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Town of Apple Valley, California

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MOJAVE RIVERWALK

Engineering a Better Trail System

As the holidays come and go, some Apple Valley residents may have included getting healthier as one of their New Year resolutions. Walking, biking, and jogging are great ways to do that, and the Town of Apple Valley's engineering department has been hard at work to provide those opportunities.

The Mojave Riverwalk South project began construction in October and, when complete, will provide a 12-foot wide concrete multi-use trail that begins at Bear Valley Road and stretches south 2.75 miles along the Mojave River.

"This will be a gathering place for people to get some exercise and enjoy our beautiful desert," said Deputy Town Engineer Richard Pedersen. "And the location is convenient to our residents as well as neighboring communities." The project is primarily funded by a \$923,000 Active Transportation grant from Southern California Association of Governments.

The Riverwalk is one piece of a growing network of interconnected paths for non-motorized transportation. The Bear Valley Bike Path is under construction

along Bear Valley Road from Reata to Jess Ranch Parkway, and from the Bear Valley Bridge to Fish Hatchery Road. Ultimately, the Bear Valley Bridge rehabilitation project will complete the last section of the path that connects the Town of Apple Valley to Victor Valley College and Victorville's network of paths.

This spring, the Town will upgrade its Class II bike-way network, including resurfacing, striping and adding new signage to portions of the 37-mile route. A new segment is being added as part of the Yucca Loma Road widening, which will provide connection to the bridge when it opens in May. We have also completed a 2-mile stretch along Rincon Road from Navajo to Central.

As the Town's Vision 2020 strategic plan points out, the Town of Apple Valley is committed to developing a safe community, adequate and well-maintained infrastructure, and diverse recreational opportunities. These and other projects currently in development align with the goals of Vision 2020 and create opportunities to build a healthy Apple Valley.





MEETING CALENDAR

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

TOWN COUNCIL

Jan. 10 & 24, Feb. 14 & 28,
Mar. 14 & 28 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.

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

Could Your Christmas Tree Use A "PICK ME UP?"

Once the presents are unwrapped and the needles start to drop, it's time to give your Christmas tree a proper retirement. You don't have to haul it off to a local drop-off point or dump it in the desert. Apple Valley residents can simply put their tree by the curb and AVCO Disposal will pick up Christmas trees until January 7 on regular trash service days.

There are three simple steps to take:

- 1) Remove all decorations, tinsel and stands
- 2) Cut the tree in half if over 6-feet tall
- 3) Place it curbside on your regular trash service day

The clean trees will be collected for grinding and composting. This practice conserves landfill space and reduces greenhouse gas emissions. Please note that flocked trees cannot be composted, so they will be disposed of as trash. Questions may be directed to AVCO Disposal at (760) 245-8607.

GET THE APP

Tap Into Apple Valley With Our Mobile App

It is easy to report potholes, barking dogs, graffiti and more from the convenience of your mobile phone with the Town's GORquest mobile app.

iPhone and Android users can simply open the app, select and issue and take a picture. The app sends the photo and location to the right person who can easily find and fix the issue. Without ever sitting down at a computer, the GPS and camera features allow you to alert the town about a variety of issues around the clock while you're mobile. You'll know that your issue went through to the right person. You will also receive status updates on your issues. Download the app from your mobile store by searching for GoRequest.



FREE COMMUNITY CALENDARS Available

The 2017 Community Calendar is still available for free at Town Hall. The full-color publication features photographs taken by Apple Valley residents, volunteers and employees at popular events and activities the Town offers to provide our residents and neighbors a "Better Way of Life." The calendar includes Council and Commission meetings, special events, Town Hall closures, a Frequently Asked Questions guide to Apple Valley Choice Energy and a Town directory that will make this a resource you won't want to be without. Distribution of this calendar is free thanks to the support of Apple Valley Choice Energy.

TOWN HOLIDAY CLOSURES

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

January 2
New Year's Observance

January 18
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 15
President's Day

MEASURE V Passes in Apple Valley

Many residents have contacted Town Hall asking how the passage of Measure V affects the acquisition of the Apple Valley Water System.

In simplest terms, the Liberty Utilities-backed measure will require that voters approve the use of public debt to pay for the acquisition of the system. It is too early to say when that vote will take place. The Town's legal efforts to acquire the system by eminent domain will continue in the meantime.

The Town Council understands the democratic process and respects the outcome. It is important to note that Liberty spent \$400,000 in support of Measure V. The citizens of Apple Valley continue to express dismay over water rates that are well above those of neighboring communities. It is that support from residents that led the Council to pursue acquisition.

It is important to note, too, that the election was not a mandate against public ownership of water, as Liberty has suggested. Liberty, tellingly, never put the question of public ownership on the ballot. It was simply a vote on the process of approving public debt for the acquisition, construction, improvement or financing of an enterprise.



CERT VOLUNTEERS

Play Key Role During Blue Cut Fire

When the Blue Cut fire raged through the High Desert last August, our local disaster service workers played an important part in managing the crisis. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members volunteered nearly 80 hours at the disaster command post, and in the Emergency Operations Center set up at the Apple Valley Animal Shelter that took in nearly 600 displaced animals. Our Emergency Communications Service workers volunteered 240 hours between the shelter and the Victorville Fairgrounds that temporarily housed additional animals including livestock. We are grateful to these volunteers who dedicate their skills and resources in times of need.

Does helping your community, or being prepared to help yourself and your family in an emergency interest you? Do you know what you would need if you had to evacuate your home? Do you know what you should have in your car for emergencies? Do you have an out of state contact? Come and learn all this and more at our Community Emergency Response Team classes. By completing the class, you are eligible to assist the Town in official emergency response situations.

Our next class will be held on three consecutive Saturdays beginning January 21 at Apple Valley Fire Protection District Station #336, 19235 Yucca Loma Road. You will learn: Emergency Preparedness, Fire Safety, Disaster Medical, Light Search and Rescue, Terrorism, Disaster Psychology, and Cert Organization. To register for the class, please contact Dawn Harrison at dharrison@applevalley.org or call (760) 240-7000 x7791.

Next CERT class begins January 21



RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES

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

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT, Feb. 14, 6 - 9 p.m.

Looking to take your loved one out for a special Valentine's Day? Need a safe and entertaining place to leave the kids? Look no further than Apple Valley Recreation. Our friendly staff is here to save the day. We will provide a light dinner of pizza and fruit, games, craft and a movie. Space is limited so register no later than February 12. For ages 3 - 10, children must be potty trained. Cost: \$8 per child.

THE HEART GAMES, Feb. 25, 8:30 a.m.

Teams of 3 to 5 will compete in this sixth annual family-friendly Olympic style event that includes 10 heart healthy activity checkpoints, with a race to the finish line. Get your friends and family together and don't miss out on the fun! Teams are encouraged to earn 50 bonus points by dressing outrageously to show their team spirit! For more information please call Lena Quinonez at (760) 240-7000 x7883. Registration deadline: Feb. 9 Cost: \$10/person.

SPRING CO-ED SOFTBALL LEAGUE, March 3, 6 p.m.

All players must be over 18. Only 12 teams will be accepted so register early. Men must use a wooden softball bat 2 1/4" in diameter. Cost: \$355/team Registration deadline: Feb. 23 Location: Brewster Park.

ADULT KICKBALL LEAGUE, March 8:

You remember the game from your youth, now it's time to get your co-ed team together and join us for 8 weeks of kickball followed by single elimination playoffs. Only 8 teams will be accepted for this league. Games are Wednesdays between 6 and 10:45 p.m. beginning March 8. Cost: \$225/team. Registration Deadline: March 2.

HIGH SCHOOL DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT, April 8, 10 a.m.

Dodge, dive, dip and duck your way in this inaugural championship tournament. Teams of 6 to 10 will compete against other high school teams in this classic, single elimination tournament. Teams must have at least 3 boys and 3 girls. Outlandish team names and attire are not required but highly encouraged. Cost: \$30/team Location: James Woody Gym Registration deadline: April 3.

EASTER EGG HUNT, April 15, 9:30 a.m.

The Sharon Frazier Annual Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the Apple Valley Optimist Club #15017 is back for its 53rd year. The hunt is open to children ages 10 and younger and will begin at 9:30 a.m. sharp on the baseball fields. There is a separate area for children with special needs. Bring your favorite basket to collect your eggs. **Note:** Parents are not permitted on the field during the egg hunt.



For more information on these and other activities, visit www.AppleValley.org.

LIFEGUARD TRAINING

The knowledge and skills taught in this course will provide everything participants need to keep themselves and others safe in and around any aquatic environment. The course covers rescue skills, CPR/AED, first aid, emergency childbirth, and major trauma emergencies. Successful completion of this course is required for all who seek employment as a lifeguard at the Civic Center Park Aquatic Center. All participants must pass the pre-swim in order to continue the course. The course fee is \$200. Refunds will be given for participants who fail to complete the pre-swim.





ABC's of OF WATER

The public is invited to attend the next ABC's of Water workshop on January 24 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the MWA operations facility at 7620 Deep Creek Road in Apple Valley. Staff from the MWA operations department will offer a facility tour and discuss how the facility makes water safe to drink. Refreshments will be served and seating is limited. Pre-register to attend this free workshop via email to ggolike@mojavewater.org or call (760) 946-7001 by January 23.

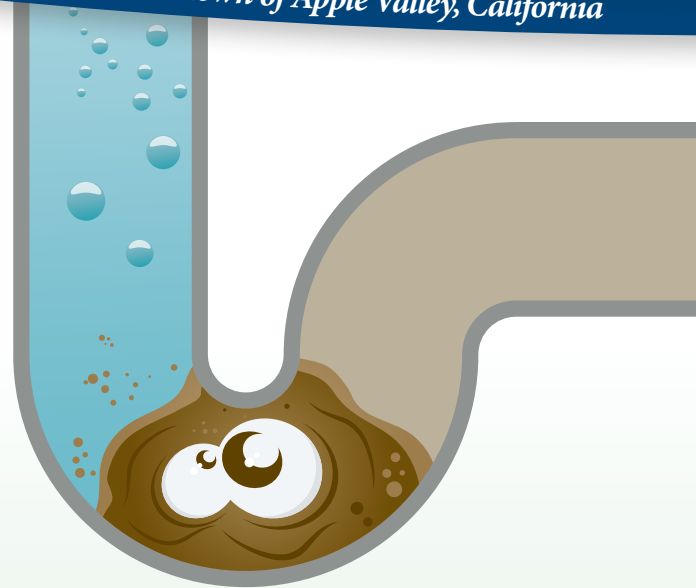
HIGH DESERT WATER SUMMIT

Seeking Tomorrow's Innovators

Mojave Water Agency is seeking high school innovators to be featured at the 2017 High Desert Water Summit on March 8. Students living within the MWA boundaries in grades 9 to 12 are invited to enter this year's essay or video contest that illustrates this year's theme: "Together, we're securing water for today and tomorrow." Contest rules and details are available at www.mojavewater.org.

California and the entire Southwest is continuing to experience ongoing drought conditions. As California's water supplies are stretched with the growing population each year, careful stewardship of water resources has never been more important. That's why MWA is calling on the next generation to be innovators and tell us their ideas that will help conserve water to sustain our supply for the future.

The event will be held from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the High Desert Church in Victorville. Call (760) 946-7000 or visit www.mojavewater.org for more information.



NO F.O.G.

No Clog!

Sewer backups and overflows result in property and environmental damage. They are most commonly caused by improper materials such as fat, oil and grease (FOG) being discharged into the Town sewer system. Since these substances do not dissolve and tend to float on the surface, they build up, collect on the tops and sides of the sewer pipes and eventually cause a blockage and subsequent backup and/or overflow.

Sanitary sewer systems and septic tanks are designed to handle human waste, toilet paper and used water. By following simple guidelines, you can help protect natural waterways, maintain sewer and septic systems and reduce treatment and maintenance costs. Please refer to the following list of DOs & DON'Ts concerning FOG.

DO:

- Collect used grease and cooking oil in a container and dispose in the garbage or preferably at a Household Hazardous Waste collection center.
- Put solid waste such as disposable diapers and personal hygiene products in the garbage.
- Place food scraps in the garbage for disposal with solid waste.

DON'T:

- Pour grease, fats and oils from cooking down the drain.
- Use the toilet as a garbage can.
- Use the sewer as a means to dispose of food or scraps.



Gym Named in Honor of **MICHAEL H. MARTIN**

In honor of a life well-played, the Town of Apple Valley will dedicate the Michael H. Martin Gymnasium on January 7 at 10:30 a.m. A Town of Apple Valley Parks and Recreation Commissioner from 2005 until his passing on December 31, 2015, Mike was also an employee of the Apple Valley Recreation and Park District from about 1985 through 2001. Among other accomplishments, he was instrumental in the growth of the youth basketball league and implemented the first pee wee sports programs for Apple Valley.

“Big Mike,” as he was known, was also a mentor and coach to thousands of kids who passed through the gym. There are many stories from people who spent formative hours under Mike’s watchful eye. These “gym rats” – a self-imposed label they embrace in love – remember his support, guidance, advice and even stern admonitions when called for. They credit him with surviving tough times, passing classes and staying out of trouble.

Thanks to Mike, the gym was and shall remain a safe haven, where the youth of Apple Valley may come to play.

The community is invited to the dedication ceremony on Saturday, January 7, 10:30 a.m. The gym is located at 13413 Navajo Road, next to the James A. Woody Community Center.



Members of the winning project team (L-R) Cassidy Pulice, Krista Francis, Jeremiah Moorer, Humberto Landeros.

MAYOR'S YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Local Teens Get Behind The Scenes Look At Local Government

Should Apple Valley spend money to offer free e-waste pick-up for seniors? Should the Town provide 100 free microchips to pets of senior citizens? How beneficial is it to provide sunscreen stations at the Town’s Aquatic Center? These are some of the issues more than 45 local teens debated at the town’s Third Annual Mayor’s Youth Leadership Conference in November.

Juniors from five Apple Valley high schools were invited to participate in the all-day event that included presentations from department managers, lunch with Town Council members, as well as information on volunteer and internship opportunities. Students also worked in groups to build a case for six proposals then presented them to a mock town council made up of their peers. The mock council listened, questioned and deliberated on how they should spend a \$1,000 budget.

The winning group presented the project at the December Town Council meeting, where funding was officially allocated to the selected project, providing free swim lessons for 55 low income/at-risk youth over spring break.

OUR Town

Town of Apple Valley, California



S.A.V.E.

SUPPORT APPLE VALLEY EVENTS



Can you imagine summer without our Sunset Concert Series, or a Fourth of July without our Freedom Festival? Neither can we! This is the reason why we have been raising funds for the last few years when the economy made it nearly impossible to continue offering these events.

The new year brings with it a renewed effort to bring Apple Valley residents the best special events in the High Desert. It's called the S.A.V.E. campaign – Support Apple Valley Events – and you can help.

Last year, more than 20 businesses and individuals contributed to the cause. It allowed us to bring a full calendar of concerts, clean-up days, flea markets, craft shows, parks and recreation programs and

more. We believe that's why we've been named the best High Desert City to Live In five years in a row in a poll conducted by the Daily Press.

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

What Town program or event would you like to S.A.V.E.? Any contribution will help. With a \$25 donation, you will receive a special recognition of your generosity. For \$250 or more, you will be invited to

the end of the season donor appreciation event in August. Checks made out to AVCRF (Apple Valley Community Resource Foundation) can be sent to S.A.V.E. Campaign, Town of Apple Valley, 14955 Dale Evans Parkway, Apple Valley, CA 92307. Or you can donate online at www.AppleValleyEvents.org using PayPal or a credit card.

The AVCRF is a not-for-profit public benefit corporation. Check with your tax professional to see what tax benefits you may gain from your contribution. For more information call (760) 240-7000 x7070, or visit www.AppleValleyEvents.org.





SHOP LOCAL



Close to Home, Close to Heart
LOCAL APPLE VALLEY



Support the local economy and business community through the Shop Local, Think Apple Valley campaign. By encouraging residents and visitors to spend their hard-earned dollars here in Apple Valley, together we can help local businesses grow their bottom lines, add jobs and enhance the public services and safety of our town. We love seeing business-to-business relationships grow as well. With thousands of supporters – and counting – our online social media presence has gained quite a following. Check us out @ShopAppleValley on Facebook and Instagram for weekly spotlights and learn all about new and longtime businesses. It's all happening right here in your own back yard.

  @ShopAppleValley



HAPPY TRAILS PARADE

Tradition Continues

High school bands, horses and classic cars marched down Outer Highway 18 to the smiles, waves and cheers of hundreds of high desert residents and fans, when we celebrated the return of our beloved Happy Trails Parade on October 1. The annual event draws large crowds to The Village district and keeps one of Apple Valley's oldest traditions alive. With more than forty groups participating, this year's event drew hundreds of local and distant guests. Entries this year included the Apple Valley Equestrian Advisory Committee, Early Day Tractor & Iron, Granite Hills High School Marching Band "The Magnificent Cougars" and members of the "Over The Hill" car club – all of which won first place in their respective categories. An awards ceremony was held at a Town Council meeting where cash prizes were given out to winning entries. The Village Property and Business Improvement District would like to thank Mollie's Kountry Kitchen for providing breakfast to all of our volunteers during the event. Thank you for joining us, we are looking forward to next year!



Low Cost PET VACCINE CLINICS OFFERED

There are few better ways to show your pet you love them than to keep them current on their vaccines. Apple Valley Animal Services partners with local veterinary hospitals to offer low-cost vaccines several times a year at the shelter from 5 to 7 p.m.

Rabies vaccines are available for dogs or cats for \$6. Additional vaccines available for dogs are Bordetella for \$10 and DA2PP for \$15. The feline leukemia vaccine will be offered for \$15. Microchip services are only \$20. Cash only please. Same-day license renewal is offered for town residents only.

Clinics will be held in 2017 on the following dates.

- February 8
- April 5
- June 7
- August 2
- December 6

A clinic will also be held at next year's Paws N' Claws Pet Fair on October 21. The shelter is located at 22131 Powhatan Road at Quinnault Road. Contact the Town of Apple Valley Municipal Animal Shelter for details at (760) 240-7000 x7555 or visit www.AVAnimals.org.

Save The Date
April 8, 2017

FURBALL
FIESTA

AVAnimals.org

COME JOIN THE FUN!

The graphic features a white dog wearing a sombrero, a piñata, and confetti. The text "FURBALL FIESTA" is written in large, colorful, block letters. Below it, the website "AVAnimals.org" and the phrase "COME JOIN THE FUN!" are displayed in bold, yellow letters.



SENIORS

You Are Not Alone!

If you or a loved one are living alone, but would like the peace of mind that a daily phone call provides, then the You Are Not Alone (YANA) program is for you. This free service offered by the Apple Valley Police Department, provides regular phone calls to check on seniors who are able to care for themselves and live on their own.

YANA promotes peace of mind and a sense of security for elderly residents. It's a great resource for disabled seniors who enjoy the independence of living on their own, but don't have friends or family members nearby to check on them regularly.

If an emergency occurs during a phone call or the senior is unable to be contacted, the YANA representative will arrange for a deputy to be sent to the residence to do a welfare check.

For more information or to sign up to become a YANA participant, please contact Trish Hill at the Apple Valley Police Department at (760) 240-7400 x7428.

Start Smart DRIVING PROGRAM

Send your teen on the road to safety by enrolling him or her in the Apple Valley Police Department's Start Smart driving class. This two-hour class was designed by the California Highway Patrol to offer tips on how to avoid collisions, adopt safe driving habits, learn the consequences of making a poor choice behind the wheel of a vehicle and much more.

This class is offered free to teens accompanied by a parent. Some automobile insurance companies may offer a discount for teens who attend a Start Smart class. There are three upcoming classes that will be held in the Town of Apple Valley's Conference Center at 14975 Dale Evans Parkway from 6 to 8 p.m. on January 24, February 28 and March 28, 2017. Seating is limited so for additional information or to reserve a seat contact Joy Ballinger at (760) 240-7400 x7457.





SHOCK PROGRAM To Begin New Session

The Apple Valley Police Activities League's S.H.O.C.K. program is accepting enrollment applications for its next session that will begin on February 6.

S.H.O.C.K. stands for self-discipline, honor, obedience, character and knowledge. The at-risk youth in this 10-week teen intervention program receive instruction on many topics including leadership, respect, self-discipline, gangs, drugs, ethics, teamwork and physical fitness.

The success of his program hinges on the support from the community, the Apple Valley Unified School District, and volunteer instructors from the military, law enforcement, and the public and private sectors. The S.H.O.C.K. program is committed to equipping kids and their parents with the tools to face today's incredible challenges.

The fall session of the S.H.O.C.K. program graduated 26 students on November 17, 2016. The next class will be held from February 6 through April 13. To enroll a student or for additional information, contact Trish Hill at (760) 240-7400 x7428.

Sheriff's Department EXPLORER PROGRAM

The Sheriff's Explorer Program is looking for youth ages 14 to 20 who are interested in a career in law enforcement. Applications are now being accepted for the program that offers in-depth experience and hands-on learning as well as character building, leadership development, and community involvement.

Training includes physical fitness, weaponless defense, firearms, chemical agents, investigations and much more. Additional activities may include traffic control, community functions, ride-alongs with deputies and explorer competitions.

Participants must maintain a "C" grade point average, pass a background investigation and an oral interview. To apply, visit the Apple Valley Police Department online at www.co.san-bernardino.ca.us/sheriff/volunteer/volunteer.asp.



TOWN INFORMATION

TOWN COUNCIL

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Larry Cusack
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Scott Nassif
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 Hall240-7000

DEPARTMENT EXTENSIONS

Dial (760) 240-7000 Plus:

Animal Services.....x7555
Building & Safetyx7014
Community Development &
Housingx7208
Economic Developmentx7900
Engineering.....x7013
Financex7000
Human Resources.....x7600
Planning.....x7200
Public Informationx7074
Public Works.....x7500
Recreationx7880
Town Clerk.....x7800
Town Managerx7051
Transit.....x7522

OTHER TOWN DEPARTMENTS & SERVICES

(Dial Direct)

Code Enforcement..... 240-7560
Emergency Preparedness..... 247-7618
Golf Course 242-3125
Parks & Recreation..... 240-7880
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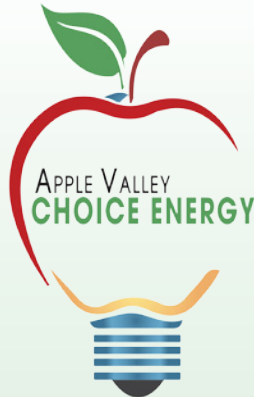
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APPLE VALLEY CHOICE ENERGY

Offers "A Better Choice"

Apple Valley is making a change for the better starting April 1, 2017. This is when Apple Valley Choice Energy (AVCE) will become the Town's primary energy provider, giving residents and businesses the power to choose lower, stable energy rates, cleaner energy and local control.

AVCE is collaborating with Southern California Edison (SCE) to ensure you receive this cleaner power through SCE's existing lines and just one bill, which includes charges for both AVCE's power and SCE's services. SCE will also maintain the lines and respond to any outages which may occur, as they do now. SO you get the best of both providers: cleaner, more cost-effective power under local control and the convenience of a single source for billing and service requests.

Residents will begin receiving 35% renewable content and low costs through AVCE's Core Choice program. You also have the option of moving up to More Choice, with 50% renewable content. The Your Choice program allows those generating renewable power on site to continue in a program similar to SCE's net zero metering. Because the choice is in your hands, if you prefer to stay with SCE, you can opt out of AVCE programs entirely.

For details and a list of FAQs, visit AVChoiceEnergy.com, call (760) 573-AVCE or stop by the Development Services Building at Town Hall, 14955 Dale Evans Parkway.

