# Town of Yucca Valley Community Update

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Greetings!

The weather is warming... 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. As the lower desert music and art festivals take place over the next few weeks, many of those same folks will visit our Town and community to see the abundant natural art in our backyard. Take time to enjoy 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, or any of our own local businesses and restaurants. 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.

#### Curtis Yakimow - Town Manager

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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 <a href="mailto:email">email</a> for questions or comments. If you prefer, you can set up an appointment to meet with the Mayor through the <a href="Town Clerk">Town Clerk</a>.

Congratulations to the New Y & Z Oversight Commission

On April 4th, the Town Council appointed seven community members to serve on the Town's Revenue Measure Oversight Commission. Appointed were: Larry Burge, Dale Charrette, Lori Herbel, Paul Hoffman, George Huntington, Joanne Keiter, and James Ricker. The commission will review revenue and expenditure information related to both Measure Y and Measure Z and make related recommendations to the Town Council. Look for the kickoff meeting of the commission in May.

#### What are Your Priorities?

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 next month, and will be an important source of information for the public, Town staff and Town Councilmembers 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.

#### **Town Council Ideas and Initiatives Workshop Update**

The Town Council recently concluded a series of workshops related to the general discussion of various ideas and initiatives at improving the Town's Quality of Life in a variety of areas. The Town Council will be receiving a summary report on the result of those topics next month.

#### **Town 4th Quarter 2016 Sales Tax Increases 5.1%**

Sales tax receipts from Yucca Valley's October - December 2016 sales were 5.1% higher than the same quarter one year ago. Leading the way higher were building materials, consumer goods and casual dining. These increases were offset by continued lower fuel prices which negatively impacted gas station revenues, and slightly lower auto sales. In addition, the Town received a larger allocation from the countywide use tax pool, mainly representing on-line sales. Yucca Valley continues to be resilient at taxable sales for all of San Bernardino County. The County grew 1.4% over the comparable time period, while California as a whole was up 1.5%.

### **Community Services Happenings**

#### "FIRST SATURDAYS" EVENTS AT THE YUCCA VALLEY SENIOR CENTER

April Fools' Day Comedy Night on April 1st was a blast! The evening event featured professional comedian Richard Weiss! Mark your calendars for the May event.

**Kentucky Derby Party on May 6th at 2pm** featuring live race viewing! Wear your Derby duds and sip mint juleps.

Admission to First Saturdays events is FREE for seniors 55+, under 55 is \$2 at the door. Sponsored by the Yucca Valley Senior Club.



The Town of Yucca Valley's Recreation Division offers many leisure classes providing opportunities for enrichment, social interaction, and well being. <u>Click here</u> to learn more about these popular activities and more. Enroll today!

#### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY! - LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION COURSE**

Interested in working as a lifeguard during the summer season? The Town of Yucca Valley is holding a certification course through the American Red Cross. Preregistration is required- Register Now!

Held May 5-7, 12-14 at the YVHS Pool

Registration \$220 includes: American Red Cross registration fee, manual, adult/child CPR mask, whistle, pack, and instruction. Successful candidates will have the opportunity to interview for the summer aquatics program.



#### RUN FOR THE GOLD! 27th ANNUAL GRUBSTAKES 10K, 5K, & 2K WALK



Sunday, May 28th - Start & Finish at YVHS Stadium - Race begins at 8am Registration: Early Bird \$20 (deadline May 18) includes express check-in, souvenir shirt & gift! Non-Early Bird & Onsite \$25. Register now or at the Yucca Valley Community Center. Awards presented in 10K & 5K Runs; 2K walk is non-competitive.

Enjoy all the Grubstake Days Events from May 25-29 including a Horseshoes Tournament, a Golf Tournament, Pancake Breakfast, Parade, Carnival, Beard Contest, Tug-O-War, Pony Express Ride, Kid's Day and Rodeo! For more info contact the Yucca Valley Chamber of Commerce at (760) 365-6323 or visit the <a href="Chamber's website">Chamber's website</a>.

#### **HI-DESERT NATURE MUSEUM**

The Hi-Desert Nature Museum's annual art exhibition showcases artwork made from recycled and reused materials in an effort to raise awareness about our "throw-away" society and its impact on the environment. This is a community-curated exhibition, where adults, young adults, and children alike have the opportunity to express their creativity and environmental stewardship.



#### EARTH DAY - APRIL 22, 2017 (Free Admission!)

Enjoy Earth Day at the Yucca Valley Community Center on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Environmental Education
- Arts and Crafts Vendors
- Live Music and Dance
- Face Painting and Kids' Activities
- Gardening and Composting Advice
- Maker Stations
- Recycling and Alternative Energy



# **Yucca Valley Animal Shelter and Animal Care and Control**





# MISSING A PET ???



# Suggestions for finding a lost pet:

- 1. Call the animal shelter and make a lost report
- Post your missing pet information on social media FACEBOOK: Missing Pets of the Morongo Basin
- 3. Post on the Z-107.7 webpage, "Crusin' Critter Report"
- 4. Contact the newspaper and place a lost pet report
- 5. Visit the shelter at least every 3 days



#### **Public Hearings Scheduled**

#### Short-Term Vacation Rentals - Development Code Amendment- April 25th, 6pm

The Yucca Valley Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 25th to receive public input and hold discussion on the use of Short-Term Vacation Rentals in Yucca Valley. If you are a property owner who currently engages in this endeavor or are a neighbor to someone who does, the Commission encourages thoughts and ideas that represent our community. The public hearing will be held in the Yucca Valley Community Center Yucca Room at 6pm.

#### Regulations to Impose Recreational Marijuana Standards- Continued Discussion-May 9th 6pm- Yucca Valley Community Center

On November 8, 2016 the statewide voters approved Proposition 64, the California Marijuana Legalization Initiative. The Town Council recently directed staff to work with the Planning Commission to develop regulations and standards for recreational marijuana.

The Yucca Valley Planning Commission opened a public hearing on March 14, 2017 and received community input on proposed regulations. The Commission continued the hearing to May 9th at 6pm in the Yucca Valley Community Center Yucca Room to allow for additional research on the topic. Public input and participation at the May 9th meeting is encouraged.

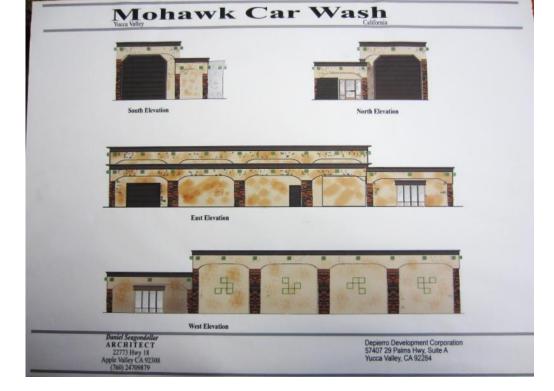
# **Request for Proposals**

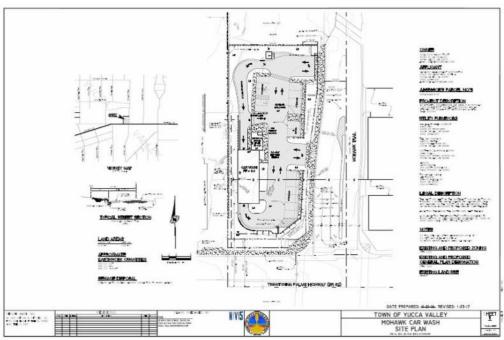
The Town of Yucca Valley is currently soliciting bids for a variety of contracted services. Bid packets are available on the <u>Town's website:</u>

Request for Proposals	Bid Deadline
Backup Emergency Generator Design Services	Thurs. 4/27/17
Emergency Debris Cleanup / Removal Services	Wed. 5/17/17
SR62 Raised Median Island Landscape Maintenance Services	Wed. 5/17/17
Mechanical Street Sweeping Services	Wed. 5/17/17
Park Facilities Maintenance Services	Wed. 5/17/17
Annual Street Maintenance Slurry Seal Services	Thurs. 5/18/17

## **New Projects Approved**

At their meeting of March 14, 2017, the Planning Commission approved a car wash project at the north-west corner of SR 62 and Mohawk Trail. The project includes the construction of an approximate 2,250 square foot drive-thru carwash with an attached 400+/- square foot retail sales building and restroom, a 94+/- square foot free-standing pet wash station, an ice vending machine, paved parking, and paved vacuum and detailing spaces.





The Planning Commission also recently approved the construction of an approximate 2,265 square foot fast food restaurant on approximately 1.01 acres, with a drive-thru, parking, landscaping, an outdoor dining area, and drainage and ancillary improvements. This project is located in front and just east of the Napa Auto Parts Store. (former AM/PM site)





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