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Ammiel Hamrick and Robert Keil Blomker II as Fiona and Shrek

SHREK THE MUSICAL

To Open Summer of Entertainment

Join us at 8 p.m. June 18, 19 & 20 when Creative Arts Theater and the Town of Apple Valley bring the hit production, *Shrek The Musical* to the amphitheater stage at Civic Center Park. This will be the second year in a row that the Town has been able to offer live musical theater in an outdoor setting for families to see free of charge.

"Last year's successful production of *The Music Man* was the first time some families had ever seen a live musical theater performance," said Marketing and Public Affairs Officer Kathie Martin. "It is important to offer those artistic and cultural experiences to our High Desert residents and we are grateful for the community partners that help make it happen." Returning as presenting sponsor is Mr. Richard Rorex.

Shrek the Musical is based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks film that hit movie theaters in 2001. This twisted fairy tale 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.

Most of the cast is set already but auditions will be held April 15 and 17 for fill-in roles. Watch the town's Facebook page for announcements on audition details, or visit www.AppleValleyEvents.org.

PHAT CAT SWINGER

Booked As First Sunset Concert

When planning your summer activities, don't forget to include spending Thursday evenings at the Town of Apple Valley Civic Center Park Amphitheater from 6 to 9 p.m. The Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group Sunset Concert Series will begin on June 25 with the always popular Phat Cat Swinger.

This 10-piece band has been called one of the best bands to dance to in the Los Angeles and surrounding areas, mixing the classic sounds of Frank Sinatra and Bobby Darin with the jumping guitar and brass tunes of the Brian Setzer Orchestra. Phat Cat Swinger has opened for Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, performed shows with Cherry Poppin' Daddies and The Coasters, and appeared in videos for Christina Aguilera and The Jonas Brothers.

For the second year in a row, the event has earned the "Best of the Desert" nod in the *Daily Press* reader's poll for Best Live Music. The Sunset Concert Series features food vendors, a beer garden, live music and dancing. Concert goers should bring blankets or portable chairs for seating on the grassy inclined lawn. Apple Valley loves animals, but pets are not allowed in the concert venue. Smoking is prohibited in all Town parks, including at our concerts.

For the complete concert line-up visit
www.AppleValleyEvents.org.



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, April 14, 1:30 p.m.
Apple Valley Fire Station #336
19235 Yucca Loma Road



CRUISIN' FUR CRITTERS

To Benefit Shelter Animals

Support the Apple Valley Animal Shelter with a beautiful ride to Wrightwood on May 23 at the Sixth Annual Cruisin' Fur Critters Poker Run.

Pre-registration is open now for the event that begins at 8 a.m. at the Apple Valley Municipal Animal Shelter at 22131 Powhatan Road. Participants ride and collect a playing card at each destination along the way to Wrightwood and compete for a chance to win a cash prize for the best poker hand. Upon returning to Apple Valley, the rider with the best hand wins.

Post ride activities will take place at Civic Center Park including music and lunch. Participants will receive a coupon for a percentage off of a pet adoption and veterans will be offered free pet adoptions Saturday at the shelter in honor of Memorial Day. Registration forms are available on-line at www.AVAnimals.org or in-person at the shelter during regular business hours. Registration is \$25 per driver and \$15 per passenger and includes a ride pin and T-shirt while supplies last. Registration is available on the day of the event from 8 to 9 a.m.

All proceeds benefit the animals at the Town of Apple Valley Municipal Animal Shelter. For more information call (760) 240-7000 x7551 or visit the Community Calendar of Events at www.AppleValley.org.

EDIBLE LANDSCAPING

Topic of Next Water Program

The San Bernardino County Master Gardeners will present "Edible Landscaping" at the ABC's of Water program on May 26 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Attendees will learn how to incorporate "edibles" into home landscapes and how to plan a home vegetable garden. A hands-on demonstration will be offered, as well as recipes for warm season vegetables. Prizes will be given away at the event including a vegetable-themed container garden.

Master Gardeners are community volunteers who join with the University of California Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) with a mission to extend research-based knowledge and information on home horticulture, pest management, and sustainable landscape practices to the residents of California.

The program will be held at the **Mojave Water Agency office, 13846 Conference Center Drive in Apple Valley.** For reservations email Gloria Golike at ggolike@mojavewater.org or call (760) 946-7001.

WHAT IS MWA?

The Mojave Water Agency manages the region's water resources for the common benefit to assure stability in the sustained use for its citizens. It is one of 29 State Water Contractors that is entitled to receive State Water Project water when available. The Agency's territory encompasses 4,900 square miles with a population of 450,000.



Police Department focusing on **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY**

In 2014, the Town of Apple Valley experienced a significant increase in vehicle versus pedestrian traffic collisions, many of which resulted in serious injury or death. The Apple Valley Police Department has launched a campaign to focus on reducing these collisions through education and enforcement efforts.

Deputies will conduct concentrated enforcement of violations that have been the most common causes of traffic collisions. Drivers or pedestrians in violation of the established vehicle codes may be issued citations. A partial list of laws that must be followed for pedestrian safety includes:

- Pedestrians in the roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles.
- Pedestrians shall not cross the roadway at any place except in a crosswalk, between adjacent intersections controlled by a traffic signal or by police officers.
- The driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection.
- No pedestrian may suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle that is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard.
- The driver of a vehicle approaching a pedestrian within any marked or unmarked crosswalk shall exercise all due care and shall reduce the speed of the vehicle or take any other action relation to the operation of the vehicle as necessary to safeguard the safety of the pedestrian.

The police department will continue to offer driver education programs, pedestrian safety guides, and other educational literature. For a full list of pedestrian safety laws or other information contact the police department at (760) 240-7400.



Deputy Daniel Garcia is among the many officers tasked with enforcing pedestrian safety laws.

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What will you S.A.V.E?

Some people save money. Some people save time. In Apple Valley, thousands of people S.A.V.E. fun, memories and community pride through a full calendar of concerts, community enhancement programs, animal services activities, recreation classes and more. These are just a few of the many things the Town of Apple Valley offers to provide "A Better Way of Life."

But we can't do it alone! We need your help. Thanks to the partnership of corporate sponsors like Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group, private donors like Mr. Richard Rorex, and con-

tributions from individuals like Apple Valley resident Sharon Scoyne, we have continued to provide fun, affordable family entertainment close to home. In turn, our donors receive positive exposure in our community and the satisfaction of fostering community pride. You can experience the same kind of success by joining our family of Community Partners. You simply cannot get a better investment for your sponsorship dollars anywhere else.

Donations are processed through the Apple Valley Community Resource Foundation, the Town's nonprofit 501(c)3 public benefit corpo-

ration that lessens the burdens of government while supporting cultural, recreational and human services.

Your donation to the Apple Valley Community Resource Foundation for our special events may be tax-deductible! Consult your tax professional.

Visit www.AppleValleyEvents.org for more information, or contact Kathie Martin at kmartin@applevalley.org or (760) 240-7000 x7070 to S.A.V.E. today.



High D boys will return to The Courtyard in May

Apple Valley Commons to host CONCERTS IN THE COURTYARD

The Town of Apple Valley and Lewis Retail Centers are pleased to welcome back Concerts in The Courtyard at Apple Valley Commons. This is a perfect opportunity to connect with friends, family and neighbors for great music featuring acoustic rock, jazz, folk, and classic rock from 6 - 8 p.m. at The Courtyard of Apple Valley Commons. Please bring chairs as the event draws quite a crowd!

The Courtyard is a beautiful outdoor dining area located at Apple Valley Commons at the northwest corner of

Highway 18 and Dale Evans Pkwy. Pick up dinner or a snack first at one of the shopping center eateries, including Subway, Round Table Pizza, Rainbow Frozen Yogurt, Fresh Wok, Carl's Jr., Del Taco, Starbucks and Panda Express. 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.

For more information please visit www.AppleValleyEvents.org or call (760) 240-7000 x7071.

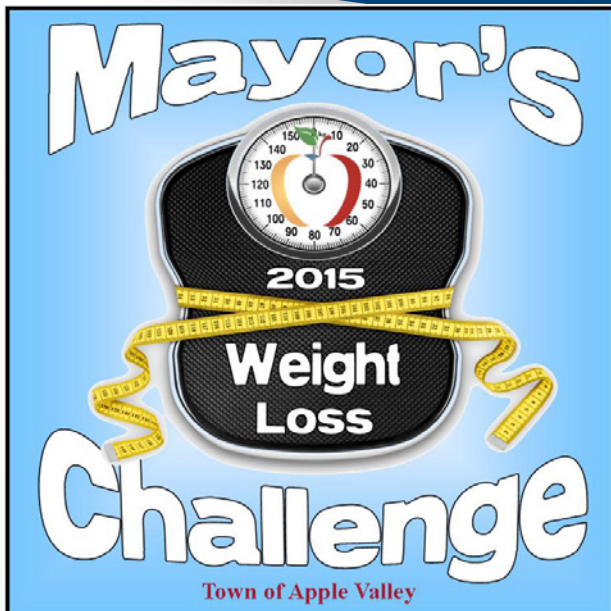
May 7: Lorena Mackay & the John Burcher Band (Variety)

May 14: Under Construction (Top 40)

May 21: High D Boys & A Penny A Kiss (Americana)

May 28: B ok (Variety)

Town of Apple Valley, California



Apple Valley Residents WIN BY LOSING

Apple Valley not only offers "A Better Way of Life" but also a healthier way of life. The Town recently launched the Mayor's Weight Loss Challenge as the newest way to get healthy as a community. Residents have been challenged to move more, get fit and lose weight, with the top man and top woman each winning \$1,000! Second place finishers will get \$500 and third place is \$250. Prize money was furnished by the mayor and by Heritage Victor Valley Medical Group.

The first weigh-in brought 224 challengers - 59 men and 165 women. Ages range from 18 to 86, with an average age of 42.5. Each received a free 3-month membership to Apple Valley Express Fitness. A weekly newsletter and Facebook group provides support and encouragement with health tips and recipes, and challengers are invited to special fitness events like a monthly Walk with the Mayor.

Other sponsors include Top Notch Networking and St. Joseph Health St. Mary. The winner will be announced at the first Sunset Concert on June 25.

Reserve your FLEA MARKET Space Soon!

Spring cleaning could turn a mess into some moolah when you reserve a space at the Apple Valley Rockin' Flea Market on May 16.

Applications for generous 12-foot by 12-foot vendor spaces will be available beginning April 6 for individuals, businesses or groups for only \$20. Non-profit organizations can take advantage of a \$10 special rate.

The event, held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lion's Park on South Outer Highway 18, just east of Dale Evans Parkway, draws many attendees to shop for great deals on antiques, new, used and unique items while enjoying refreshments from food vendors and listening to live entertainment by Jaye Sooter. Parking and admission are free.

For more information call (760) 240-7000, x7071
or visit www.AppleValleyEvents.org.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The Church for Whosoever invites you to gather on May 7 at noon near the flag poles by Town Hall, the Library and the Police Department for a non-denominational service to pray for national, state and local leaders.

The National Day of Prayer was instituted in 1952 by Harry Truman and set as the first Thursday of May in 1988 by Ronald Regan and both houses of Congress. Across the nation, communities gather and offer prayers and support for government leaders, families, youth, churches and ministry organizations, the imprisoned and persecuted, mass media, cultural and social services as well as in recognition of personal renewal and moral awakening.



THE RESULTS ARE IN!

Town of Apple Valley voted
by Daily Press readers:

- Best Live Entertainment
- Best City to Live In four years in a row
- Best Golf Course in the High Desert
- One of the best places to work
- One of the best places for children's entertainment
(Recreation Department)



STAY COOL AT OUR POOL!

OPEN RECREATION SWIM

Daily from May 30 to August 4. 12:30 to 2 p.m. and 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Weekends only from August 8 to August 30.
12:30 to 2 p.m. and 2:30 to 4 p.m.
Tues./Thurs./Sat. from June 2 to August 29. 6:30 to 8 p.m.

SWIM LESSONS

Two-week group sessions: Monday through Friday for 35 minutes.
\$35. Visit AVRecreation.org beginning in April for class times and lesson descriptions.

PRIVATE AND SEMI-PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS

Receive five hours of one-on-one instruction to gain complete independence in the pool and develop advanced skills. Or, gather up to three friends for semi-private lessons also individualized to meet the group's needs. Fees range from \$88 for private lessons to \$40 - \$55 per person for semi-private lessons depending on the number of participants.

JUNIOR LIFEGUARD TRAINING

Two-week sessions are offered beginning May 11 and May 25. This American Red Cross Junior Lifeguarding course for youth 12 to 14 teaches skills needed for entry to the lifeguard course including communication and decision-making skills, basic responsibilities and other knowledge required to become a lifeguard. Thirty hours of volunteer time is required for completion. Cost: \$50.00.

SWIM LESSON EVALUATIONS

Families that are unsure which level of swim lesson their child should be taking are invited to spend a few minutes one-on-one with a certified swim instructor who will assess each participant's skill level to help ensure each student receives the maximum value for their swim lessons. \$3 of the \$5 fee will be applied to swim lesson registration. Evaluations will be offered each Saturday in April from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Advance registration is required.

MEMORIAL DAY BARBEQUE

Join us May 25 for a pool-side barbecue, water slides, music, games and swimming from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Apple Valley Aquatic Center. Call the Recreation Department for pricing and military discounts.

WATER FESTIVAL

Celebrate the start of summer by making a splash at this year's Apple Valley Water Festival on Saturday, June 6 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Apple Valley Aquatic Center. Enjoy games, water slides, a bounce house, pool time and more. Food vendors will be available. Space is limited so purchase your tickets early for \$3 per person for early admittance at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the Aquatic Center or Town Hall. Tickets will be \$5 at the door if the event doesn't sell out.

DIVE-IN MOVIES

Our popular movie series returns on Saturday, June 13 with a viewing of The Hunger Games that you can enjoy from the cool comfort of our beautiful pool! The movie begins at 7:45 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door, or \$3 pre-registered.

WORLD'S LARGEST SWIM LESSON

Join us at the pool on June 18 for a free swim lesson from 8 to 8:30 a.m. as we take part in an attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the largest swim lesson at multiple venues. The event is designed to build awareness about the vital importance of teaching children to swim to help prevent drowning.

FATHER'S DAY BARBECUE

Celebrate Dad and all that he does for you with a fun afternoon at the pool from 1 to 3:30 p.m. June 20. The event includes music, games, waterslides, barbecue and snow cones. Pre-registered patrons will be admitted at 12:30 p.m. Call the Recreation Department for pricing.



**For more information or
to register call
(760) 240-7880 or
visit www.AVRecreation.org**



Shake, Rattle and Roll Out EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR

What if a major earthquake hit, leaving the High Desert without power or water? Would you have enough food to feed your family for a few days? Would you have clean drinking water? Would you know what to do? The key to surviving any disaster is being prepared. Learn how at the "Shake, Rattle and Roll Out" emergency preparedness fair on April 11.

Dozens of agencies and businesses will be on hand, including first responders, utility companies, emergency preparedness suppliers and more. The event is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Apple Valley, at 15500 Tuscola Road. It is presented in conjunction with the Town of Apple Valley, Apple Valley Fire Protection District, Apple Valley Unified School District and San Bernardino County Sheriff, with support from many local businesses.

EGG HUNT

+ 5/10K Provide Spring Fun

Join in good old fashioned fun at James Woody Community Center at the Easter Eggstravaganza April 4 from 9 a.m. to noon. 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.

BLOOD DONATIONS

Giving blood is easy and only takes a few minutes. Find out how simple it is to save a life on Tuesday, May 19 when the Town of Apple Valley hosts its next LifeStream blood drive from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Conference Center at 14975 Dale Evans Parkway in Apple Valley.

Prospective donors at least 15 years of age should be free of infections or illness, weigh at least 110 pounds, and not be at risk for AIDS or hepatitis. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are encouraged. Call 1-800-TRY-GIVING or visit www.lstream.org.



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Fantastic weather is bringing golf to the forefront of many minds. We are seeing more people on the course, in the pro shop and in RoyDale's Restaurant. It's no wonder the Apple Valley Golf Course was voted Best Golf Course in the High Desert this year by readers of *The Daily Press*!

While the Bermuda grass is still dormant, the overall appearance of the course is just great. We have a new golf course superintendent, Kirk Christensen, who was formerly the assistant superintendent at Diablo Grande, a 36-hole facility near Patterson, California.

For those of you who have always wondered what it is like to putt on pro tour quality greens, look no farther. The greens here at Apple Valley Golf Course are as close to tour conditions as you will find, without paying exorbitant green fees. We will be aerating the greens around the first of April. Look for green fee specials around that time. Our bunkers have been reworked, and for those unlucky enough to land in one, you may not even mind hitting out of their new fluffy texture.

For those wanting to get off that couch and play more golf, it has never been more reasonably priced than now. Our Revolution Plan allows us to custom tailor a membership to fit your needs. Come on in to the pro shop so we can help you get exactly what you want out of our phenomenal club.

While you're there, check out the latest equipment from Callaway. We have everything from the Big Bertha to the XR line. We now have a fitting cart on the range each Friday to make your selection the correct one. What you formerly traveled down the hill to do, you can now do on our range. Come see what custom clubs can do for your game.

ROYDALE'S RESTAURANT

Perfect for Dinner or Event

Book your summer event at the Apple Valley Golf Course and RoyDale's Bar and Grill before our calendar is full! The main dining room overlooks the course and is perfect for a family celebration or corporate gathering. The Apple Valley Golf Course has been in business for more than 60 years and has the experience to make sure your event goes smoothly.

We offer an array of quality food that is served with pride. The variety of cuisine provides you with much to choose from, allowing you to please any guests.

"We provide the service that you expect from a first-class banquet facility," said Golf Course Manager Gary Matteson. "Our venue offers a high standard of quality and an atmosphere of warmth. The luxury and elegance will increase with the expected renovations to come."

From weddings to social events, corporate events to golf tournaments, birthdays to anniversaries, we offer multiple event services to help you transform your dream into reality for groups from 10 to 250.

The restaurant is open seven days a week. Come in for Fish Fridays and enjoy clam chowder or fish and chips. Breakfast and lunch specials, as well as happy hour, are offered daily.



APPLE VALLEY GOLF COURSE

For reservations, tee times, a calendar of events or more information on the Apple Valley Golf Course call (760) 242-3125 or visit www.AppleValleyGolfClub.com



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RATE STABILITY.

These are facts that support the Town's acquisition of Apple Valley Ranchos Water Company. Fact – not misinformation and mischaracterizations designed to erode strong public support for the purchase.

The truth is, most local water systems in California are owned by the people, not corporations. This guarantees community members a voice in the rate-setting process. By contrast, a private company needs approval only from the California Public Utilities Commission, which has a long history of leniency when it comes to rate requests.

OTHER FACTS

Why is the Town pursuing acquisition?

Apple Valley Ranchos, by definition, is a "government-granted monopoly." As a customer, you have no choice but to buy your water from them at whatever price they and the CPUC decide to set. During the past 10 years, those rates have increased significantly, and the company has asked for another 31.55 percent increase over the next three years.

How much will acquiring Apple Valley Ranchos cost?

The Town is working with an independent appraisal firm to determine a fair purchase price. Watch for details on a Town Hall meeting soon, where this will be shared in detail.

Why is it so hard to get a bottom-line number?

A lack of transparency from Apple Valley Ranchos' owners has kept us from fully vetting the company's financials. Basic information unavailable so far includes auditor's reports, executive salaries, notes to financial statements, cash flow reports and stockholder equity statements.

How would we pay for this purchase?

The savings from eliminating the profit margin and other costs will cover the debt service without raising rates or property taxes to do so.



The first concrete was poured at the Yucca Loma Bridge on March 16. In 12 hours, three teams directed 213 trucks and poured 2,130 cubic yards of concrete. Visit www.YuccaLomaBridge.com to view live images from the construction site, 24 hours a day.



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AVPD

On Social Media

The Apple Valley Police Department has joined the social media community with its own Facebook and Twitter accounts. Follow them for the latest on press releases, events and crime prevention classes for the community. This is an exciting new way for local law enforcement to keep in contact with the community. Find them on Facebook under the Apple Valley Police Department and on Twitter under Apple Valley Police.



CONNECT WITH AVPD!

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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 pension with the additional benefit of Aid and Attendance can provide up to \$1,788.00 for a veteran, \$1,149.00 per month to a surviving spouse, \$2,120.00 to a married veteran, or \$2,837.00 per month to a veteran 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:
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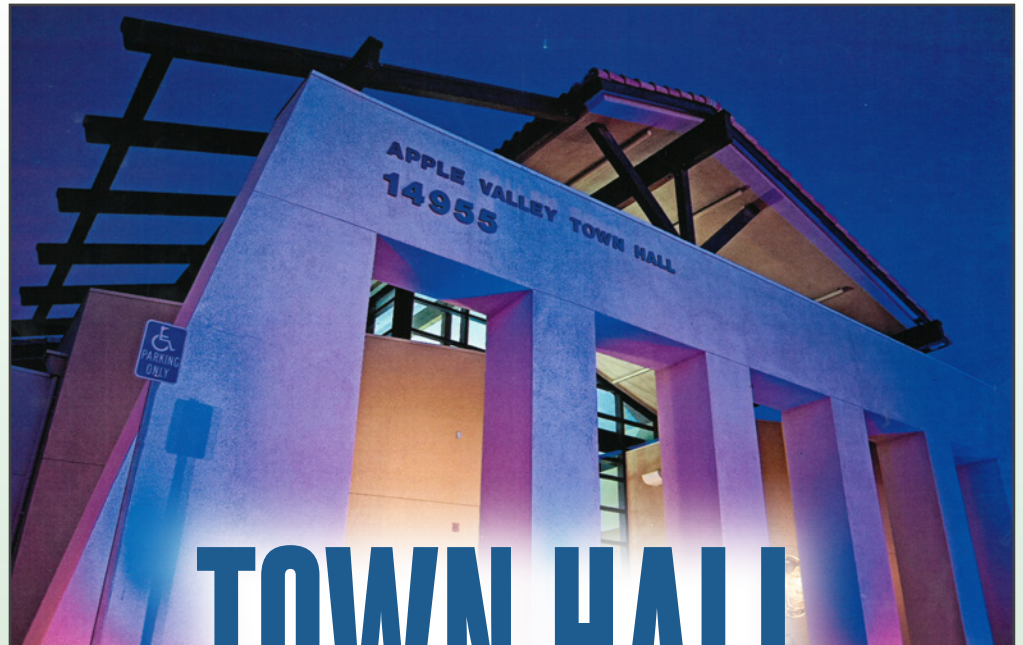
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TOWN HALL

To "Light It Up Blue"

Town Hall will look a little different in April when it is bathed in blue light to raise awareness for autism. This is the second year Apple Valley will participate in the "Light It Up Blue" campaign that will launch on April 2 to coincide with World Autism Day. Residents are encouraged to support the cause by switching out white porch lights to blue all month.

In 2014, Apple Valley was the first government entity in the High Desert to join this worldwide campaign that included 10,000 buildings in 136 countries.

Autismspeaks.org identifies autism as a general term for a group of complex disorders of brain development characterized by varying degrees of difficulties in social interaction, verbal and non verbal communication and repetitive behaviors. Autism prevalence has increased 123% since 2002 and continues to rise, with 1 in 68 children being diagnosed with autism.