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Greetings!

The weather is warming... the Super Bloom is here... flowers and pollen are everywhere... the streets are full... businesses are hopping.... it is Spring in the Morongo Basin! What a great time to call Yucca Valley home. It is this time of the year that so many from outside our area discover the gem of this Morongo Basin and our National Park. As the lower desert music and art festivals attract thousands, many of those same folks will visit our Town and community to see the abundant natural art in our backyard. Take time to see the outdoors before the summer heat, and enjoy the places like the Town's South Park, or the Blackrock entrance to the Joshua Tree National Park, both hosting fabulous hiking trails, or experience any of our own local businesses and restaurants. Stay connected to all the Town has to offer by visiting the [Town's website](#) or feel free to stop by Town Hall to say hello.

Curtis Yakimow - Town Manager

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Mayor Lombardo Available For the Public

Mayor Lombardo holds office time on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. at Town Hall. Residents are invited to visit with the Mayor to discuss projects, programs, concerns, or general ideas! While drops-ins are welcome, residents are encouraged to set up an appointment with the Town Clerk. Appointment times outside of the scheduled office hours may also be available. The Town Clerk can be reached at (760) 369-7209 x226 or by [email](#).



United States Census 2020

The Town Council recently adopted a resolution in support of the United States Census, creating public awareness for this important event!

The Census is much more than just a head count every 10 years. It provides a picture of our nation that helps determine where to build new schools, hospitals, and businesses; how federal funding is distributed; and how congressional seats are apportioned. It also helps us see how our communities have changed over time. That's why an accurate count is so important.

To find out more about the 2020 Census, including how to become a paid Census worker, visit <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs>



What Are Your Priorities?

The Town Council recently authorized a second Community Livability Survey through which Yucca Valley residents will be asked for valuable input. This effort will be conducted in May and June of this year and 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. We'll keep you posted as this project moves forward.



Community Events

The Community Services Department is busy this spring, hosting events and planning even more!

The ever-popular annual Easter Egg Hunt attracted over 800 egg-seeking participants.

Candy and prizes were grabbed up in mere seconds. The Easter Bunny was available for all the social media selfies!



The Town also recently hosted the annual Earth Day Celebration providing environmental education, live music, crafts, vendors and more!



Grab those cowboy boots for an ol' fashioned barn dance! The event is hosted by the Recreation Department and the Yucca Valley Senior Citizens Club on Saturday, May 4th from 6:00 to 8:30 pm in the Yucca Valley Community Center Yucca Room. Enjoy live music from the Billy Erickson Band, a cowboy chicken dinner with all the fixins' is included for the price of \$10 per person. Register [online](#) or at the Community Center!



The Annual Community Health and Resource Fair will be held on Saturday, May 11th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Yucca Valley Community Center Yucca Room. Hosted by the Town and the [Morongo Basin Health Care District](#), the event includes free health screenings, local and regional resources, a free lunch, and more (see party flyer below!)



Ok, this is an awesome one! Bring a friend to the Teen Parking Lot Party on Saturday May 11th as part of the Community Health Fair, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Community Center. The Yucca Valley Youth Commission have planned a GIANT

obstacle course, JUMBO games, and dunk tank, airbrushed t-shirts, raffle prizes, giveaways and more! It's free!



**Town of Yucca Valley
Youth Commission**

**Saturday
May 11, 2019
10am - 2pm**

Yucca Valley Community Center

FREE ADMISSION!

Presented by the Youth Commission & Recreation Dept. and the Morongo Basin Healthcare District.

TEEN

Parking Lot Party

@ the Community Health Fair



- GIANT Obstacle Course
- Jumbo Games
- Dunk Tank
- Airbrush Art T-shirts
- Raffle Prizes & Giveaways
- Fitness Info & More!

If you're not tired yet, how about the 29th annual Grubstake Days 10k, 5k run and 2k walk! Scheduled for Sunday, May 26th, the race will take place at the Yucca Valley High School sports field, located at 7600 Sage Avenue. Race time starts at 8:00 am.

[Register online!](#)



Clear the Shelters 2019

The Yucca Valley Animal Shelter is planning for the annual Clear the Shelters Adoption

event, being held on Saturday, August 17th. Watch for more information as the date nears. We are looking forward to another successful adoption event! Need a new member of the family before the event? Check out the [available animals for adoption!](#)



Town Project Update

The Town's Engineering Department has been extremely busy coordinating several capital projects in the community. We are excited to be increasing the safety of our residents and bringing upgrades and needed maintenance to existing parks and facilities.

Yucca Valley Elementary School Sidewalk, Project No. 8967

- Construction of sidewalk, curb & gutter, match up asphalt and handicapped ramps on the north and south sides of Pueblo Trail, from Hopi Tr. to Bannock Tr.
- Plans are approved, with additional review expected from Caltrans.
- This project will be under construction and completed in 2019, pending coordination with HDWD Package D project.

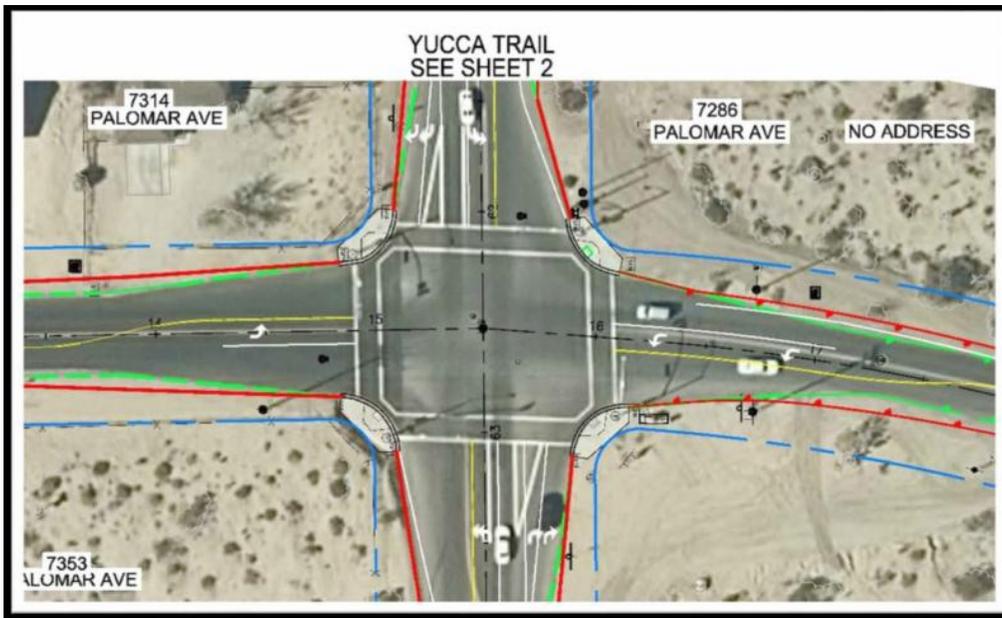
Yucca Trail HSIP Warren Vista to Palomar Avenue, Project No. 8971

- Adding 8' wide paved shoulders and painted/striped median islands, on Yucca Trail, between Warren Vista Avenue and Palomar
- Currently in the preliminary engineering stage
- Being funded by Federal dollars

Yucca Trail and Palomar Intersection

- This project includes the installation of new mast arms, signal heads, and poles, at the existing signalized intersection, as well as lane widenings north/south of the intersection on Palomar, to provide protected left hand turn movements.
- This project is currently being designed, and will be bid, concurrently with the Yucca Trail HSIP project; this project is being funded with Town funds, not Federal funds.

- Construction bidding is anticipated in late 2019 or early 2020, based upon the HSIP schedule and Caltrans approvals.



2019 Crack Seal Project

- The annual town-wide application of crack sealant to the cracks in the pavement is currently underway and should be completed by the end of May 2019. The streets identified will be further treated during the 2019/20 Slurry Seal Project.

Annual Slurry Seal Project

- The annual slurry seal project is out to bid.
- The slurry seal contract is scheduled for award in June and project completion prior to September 1, 2019.
- Funding for the annual slurry project is by SB 1 (Gas Tax), and Measure Y



Spring Cleaning Anyone?

Doing some spring cleaning? Don't forget, your trash service with Burrtec includes the curbside pickup of up to four bulky times per month. This service is available for single-family residences only. Contact [Burrtec](#) today at (760) 365-2015 and get rid of that clutter!



Parks Division Update

The Town Parks crew has been busy this spring making sure the playing fields and playgrounds are safe and in tip-top shape.



Private Land Development

There are many projects currently being considered within the Town. Below is a listing of just a few.

Prescott Plaza (CUP 03-18) Twentynine Palms Hwy (North) Between Hanford and Prescott	Proposed construction of two, 5,000 square foot restaurants, a service station, a 3,010 convenience store, and 18,000 square feet of retail space.
El Cielo Campground (CUP 02-18) 10 acres at 58225 Brown Drive	Proposed development of a cabin campground with 13 cabins under 400 square feet each, including manager's quarters, clubhouse, and restroom facilities.
Under Canvas Campground (PA 02-18) 40 acres of a 640 acre property at the SW corner of San Andreas Road and Warren Vista Ave.	Proposed luxury campground to include canvas tents, bathroom trailers, reception/dining tent, a mobile kitchen trailer, pool, and yoga deck.
Dutch Bros Coffee (PA 07-18) 57037 Twentynine Palms Hwy SE corner of Hwy 62 and Barberry	Proposed 820 square foot drive thru coffee shop.

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