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Greetings!

The Heat is On!!After a week of blazing temperatures, I'm sure you're looking forward to our cool summer nights, summer concerts in the park, and a dip in the community pool. Good news...we have all of those opportunities and then some, for you and your family and friends! While we can't control the weather, we do know that our Summer Concert series gets underway with a bang on July 4th this year, and our annual Aquatics program is ongoing. Whatever you find yourself doing this summer, we want to welcome to another edition of the Town of Yucca Valley's Community Update. Whether you are a resident, business owner, visitor or part of our basin family, we are privileged to serve you. As you will see through the information below, there is a lot happening in Yucca Valley...even in the heat! We invite you to stay engaged with your Elected Officials and with Town Staff as new decisions are considered and made with the simple goal of keeping the Town of Yucca Valley as a great place to live, work, and play. As always, we appreciate your participation and feedback at any time. Stay connected to all the Town has to offer by visiting the Town's [website](#) for contact and additional information or feel free to stop by Town Hall to say hello.

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To send us your comments please email us at commrelations@yucca-valley.org.

Need to get in touch with the Mayor?



Just a reminder that Mayor Abel is available to meet with residents as needed and can be reached via [email](#) for questions or comments. If you prefer, you can set up an appointment to meet with the Mayor through the [Town Clerk](#).

Need to Stay Cool?

Residents are always encouraged to stay cool by seeking air conditioned buildings, drinking plenty of water and limit outdoor activities during the hottest time of the day. Check on family, friends and neighbors who do not have air conditioning or who spend much of their time alone. Please, NEVER leave children or pets inside vehicles.

Town offices are open during normal business hours with lobby areas to accommodate those wishing to get out of the heat. The Hi Desert Nature Museum, the Senior Center Lunch Program, movie theaters, the community pool, shopping malls and restaurants are other ideas for residents seeking cooler areas. Visit the Town's [website](#) for office hours at multiple locations.

What are Your Thoughts?

The Town Council recently authorized a Community Livability Survey through which Yucca Valley residents will be asked "What are your Priorities?". This effort will be conducted through randomized invitations in the next few weeks, and we would ask for your active participation and open response to the survey questionnaire. The results of this survey will be an important source of information for the public, Town staff and Town Council Members as the community and Council begin to shape the priorities to be included in the next update of the Town's Strategic Plan, scheduled for fall 2017.

Wanted!!

Town Resident Input on Measure Y Funds for Quality of Life!

The [Measure Y and Z Oversight Commission](#) continues work on Measure Y funding recommendations. Next month, the Commission will discuss various Quality of Life projects as well as get a look at preliminary budget options for consideration. This is the public's opportunity to assist the Commission in identifying needs, projects and programs that affect the quality of life here in Town. The next meeting is scheduled for July 10th at 5:30 pm at the Community Center. Come be a part of this process and make your voice heard!

Town Council Introduces Proposed Marijuana Ordinance

At the June 20th [Town Council meeting](#), the [Town Council](#) held a public hearing regarding a proposed ordinance regulating marijuana uses within the Town of Yucca Valley, as recommended by the Planning Commission. After receiving public input, the Town Council introduced the ordinance and directed staff to return the ordinance for a second reading on July 18th. If approved, the ordinance would go into effect 30 days later. The proposed ordinance can be viewed [here](#).

Hi Desert Water District Continues Town Sewer Project

The Hi Desert Water District's Sewer Project continues at the east end of Town. Stay up to date on the progress of the project and get real time traffic impact information by visiting <http://www.hdwd.com/construction> .

Community Services Happenings

First Saturdays Events for Seniors - July Red, White and Blue BBQ!



4th of July Spectacular

Join us for the Summer Music Festival and Fireworks Spectacular on July 4th at Brehm Park! The concert series will kick off the season with music and fireworks at Brehm Park, then continue with Saturday concerts at the Yucca Valley Community Center from July 15 through August 12. All ages are welcome and admission is free. Enjoy local band "Desert Sol", complimentary face painting by Miss Yucca Valley and Court, and a variety of food vendors. Gates open at 6:00 p.m., concert at 6:30 p.m., and FIREWORKS at 9:00 p.m. The event is free to the public, attendees are welcome to bring a blanket and lawn chair to enjoy the show. Coolers and picnics are welcome, but no alcohol or pets allowed. Brehm Park is located at 56620 Little League Drive in Yucca Valley. For more information visit the [Town's website!](#)



PRESENTS!

4th of July
CONCERT & FIREWORKS
Spectacular!

TUESDAY JULY 4TH AT BREHM PARK
56620 LITTLE LEAGUE DRIVE, YUCCA VALLEY
Tune in to Z107.7 for music simulcast
GATES OPEN AT 6:00 PM ★ CONCERT STARTS AT 6:30 PM
FIREWORKS BEGIN AT 9:00 PM

COMPLIMENTARY FACE PAINTING BY MISS YUCCA VALLEY & COURT, FOOD VENDORS, GIVEAWAYS!
★ **ADMISSION IS FREE** ★

FESTIVAL SPONSORS:  BURRTEC WASTE & RECYCLING
BAND SPONSOR

DESERT SOL!
- FEATURING LOCAL BAND -
FUNK MUSIC

FOOD VENDOR INFORMATION CALL (760) 369-7211. ATTENDEES ARE WELCOME TO BRING BLANKETS & LAWN CHAIRS. COOLERS & PICNICS WELCOME, PLEASE NO ALCOHOL OR PETS.

Our Planet, Our Home - Family Fun Day

Join the Hi-Desert Nature Museum and the Recreation Department for a family friendly day of live animals, face painting & photo ops, arts & crafts activities, games and a treasure hunt!

Saturday, July 29th at the Yucca Valley Community Center from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This event is FREE to the public! Be sure to see the Conservation Quest Youth Interactive Exhibit now on display at the [Hi-Desert Nature Museum!](#)



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Animals & Games
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and the Yucca Valley Community Center

Water Play Programs this Summer!!

H-2-OH! Program Features Free Kids' Water Play at the Community Center

Join the Town of Yucca Valley Recreation Department as they transform the north lawn of the Community Center into a mini water park for little ones! Children are 10 years and under can enjoy slip-n-slides, splash in wading pools and water play lands and run in sprinklers. The popular program takes place alternating Fridays on June 16, June 30, July 14, and July 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. All participants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The program is provided free to the public.

Paradise Park Sundown Kids' Splash

Inflatable water slides, water games, free hot dogs and snow cones! Kids ages 5 to 17 are invited to visit Paradise Park for this free family event. Friday August 11th, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Fun Swim at the Community Pool

Recreational swim time at the Community Pool, Mondays and Wednesdays 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. through August 9th, \$4 per person or \$3 w/Swim Pass. Additional fitness and lesson programs available - [click here](#) for more Aquatics Program info. Pool is located at YVHS, 7600 Sage Ave.

Sunset 5K Fun Run

Friday, August 25th 7:00 p.m. race start.

Early Bird Registration \$20 through August 15 - Includes themed race shirt, souvenir gift & express check-in at the race!

\$25 on-site registration at the race from 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.

Start and finish at Machris Park. Course offers moderate changes in elevation and a beautiful trek through one of Yucca Valley's most scenic areas as the sun sets in the west. [Register Now!](#)



HI-DESERT NATURE MUSEUM

Brown Bag Lunch Lecture - July 20, 2017

"Important Birds of Ancient Lake Cahuilla and the Salton Sea"

Before the Salton Sea, there was Ancient Lake Cahuilla. Only hundreds of years ago this giant freshwater lake filled the entire Salton Sink and most of the Coachella Valley. Birds and people depended on this body of water just like they do today.

Learn about this ancient lake from Lecturer **Kurt Leuschner**, Professor of Natural Resources at College of the Desert. Bring your lunch, bring your friends, or just bring yourself to the Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series once a month. Lectures start at 12:00 p.m. Admission is \$5 - Free for Members/Sponsors. For more info visit the [Museum's Website](#).



July Enrichment Classes - Sign Up Today!

- Compress For Life CPR Class on July 11th - Get CPR certified in a day!
- Ballroom & Swing Dance Lessons begin July 5th - Sign up today!
- Self-Improvement for Everyone starts with Tiny Habits - begins July 7th!
- Day Trip to U.S.S Iowa - Register by August 7th!
- Tai Chi, Table Tennis, Stretch & Tine, Yoga, Woodcarving, Dog Obedience and more!!

[Click here](#) to learn more about these and other popular activities.

Yucca Valley Animal Shelter and Animal Care and Control

UPCOMING ADOPTION EVENT

Dog and Cat Adoptions only \$20

Coming this August to the Yucca Valley Animal Shelter

Adoptions include vaccinations, spaying and neutering

CLEAR THE SHELTERS



Last year, the Yucca Valley Animal Shelter set a record for adoptions in a single day. This year, we are looking to break that record!!!



SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 19, 2017 From 12:00PM to 5:00PM

Yucca Valley Animal Shelter
4755 Malin Way
Yucca Valley, CA 92284
760-365-1807

Stellar Staff



Kim Casey Graduates with Honors!

In June, Animal Control Officer Kim Casey, the primary Animal Control Officer for the Town, received her Bachelors of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from Cal State University, San Bernardino. Kim graduated Summa Cum Laude, with a 3.97 Grade Point Average. Kim was also nominated and chosen by the facility, to be honored as a Graduate of Distinction for the Criminal Justice Department by the Palm Desert CSUSB campus, being the student who best represented the accomplishments of the Department. Kim received honors from the school of Social and Behavioral

Sciences from the University, being the highest ranked undergrad for the Criminal Justice Department for both CSUSB campuses.

This degree will serve Kim and the Town well, as Kim is the lead investigator for the Town regarding animal related crimes / complaints and is a valuable resource for the community. Congratulations Kim!

Planning Commission: Short Term Vacation Rentals

The Planning Commission held public hearings on draft regulations for Short Term Vacation Rentals on April 25, 2017 and May 23, 2017. Some of the recent additions and revisions the Commission proposed for the Ordinance are:

- **Overnight Hours:**

Overnight hours were established at 10:00 PM to 10:00 AM in the April 25, 2017 Draft Ordinance. Those hours were revised at the May 23, 2017 meeting to 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM.

- **Sign Rules:**

An additional concept raised at the May 23, 2017 meeting, was that of on-site non-permanent removable signage being required, and that the 24 hour contact person information be included on the sign. The owner would be responsible for ensuring that the sign is kept up to date at all times.

- **Minimum Age of Responsible Person:**

Discussion by the Commission at the May 23, 2017 Commission meeting included the topic of the minimum age of the Responsible Person being modified from 18 to 21.

The Planning Commission completed their review of the Ordinance at their meeting of June 27, 2017, and forwarded a recommendation for approval to the Town Council. It is anticipated that the Town Council will review early fall 2017.

Request for Proposals

The Town of Yucca Valley is currently soliciting bids for a variety of contracted services. Bid packets are available on the [Town's website](#):

Request for Proposals

Building and Safety Services

Town Engineer Services

Bid Deadline

Thurs.07/13/17 3pm

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Engineering Division Update

Slurry Seal Award of Bid

At their meeting of June 20, 2017, the Town Council awarded the annual slurry seal maintenance program contract to American Asphalt South, in the amount of \$383,500.

The project consist of applying Type II slurry seal to the roadway, crack sealing of all candidate street as well as replacement of obliterated traffic shipping and damaged raised pavement markings. The streets included in this maintenance cycle are:

- Aberdeen Drive: SR247 to Sage
- Campero Road: Avalon Avenue to Indio

- El Dorado: Campero Road to Buena Vista Drive
- Goleta Avenue: Campero Road to End
- Hermosa Court: Campero Road to Cul-de-Sac
- Hillcrest Drive: SR 247 to End
- Indio: Meredith Court to End
- Skyline Ranch Road: Malin Way to SR247
- Kickapoo: Santa Fe Trail to Navajo/End

Construction is anticipated to begin July 1, 2017, and to be substantially complete by August/September 2017. This project is funded by Measure I revenues, and Measure I revenues may only be spent for road related programs.

Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3, Call for Projects:

The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority released a call for projects for the TDA Article 3 Programs. TDA Article 3 Program funds under this call for projects are intended to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety. This is a highly competitive program, and the Town Council authorized the submittal of three grant applications. Approximately \$1.234 million has been set aside for small projects, which are defined as those projects under \$250,000. The three applications include the following.

Yucca Valley High School: The project would consist of installing curb, gutter, sidewalk and handicap ramps on Sage Avenue between Onaga Trail and Navajo Trail (sidewalk gaps), in addition to installing 3 solar powered speed feedback sign, as well as to signing and striping.

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$169,000



Yucca Valley Elementary: The project would consist of installing curb, gutter, sidewalk and Handicap ramps on Hopi Trail between Onaga and Pueblo, Pueblo Trail from Hopi Trail to Inca Trail, Inca Trail from Pueblo Trail to SR62, and Santa Fe Trail from Geronimo to Inca Trail, in addition to signing and striping.

Total Estimated Project Costs: \$247,000



Onaga Elementary School:The project will consist of installing Curb, Gutter, Sidewalk and Handicap Ramp on Onaga Avenue between Balsa and Hanford, and Hanford Avenue (only one side) between Onaga and Pueblo Trail, in addition to signing and striping.

Total Estimated Project Costs: \$221,000



The Town continues to pursue grant opportunities that when successful, bring additional infrastructure investment to the community.

Parks Maintenance Division

Essig Park receives seeding and top dressing for summer activities. The new grass is growing quickly and is ready for the community's enjoyment.



Street Maintenance Division

Trash and debris accumulated onto the roadway at Inca Trail. The Street Division removed the debris, and followed with sweeping the road way for safe use of the road way.



The Street Division continues to repair roads that were damaged by the heavy rains from 2016 & 2017. Asphalt failure at the south west corner of Airway Avenue and Primrose Drive was repaired using 5 tons of asphalt. The asphalt was installed and then compacted into place.



Potholes continue to be a top priority for the Streets Division. Recently, potholes on Primrose Drive, between Airway Avenue and Lupine Drive, were repaired using 45 tons of asphalt.



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