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## Public facilities on schedule

We're going vertical! That's construction lingo that means that our new public facilities are taking shape. Grading and foundation are complete on both the animal shelter and the town hall annex, and framing and walls are now going up.

The animal shelter site is on the southeast corner of Powhattan and Quinnault. The 36,000 square-foot facility will house state-of-the-art features providing better care of our animals, and foster an environment to promote education and adoption. Completion is expected by winter of 2010.

The town hall annex is adjacent to the current town hall. The 25,000 square-foot expansion will house Development Services, including Building and Safety, Engineering, Planning and Economic Development.

It will also include a 6,000 square foot community meeting space. This area will feature a raised platform stage, audio/visual equipment and seat as many as 300 people. Moveable walls will also allow for smaller group settings. The building should open by late spring of 2010.

Funding has come from a combination of redevelopment agency funds and certificates of participation earmarked specifically for these projects. With the current state of the economy, dollars spent in construction go much farther than they did a few years ago, and both projects came in significantly below estimates. Using a multiple prime bidding process, rather than going out for one bid for a general contractor, individual trades had an expanded opportunity to get in on these jobs, and a number of high desert businesses were successful.

Between salaries, construction costs and other "trickle down" factors, the economic impact of these two projects combined are injecting nearly \$42 million into the local economy. ○





## MEETING CALENDAR

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

### TOWN COUNCIL

*2nd & 4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.*

### PLANNING COMMISSION

*1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6 p.m.*

### PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

*1st Thursday of alternate months, 6 p.m.*

### EQUESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

*2nd Wednesday, 7 p.m.*

### HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

*3rd Thursday, 2 p.m.*

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

*1st & 3rd Saturday  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.*

*Public Works Yard*

*22411 Highway 18*

*Information: 240-7000 x7522*

### DISASTER COUNCIL

*Tuesday, July 14, 1:30 p.m.*

*Fire Station 336*

*19235 Yucca Loma Road*

*Information: 247-7618*



## Town Council adopts balanced budget for 09/10

In spite of the turmoil of economic conditions across the state and the nation, the Town of Apple Valley remains well-positioned to maintain current levels of service to our residents. The Town Council adopted a \$108 million budget in June, an increase of about 3% over the previous year. Of this, the general fund accounts for \$18.4 million, an 8.6% decrease from 08/09.

The general fund represents the only unrestricted funds that can be used for the day-to-day operations of the town. The primary source of general fund revenue is local taxes – property, sales and vehicle license fees. While we project these revenues to decrease slightly this year, the Town was able to reduce expenditures as well, without impacting the services we provide. Because of our relatively recent retail boom – with the majority of our retail development occurring since 2005 – a reduction in sales tax revenue does not hit us as hard as some other municipalities.

The majority of the Town's budget is in restricted funds. For example, road improvement or

Measure I revenue can only be spent on certain road projects. Redevelopment funds must be used for projects that fall within defined areas and serve certain purposes. In 2009-2010, the Town expects to spend nearly \$11 million on road projects and planning, including approximately \$1.7 million on general resurfacing. Among the road work planned for the coming year is a complete rehabilitation of Corwin Road, major work on Waalew Road, and traffic signals on Bear Valley Road at Deep Creek and at Mohawk.

Finally, the Town Council is committed to maintaining public safety. No cuts have been made to police services, and we have identified a grant opportunity that may allow us to add three additional deputies.

The complete budget will be available on the Town's website by early August, or you can review a printed copy at Town Hall. ○

*A Better Way of Life*

# Recreation events and classes

## FLEA MARKET

Join us for fantastic finds and beautiful bargains at the Town Flea Markets on August 15 and October 10 at Lion's Park in Apple Valley from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call 240-7000 x 7071.

## MUD FEST & MUDDY BUDDY RUN

Dig into one of our most popular events Saturday, August 22 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Horsemen's Center. We offer volleyball, tug-o-war, bobbing for pigs, an obstacle course and a mountain – all made out of mud, of course. Middle school and high school teams of 6 to 10 players will compete for points and a team trophy, plus each winning team member gets an official Mud Fest T-shirt. Registration is \$40 per team. For more information on MudFest call 240-7880.

This year the Sunset Children's Foundation has partnered up to sponsor the High Desert's only 5K Mud Run! Grab your "Partners in Grime" and register for the 5K for adults, or the Mini Muddy Buddy for ages 8 – 12. Registration is \$25 per person or \$70 for a team of three adults. Prices go up after August 10 and on the day of the event. Proceeds benefit the Sunset Hills Children's Foundation. To learn more about the Muddy Buddy Run visit [www.sunsetchildren.org](http://www.sunsetchildren.org).

## A NIGHT UNDER THE STARS

Don't miss this family campout at beautiful Horsemen's Center starting 3 p.m. Friday, August 28 to noon on Saturday, August 29.



Enjoy storytelling and s'mores around the campfire, horseshoes, volleyball, a scavenger hunt, relays, games, a full dinner and breakfast for just \$9 per person. Register by August 15. For more information call 240-7880.


## JUNIOR ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD CAMP

In 1607, three small ships sailed up the James River in Virginia established the colony of Jamestown. Students attending the Junior Archaeology Field School July 22 to 24 will discover how archaeologists learn about the past.

They will excavate, examine and classify their findings, investigating the remains of

historic structures based on the discovery of the 1611 Governor's house and the 1609 glass works. Student archaeologists will develop hypotheses about what colonists were doing in their daily lives. Please bring a snack, sunscreen, insect repellent, hat, sturdy shoes and a water bottle. The deadline to sign up is July 17 and each day's schedule runs from 8 a.m. to noon for \$68 per student. For more information call 240-7880.

## FUN FOR SUMMER AND BEYOND

Our summer activities offer countless adventures and opportunities from a Pirates Field Trip to Kayak Kraz, novel writing workshops to dog obedience courses and more. Call today for more information 240-7880. Did you know that our Recreation Department offers low cost after school programs? Sign up now for the fall! Please contact Lena Quinonez at 240-7000 x 7883. 

## Local information on crime now available online


The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department has launched Community Crime Mapping, an online program available to the public. The program is easy to use and even includes a tutorial.

"A well-informed public has always been an essential element in the Sheriff's Department's fight against crime," said Sheriff Rod Hoops.

Users have several options such as viewing clusters of crime activity, analyzing patterns within a specific area, determining the distance to any crime from their address and more. Users can now sign-up for crime alerts which notify the user by email when a crime has occurred in an assigned neighborhood.

Community Crime Mapping is a nationwide service, but the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department is the first law enforcement agency in Southern California to subscribe. The program is a good resource for business owners, as well. Crime data is extracted daily so that information is always current.

To access Community Crime Mapping areas serviced by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, go to [www.sbcounty.gov/sheriff](http://www.sbcounty.gov/sheriff) and follow the link for Community Crime Mapping.

For more information on Community Crime Mapping, contact the Sheriff's Public Affairs Division at (909) 387-3700. 



## Town offers 0% interest home repair loan

Do you have a fixer-upper, but no funds? Apple Valley residents in the incorporated area of the Town may qualify for a 30-year deferred, 0% interest loan for up to \$20,000 for qualified repairs. Homeowners must be low- to moderate-income; for example, a household of two is limited to \$42,650 annual gross income (AGI); a household of four is limited to \$53,300 AGI.

Known as the Residential Rehabilitation Loan Program (RRLP), the program provides money to address health and safety code violations, energy conservation, weatherization, accessibility and deferred maintenance. Eligible items include, but are not limited to: roofing, heating and air conditioning, evaporative coolers, doors and windows, painting, flooring, insulation, plumbing, and electrical work.

There are no required payments during the 30-year term of loan, but the loan becomes due if the property is sold, transferred, no longer the primary residence or refinanced for cash out. The applicant must complete an application packet and provide evidence of income, show responsible credit history, and be current on house payments, property taxes and insurance.

Residents interested in participating in the RRLP loan program may call Denise Bossard at 240-7000 x 7913 for further information. The program has been very popular and typically has a waiting list. A program brochure and additional information may be downloaded from the Town of Apple Valley website at [www.AppleValley.org](http://www.AppleValley.org) - look under Community, then Housing Programs. ○

## Great program for first time homebuyers

Connecting eligible first time homebuyers with foreclosed properties, the Town of Apple Valley is offering 0% interest loans for down payment assistance. Funded by the Housing and Economic Recovery Act, the program reduces the blight of vacant homes and helps low-income families put down roots.

Town assistance is provided as a 0% interest, 45-year deferred loan. There are no monthly payments made on the deferred loan. Interested buyers should contact a Town-approved participating lender to be pre-qualified for a conventional fixed rate first mortgage.

Buyers will work with their realtor and one of the Town's participating lenders to select homes in the eligible target area. Buyers and realtors can obtain more program information or view a list of participating lenders by visiting the Town website at [www.AppleValley.org](http://www.AppleValley.org) and reviewing Neighborhood Stabilization/Downpayment Assistance Program in Housing Programs under the Community tab or by contacting Christopher Moore at 240-7000 x 7921 or by email at [cmoore@applevalley.org](mailto:cmoore@applevalley.org). ○

## Military Banner Program

Help recognize active duty military personnel deployed to a declared war zone. If you know someone in this situation, with Apple Valley as their home of record, apply now for the Town of Apple Valley military recognition banner program. The Town accepts applications and sponsorships year round.

The banners proudly fly over the Civic Center parking lot in front of Town Hall and photos of the banners along with the soldier's families are posted on the Town's website.



Pick up an application at Town Hall or from the website. Once a soldier returns home the banner is given to them in appreciation for their service.

The Town is seeking individual and business sponsors to offset the cost to the military families. A \$300 sponsorship will recognize one service person and covers the purchase of the banner and mounting hardware. Banners may be paid for by the family, or will be installed on a first come first serve basis as sponsorships are available.

For more information please visit [www.AppleValley.org](http://www.AppleValley.org) or call 240-7000 x 7070. ○



## Saving our most precious resource

California is in a state of drought emergency and conservation is a cost-effective and easy way to help manage local water resources. Conservation lowers water bills and helps the environment. When you conserve water, you reduce your water usage bills, as well as help stretch the High Desert's limited water supply.

### TIPS

- Fix all leaks inside and outside. A small leak can waste as much as a family needs for one day.
- Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes.
- Never leave the water running unnecessarily. Use hose nozzles and faucet aerators to help.
- Install water-efficient landscape irrigation and replace lawns with desert-adaptive plants.
- Reducing showers by five minutes can save over twenty gallons of water per shower.
- Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket.

Want to know more? Visit the Alliance for Water Awareness and Conservation at [www.hdawac.org](http://www.hdawac.org) or call Tamara Alaniz, Water Conservation Program Manager for Mojave Water Agency at 946-7038. If you're interested in the laws regarding water use and conservation check out Chapter 6 of the Municipal Code on the Town's website at [www.AppleValley.org](http://www.AppleValley.org). ○

### Learn your ABC's . . . of water

#### ***"Recycled Water – A reNEWed Source of Water for our Communities"***

**When:** Tuesday, July 28, 2009 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

**Where:** Mojave Water Agency, 22450 Headquarters Drive in Apple Valley

**What:** Logan Olds, General Manager of the Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority, will address the role recycled water will play in meeting future water needs for the Victor Valley. Attendees will learn what recycled water is, how it can be used, and how increasingly stringent regulations will affect its use. Refreshments will be served. For information or to register, call Gloria Golike at 946-7001 or email [ggolike@mojavewater.org](mailto:ggolike@mojavewater.org). The deadline to RSVP is July 24. ○



### Don't wait - vaccinate!

All dogs four months of age or older must have their rabies vaccination and a current license in the Town of Apple Valley. You can meet these requirements at a low-cost rabies clinic Saturday, August 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rabies shots are \$6 each and will be given at the Town of Apple Valley Animal Shelter, 13643 Tonikan Road, one block west of Central. Clinics are for Apple Valley residents only. Other vaccinations are available at a reduced price and dog licensing is available the same day. For more information call 240-7000 x 7555. ○



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### TOWN COUNCIL

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Scott Nassif, Mayor Pro-Tempore  
Peter Allan, Councilmember  
Ginger Coleman, Councilmember  
Bob Sagona, Councilmember  
Frank W. Robinson, 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.....7555  
Building & Safety .....7101  
Economic Development .....7900  
Finance .....7000  
Human Resources .....7600  
Planning .....7200  
Public Information .....7072  
Public Works .....7500  
Town Clerk .....7800  
Town Manager .....7051  
Transit .....7521

### OTHER TOWN DEPARTMENTS

#### & SERVICES (dial direct)

Code Enforcement ..... 240-7560  
Parks & Recreation ..... 240-7880  
Trash (AVCO) ..... 245-8607  
Emergency

Preparedness ..... 247-7618

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## Sun down, music up at the Target Sunset Concert Series

The Town of Apple Valley is pleased to announce an extended concert line-up in 2009 with concerts every Thursday through August 13. The event features a different band each night. Join friends, family and neighbors for these free concerts presented by Target.

- July 16: Yard Sale (Variety)
- July 23: Caliente (Top 40)
- July 30: Desert Reign (Classic Rock)
- August 6: The Silverados (Classic Rock/Top 40/ Country)
- August 13: Latin Express (Top 40)

The Civic Center Park Amphitheater is located at 14955 Dale Evans Parkway just east of Super Target. Concerts feature a delicious array of food and a beer garden by the Rotary Club of Apple Valley. Bring your blankets and beach chairs for lawn seating. Parking and admission are free! For more information please visit [www.AppleValley.org](http://www.AppleValley.org) or call 240-7000 x 7071. 

