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MAR-MAY 2012

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## Apple Valley Police Department names new Captain

Change is nothing new in the Sheriff's Department. Officers, sergeants and other staff transfer in and out frequently; but this March will mark a changing of the guard when Lieutenant Lana Tomlin is promoted to Captain following the retirement of Captain Bart Belknap, a seasoned veteran who has served with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department for nearly three decades.

"I've had 16 different assignments in 28 years and I've been in Apple Valley for 4 and a half years," said Captain Belknap. "I couldn't have written a better script for my career to end here in Apple Valley because this is my hometown."

Among his many assignments were patrol in Hesperia, Victorville and Apple Valley; patrol sergeant, narcotics detective, management of Sheriff's Communications, Technical Services, Records, Internal Affairs, Central Detention Center and the Coroner's Office.

"After 28 years I still enjoy coming to work because of the people here," Capt. Belknap explained. "We make an incredibly difficult job fun. There is a lot of laughing that goes into our work."

Likewise, Lt. Tomlin has served in a variety of departments from Administration to Narcotics and from Custody to S.W.A.T. However, she said that being stationed in Apple Valley is the best kept secret in the department.

"This is a great assignment. We get great support from the community and great support from the Town," she said. "I love that we get to interact with the community in a positive way at the special events and activities that the Town provides for its residents, such as the summer concert series or the Freedom Festival."

Lt. Tomlin is approaching 22 years in law enforcement.

Despite his job satisfaction, Capt. Belknap said he is looking forward to his retirement. He and his wife Gerda, who retired from Alaska Federal Credit Union this year, have purchased land in Idaho and are making plans for a permanent move there.

Captain Belknap's departure isn't the only change taking place in the Sheriff's Department. Administrative Sergeant Shawn Henry has replaced Sgt. Marie Spain, who returned to patrol. Patrol Sergeant Rod McDonald transferred into the department to replace Sgt. Randy Gwaltney, who passed away from cancer in January; and Sgt. Troy Cook has been reassigned from Patrol to manage the Gang team.





## 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.  
Hazardous Waste Collection Ctr.  
13450 Nomwaket Road  
Information: 240-7000 x 7522*

### DISASTER COUNCIL

*Tuesday, April 10, 1:30 p.m.  
Apple Valley Fire Station #336  
19235 Yucca Loma Road*



## Join C.E.R.T. and become a life saver

A major earthquake is one of the greatest natural disaster threats to the residents of the High Desert. One way to be prepared is to join your local Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.), a nationwide program designed to teach residents how to take care of their families, friends and neighbors during a disaster.

Apple Valley residents are encouraged to sign up for the next C.E.R.T. training that will take place over three sessions, March 3, 17 and 31.

Following a major disaster, emergency resources will be quickly depleted. C.E.R.T. graduates know how to take care of themselves and their loved ones. They can then extend



that knowledge into their neighborhoods and the community. C.E.R.T. members learn about disaster preparedness, how to make emergency kits for the home and the car, basic first aid, light search and rescue, fire suppression, terrorism awareness, and disaster psychology. In addition, there are further training opportunities for assisting in sheltering operations, sandbagging, special needs, and fire hose training.

There are approximately 170 C.E.R.T. members in Apple Valley. For more information, or to register for this free training, call or e-mail Emergency Services Officer Laura Whitehead at (760) 240-7768 or [Lwhitehead@applevalleyfd.com](mailto:Lwhitehead@applevalleyfd.com).

To find out more about C.E.R.T. visit: <http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/about.shtm>.

## Learn the ABC's of water

Mojave Water Agency is hosting a two-part session in their ABC's of Water series.

"How Your Water Agency is Protecting Your Health & Quality of Life" will be presented Tuesday, March 27 followed by "How Public Water Systems Support the Economy and Protect the Community from Fire" on Tuesday, May 22. Workshops will be held at the Mojave Water Agency office at 13846 Conference Center Drive in Apple Valley from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Find out how local water agencies are contributing to these standards. Successful communities can be measured by low mortality rates, public safety, economical diversity, and productivity. None of these are possible without access to safe water.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Gloria Golike at (760) 946-7001 or [ggolike@mojavewater.org](mailto:ggolike@mojavewater.org).



*A Better Way of Life*

# Dive in to Apple Valley's aquatics programs

Information/Registration: (760) 240-7880 or [www.AVRecreation.org](http://www.AVRecreation.org)



It won't be long before you are trading your sweater for swim apparel. Get a jump on the summer by joining in on some of the Town's aquatic programs.

Swim season kicks off Saturday, May 19 at the Parks and Recreation Swim Fair. Registration for this summer's swim lessons will be open for Apple Valley residents from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Non-residents can register beginning at 10 a.m., or whenever the Apple Valley line is empty.

Swim lesson schedule will be available May 1. Enroll carefully as there are no refunds, transfers or credits. Proof of Apple Valley residency with a photo identification and utility bill is required. Only a parent or legal guardian can register children for classes. The line will form between Town Hall and the Police Department next to the white gazebo. Registration transactions will take place inside the Council Chambers. ○

## Ask about our private pool parties

The Aquatic Center features a junior Olympic-sized pool with crystal clear water that is heated to a comfortable temperature for year-round use. Plan a birthday party, family gathering or company event that includes exclusive use of the pool, surrounding deck, grass areas and picnic tables. Contact the Recreation Office at (760) 240-7880 for more details. ●

## Swim and Save

Purchase an Aquatic Quick Card and save on fees for Public Swim and Lap Swim sessions. The initial cost for the card is \$2 and can be loaded for multiple, money-saving sessions. Public Swim Passes begin at \$10 for 5 sessions, but purchase a 30-session pass for \$46, and save \$14. Lap Swim Passes start at \$15 for 5 sessions, but offer a \$21 savings with the purchase of a \$69, 30-session pass. Quick Cards may be purchased at the Aquatic Center located at Civic Center Park adjacent to Town Hall. ○



## Lifeguard Training

The American Red Cross will offer lifeguard training at the Aquatic Center in March and April for ages 15 and older. The comprehensive course includes instruction on first aid, automated external defibrillator and CPR. Class size is limited so register early. Two sessions are offered, with 40 hours of instruction across six meeting dates. The \$150 fee includes books and supplies.

Check out our other aquatic classes such as Basic Water Rescue with sessions on May 12 or June 9 and a CPR Challenge Course on April 20 or May 11. Aqua Fitness and Splash Dance exercise programs are also available. ○



## Water Festival 2012

Join us in celebrating the start of summer at the 2012 Water Festival at the Aquatic Center on May 26. Enjoy games, water slides, a bounce house and lots of food vendors. Two sessions are available - from 12 noon to 3 p.m., and from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. The celebration sold out last year so pre-register early to ensure your spot. Pre-registration is \$2 per person payable at Town Hall. Day of event entrance is \$3 if available. Only pre-registered participants will be allowed in for the first 15 minutes or until the line is empty. ○

# Spring weather ideal for recreation, outings and activities

Recreation Department: (760) 240-7880 or [www.AVRecreation.org](http://www.AVRecreation.org)

**Healthy Living Workshop, March 13, 20, 27:** Lead by a registered dietitian, learn healthier living through grocery shopping, balanced eating and fun exercise. Sessions cover disease prevention, healthy weight loss, healthy eating basics on a budget, family physical activity, label reading and grocery shopping. Free babysitting provided. **Ages:** 18 and up. **Cost:** Free. **Location:** Apple Valley Conference Center.

**Teen Art Festival, March 31:** Middle and high school students are encouraged to submit their drawing, painting, 3-dimensional art or photography to compete for prizes and trophies. Entry forms and submission guidelines are available at Apple Valley Town Hall or the Apple Valley Library. **Cost:** Free. **Location:** Apple Valley Library. **Time:** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Bunny Run and Eggstravaganza, Saturday, April 7:** Join in good old fashioned fun with 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 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. and the race starts at 8 a.m. **Pre-register by** April 21 for \$15 or after for \$18; walkers are free.

**Hershey Youth Track and Field Games, Saturday, April 14, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.:** This free meet for boys and girls ages 8 to 12 is at the Apple Valley High School Newton T. Bass Stadium. Pre-register by April 5 to participate in a variety of track and field events.



**Equine Trail Ride, Sunday, April 29, riding out at 9 a.m.:** High Desert horse owners are invited to join the Town's 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 Lovella Sullivan at (760) 559-2064.

## Green Apple News: Volunteers needed for Community Clean-Up Day

Be a "Green Apple" and make a difference in the environmental health of your town by participating in Community Clean Up day April 14. Pre-register to clean up streets, sidewalks, vacant lots and other properties in Apple Valley and score a free lunch and a T-shirt for your efforts. The Town provides all of the clean-up supplies including gloves and trash bags (while supplies last).




All we need is your time. Community Clean Up Day is sponsored by Burrtec Waste, Sparkletts, and Keep California Beautiful.

**Registration:** (760) 240-7000 x7071

**Horsemen's Center Overnight Adventure, May 4 and 5:** Give your family an overnight camping experience in the safety and comfort of beautiful Horsemen's Center. Activities will include a campfire, songs, nature hikes, arts and crafts and games. A hot dog dinner and continental breakfast are included. Minimum of 20 paid participants for the event to be hosted. **Cost:** \$9 per person; children 3 and under are free. **Time:** Check in at 4 p.m., check out at noon. **Pre-register by:** April 26.

**Mother's Day Luncheon, Saturday, May 12, 11 a.m.-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. **Cost:** \$5 per person. **Location:** James Woody Community Center. **RSVP by:** Monday, May 2.

**Movies in the Park, May 18:** See a movie 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.

**Relay for Life, May 19 - 20:** Relay For Life is a life-changing event that helps communities across the globe celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease. Teams forming now! Information: [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org). **Location:** Apple Valley Civic Center Park. Preregister by calling (760) 240-7000 x7071. 

# Concerts, blood drives, flea markets fill the spring events calendar

Special Events: (760) 240-7000 x 7071 or [www.AppleValleyEvents.org](http://www.AppleValleyEvents.org)



**Community Blood Drive, Tuesday, March 6, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.:** LifeStream and the Town invite all healthy individuals to give the gift of life. 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](http://www.LStream.org) or call LifeStream at (800) 879-4484. Donating blood takes about an hour, yet gives someone a lifetime. **Cost:** Free **Location:** Apple Valley Conference Center.

**Shake, Rattle and Roll Out Emergency Preparedness Fair, Saturday, April 14, 9 a.m. - noon:** The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, supported by the Apple Valley Fire Protection District and the Town, will offer displays, demonstrations and information on how to prepare for an emergency. Learn about making emergency kits, animal care in an emergency and what your communication options may be during a crisis. Lunch is included. **Cost:** Free. **Location:** LDS Church, 15500 Tuscola Road, at Mana

**Concerts in the Courtyard, every Thursday in May:** Connect with friends, family and neighbors for five 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. **Cost:** Free

**National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 3, Noon:** Apple Valley Faith Center will lead worshipers in the festivities. 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 12, 8 a.m. - 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:** Free. **Vendor space:** \$20 **Location:** Lion's Park, East of Dale Evans Pkwy on South Outer Hwy 18



## Down Payment Assistance available for first time homebuyers

Stop paying rent! Apple Valley can help low, moderate and middle income homebuyers purchase their first home. The recent changes in redevelopment in California have not impacted this program, and funds are available now. The CalHome program is funded through the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006 to reduce the blight of vacant homes and expand the supply of affordable housing. Town assistance is provided to low-income homebuyers as a 0% interest loan, deferred for a maximum of 30 years.

The Neighborhood Stabilization Program Down Payment Assistance Program helps families buy foreclosed or abandoned homes within eligible Town areas. Town assistance is provided to low, moderate or middle income homebuyers as a 0% interest loan, deferred for a maximum of 45 years. Funding is provided through the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008.

There are no monthly payments made on the deferred loans. Interested buyers should contact a Town-approved participating lender to be pre-qualified for a conventional fixed-rate first mortgage. The lender will calculate the level of assistance to be provided by the Town before buyers meet with their realtor to select a home within an allowable price range in an eligible area.

Program details, lender list, eligible area maps and other information can be found at [www.AVHousingprograms.org](http://www.AVHousingprograms.org). For more information, call (760) 240-7000 ext. 7900 or email [AVHousing@applevalley.org](mailto:AVHousing@applevalley.org)



## Puppies on the mend after holiday abandonment and disease

No one wants to be abandoned, cold and hungry, let alone a few days before Christmas, but that is exactly what happened to seven shepherd mix puppies on December 18. Piled in a box with a dirty blanket, nine puppies were abandoned in the parking lot of the municipal animal shelter where an Animal Services staff member found them.

“These puppies fought an up-hill battle from day one,” said Animal Services Manager Gina Schwin-Whiteside. “They started showing signs of Parvo while they were in quarantine.”

After treatment, all but two of the puppies pulled through the Parvo, but were then set back with an upper respiratory infection.

“People should be aware that stray animals can be contagious without showing signs of illness,” said Schwin-Whiteside. “Bringing a stray into your home is a thoughtful gesture, but keep them isolated from any pets in your home.”

Fortunately, these puppies have a happy ending. All of them were rescued and placed with foster families by the Westside German Shepherd Rescue in Orange County.

Learn about pet health and safety, and support the life-saving efforts of the Apple Valley Animal Services through a number of events and opportunities. The shelter is located at 22131 Powhatan Road at Quinnault Road. Call (760) 240-7000 x7555 or visit [www.AVAnimals.org](http://www.AVAnimals.org) to learn more about these upcoming events:

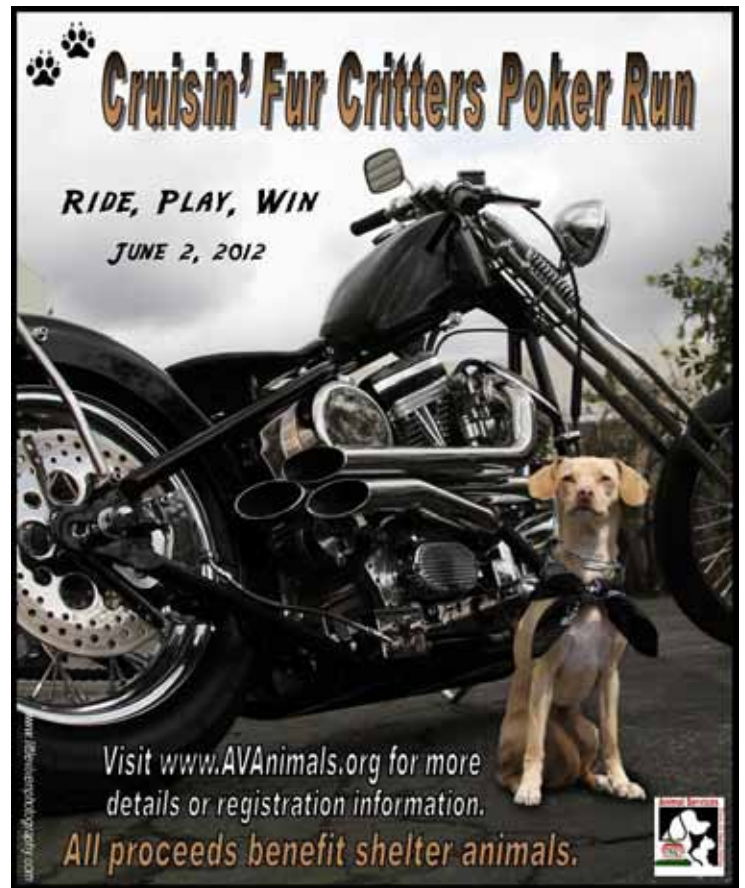
**Flapjacks for Furry Friends All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, Feb. 26, 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.:** Tickets can be purchased at the shelter for \$10 per adult and \$5 for children 8 and under.  
**Location:** Applebee's in Apple Valley.

## Jr. Pet Keepers Day Camp




**Jr. Pet Keepers Day Camp, March 12-16 and March 19-23, 1 - 5 p.m.:** Spring break doesn't have to be boring! Children ages 10 to 17 can learn responsible pet ownership, obedience techniques, good pet health and bathing, the importance of spaying/neutering and tips that

make a huge difference in the life of a pet...and its forever family. Register early. Class size limited. **Cost:** \$30.



**Pet Vaccine Clinic, Saturday, April 7, 10 a.m. to noon:** Vaccines available at reduced cost for any High Desert pets. Micro chip services available for \$20. Same-day license renewal available for Apple Valley pets only. Location: AV Municipal Animal Shelter  
**Cost:** Varies from \$6 and up (Cash only)

**Pet First Aid and CPR Class, Saturday, April 21:** CPR isn't just for humans! Learn life-saving techniques for pets in this four-hour class. Contact the American Red Cross for more information or register online at the American Red Cross website at [www.archighdesert.org](http://www.archighdesert.org). Class will be canceled if minimum participation is not reached.

**Pet Adoptions at Maverick's Stadium, Friday, May 11, 7-10 p.m.:** Take the family out to a ballgame and come home with a new family member, or just support Apple Valley Animal Services by buying your game ticket from us. We will receive \$1 for every ticket purchased at the Animal Shelter prior to the event. **Cost:** \$6. 

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## Etiquette in golf By Rik Laubenstein, AVGC Golf Pro

One of the best things the great game of golf teaches its players is etiquette. Below is a list of common opportunities for etiquette in the game of golf. Follow these recommendations, and you will be sought after as a golf partner.

1. Sand traps: When your golf ball lands in a bunker, rake the bunker when you're done so the players behind you will not have to hit out of a foot print.
2. Fairway divots: Attached to each golf cart here at AVGC are two bottles of sand. After you hit your shot and make a divot in the fairway, use the sand to fill in the hole. This will make the ground level again and the turf will take less time to grow back over the divot.
3. Ball marks on the green: In my opinion, this is the MOST IMPORTANT thing golfers can do to make the golf course the most playable. Whenever we hit a golf shot onto the green the golf ball will leave a dent, or "ball mark." If we fix the mark as soon as we get to the green, it will heal within a day or two, leaving a nice smooth putting surface behind. If we leave that ball mark untouched for just 24 hours it takes up to two weeks to heal. AVGC has some of the best greens around, so please help maintain them by fixing your ball marks, and any others that you see.

4. Warnings- FORE: When golfers hit a shot off line and the ball is heading in the general direction of other individuals, loudly yell FORE as a warning so they can protect themselves from the incoming ball. Just as important, when you hear the word FORE turn away from where the sound is coming from and cover your head. Please don't look in the direction of the sound.
5. Courtesy: When on a golf course, you are responsible for your actions. You are there to have fun, and so is everyone else. Sometimes things happen that are out of your control. Using common sense, courtesy and understanding when dealing with others can go a long way.
6. Pace of play: This is an issue everywhere golf is played. Always play without delay and keep up with the group in front of you. Golfers should strive to play 18 holes in 4 to 4 1/2 hours. Keep in mind that a golf course is like a highway: if a car slows down in front, everyone behind gets backed up. If you find that you are holding up the group behind you, please let them play through. ○



## Look to Apple Valley Golf Course for your spring events



With warmer weather on its way, it is time to start planning for your spring events. No matter what the occasion, the Apple Valley Golf Course can help make your event one to remember. Multiple rooms allow us to cater to small corporate meetings, or large charity events. The Apple Valley Golf Course also provides packages for golf tournaments that conclude with a nice meal. If you're planning a wedding or any celebration, such as an anniversary dinner, banquet, retirement party or class reunion, you'll find our catering provides unparalleled service. Apple Valley Golf Course is also the right place to hold your business meeting, training event or golf outing. Dates are booking fast so be sure to reserve your event before it's too late by calling (760) 242-3653, Ex. 108 or 101. ○

## Use of Bermuda improving course conditions daily

Nick Hanson, Apple Valley Golf Course Superintendent Class-A

Golfers are enjoying the firm dormant conditions the course always provides this time of year. However, players may have noticed that the course looks different compared to previous winters.


The overall look of the golf course indicates that our efforts to reestablish the Bermuda grass in the spring and summer are working. This was the variety of grass the golf course was originally built with, and greatly reduces the cool weather grasses in the fairways and roughs.

This was done for several reasons. First, we wanted a turf that would be able to provide great playing conditions without a lot of extra care or higher cost of maintenance. Second, we needed a turf that would withstand the heat in the summer without requiring extra water to grow and stay green. Finally, we wanted a turf that would recover quickly and fill in the fairways and other areas of the golf course.

We have had only two full growing seasons since we made the decision to go with Bermuda grass and, to date, the vast majority



of the turf in the fairways and roughs have been established with Bermuda grass. We used less water in 2011 versus 2010, and had fewer fairway dry spots requiring extra irrigation during the hot summer days, proving it was a wise decision to go with this type of grass. One side effect of a warm season turf grass like Bermuda is that the turf goes into a state of dormancy if soil temperatures drop below 55 degrees, or air temperatures below 75 degrees. The turf is still alive but it loses its color during colder conditions. No amount of watering will cause it to remain green. The extra water would just promote weeds and create poor playing conditions on the course. With our results to this point, we will have even more of the course established with Bermuda by next fall and the conditions will continue to improve all year long.

See you on the course! 

**The Apple Valley Golf Course**  
is located at 15200 Rancherias Road at Highway 18.

Hit the trail for the Town of Apple Valley  
**Equestrian Advisory Committee**

# TRAIL RIDE

**Sunday, April 29**  
**Meet at 9 a.m. at Lions Park \* Ride out at 10 a.m.**

- Bring your horse for this free event.
- Please pre-register.
- Riders and horses must be experienced.
- Ride is limited to 30 riders & subject to weather.
- Liability waiver is required—available online at [www.AppleValley.org](http://www.AppleValley.org)

For information  
or to RSVP call Lovella Sullivan  
**(760) 559-2064**





# Engineering a better way for transportation

From bike lanes to bridges, from pavement to pedestrians, the Town's Engineering Department has been successful in advancing many transportation priorities in recent months.

## Safe Routes to School

The Town was recently awarded a grant of \$359,000 as part of the Federal Safe Routes To School (SRTS). The news was quite gratifying, as only four in ten applications statewide were successful. The funds will be used to improve the south side of Yucca Loma Road between Rancherias and Tamiani roads. Power poles will be removed, and sidewalk, curb and gutter will be improved or installed,

providing easier access for students walking or riding their bikes to school. In partnership with the Paul Swick Family Center at Yucca Loma Elementary School, and Healthy Apple Valley, part of the grant will be used for education, to encourage more students to walk and bike ride.

Previously the Town has received SRTS funds to improve areas around Desert Knolls Elementary and what is now the Phoenix Academy.

## Bear Valley Bike Lane

To facilitate travel to and from Victor Valley College, the Town also received funding



from the San Bernardino Association of Governments to develop a bike lane from Reata Road to VVC. Originally envisioned to be built alongside the existing bridge, it was determined that some widening and improvements need to be made to the bridge overall. However, improved bike lanes will be added from Reata Road to the Mojave River, then from the west edge of the river to the VVC campus. ○

# Code Enforcement offers Graffiti Abatement Program



**BEFORE**

The Town offers an exceptional graffiti removal service town-wide.

This free paint-matched removal program eliminates the eyesore of graffiti and preserves the integrity of existing surfaces.

When graffiti is reported, a Code Enforcement Officer confirms the violation. If we have a waiver from the property owner on file, permitting the contractor to enter the property, the graffiti is quickly removed. If not, we send a waiver to the property owner to sign and return to keep on file.

If they prefer not to sign a waiver, the graffiti is treated as a normal Code Enforcement violation and the property owner is required to remove it within a specified time frame.

Anyone observing graffiti in progress should immediately call 9-1-1. If possible, provide the police with a description of the participants, vehicle description (if any) and license plate number.

Graffiti observed on public or private property may be reported as any other violation to the Division at (760) 240-7560. ○



**AFTER**

## Did you know?

Code Enforcement handled 2,898 graffiti cases in 2011. Of these, 90% were proactive and 10% were reactive. Graffiti cases accounted for 35% of the 8,378 cases opened last year.

**Community Enhancement Events Coming Up...** Check [www.AVCode.org](http://www.AVCode.org) for event information.

- **Appliance Collection Day / Neighborhood Clean Up** – February 25, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lion's Park
- **Mattress Collection Day / Neighborhood Clean Up** – March 10, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lion's Park

**Tire Amnesty Day** – April 21, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lion's Park

*\*No hazardous waste or tires collected at Appliance or Mattress Collection Days.* ○



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## TOWN INFORMATION

### TOWN COUNCIL

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Scott Nassif  
Rick Roelle  
Barb Stanton

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

Emergencies .....911  
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:

Animal Services.....x7555  
Building & Safety .....x7101  
Economic Development .....x7900  
Finance .....x7000  
Human Resources .....x7600  
Planning .....x7200  
Public Information .....x7072  
Public Works .....x7500  
Town Clerk .....x7800  
Town Manager .....x7051  
Transit .....x7522

### OTHER TOWN DEPARTMENTS

#### & SERVICES (dial direct)

Code Enforcement ..... 240-7560  
Parks & Recreation ..... 240-7880  
Trash (AVCO) ..... 245-8607  
Emergency

Preparedness ..... 247-7618

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## Make Apple Valley a “better way of life” by volunteering

Are you interested in learning something new, being socially connected and helping make Apple Valley a better place to live? The Town’s volunteer program is designed to encourage community participation to enhance the services we provide. Coordinated through Human Resources, volunteers are used in administration, information technology, events, animal services, recreation and maintenance of Town-owned facilities, parks and other public areas.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, visit our website at [www.applevalley.org](http://www.applevalley.org). Scroll to Departments and Services, then Volunteer Corps. Or, call human resources at (760) 240-7000 x7601. Citizens interested in volunteering for Animal Services must attend a volunteer information meeting. Contact Levi James at (760) 240-7000 x7546 or visit [www.AVAnimals.org](http://www.AVAnimals.org). ○

## Mandatory commercial waste recycling law begins

Beginning July 1, all businesses, commercial enterprises, public agencies and schools that generate four or more cubic yards of waste per week, and all multi-family dwellings with five or more units are required by a new state law to participate in mandatory commercial waste recycling.

Recycling containers actually cost less than the same size trash container. Adding recycling container could allow businesses to reduce the size or quantity of trash containers used, or the number of times they are serviced per week, saving money throughout the year.

Participating properties have until June 1, 2012 to set up a recycling account with AVCO Disposal, Inc. Companies have the option to set up an independent recycling program, but must provide acceptable proof of ongoing recycling to the Town, including reports detailing the weight of waste generated, the weight of recycling materials diverted from the waste stream, and the location to which the recycled materials were sent.

Each city is tasked with monitoring the program within its own boundaries, reporting the statistics to the state, and tracking businesses that are out of compliance with the regulation, according to Assembly Bill 341, which became law on January 1, 2012.

Contact AVCO Disposal at (760) 245-8607 to set up a recycling account or with any questions you may have. ○

