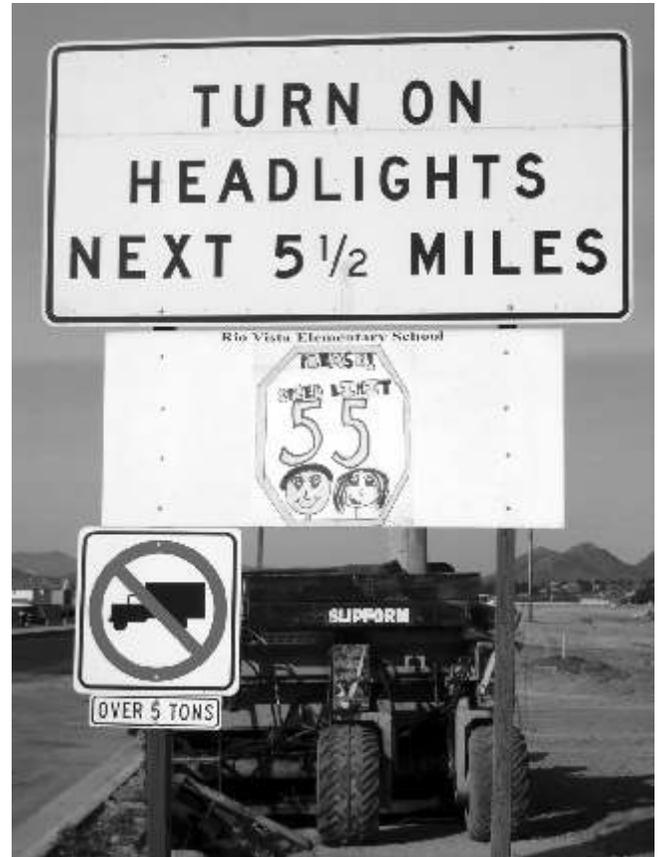


Signal work begins on Apple Valley Road

Work began in January on the installation of four traffic signals on Apple Valley Road. The signals will be located at Shoshonee, Seneca, Mandan and Mondamon. Work on Mondamon and Seneca will continue through early April, and Mandan and Shoshonee construction will occur between April and June. The signals will greatly improve traffic flow by allowing signalized points of access from side streets, as well as creating gaps in traffic to allow easier access from other intersections and driveways.

To the south, construction continues on the road widening between Bear Valley and Yucca Loma. From Bear Valley to Kanbridge, the job is near completion. The median work is about done, and paving has shifted to the south bound lanes. From Kanbridge to Yucca Loma design work continues, with utility undergrounding and drainage the main issues to be addressed. Design is expected to be complete this summer. The bid process would follow before construction could begin.

For regular updates, log on to www.applevalleyprojectfiles.com.



Emily Thielen, 4th grader at Rio Vista Elementary School, created this poster as part of the Apple Valley Road Traffic Safety Program.

Town Hall goes 24/7

The Town of Apple Valley is about to make it even easier for you to contact us with your requests, questions, and concerns. Within the next few weeks, we will launch **GoCity**, a new system that will allow you to contact Town Hall 24/7 in whatever way is most convenient online, on the phone, via fax, or in person.

To submit a request, comment, or question online, you'll find **GoCity** on the "Contact Us" tab on our home

page (www.applevalley.org). The system features simple pull-down menus and is a breeze to use. If you prefer to call-in or walk-in with your request during normal business hours or send it via fax or letter, our staff will enter it into the system for you.

GoCity will greatly improve the way the Town handles your requests by...

- ✓ Creating a unique case number for each request so that

you can easily track its status at any time

- ✓ Automatically informing you about the status of your request and notifying you when the request has been completed

- ✓ Allowing you to contact the Town whenever it's most convenient for you

Check the Town website after March 1 to see the new program. It's just one more rung on our ladder to excellent customer service!

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 Wednesdays
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.

February:

20 – Closed for
President's Day

25 – Appliance Disposal
Day

March:

4 – Teen Extreme

20 – 31 - Spring Break
Day Camp

25 – Mattress Disposal
Day

April:

1 – Spring Craft Fair

8 – Community Clean
Up Day

Ordinance to require construction debris recycling

The Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling Ordinance, approved October 11, 2005, went into effect the first of the year. This is an important program to increase the Town's recycling/diversion and keep materials out of the landfill in compliance with AB 939.

The ordinance requires that each construction and demolition job either takes waste materials to a recycling facility, recycles materials at the Victorville landfill, or hires a construction cleanup company that specifically guarantees recycling as part of its performance.

A one-page Waste Management Plan (WMP) is now part of the building permit application for projects 1000 square feet and over. The WMP calls for the applicant to estimate the amount of waste to be generated by the project. It also requires the applicant to indicate exactly how a minimum of 50% of the waste will be recycled. Receipts proving the amount of recycling must be provided to the Town at final inspection.

Please call 760-240-7000 x 7522 with any questions.

What's Happening

The Town of Apple Valley Special Events program is now seeking annual event sponsors for 2006. Sponsor names are listed in each issue of *Our Town* and on the Town website. Sponsors can also have banners and other promotion at our special events, depending on the sponsorship level. For more information call (760)240-7000 x 7071.



Bunny Run kicks off spring

This 5K walk and 5K/10K run will be held Saturday, April 15 at Lions Park. Separate awards are offered for men, women and children in many age divisions. Cost is \$12 in advance or \$14 after 4:30 p.m. on April 13th. Walkers are free. Commemorative race T-shirts are available for only \$10. Check in at 6:45 a.m. for the race start at 7:30 a.m. Ages 10 & under must be accompanied by an adult.

After School Activities Program offered at five sites

Nowhere else will you find after school homework help, organized games, crafts and activities, plus an afternoon snack for only \$25/week. "ASAP" is a safe environment for your K-5th grader to make friends and have fun. ASAP meets every day school is in session, including minimum days. No on-site registration will be accepted. Participants must register at Town Hall prior to attending. Call 240-7880 for information.

Time: Desert Knolls 3:15 - 6:15 p.m. Sandia 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Mojave Mesa 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. Vanguard 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. (K - 8)
Rancho Verde 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Day Camp and CAVE help fill school breaks

With the modified traditional school schedule in Apple Valley, some parents are faced with a child care dilemma during school breaks. However, the Town of Apple Valley Parks and Recreation department fills that gap! Day Camp (for grades K-5th) and CAVE (grades 6-8) provide afternoon snacks, crafts, planned activities and more. The separate programs also include field trips (additional cost). Participants bring their lunch and a morning snack. Day Camp meets in the Ward Room and CAVE in the Mini Gym at the James Woody Community Center, 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cost is \$70/week, \$40/week (half days), or \$45/3 days per week. Call (760)240-7880 for more information. Next session runs March 20-31.

Youth track meet has kids on the run

The Granite Hill High School track will host this free annual event on Saturday, May 27, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Youth ages 8 to 14 can participate in the 50M and 100M dashes, 400M, 800M and 1600M runs, and a 1600M school relay. Individuals can also sign up for the softball throw and standing long jump. Pre-register at the Town Hall Recreation Center through Tuesday, May 23. There will be no late or on-site registration. Volunteers are needed. Call 240-7880 for more information.

"Gamble" on your future at Teen Extreme

Take one gamble that's truly an investment in your future – attend the 2006 Teen Extreme Casino Night! Apple Valley middle and high school students are invited to the annual Teen Extreme, Saturday, March 4, from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the James A. Woody Community Center, 13467 Navajo Road. The event provides employment prospects, recreational opportunities, health education, as well as information on volunteer and educational pursuits for our local teen audience. Teen Extreme will feature a photo booth, dozens of vendors and a dance floor kept hopping by Groove Labs DJ providing music and karaoke, plus fun table games and a free pizza lunch while supplies last. This event is free to all Apple Valley middle and high school students.

Report potholes, streetlight problems to Public Works

With 78 square miles to cover, many Town departments rely on our citizens to report issues of concern or items requiring attention. One of the problems you might encounter is street lights that flicker on and off or don't come on at all. Please notify Public Works with the exact location of the street light, including street address, nearest cross street and, if possible, the Southern California Edison pole number on the attached aluminum pole tag.

Also within those 78 square miles are over 400 miles of roads, and some potholes are inevitable. The Town's goal is to repair reported pot holes within 24 hours of receiving the service request, or on the next business day. Potholes posing an immediate, serious traffic hazard should be reported using the Town's after-hours emergency number at 961-6001, and on-call Public Works staff will address these matters immediately.

GOCity, the new citizen request system, will make reporting even easier when it is up and running in a few weeks. In the meantime, Public Works can be reached by calling 240-7500.

Talkin' trash in Apple Valley

Recycling 101

Think you're a good recycler? Quick do plastic bags go in the blue recycling bin? The answer is no! We currently do not have a market for plastic bags or any type of "film" plastic, although we can take all rigid plastic containers even #3 - #7. So save your bags and return them to the grocery store.

Lose bulk for free!

Remember, you no longer have to wait for a certain week to request a free bulky item pickup from AVCO Disposal. Residential customers can dispose of up to five items twice each year at no charge. Just call AVCO at 243-3967 at *any time* to schedule a large item pickup at the curb. Some restrictions apply, based on weight and materials. The third and additional large item pickups will be charged to the customer.

No excuse for illegal dumping

Illegal dumping costs everyone. Law-abiding citizens find their tax dollars used for staff time and clean up efforts, not to mention damage to the environment. The offender faces impounded vehicles, citations and even arrest. Did you know that it only costs \$10 to take a pick-up truck load of trash to the County landfill? Did you know that 2000 pounds of trash would only cost about \$35? Bulky items such as mattresses, furniture and appliances can be picked up FREE from your curb, and the Town also offers special drop off days and services for appliances, mattresses, tires and household hazardous waste. So why dump? Please report illegal dump sites or activity to Code Enforcement at 240-7560.

Battery ban implemented for landfills

As of February 9, 2006, any item containing mercury cannot go into the trash or landfill. The state ban includes items such as fluorescent light bulbs or cathode ray tubes (CRTs televisions and computer monitors), but also standard household batteries, such as AA, AAA, C cells and D cells and button batteries.

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control several years ago identified batteries as hazardous wastes, but households and small businesses had been excluded from the crackdown.

The Town of Apple Valley accepts all of these items at the twice-monthly Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center. Open the first and third Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (except holiday weekends), residents can dispose of any of these items free of charge. The Town recommends keeping a "used battery" container at your home, and dropping them off a few times a year as needed. CRT disposal is limited to three per resident per visit. For more information call 240- 7500, or visit <http://www.applevalley.org/public/community/waste/recycle.htm>.

Fire hazard reduction tips from AVFD

Do you have "defensible space"? The Apple Valley Fire Protection District offers guidelines to minimize risk of fire damage by clearing weeds and other combustibles around your home.

The AVFD requires that tumbleweeds, other annual weeds and grass be mowed or cut to a height of 4" or lower. As all of Apple Valley is a soil erosion area, disking, scraping and other major soil disturbances or removal of native vegetation is discouraged. These activities leave the soil more vulnerable to wind erosion and actually promote the growth of tumbleweeds. Mowing is the preferred method of weed abatement.

All firewood or any wood or lumber products must be neatly stacked. All dead vegetation and/or trees, whether standing or fallen, shall be removed completely. Any tree or shrub overhanging a public street shall be trimmed to a minimum of 13.5 feet from the ground up. Roofs must be kept clear of leaves and pine needles.

Any combustible refuse (garbage, furniture, tires, construction/demolition debris, etc.) must be removed from the property and disposed of properly.

Weeds and yard clippings can be disposed of in green trash cans or at the landfill. Tumbleweeds and piled trimmings can also be burned with a proper burn permit, available for \$10 for one year.

These guidelines also apply to easements. Maintenance of utility easements, alleys and roadsides are the responsibility of the underlying property owner, even if the easement is outside of the property fence line.

For more information, please call the Apple Valley Fire District at 247-7618, or log on to www.applevalleyfd.com. Burn permits are available at AVFD Headquarters, 22400 Headquarters Drive, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Police enforce license requirements, street racing

At a recent safety/sobriety checkpoint in Apple Valley, police towed 27 vehicles for violations. Of these, 20 were for unlicensed or suspended/revoked drivers licenses. As a courtesy, the Apple Valley Police offer the following information for drivers.

- Drivers who have moved to California must acquire a California driver's license within 10 days of establishing residence.
- Driver's must notify the Department of Motor Vehicles of any change of address within 10 days.
- Drivers under the age of 18 using a learner's permit must have a properly licensed parent, spouse, or guardian in the car.
- An emancipated minor may drive with a licensed driver 25 years or older.
- If your driving privilege was suspended you are unlicensed, even if the DMV notice didn't reach you due to a change of address.
- Police can issue citations and tow vehicles of unlicensed drivers, drivers with suspended or revoked licenses, or drivers who are not licensed in California or licensed for the type of vehicle they are driving.

During the month of November Apple Valley Police received an increase in calls regarding street racing.

Deputies stopped several street races, arresting participants and spectators, and towing vehicles. While this sharply reduced street racing calls in certain areas of the Town, residents are encouraged to report this illegal and dangerous activity. Palmdale and the California Speedway both have street legal racing events, and we would encourage racers to participate there -- not on city streets.

Winter tips for homes and cars



Here in the high desert, the change of seasons can be sudden and dramatic. Take a few minutes to prepare for winter by following these tips.

- Lower temperatures mean 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.

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How To Reach Us

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 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 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

Other Town Departments & Services (dial direct)
 Code Enforcement 240-7560
 Parks & Recreation 240-7880
 Trash (AVCO) 243-3967
 Emergency Preparedness 247-7618

Town Hall on Call: 240-TOAV (8628)
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 Web Sites: www.applevalley.org
www.applevalleyprojectfiles.com

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