

Town of Yucca Valley Community Update April 11, 2014

Town Council Budget Workshops/Meetings

The Town Council invites the public to participate in the Town's budget preparation process. At the Town Council meeting of April 1, 2014, the Town Council received the staff presentation on projected revenues for the 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 fiscal years. While increases in property and sales tax are projected for both fiscal years, the Town continues to be cautious in its revenue projections as the local economy continues to slowly improve.

Continuing with their budget preparation discussions, the Town Council will discuss potential community partnerships at its April 15, 2014 meeting. Community partnership applications have been received from a number of groups and organizations within the community including the following.

- *Family Service Association*
- *Reach Out Morongo Basin*
- *Yucca Valley Chamber*
- *Rotary Club*
- *Center for Health Generations*
- *Morongo Basin Unity Home*
- *Boys & Girls Club of the Hi Desert*
- *Desert Regional Tourism (CWC)*
- *Morongo Basin Tennis*
- *Hi Desert Aquatics*

The Town Council will also be discussing what have commonly been referred to as contracts, which include the Boys and Girls Club of the Hi Desert, the Yucca Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Desert Regional Tourism Agency, as well as others. The Town Council encourages public participation and the input provided by all residents as they move through the annual budget process. The Town Council will be reviewing the draft budget continuing through the June 3, 2014 Council meeting when budget adoption is currently scheduled.

April 15, 2014 Town Council Meeting

The Town Council meeting of April 15, 2015 includes a number of items for Council consideration.

- Community Services Department Update
- Hi Desert Water District Update on their Wastewater project
- Requests for Proposals for Street Sweeping and Storm Clean Up/Debris Removal
- Selection of the Trust Administrator for Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)
- Partnership Funding Requests as part of the annual budget preparation process
- Establishing Speed Zones Town-Wide for Radar Enforcement

The Town Council meets in the Yucca Room at the Yucca Valley Community Center the first and third Tuesday every month at 6:00 PM.

Looking For A Great Summer Job? Registration Underway for Town of Yucca Valley Lifeguard Certification Course

Registration is underway for the Town of Yucca Valley Lifeguard Certification Course. This course will provide entry-level lifeguard participants with the knowledge and skills to prevent, recognize and respond to aquatic emergencies and to provide care for health emergencies, injuries and sudden illnesses until emergency medical services personnel take over. To enroll in the lifeguarding course, you must be at least 15 years old before the last scheduled class session and be able to pass prerequisite skills evaluation. The course fee of \$220.00 includes American Red Cross registration fee, lifeguarding manual, adult/child CPR mask, whistle, pack, and instruction. All sessions will take place at the Yucca Valley High School pool located at 7600 Sage Avenue, Yucca Valley. Participants may choose one of two course sessions:

Session I: April 21 – 25, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Session II: May 3, 4, 10, 11th, weekends from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm (1:30 pm to 6:30 pm on May 10th)

Upon successful completion of the course, candidates will receive an American Red Cross certificate for Lifeguarding/First Aid/CPR/AED, valid for 2 years. Successful candidates will also have the opportunity to interview for summer positions with the Town of Yucca Valley Aquatics program and, if hired, may be eligible for a 50% fee reimbursement.

Registration is available online at www.yucca-valley.org or in person at the Yucca Valley Community Center from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Monday through Thursday. For more information contact Sue Earnest, Recreation Supervisor, at the Town of Yucca Valley Community Services Department, (760) 369-7211.

Planning Commission & Development Code

The Yucca Valley Planning Commission is continuing to work on the Development Code Update. The Commission will continue their review of Article 3 at their meeting of April 22, 2014. Article 3 includes Dedications and Infrastructure Improvements, General Development Standards, Landscape and Water Conservation, Parking and Loading Requirements, Performance Standards, Property Maintenance Standards, as well as other development regulations. The Planning Commission may complete their review of Article 3 at their meeting of April 22, and forward a recommendation to the Town Council. The Planning Commission will also begin their work on Article 2 of the Development Code Update at this meeting. Article 2 contains and identifies the Zoning Districts throughout the Town, Land Use Standards and Permit Requirements, Residential and Hillside Reserve Districts, and development standards for each of the individual zoning districts as well as for all overlay districts. The Planning Commission encourages public participation and your input into the drafting of these standards and

regulations as the Commission prepares to forward recommendations to the Town Council. The Planning Commission meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month in the Yucca Room at the Yucca Valley Community Center at 6:00 pm.

Home Occupation Standards and Planning Commission Public Hearing

As part of the Development Code Update, the Planning Commission has been discussing standards and uses that would be implemented for home based businesses. The Planning Commission will continue their discussions on Tuesday, May 13, 2014, at a Public Hearing in the Yucca Room at the Yucca Valley Community Center at 6:00 pm. The Commission desires public participation in this public hearing as they discuss home based businesses that would be allowed in residential districts throughout the Town. Please join the Planning Commission for this important public hearing.

Annual Egg Hunt is April 19th at 9:00 a.m.!

The Town of Yucca Valley will present its annual Easter Egg Hunt event on Saturday, April 19th at the Yucca Valley Community Center softball field. The hunt for candy-filled eggs and special prizes is open to children ages 8 and under with separate hunting areas for toddler through 3 year olds, 4 to 5 year olds, and 6 to 8 year old age groups. Parents will be allowed to assist participants in the “Lil’ Hoppers Zone” for toddlers’ ages three and under. The event begins promptly at 9:00 a.m., but all are encouraged to come early and bring a camera for photographs with the Easter Bunny. Participants are also welcome to enter themed contests including “Guess How Many Jelly Beans” and “Name the Bunny”.

There is no admission charge, but participants should bring their own basket or container to collect the eggs and goodies. This event is sponsored by the Town of Yucca Valley and the Yucca Valley Senior Club. For more information, call the Town of Yucca Valley Community Services Department at (760) 369-7211, Monday through Thursday, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

High Desert Nature Museum

Science Saturdays – Pollution and Recycling Saturday, April 12 from 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

In honor of Earth Day this Science Saturday will help teach children about the effects humans have on the planet. Pollution is a major issue that causes problems for all life on Earth, but there are specific actions that can help with this growing issue. Join Museum Educator Crystal Mason as she teaches about environmental problems and solutions.

The Hi-Desert Nature Museum brings hands-on learning and the thrill of scientific discovery to your child with Science Saturdays! This series of science programs is designed to ignite curiosity by presenting information and performing experiments relating to biological and physical sciences. It is recommended that children be of school age for this program.

This program is on Saturday, April 12 from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. The program is free and no pre-registration is required.



**Earth Day Conservation Fair
Saturday, April 19th**

In honor of Earth Day, the Hi-Desert Nature Museum will celebrate the diversity of life on earth with a day of activities that will inform, educate and entertain visitors. Local experts will be on hand to provide demonstrations on gardening with native plants, composting and recycling. This family-oriented event includes live music and dancing, animal presentations and kid's activities, in addition to booths featuring local artists and environmental education resources. The Earth Day Fair is on Saturday, April 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



SR62 Sidewalks & Medians: TCRP

The project includes the installation of raised medians on SR 62 from Kickapoo Trail to Elk Trail, and from Cherokee Trail to Acoma Trail. The project also includes sidewalks in sections that have gaps or that are non-existent on both north and south sides of SR62 from Palm to Dumosa Avenue, as well as curbs & gutters. The Town Council awarded the construction contract on July 23, 2013 to C.S. Legacy in the amount of \$2,161,147.00.

Status: Concrete sidewalk work is continuing and is approximately 90% complete. Additional saw cutting has been performed in preparation for AC repairs adjacent to the new curb & gutters. Demolition and the driveway approaches are being constructed in the last block of the project limits, eastbound on SR 62 between Grand Ave & Palm Ave. The project is scheduled to be completed by approximately April 15, 2014.



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 with the project.

Status: No offsite work is scheduled this week. Onsite additional prep for the installation of the building modules was performed. Modules are being delivered, and the crane for setting the modules is scheduled to arrive on the job site on Monday, April 14, 2014. The first 31 units are scheduled to be ready for occupancy by approximately July 1, 2014.



Hawks Landing Golf Course at Blue Skies

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

Status: Grading, irrigation, concrete work every day at this project. They have received several truckloads of trees and are underway with planting. Soil prep has started in anticipation of planting fairway grass. Finish grade for bunkers is also underway at this time, and seeding is scheduled to be underway in the month of April.



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: The interior slab for the Marshalls building will be poured this week. Work on the onsite fire protection line is continuing, and interior steel framing of the Petco building is underway.

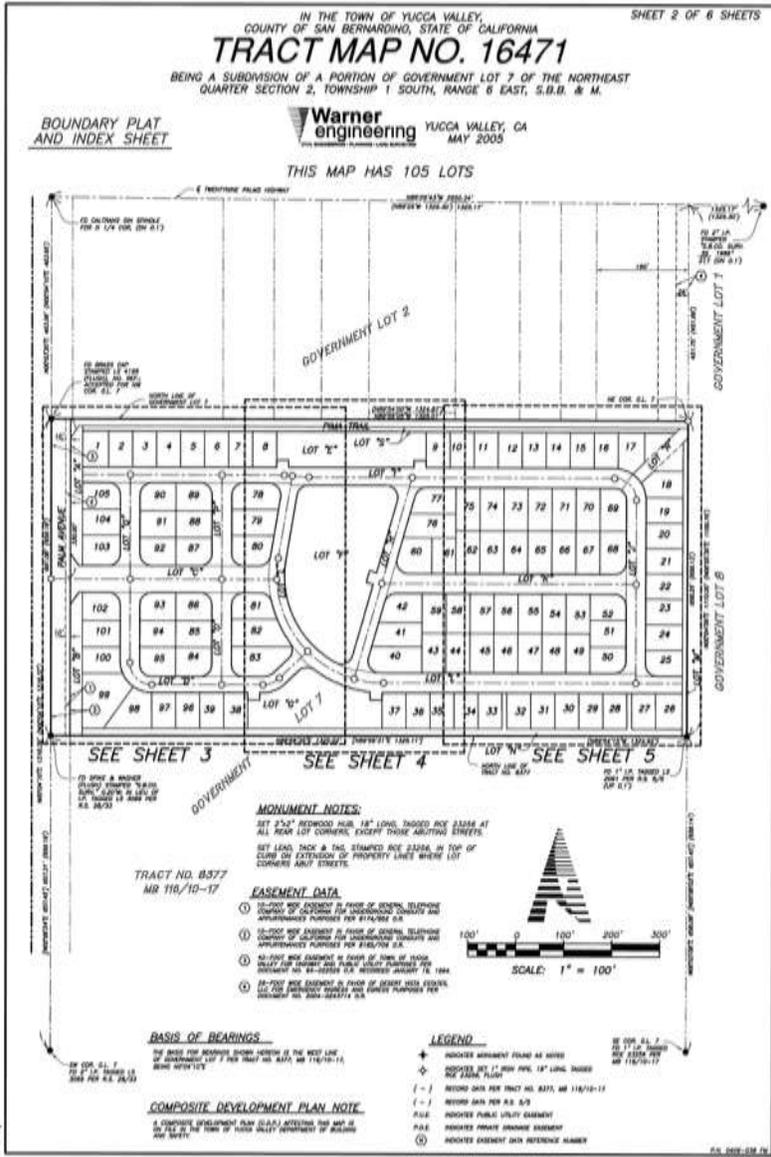


Desert Vista Village, Senior Community

The project involves the construction of a senior residential development on Palm Avenue, South of 29 Palms Highway.

Status: Four new model homes are under construction. Eight additional permits for new single family homes have been issued. Precise grading for phase 3 has been completed. Two additional trash enclosure are 90% complete, with only gates remaining to be completed.

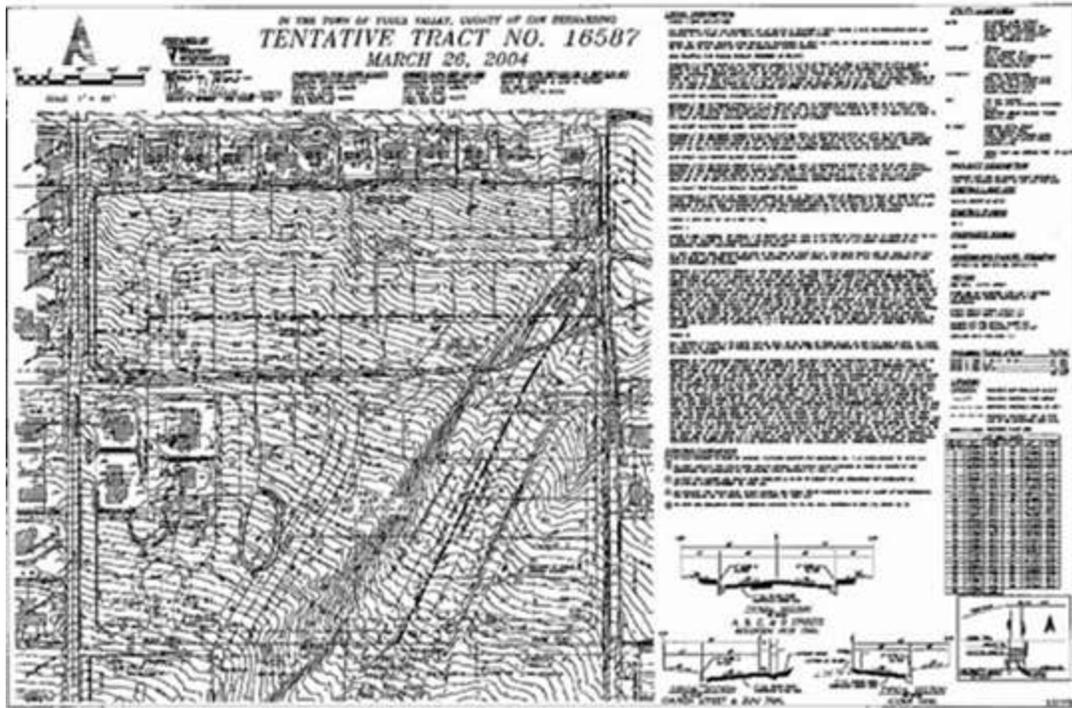




Mesquite 55, Residential Development

The project involves a residential development on Acoma Trail, south of Onaga Trail.

Status: Three new model home plans have been submitted and are in plan check. The owner anticipates submitting an additional eight applications for plan check once the model home plans have been approved and are underway. All street construction, including curb & gutter and paving was completed earlier this year for the entire project. Sidewalks and driveways are scheduled as part of the home construction. All storm drain related facilities are complete.



Safe Route to School 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. Plans and Specifications are completed, the project will bid in March 2014, and construction is expected to commence after the school year is completed.

Status: The Town Council authorized the bidding on March 18, 2014. Bids will be open on April 24, 2014 and is scheduled for award of bid by the Town Council in May 2014. Construction is projected to begin in July 2014.

Dumosa Traffic Signal

The project consists of the design and construction of a traffic signal at the intersection of SR62 and Dumosa Avenue.

Status: Staff met with Caltrans on Tuesday March 25, 2014 to finalize project plans and documents. Final plans have been submitted to Caltrans, and it is anticipated that the Town Council will consider authorizing bidding of the project in the next 2 to 3 months.

Animal Shelter Visitors and Adoptions

The Yucca Valley Animal Shelter recent adoptions include: The Garcia family, who live locally, adopted a wonderful black and white Chihuahua to be a part of their family. Mr. Bedolla, who adopted “Charlie” a black and tan Shepherd mix dog.



Other adoptions are local residents Mr. Mrs. Mulvihill who adopted “Buddy” a beautiful light colored Shepherd mix and Ms. Ramey who adopted “Garra” an adult Lynx Point/Siamese mix.



Animal Control Call for Service

Dogs Chasing Children

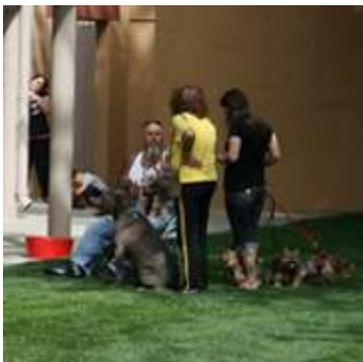
Animal Control dispatch received several calls regarding two dogs that were observed loose and showing aggressive behavior towards residents in the area of Aster and Navajo Trail in Yucca Valley. According to reports, a Pit Bull and a Husky mix had been observed chasing children in an area close to Yucca Valley High School. An Animal Control Officer responded to the area, and was able to locate both dogs running at large. The officer was able to impound one of the dogs, and a notice was left at the owner's address. Prior to reclaiming the dog, the owner was required to meet with the officer. The dog owner was given multiple notices, and was required to secure their property to prevent further problems from occurring. The officer will be following up to insure that the owners remain in compliance with the notices.

Large Dog Loose, Acting Aggressive

On April 2, 2014, Animal Control dispatch received a call regarding an ongoing problem with a large, aggressive dog confronting walkers and bike riders in the area of Palomar Drive and Onaga Trail. According to the reporting party, they had been forced to pepper spray the dog on one occasion to prevent themselves from being bitten as they walked in the area. An Animal Control Officer made contact with the dog owner, and issued multiple notices, including a citation for licensing, and for failing to neuter a Pit Bull. The dog involved in the complaint was removed from the property, by the owner, and both the owner and the dog have moved into another home outside of Town limits.

Animal Vaccination Clinic

The Town of Yucca Valley Animal Shelter had their first of four animal vaccination clinics on April 10, 2014 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. San Bernardino County also participated in the clinic by selling dogs licenses. Dr. Norman Smith, D.V.M., was the attending veterinarian along with his wonderful staff. Over 100 dogs and cats made their way through the lines to receive their vaccinations. The Town estimates that approximately 175 of various vaccines were given to people's pets. The Town also sold 61 dog licenses and the County sold 34 dog licenses. The vaccination clinic was a huge success and staff received positive input from all who attended.





Code Compliance

Property Maintenance

Code observed illegal dumping of trash located on Pima Trl. Code sent out a courtesy letter to property owner, and within 30 days the property was brought into compliance.



Property Maintenance

Code received a complaint about household trash located on Balboa Ave. Code sent out a citation to the property owner, and within 21 days the site was cleaned.



Property Maintenance

Code received a complaint about the outside storage located on Hermosa. Code issued a courtesy letter to the property owner and within 30 days the property was brought into compliance.



Property Maintenance

Code received a complaint regarding the junk and trash located on Richard Ave. Code sent out a courtesy letter to the property owner and within 30 days the property was brought into compliance.



Parks Division Repairs and Improvements

Community Center Repairs

The Town of Yucca Valley Parks Division spent time recently repairing damaged railroad ties at the Community center.



The Parks Division also repaired a break in the irrigation lines that was caused by tree roots.



Brehm 1 Sports Field Repairs

The Parks Division also repaired a damaged chain link fence at the leased Brehm sports field, which provides softball and soccer fields for local youth recreation and sports programs.



These are just examples of on-going maintenance efforts that are necessary in keeping the Town's park facilities prepared for the high levels of use by Basin residents.

Streets Division Repairs and Improvements

Street Sweeping

The town is now entering its third week of two street mechanical street sweepers removing sand and debris from streets following the recent rain storm event. The street sweeping is currently being completed by zones. The town is divided into 17 zones. Sweeping is prioritized on major arterials first, such as Yucca Trail, Onaga, Yucca Mesa Road, Buena Vista, etc., followed by local residential streets. Caltrans is responsible for sweeping efforts on SR 62 and SR 247.

