

Town of Yucca Valley Community Update August 13, 2014



SR 62 Traffic and Pedestrian Improvements from Apache Trail to Palm Avenue (PLHD)

The project includes construction of curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and raised median islands on SR 62, between Apache and Palm Avenue and the construction of a traffic signal at SR 62 and Church Street. In addition, there will be traffic signal modifications at SR 62 and Acoma/Mohawk. The Project was awarded by the Town Council on November 19, 2013 to Match Corporation in the amount of \$2,798,000.

Status:

Concrete on the westbound side of the project has been completed. Minor slot patch paving has been placed to allow vehicle access. Final paving will be completed near the end of the project. Curb, gutter, sidewalk, driveway and retaining curb have begun being poured on the eastbound side beginning at Palm Ave. Demolition is underway west of Church Street.



Town Wide Slurry Seal 2014/2015

The project involves the application of a Type II cape seal on designated streets throughout the Town. The project includes but is not limited to mobilization, traffic control, removal of pavement stripping, markings and legends, and application of slurry and cape seal as well as all appurtenant labor, materials and equipment.

Status:

The Town's slurry seal has been successfully completed. Final striping and reflectors were completed on July 23rd.



Conditional Use Permit, CUP-3-11, Senior Housing Project

The project includes the construction of a 74 unit affordable senior housing development and the construction of all improvements associated with the project. A managers unit will also be constructed.

Status:

Construction continues to move forward. The application of stucco had started on building one, and building two is scheduled for stucco in approximately 30 to 45 days. Completion of Building One has been scheduled for approximately mid-September 2014. Completion of Building two has been scheduled for approximately mid-December 2014. Installation of the on-site waste water treatment facility is underway.



Site Plan Review, SPR-1-14, Hawks Landing Golf Club at Blue Skies

The project involves the reconstruction of the former Blue Skies Golf Course.

Status:

Grading certification has been submitted for the clubhouse area. Additional grading at the maintenance building is underway. The course is getting greener by the day, with no apparent damage from the recent rain events.



Site Plan Review, SPR-02-13, Marshalls/Petco

The project involves the construction of 34,650 square feet of retail space for a Marsha/Petco commercial building at the Home Depot front parcel.

Status:

Petco is currently open for business. Stucco and painting are underway on the exterior of the Marshalls building, and the interior drywall is nearly complete. The contractor has scheduled turn-over of the Marshall's building to the retail store on approximately August 18, 2014. Based upon information provided to the Town, Marshall's is planning to open in mid-September 2014.



Safe Route to School Project Sidewalk Construction Project

The project includes the construction of sidewalks on Sage Avenue, between Onaga Trail and SR62. The project also includes the replacement of existing flashing beacons by Yucca Elementary, Onaga Elementary, and La Contenta Jr. High School.

Status:

Sidewalk and driveway approach pours are continuing. Construction of the cross gutter & spandrels at the intersection is scheduled for next week, as well as construction of the driveway to the football field at the Yucca Valley High School. Grading, construction staking, and concrete work are continuing on the northbound side. Additional asphalt paving will take place next week. The installation of the radar speed indicators is scheduled for early fall when the materials arrive from the supplier, which will follow completion of the sidewalk portion of the project.



Appeal of Planning Commission Decision, A-01-14 Koenig

An appeal of the Planning Commission's approval of a home based artists' studio home occupation permit has been filed with the Town. The artist studio located at 6229 Hoot Owl Trail has been operating at that location since approximately 1989.

Status:

The Appeal is scheduled to be heard by the Town Council on August 19, 2014.

Conditional Use Permit, CUP 01-14 Spectrum-Verizon

This project is a Conditional Use Permit for the construction of a 60 foot cellular tower disguised to look like a palm tree. The project is located on vacant/undeveloped land on-Primrose Drive and is also identified as APN 595-192-23.



Tract 16587, 55 Single Family Residential Unit Subdivision

The project involves a residential development of 55 single family residential units on Acoma Trail, south of Onaga Trail. Seventeen of the 55 single family units have been constructed and completed.

Status:

Four single family residential structures are currently under construction and in the framing stages.



Recreation Department – Upcoming Events and Activities

Paradise Park Recreation Fun Days

Saturday August 16, 2014

10:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.

Paradise Park Neighborhood Center

Join the Recreation Department for summer fun at the Paradise Park Neighborhood Center! Crafts, entertainment, games, food and more! This program is offered free to the public.



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Friday August 15, 2014

10:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.

Community Center – North Lawn

Ages 10 and under

Hey Kids! Is the summer heat starting to get to you? Come cool off in the park! Recreation staff has lots of ways to beat the summer heat. Slide on down a slip-n-slide, splash in wading pools, run in and out of sprinklers, or how about a water balloon toss? We'll keep you cool by keeping you drenched! This event is Free to the public.



Summer Music Festival Continues

Saturdays at 7:00 p.m. – Gates open at 6:30 p.m.

Community Center Ball field

Since 1995, the Town of Yucca Valley has taken great pride in assembling a quality mix of live music for friends and family to gather and enjoy. It is the Town's goal to offer bands that are not only entertaining, but also enhance concert goers' appreciation of the diverse styles of music

available. Unwind on the cool community center grass as the Town offers music to entertain, enhance, enrich, and enjoy.

August 16 – New Sensations (80’s and Today)

For more information about this performer click [HERE](#)



Luau Dance

Saturday August 23, 2014

6:00p.m. – 9:00p.m.

Yucca Valley Senior Center

55 and over: \$3 per person

Under age 55: \$5 per person

The Senior Club and the Town of Yucca Valley is holding a Luau Dance, featuring Doug Anderson, at the Yucca Valley Senior Center. The dance is on Saturday, August 23rd from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. For more information please call (760) 369-7211.



Hi Desert Nature Museum – Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series

To Catch a Thief: International Art Theft and the FBI

August 28 12:00 p.m.

Admission - \$5 or Free for Members

Art theft is a major category of international crime resulting in billions of dollars' worth of losses every year. Lynne Richardson spent eight years at FBI Headquarters in Washington, DC, as their Art Theft Program Manager and worked with Special Agents to create the FBI's first rapid deployment Art Crime Team. During this fun and fascinating lecture Lynne will take you into the world of international art theft and share true crime stories from FBI case files.

Bring your lunch, bring your friends, or just bring yourself to our Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series once a month. Speakers will present topics of special interest for high desert residents. The lectures start at 12:00 p.m. Admission is \$5 – Free for Members - beverages will be served.



Science Saturdays at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum

Join us for days of discovery during Science Saturdays! These programs will ignite your children's curiosity by presenting information and performing experiments relating to biological and physical sciences. All programs will be facilitated by our Museum Educator. It is recommended that children be of school age for this program. Science Saturdays are held from 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. and are offered free of charge with no pre-registration required.

Fear

Saturday August 23, 2014

11:00 – 11:30

Have you ever experienced acrophobia? If you have a fear of heights then you certainly have. Join Crystal Mason, Museum Educator, as she explains the concept of fear for this fright filled Science Saturday. She will describe the biological reaction in the brain that causes fear, how an

individual can be conditioned to feel fear and how you can fight your fears. She will also describe some of the most common fears and some of the odder fears like xanthophobia.



Hi-Desert Nature Museum Presents “Hatching The Past”

May 30 through September 22, 2014

The Hi-Desert Nature Museum continues to present a new temporary exhibition, “Hatching the Past,” through September 22, 2014. This exhibit takes a rare and exciting look at the life of dinosaurs through their eggs, nests, and embryos. “Hatching the Past” blends the arts and sciences with an astounding array of dinosaur eggs and nests collected from all over the globe, including those of each major plant and meat-eating dinosaur group. This science rich hands-on exhibit invites visitors to dig for eggs, touch a real dinosaur bone and discover the mysteries of dinosaur family life.

For 50 years the Hi-Desert Nature Museum has been dedicated to the process of education by exploring the natural, artistic and cultural heritage of the Morongo Basin and High Desert. The Museum seeks to inspire wonder, discovery, understanding, and responsibility in its community and visitors through exhibits, programs, and collections in the arts, history, and natural sciences. The Hi-Desert Nature Museum is located in the Yucca Valley Community Center Complex at 57116 Twentynine Palms Highway. The Museum is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Admission is free; donations support the educational mission of the Museum. For more information, contact the Hi-Desert Nature Museum at (760) 369-7212 or see our web site at www.hidesertnaturemuseum.org. Visit us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter!



The Yucca Valley Animal Care & Control Staff!

Yucca Valley Animal Shelter & Animal Control is a team of very hard working and dedicated people who love animals. Some of the highlight of staff's day includes reuniting a pet with their owner, successfully rescuing a pet in distress or having a positive adoption. The animal shelter, serving the Town of Yucca Valley and the unincorporated areas of the Morongo Basin, is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday (excluding holidays) from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. and will receive phone calls from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on those same days. The shelter's number is 760-365-3111. If you are calling when we are closed, please leave us a message and a phone number to call you back. We will return your call on the next working day.

Yucca Valley Animal Control Services, serving the Town of Yucca Valley, is a 7 day a week/24 hour operation. Regular service hours are Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please call 760-365-1807 if you are in need of their service. After hours and on weekends/holidays, calls for animal related emergencies are received through the Sheriff's Dispatch, who can be reached at 760-365-2364. For animal control services in the San Bernardino County area, please call 1-800-472-5609.





Animal Shelter – Helen Woodward Center Comes to the Rescue

Helen Woodward Animal Center (HWAC) is a unique, private, non-profit organization in San Diego County that, for over 40 years, has been committed to the philosophy of people helping animals and animals helping people. Located in Rancho Santa Fe, their nationally recognized Center provides a variety of services that benefit their community through educational and therapeutic programs for people, and humane care and adoption for animals. For a third time within a year, this rescue group has come out to the Yucca Valley Animal Shelter to take dogs from our shelter to theirs for the purpose of adoption. During the month of July 2014, the HWAC sent a team of veterinary assistants to the Yucca Valley Animal Shelter and chose 21 dogs to take back to their facility. Our animal shelter pets and staff has a great reputation and working relationship with HWAC. The HWAC website is animalcenter.org. They are well worth checking out!

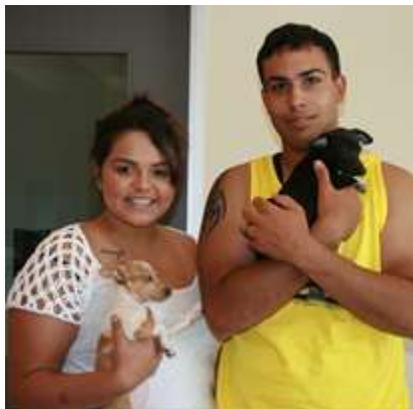


Animal Shelter Visitors and Adoptions

Recent Adoptions

Recent cat & dog adoptions at the Yucca Valley Animal Shelter include the five families shown below. Fees for dog and cat adoption are as follows: Dogs over 4 months of age are \$92.00. This includes annual vaccinations and the pet being altered. Dog licenses must also be

purchased at the time of adoption for dogs living in the Town or the unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County. Puppies under 4 months old are \$85.00 because they haven't received a rabies vaccination yet). Cats and kittens are \$55.00, which includes annual vaccinations and being altered. If you are looking for a companion, come in and visit us at the Yucca Valley Animal Shelter located at 4755 Malin Way, Yucca Valley. We would be happy to show you our pets!



Animal Control - Future California Law Prohibiting the Sale of Animals at Swap Meets (CA. Health & Safety Code 122372)

On July 12, 2014, Animal Control dispatch received a complaint from a member of the public regarding turtles and chickens being offered for sale at a local outdoor swap meet. The officer responded, and made contact with the seller. The woman had several large water turtles in an aquarium and a large number of young chickens crowded inside a small wire cage. The officer spoke with the owner and required her to provide additional space for the overcrowded chickens. The owner complied and there was no other observed violations regarding the welfare of the animals offered for sale.

Animal Control officers are often contacted by citizens who are concerned by the conditions in which live animals are kept or sold at local swap meets and street fairs. In 2012, California State law (Penal Code 597.4) came into effect and basically prohibits the selling or giving away of live

animals (including puppies and kittens) in public places, such as parking lots and retail stores, but does not currently address swap meets and other outdoor markets. Beginning on January 1, 2016, the selling of any live animal at a swap meet, street faire, or other outdoor market will be prohibited unless allowed by local ordinance. Under the new 2016 law, local jurisdictions that wish to allow the sale of live animals would be required to establish strict standards of care and would be responsible for conducting inspections to insure compliance.

Meanwhile, Animal Control officials encourage citizens to report possible neglect or abuse of any animal offered for sale within the Town of Yucca Valley.

Code Compliance

Property Maintenance

Code has been receiving complaints in regards to illegal dumping around the Town of Yucca Valley. Code has been working with the clean team along with the assistance of the public works department to get the illegal cites cleaned up as soon as possible before any further dumping occurs. Code has also notified the Sheriff's Department of the illegal dumping and will continue our efforts to stop the illegal dumping.



Property Maintenance

Code received several complaints about the dead dry vegetation and trash on a vacant lot. Code made contact with the new owner and he advised code that he would be cleaning the lot. The property was brought into compliance.



Property Maintenance

Code received an anonymous complaint about a dilapidated fence on Barron Drive. Code sent out a courtesy letter to the owner and within 30 days the property was brought into compliance.



Property Maintenance

Code received an anonymous complaint about a property in Story Park storing outside items in the public view. Code sent the owner administrative citation to get the property cleaned up. The Property owner made contact with code and stated that the property cleaned up was brought into compliance.



Property Maintenance

Code received an anonymous complaint about the graffiti located on the side of a trailer on Santa Fe Trail. The property owner removed the graffiti. The Sheriff's department has been contacted and is working with Code to help resolve the graffiti issue in the Town of Yucca Valley.



Parks Division Repairs and Improvements

Community Center Repairs and Maintenance

Making sure that the limited turf provided to Yucca Valley residents stays healthy and green, the Parks Division spends time monthly repairing and maintaining irrigation systems at the Town's park sites.



Essig Park Repairs and Maintenance

The Parks Division recently aerated and fertilized the turf at Essig Park. Periodically aerating turf helps keep it healthy.



The parks department also removed weeds from the open lot at the north side of Essig Park.



These are just a few examples of the Parks Divisions efforts working to keep Yucca Valley's parks beautiful through our ongoing maintenance and improvement efforts.

Streets Division Repairs and Improvements

Shoulder Maintenance – Hillcrest Drive

The Streets Division periodically performs maintenance on the shoulder of the road. Over time the dirt along the sides of the roads can wear away, which can cause the asphalt to crack and break off along the edges of the road. The Streets division added dirt along the shoulder of Hillcrest Drive to fill in the erosion while still allowing for proper drainage.



Streets Division – Completed and Upcoming Asphalt Overlays

The Streets Division will be laying asphalt overlays this summer to repair some of Yucca Valley's more damaged streets. Laying asphalt is something that can only be done in the summer, as the high temperatures are needed to make sure the asphalt mix adheres properly. The following streets are scheduled to receive asphalt this season:

Completed - Desert Gold Drive: Amador Avenue to Grand Avenue

The street crew paved Desert Gold Drive from Amador Avenue to Grand Avenue with an asphalt overlay on July 9, 2014. This repair was necessary because of pothole repair constantly being performed on Free Gold Drive due to its dilapidated state. This project involved:

1. Spraying a thin course of tack (a liquid emulsion to ensure proper adhesion of asphalt layers) on existing pavement,
2. Preparing the asphalt with a leveling course of 28 tons of asphalt,
3. Paving over the leveling course with an asphalt overlay of 90 tons, and
4. Installing new thermoplastic “STOP” (2) and limit lines.

The cost of this project was approximately \$8,279.00 in materials.



Completed - Hidden Gold Drive: Amador Avenue to Western Terminus

The Streets Division completed paving Hidden Gold Drive from Amador Avenue to the western terminus of Hidden Gold Drive with an asphalt overlay on July 31, 2014. This repair is necessary due to rough driving conditions with numerous rock protrusions visible. This project included:

1. Spraying a thin course of tack (a liquid emulsion to ensure proper adhesion of asphalt layers) on existing pavement,
2. Preparing the asphalt with a leveling course of 50 tons of asphalt,
3. Paving over the leveling course with an asphalt overlay of 155 tons, and
4. Installing new thermoplastic “STOP” (2) and limit lines.

The cost of this project was approximately \$14,152.00 in materials.

