



Apple Valley Road widening work continues

The improvement of Apple Valley Road is the largest road project undertaken by the Town of Apple Valley since incorporation in 1988. First widened to three lanes in 1993, adding a center turn lane, Apple Valley Road continues to be the most traveled north-south arterial in Apple Valley, with traffic counts surpassing 15,000 on most days. Support for widening can be found in extensive traffic studies on volume of traffic, wait time to pull out onto Apple Valley Road at intersections, and projections of future traffic growth.

After numerous community meetings and public hearings, work is now under way. The \$22 million, 7-mile project has been divided into several phases for ease of planning and allocation of funding.

For more information on this and other capital improvement projects, visit www.applevalleyprojectfiles.com.



Work continues on Apple Valley Road

Phase 1A: Bear Valley Road to Kanbridge Road

Description: Includes widening, drainage, traffic signal modification, landscaping, undergrounding utilities and a two-way Class I bike path. Funding for this project is primarily from the current Measure I. Cooley Construction, Inc. is the contractor.

Status: Under construction. Southern California Edison has energized the power in front of Lowe's and is expected to remove the power poles over the course of a few weeks starting in November. Paving and storm drain work is underway. Paving in front of Lowe's will be done mid-November, after the poles are removed.

Phase 1B: Kanbridge to Yucca Loma Road

Description: Includes widening, landscaping and a two-way Class I bike path. Funding for this phase is from a bond against future property tax increment from the Victor Valley Economic Development Authority (VVEDA).

Status: Design for this phase is 95% complete and right-of-way (ROW) acquisition is in progress, along with utility installation and drainage issues. Start date will be set after final design is received and the job is bid. The project will take about 100 days for construction.

Phase 2A – Yucca Loma to Highway 18 signal installation

Description: Includes installation of four traffic signals and improvements at the intersections of Shoshonee Road, Seneca Road, Mandan Road and Mondamon Road. Funding is from the VVEDA bond. The signals will be installed at the ultimate roadway width, and minor paving will occur to provide two lanes of travel in each direction at the intersections.

Status: Traffic signal poles have been delivered and plans are complete. The bid process resulted in one bid, and it was substantially higher than the engineer's estimate. The bid was rejected and has been re-advertised. New bid results will be brought back to Council in November. ROW acquisition continues, and the court has approved pre-order possession which means construction can begin while negotiations continue. Originally scheduled for completion in December, ROW acquisition and the bid process have both taken longer than expected. The start date will be determined after the bid is awarded, and construction will take approximately 90 days.

Phase 2B – Yucca Loma to Highway 18 road improvements

Description: This phase includes widening, landscaping and Class II bike paths. Funding for this phase is tentatively

identified as bonding against future revenues from the recently passed renewal of Measure I.

Status: This section is mostly developed with single family homes, so additional ROW and temporary construction easements needed are more significant. Preliminary steps have been taken in the ROW acquisition process. Final design is expected in December 2005, however, it is still too early to estimate when construction will begin on this phase.

Apple Valley Road North Extension

Description: The Apple Valley Road North Extension phase includes constructing a new Apple Valley Road between Ohna Road and Falchion Road and a new Falchion Road between Apple Valley Road and Outer Interstate 15. Funding for this phase is the VVEDA property tax increment.

Status: Design is complete. Environmental surveys uncovered desert tortoise habitat. The necessary permits from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and California Fish and Game will delay construction by about six months, although USFWS has no required timeline in which to respond. Earliest estimate for going out to bid is March 2006. Appraisals for the necessary ROW acquisitions are complete and the County of San Bernardino Real Estate Services Department is negotiating with the property owners based on the appraised values.

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
6:00 PM

PARKS & REC. COMMISSION
1st Thursday - 7:00 PM

HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
3rd Thursday - 1:30 PM

EQUESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
2nd & 4th 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.

November:

12 – Holiday Craft Fair

19 – Turkey Run 5/10K

24, 25 –Town Hall closed for Thanksgiving

28 – Tree Lighting Celebration

December:

2 – Apple Valley's Most Talented Kid

10–Kid's Christmas Party

19–Winter Break Daycamp starts

23, 26 –Town Hall closed for Christmas

Wrongdoers take a hit in the pocketbook

The Office of Traffic and Safety has provided money to the Town of Apple Valley for checkpoints and saturation patrol for specific driving offenses. These events have yielded hundreds of citations and numerous arrests. As we are often asked about the fines associated with these driving offenses, here is a list of fines that a first offender would expect to pay if found guilty.

Driving while under the influence	\$1518
Driving without a valid license	441
Driving with a suspended or revoked license	1101
Driving without auto insurance	1621
Child car seats, and 6yrs to 16yrs seatbelt	361
Driver no seat belt	60
Expired registration	141

There are other expenses involved with some of these violations. If your vehicle is towed for D.U.I., unlicensed driver, suspended license, or expired registration, \$300 to \$1500 can be added for towing and storage. A first-time D.U.I. also requires a 16-week D.U.I. class at a cost of \$618 and loss of your license for four months.

The Apple Valley Police would like to encourage all residents to wear their seatbelts and use a designated driver when consuming alcohol.

What's Happening

The Town of Apple Valley Special Events program is proud to have the generous annual support of the following businesses: Century 21 Fairway Realty, Hi-Desert Communications/Nextel, Charles Abbott Associates, Clear Channel Communications and Dinapoli's Firehouse Italian Eatery. Unless otherwise noted, more information on special events is available by calling (760)240-7000 x 7071.

Tree Lighting

Monday, November 29, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Caroling, hot chocolate, holiday treats and, of course, Santa Claus, will help ring in the official start of the holiday season in Apple Valley when we flip the switch on our 70-foot tree at Town Hall. Join the Town Council, the Apple Valley High School Marching Band and the AVHS Sunsatons for a special evening.

3rd Annual Turkey Run

Help the Town of Apple Valley kick off the holiday season by running in the 3rd Annual Turkey Run. The event features a 5K walk and 5K and 10K runs. Separate awards (including turkeys!) are offered for men and women in many age divisions. The race steps off from the Town Hall Recreation Center Parking Lot on Saturday, November 19, with check-in at 7:15 a.m. Walkers are free. Runners are \$12 pre-registration (by November 17 at 4:30 p.m.), or \$14 after November 17 and day of race. Get a commemorative t-shirt for only \$10 while supplies last. Ages 10 & under must be accompanied by an adult. Call 240-7880 for information.

Rent-A-Santa

Want a personal appearance by the Jolly Ol' Elf at your home or party? Santa can deliver packages or just listen to the kid's wish lists! Reservations are available from December 1 - 24. Cost is \$27/half hour, plus 41 cents a mile from Town Hall. Map must be provided. Call 240-7880 for information.

Apple Valley's Most Talented Kid

The best entertainment value in Town can be found at the annual "Most Talented Kid" contest. The Town of Apple Valley will showcase our most talented kids in a night filled with singing, dancing, fun and old-fashioned root beer floats. Boys and girls ages 3 to 18 are invited to perform. Performers must sign up and fill out an information sheet by November 29 and attend a rehearsal on November 30. The showcase is on Friday, December 2, at the James A. Woody Community Center, from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Cost is only \$2.50 and includes root beer floats! Participants will be judged, and the top three performers in each age category will receive an award. Call 240-7880 for information.

Kid's Christmas Party

An annual tradition for over 40 years, the Town of Apple Valley will host a Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, December 10, at the James Woody Community Center. Kids age eight and under will enjoy a special Christmas Magic Show, refreshments, crafts and holiday fun. Of course, no Christmas party would be complete without a visit from Santa Claus! Each child will take home a photo with Santa and a goody bag of holiday treats! This event is free of charge, but advance reservations are required. Seatings are at 9 and 11:00 a.m. Due to limited space, a maximum of two adults per family are allowed. For reservations call 240-7000, x 7071.

Happy Trails Lead to Apple Valley



On October 11th, the Town Council unanimously approved the adoption of the Multi-Use and Equestrian Trails Standards. Drafted by the Town's Equestrian Advisory Committee, the standards call for developers to

construct trails within specified new developments.

The formation of trails standards was a significant achievement by the Committee, which had spent the last year researching other cities' standards, meeting with developers, residents, property owners, and other interested parties. The Committee held numerous public hearings and workshops to receive input and ideas. After the Planning Commission's approval in July, the Town Council adopted the recommendations made by the Equestrian Committee and praised their efforts and service.

Pedestrians, hikers, bicyclists, dog walkers and horse riders are encouraged to use the trails; however motorized bikes/vehicles are prohibited. In equestrian zones, trails will be constructed on one side of the

street and sidewalks on the other side; four and six lane roads will be developed with a trail on the north or west side of the street (sidewalks will be on both sides of the road). As new development occurs in Town, look to see the construction and connection of many of these new trails to the Town's existing Recreation Trails System.

The Multi-Use and Equestrian Trails Standards document is available online at www.applevalley.org or call (760) 240-7000 x 7054 for more information.

Winter tips for homes and cars

Take a few minutes to prepare for the coming winter by following these tips.

- Lower temperatures means less evaporation, so reduce sprinkler times. Also set watering times to middle morning and early afternoon to prevent icy conditions on roads and sidewalks. Of course, adjust your sprinkler heads year-round to avoid any overspray.
- Check your vehicle's tires for proper inflation and tread wear, and check your antifreeze level to prepare for our occasional icy conditions and snowy days.
- Report pot holes to Public Works. Temperature swings and moisture can accelerate the formation of pot holes. The Town's goal is to repair reported pot holes within 24 hours. Those reported on weekends and holidays will be dispatched for repair on the next business day. Potholes posing an immediate traffic hazard should be reported using the Town's after-hours emergency number at 961-6001. On-call Public Works staff will be dispatched immediately.

“Talkin’ Trash” in Apple Valley

Dumpster requirements to be enforced

One final reminder to residential dumpster customers: Dumpsters are to be out of sight except on collection days. Properties of 2½ acres or larger may build an enclosure to screen the dumpster. Properties under 2½ acres must keep the dumpster behind the residence and out of sight from public or private properties. Code Enforcement is now pro-actively enforcing this long-standing regulation.

Report illegal dumpers

Illegal dumping continues to spoil the desert's beauty and run up costly cleanup bills for property owners and taxpayers. If you see *anyone* dumping

anything on undeveloped land, call Code Enforcement (240-7560) or the Police Department (240-7400) immediately! Only if illegal dumpers are caught in the act can we begin to reduce the size of this problem.

The nationwide WeTip program can also be contacted to report crimes. The WeTip Hotlines are 1-800-78-CRIME, 1-800-47-ARSON and 1-800-87-FRAUD and are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to report crimes. You can also submit a tip through secure e-mail by using www.wetip.com and clicking on the “Submit Tip” button on one of the state pages. You may be eligible for up to a \$1,000 reward!

Ride safe, ride smart

The Town Council recently adopted measures regulating off-road or all-terrain vehicles in Apple Valley. In Apple Valley, off-road vehicles:

- May be ridden on your own property
- May be ridden on another's property *IF* you have their written permission in your possession
- Must have appropriate muffler and spark arrestor
- May not be ridden in a way that creates a public nuisance for the neighborhood in terms of dust or noise
- *By State law, off-road vehicles are illegal on streets.*

All land belongs either to a public agency or an individual, including easements. Unfenced desert property is *still* private property. Riding on private property is trespassing and may result in citation. There are 133 off-road vehicle parks in the state, some between Apple Valley and Barstow. These parks are the best places to enjoy the sport in a safe environment.

For more information on off-road vehicle regulations in Apple Valley call 240-7000 x 7522 and request a brochure, or download it from the Town website at www.applevalley.org.

Park and Recreation facilities update

Horsemen's Center, through a Land and Water Conservation Grant, has received a new irrigation system, playground and hydroseeding. Bleachers, picnic tables and barbecues have been ordered for day use and primitive camp sites. A new water tank is also being installed. New playgrounds have been installed at Norm Schmidt Park, Virginia Park and Horsemen's Center.



Norm Schmidt Park at Ochoa, east of Rincon

Brewster Park has the back part of the turf area temporarily closed for overseeding and should re-open next Spring.

Don Ferrarese Park is temporarily closed while the Apple Valley Unified School District continues with parking lot improvements and additional classroom construction on the property surrounding the park.

James Woody Community Center will have all hardwood floors refinished, a new stage curtain, new park bleachers and kitchen improvements, all funded through a Community Development Block Grant.

The former racquetball courts are being converted into an Activity Center that will house a Teen Center conducted by the Police



Virginia Park at Central and Papago

Activities League, as well as host other Town sponsored programs, such as computer and dance classes. Look for this facility to re-open soon!

Don't forget that the Recreation and Park Department is continually looking for folks with special talents they can share to teach classes and workshops. In addition, we are also looking for sports officials for the upcoming youth basketball program. If you're interested in these opportunities, contact the department at 240-7880.

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 Police dispatch after hours 245-4211
 Town dispatch after hours 961-6001

Town Hall 240-7000

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 Animal Control 240-7000 X 7555
 Building & Safety X 7101
 Economic Development X 7900
 Finance X 7000
 Personnel X 7600
 Planning X 7200
 Public Information X 7072
 Public Works X 7500
 Town Clerk X 7800
 Town Manager X 7051
 Transit X 7522

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 Emergency Preparedness 247-7618

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