary prevention, improving relationships with law enforcement, counterfeit money/credit cards, identity theft and many other essential tools to help protect you and your business.

For more information, please call Apple Valley Police at (760) 240-7400. ○





Keeping the Greens

By: Nick Hanson, Golf Course Superintendent - Class A

Have you had enough of the cold weather and short days? We have, too. The grounds crew is ready and waiting for warmer weather to get the golf course prepared for the spring and summer season. What we do in the spring time helps the golf course survive the summer heat. The major spring maintenance activity is aerification. The process helps in water percolation, relieving compaction and allowing oxygen into the root system of the turf. It's an inconvenience to golfers, but very necessary for long term sustainability.

Other spring maintenance plans include spraying pre-emergent herbicides that kill weeds before they become fully established. We will also fertilize the entire golf course. The first application usually brings the Bermuda grass out of dormancy and helps that first blush of green. Another practice that begins in the spring is the application of wetting agents, which allow water to penetrate the ground more easily and the golf course to use water more efficiently.

Each of these practices plays an important part in maintaining the golf course and to assure a quality playing surface. The timing of the application of the fertilizer and wetting agents is critical in ensuring that the golf course is in good shape and can survive the desert heat. During your next visit, check out "Nick's Corner" in the Golf Shop for other informative articles. [O](#)



Make plans to spend these special days at the restaurant:

Easter Brunch – Sunday, April 24

Mother's Day Brunch – Sunday, May 8

Please call (760) 242-3653 x 108 for more details, or visit www.avcc.com.

Things are heating up for eating up

Stop by the Apple Valley Country Club Grill for a quick warm-up.

Weekday breakfast options now include a sausage breakfast sandwich, (on a bagel or a biscuit) or a breakfast burrito. We also have Continental breakfast items such as muffins or a Danish pastry to keep you satisfied until the turn. "Chili Mondays" will keep the chill away. Enjoy homemade chili by the bowl, or dump it on a hot dog or nachos for a special treat. Any of these are a great way to keep you warm during the winter days.

We have warm drinks to keep you going throughout the day. Enjoy a Baileys and coffee or Peppermint Patty before you tee off. Be sure to ask our staff about the drink specials with the purchase of a round of golf. [O](#)

Keep the Apple Valley Country Club in mind for your next special event. The facility is the perfect venue for your wedding reception, party, meeting or conference. Stop by or call (760) 242-3653 x 108 for an appointment so you can see what we have to offer.

Upcoming Events. Call (760) 242-3653 for more information:

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| April 1 – Apple Valley Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament | May 16 – Relay For Life Golf Tournament |
| April 2 – Rotary Club of Apple Valley Golf Tournament | May 21 – St. Timothy's Church |
| April 23 – Mountain Meadows Men's Club | May 26 – Whispering Lakes Senior Men's club |
| May 14 – Rick Gabrielson Memorial Fund Tournament | June 6 – Apple Valley Police Activities League Tournament |


Specials and news from Apple Valley Country Club

Monthly passes offer the best value on the course. Offered month-to-month, with no contract or long-term commitment, the monthly pass offers unlimited play and a shared cart, with tee times available 10 days in advance. Get yours at the Pro Shop.

- Single \$175 includes cart
- Family \$225 includes cart

Golf Clinics: Learn the game or brush up your skills at one of our golf clinics. Sign up through the Parks and Recreation Department, 240-7880.

- Youth - Saturdays, 9 to 9:45 a.m. and 10 to 10:45 a.m.
- Ladies - Saturdays at 8 a.m.
- Adults - Sundays at 9 a.m.

Hole in One – it can be done! Jon York is the latest golfer to join the hole-in-one club, when he sunk a 152-yard drive in Hole 2 at the Apple Valley Country Club. He used a 7 Iron and a Titleist NXT Extreme golf ball. Mr. York has been playing since 1983, the year he became a member of AVCC. He plays about twice a week, with a handicap of 16. The odds of getting a hole in one, depending on the hole being played and the golfer's skill level, is between 8,000 and 40,000 to 1. 



Golf tip of the Month:

Watch your eye line while putting. To help insure your best chance to make your putt, make sure that your eyes are directly over your ball at address. This will help you start your putt on the right line.



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Work begins on Yucca Loma Bridge project

Marking the start of the most significant public infrastructure project in Apple Valley since incorporation, a crew has begun clearing and removing trees from the bridge area across the Mojave River. Under the watchful eye of a biologist, the site has been staked and Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) fencing installed.

Due to the delicate environment in the river bottom, the clearing activity is taking place long before the seasonal birds and animals return for the summer. There will be a time gap now before the next construction activity gets underway. However, we expect to bid and award construction packages this summer and fall. The complex project will be phased to gain the most benefit in cost and construction sequence.

Anticipating a two-year build for the bridge structure, Yucca Loma Road street improvements will occur at the same time. After being on the drawing board since before the Town even incorporated, it is a tremendous accomplishment to have reached this point. It has taken since 2006 to secure necessary approvals and complete the environmental studies and preliminary engineering. From the Army Corps of Engineers and the Federal Highway Administration, to California Department of Fish and Game and CalTrans, to Lahontan Water Quality Control Board and San Bernardino Associated Governments, over 10 agencies and consultants have worked together to make this a reality. Information may be downloaded from the Town of Apple Valley website at www.AppleValley.org - look under Community, then Housing Programs. ○

