

Town of Yucca Valley Community Update July 7, 2014



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

The project includes construction of curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and raised median islands on SR 62, between Apache and Palm Avenue and the construction of a traffic signal at SR 62 and Church Street. In addition, there will be traffic signal modifications at SR 62 and Acoma/Mohawk. The Project was awarded by the Town Council on November 19, 2013 to Match Corporation in the amount of \$2,798,000.

Status:

Construction of the structure at the flood control channel west of Church Street is underway. Construction of curb, gutter, sidewalks and driveways is 90% complete west of Mohawk Trail. The base paving has also been completed west of Mohawk Trail. Demolition and curb installation will continue east of Church, as well as construction of the top portion of the storm drain structure. Underground work for the traffic signal at Church will also be initiated.



Town Wide Slurry Seal 2014/2015

The project involves the application of a Type II cape seal on designated streets throughout the Town. The project includes but is not limited to mobilization, traffic control, removal of pavement stripping, markings and legends, and application of slurry and cape seal as well as all appurtenant labor, materials and equipment.

Status:

The type 3 slurry application was started on Wednesday July 2nd and will be completed this week. Stripping is scheduled to begin on Thursday July 7th.



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.

Status:

Interior work is continuing on both buildings. Building one is nearly ready for stucco, and building two's footing water proofing is underway. The pad for the package treatment plant has been poured. The electronic message board has been powered up and is ready for testing.



Hawks Landing Golf Course at Blue Skies

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

Status:

The building pad for the clubhouse has been completed. Parking lot over excavation and backfill has begun. Fresh grass is coming up at many of the greens and on the fairways.



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:

Relocation of the construction office and material storage to the Marshalls portion of the project area has been completed. Soil stabilization of the remaining building lots took place this week. Shelving is currently underway inside the Petco building. The exterior sheeting on the Marshalls building will be complete next week, with stucco to follow.



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

Status:

The Town Council awarded the construction contract to Match Corporation on June 3, 2014 in the amount of \$274,000 and authorized a construction contingency in the amount of \$27,400. The Council also authorized the Alternative C bid option for an additional \$89,000. Alternative C provided for the inclusion of the installation of all improvements on the east side of Sage Avenue from Onaga Trail to Pueblo Trail. Work is scheduled to be completed by the start of the school year.

Brehm II Park Playground

The project involves the construction of playground equipment and shade structures at the Brehm II Park.

Status:

The playground equipment has been installed, including the rubberized surface. The installation of the shade structure is underway. Additional sidewalks in the playground area are expected to be completed next week.



Jacob's Park Tennis Court Resurfacing

This project involved the repair and resurfacing of two of the tennis courts at Jacob's Park.

Status:

The new surface at the tennis courts has been completed. New nets and windscreens were also installed. This project is complete.



HOP 11-05 Falossi

This project involves a request for approval of a Home Occupation Permit for an artist studio located at 6229 Hoot Owl Trail.

Status:

This request was approved by the Planning Commission on June 10, 2014. An appeal application has been filed and the Town Council will hold the Appeal hearing in the near future.

SPL 05-14 Starfinds

This project involves an application to conduct a weekly (Saturdays) Certified Farmers Market to include a crafters and artists. The property is located at 7332 Apache Trail

Status:

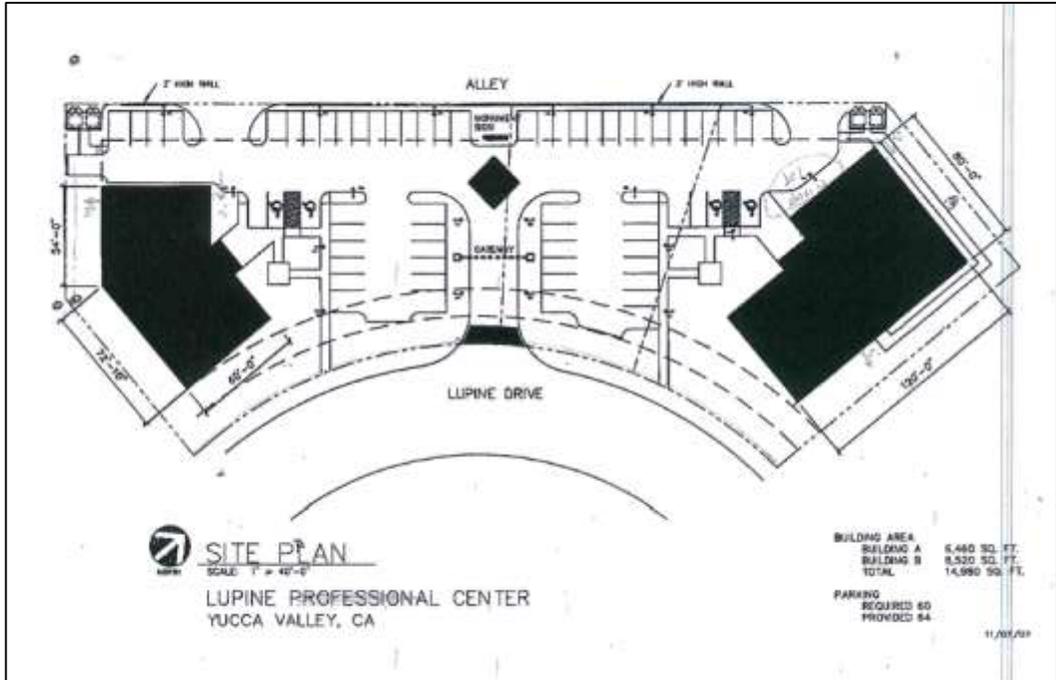
This application is currently undergoing review by the Planning Division, pending the submission of further materials by the applicant.

CUP 09-07 Lupine Plaza

This project involves the Extension of Time on the approval for the construction of two office buildings on the north side of Lupine Drive.

Status:

The extension be heard by the Planning Commission on August 12, 2014.

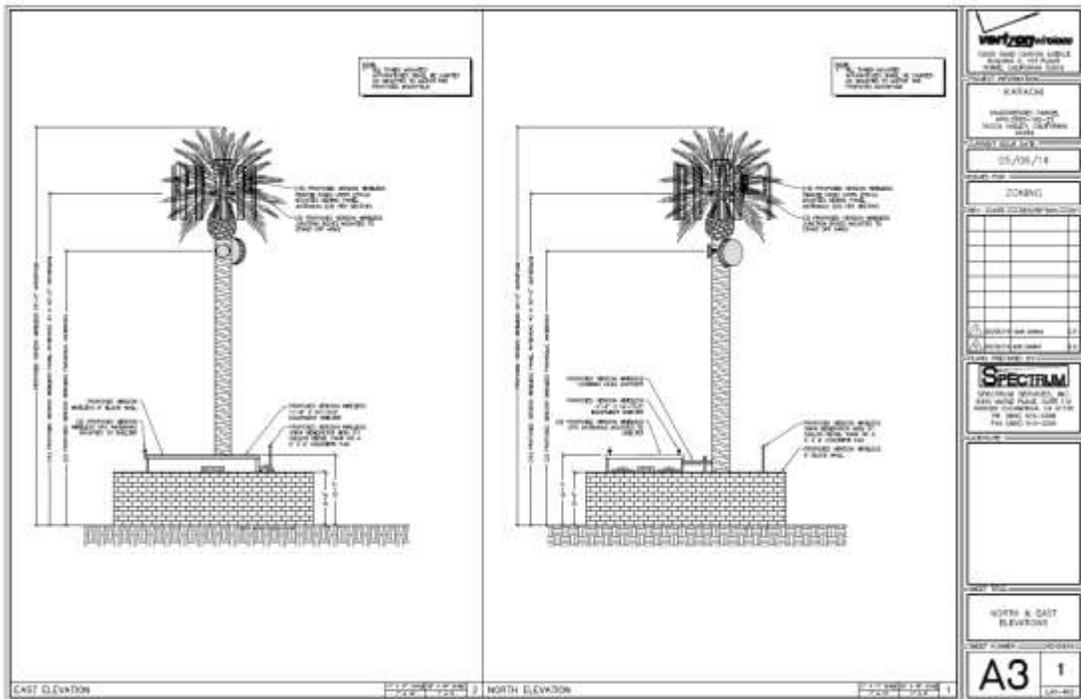


CUP 01-14 Spectrum-Verizon

This project involves a proposal for a 60 ft. cell tower located on a vacant lot on Primrose Dr.

Status:

The application is incomplete and additional information must be submitted by the applicant.



20th Annual Summer Music Festival

The Town of Yucca Valley is pleased to announce the music lineup for its 20th annual Summer Music Festival. This popular Saturday evening series has become a favorite summer weekend activity for residents of the Morongo Basin and the Coachella Valley. The festival will be held every Saturday night from July 12th through August 16th, with a quality mix of various musical styles in a setting for friends and family to gather. The Summer Music Festival offers residents and visitors an occasion to enjoy the wonderful hi-desert outdoors, and a time to celebrate music and community. The Festival takes place at the Yucca Valley Community Center ball field, 57090 Twentynine Palms Highway in Yucca Valley, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The public is invited to bring a blanket and lawn chair and enjoy the show; gates open at 6:30 p.m. All ages are welcome and admission is free.

The 2014 schedule of entertainment is as follows:

July 12 – Big Papa & The TCB - Six Pack of Cool (Swing)

July 19 – Adrianna Marie and Her Groovecutters (R&B/Blues)

July 26 – Pacific Rose (Country Western)

Aug. 2 – Upstream (Reggae)

Aug. 9 – Chico (Latin/Salsa)

Aug. 16 – New Sensations (80's to Today)

Sponsorships for the Summer Music Festival are still available. Band sponsors enjoy a benefit package that includes media coverage, recognition in festival programs, event recognition and VIP booth, and sponsor plaque. Food vendor opportunities are also available for a modest fee, with each concert drawing over one thousand guests. Those interested in participating can contact the Community Services Office.

For more information, contact the Town of Yucca Valley Community Services Department at 760 369-7211 or visit the Town's web site at www.yucca-valley.org.

Yucca Valley Aquatics Program

The Town of Yucca Valley Recreation Department launched its summer Aquatics programs on June 23, 2014 at the community pool located at Yucca Valley High School. The Town of Yucca Valley conducts the summer Aquatics program Monday through Friday with an exciting array of programs that include swim lessons, fun swim, family swim, lap swimming, water aerobics, and a Splash-A-Poolooza Family Fun Day special event. The pool will be open through August 15, 2014.

Children's Learn-to-Swim Classes

Swim lessons are held in the mornings at a cost of \$45 per session. A session is eight lessons over the course of two weeks, Monday through Thursday. Five class levels are offered from parent/baby classes to advanced swim techniques. Registration for swim lessons is available online at www.yucca-valley.org or in person at the community center, Monday through

Thursday from 12 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Registration is also accepted at the pool office during open hours.

Water Fun and Fitness

Summer aquatics fun and fitness programs are offered regularly throughout the summer season. These drop-in style programs do not require registration, admission fees are paid at the door upon entry. All drop-in programs are \$4 per person, per visit; \$3 per visit when a swim pass is used. Swim passes are available at \$30.00 for 10 visits and can be purchased at the pool or community center. Drop-in programs include:

- Recreational Fun Swim: Monday through Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Children under the age of 8 and non-swimmers must be accompanied by an adult.
- Family Swim: Tuesday evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Children under the age of 17 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.
- Lap Swimming: Morning session is Monday through Friday at 8:00 a.m., Evening sessions held on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Each session is 50 minutes.
- Water Aerobics: Looking for a fun and different exercise routine? Try out the popular water aerobics program from 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m., Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays for all ages and fitness levels. Exercise to music using water buoy dumbbells and water noodles.

Special Events

The Town of Yucca Valley Recreation and Aquatics will host the Splash-A-Poolooza! family fun day at the pool on July 26, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This special event features a luau style party complete with a delicious islander lunch, music, themed kids' crafts and more! Bring a blanket and party at the pool! Cost is \$5 per person and space is limited. Purchase admission online or in person at the pool or community center.

For aquatics program and registration information or to view the Town of Yucca Valley Summer Activities Guide, visit the Town's website at www.yucca-valley.org. For more information contact the Community Services Office at 760-369-7211, Monday through Thursday from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Family Fun Day at Paradise

Family Fun Day at Paradise Park on July 12th

Features Climbing Wall, Inflatable Fun, Music and Refreshments.

On Saturday, July 12th the Town of Yucca Valley Recreation Department will host a Family Fun Day at the Paradise Park Playground located at 58938 Barron Drive in Yucca Valley. The event will feature a climbing wall, inflatable obstacle course, bubble zone, music and refreshments including a watermelon eating contest. The event will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; all ages are welcome. The program is provided free to the public with generous assistance from the Yucca Valley Senior Club.

Paradise Park Family Fun Days are part of the summer line-up of recreational activities organized by the Town of Yucca Valley's Community Services Department which includes special events, aquatics activities at the community pool, the Summer Music Festival, adult softball, the Full Moon Run, and a selection of over twenty enrichment and leisure classes. The Town of Yucca Valley Summer Activities Guide is available for viewing at www.yucca-valley.org; copies are also available at the community center. For more information contact the Community Services Office, Monday through Thursday from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 760-369-7211.

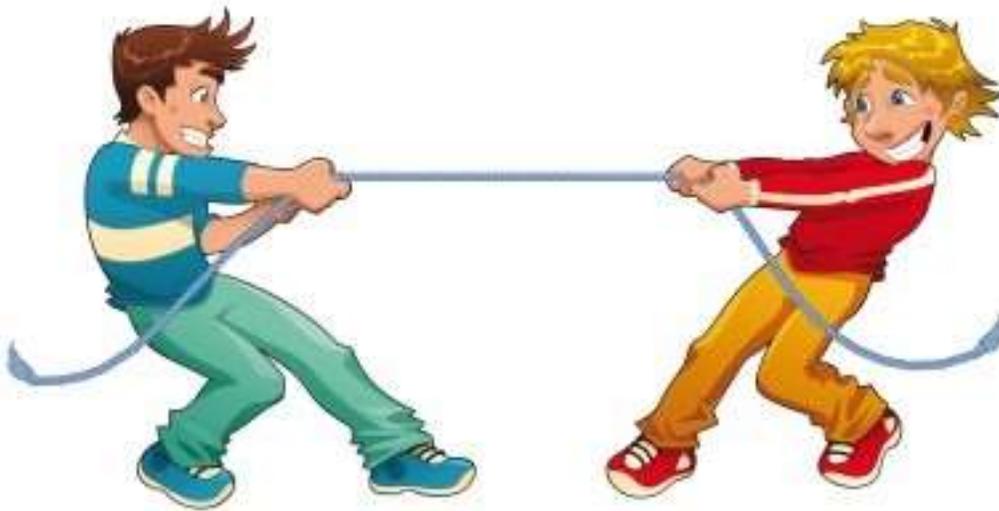
Science Saturdays at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum

Join us for days of discovery during Science Saturdays! These programs will ignite your children's curiosity by presenting information and performing experiments relating to biological and physical sciences. All programs will be facilitated by our Museum Educator. It is recommended that children be of school age for this program. Science Saturdays are held from 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. and are offered free of charge with no pre-registration required.

Forces

Saturday July 12, 2014

11:00 – 11:30



Hi-Desert Nature Museum Presents “Hatching The Past”

May 30 through September 22, 2014

The Hi-Desert Nature Museum will present a new temporary exhibition, “Hatching the Past,” on display May 30 through September 22, 2014. This exhibit takes a rare and exciting look at the life of dinosaurs through their eggs, nests, and embryos. “Hatching the Past” blends the arts and sciences with an astounding array of dinosaur eggs and nests collected from all over the globe,

including those of each major plant and meat-eating dinosaur group. This science rich hands-on exhibit invites visitors to dig for eggs, touch a real dinosaur bone and discover the mysteries of dinosaur family life.

For 50 years the Hi-Desert Nature Museum has been dedicated to the process of education by exploring the natural, artistic and cultural heritage of the Morongo Basin and High Desert. The Museum seeks to inspire wonder, discovery, understanding, and responsibility in its community and visitors through exhibits, programs, and collections in the arts, history, and natural sciences. The Hi-Desert Nature Museum is located in the Yucca Valley Community Center Complex at 57116 Twentynine Palms Highway. The Museum is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Admission is free; donations support the educational mission of the Museum. For more information, contact the Hi-Desert Nature Museum at (760) 369-7212 or see our web site at www.hidesertnaturemuseum.org. Visit us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter!



Companion Animal Information Day

On Monday, July 14th, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., representatives from Yucca Valley Animal Care & Control will have a booth set up at the Tractor Supply store located in the JC Penney/Stater Bros. Shopping Center in Yucca Valley. Staff will have applications for spay/neuter vouchers (Town Residents only), photos and information of the adoptable pets available at the Yucca Valley Animal Shelter and provide general information on proper pet care. Staff will also be available to answer questions citizens may have on the Town's Animal Care & Control Program.

Animal Shelter Visitors and Adoptions

Recent Adoptions

Recent adoptions at the Yucca Valley Animal Shelter include the three families shown below. Fees for dog and cat adoption are as follows: Dogs over 4 months of age are \$92.00. This includes annual vaccinations and the pet being altered. Dog licenses must also be purchased at the time of adoption for dogs living in the Town or the unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County. Puppies under 4 months old are \$85.00 because they haven't received a rabies vaccination yet). Cats and kittens are \$55.00, which includes annual vaccinations and being altered. For two weeks each month the adoption fees for cats is \$20.00. If you are looking for a

companion, come in and visit us at the Yucca Valley Animal Shelter located at 4755 Malin Way, Yucca Valley. We would be happy to show you our pets!



Homeward Bound Pet Adoption in Yucaipa, CA

On June 12th - 13th, 2014, San Bernardino County Animal Care and Control held their annual adoption event in Yucaipa, CA. This year, San Bernardino County offered to take some of the adoptable dogs from the Yucca Valley Animal Shelter. A week before the event, the County brought their transportation van, which is equipped with kennels, an air conditioning system and floor drains. Town staff chose 12 dogs to send, prepared the paperwork and loaded them into the van. From there, the County had the dogs altered and given rabies vaccinations, all at the County's expense. All 12 dogs were happily adopted into new homes that weekend. Our sincere thanks to the County of San Bernardino for their team work, support and efforts in helping homeless animals get placed into new homes. Below are 3 of the dogs who were sent to the adoption event.



Town Animal Vaccination Clinics and Animal Action League Clinics

Yucca Valley Animal Control held its second animal vaccination clinic for Town and County residents on June 26th from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The clinic was held at the Community Center with both the Town and County staff selling dog licenses. The attending veterinarian was Dr. Bethan Smith, D.V.M. of VCA along with supporting VCA staff members.

The event was successful though it was noticed at this vaccine clinic and the previous clinic held in March, the participation from the pet owners has lessen. Staff recognizes the efforts of

Animal Action League (AAL), a non-profit animal clinic, who owns a mobile clinic unit, puts on several clinics each month, offering vaccinations at a discount. Because of AAL's increase in their own clinics, more people have had the opportunity to attend this non-profit agency's vaccine clinics, which are held in various areas throughout the Morongo Basin. For information, dates and times on AAL's clinics, please call 760-366-1100. AAL also offers the spaying and neutering of dogs and cats at a discount rate.

Yucca Valley Animal Shelter Pool Party for Dog!

During the hotter times of the year, the dogs at the Yucca Valley Animal Shelter are provided with wading pools and other tubs so they have a place to cool off when they are outside getting their exercise. Large or small, most all of dogs appreciate being given the choice of playing in the water!



Animal Control Call for Service

Aggressive Dogs

On June 23, 2014, Animal Control dispatch received a request from the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department to assist deputies with responding to a call for service in Yucca Valley regarding an aggressive dog incident. The Sheriff's Department reported that a man had called 911 after he had been aggressively charged by two loose Pit Bulls that had dug under a fence from a neighboring property. According to the report, the man had fired a weapon several times in an effort to scare the dogs off of his property and to prevent the dogs from injuring him or his family. An Animal Control Officer responded to the location, and discovered that the dogs had retreated from the reporting party's property, and were confined inside the home next door. Animal Control tried to make contact with the dog owner however, the owner would not answer the door. Animal Control posted several violation notices on the property. Sheriff's deputies followed up on the call later that day and found no one at home at the dog owner's residence and the dogs were still contained inside. Sheriff's Deputies interviewed the reporting party and found that he had fired 3-4 shots from a handgun in an effort to scare the dogs and had not injured the dogs.

Meanwhile, information collected at the time of the report was forwarded to Yucca Valley Code Enforcement, who is investigating whether or not the dog owner is illegally residing at the dilapidated home. Code Enforcement is also addressing the inoperative vehicles, junk and trash that is all over the property. Follow up efforts are being made by Animal Control to contact the dog owner to ensure they are keeping the dogs confined. The dog owner will be issued a court citation for non-licensed dogs and two dogs running loose, and the dog owner may also be issued an additional citation for unaltered pit bulls residing within the Town limits.

Dog Fight, Injured Dogs and a Dog in a Hot Car

Animal Control received a report from Sheriff's dispatch regarding an aggressive Pit Bull incident which had just occurred in the area of Santa Fe and Geronimo Trail in Yucca Valley. According to the report, a resident was confronted by an aggressive Pit Bull as he entered the alley behind his home. The Pit Bull entered into the man's yard and attacked his dog causing injuries. An Animal Control Officer responded to the location and spoke with the owner of the injured dog. Luckily, the man's dog had not been severely injured. A report and a description of the Pit Bull was given to the Animal Control Officer on the incident. The Animal Control Officer located the Pit Bull inside a fenced yard around the corner from the victim's home. The owner of the Pit Bull was given a court citation for failing to have the dog neutered and licensed as required by the Town's ordinance. A notice was also given regarding the aggressive incident. Seeing that the Pit Bull was also injured, the Animal Control Officer ordered the dog owner to seek immediate veterinary care. Later on this same morning, the Town's Animal Control dispatch was contacted by a concerned resident regarding a dog left inside a vehicle during a period of extreme heat. An Animal Control Officer responded, and discovered the same Pit Bull that was involved in the early morning incident, was left inside a vehicle parked in front of a local bank. The Animal Control Officer contacted the dog owner, who had just left the veterinary clinic after seeking the required care. According to the owner, he had parked at the bank for a short period of time to take care of personal business. The temperature inside the vehicle was measured at 92 degrees. The owner was cooperative, and was given a warning regarding violation of California Penal Code 597.7 which prohibits animals from being left unattended in vehicles when temperatures are found to be detrimental to the animal's health.

Code Compliance

Property Maintenance

Code received a complaint about dead and dry vegetation located on a vacant lot on Cebolia . Code made contact with the owner and within 30 days owner was able to bring the property into compliance.



Property Maintenance

Code received a complaint about a dilapidated fence on a property located on Joshua Lane. Within 30 days owner was able to bring the property into compliance.



Property Maintenance

Code received an anonymous complaint about junk and trash out on the public view located on Onaga. Code sent out a courtesy letter for non-compliance and issued a correctable citation. With the request of an extra week, the property was brought into compliance.



Property Maintenance - Vandalism

Code received several complaints about graffiti located on several properties within the old town of Yucca Valley. Code made contact with business owner and opened an investigation into the graffiti. Code coordinated with the Sheriff's department, and the Sheriff's department opened an ongoing investigation to try to apprehend the responsible party. The business owners coordinated with Code Enforcement and removed all the graffiti. If you see anyone committing vandalism, please report it and help keep our community clean.



Property Maintenance

Code received an anonymous complaint about the smell and cockroaches, junk and trash out on the public view located on Navajo. Code made contact with the owners of property and issued them a written citation. Within four days the property was brought into compliance.



Parks Division Repairs and Improvements

Senior Center Repairs and Maintenance

The Parks Division recently repaired a break in a water line near the Senior Center.



Median Maintenance

The Parks Department periodically performs maintenance on the median landscaping and irrigation to keep it clean and the plants healthy.



The Parks Division is constantly working to keep Yucca Valley's parks beautiful through our ongoing maintenance and improvement efforts.

Streets Division Repairs and Improvements

Skin Patch - Joshua Lane

The Streets Division completed a skin patch of asphalt on Joshua Lane between Onaga Trail and Navajo Trail. This repair was necessary because of potholes and alligator cracking.



Rhythm of Life Sculpture – Vandalism Prevention

The Streets Division recently installed rocks to block off vehicle access to the Rhythm of Life Sculpture in order to prevent vandalism and theft and to preserve the site.



Streets Division – Completed and Upcoming Asphalt Overlays

The Streets Division will be laying asphalt overlays this summer to repair some of Yucca Valley's more damaged streets. Laying asphalt is something that can only be done in the summer, as the high temperatures are needed to make sure the asphalt mix adheres properly. The following streets are scheduled to receive asphalt this season:

Completed - Desert Gold Drive: Amador Avenue to Grand Avenue

The street crew paved Desert Gold Drive from Amador Avenue to Grand Avenue with an asphalt overlay on July 9, 2014. This repair was necessary because pothole repair is constantly being performed on Free God Drive due to its dilapidated state. This project involved:

1. Spraying a thin course of tack (a liquid emulsion to ensure proper adhesion of asphalt layers) on existing pavement,
2. Preparing the asphalt with a leveling course of 28 tons of asphalt,
3. Paving over the leveling course with an asphalt overlay of 90 tons, and
4. Installing new thermoplastic "STOP" (2) and limit lines.

The cost of this project was approximately \$8,279.00 in materials.

Upcoming - Hidden Gold Drive: Amador Avenue to Western Terminus

The Streets Division will be paving Hidden Gold Drive from Amador Avenue to the western terminus of Hidden Gold Drive with an asphalt overlay on or about July 29th. This repair is necessary due to rough driving conditions with numerous rock protrusions visible. This project will involve:

1. Spraying a thin course of tack (a liquid emulsion to ensure proper adhesion of asphalt layers) on existing pavement,
2. Preparing the asphalt with a leveling course of 50 tons of asphalt,
3. Paving over the leveling course with an asphalt overlay of 155 tons, and
4. Installing new thermoplastic “STOP” (2) and limit lines.

The cost of this project is approximately \$14,152.00 in materials.

