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# OUR TOWN

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## James Woody Community Center and Horseman's Center get facelifts

With a stunning backdrop of natural rock formations and newly improved roads, grassy areas, and campsites, Horseman's Center Park is a unique asset in Apple Valley. The park is located on Highway 18, three miles east of Central Road, and provides a home for events offered by the Mojave River Valley Horsemen's Association and the Apple Valley Equestrian Association, and serves as a destination park for family and group functions. Improvements were funded by grants from the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, and included a new 50,000 gallon water tank and water delivery system to irrigate the 80-acre park.

Currently home to practice and show arenas for equestrian use, the improvements added bleachers, play equipment, picnic tables, a paved circulation road throughout the park, trails, walking paths and a gravel parking lot. Horseman's Center reclaimed its title as home of the Apple Valley Round Up Days this year and holds the potential to host an assortment of social events. For information on holding your event at this spectacular location, please call Park and Recreation at 240-7880.

Serving as the "hub" for recreational needs since it was built in 1952, the James Woody Community Center, Park and Gymnasium provides services to various demographics in the community. Located on Navajo Road, one block south of Highway 18, the Community Center had many outdated features. Improvements were necessary to continue to serve the recreational needs of Apple Valley, and insure the viability of the facility for years to come.



*Children enjoy the new playground Equipment at Horseman's Center during Round-Up Days*

The Park and Recreation Department was awarded \$100,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) for the following improvements in the park: new picnic tables, trash receptacles, bleachers and restroom improvements. Community Center improvements from the fund also included hardwood floor refinishing of the auditorium, stage, and gymnasium, new auditorium entry doors, new flooring for the activity rooms and kitchen-related improvements. These building and park improvements will benefit all facets of the community including local youth sports organizations such as Little League, soccer and football, Town sponsored programs, community user groups and private community rentals.

## Town of Apple Valley Named "Inclusive Community"

The Town of Apple Valley was recently added to the roster of the National League of Cities' Inclusive Communities Partnership following the unanimous adoption of a resolution by the Town Council.

Made up of a growing number of cities in California and across the nation, the partnership is designed to make a public commitment and raise awareness of the importance and value of inclusive communities. The Partnership provides support to local officials in efforts around affordable housing, race and ethnic relations and equal citizen participation in community decision-making. It will also recognize, publicize, and celebrate the work of cities and towns that join the partnership.

In celebration of our participation, Apple Valley recognized September 25-29, as the 7th Annual Race Equality and Inclusive Communities Week, during which cities and towns were encouraged to endorse racial and ethnic equality and inclusive communities through activities in their communities. As our participation gains momentum, look for more celebratory events bridging our racial diversity and embracing our equality.

Finally, keep an eye out for newly installed signs at key Town entrances which highlight our desire by proclaiming, "WELCOME WE ARE BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY." Apple Valley is committed to building a community where racial equality isn't a slogan, but a way of life. For more information please visit [www.nlc.org](http://www.nlc.org).

## 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 Wednesday  
6:30 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 7073 for details.

### November:

10 – Town Hall Closed

11 – Holiday Craft Fair

18 – Turkey Run 5/10K

23-24 – Town Hall Closed

27 – Tree Lighting

### December:

1 – Most Talented Kid

9 – Children's Christmas Party

21 – Community Christmas Caroling

25 – Town Hall Closed

## What's Happening

The Town of Apple Valley Special Events program is proud to have the generous annual support of the following businesses: Charles Abbott Associates, Century 21 Fairway Realty, Charter Communications, Keller Williams Realty, It's Showtime Productions, Burrtec, and the Lone Wolf Colony. **For more information please call the number listed for each event.**

### Activities

#### Salsa & Latin Club Dancing

Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. \$37/month. Ages 14 and up can learn West Coast L.A. style, couples dancing, basics and combinations to other dances. Held at the Town Hall Recreation Center, a different dance will be covered each month. Partners and previous experienced are not required. 240-7880

#### Swimming Schedule

Lap swim: M/W/F 6:45-8:45 a.m.; Tue, Thur 5:45-7:45 a.m.; Tue, Thur 7:30 9 p.m.

Water Aerobics: M/W/F 9-10 a.m. and 10-11 a.m.

Water Workout: Tue/ Thur 9-10 a.m.; Water Motion: Tue/ Thur 10-11 a.m.

Coming Soon: Movie Nights in the pool, Discover SCUBA, Bubble Makers, Swim Team. 240-7880

### Events

#### Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, November 11, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Shop 'til' you drop, or stop the race and get it all in one place? You'll find something for everyone at the James A. Woody Community Center, 13467 Navajo Rd. 240-7000 X 7071

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Run

Saturday, November 18, 2006 at the Town Hall Recreation Center parking lot. Check in at 7:15 a.m. for an 8 a.m. start. Prizes will include medals for the top three finishers, male and female, in each age category. The top male and female in each race (5K and 10K) will receive a free turkey. 240-7880

#### Christmas Tree Lighting

Monday, November 27, 5:30 p.m. (lights on at 6 p.m.) Christmas carols, hot cocoa, refreshments, entertainment and, of course, Santa Claus, will herald the arrival of the holiday season at the annual lighting of our towering Christmas tree at Town Hall. 14955 Dale Evans Parkway. 240-7000 X 7071

#### Apple Valley's Most Talented Kid

Friday, December 1, 6:30 - 10 p.m. Join us for a night filled with singing, dancing, fun and old-fashioned root beer floats to showcase our most talented kids! Boys and girls age 3 - 18 wishing to perform must fill out an information sheet and attend rehearsal. Performers must register by November 27 at the Town Hall Recreation Center located at 14955 Dale Evans Parkway. Rehearsal will be Wednesday, November 29th at the James A. Woody Community Center Auditorium. Participants will be judged, and the top three performers in each category will receive an award. The event is held at the James A. Woody Community Center Auditorium. Attendance is \$2.50/person including a root beer float. 240-7880

#### Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 9, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Photos with Santa, complimentary breakfast, entertainment and goody grab bags make for a great celebration at the James A. Woody Community Center - 13467 Navajo Rd. R.S.V.P. is required for this popular free event. No more than two adults per family. 240-7000 X 7071

#### Community Christmas Caroling

Thursday, December 21, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Enjoy caroling, music, hot chocolate and cookies at the James A. Woody Community Center. Cost: Donation of one canned good per person to benefit charity. 240-7880

#### Winter Day Camp/CAVE

December 26 - January 12, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday Friday. This is a full time

program for kids on Winter Break. Held at the James A. Woody Community Center, cost is \$73 per week with half-day and part-time rates also available. Pre-registration is required. Day camp offers games, sports, crafts, cooking and more for grades K-5. Cost includes an afternoon snack, while campers bring their morning snack and lunch. Kids grade 6-8 can join the CAVE to make new friends and learn new games and activities. Trained staff will provide all kinds of great sports, cooking, crafts and more! 240-7880



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## It's trash day! Do you know where your trash carts are??

The weight of the average empty trash truck is 15.5 tons, or 31,000 pounds, when full it can weigh as much as 25 tons, or 50,000 pounds. The robotic arm on the truck used to pick up the trash carts extends only six feet. If the trash carts are placed five feet or more from the edge of the street, the driver is forced to drive off the edge of the asphalt to reach the

carts. This immense weight on the edge of the road breaks down the asphalt in front of your house, especially during wet weather, affecting your asphalt driveway as well.

Simple solution? Place your trash carts within one foot of the edge of the asphalt street. This way, the hydraulic arm can reach the carts while the weight of the truck remains entirely on the paved street. Make certain that carts placed for pickup are located at least two feet away from mailboxes and other obstructions that



could interfere with, or be damaged by, the robotic arm. Neither trash cans nor dumpsters are to be left out on the street permanently. They are eyesores, pose hazards to vehicles, and are asking to be tipped over or have their contents WIDELY distributed.

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## Volunteer forces activate for Pinnacles Fire

Professional firefighters, law enforcement and Emergency Operations Center (EOC) staff are trained for emergency response during a disaster, but Apple Valley also benefits from a core group of trained volunteers who are ready, willing and able to support emergency operations.

The September Pinnacles Fire in the San Bernardino Mountains resulted in the first-time activation of volunteer Apple Valley disaster service workers including Friends of Animals During Disasters (FADD) and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), as well as Emergency Communications Services (ECS), a long-established volunteer group formerly known as RACES.

While we were fortunate the Pinnacles Fire did not make its way into Apple Valley, the proactive response by trained volunteers was quite successful. FADD members were called to service

and within hours over a dozen dedicated volunteers responded to Horseman's Center with trucks and horse trailers prepared to evacuate large animals. Volunteers were also prepared to assist Town Animal Control Officers to establish and maintain an animal shelter.

The CERT was called in early to the Apple Valley EOC to support staff operations. They assisted by activating other volunteer groups, monitoring e-mail messages and media reports, and assisting with the mounds of required paperwork.

ECS is activated throughout the year more often than any other group.

The ECS volunteers responded to four different locations to support emergency communications that needed to be directed to the EOC. They also geared up the Incident Command Post in case field command was needed in Apple Valley. For information regarding FADD, CERT and ECS, call the Apple Valley Emergency Preparedness Program at 247-7618.



*C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team) in training*

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## Learn how to prepare then do it!

The Pinnacles Fire was another close call for Apple Valley residents. Will this be the one that gets YOU motivated to implement your personal disaster preparedness plan? Learning how is as simple as a few keystrokes on your computer keyboard. The Town of Apple Valley and the Apple Valley Fire Protection District web sites offer information on how to prepare a family disaster preparedness plan and supply kit. Access these sites at [www.applevalley.org](http://www.applevalley.org) or [www.applevalleyfd.com](http://www.applevalleyfd.com).

Information can also be found in *A Guide to Citizen Preparedness*, a comprehensive guide to personal emergency preparedness produced by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. It brings together facts on disaster survival techniques, disaster-specific information, and how to prepare for and respond to both natural and manmade disasters. Check it out at [www.fema.gov/areyouready](http://www.fema.gov/areyouready).

Now that you have access to learning how to prepare for a disaster,

the next step is to actually do it! Make the small investment of time and money to prepare. When disaster strikes, you'll be happy you did.

The Apple Valley Emergency Preparedness Program offers written material free to Apple Valley residents, and is available to speak at your church, school, office or club. For information, contact the Town of Apple Valley Emergency Preparedness Office at 247-7618





# Tips to beat the nip!

As the weather turns colder people like to warm up their cars in the morning, starting the heater and defrosting windshields. The Apple Valley Police Department would like to remind the public that this is an open invitation to get your vehicle stolen. Please remember to lock your vehicles and do not leave your car unattended. Also allow extra driving time in the morning as there may be black ice due to the weather conditions. Here in the High Desert the change of seasons can be sudden and dramatic. Take a few minutes to prepare for fall and winter by following these tips. First, reduce sprinkler times, as lower temperatures mean less evaporation. Also set watering times to mid-morning and early afternoon to prevent icy roads and sidewalks. Adjust your sprinkler heads year-round to prevent over-spray. 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.

## Can This Be Recycled?

### RECYCLABLE Put in Blue barrel

Aluminum cans  
Brochures  
Cardboard  
Catalogs  
Cereal boxes  
Computer paper  
Coupons  
Glass bottles/jars  
Junk mail  
Laundry bottles  
Ledger paper  
Magazines  
Mixed paper

Newspaper  
Phone books  
Plastic containers #1 - 7  
(All rigid plastic containers)  
Shoe boxes  
Tin cans/soup cans  
Tissue boxes  
Used envelopes  
Window envelopes  
Wrapping paper  
No plastic bags

### NOT RECYCLABLE Put in Green barrel

Plastic bags!!!  
Animal waste  
Bathroom waste  
Bubble wrap  
Carbon paper  
Carpet and/or pad  
Ceramic glass  
Drinking glasses  
Food/yard waste  
Mirrors  
NCR paper  
Needles (in container)  
Nursery or clay pots  
Plastic bags  
Plastic toys  
Polystyrene/Styrofoam  
Rags/textiles  
Soiled/wet paper  
Sponges  
Styrofoam  
Window glass  
Waxed milk cartons  
Waxed paper  
Waxed cereal box liners

## Want more information on what's going on around Town?

-Please visit [www.applevalleyprojectfiles.com](http://www.applevalleyprojectfiles.com) where you can find information on current projects like Civic Center Park and new retail and residential developments around Town.

-Go to [www.applevalley.org](http://www.applevalley.org) to subscribe to e-news, download Special Event flyers and applications, Park and Recreation activities brochures, videos of Town Council meetings and more! Also submit questions, comments and complaints and track the progress of your inquiry with our online Citizen Request Management system. Just click on "Contact Us" from our home page.

## Town Information

Mark Shoup, *Mayor*  
Rick Roelle, *Mayor Pro Tem*  
Tim Jasper, *Councilmember*  
Scott Nassif, *Councilmember*  
Bob Sagona, *Councilmember*  
Bruce Williams, *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 ..... 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) ..... 245-8607  
Emergency Preparedness ..... 247-7618

Town Hall on Call: 240-TOAV (8628)  
(24 Hour Recorded Information)  
E-mail: [applevalley@applevalley.org](mailto:applevalley@applevalley.org)  
Web Sites: [www.applevalley.org](http://www.applevalley.org)  
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