



OUR TOWN

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

Animal Shelter volunteers needed

Since opening its doors on March 1st, the Town of Apple Valley Animal Shelter has been a non-stop flurry of furry activity! Town staff has been busy tracking strays, owner turn-ins, and adoptions, not to mention the ongoing daily tasks of dog licensing and responding to calls.

Volunteers already play a critical role in meeting our customer service needs, but we can use even more. We are especially in need of volunteers with grooming experience. Sometimes a shelter visitor can't see through the matted hair, and a fresh grooming lets the dog's personality really shine through! Other volunteer duties include exercising the dogs in the grassy area and various general animal care activities. Volunteers also escort visitors back to the shelter kennels to view the animals available for adoption.

The shelter is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Even if you only have two to four hours a week, we can find a place for you. To apply for a volunteer position, please call 240-7000 x 7610.



Shelter Attendant Mike Lopez shows off an "adorable adoptable"

Explore our "Project Files"

The Town of Apple Valley has launched a new website designed to provide residents and others with up-to-the minute information on major projects throughout Apple Valley. At www.applevalleyprojectfiles.com you will find detailed information on projects including the Apple Valley Road widening, Civic Center and Horsemen's Center Parks, and the annual Pavement Management Program.

"The site provides one convenient location for us to share status reports, maps and photos of projects our residents are interested in," said Town Engineer Everett Butcher. "We are also working on a section that will show the past paving history of all roads in Apple Valley, as well as which roads are scheduled to be paved next."

The public information flow works both ways. Each "Project File" section also has a contact sheet where visitors can submit comments and questions on that particular project.

For more information, visit www.applevalleyprojectfiles.com, or contact Kathie Martin, Public Information Officer, at 240-7000 x 7070, or kmartin@applevalley.org.

Apple Valley Road Update

The Town Council has approved a financing package that will allow work to proceed without delay on the installation of four traffic signals between Yucca Loma Road and Highway 18. Funding will come from tax allocation bonds issued on redevelopment area property tax increments.

The funding package will complete the widening project from Bear Valley to Yucca Loma Road and will install four signals between Yucca Loma and Highway 18. It will also allow the extension of Apple Valley Road from its northern end at Ohna Road up to Falchion Road, creating a connection to the I-15 frontage road and access to the freeway from Stoddard Wells Road.

Signalization is expected to be complete by December of this year. For detailed updates, visit the new Town project website at www.applevalleyprojectfiles.com.

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Meeting Calendar

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

HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

3rd Thursday - 1:30 PM

EQUESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2nd Wednesday - 7:00 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

Unless otherwise noted, call 240-7000 x 7071 for details.

SWIM LESSONS SIGN UP

Saturday, June 4

Town Hall Council Chambers

8:00 am to 9:00 am - AV residents

9:00 am to 10:00 am - everyone

For info call 240-7880

JAZZ NIGHT STREET FAIR

Saturday, June 11, July 23

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

FIRECRACKER RUN

Monday, July 4

6:45 am

For info call 240-7880

FREEDOM FESTIVAL

Monday, July 4

2:00 pm to 9:00 pm

For info call 240-7880

Guard against West Nile Virus

As the weather warms up, Southern California residents will again be facing the possibility of West Nile Virus reaching the high desert. Borne by mosquitoes, the virus made a brief appearance in the high desert last summer, raising some residents' concern because mosquitoes can transmit the disease to horses and humans. While West Nile Virus is seldom serious, it can cause complications for some, particularly older individuals, who have pre-existing respiratory or other underlying health problems.

To protect yourself, your family, and your neighbors take a good look around the outside of your home. Look around *after* the sprinklers have run to see if over-watering, a major source of standing water, is creating small ponds of water in and around your yards. Change the water in pets' water bowls or birdbaths daily to prevent mosquitoes from breeding in the water. If there are old tires or any other hollow debris lying around your property, get rid of it properly! Small ponds of stagnant water are ideal breeding conditions for mosquitoes.

Remember, not all mosquitoes bite, and not all biting mosquitoes carry West Nile Virus. Not everyone bitten will become infected, but why take chances? Get rid of any standing water on your property. Apply an insecticide containing DEET when spending time outside this summer. If at all possible, avoid being outside during dawn and dusk hours when mosquitoes are particularly active. If you observe a pool of water that has been in place over 48 hours, contact Code Enforcement at 240-7560 and report its location. Town personnel can treat water with a low toxicity poison that prevents the mosquito larvae from becoming breeding, biting adults.

Be safe on "pocket" bikes and scooters

A message from the Apple Valley Police Department

With the summer months quickly approaching there is sure to be an increase in pocket bike and electric scooter usage. The following information will help the public know where and what they can ride on public streets.

A common myth is that motors smaller than 50 cc are allowed to be operated on the street. The vehicle code classifies motorcycles as those under and over 150 cc. The main difference is those under 150 cc cannot be ridden on freeways. All motorcycles are subject to all of the laws regarding the vehicle code including licensing, registration and insurance.

Pocket Motorcycles

A gasoline powered mini motorcycle is a motor driven cycle as defined in section **405 CVC**. As such, it is subject to all vehicle equipment, registration, driver's license (M1 endorsement) and helmet requirements. An electric mini motorcycle is classified as a motorized bicycle as defined in section **406 CVC**. It is also subject to all vehicle equipment, driver's license (M2 endorsement), and helmet requirements stated in the vehicle code. When these pocket bikes are operated on public streets the riders are subject to citation and vehicle seizure.

Electric and Gas Powered Scooter

Motorized scooters are defined in section **407.5**. A motorized scooter is any two-wheeled device that has handlebars, is designed to be stood or sat upon by the operator, and is powered by an electric or gas powered motor which is capable of propelling the device with or without human propulsion.

Electric or gas powered scooters are legal to operate if the following are met: the scooter has operating brakes, it is not operated on a road with a posted speed over 25 mph unless you are in a bike lane, the rider is at least 16 years of age, riders between 16 and 18 must wear a helmet, no passengers are allowed, and it cannot operate on a sidewalk.

These are a few of the conditions that must be met. You can also refer to CVC 21220 thru 21235. It is also unlawful to operate a motorized scooter while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage or drug, CVC 212 (<http://www.dmv.ca.gov/pubs/vctop/vc/tocd11c1a5.htm>).

Jazz Night season begins

The Jazz Night Street Fair summer series for 2005 begins on June 11 in the Apple Valley Town Hall parking lot, from 6 - 10 p.m. The *Phat Cat Swingers* will provide the headline entertainment.

These events have something for everyone. Vendors will offer a delicious array of food, including barbecue, tri-tip sandwiches, hot links, Hawaiian shaved ice and much more. 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 and custom motorcycles will be on display and game booths are available for children.

For the grown-ups, the Rotary Club of Apple Valley will offer a beer 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 23, August 20 and Oct. 1, and will feature music by *Something Smoother* and *The Gary Whitesides Band*. For more information, please call Rosanna Lafler, Event Coordinator at (760) 240-7000, ext. 7071.

Freedom Festival celebrates the USA

Celebrate Independence Day with the Town of Apple Valley at the 8th Annual Freedom Festival on Monday, 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.

Kids can enjoy the rock-climbing wall, pony rides, jumping station, and organized kids games. New for 2005 will be a 40 ft. inflatable water slide, slip and splash and an obstacle course. Don't miss the water spectacular at 3:30 p.m., 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, hamburgers, hot dogs, roasted corn on the cob, shaved ice and kettle corn 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 pocketbook! 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 \$12 in advance and \$14 on the day of the race.

We are excited to have "Savor - A Tribute to Santana" as our featured performer from 7 to 9 p.m..

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 - 9:00 p.m.	Brewster Park open
2 - 2:30 p.m.	Shenanigans
3 - 6:00	Kids games on the hour
3 - 3:30	Belly Dancers
4:30 - 6:30	Justin Curtis (country music)
6:35	National Anthem & Color Guard
6:40	Apple Valley Idol winner
7 - 9:00	Savor, Tribute to Santana
9:00 p.m.	Fireworks Spectacular

Swim, Kick, Act, Dig and Play this summer!

Swim program registration

We'll be splishin' and a-splishin' all summer long with swim lessons and water aerobics! Sign up for one or all six sessions on Saturday, June 4, in the Town Hall Council Chambers. Registration is open from 8 to 9 a.m. for Apple Valley residents only and from 9 to 10 a.m.



Lifeguard Courtney Walstrom assists a swimmer on a kickboard

for everyone. Recreation staff will offer free child care in the Recreation Center while you get them registered for swim lessons.

Lessons are \$25 per person per session. Sessions are June 13-24, June 27 - July 8 (\$23, no class July 4), July 11 - 22, July 25-August 5, August 8 - 19, and August 22 - September 2. You can also register in person at the Park and Recreation Office during normal business hours on a space available basis. Deadline is the Friday before the session begins. See the Summer Recreation Activity Guide for more details. For information call 240-7880.

Summer camps beat summer boredom

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 \$70. To work off some of that extra energy try any of the specialized **Sports Camps** including basketball, soccer, tennis, golf and karate. Camps range from two days for Karate up to five days for soccer. Age and price ranges vary.

If your child prefers the quieter pursuits, then any of the Young Rembrandt Summer **Art Camps** will be sure to please. For ages 7 - 12, art camps run one and a half hours a day for three days at a cost of \$40. Six sessions are available. Another opportunity for self-expression is at **Drama Camp**, for ages 11 and up. Running six Saturdays starting June 18, students will learn all aspects of production for the stage and end with a public performance on July 30.

A sell-out hit last year, the Town is again offering a Junior **Archaeology Camp Level I** for grades 4 and up, July 13 - 15 from 8 a.m. - 12 noon (\$65). In association with the Lewis Center Mojave River Campus, participants will dig for artifacts along the Mojave River. For Junior Archaeologists who completed Level I last year, **Level II**, July 20 - 22, will provide more dig time, more artifacts and more archaeology! For the younger campers age 4 - 9, new offerings include **Insect Camp, Reptile Camp and Dino Camp**. These activities all feature learning in a fun environment with games, crafts and activities centered on the kid-friendly themes.

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.

Program highlights from the Recreation Department

Apple Valley Idol. Friday, June 24, 6 - 8p.m. James Woody Community Center. Back for a third "season", come sing or just cheer on your favorites. Contestants ages 8 to 18 will compete for awards in age groups. Cost is just \$2.50 per person and includes an ice cream sundae. Those wishing to perform must sign up by June 21 and audition on June 22.

Family Fun in the Park. Plan your party with us and get to know your neighbors! Recreation staff will travel to a different park each Thursday with old-fashioned family games and ice-cold watermelon. Bring your picnic dinner and enjoy the fun. Cost is \$5 per family. Register by the Tuesday before. The program starts at Corwin Park on June 16th.

Dodgeball Nights. 3rd Fridays, 7 - 9 p.m. James Woody Community Center. It's the game where YOU are the target! For 6th grade and up, bring your friend and neighbors and relive the fun you had at recess! Cost is \$3 per person. Snack bar is available.

For more information be sure to check out the latest Recreation Activity Guide, or click on Park and Recreation at www.applevalley.org. Sports, classes and summer programs are also available for youth, teens and adults, 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.

Town housing programs assist low-income residents

Two programs are available to assist low-income residents with down payments and repairs. The full program brochures are available from the Town website at www.applevalley.org. Visit the Economic Development section for the links.

Downpayment Assistance Program (DAP)

Low-income homebuyers in Apple Valley may be eligible for down-payment assistance through the Apple Valley DAP, funded through a combination of loans and grants. An estimated \$837,000 is available for assistance.

The program provides a zero-interest 30-year-deferred loan for low- and very-low income homebuyers purchasing a home in the Town of Apple Valley. The property can be attached, semi-detached or detached single-family homes, condominiums, or manufactured homes and mobile homes on individual lots with permanent foundations, but is limited to a maximum value is \$297,250.

Up to a maximum of \$40,000 is available for down payment/closing costs, depending on household income. The homebuyer must provide 1% of the sales price as equity contribution to be applied to closing costs. Payments and interest are deferred for the life of the loan until the property is sold, the buyer ceases to occupy the residence, or the property is refinanced and cash taken out during the 30-year term, at which time the loan would become immediately due and payable.

The buyer's income level threshold is set according to the Department of Housing and Urban Development's definition of low-income (80% of median income) or very low-income (50% of median income). As an example, a family of four would have to earn less than \$44,550 to qualify as low income.

Other restrictions and qualifications may apply. For more information, please call the Town of Apple Valley Economic Development Department at 240-7000 x 7900.

Residential Rehabilitation Loan Program (RRLP)

Eligible Apple Valley residents in need of basic home repair can qualify for a 0% interest, deferred loan for up to \$20,000. Just like the Down Payment Assistance Program, payments and interest are deferred for the life of the loan unless the property is sold, the buyer ceases to occupy the residence, or the property is refinanced and cash taken out during the 30-year term, at which time the loan would become immediately due and payable.

Through the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Town of Apple Valley has received approximately \$1.7 million for housing repair assistance.

The loan can be used for repair work to single-family owner-occupied homes. Eligible improvements include addressing code violations, painting, roofing, plumbing, heating, cooling, damaged ceilings and walls, termite fumigation and other health and safety items.

"The program can also be used for energy conservation items such as weather-stripping, insulation and windows," explained Emily Wong, Economic Development Manager. "It can also provide funding to increase accessibility for the disabled." Freestanding kitchen appliances and luxury items such as pools and spas are not included.

The applicant must complete an application packet with evidence of income level, have good credit history and be current on house payments, property taxes and insurance. On the income scale, maximum annual income for a family of four is \$44,550.

Residents interested in applying for a loan can also call (760) 240-7000, extension 7900.

Town Information

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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
 Emergency Preparedness.....247-7618

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 (24 Hour Recorded Information)
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 Web Site: www.applevalley.org

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