



OUR Town

Town of Apple Valley, California

Apple Valley is awash in a sea of purple filaree flowers after the abundance of rain in the desert at the beginning of 2019.

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WE'RE NUMBER ONE... AGAIN!

The votes are in, and once again, the Town of Apple Valley has been named the "Best City to Live In" in the High Desert by readers of the *Daily Press*. If you're counting...that makes eight years in a row! We don't take this honor lightly. Just take a look inside this issue of *Our Town* to see all the ways we make Apple Valley "A Better Way of Life" for our residents and visitors.



BIKE PATH UPGRADES

Make It Easier To Share The Road

As the weather warms up, the number of bicycles on Apple Valley roads will increase. The Town of Apple Valley advocates this clean, green choice of transportation and recreation, and continues to upgrade and expand the bicycle network whenever possible.

The upgrades align with the "Three Feet for Safety Act" requiring motorists to maintain a minimum of three feet of clearance when passing bicyclists.

In the fall of 2017, the Town added additional miles of Class II Bikeway to enhance bicycle safety

throughout Apple Valley. Class II Bikeways are one-way striped segments along paved roadways for use by cyclists.

The Town widened the right turn lanes at four signalized intersections on Apple Valley Road to accommodate bicycle traffic. In addition, the repainted striping increased visibility for motorists, and new signs were posted throughout the town identifying bicycle lanes.

Later in 2019, bike paths will be added to the frontage of the Mariana Academy and Sandia Academy increasing opportunities for kids to bike to school.

For more information on the bike path projects in Apple Valley, contact the Engineering Department at (760) 240-7000 x7013 or visit www.applevalley.org.



MEETING CALENDAR

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

TOWN COUNCIL

May 14 & 28
 June 11 & 25
 July 9 & 23
 Aug. 13 & 27
 at 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.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Every Saturday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Hazardous Waste Collection Center
 13450 Nomwaket Road
 Closed Aug. 31

CLEAN, GREEN, TOGETHER!

Apple Valley offers many free alternatives to dumping in our beautiful desert. In addition to the Recreation Department's twice annual Community Clean-up Days, our Code Enforcement Department offers Neighborhood Clean-up Days for residents to bring yard waste, mattresses, furniture and other non-hazardous materials; and Tire Amnesty Days for the collection of up to nine passenger vehicle tires with the rims removed. Take advantage of these upcoming events to spruce up your property and purge some belongings the right way!

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UPS

May 18 and July 13

TIRE AMNESTY DAYS

June 8 and August 17

Call (760) 240-7560 for more information.



Legacy Museum to Host

FIFTH ANNUAL STEAK FRY

The fifth annual Apple Valley Legacy Museum Vintage Steak Fry will be held Aug. 3. Enjoy a delicious dinner served by Roy Rogers' nephew and family, musical entertainment, a new and improved narrated historical hayride, a raffle of vintage Apple Valley items, photo ops, and a chance to catch up with old friends as you watch the sun set behind the historic Hilltop House. All-inclusive \$25 tickets can be purchased at the museum, cottage 153 at the Apple Valley Inn, or at the High Desert Community Foundation office in the Spirit River Center starting in June. Table sponsors are available. Call (760) 985-1918 for more information.

LOW COST PET VACCINES

There are few better ways to show your pet you love them than to keep them current on their vaccines. Apple Valley Animal Services will offer low-cost vaccines on May 15, June 5, Aug. 7 and Dec. 4 at the shelter from 5 to 7 p.m.

Rabies vaccines are available for dogs or cats for \$6. Additional vaccines available for dogs are Bordetella for \$10 and DA2PP for \$15. The feline leukemia vaccine will be offered for \$15. Micro-

chip services are \$20. Cash only please. Same-day license renewal is offered for town residents only.

A clinic will also be held at the Paws N' Claws Pet Fair on October 19. The shelter is located at 22131 Powhatan Road at Quinnault Road. Contact the Town of Apple Valley Municipal Animal Shelter for details at (760) 240-7000 x7555 or visit www.AVAnimals.org.

TOWN HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The Town of Apple Valley will be closed on May 27 for Memorial Day and July 4 and 5 for Independence Day. Trash pick-up will be delayed one day for all service routes.

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RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES

Information/Registration:

(760) 240-7880 or www.AVRecreation.org

YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Maintain those skills over the summer! This program will emphasize sportsmanship, basic skills, teamwork and fun. All girls and boys entering grades 2 - 12 are invited to play. Practice (1 hour per week) will begin in May. Fee includes 8-week season, game jersey, officials, scorekeepers and gym costs. Volunteer coaches are needed. Practices begin the week of May 20 with games beginning on June 1. **Cost:** \$65 per person. **Registration deadline:** May 2. **Location:** Michael H. Martin Gymnasium.

PEE WEE & HOT SHOTS BASKETBALL

A fun, non-competitive introduction to basketball for the little ones. Basic skills will be taught while having fun with other youngsters! Volunteer coaches needed. Cost includes T-shirt, team party and trophy. Ages: 3 to 6. **Cost:** \$52 per person. **Registration deadline:** May 9. Morning games begin June 1. **Location:** James Woody Community Center Mini Gym

SUMMER CO-ED SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Spring league now forming. Only 12 teams will be accepted in this league so register early. Men must use a wooden softball bat 2 1/4" in diameter. Ages: 18 and older. **Cost:** \$355 per team. **Registration deadline:** May 23. Games begin June 7. **Location:** Lenny Brewster Sports Center

SUMMER MEN'S ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Sign up to play some hoops in this fast break league. All teams play in single elimination playoff tournament. Only eight teams will be accepted. Ages: 18 and up. **Cost:** \$365 per team. **Registration deadline:** June 13. Games begin June 23. **Location:** Michael H. Martin Gym



HAPPY
FOURTH OF JULY
Freedom Festival
22ND ANNUAL

FREEDOM FESTIVAL

Celebrate America's birthday on the 4th of July at the Town of Apple Valley's 22nd Annual Freedom Festival. The free celebration begins at 2 p.m. at the Lenny Brewster Sports Center.

Phoenix Rising will kick off the entertainment at 2 p.m. with Silverados as the headline performers starting at 6:30 p.m.

The day will also include a pay to play fun zone area, as well as free games and crafts, activities, and fun that culminates at 9 p.m. with the largest fireworks show in the High Desert. Tune in to 100.7 Kat Country KATJ for patriotic music.

The popular beer garden will complement a variety of food booths.

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-free.

For more information visit
www.AppleValley.org/events or call (760) 240-7880.



MOVIES IN THE PARK

Bring a chair or blanket and see two of the hottest movies this summer at Civic Center Park for free. See *Ralph Breaks the Internet* on June 14 and *Captain Marvel* on July 19. Start time is approximately 8 p.m. depending on the time of sunset.



Join us July 20 for the annual Apple Valley Cardboard Boat Regatta. Participant groups will construct their boat using nothing but cardboard and duct tape and race to win prizes for speed, spirit, style and fastest sinker! Pre-register by July 11. Participation fee is \$15 per group. Spectator fee is \$1. Call the Recreation Department for more information.

DIVE-IN

Great Aquatic Programs

OPEN RECREATION SWIM

From May 25 through Aug. 6, enjoy our refreshing pool and water slide at the Civic Center Park Aquatic Center for only \$3 per child and \$4 per adult. Sessions available from 12:30 to 2 and 2:30 to 4 p.m. daily. Evening swim is held from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Tues, Thurs, Sat, Sun. Pay only \$1 more for an additional session the same day. The pool is handicapped-accessible. Children not toilet-trained must wear swim diapers.

DIVE-IN MOVIES

Our popular movie series returns on June 8 with a viewing of *Aquaman* that you can enjoy from the cool comfort of our beautiful pool. The movie begins at 7:45 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door, or \$3 pre-registered. The second showing this summer will be *How to Train Your Dragon 3* on July 6 followed by our final event on August 10 where swimmers will see *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse*.

OVERNIGHT POOL PARTY

Bring the family out for a unique pool-side camping experience on June 21 and July 12. This event will feature all night open swimming, scavenger hunts, games, and a movie! Food will be available for purchase. Pre-registration is \$10 per person, or \$12 per person within a week of the event. No on-site registration is available. Check-in and tent set up begins at 7 p.m. First pool activity begins at 8 p.m.

SWIM FAIR

Offers Easy Signups For Lessons

SWIM LESSON REGISTRATION FAIR

Registration for Apple Valley residents opens May 4 from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Non-residents can register beginning at 9 a.m. Proof of residency is required with legal identification and a utility bill. Only a parent or a legal guardian can register children for classes – no exceptions. Line forms between Town Hall and the Police Department building. Visit AVRecreation.org for class costs, times and lesson descriptions.

The Town offers swim lessons in several formats:

GROUP LESSONS

Two-week group sessions for all skill levels offered Monday through Friday for 30 minutes.

PRIVATE LESSONS

One-on-one instruction with an instructor who will teach participants to gain complete independence in the pool or refine advanced skills.

SEMI-PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS

Learn with up to three friends (total group of four) who must all know each other and be close in skill level.



WATER FESTIVAL

Make a splash at this year's Apple Valley Water Festival on June 1 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Enjoy games, water slides, a bounce house and pool time. Food vendors will be available. Purchase tickets early for \$3 per person for early admittance at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the Aquatic Center, Town Hall or at AVRecreation.org. Tickets will be \$5 at the door unless sold out.

SUMMER CAMPS!

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DON'T BE BORED THIS SUMMER

Good news, kids! There are better things to do this summer than watch TV. Sign up for one or more of our many summer day camp programs that will inspire, entertain and educate children ages 3 to 15. Call our Recreation Department at (760) 240-7880 for more information on class location and content.

| CAMP | DATES | TIME | COST | AGES |
|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------|----------------------|
| Summer Day Camp | M-F 6/3 - 8/2 | 7 a.m. - 6:15 p.m. | Varies | 5-12 (grades 1 – 5) |
| Play & Learn Preschool Camp | M-F 6/3 – 6/14 | 8:30 – 11:15 a.m. | \$80* | 2 years & 9 months-5 |
| Minecraft Basic | M-F 6/3 – 6/7 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. | \$165 | 5-12 |
| Minecraft Advanced | M-F 6/3 – 6/7 | 1 – 4 p.m. | \$165 | 7-14 |
| Robotics Camp | M-F 6/17 – 6/21 | 9 – 11:45 a.m. | \$180* | 8-15 |
| Computer Coding | W 6/19 - 7/31 | 4 - 4:50 p.m. | \$66* | 8-15 |
| Video Game Design | W 6/19 – 7/31 | 5 – 5:50 p.m. | \$66* | 8-15 |
| Intro to Cartooning | W 6/19 – 7/31 | 6 – 6:50 p.m. | \$66* | 8-15 |
| Intro to Anime | W 6/19 – 7/31 | 7 – 7:50 p.m. | \$66* | 8-15 |
| Lego Engineering Camp | M-F 6/24 – 6/28 | 9 – 11:45 a.m. | \$180* | 6-12 |
| Volleyball Camp | M-F 6/24 – 6/28 | 9 – 11 a.m. | \$65 | Grades 3-8 |
| SpyWorkz Science Camp | M-W 7/1 – 7/3 | 9 – 11:45 a.m. | \$100* | 6-12 |
| 360 Gymnastics Summer Camp | M-F 7/15 – 7/19 | 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. | \$125 | 6-12 |
| ScienceWorkz Science Camp | M-F 7/15 – 7/19 | 9 – 11:45 a.m. | \$180* | 8-15 |
| Amusement Park Adventures | M-F 7/22 – 7/26 | 1 – 4 p.m. | \$170 | 7-14 |
| Electronics Engineering Camp | M-F 7/29 – 8/2 | 9 – 11:45 a.m. | \$180* | 10-15 |
| Jr. Engineers | M-F 7/29 – 8/2 | 1 – 4 p.m. | \$170 | 4-6 |

*Includes an additional materials fee



LET'S CHAT!

Town Launches Chat Bot to Improve Customer Service

Want to know when the next blood drive will be held? Need to know when Town Hall is open? Looking for the band line up for this year's Sunset Concert Series? We've got an answer for that...and you can find out day or night! Providing good customer service isn't limited to standard operating hours now that the Town of Apple Valley has launched a new communication tool on Facebook Messenger.

"The town has embraced this emerging technology to serve our residents better, and it will improve as more people use it," said Public Relations Specialist Charlene Engeron, who explained the answers are programmed based on the frequently asked questions staff receives.

Simply click "get started" via Facebook Messenger on the Town's main Facebook page to subscribe. You can then submit questions and, in many cases, get an automatic response. If an answer hasn't been pre-programmed, staff will address the issue during normal operating hours. Additionally, you'll receive periodic messages straight to your in-box as news and events happen.

"It is important to note that the messaging system does not take the place of our formal citizen request management system," said Engeron. "We encourage residents to visit our website and click on the "Let Us Know" link at the top of any page for reporting issues like barking dogs or potholes that need to be filled."

For more information about our citizen request management tool see the article on page 12.



APPLE VALLEY CHOICE ENERGY

Helps Electrify Our Concert Series



When you “plug in” to our Sunset Concert Series this year, you will do so thanks to the generous sponsorship of Apple Valley Choice Energy, one of this year’s major concert sponsors.

For the last two years we have held our Annual Freedom Festival on July 4th thanks to our generous Presenting Sponsor Charles Abbott Associates. More than 14,000 attendees joined us inside the park each year and countless others watched throughout the valley to enjoy the best fireworks show in the desert!

Summers have helped create irreplaceable memories at the Town of Apple Valley events for more than 20 years and that is only made possible through the generosity of local businesses and individuals who support programs in Apple Valley. In 2019, we need your help to S.A.V.E. (Support Apple Valley Events) this season.

If you are a local business, consider one of our popular sponsorships that offer great exposure to huge weekly crowds. If you are an attendee, don’t forget to grab a dollar or two (or five!) to toss into one of our famous blue buckets that are passed around during intermissions.

Your support will help ensure the continued success of our Sunset Concert Series that has already been cut back to five concerts instead of the seven or eight we have had in past seasons. In addition to concerts and festivals, we offer a full calendar of community enhancement programs, animal services activities, recreation classes and more because businesses like yours contribute to our annual campaign.

We encourage you to make a difference in the Town of Apple Valley’s 2019 event season with your tax-deductible donation to the Apple Valley Community Resource Foundation. Call us today to discuss giving options or to make a personal contribution.

To see videos or learn more about our sponsorships, visit www.AppleValley.org/events.

CONCERTS

Return to Apple Valley

Whether you prefer an intimate gathering of friends under a gazebo, or a rockin’ crowd of thousands under the stars, Apple Valley offers live music on most Thursdays from the beginning of May to the end of July.

Concerts in The Courtyard begin May 2 with “High D boys” playing folk/comedy music from 6 to 8 p.m. across the street from Town Hall thanks to the generous sponsorship of Lewis Retail Centers. Bring a chair and grab some dinner by one of the many nearby eateries. This year’s spring line-up includes:

- MAY 2** High D Boys (*Folk Comedy*)
- MAY 9** Peg Leg Slim (*Acoustic Rock*)
- MAY 16** Vintage Measure (*Classic Rock/Variety*)
- MAY 23** Lorena Mackay & John Burcher Band (*Variety*)
- MAY 30** One Life (*Pop/Variety*)



Our Sunset Concert Series returns June 20 with the cool swing tunes of “Phat Cat Swinger.” Voted as one of the Best of the Desert by Daily Press readers, the concerts feature live music and dancing, food vendors, a beer garden and information booths by our sponsors who make this series happen from 6 to 9 p.m. at Civic Center Park through July 25. Other bands scheduled this year are:

- JUNE 20** Phat Cat Swingers (*Swing*)
- JUNE 27** The Who Experience (*Rock/Tribute Band*)
- JULY 11** Southern Spirit (*Country*)
- JULY 18** Ironhorse (*Classic Rock*)
- JULY 25** Latin Express (*Latin/Top 40*)



For more information on these, or other special events, visit www.AppleValley.org/events.



Phat Cat Swinger will open this year’s Sunset Concert Series on June 20.

SHOP LOCAL



7 REASONS YOU SHOULD SHOP LOCAL

BECAUSE:

1) Sometimes you get hungry

- Pascos Pizza
- Mu's Doner & Kabob
- Los Alazanes
- Wing Stop
- EAT-S Mobile (*food delivery service*)

2) Exercise and meditation is good for you

- Vice Vendetta Fitness
- Gracie Jiu Jitsu
- The Enlightened Hippie

3) Haircuts are a necessity, not a luxury

- Racob's Barber Shop

4) Vehicles get dirty...and sometimes break

- Apple Valley Auto Spa (*re-opened*)
- Air Expressway Towing

5) Sometimes you need professional assistance

- State of the City Presentations
- Workplace Training Solutions Center

6) What is life without some fun and games?

- Warhammer Apple Valley

7) Keeping dollars local builds community, adds jobs and preserves safety in Apple Valley

The above are just a few of the businesses that have opened or expanded in the last year. For more information on how shopping local benefits our community visit Shop Local Apple Valley on Facebook.



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RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION LOAN PROGRAM

The Town is now offering 0% interest deferred loans up to \$25,000 for improvements to eligible owner-occupied single and multi-family homes (up to four units).

ELIGIBLE IMPROVEMENTS

- Health, Safety and Code Violations
- Energy Conservation
- Accessibility Improvements for Disabled
- Necessary Repairs for Deferred Maintenance



TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY



For more information on eligibility requirements, please contact the Town of Apple Valley Housing Division
14955 Dale Evans Parkway, Apple Valley, CA 92307
(760) 240.7000 ext. 7208
housing@applevalley.org | www.AppleValley.org/housing



LAFCO Approves North **APPLE VALLEY ANNEXATION**

The Town of Apple Valley has received approval by the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) for San Bernardino County to annex approximately 1,365 acres in north Apple Valley.

"The annexation adds three miles of prime freeway frontage to the Town's boundaries," said Town Manager Doug Robertson. "The annexation area is a logical extension of the Town's continued growth."

The area is bounded by Interstate-15 to the west, Johnson Road to the south, Morro Road to the north, and Fairfield Road to the east. The approved area of annexation sits within the 2,775 acres formerly known as the "Golden Triangle." The Town first attempted to annex the Golden Triangle in 2009 but was unsuccessful. The latest annexation effort narrowed the area by carving out existing residences, which helped secure widespread support. The revised annexation area is entirely vacant today and represents less than half of the attempted annexation area of 2009.

A Fiscal Impact Analysis determined that the annexation will increase revenues to the Town and outpace the costs of services to the area. The Town will share property tax revenues with the County under their new "Share the Burden" tax allocation structure. As such, the Town is expected to receive 50% of the 9.5% tax rate.

The development standards and entitlement process for future projects, including public roads, will be brought under the Town's jurisdiction. The annexation area was pre-zoned in the 2009 General Plan Update. For more information regarding Apple Valley's economic development activity, contact Orlando Acevedo, Assistant Director, (760) 240-7915 or visit www.applevalley.org.

Council Expands **RESIDENTIAL BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES**

Are you a homeowner caring for elderly parents, adult children, or just looking to earn extra money from your property? Based upon recent state legislation, you may be allowed to build an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) on your property.

The Town Council recently modified the building requirements for accessory dwellings, also known as a granny house or a second home, that can provide independent living for family members or others in need of affordable housing.

In March, the Town Council approved the Planning Commission's recommendation to adjust the size of accessory structures, including dwelling units, based upon lot size. The ordinance also included the following highlights:

- Effective date April 26, 2019
- Maximum size of the ADU is 50% of the footprint of the primary house, or 30% when attached to the primary house. Bigger units may be permitted on lots one acre or larger.
- Property owner must live on the property.
- The second house cannot be sold separately but can be rented out and have separate utility meters.
- Sewer may be required for properties under one acre in size.
- Building permits are required.

For additional information, please visit avplanning.org or contact the Planning Department at (760) 240-7000, ext. 7200.

Apple Valley



SUMMER PRECAUTIONS With Your Animals

Every spring and summer there are many well-meaning animal lovers who leave their pets in vehicles while they shop or run errands without realizing that their beloved pet may end up suffering — or even dying — due to the effects of heatstroke.

“Even on mild days, with temperatures in the low to mid-70’s, the temperature inside a parked car can quickly reach 100 degrees,” said police spokesperson Joy Ballinger. “In warmer, 85-degree weather, temperatures can reach 120 degrees within a half hour, even if a car window is left open a crack.”

Leaving an animal unattended in a vehicle under conditions that endanger the health or well-being of an animal due to heat, cold, lack of adequate ventilation, or lack of food or water, or other circumstances that could reasonably cause suffering, disability, or death is a crime. If you see an animal in distress, call Sheriff dispatch immediately at (760) 956-5001.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT RETURNS TO SUPER TARGET PARKING LOT

The Apple Valley Police Department is joining forces with Super Target to throw a going away party for crime on Aug. 6 from 5 to 8 p.m. The celebration is called “National Night Out” and you’re invited!

National Night Out is an annual campaign that promotes a partnership between the police department and the community to make our neighborhoods safe. Come spend the evening in the Apple Valley

Super Target parking lot where the police department will provide information on crime prevention and the Neighborhood Watch Program, offer children’s finger printing, offer a meet and greet with McGruff the crime fighting dog, and much more.

The Apple Valley Super Target is located at 20288 Highway 18 across from Apple Valley Town Hall.

VACATION PROTECTION House Checks Available



Are you planning a vacation this summer? Make a call to the Apple Valley Police Department a part of your preparation. Thanks to the dedicated men and women of our Citizen Volunteer Unit, the police department conducts periodic checks of homes while residents are out of town for a period of up to 30 days per calendar year.

Uniformed citizen volunteers will visually inspect the perimeter of the home. If anything seems amiss, a deputy will be dispatched to assess the situation and, if necessary, take law enforcement action followed by a call to the homeowner.

Vacation house checks are a complimentary service to the citizens of Apple Valley. To request this service, complete the vacation house check form available at the front counter of the Apple Valley Police Department and return it at least two days before your vacation is to begin.



CORKY'S

Homestyle Cooking Coming to Apple Valley

Twenty years after opening their first restaurant, Mike and Jennifer Towles are bringing Corky's Homestyle Kitchen and Bakery to Apple Valley. With 11 other locations in places like Rancho Cucamonga and Ladera Ranch, this will be the first Corky's in the High Desert. Current menu items include a steak & egg breakfast, 'Corky's Triple Decker' beef, ham and turkey sandwich for lunch, and a prime rib special for dinner.

"Grandma Corky made everything from scratch using only the freshest ingredients," said owner Jennifer Towles. "She passed down recipes that not only filled your stomach, but also your heart and soul. Her main ingredient was love and a genuine appreciation for all her guests. We strive to carry on

that tradition by providing our guests with the best dining experience possible."

Corky's will occupy the former Johnny D's restaurant location at the corner of Bear Valley and Apple Valley roads. The remodeled building will include glass storefront enhancements and the clay tile roof will be replaced with a metal roof. A portion of the building will be demolished to make room for an outdoor dining patio. Overall, the remodel will provide a fresh updated look to the building and will better compliment the surrounding retail center.

"I grew up in the High Desert and attended high school here," said Mike Towles. "This is a special place for me and I still consider

it my old stomping grounds. It just makes sense that our family-inspired concept would come full circle. It will be a great fit in Apple Valley."

Corky's anticipates hiring 60-80 individuals to help serve their guests when the restaurant opens later this year.

Corky's joins other highly successful restaurants at this regional commercial corridor, including Red Robin, Buffalo Wild Wings, Applebee's and Oggi's.

More information on Corky's Homestyle Kitchen and Bakery, including their full menu, is available at www.corkyskitchenandbakery.com.

VISTA DEL SOL COMMUNITY RISES AGAIN



Construction has resumed on Vista Del Sol Community, a 126-lot subdivision in north Apple Valley along Choco Road. With 30 homes built and occupied in the gated community, the 96 remaining single-family homes will bring more inventory to home buyers seeking semi-custom homes in an area of Apple Valley that offers a rural lifestyle and dramatic landscapes.

The Vista Del Sol Community's last home was built in 2008. The latest phase consists of four semi-custom floor plans ranging from 2,508 to 3,396-square-feet of living area with three different building elevations per floor plan.

"Apple Valley's high quality of life makes it a great place to live. In fact, we've recently been voted best place to live eight years running," said Town Manager Doug Robertson. "It is great to see continued quality residential growth in Apple Valley."



Council to Consider BY-DISTRICT VOTING

The method for electing Town Council members may change significantly by the time you cast your next ballot. Currently, council members are elected through an at-large system, which means that electors from the entire Town vote for all council members.

In recent months, the Town Council has held two public hearings to discuss switching to a by-district voting system, where a council candidate must reside within an election district and is elected by only voters residing within that geographic area.

In recent years, several cities in California have been sued under the California Voter's Rights Act (CVRA) of 2002 by plaintiffs alleging that at-large election systems result in "racially polarized" voting. In January, the Town received a letter from Kevin Shenkman of Shenkman & Hughes, PC, alleging that the Town's at-large election system diluted the ability of certain protected classes of persons within the Town to elect candidates of their choice based on the CVRA.

"Transitioning to a by-district election system will cost approximately \$60,000, which is significantly less than the millions of dollars a potential lawsuit would cost," said Town Attorney Thomas Rice.

Future meetings and Public Hearings will be held to explain the districting process and discuss drawing district boundaries, a process that will require the Town to retain a demographic expert. Next steps will include publishing draft maps, tentatively set for completion by May 3.

Additional public hearings are tentatively scheduled for May 14 and June 11 to receive input regarding the maps and the proposed sequence of elections. In addition to the formal Public Hearings, four public workshops will be held between April and June to allow for additional public discourse on the process. The Town Council will then consider the ordinance at its July 23 regular meeting.

For a complete schedule of public outreach events or more information on the process of transitioning to by-district elections, visit the Town Clerk's page at www.applevalley.org/services/town-clerk/district-based-elections.



ADOPT A STREET Volunteers Needed

Launched in 2002 with 16 volunteers, the Town of Apple Valley's Adopt-a-Street program now has more than 100 individuals, organizations and businesses making a difference in our community by adopting one-mile sections of road to clean at least four times per year. Program participants have already cleaned up nearly 100 bags of trash in 2019.

The Adopt-A-Street program is a great opportunity for Apple Valley organizations, schools, clubs, churches, businesses, families and individuals to take pride in your community and improve your neighborhood. Applications are available year-round and participants earn a personalized sign at both ends of the section. There is no cost to adopt a street and the Town provides a one-time start-up supply kit. For additional program details or to download an application visit our website at www.applevalley.org. You can also call (760) 240-7000 ext. 7074 or stop by Town Hall and pick up an application.

The Town extends our appreciation to all our current volunteers for their commitment and contributing to "A Better Way of Life" in Apple Valley through the Adopt-a-Street program.



TOWN INFORMATION

TOWN COUNCIL

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HOW TO REACH US (All Numbers 760)

Apple Valley Choice Energy..... 573-2823
Bus Routes..... 948-3030
Code Enforcement..... 240-7560
Economic Development 240-7915
Emergencies 911
Fire Department 247-7618
Golf Course 242-3125
Library 247-2022
Parks & Recreation..... 240-7880
Police (business calls)..... 240-7400
Police dispatch after hours..... 956-5001
Town dispatch after hours..... 961-6001
Town Hall 240-7000
Trash (Burrtec) 245-8607

DEPARTMENT EXTENSIONS Dial (760) 240-7000 Plus:

Animal Services.....x7555
Building & Safetyx7014
Housingx7208
Household Hazardous Wastex7522
Emergency Preparedness.....x7890
Engineering.....x7013
Financex7000
Human Resources.....x7600
Planning.....x7200
Public Informationx7074
Public Works.....x7500
Town Clerk.....x7800
Town Managerx7051

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SEE SOMETHING?

Say Something...The Right Way

Social media is amazing! It connects people all over the globe. It allows us to have real-time conversations with family and friends. It keeps us up to date on current news and trends.

But you know what it isn't good for? Letting your local government employees know about a problem in the community.

"People mistakenly believe that posting a comment on Facebook is a formal way to report an issue to staff. Unfortunately, comments on social media don't create a case in our system that staff can follow up on," explained Code Enforcement Manager Guy Eisenbrey. "We care about our residents and want to be as respon-

sive as possible. We simply need them to use the proper channels to let us know about an issue." One of the best ways for you to report public nuisances such as illegal dumping, potholes, graffiti and vandalism is to use our Citizen Request Management tool on our website. To ensure an issue gets addressed, simply visit www.AppleValley.org and click on the "Let Us Know" link at the top of any page.

Similarly, if you are out and about and need to report something you can use our handy "Go Request" app. This smartphone tool uses GPS technology to pinpoint the location of the problem you reported and even allows you to include a photograph.



APPLE VALLEY SUPER BLOOM

Red-Stem "Stork Billed" Filaree are one of the first flowers to appear after winter rains. Leaves are fern-like and form a rosette near the ground. The flowers are only about 1/4 inch in diameter and light pink to lavender in color with 5 petals and 5 sepals. The stems are reddish-colored and most of the plant is hairy. The common names of this plant largely describe the seed pod's beak-like appearance. They can be seen all over town, but are especially prevalent in northern Apple Valley's large open fields.