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# Civic Center Park has gone to the



In Apple Valley, we offer "A Better Way of Life" for all residents – the four-legged kind included! We are proud to be home to the first off-leash dog park in the high desert, which opened on September 8 in conjunction with the Paws N' Claws Pet Fair.

The "leash-cutting" celebration featured actor, producer and animal activist Patrick Kilpatrick, who joined Town staff, volunteers and community members at the grand opening.

Another celebrity on hand was Bella, a registered therapy dog specializing as a reading education assistance dog with PJ's Pals. The Australian Shepherd was named a National Eukanuba Mission Contest Winner in 2012, and was designated "Apple Valley's Top Dog" at the Dog Park grand opening. Bella and her owner, Debbie Harrie, live in Apple Valley.

The two-acre dog park includes a section for dogs under 25 pounds, and a separate section for larger dogs. Each area has benches, a drinking fountain with a dog fountain, and doggie waste clean-up stations.

Apple Valley resident Christina Berger commented on the Town's Facebook page, "I bring my very shy Chihuahua there so he can make friends. He always meets very friendly dogs, and as a bonus I get to talk to their friendly owners!"

The park was funded with Economic Development Initiative grant funds. Pet Partners, Inc. also donated \$1,000 and a memorial bench will be dedicated to the late Jane Dollar, founder of Pet Partners and local animal activist. With the exception of the fencing, all work was done by Town staff, resulting in considerable savings.

The following rules are in place for the safety of both animals and people. For a complete list of rules, visit www.AppleValley.org.

- Dog Park hours are 7 a.m. to dusk.
- All dogs must be spayed/neutered.
- Please pick up after your dog and dispose of waste in provided containers.
- No aggressive dogs. Dog owners are legally responsible for injuries or damages caused by their dog.
- All food, dog or human, is prohibited.



# 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 Center** 

13450 Nomwaket Road

Information:

240-7000 x7522

#### **DISASTER COUNCIL**

Tuesday, January 8, 1:30 p.m. **Apple Valley Fire Station #336**19235 Yucca Loma Road

# Auto restoration program puts youth on the road to success

The Apple Valley Police Activities League has unveiled a new program geared toward high school students who are interested in careers in the automotive industry. The AVPAL Automotive Restoration Program is a hands-on program that explores every aspect of a classic car restoration.



Under the supervision of AVPAL staff and volunteers, a team of seven students will restore a 1965 Plymouth Sport Fury from fender to fender, including the addition of some of the team's own personal touches. The car was donated by Tom Hoegerman, superintendent of the Apple Valley Unified School District.

"The team was selected from the Apple Valley School District based on their automotive interest, ability, enthusiasm and

maturity," said San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Sergeant Shawn Henry, who explained the group has been named Team Fury. "They must keep their grades up and stay out of trouble to stay in the program."

So far, Team Fury has taken the car to several local car shows and Apple Valley events to show off their project in its "before" stage.

This program is made possible by community support and donations. Several local businesses have sponsored Team Fury and are eager to help the kids advance their knowledge and skills as they prepare for their future. Big Apple Automotive provides all the transportation needs for the car, until it can be driven to events, and has donated a work space for the team. Diamond Collision is helping the kids learn more about paint and body repair. NAPA Auto Parts donated all the machine shop needs and is helping them rebuild the original engine.

"This car will become the flagship of the program and a symbol of community support for our youth and AVPAL," said Sergeant Henry. "The program will offer annual team trips to local automotive related events, presentations from technical/trade schools and career planning guidance from established business owners, technicians and instructors."

If you would like to learn more about AVPAL and Team Fury, visit www.AVPAL.org, or call (760) 240-7428. AVPAL is a registered non-profit organization. (\*)

## Pay your trash bill online

Save time and money by paying your trash bill online at www.applevalley.org. Simply click on the "I Want To" tab then select "Pay My Trash Bill Online" located on the Finance page. Click on the "Account Set-Up" button and enter your account number exactly as it appears (Example: 06-A4 123456). Follow the instructions to complete your online registration.

# 300 volunteers make Apple Valley a cleaner way of life

Apple Valley is 47,000 pounds lighter! No, it wasn't a crash diet. Instead, it was the result of 300 volunteers who picked up 21 tons of trash during Community Clean Up Day last October. Additionally, 1.2 tons of recycling material and 1.47 tons of tires were collected in the course of just three hours.

Community Clean Up Day occurs twice a year thanks to the generosity of sponsors such as Burrtec Waste Disposal, Keep America Beautiful, Apple Valley Happy Trail Villas, Splattered Ink, and Sparkletts Water.

Our next Community Clean Up Day will be April 20. Volunteers receive lunch and a free T-shirt while supplies last and all clean-up materials are supplied. Contact the Special Events Department at (760) 240-7000 x7071 to sign up in advance.

Many thanks goes to the following volunteers who helped make Apple Valley a "Better Way of Life" last October.

Organizations: Alpha Connection, Apple Valley High School National Honors Society, Apple Valley Christian GETT Club, Apple Valley Key Club, Apple Valley Kiwanis Club, Apple Valley Teen Zone, Boy Scout Troop 257, Church for Whosoever, Cub Scout Pack 257, Desert Aquatics, Heatly's Family Daycare, High Desert Church, High Desert Wood Workers, Saint Timothy's Church, San Gorgonio Council Girl Scout Troops 166, 251, and 355, Walgreen's.

Individuals: Jackie Barron, Pam Castro, Lance Cox, Blake Curry, Janice Fleming, Valerie Forker, Karen Kelley, Stephen Kubovsak, Lavelle Kuykendall, Rhonda Leaupepetele, Teri Lewis, Mayra Maldonado,



James Nichols, Reyna Payne, Krista Jaques, Betty Stevens, Dean Struebing, Patsy Villarino, Elizabeth White, David Wine.

Apple Valley Staff and Volunteers: Tom Brown, Mike Cady, Mike Chavez, Pam Cupp, Alicia Dannelley, Julie Gilmer, Kathy Harrower, Raul Lopez, Rosalie Mastaler, Mike Molinari, Joseph Moon, Mandi Nelson, Sue Nethers, Paul Ruggles, Virgil Rush, Cathy Woody.

## Does your Christmas tree need a "pick-me-up?"

Don't dump your tree in the desert. AVCO Disposal will pick up Christmas trees between January 2 and January 11 on regular trash service days. Simply remove all decorations, tinsel and stands, cut the tree in half and place it curbside on your regular trash service day. Questions?

Call AVCO Disposal at (760) 245-8607.

# Downpayment assistance available for homebuyers

Did Santa forget to bring you the key to that new house you asked for? We can help. The Town of Apple Valley has received an additional \$1 million in grant funds to assist low-income homebuyers in purchasing a new home. 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 as a 0% interest loan, deferred for a maximum of 30 years.

There are no monthly payments made on the deferred loans. Interested buyers, who have not owned a home in the past three years, should first contact a Town-approved participating lender to be prequalified 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. For more information, call (760) 240-7000 x7900 or email AVHousing@applevalley.org.  $\bullet$ 

# A Better Way of Life.

# Recreation opportunities for all ages:

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

**Buffalo Bill's Excursion, Feb. 8, 8 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.:** Spend a day at this action-packed hotel and casino on a one-day turn-around. Adventure includes bus transportation and buffet lunch. **Ages:** 21 and up. **Cost:** \$30. **Departure and Return Location:** Town Hall Recreation Center. **Deadline:** Register by January 24

Special Apples Valentine's Dance, Feb. 9, 6 - 8 p.m.: 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 Town Hall 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, self-confidence, cooperation and positive use of leisure time. Check out our Recreation Guide for additional Special Apples programming. Cost: \$3 per person

**Tri-Star Basketball Skills Contest, Feb. 19, 6 - 8 p.m. -** Sponsored by the Apple Valley Optimist Club, girls and boys compete in dribbling, shooting and passing contests at James Woody Community Center Gym. Winners receive awards and can advance to higher levels of competition. **Cost:** Free

Easter Eggstravaganza and Bunny Run, March 30, 9 a.m. - noon: 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. and the race starts at 8 a.m. **Cost:** 

Pre-register by March 28 for \$17 or after for \$20; walkers are free.

Teen Art Festival, April 6, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Students 13 to 18 are encouraged 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 or the Apple Valley Library. **Cost:** Free. Entry **Deadline:** March 14 **Location:** Apple Valley Library.

Spring Day Camps, selected weeks in March and April: Spring break doesn't have to be boring. Children ages 7 to 15 can enroll in the Creative Brain Introduction to Robotics or Stop Motion Animation camps where they will have an amazing opportunity for fun, hands-on learning and building. Children ages 6 to 12 can enroll in the Engineering FUNdamentals with LEGO Camp. Cost: Ranges from \$129 to \$170 per session. Location: James Woody Community Center or Lewis Center for Education depending on the week enrolled. (\*)

## **Animal Shelter to offer new hours:**

As of December 1, the Apple Valley Municipal Animal Shelter changed its operating hours to Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit www.AVAnimals.org or call (760) 240-7000 x7555 for more information on these upcoming events.

Chili Cook Off, Jan. 20, noon - 4 p.m.: Dig out your secret chili recipe and compete for prizes at this competition sponsored by Frogee's on Highway 18. Chili must be delivered by 2 p.m. Registration proceeds will benefit the animals at the shelter. Cost: Pre-registration is \$5. Fee on day of event is \$10

Fur Ball, March 29, 5 p.m. to midnight: Save the date for this signature event that benefits the Apple Valley Municipal Animal Shelter. Table sponsorships fill up fast. Call the shelter to book yours early! 💍



Last year's 1920s themed Fur Ball was entertaining as well as beneficial for the shelter.

# Healthy Apple Valley | Be Active. Eat Smart. Live Better.



The Town offers a variety of Healthy Apple Valley programs in conjunction with the Healthy High Desert Coalition through our Parks and Recreation Department. Find detailed information in the latest recreation guide. Visit www.HealthyAppleValley. org or call (760) 240-7880.

#### **Healthy Apple Valley Community Challenge**

Gather a team and participate in this wacky team-building event that is a combination of the Amazing Race and Minute to Win it! The event promotes healthy living and provides fun for the entire community through a friendly community-wide competition that challenges teams to uncover clues, solve puzzles and complete challenges in a race to the finish line. Date: February 23 Registration Deadline: Feb. 8. Cost: \$10 per person Location: Civic Center Park

#### Youth is no excuse for unhealthy eating

Looking for healthy alternatives for your children to eat? The Town of Apple Valley will offer the following cooking classes at the James Woody Community Center Kitchen for children ranging from 7 to 15. Nuts and dairy products may be used. Cost: \$5 per child.

- Healthy Cooking for Kids Breakfast Ideas: January 26, 8:30 10:30 a.m. for ages 8 to 10.
- Healthy Snacks for Kids: March 14, 6 8 p.m. for ages 7 to 9
- **Healthy Baking for Teens:** May 16, 6 8 p.m. for ages 12 to 15.

#### Healthy Living Workshops offered in March

Led by a registered dietitian and sponsored by St. Joseph Health, St. Mary, learn healthier living through grocery shopping, balanced eating and fun exercise. This workshop is offered March 12, 19 & 26 from 6 - 8 p.m. The sessions cover disease prevention, healthy weight loss, healthy eating on a budget, family physical activity, label reading and grocery shopping. There is no charge to attend, but pre-registration is required. Call (760) 240-7880 or visit www.AVRecreation.org. 💍



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# A Better Way of Life.

# **Get CERT-ified for disaster preparedness**

Prepare yourself for disasters by learning basic first aid, search and rescue, terrorism, disaster psychology, fire and more at the next CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) class, offered by the Apple Valley Fire Protection District. Trained CERT volunteers play an important role in the Town's planned response to disasters. The next class will be held on March 16, 23, and April 6, when 24 hours of training will be offered across three Saturdays. Classes are held at Apple Valley Fire Protection District Station #336, 19235 Yucca Loma Rd. If you are interested, please call the Apple Valley Fire Protection District at (760) 247-7618, or email CERT Commander Dawn Harrison at dharrison@applevalleyfd.com. O



# Public right-of-way and property owner responsibility

Part of the land in Apple Valley is dedicated as a "public right-of-way" for streets, sidewalks, utilities and similar public uses. It is important to keep streets, sidewalks, walkways, road edges and other public right-of-way easement areas free of obstructions and in a safe and usable condition.

#### **Property Owner Responsibility**

Property owners are responsible for maintaining right-of-way easements adjacent to their property. Large sidewalk cracks or breaks, rutted or eroded road edges, overgrown vegetation, and accumulation of debris or garbage may pose a hazard to pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles and should be addressed immediately, or the property owner may be subject to potential Code Enforcement action.

#### **Keep Vegetation Trimmed**

Trees and vegetation protruding into the public right-of-way easement should be trimmed back to prevent visibility obstructions. Fallen or overgrown trees or shrubs can create hazards when they block the view of traffic signs, traffic signals, on-coming vehicles and people, or

block a path or walkway. If tree limbs are interfering with power lines, contact Southern California Edison. Do not attempt to remove the branches yourself. Keep in mind that Joshua trees are an endangered species and require special approval from the Town's Planning Division before being trimmed or removed. Vegetation overgrowth between private properties that does not encroach on the public right-of-way easement is a civil matter and should be resolved by the property owners.

#### **Clear Roadways**

All roadways must have clear visibility for the traveling public. A tree or large shrub at the corner of an intersection can block the ability of a driver to see traffic coming from another direction. Any object (tree, shrub, vehicle, sign, etc.) that blocks the view of the public right-of-way is a potential hazard and should be addressed and/or reported to the Town of Apple Valley immediately.

Please report any potential hazards described above to the Town's Code Enforcement division at (760) 240-7000 ext. 7560.  $\bullet$ 

# Do you know the rules for having a dumpster?

Many residents in Town have need for a trash dumpster. Some families use them temporarily for a clean-up project, while others simply have a lot of trash to dispose of on a weekly basis. Whatever the reason, there are rules in place that must be followed.

As is the case with regular trash barrels, dumpsters are only allowed in the Town right-of-way 12 hours before and after pick-up and then it must be stored up against the garage, up against a fence even with the front of the residence, or behind the residence.

If soft sand or steep property slopes make it difficult to move the dumpster as required, there are a couple of options available. Residents may sign a waiver allowing the trash company to drive the truck onto your property to service the dumpster. This option is not recommended if the truck would have to drive over concrete as they are very heavy and could damage the surface. Additionally, if there is a wide enough rear easement, the dumpster can be serviced behind the property.

To eliminate the use of a dumpster altogether, residents can save as much as \$10 per month by having two of the largest green trash barrels instead of one dumpster. Additionally, recycling more materials reduces the space taken up in trash containers. Up to three recycling barrels are free and using them helps the environment. Read more about the dumpster ordinance at www.applevalley.org click on the Municipal Code under "Your Government" and find section 6.20.160 J 1(a).

#### **Upcoming Community Enhancement Events**

- Tire Amnesty /Neighborhood Clean Up: Lion's Park January 26, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Neighborhood Clean Up February 9, 9 a.m. 3 p.m.
- Neighborhood Clean Up –March 16, 9 a.m. 3 p.m.
- \*\*Check the Code Enforcement website for February and March locations\*\*

Contact us at code@applevalley.org or visit us at www.AVCode.org for more information on Code Enforcement events, graffiti abatement programs, monthly activity reports, how to file a complaint or access to foreclosure registration forms for real estate agents.  $\bullet$ 

# Military Banner Program honors active duty armed forces

If you have a loved one from Apple Valley who is serving on active duty in a Presidentially Decreed War Zone, you can honor them with a banner in the Civic Center parking lot in front of Town Hall.

The Military Banner Program recognizes members of the Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines, National Guard or Army. Each service member will be recognized in a special presentation to the family by the Town Council and, at the end of their tour, will be presented with the banner itself.

A \$300 sponsorship offsets the cost to recognize one service person and covers the purchase of the banner and mounting hardware. Banners may be paid for by the family, or will be installed on a first come first serve basis as sponsorships are available. Sponsors receive a framed certificate presented by the council and recognition on the Town's website for each service person they sponsor in full.

Sponsorship recognition can be tailored to suit any level of giving. Visit www.applevalley.org or call (760) 240-7000 x7074 for more information.  $\bullet$ 



# Apple Valley Golf Course



# Brown grass does not mean dead grass

Although it took a while to arrive, fall finally came and went in Apple Valley and golfers were able to enjoy crisp air and ideal weather for a day on the links until winter arrived in full force.

The lower temperatures that winter brings always results in dormancy of our Bermuda grass that turns brown in reaction to the cold. Don't be mistaken, the grass at the golf course is not dead. It just goes dormant to protect itself from the loss of molecules that require a lot of food and energy to reproduce. One of those molecules is chlorophyll which also give grass and other plants their green color.

Fortunately, the winter dormancy is only temporary and goes away when spring arrives. Temperatures will increase and the grass will start to sprout new green leaves, turning the brown back to green again. In the mean time, the Apple Valley Golf Course is still open for play. The golf course is much harder and faster in the winter months and requires different thinking and strategy to score well.

See you on the course!

Nick Hanson

Apple Valley Golf Course Superintendent



# Apple Valley Golf Course offers five playing levels



Contrary to what you see on TV, golf is not an easy game to master. Playing from the appropriate set of tees for your skill level is one more way to make golf more fun.

The Apple Valley Golf Course recently kicked-off the Level Tee Program that offers five levels of distances at each hole for golfers to choose from. The first two levels are our PGA Family Course Tees, already warmly received by the public, bringing lots of new golfers who enjoy their user-friendly distances. As golfers practice and improve, they are then inclined to move back a set of tees to Level 2 until they are ready to be challenged by higher levels.

Come on over to Apple Valley Golf Course today and enjoy a round from the level of your choice.

#### Find us on



facebook.com/AVGolf

## Grill Room open for breakfast and lunch

The Grill Room is open Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for lunch, and Friday through Sunday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. for breakfast and lunch. We offer daily specials and drinks are available at the bar every day from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. with a dollar off all drinks from 3 to 6 p.m.

## **Grant funding enhances Town services**

In an era of ever shrinking budgets, the Town of Apple Valley has had the good fortune to take advantage of several grant opportunities that will offset operating costs and enhance programs vital to the community.

#### **Used Oil Payment Program**

Instead of pouring motor oil down the sink or drain, Apple Valley residents can visit the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center on Nomwaket Road. The Town was recently awarded a grant valued at \$19,907 to help offset the cost of running the facility that also accepts expired medication, paint, medical sharps, gasoline, televisions, household cleaners and more.

#### **Tire Clean-up Program**

Thanks to a grant from Cal-Recycle, the Town has been awarded \$11,333 to help Code Enforcement remove illegally dumped tires from public property and right-of-ways. Look for future Tire Amnesty Days as an alternative to dumping your tires in the desert. The tires are collected and taken to the Mitsubishi Cement Plant where they are used as fuel.

#### **Healthy Apple Valley**

The Town's Healthy Apple Valley program will receive \$48,628 thanks

to a grant from First 5 San Bernardino. First 5 is a program that arose from the California Children and Families Act in 1998 that promotes improving the early development of children from the prenatal stage to five years of age. The money will pay to refurbish a Town van into a mobile recreation unit, bringing fun and healthy physical activities to local preschools, and will also provide the students and families education on nutrition and healthy living.

#### **Kiowa Road Project Grant**

"The engineering department has been very successful in taking advantage of state and federal grants, and programs for funding road improvements," said Brad Miller, Town Engineer. He explained that with the help of state and regional funding sources, Apple Valley will perform extensive road work on three heavily traveled areas.

In south Apple Valley, Kiowa Road will be widened between Del Oro and Tussing Ranch roads. The construction will add 20 feet to the road's western edge, include a bike lane, and provide a center turn lane. The \$665,000 project is being funded through a state and local partnership program that includes \$320,000 from Prop 1B.  $\circlearrowleft$ 

#### **Other Funded Roadwork**

Not grant funded, but taking advantage of Measure I Sales Tax, the Town is also moving forward with the following road projects:

- In a cooperative arrangement with the county, the Town will begin a \$1.1 million overlay project on 2.5 miles of Dale Evans Parkway, from Johnson Road to Interstate 15.
- To improve traffic flow and turning options, the Town and Caltrans will work to re-stripe and realign the intersection of Highway 18 and Kasota Road. The \$62,500 project will also include bus shelter improvements.



# TOWN INFORMATION TOWN COUNCIL

Art Bishop Larry Cusack

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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	x7014
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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# **Support Apple Valley Events! Donate today!**

Can you imagine a summer in Apple Valley without our Sunset Concert Series? What would Independence Day be without a spectacular fireworks show at Brewster Park? As inconceivable as these might seem, shrinking budgets could make the elimination of special events in our Town a reality. From gathering corporate sponsors to taking up a collection at concerts, our Special Events Department has been exploring new ways to continue offering fun, free, family activities in Apple Valley.

With budgets getting smaller and event costs getting larger, we are turning to YOU for additional support to keep these events going. Enclosed in this issue you will find a donation envelope that you may use to make a contribution to our special events through the Apple Valley Community Resource Foundation (AVCRF). Or you can donate online using PayPal or a credit card.

Any amount will help. With a \$25 donation, you will receive a special 25th anniversary lapel pin available soon. For \$100 or more, you will be invited to the end of the season donor appreciation event in August.

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. (\*)

# Free community calendars available

Celebrate the Town's 25th anniversary and the beauty of Apple Valley by hanging up the 2013 Community Calendar in your home or office. 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 Apple Valley Ranchos Water Company for their support that allowed us to distribute the calendars for free. For a list of contest winners visit www.GreenAppleValley.org. Č



What families do in Apple Valley. 2013 cover photo by Tea Clark