

# Town of Yucca Valley Community Update

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Greetings!

*The Dog Days of Summer return!!....*For those folks not on vacation, it certainly feels like a long summer. Many have said that this might be the hottest one yet. In days like these, we are thankful to live in a community that is central to many of the summer activities that provide some relief...maybe 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 you 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 at the [Town's Website](#) or feel free to stop by Town Hall to say hello.

***Curtis Yakimow - Town Manager***

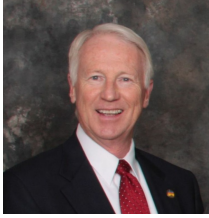
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## Need to get in touch with the Mayor?

Just a reminder that Mayor Abel is available to meet with residents as needed and can be reached via [email](#) for questions or comments. If you prefer, you can set up an appointment to meet with the Mayor through the [Town Clerk](#).



## Where are Measure Y Funds going?

You can help decide! The [Measure Y and Z Oversight Commission](#) will review and recommend preferred Measure Y funding alternatives at their next meeting scheduled for August 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at the Community Center. Come be a part of this process and make your voice heard!

## Thanks for sharing Your thoughts!

The [Town Council](#) recently authorized a Community Livability Survey through which Yucca Valley residents were asked "What are your Priorities?". This effort was conducted through randomized invitations over the past few weeks, and we appreciate the substantial feedback we received. The results of this survey will be an important source of information for the public, Town staff and Town Council Members and will be presented to the Community in the September/October time frame. Thanks again for your participation.

## Hi Desert Water District Continues Town Sewer Project

The Hi Desert Water District's Sewer Project continues at the east end of Town. Stay up to date on the progress of the project and get real time traffic impact information by visiting <http://www.hdwd.com/construction> .

## Yucca Valley Animal Shelter and Animal Care and Control



Animal Control responds to multiple calls monthly for dogs left in parked cars. The predominant place this is occurring is the commercial center and supermarket parking lots.

Animal Control responds to these complaints and takes the appropriate actions. These actions may be as simple as providing education to the animal owner to taking enforcement actions, which will require the animal owner to appear in court.

Animal Care and Control reminds pet owners to leave their pets at home in a cool, secured environment, so that the animals do not have to be left in a hot car when the owners go shopping or run errands.

## Community Services Happenings

### Summer Music Festival

Enjoy free concerts at the Yucca Valley Community Center Ball Field

Saturdays, July 15 - August 12. Gates open at 6:30pm, Music from 7:00 - 9:00pm. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, and the family!



### Our Planet, Our Home - Family Fun Day

Join the Hi-Desert Nature Museum and the Recreation Department for a family friendly day of live animals, face painting & photo ops, arts & crafts activities, games and a treasure hunt!

Saturday, July 29th at the Yucca Valley Community Center from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This event is FREE to the public! Be sure to see the Conservation Quest Youth Interactive Exhibit now on display at the [Hi-Desert Nature Museum!](#)



### Day Trip to U.S.S. Iowa on August 19th

Spend the day at the Port of Los Angeles, San Pedro for a one hour self-guided tour of the U.S.S. Iowa BB-61. Experience what life on board the Battleship Iowa was like during active duty. Enjoy lunch on your own at Ports O' Call. Last stop of the day will be a visit to the S.S. Lane Victory, a one hour tour of a fully operational WWII cargo ship with wartime armament. Please note, due to ship conditions this trip is not ADA compliant.

Trip departs the Community Center at 8:00 a.m., returning at 7:30 p.m. and features comfortable motor coach transportation. Registration \$80 per person -

**must register by August 7th. [Register Here!](#)**



### Paradise Park Sundown Kid's Splash- August 11th

Inflatable water slides, water games, free hot dogs and snow cones! Kids ages 5 to 17 are invited to visit Paradise Park for this free family event. Friday August 11<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult.





### **Sunset 5K Fun Run**

Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. race start.

Early Bird Registration \$20 through August 15 - Includes themed race shirt, souvenir gift & express check-in at the race!

\$25 on-site registration at the race from 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.

Start and finish at Machris Park. Course offers moderate changes in elevation and a beautiful trek through one of Yucca Valley's most scenic areas as the sun sets in the west. [Register Now!](#)



[Click here](#) to learn more about other popular leisure activities offered by the Town of Yucca Valley.

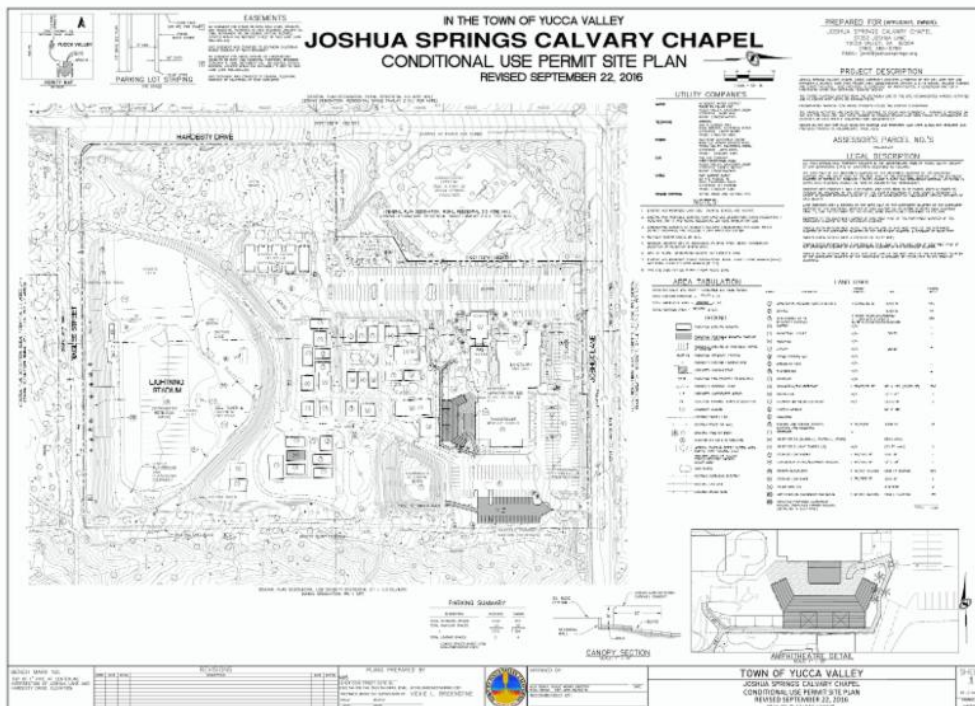
## **Short Term Vacation Rentals**

Short Term Vacation Rentals will be returning to the Town Council at the meeting of Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 6PM in the Yucca Room to continue the Public Hearing. The Town Council held a public hearing at the meeting of July 18, 2017, to

consider the Planning Commission's recommendations for standards and regulations. The Town Council encourages public participation and hopes that anyone with an interest in short term vacation rentals attend the Town Council's September 19, 2017 meeting.

## Upcoming Planning Commission Meeting

Joshua Springs Conditional Use Permit CUP 05-95 Amendment #2 has been scheduled for the Planning Commission meeting of Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 6PM in the Yucca Room. Proposed amendments to the existing Conditional Use Permit include an amphitheater, a classroom, a concession stand, and additional parking to an existing religious institution and private school facility.



## Engineering Division Update

### SR62 Traffic Control Synchronization Project Continues to Phase II.

The second phase of the Traffic Control Synchronization Project includes synchronizing 10 traffic signals on Hwy 62, including the intersections at Sage, Dumosa, SR247, Airway, Warren Vista, Balsa, Hilton, Avalon, Home Depot, and Yucca Mesa/LaContenta. By synchronizing these signals, helps to reduce traffic congestion and delays through improved signal timing, improved traffic flow, and a reduction in idling time. These improvements assist in improving the air quality.





fields in good playing condition. At different times of the year, it is necessary to lower turf areas, in order to keep playing surfaces as level as possible.



Keeping irrigation systems running efficiently and at peak levels requires daily maintenance. The Parks Division repairs an irrigation break at Brehm Park. The Town's computer controlled and monitored irrigation system shuts off water flow when breaks or other leak causes occur.





## Private Land Development

### **Hibbett Sports**

Tenant improvement plans have been submitted to Building & Safety for Hibbett Sports to move into approximately 6,000 square feet of the former Wal-Mart building, located at 57980 Twentynine Palms Highway. Construction schedules have not been provided to the Town, but indications have been made that the project will be moving forward in the very near future.

