



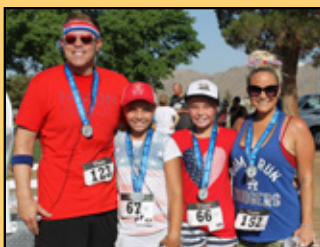
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Town of Apple Valley, California

FREEDOM FESTIVAL

CELEBRATES 20 YEARS!

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Where were you in 1998?! The last episode of The Seinfeld Show aired. The second Harry Potter book was published. And the first Freedom Festival was held in Apple Valley! The whole event was contained to the front parking lot of Brewster Park, and 2,500 people came to play homespun carnival games like "Frozen Chicken Bowling." The Apple Valley Soccer Club served up cotton candy and pizza, and the Town of Apple Valley and Apple Valley Fire District went head to head in softball.

Nowadays, more than 10,000 people enter the gates, and thousands more watch from across the valley. You can browse five acres of vendors, choose from 25 food booths, and relive a lifetime of memories as you listen to music and connect with family and friends, as fireworks burst overhead.

Join us as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of this event on Tuesday, July 4. Live entertainment starts at 2 p.m. with Bad Water Junction, a local classic rock and country band. Patriotic entertainment with A Penny A Kiss will begin at 5 p.m. followed by "A Diamond is Forever," a 7-piece Neil Diamond tribute band. Lead singer, David J. Sherry, will make you "Feel the Neil!"

A new fun zone will offer a bungee trampoline, aqua bubble ride, a giant slide and an obstacle course. Attraction prices range from \$7 to \$10 per ride. The day will also include free games, crafts and activities which

culminate at 9 p.m. with the largest fireworks show in the High Desert. Tune in to Kat Country 100.7 for patriotic music simulcast to the fireworks show. Start early at the Firecracker 5/10K – see page 2 for details.

The popular beer garden will complement a variety of food booths featuring your favorite festival fare.

Lenny Brewster Sports Center is located at 21024 Otoe Road. Take Dale Evans Parkway 1.5 miles north from Highway 18. Bring your canopies and chairs, but please, no alcohol, pets or barbecues will be allowed in the park, and all Town parks are 100% smoke and vape-free.

Due to construction of the water recycling plant on the south side of the park, and restrictions against parking on some private property in the area, everyone must enter the park on foot through the entrance on Otoe Road. Handicap parking will be available immediately outside the main entrance.

Please pay attention to signage and follow instructions from the deputies and Explorer Scouts managing the parking area. For the safety of attendees, some light towers are placed in the approved parking areas surrounding the park. If you plan to watch the fireworks from your car, please note that these remain on during the fireworks show so you may want to watch for them as you choose your location.

For information including a map showing parking and pedestrian access, and a complete schedule of events, visit www.AppleValleyEvents.org and click on our Freedom Festival page or call (760) 240-7000 x 7071.

MEMORIES

Have a memory or photo to share from Freedom Festivals past or present? Email it to info@applevalley.org; or share it on social media and tag #AppleValleyCA and #AVFreedomFest.





MEETING CALENDAR

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

TOWN COUNCIL

July 11 & 25, August 8 & 22,
September 12 & 26 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
Closed July 29 and Sept. 30

Registration Open

FIRECRACKER RUN

Start your Independence Day off with a bang at the Firecracker Run, a 5k walk and 5 and 10k run on Tuesday, July 4, at Lenny Brewster Sports Center. Check-in starts at 6 a.m. with the race beginning at 7 a.m. Free commemorative race T-shirts are available for the first 50 pre-registered, paid runners. A limited supply of T-shirts are available for others for \$10. Visit www.AVRecreation.org for more details or to download the registration form and liability waiver. Cost is \$19 for registrations by June 29, \$23 up to the day of the race.



PASSPORTS

Processed at Town Hall

Going on vacation? Make your first stop Apple Valley Town Hall. The Town Clerk's office has processed thousands of passports since it began offering the service in 2003, earning an award for Performance Excellence by the Department of State for its outstanding service as a Passport Acceptance Facility.

Normal passport office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon; and on afternoons and Fridays by appointment only at (760) 240-7000 x7800. The office also offers appointments until 7 p.m. the third Thursday of each month.

Standard passports for adults are \$110 plus a separate \$25 processing fee. Passports for children age 15 and under are \$80 plus a separate \$25 processing fee. Wallet-sized U.S. Passport Cards are valid for land and sea crossings between the U.S. and Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the Caribbean. Fees including the Town processing fee are \$55 for adults and \$40 for children 15 years and younger. Application fees and processing fees must be paid separately.

Passports can be expedited within two to three weeks for \$60 per application. Emergency passport information can be obtained by contacting the United States Department of State Los Angeles Passport Agency at (877) 487-2778 or visit www.travel.state.gov.

TOWN HOLIDAY CLOSURES

July 3 – Holiday Closure
July 4 – Independence Day
September 4 – Labor Day
October 9 – Columbus Day

Town of Apple Valley, California



REHABILITATION LOAN

Repairs Roof, Makes Home Comfortable

When Apple Valley resident Raetricia Luizzi bought her home, the roof had two major leaks. Repeated patch jobs became costly and ineffective. With the help of the Town's housing department, she was able to replace her entire roof and bring a few smaller items up to code with a 0% interest deferred loan from the Residential Rehabilitation Loan Program.

"It surprised me that it went so fast. They started the teardown on Tuesday morning and they were done by Friday," Raetricia said. "The housing department at the Town is awesome. Everything about the process was explained clearly and everything went according to schedule. After we finalized the paperwork, the work just began."

Owners are eligible for improvements to their home that include health, safety and code issues, energy conservation, accessibility improvements for disabled, and necessary repairs for deferred maintenance.

"I'm still surprised at how fast and smooth the process went. I kept thinking there would be some kind of problem, but there wasn't," said Raetricia. "My home is absolutely beautiful with the new roof and the new insulation makes it much more comfortable."

The RRLP program is for income-eligible residents of Apple Valley. For more information about program eligibility and its benefits, visit www.AVHousing.org or call (760) 240-7000 x7208.

MWA

Facilities Tour Scheduled

Water is a vital commodity in the desert that we can't afford to squander. See what the Mojave Water Agency is doing to make the most of this resource by participating in a facility tour on October 11 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Participants will gain a first-hand perspective of how the MWA manages our local water source. The tour is free and lunch is provided during this event that includes a visit to some of the field sites operated by the agency. Educational credits are available for eligible participants. The tour will begin at the MWA office at 13846 Conference Center Drive in Apple Valley.

Contact Gloria Golike at (760) 946-7001
or ggolike@mojavewater.org by
September 13 to reserve your space.

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HORSE AROUND With Us!

Saddle up and join us for our monthly rides offered by the Equestrian Advisory Committee. Meet-up locations differ each month and are a great way to meet other horse-enthusiasts and learn about our easement trails, open space areas or explore town amenities like Horsemen's Center Park. Morning rides begin at 10 a.m. Evening rides leave at 8:30 p.m. Sign-ups take place one hour prior to departure. Our next three rides are July 23, August 5 and September 24.

For additional time in the saddle, join the Rider's Challenge program. Participants are encouraged to log 300 hours of ride or drive time between May 1 to April 30. Call the Recreation Department at (760) 240-7880 or visit the equestrian page at www.AVRecreation.org for monthly meet-up locations or additional information about the Rider's Challenge.

Apple Valley Commons



Concerts return to The Courtyard every Thursday in September from 6 to 8 p.m. Grab dinner from a local eatery and join us for live music under the gazebo near the corner of Dale Evans Parkway and Highway 18.

RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES

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

Getting healthy doesn't have to be hard! It can be as easy as playing a game or dancing to your favorite music. Our Recreation Department offers everything from archery to Zumba. Check out these fun activities that will make you forget you're getting healthy!

Indoor Rock Climbing – Learn about the gear, knots and basic movements of rock climbing in this introductory class. Instructor Craig Buchanan will lead participants through strength, endurance and stretching techniques to improve flexibility and movement for easier climbs during this indoor class. **Day/Time:** Tues. and Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. **Location:** The Bullet Hole. **Cost:** \$50

Water Aerobics – Enjoy a high-energy, low-impact workout that strengthens and tones from head to toe. Most land exercises can be done effectively in water with the added benefit of support and resistance in the wa-

ter. Lunge, jump, jog, crunch, kick, twist and dance to great music in the pool. **Day/Time:** Monday to Friday 8 to 9 a.m. **Location:** Aquatic Center **Cost:** \$35 to \$45

Urban Line Dance – Get fit and have fun at this class described as country line dancing's big city cousin. Learn simple, low-impact moves to a wide variety of music. **Day/Time:** Tuesdays 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. **Location:** James Woody Community Center **Cost:** \$24

Adult Kickball – The game you remember from your youth is coming back as a great adult sport. Gather a co-ed team together

and join us for an 8-week league followed by single elimination playoffs. Only eight teams will be accepted. **Day/Time:** Register by June 28. Games on Wednesdays between 6:30 and 10:30 p.m. **Location:** Lenny Brewster Sports Center **Cost:** \$225/team.

Toddler Olympics – It's never too early to begin exercising. Sign your toddler up for the Apple Valley Toddler Olympics! Each tot will compete in five different activities such as ball throwing, jumping and more. All participants will receive a medal. **Day/Time:** Aug. 5, 9 to 11 a.m. (Register by 7/27) **Location:** Michael H. Martin Gym. **Cost:** \$5 per child ages 3 to 5.

STAY COOL

At Our Pool

Trying to beat the heat but don't have a pool? Visit ours! The Aquatic Center at Civic Center Park in Apple Valley has a full summer schedule of activities available for every age.

July 8 & August 12: "Dive-In" Movies – Enjoy a swim and a show under the stars. Bring your noodles and float, or plant your chair on the deck or lawn. Movie begins after sunset. Food will be available for purchase. July - *Sing* (rated PG). August - *Jurassic Park* (Rated PG-13). 7:45 to approximately 11 p.m. Cost: \$3 per person pre-registered or \$5 at the door.

July 14: Overnight Pool Party – Bring the family for an overnight experience at Civic Center Park Aquatic Center. Includes swimming all night long, scavenger hunts, games, water slides, in-water contests, and featured movie *Finding Dory*. Food will be available for purchase. Registration: \$10 per person before July 7, \$12 until July 12 or until sold out. No on-site registration. Check-in at 7 p.m. July 15. Check-out is 9:30 a.m. July 16.

July 22: Cardboard Boat Regatta – Gather a group of two or three participants to compete in the second annual race at the Aquatic Center. Teams will construct a boat using only cardboard and duct tape before sailing against other teams. Prizes will be awarded for first to third place finishers, and specialty categories. Food will be available for purchase. Registration: \$15 per team and \$1 per spectator. Time: 4:30 p.m.

July 29: "Summer Send Off Pool Party" – Join us in celebrating the end of another successful and exciting summer at this pool party. Enjoy games, music, water slides, food trucks and more. 1 to 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$3 per person pre-registered by 7/26 or \$5 at the door.



Host your party at our pool!

Come have your next party with us! A large space can be reserved during public swim sessions for your party. The reservation includes an entire set of shaded bleachers, picnic tables, lounge chairs and a large grass area. Call the recreation office for details.

Public Swim: Bring the family and enjoy the clear blue and refreshing water throughout the summer. Recreational swimmers of all ages can swim, splash and have fun on our water slide. The pool is handicapped accessible. Children not potty-trained must wear swim diapers. Open daily from 12:30 to 2 p.m. and 2:30 to 4 p.m. through August 1. Saturday and Sunday sessions only after August 1. Admission is \$2 for children and \$3 for adults. Add a second session on the same day for only \$1 more!



SUNSET CONCERT SERIES

Takes Top Award For Live Music

With 10 great summers of music under our belt, it is easy to see why readers of the Daily Press have once again named the Sunset Concert Series the Best of the Desert for live entertainment. Our amphitheater at Civic Center Park is the place to be every Thursday night from 6 to 9 p.m.

From great music to tasty treats, sunset walks and dancing feet, we've been providing families a decade of memories at our Sunset Concerts. This year we will offer eight weeks of entertainment (including live music at the Freedom Festival) that started on June 15 with Rod Stewart Tribute band Atlantic Crossing.

We'll take a break from concerts at the Civic Center Amphitheater for our 20th Annual Freedom Festival at Brewster Park, we'll round out the series with the following acts:

- **July 13** – Latin Express (Top 40/Latin)"
- **July 20** – Who's Next (The Who Tribute)
- **July 27** – Southern Spirit (Southern Rock)
- **August 3** – Phat Cat Swinger (Swing)

Civic Center Park is adjacent to Apple Valley Town Hall and across from Super Target in the Apple Valley Commons shopping center. Parking and admission are free. The park has inclined lawn seating for more than 1,500 people, so concert goers should bring blankets or portable chairs. Apple Valley loves animals, but pets are not allowed in the concert venue. Smoking and vaping is prohibited in all Town parks, including our concerts.

For more information about concerts or other special events visit www.AppleValleyEvents.org.



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Can you imagine a Thursday night in Apple Valley without the sound of music or the smell of kettle corn? Can you picture Civic Center Park without the hum of a crowd of 2,000 people or the joy of families gathered on the cool grass?

Neither could APEX Bulk Commodities, which is why they are the 2017 presenting sponsor of this year's Sunset Concert Series. As a community partner, APEX and more than two dozen other local businesses and individuals have joined together to ensure free live music will continue this summer. Please patronize these businesses and show them you are grateful for their contributions to "A Better Way of Life" in Apple Valley.

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- Smilemakers
- Spirit River Center
- St. Joseph Health St. Mary
- Systems Source, Inc.
- The Village of Apple Valley
- Victor Valley Global Medical Center



REVERSE TRIATHLON

To Challenge Athletes



- 5:30 a.m.** Race day registration and packet pick-up
- 6 a.m.** Triathlon 5k check-in
- 7 a.m.** Triathlon 5k start
- 7:30 a.m.** Kid's Triathlon check-in
- 8 a.m.** Kid's Triathlon registration closes
- 9 a.m.** Kid's Triathlon start

More than 500 athletes will run, bike and swim their way through the Town of Apple Valley's 8th Annual Reverse Triathlon on Saturday, September 24 at Civic Center Park, behind Town Hall. The day will feature three events: a triathlon, a 5k run, and a kid's triathlon for those 11 years and younger.

The Reverse Triathlon will start with a 5k run, transition into a 12-mile flat road course, and finish with a 150-yard pool swim. The Apple Valley kids triathlon will consist of a .75-mile run, 1-mile bike ride, and a 50-yard swim. The event will also include a stand-alone 5K.

Thanks to the support of Walmart, all athletes will receive a T-shirt and medal. Plaques will be awarded to the top three triathlon competitors in each age group. Medals will be awarded to the top three overall male and female participants for the 5k event. Each kid tri-athlete will receive a medal and

T-shirt but no additional ranked awards will be given as this event is purely for the enjoyment of the kids.

To ensure everyone's safety, the Town and the Police Department will close Dale Evans Parkway from Bass Hill Road to Corwin Road from 6:30 a.m. to approximately 9:30 a.m. Waalew will also be closed from Corwin to Navajo. Drivers can access Highway 18 via Rancherias or Corwin to the west and Navajo or Flathead to the east.

Citizens on Patrol (COPs) will provide traffic assistance to residents of Dale Evans Parkway and areas just north of Brewster Park who need to reach a de-tour point. For the safety of the athletes please do not drive on Dale Evans without a COP escort.

To register, or for more details on the event or road closures, visit www.AVRevTri.org or call the Recreation Department at (760) 240-7880.

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Take them to our Household Hazardous Waste disposal facility Saturdays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. This convenient, drive-through service is provided absolutely free in the parking lot adjacent to the Public Works facility at 13450 Nomwaket Road.

Batteries, cleaning chemicals, motor oils, electronics, small electrical appliances, poisons and more can be disposed of quickly and safely. For a complete list of accepted items visit www.GreenAppleValley.org. The facility is closed on holidays and the fifth Saturdays of the month.

EMERGENCY SERVICES Launches Twitter Account



Social media is often the first place people look for information during an emergency. The Town of Apple Valley's Emergency Services Department has launched a Twitter account to provide current information on general alerts, weather conditions, response and recovery efforts as well as preparedness for families, businesses and communities.

Give them a follow at <https://twitter.com/ReadyAV>.

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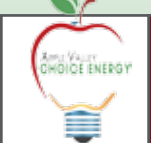
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APPLE VALLEY ANIMAL SERVICES

Look How Far We've Come!

Take a walk down the aisle of the holding pens at the Town of Apple Valley's municipal animal shelter and you will be greeted by a cacophony of barks and howls. Dogs of every shape and size clamor for attention in hopes that they will soon be adopted into permanent, loving homes. Just around the corner, the cat colonies are overflowing with felines. Some of them are strays. Some of them are owner turn-ins. Some of them were just in the wrong place at the wrong time....and all of them just want love and attention.

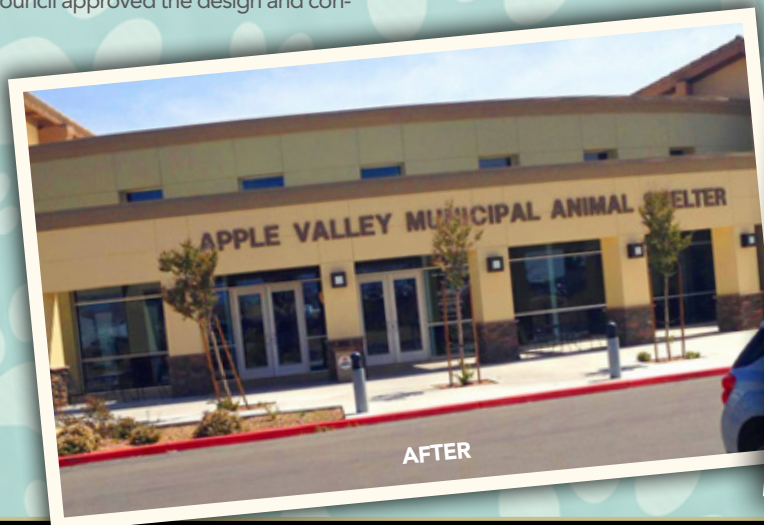
Since March of 2005, the Town of Apple Valley has provided a safe, temporary space for our Town's furry residents. The first facility was a converted residential home and warehouse with an annual capacity for 3,425 animals. Three short years later it housed nearly 5,000 animals per year and was showing significant wear and tear. Recognizing that the desired level of service had outgrown the capacity of the temporary animal shelter, the Town Council approved the design and construction of a purpose-built municipal animal shelter that was completed in 2010.

The new facility raised the bar for municipal animal sheltering. It was constructed with special consideration for increasing animal holding-times, isolating sick animals from the general population, separating species to reduce stress, room for public education classes & low-cost vaccination clinics, increasing volunteer opportunities and providing space for animal evacuees during emergencies.

Most of the programs and discounted services we offer are thanks to generous donors who support AVAS signature events and provide funding for special offers, such as the Furball Fundraising Dinner, Cruisin' Fur Critters, Night at the Shelter, Pets & Patriots Month, Pet Adoption Extravaganza, Jr. Pet Keeper Camp, Low-cost Vaccination Clinics & Microchipping, and numerous other adoption events.

Our biggest event of the year is coming up on October 21. Join us for the Paws N' Claws Pet Fair at Civic Center Park from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. where we will celebrate all things furry, feathered and scaly. Bring the family and your pets for low-cost vaccines, micro-chip services, training, demonstrations, retail vendors and, of course, the opportunity to adopt a new pet into the family. Watch our website or Facebook page for more information as the event draws near.

Apple Valley's Municipal Animal Shelter is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 22131 Powhatan Road at Quinault Road, providing consistent access to our shelter, including one day during the weekend. Our Field Services Division also provides 24/7 emergency response for Apple Valley residents. For more information visit www.AVAnimals.org.





S.H.O.C.K. & AWE

Apple Valley Deputy Derrick Griego doesn't really believe there are bad kids...only kids who make bad choices. Whether it is their family background, the crowd they hang out with at school, the neighborhood they live in or simply teenage angst, these bad decisions can be replaced with some S.H.O.C.K. – Self-discipline, Honor, Obedience, Character and Knowledge.

These are the traits that Deputy Griego and the Apple Valley Police Activities League aim to instill in the youth that participate in a 10-week program to combat the negative influences facing today's teens.

"It isn't just for the 'bad kids' like people think it is," Griego explained. "This program changes lives. The transformations we see are awe-inspiring."

Classes are held three nights a week and include 90 minutes of physical activity and 90 minutes of classroom instruction. Topics of focus run the gamut from nutrition and fitness to interpersonal communication. They combat influences like drugs, gangs, teen pregnancy, communication issues and teach self respect. Other sessions focus on improving job skills, improving life standards, and examining the participants' core values.

Concurrently, parents and guardians are required to attend the "Parent Project" portion of the program that equips them with tools for effective parenting.

Registration is open for the next S.H.O.C.K. class that begins on Monday, September 11. For more information call (760) 486-5814 x7440.

FIRE DEPARTMENT Encourages Defensible Space

It's that time of the year when we need to take a look around our property and make sure we are as fire safe as possible. With the heavy rains, followed by heavy growth, we must be especially diligent as fire season approaches.

Defensible space is the required distance between a structure (home, detached garage, out buildings, etc.) and the wildland area. This space creates a buffer to slow or halt the spread of a wildland fire to a structure. Defensible space protects the structure from igniting due to direct flame or radiant heat. It is essential for structure survivability during wildland fire conditions and equally important for the protection of firefighters defending your home/property.

Use this check list to determine your defensible space.

- Trim your trees to keep branches a minimum of 10' from structures.
- Remove dry leaves and pine needles from your yard, roof, and rain gutters.
- Keep wood piles at least 35' away from structures.
- Mow dry grasses down to a maximum height of 4 inches.

If a fire does occur be ready with your Emergency Action Plan to evacuate when you are asked to by the fire department or law enforcement.

For additional information on how to make your property fire ready or how to create your own personal emergency action plan contact the Apple Valley Fire Protection District at (760) 247-7618 or visit http://www.readyforwildfire.org/docs/files/File/Ready-Set-Go-Plan-09_CALFIRE_sm.pdf





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YUCCA LOMA BRIDGE Grand Opening

Decades of planning and more than three years of construction became a reality when we cut the ribbon on the Yucca Loma Bridge in May. The ceremony saw 300 people welcome the first official procession across the bridge. Students from Rio Vista School of Applied Learning sang the National Anthem and led the parade of council members and dignitaries. The next day, we welcomed 1000 community members to the "Walk 'n Roll Bridge Bash" for a 1- and 2.5-mile walk/bike/skate and scooter trek across the bridge and back. Guests were treated to free t-shirts, hot dogs and shave ice.

The bridge appeared on traffic plans as early as the 1960s, and was identified as the Town's number one transportation priority in 2006. The ground breaking was in January 2014. Measuring 1,606 feet, it includes two lanes in each direction, barrier-protected pedestrian and bike paths, and Class II bike lanes on each side. Large steel apples greet drivers at each end. The art was created by Tony Oliver, of Oliver's Designs of Hesperia.

The City of Victorville is planning the third phase of the project that will extend Yates Road over the BNSF Railroad to Green Tree Boulevard at Hesperia Road.