

Town of Yucca Valley Community Update

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Greetings!

The Dog Days of Summer return!!....For those folks not on vacation, this summer has been a little bit of a relief as the weather has been kind to us overall. While hot on some of the days, our mornings and evenings have been pleasant for the most part, with cool morning breezes and dark evening skies. In days like these, we are thankful to live in a community that is central to many of the summer activities that provide various opportunities for escapemaybe a trip to the beach for the day, or a weekend at the river, or even a day trip to Big Bear...all of these are within just a couple of hours from Town. Another reason we can be thankful for our community and the quality of life here in the Morongo Basin. 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. 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. Visit the [Town's website](#) for contact and additional information or feel free to stop by Town Hall to say hello.

Curtis Yakimow - Town Manager

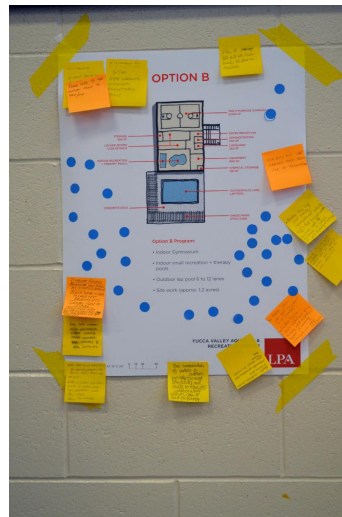
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[Send us your comments!](#)



Interested in the Town's Prop 68 Wellness Facility Planning?

Thanks to all who have participated in the recent public outreach sessions. Visit the Town's [web page](#) dedicated to this project. Also, feel free to provide your thoughts, ideas and suggestions at any time by sending a related email to [Sue Earnest](#), Project Manager.





Prop 68 Aquatics and Recreation Project Citizen Advisory Group already at work!

What are *YOUR* thoughts about Yucca Valley?

The Town Council recently authorized a Community Livability Survey through which Yucca Valley residents will be asked "What are your Priorities?" and "How would you define Yucca Valley". This effort is currently underway and is being conducted through randomized survey invitations and phone

calls. This is a Town requested survey and we would ask for your confidential participation and responses to the survey. 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 2019.



Yucca Valley Welcomes Grocery Outlet



Yucca Valley

After a complete facelift of the old Food 4 Less building, a July grand opening was held for Grocery Outlet's newest store here in Yucca Valley. More than 200 residents and visitors joined in for the opening kickoff as store staff, Mayor Lombardo, Town council members, chamber members and others held a ribbon cutting event to celebrate the opening. It's always great to see new businesses coming to Yucca Valley, as they see the potential in the vibrant community we are. Since 1946 and with over 300 stores, Grocery Outlet is now bringing a wonderful shopping experience to the residents of Yucca Valley.



Hi Desert Nature Museum Events

High Noon Museum Lecture

August 15, 2019 — 12 p.m.

\$5, free for sponsors - Beverages will be served

Earth Under Fire: How and Why Our Climate is Changing

Presented by Robert J. Allen Ph.D.

Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences University of California, Riverside

Since the industrial revolution, global average surface temperature has significantly increased, likely making our planet the warmest it has been in the last millennium. This, has led the Intergovernmental Panel of Climate Change to conclude that warming of the climate system is undeniable, and that most of the warming is very likely due to the observed increase in anthropogenic greenhouse gases. Human caused climate change is now likely to continue for many centuries, including not only additional warming of our planet, but also changes in temperature extremes and precipitation, decreases in snow and ice extent, and sea level rise. We are venturing into the unknown with climate, and its associated impacts are likely to be quite disruptive.



Hi-Desert Nature Museum
For more information call 760.369.7212
or check our website
www.HiDesertNatureMuseum.org



Movie Screening

Special Guest:
Producer and Director Jonathan Berman

August 24th, 8:00 p.m.
**Yucca Valley Community Center
 Courtyard**
Donations are very welcome

Presented by

 HI-Desert Nature Museum

Bring your own blankets or chairs! Watch the trailer here:

CALLING ALL EARTHLINGS
 THE SKY IS NOT THE LIMIT

CALIFORNIA HUMANITIES
 A STATE OF COURAGE
 This movie screening was made possible with support from California Humanities, a non-profit partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Visit www.calhum.org

Yucca Valley Community Center / HI-Desert Nature Museum 57000 Timberline/Palm Highway, Yucca Valley, CA 92284 Questions? Call (760) 365-7212

National Night Out Event- August 6th

Tuesday August 6th is National Night Out! This free family-friendly community event supports our dedicated local law enforcement personnel. Come meet your local officers and support staff and join for a time of free food, drink, games, music and displays. This year's event will be at the Yucca Valley Community Center from 5 pm to 7:30 pm in the Courtyard, Yucca Room and North Parking Lot.



JOHN McMAHON, SHERIFF-CORONER



TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2019 MORONGO BASIN'S 4TH ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

WHEN: 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

**WHERE: YUCCA VALLEY COMMUNITY
CENTER, YUCCA VALLEY**

57088 29 PALMS HIGHWAY, YUCCA VALLEY, CA 92284

COME COLLECT RESOURCES, INFORMATION, GIVE-A-WAYS,
FREE FOOD & DRINK, & PLAY FAMILY FRIENDLY GAMES!

FREE FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

Food, Water,
Games, & Activities
all FREE to the
community!

-MEET YOUR LOCAL
PUBLIC SAFETY
PERSONNEL

-SAFETY VEHICLE
TOURS

-OVER 20 VENDORS

-LIVE MUSIC

MORONGO BASIN SHERIFF STATION

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Back to School Supply Drive

MORONGO BASIN SHERIFF'S
STATION &
MORONGO UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT



WE NEED:

Pencils, erasers, notebooks, paper, crayons, markers, pens, calculators, rulers, scissors, bookbags, tape, books, folders, binders, highlighters, and more!

TUES, AUGUST 13TH

YUCCA VALLEY WALMART

9am-1pm

**HELP US FILL THE COP CAR AND
BUS WITH NEEDED SCHOOL
SUPPLIES FOR OUR COMMUNITY!**

**CONTACT DEPUTY CAMPOS
SSS KRAMER AND KELLY 760366-4175**

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Coffee With A Cop

A promotional poster for Starbucks Coffee. At the top is a blue police cap with a gold star badge. Below it, the word "Coffee" is written in a large, elegant, gold cursive font. Underneath "Coffee" is a blue ribbon banner with the text "WITH A COP" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below the banner is a white Starbucks coffee cup filled with dark coffee, sitting on a white saucer. A gold star badge is placed on the saucer. The entire design is set against a dark brown background with a gold border. At the bottom, the text "Tuesday, August 13th 1pm-3pm" is written in a gold, sans-serif font. Below this is the Starbucks logo (a green mermaid) on the left and right, with the text "Starbucks Coffee" in a gold cursive font in the center. Below the Starbucks logo and text is the address "57744 29 Palms Highway, Yucca Valley, CA 92284". A small white box with the text "Click to edit this design" is located below the address. At the bottom of the poster, the text "Bringing our community together one cup of coffee at a time!" is written in a gold, sans-serif font. A small watermark "Made with PosterMyWall.com" is visible at the very bottom left.

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Starbucks Coffee

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Yucca Valley, CA 92284

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Animal Care and Control- Clear the Shelters Adoption Event!



ANNUAL ADOPTION EVENT
Saturday, August 17, 2019
Yucca Valley Animal Shelter- 4755 Malin Way, Yucca Valley

Dog and Cat Adoptions Reduced to \$20

Clear the shelters is an annual event where animal shelters from throughout the country reduce the adoption cost to only \$20 and find as many pets permanent homes as possible. Adoption cost includes spay / neuter, initial vaccinations, and free health examination at a local veterinarian.

Recreation Activities!

Summer Music Festival August Line Up

August 3: The Answer (Classic Rock) - Community Center

August 10: Desperado (Tribute to the Eagles) - Community Center



The festival is made possible through the generous support of local sponsors including Media Sponsors Z107.7 FM and Hi-Desert Publishing Company, as well as Band Sponsors Better Sound Audiology, MBTA, Hill's Towing, Morongo Basin Healthcare District and the Yucca Valley Senior Club.

Also on August 10th:



Sign up for the RUNFEST [here!](#)

Start/Finish on the YVCC Soccer Field

See you there!

NEW! Rhythm & Yoga Kids Summer Camp

Share the joy of movement, improve health, balance, mindfulness and coordination in this exciting new 4-day yoga camp for kids! Three age divisions for kids 9 and under. Camp is Mon-Thurs at the Community Center - August 12-15 Only \$26 per child!

[Register today!](#)



Spend Time With Your BEST FRIEND! DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES!

NEW SESSIONS START AUGUST 1 and SEPT 19

Puppy, Basic & Advanced Classes offered!

Have the best behaved doggy on the block and have fun learning with other pet parents! Thursday evenings at the Community Center.

View details in the [Activity Guide!](#) or call (760) 369-7211



WATER FUN!

Beat the summer heat at **H-2-OH!**

Slide down a slip-n-slide, splash in wading pools or run in the sprinklers!

August 9th at the Community Center North Lawn

For ages 10 and under - 10am - 12pm FREE!



POOL PARTY!

Saturday Family Fun Swim

August 10 at the Community Pool (at Yucca Valley High School)

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

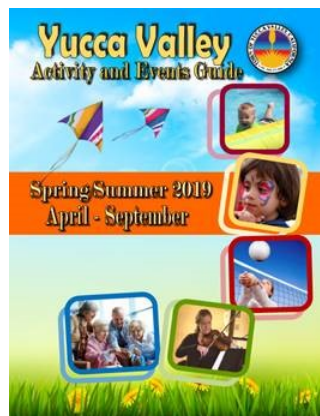
\$4 per person or \$3 w/Swim Pass

Water and snacks will be available for purchase; personal coolers, chairs and picnics are welcome.

Bring your friends and family to this cool Saturday at the pool!

Get the Guide!

The one-stop tool for a collection of happenings and other information, published seasonally. [Click Here!](#)



Town Implements Water Conservation Technology

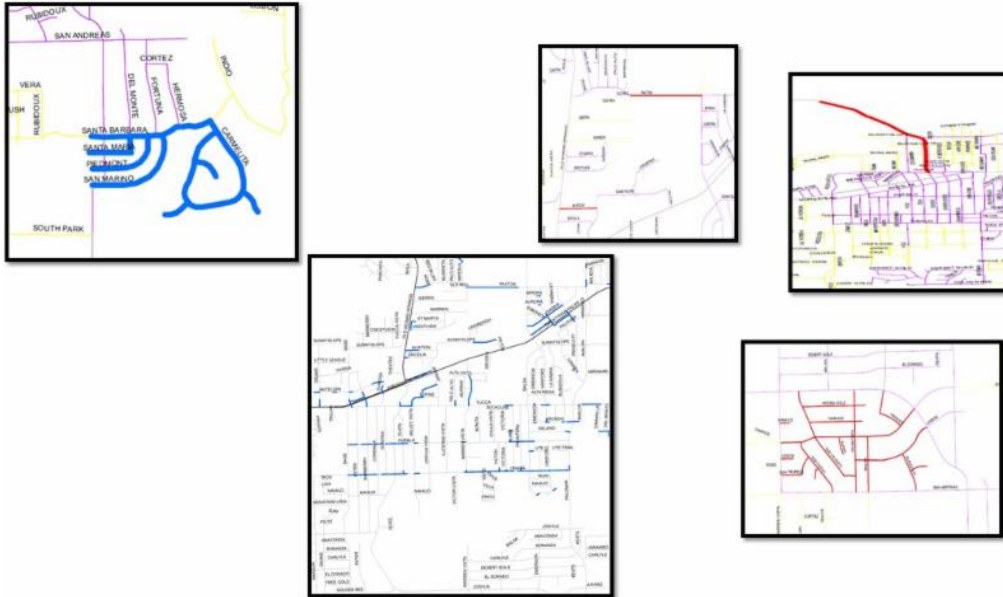
On an annual basis, the Town evaluates its turf irrigation systems for efficiency. Turf management and wise water use are achieved through technology designed to ensure efficient water use. As part of that overall process, the Town conducts annual water audits that measure the efficiency of the irrigation system. The water audits report recommendations for changes to the system to ensure maximum water efficiency and conservation of that valuable resource.



Annual Slurry Seal and Measure Y Road

Maintenance Program Moves Forward

The Town Council awarded a contract to VSS International in the amount of \$922,000 at their meeting of May 21, 2019. The road maintenance program applies a combination of slurry seal and cape seal treatments, which maintain roads in good condition and prevent the roads from deteriorating to the point of requiring reconstruction. The project is scheduled to begin on September 4 and to be completed by mid-September, 2019. Pioneertown Road maintenance is impacted by the current water line installation project to Pioneertown. A separate schedule for Pioneertown road will be developed.



Road Repair on San Marino Drive

The Town of Yucca Valley's street crew performed an asphalt maintenance overlay on San Marino Drive, between Santa Barbara Drive and Joshua Lane. Prior to the recent project, potholes on San Marino Drive required repair approximately every two weeks, resulting in heavy usage of town staff and materials.



A leveling course of 342 tons of asphalt was installed to fill in the uneven roadway, in preparation for the final maintenance overlay, resulting in improved drivability.



The final asphalt overlay of 620 tons was installed by the four-person street crew on San Marino Drive in July 2019. Once the asphalt was placed, it was compacted with a vibrating steel drum roller.



With a total of 962 tons of asphalt installed on San Marino Drive, it has resulted in a smooth roadway and eliminated pothole repair until the installation of the HDWD sewer project. This project was funded by California Senate Bill 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act.



Park Playgrounds Receive Updated Playground Surfaces

Playground surfaces must be maintained to ensure enjoyable and safe fall zones for all users, be that for those that use swing sets, slides, and all other playground equipment. Annually the Town evaluates the fall zones at all playgrounds and makes improvements to ensure enjoyable recreation activities.



Town Council Awards Library Reconstruction Project

At their meeting of June 18, 2019, the Town Council awarded a \$2.939 million construction contract to Diamond Construction, Inc., for renovation of the former PFF Bank Building, which when completed, will house the Yucca Valley Branch Library, of the San Bernardino County Library System. The construction project was initiated in July 2019 and is schedule for complete on or before March, 2020.

Dog Park Maintenance

Essig Park continues to be highly popular for neighborhood residents, including those with their canine partners. The dog park areas of Essig Park recently received needed maintenance efforts. The high volumes of users, including the four-legged kind that run and play hard while visiting and enjoying the park, results in walking paths and surrounding areas requiring maintenance. The Park Maintenance crew attend to the maintenance needs at all Town Parks, including the dog park.



Your Town Council Representatives

District 1



**Jim
Schooler**

District 2



**Jeff
Drozd**

District 3



**Merl
Abel**

District 4



**Robert
Lombardo**

District 5



**Rick
Denison**

Which district are you in? [Find out here!](#)

Meet with Mayor Lombardo

Mayor Lombardo is available for open office hours on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. at Town Hall. 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](#).

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