

# Town of Yucca Valley Community Update March 31, 2014

## 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, curb and gutter work is continuing and is approximately 85% complete. SCE Contractors were able to obtain needed material for the vault relocation near Sage Avenue and completed the vault this week. They will be placing a retaining structure to protect the vault next week.



## 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:** Dumosa Avenue has been opened to traffic. Work is continuing on the storm drain clean up. Temporary power poles have been placed onsite, and SCE is set to install the electrical meter next week.



## **Hawks Landing Golf Course at Blue Skies**

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

**Status:** Grading, irrigation and concrete work continues every day at this project. They have received several truckloads of trees and planting is underway. Soil preparation has started in anticipation of planting fairway grass. The finish grading for bunkers is also underway at this time.



## **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:** Masons are finishing up on the Petco building and are well underway for the Marshalls building. The first inspection by the San Bernardino County Fire Marshall was completed this week and allows for the next step in the required fire protection system. Installation of the onsite sewer lines and manholes has begun, along with continuing with storm drain piping.



## **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 in April and award of the construction contract is scheduled for May 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 address Caltrans plan check comments. Final plans will be submitted to Caltrans early next week for approval.

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

The project will include constructing curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and raised median islands on SR 62, between Apache and Palm Avenue, and constructing a traffic signal at SR 62 and Church Street. In addition there will be traffic signal modifications at SR 62 and Acoma/Mohawk. Sacramento headquarters has approved the finance letter, and issued the E-76 "Authorization to Proceed with Construction". The Project was awarded by the Town Council on November 19, 2013 to Matich Corporation in the amount of \$2,798,000.

**Status:** The start of construction is anticipated in late April or early May 2014.

## Animal Shelter Visitors and Adoptions

### **Animal Shelter Visitors “It’s a Family Affair!”**

The Yucca Valley Animal Shelter receives entire families coming to look for a new friend. The left photo shows 29 Palms residents, Keri and Tyler with their family (including their dog) adopting Herman a very large, sweet and gentle Mastiff/Labrador mix. The right photo shows Joshua Tree resident, David, with his family, adopting Warmer a friendly, senior Basset Hound.



Cat Adoptions include Janet and her family who adopted Cinnamon, a sweet female grey tabby cat. And Missy a rather large (about 16 pounds) female Calico who was adopted by Rachel and her family.



### **Animal Shelter “Rescued Puppy gets a Home and Senior Poodle finds Love”**

During the month of February 2014, a resident from the County area brought in a very small Chihuahua/Doxie mix puppy. The resident had found the puppy wandering loose in the desert. The puppy was sweet, but very scared and would cry when picked up. Staff examined the puppy and noticed the puppy’s tail had been docked off and was an open wound. The removal of the tail appeared to be a home job performed by the puppy’s previous owner. The puppy was taken to the veterinarian’s, put on antibiotics and pain medication. On March 19th, after being fully healed and ultimately altered, the puppy was adopted to, Melinda, a very kind Thousand Palms resident.

Also received in February were several poodles, one of which is an older dog named Noodle. Turns out after a veterinarian exam, Noodle has cataracts and is going blind. A lovely local resident, Helene, came to our shelter and offered her heart and a forever home to Noodle. Noodle’s adoption fees were paid through donations received at the Yucca Valley Animal Shelter. Because of this wonderful lady, Noodles has the opportunity to living out his life feeling secure and loved.



## **Animal Control Call for Service**

Dogs Fighting - On March 24, 2014, Animal Control dispatch received a report from a young man regarding a dog bite that had just occurred. According to report, the man's mother had been attacked and badly bitten by one of the family's two dogs. The two dogs had started fighting in the woman's yard, and ran inside the home when she attempted to break up the fight. Once inside the home, one of the dogs turned on its owner, grabbing her by the leg and causing extensive injuries to her knee and thigh. The woman was treated at Desert Regional Medical Center in Palm Springs. The family has opted to release ownership of one of the dogs because of their concern for other family members who live in the home. The dog involved in the attack will be quarantined at the animal shelter to insure that it is healthy.

## **Animal Vaccination Clinic**

A dog and cat vaccination clinic is being held on April 10th, 2014 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The clinic will be at the Yucca Valley Community Center Courtyard. Attending veterinarian is Dr. Norman Smith, DVM. Rabies vaccinations will be given for \$6.00 each. Other shots for dogs include DHPPC and Bordetella for \$10.00 each. Rattlesnake vaccinations are \$15.00 each and you will need to follow up with the veterinarian for the additional booster that is needed. Feline 5 Way Booster with Leukemia is offered for cats for \$15.00 each. The veterinarian accepts cash only. Dogs must be on leashes and cats must be in carriers.

Also offered at the clinic is an opportunity to license your dog. In the State of California, all dogs over the age of 4 months must receive an anti-rabies vaccination and wear a dog current license, which is proof of their anti-rabies vaccination. At the animal vaccination clinics, for both the County and Town residents, there is no late fee if you are delinquent in renewing your dog's license. Cash or checks are accepted for licensing. If you have any questions, please call us at 760-365-1807.

## **Code Compliance**

### **Property Maintenance**

Code received a complaint about the smell of the trash located on Barberry. Code visited the site and issued a courtesy letter. Within the 30 days the property was brought into compliance.



### **Inoperable Vehicle**

Code received a report of an inoperable vehicle located on Apache. Code made contact with the property owner who explained that the vehicle belonged to her mother. The vehicle was moved within a week, and the property was brought into compliance.



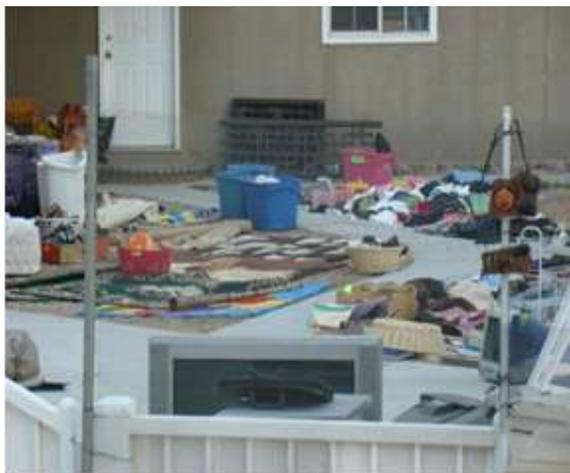
### **Property Maintenance**

Code received a complaint about the outside junk and trash in front of the Elementary School located on Hopi Trail. Code issued a citation to the property owner who then contacted Code and made arrangements to bring the property into compliance. The property was brought into compliance within the 21 days and citations were dismissed.



### **Property Maintenance**

Code received a complaint in regards to ongoing yard sales and outside storage in view located on Marvin Lane. Code made contact with the property manager and by the following weekend the property was brought into compliance.



### **Overgrown Weeds**

Code received a complaint from a concerned neighbor in regards to an over grown weeds that could cause a fire on the vacant lot located on Yucca Trail. Code sent the owner a courtesy letter and within the 30 days the lots was brought into compliance.



### **Bee Infestation**

Code received a complaint in regards to the bee hive located on an abandoned property on Antelope Trail. Code went out to the property and observed the bee's on a pine tree. Code made contact with Killer Bee Swarm Removal to remove the bees.



### **Streets Department Repairs and Improvements**

The Town of Yucca Valley Streets Division repaired a damaged berm along San Marino Drive, preventing further deterioration of the road in future rain storm events.

