



OUR TOWN

A BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY TO THE COMMUNITY

Jazz Night season begins

The Jazz Night Street Fair summer series for 2004 begins on June 12 in the Apple Valley Town Hall parking lot, from 6 - 10 p.m.! The Gary Whitesides band will play its special brand of jazz music, with special guest Katarina New, a talented vocalist and saxophonist from Sweden. The July 24th Jazz Night will feature Steve Madaio, an accomplished musician who has toured and/or recorded with Janis Joplin, Stevie Wonder, Barbra Streisand, John Lennon, B.B. King and the Rolling Stones, just to name a few.

These events offer something for everyone. Vendors will offer a delicious array of food, including barbecue, tri-tip sandwiches, peach cobbler, and Hawaiian shaved ice. A unique variety of shopping opportunities will showcase everything from fashion hand bags to patio furniture and jewelry. Handcrafted soaps, home décor, paintings and candles are just a sample of the wares available from local artisans. Classic cars will be on display and game booths are available for children.

For the grown-ups, the Knights of Columbus will offer a beer garden and the Kiwanis Club is offering a wine garden with expanded seating and a great view of the stage. Celebrate a "Better Way of Life" in Apple Valley under the desert evening sky. Parking and admission are free! Other Jazz Night dates this year are July 24, August 21 and Oct. 2.

For more information, please call Rosanna Lafler, Event Coordinator at (760) 240-7000, ext. 7071.



The Gary Whitesides Band will headline the Jazz Night series this summer.



Celebrate America at the Freedom Festival!

Celebrate Independence Day with the Town of Apple Valley at the 7th Annual Freedom Festival on Sunday, July 4, featuring the **largest fireworks show in the High Desert!** Exciting live entertainment, lots of festival food and down-home fun will thrill the whole family. Bring your lawn chairs and canopies and stake out your spot. Brewster Park features acres of grass plus a playground and 32 championship horseshoe pits. The High Desert Horseshoe Club will be sponsoring a tournament, and the public can call 242-6588 or 242-5151 for information.



A Fire Explorer cools down the crowd at last year's celebration

Kids can enjoy the rock-climbing wall, pony rides, a choo-choo train and organized kids games. New this year is a 40-foot long fire truck bounce house and a Junior Combat Challenge offered by the Apple Valley Fire

Protection District. Kids can compete in five timed events wearing firefighter gear for a chance to earn a certificate and photo!

Don't miss the water spectacular at 3:30, when the Fire Explorers aim the fire hoses at the sky as kids and adults alike take refuge from the heat of the day. Barbecued ribs, tamales, peach cobbler, corn on the cob and funnel cake are just a few of the items available from the many food vendors. Other vendors will sell everything from novelty toys to leather handbags to home décor, so bring your wallet! A beer garden will also be available; however no outside alcohol may be brought into the park.

The Firecracker Run kicks off the day at Brewster Park, featuring a 5K Walk and 5/10K Run at 7:15 a.m. To register for the Firecracker Run, call Parks and Recreation at 240-7880. Cost is \$8 in advance and \$10 on the day of the race.

We are excited to have Buck McCoy as our feature performer from 7 to 9 pm. Buck was a top-ten finalist last year in the national Fox Television show "Performing As..." where he earned praise for his impersonation of Tim McGraw.



Buck McCoy will perform from 7 - 9 pm on Sunday, July 4th

For the safety of all patrons, no barbecues, alcohol or pets may be brought into the park. Brewster Park is located at 21024 Otoe Road. Take Dale Evans Parkway north from Highway 18 and follow the signs. For more information call Rosanna Lafler, Event Coordinator, at 240-7000, ext. 7071.

Freedom Festival Schedule

6:45 a.m.	Firecracker Run
2 - 9 p.m.	Brewster Park open
2 - 2:30	Shenanigans
3 - 6	Kids games on the hour
4 - 5:30	Impakt (classic rock)
5:30 - 6	National Anthem & Color Guard
6 - 6:30	2004 Apple Valley Idol winner
7 - 9:00	Buck McCoy
9:00	Fireworks Spectacular!

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Unless otherwise noted, all meetings take place in the Council Chambers at

Town Hall

14955 Dale Evans Pkwy.

TOWN COUNCIL

2nd & 4th Tuesdays - 7:00 PM

PLANNING COMMISSION

1st & 3rd Wednesdays - 7:00 PM

PARKS & REC. COMMISSION

1st Thursday - 7:00 PM

TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2nd Thursday - 1:30 PM

HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

3rd Thursday - 1:30 PM

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION CENTER

1st & 3rd Saturdays (excluding holiday weekends)

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Public Works Yard

22411 Highway 18

Information: 240-7000x7610

Event Calendar

See related articles for details.

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PRESIDIO ARTS FESTIVAL

June 4 - 6

JAZZ NIGHT STREET FAIR

June 12; July 24; August 21, Oct. 2

APPLE VALLEY IDOL

June 25

FREEDOM FESTIVAL

July 4

Presidio Arts Festival returns to Apple Valley

After a three-year absence, the Presidio Arts Festival is returning to Apple Valley on June 4 - 6. Last held in 2000, the Presidio Arts Festival had grown steadily in prestige and attendance over its 11 year run.

The show, sponsored by Overall Impressions Fine Art Gallery, will be held at the Presidio Recreation Center, located in the heart of the master-planned golf course community of Jess Ranch. With lakes, lush landscaping and an adjacent golf course, the shady colonnades and ample parking of the Presidio provide a perfect festival setting. Pulte/Del Webb has graciously offered the use of the facility free of charge. Under the auspices of the Apple Valley Community Resource Foundation, a non-profit fundraising arm of the Town, all money from this event will support future cultural endeavors in Apple Valley.

Artists working in oils, acrylics, watercolor, pastels, photography, clay, jewelry and other fine art media are invited to inquire about available space. Space fees are \$75. The artist must be present during the show - no dealers are allowed.

For more information call 240-7000 x 7070. Parking and admission to the event are free. Show information and applications are also available on the Town web site at www.applevalley.org.

Summer camps from Parks & Recreation

Got kids? A glance at the latest quarterly Recreation Activity Guide will dispel any myth that there is "nothing to do" this summer in the Town of Apple Valley! Day Camp (K-5) and CAVE (6-8) provide scheduled activities Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. for a weekly fee of only \$62. To work off some of that extra energy, try any of the specialized sports camps including basketball, soccer, and karate. A new outdoor education camp for grades 4 to 7 will be offered from June 28 to July 2 at Horsemen's Center and feature hiking, outdoor cooking and more.



Participants at the Archaeology Camp search for fossils.

If your child prefers the quieter pursuits, then any of the Young Rembrandts Summer Art Camps will be sure to please. With different themes each week from monster cartoons to pastel drawing, the Young Rembrandt's teaching method insures success and fun. Two weeks are available for ages 5 to 7, and five theme weeks for ages 7 to 12. Art camps run one and a half hours a day for three days at a cost of \$40.

A sell-out hit last year, the Town is again offering an Archaeology Camp for grades 4 and up, July 14 - 16 from 8am - 12 noon (\$65). In association with the Lewis Center Mojave River Campus, participants will dig for fossils along the Mojave River. *For more information call 240-7880, or visit the Town website at www.applevalley.org. The Recreation Activity Guide is available online and at Town Hall.*

Town offers expanded teen programs

Whether conquering "Mud Mountain" at the annual Mud Fest or cheering on local talent at "Battle of the Garage Bands," Apple Valley teens will find more and more activities geared just for them. New monthly teen nights start June 11, and will be held the second Friday of every month, featuring Skate Park Parties and coffee house nights, among other activities.

If you dream of your moment in the spotlight, check out the new Theater Production Class offered starting June 17, and ending with a public performance on July 23. Classes are held from 3:30-5pm on Thursdays and cost \$45 for six weeks. If singing is more your style don't miss the 2004 Apple Valley Idol program on June 25. (Sign up by June 18 to audition).

Sports, classes and summer camp programs are also available for teens, covering everything from summer basketball to belly dancing. Youth ages 13 to 15 can also apply for a position in our Volunteer program, gaining valuable work experience while helping out with Day Camp, concession stands, special events and other recreation programs. *For more information on these and more teen activities, be sure to check out the latest Recreation Activity Guide, or the new "TEEN SCENE" page on the Apple Valley website at www.applevalley.org. Or call 240-7880.*

"Bee" cautious during summer months

As the days grow warmer and desert flowers bloom, High Desert wildlife tends to come out of hiding. One common resident in our area is the honeybee.



Due to fears regarding "killer bees" or the Africanized honeybee, residents are calling authorities whenever they find a hive or swarming (flying) in their yards. However, unless someone is actually attacked by the swarm, the Fire Department is not the agency to call. The Animal Control Department can refer you to a local beekeeper or, if the bees are

nesting in your home or a structure on your property, you will be directed to call a local pest control company or exterminator.

Since African honeybees have been found in the desert area it is important to be on the lookout for bees around your home and yard, as well as in barns and pens where animal are confined. According to a Texas A&M University Agricultural newsletter, Africanized bees will nest almost anywhere around your home, even inside a meter box or in a rain spout. When working or playing outdoors always look and listen for bees, and never let children play in an area until you have checked. Don't step on or turn over logs or rocks where bees may be nesting.

While caution is justified, their reputation as "killers" is exaggerated. African bees are mostly a danger to people or residents who provoke them and/or are unable to get away. Like most animals, these bees react defensively only when they feel threatened. The African bee is a new insect nuisance, but a controllable one.

Should you be stung, it is important to remember the following:

➔ Everybody reacts in some way to stings, such as swelling around the sting area.

➔ Less than 1 percent of the population has a systemic

allergy to bee stings, which may include swelling of the tongue or throat, hives, dizziness or difficulty with breathing, or loss of consciousness, usually within 20 minutes of the sting.

➔ For a normal, healthy person to receive a deadly dose of bee venom, it would take about 10 stings for each pound of body weight, or 1,500 stings at once for a 150-pound person. A honeybee (including the Africanized variety) only stings once, and then dies.

➔ Honeybees are attracted to hair and dark colors.

➔ Regular honeybees will chase you about half the length of a football field (150 feet). Africanized honeybees may pursue you three times that far, or more.

➔ If you are stung and are not allergic, remove the stinger quickly by scraping with a fingernail, knife blade, credit card or similar material. Ice packs and sting-kill ointments can relieve swelling and pain.

For more information on bees, snakes, coyotes and other wildlife neighbors, visit the Town website at www.applevalley.org. Animal Control can be reached at 240-7000x7555.

The Town of Apple Valley would like to extend a very special "Thank You" to our Annual Event Sponsors.

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Wanted: Residents with "The Right Stuff"

Apple Valley residents have won a total of \$300 this year with "The Right Stuff" contest. Entries drawn in January, February and March all won \$100 each. Unfortunately, April's entry did not have both trash and recycling containers out at the street for pickup, so they could not win.

What's that? You haven't heard about the contest? Where have you been?? Each month one address is drawn from contest entry forms. The contents of the trash and recycling containers from that residence are evaluated by AVCO personnel. If each container contains "the right stuff," the

residents receive a \$100 check from AVCO Disposal as a reward for sorting correctly. Of course, if there are recyclables in the green trash container and trash in the blue recycling container, the residents do NOT win the \$100.

If you are a good recycler, it's not too late to enter the contest. Fill out the entry form below and return it to Town Hall to be entered in the contest. Sorry, but the contest is restricted to single family residential barrel service only. (Bins are just too big to sort through.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____ Trash pick-up day: _____

Please enter me in the "Right Stuff" recycling contest. I understand that entries will be drawn at random from all Apple Valley participants. If my address is selected, disposal company personnel will evaluate the trash and recycling from the residence to see whether materials are correctly sorted.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Return to Town Hall, attn: Community Services, 14955 Dale Evans Parkway, Apple Valley, CA 92307

Town collects for Nike Reuse-a-Shoe

Thanks and congratulations to all the participating Apple Valley schools that collected used athletic shoes for "Reuse-a-Shoe," sponsored by Nike and the National Recycling Coalition. This nationwide program encourages recycling of any brand athletic shoe for shredding and reuse in playground and sports surfaces and sub-flooring.

Participating this year in Apple Valley were the following schools: Apple Valley Christian School, Apple Valley High School Junior ROTC, Mariana Elementary, Mesquite Elementary, Rio Vista Elementary and Sandia Elementary. This year's winning school was Mariana Elementary, spearheaded by kindergarten teacher Frank Cleary. Mariana students collected about 1,000 pairs of shoes. The winning class was Mr. McMahon's

pairs of shoes to earn a free pizza party.

Special thanks also to the Apple Valley Seniors Citizens Club Thrift Store which sorted and donated hundreds of athletic shoes from the shoes they receive.



- How many athletic shoes does it take to make a basketball court? Approximately 3,000. That's more than half a mile's worth!

- How many shoes go into the surface of a Reuse-a-Shoe track? 100,000 - more than twice the number of shoes running in the New York City Marathon.

Come on Down!

The Town of Apple Valley could use a few skilled volunteers to assist with specialized and ongoing Town activities. How about you?

- ✓ Are you over 18?
- ✓ Would you enjoy working at special events such as Jazz Nights?
- ✓ What skills could you use for the benefit of the community?
- ✓ Computer skills, AutoCAD (drafting), data entry, filing?
- ✓ Are there regular days during the week when you could volunteer a couple of hours of service for the community?

✓ Are you a college student who would like to build some hours of actual experience into a resume?

If you are interested in exploring the possibilities, please contact Community Services at 240-7000 x 7610, or come by Town Hall to pick up an application.

All applicants are fingerprinted and DMV records must be free of any violations for the past five years. After a successful application, you will be contacted when a specific department needs your help.

Town Information

Bob Sagona, *Mayor*
 Scott Nassif, *Mayor Pro Tem*
 Ted Burgnon, *Councilmember*
 Tim Jasper, *Councilmember*
 Mark Shoup, *Councilmember*
 Bruce Williams, *Town Manager*

How To Reach Us

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 240-7000 plus:

Animal Control.....240-7000 X 7555
 Building & Safety.....7101
 Economic Development.....7900
 Finance.....7000
 Job Information.....7747
 Personnel.....7600
 Planning.....7200
 Public Information.....7072
 Public Works.....7500
 Town Clerk.....7800
 Town Manager.....7051
 Transit.....7610

Other Town Departments & Services (dial direct)

Code Enforcement.....240-7560
 Parks & Recreation.....240-7880
 Trash (AVCO).....243-3967

Town Hall on Call: 240-TOAV (8628)
 E-mail: applevalley@applevalley.org
 Web Site: www.applevalley.org

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