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FREEDOM FESTIVAL & CONCERTS RETURN TO APPLE VALLEY

Our parks, recreation programs, and special events are a big part of what make Apple Valley the best place to live and play in the High Desert. So, when the weather warmed and COVID cases continued to dwindle, the Town of Apple Valley scheduled a full slate of summer entertainment including the popular Freedom Festival, Sunset Concert Series, Day Camp, and more.

It wouldn't be summer in Apple Valley without fireworks. This year we can once again all watch them together inside Brewster Park at the Freedom Festival on July 4.

The gates will open at 2 p.m. for an afternoon and evening of food vendors, shopping, kid's activities, and live music. Local favorite Southern Spirit will take the stage in the afternoon, followed by headline band Phoenix Rising, also an Apple Valley fan favorite. The fireworks show will begin at 9 p.m. Please note, there is no smoking, pets or barbecues allowed inside the park. Lenny Brewster Sports Center is located at 21024 Otoe Road off Dale Evans Parkway. Here's more good news! You don't need to wait until July for the fun to begin. Additional activities will launch on May 29 with a Summer Kickoff Celebration with games and activities at Civic Center Park; and the Aquatic Center at Civic Center Park will open for recreational swim and private, semi-private and group swim lessons. Summer Day Camp will begin June 1 with weekly themes and activities including exclusive Day Camp swim hours.

Civic Center Park will be filled with live music entertainment again beginning June 17 when Latin Express opens the Sunset Concert Series from 6 to 9 p.m. See the complete concert lineup below.

The Town will follow any public health guidelines in place at the time of each event such as capacity limits, social distance requirements and masks, as mandated by the state and county. Vendor applications for events, and registration for swim lessons and day camp, are available at www.AVRecreation.org.

SUNSET CONCERT SERIES LINEUP

It's back! Bring your chairs and blankets to Civic Center Park and enjoy great music under the desert night sky from 6 to 9 p.m. There will be food vendors and a beer garden.

- JUNE 17 Latin Express (Variety)
- JUNE 24 Phat Cat Swinger (Swing)
- JULY 8 Rockin' on Heaven's Door (Classic Rock)
- JULY 15 Mighty Cash Cats (Johnny Cash Cover Band) & the Linda Ronstadt Experience
- JULY 22 Neon Nation (80s Music)

For the health and safety of our visitors, no pets are allowed in grass area in front of amphitheater and please remember our parks are smoke free! Call (760) 240-7880 or visit AppleValleyEvents.org for more information.





MEETING CALENDAR

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings take place in the Council Chambers at 14955 Dale Evans Parkway. Audience capacity may be limited due to state social distancing guidelines. Public comments may be submitted to publiccomment@applevalley.org.

TOWN COUNCIL

June 6 & 22 July 13 & 27 August 10 & 24 at 6:30 p.m.

PLANNING

COMMISSION 1st & 3rd Wednesday

at 6 p.m.

PARKS & RECREATION

COMMISSION June 3 & August 5 at 6 p.m.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Every Saturday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hazardous Waste Collection Center 13450 Nomwaket Road Facemasks required

TOWN CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 5 & August 14 TIRE DROPOFF

July 17 NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP DAY

August 7 **SHRED FEST** at the Materials Recovery Facility

August 14 ROCKIN' FLEA MARKET

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May 31 – Memorial Day July 5 – Independence Day Observed Sept. 6 – Labor Day Trash pick-up will be delayed one day for all service routes.

We are closed on alternating Fridays. Upcoming closures are: June 11 & 25 July 9 & 23; August 6 & 20

OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE RIDING PROHIBITED IN TOWN BOUNDARIES

Similar to neighboring cities, operating off highway vehicles (OHV), such as side-by-sides, quads, dirt bikes, sand rails, and go carts, is prohibited within Town boundaries. Instead, please ride in legal and designated OHV recreation areas.

Violators risk fine and/or vehicle impoundment.

Riding within Town boundaries or undesignated trails creates nuisance noise and dust that disturbs the community and destroys the natural desert environment. Riders can also be issued citations for trespassing on private property.

To report an OHV violation, contact Sheriff's Dispatch at (760) 956-5001.



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36K VACCINATED AND COUNTING

St. Mary, community partners sought refuge for High Desert residents. The outlook is now brighter than ever.

In late January, as hospitalizations for COVID-19 throughout the High Desert region began their descent from the staggering heights that attracted global and national media to the area, Providence St. Mary Medical Center, San Bernardino County and local school districts began to devise a pandemic exit plan.

The highly anticipated vaccines were rolled out to health care workers early on, but the path to vaccinate the rest of the community seemed nebulous.

"We knew we had to do something to protect our most vulnerable populations,

especially considering the tragic winter we had just experienced," Providence St. Mary Chief Executive Randall Castillo said. "But we couldn't have dreamed up what we actually were able to accomplish."

Following several weeks of planning, Our Lady of the Desert Catholic Church opened its doors to the public on Feb. 16. Hospital caregivers, school district employees and community volunteers administered shots and kept records for eligible and willing community members as the Victor Valley's first San Bernardino County COVID-19 mass vaccination site. The clinic has since vaccinated more than 36,000 people.

"It's a testament to how tightly knit our community is and how much we all care about the well-being of the people of the High Desert," Castillo said. "There's no way we could have done this without others rallying around us, especially our friends at Apple Valley Unified School District, the Lewis Center, Victor Elementary School District, Hesperia Unified School District and Snowline Joint Unified School District."

Today, COVID-19 vaccines are available to anyone 16 years old and up. Appointments at vaccine sites throughout the county, including at Our Lady of the Desert, can be scheduled at myturn.ca.gov.

"I'm proud of everything we've been able to accomplish to this point," Castillo said. "But there's still a lot of work to be done."



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SAVE

SUPPORT APPLE VALLEY EVENTS

Among the many things that became evident in 2020 was the value that special events and recreation opportunities bring to our community. That is why, even during the pandemic, we safely and responsibly hosted a spectacular firework show on the 4th of July, a drive-thru Trunk or Treat in October, a Christmas Tree lighting that shined every night throughout December, and much more.

With the pandemic numbers decreasing and restrictions lifting, we are resuming the special events that make Apple Valley the best place to live, work and play. But we can't do this without the support of our generous donors. We are grateful to companies like Apple Valley Choice Energy, Armstrong Fairway Insurance, Lewis Retail Centers, Mitsubishi Cement, and others who contributed last year even during the pandemic.

Now that we have a full slate of concerts and activities planned, more businesses can reap the benefits of our S.A.V.E. Program that "Support Apple Valley Events."

Becoming a Community Partner provides brand awareness for businesses and makes them a vital part of what makes Apple Valley the best place to live. Depending on contribution level, the SAVE Campaign offers a variety of exposure opportunities including, visibility at major events, on our sponsor board in front of Town Hall, in radio, print, and social advertising, exclusive ad space in the Our Town newsletter, and by actively participating at our events.

In addition to concerts and festivals, we offer a full calendar of community enhancement programs, animal services activities, recreation classes and more because businesses contribute to our annual campaign. Despite budget restrictions, our entire community needs to have safe, fun events to bring us all back together and celebrate our great Town. We cannot do this without support.

We encourage businesses to grow while making a difference in the Town of Apple Valley's 2021 event season with a tax-deductible donation to the Apple Valley Community Resource Foundation. Call us today to discuss giving options or to make a personal contribution.

COOLEY CONSTRUCTION

WATER TRUCK

For more information about our sponsorships, visit www.AppleValleyEvents.org or contact Liz Fratt at (760) 240-7000 ext. 7882 or efratt@applevalley.org.



COOLEY CONSTRUCTION WATER TRUCK

While the Town completes all of the environmental reviews and geological studies necessary to install a new well at Horseman's

Center Park, we are grateful to Cooley Construction for lending the Town a water truck to maintain the trees and water the equestrian arena and BMX track so our user groups can continue to enjoy the park. To date, the Town has identified and surveyed two possible locations for a new well, which is expected to cost approximately \$500,000.



SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS STILL AVAILABLE

The Town has launched two business assistance grant programs to support local small businesses that have been financially impacted by COVID-19.

The Microenterprise Assistance Program is geared toward businesses with 1 to 5 employees, offering grants up to \$30,000 for backpay of rent and utilities, cash flow for payroll, purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supplies, and for services to increase or alter business activities (e.g. Point of Sale system, website development, outdoor business activities etc.) Applications are available now.

A second program, the Small Business Assistance Program is geared toward businesses with 1 to 50 employees, offering up to \$50,000 for similar capital expenditures. Applications are now available for this program and will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

To learn more, including eligibility requirements and to download an application visit: www.av.town/businessgrant.



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SHOP APPLE VALLEY NEW BUSINESSES!

The Town's award-winning Shop Local program features local businesses each week and tells the entrepreneurial stories behind the faces that make Apple Valley's community truly unique. Please join us in welcoming R Dub Candle Co, The Meal Prep Company, and Get Hooked Fish Fry & Market to Town.

Dutch Bros Coffee also opened its doors to one of its first Southern California locations right here in Apple Valley! The trendy caffeine-craze offers nearly 10,000 drink combinations and sits at the corner of Navajo and Bear Valley roads.

The Town also recently celebrated the grand opening of two new businesses in Apple Valley: Apple RV and Boat Storage at the former Lowe's building on Dale Evans Parkway and the Apple Valley Hotel and Lodge on Outer Highway 18. Both businesses opened in buildings that had been vacant for more than a decade!

We are on the right track to rebound and rebuild with these businesses opening and recreation programs resuming!

Check out these latest businesses featured on of our social media channels, including Facebook and Instagram @ShopAppleValley!



AQUATIC CENTER GETS A MAKEOVER

When the Aquatic Center at Civic Center Park opens on Memorial Day weekend, patrons who use the changing facilities, showers or restrooms will be pleasantly surprised to see some necessary upgrades. Gone are the painted floors and prickly shower mats as the lobby and both changing room floors were re-surfaced with a beautiful non-slip resin that improves the aesthetics and makes it easier to clean. The Aquatic Center is used by thousands of visitors every year, especially during the summer when families flock to the pool for swim lessons, open recreational swim sessions, aquatic exercise classes and more. See below for some of this summer's offerings.

PUBLIC SWIM

Beginning May 29 to Aug. 3, bring the family and enjoy our refreshing pool at the Civic Center Park Aquatic Center from noon to 1:30 and 2:30 to 4 p.m. daily. Evening swim is offered Monday through Friday from 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. From August 7 to 22 sessions are available on Saturdays and Sundays only.

Recreational swimmers of all ages can swim, splash, and enjoy our water slide (once County guidelines allow) for only \$2 per child and \$3 per adult. Pay only \$1 more for an additional session the same day. The pool is equipped with a mobility lift. Children not toilet trained must wear swim diapers. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

PRIVATE, SEMI-PRIVATE AND GROUP SWIM LESSONS

Enjoy one-on-one instruction or sign up for group lessons to learn from one of our fantastic instructors who teach swimmers how to gain independence in the pool, as well as refine or advance already established skills. Lessons tailored to swimmers' needs are offered in 30-minute increments Monday through Friday. Prices vary depending on time and frequency of lesson contract. Group lessons are also available for all skill levels.

JR. LIFEGUARD TRAINING

The American Red Cross Junior Lifeguard course teaches swimmers ages 11 to 14 the knowledge, skills and attitude necessary to become a lifeguard including communication and decision-making skills, basic lifeguarding responsibilities and more.

The course is an effective transition from upper level learn-to-swim courses to the lifeguard program and provides the Town with a known group from which to recruit future lifeguards. Participants are required to donate 30 hours of volunteer time to complete the course. Lessons will be held Monday through Friday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Session one is scheduled between June 1 and 11. Session two is June 14 to 25.

To register, or for more information on all class costs, times and detailed lesson descriptions visit www.AVRecreation.org or in-person in the Recreation Department at Town Hall.

SPECIAL EVENTS Coming to the Aquatic Center!



CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA

Join us at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 24 to watch or compete in the fifth annual Apple Valley Cardboard Boat Regatta. Teams race boats constructed of only cardboard and duct tape to compete for first, second or third place; or earn awards for Pride of the Regatta, Most Spirited, The Titanic (best sinker!) and more! Register your team for \$15 by July 16 to compete. Admission for spectators is \$1.

OVERNIGHT POOL PARTIES

Bring the family out for a unique pool-side camping experience on June 18 or July 9. This event will feature all night open swimming, scavenger hunts, games, and a movie! Food will be available for purchase. Pre-registration is \$10 per person, or \$12 per person within a week of the event. Children under 3 are free. No on-site registration is available. Check-in and tent set up begins at 7 p.m. First pool activity begins at 8 p.m. Check out is at 8 a.m. the next morning. Information/Registration: (760) 240-7880 or www.AVRecreation.org



YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

This program will emphasize sportsmanship, basic skills, teamwork and fun for girls and boys entering grades 2 to 12. Practice begins June 28 with games beginning July 10. Fee includes 8-week season, game jersey, officials, scorekeepers, and gym costs. Volunteer coaches are needed. **Cost:** \$69 per resident or \$74 for non-residents. **Registration deadline:** June 15. Location: Michael H. Martin Gymnasium.

PEE WEE & HOT SHOTS BASKETBALL

A fun, non-competitive introduction to basketball for the little ones. Basic skills will be taught while having fun with other youngsters! Volunteer coaches needed. Cost includes T-shirt, team party and trophy. Ages: 3 to 6. **Cost:** \$55 per resident and \$60 for non-residents. **Registration deadline:** June 18.

SUMMER KICK-OFF 5K FUN RUN

Kick-off the summer with our 5K/10K fun run on Saturday, May 29! Run in Civic Center Park or on our Road Course, at your own speed, then record your times with our team at the finish line. Check-in between 7 and 9 a.m. and race on your own schedule. **Cost:** \$15 per person. **Registration deadline:** May 28.

FIRECRACKER RUN

Start your patriotic celebration at the annual Firecracker Run on July 4 at Brewster Park. Choose from a 5K, 10K, walk, or run with separate awards for men, women and children. The first 50 pre-registered, paid runners receive a free commemorative race T-shirt, all paid runners receive a finishers medal. Preregistration for runners is \$21 and ends July 1 or when the event has reached capacity. On-site registration is \$26. Walkers are free.

REVERSE TRIATHLON

Come join athletes from all over the west coast in our annual Reverse Triathlon Saturday, Sept. 25. Check-in begins at 6 a.m. for the 7 a.m. race held at Civic Center Park and Aquatic Center. The competition begins with a 5K run, transitions to a 12-mile bike ride, and ends with a 150-yard swim to the finish line. This event is great for both seasoned athletes as well as those looking to compete for the first time. Individuals can compete in the entire race, break into a relay team, or run just the 5K. A kid's triathlon with shorter distances will also be held. Registration prices vary. Visit av.town/ReverseTri for more information.



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Keep Children Engaged and Entertained

The Recreation Department will offer five classes and six camps online this summer as an alternative to in-person sessions. A few offerings include:

ROBLOX STUDIO CAMP

Create anything you can imagine with Roblox's immersive video game engine for children ages 7 to 12. **Cost:** \$99 per session.

SOCCER CAMP

Kids ages 5 to 10 can learn soccer at a skills camp June 14 to 25 at Brewster Park. Instructors will teach a variety of techniques to improve passing, shooting, small foot maneuvers and more. Participants must bring a ball, water, cleats and shin guards. Register by June 11.

INTRO TO ANIME DRAWING

Children ages 8 to 15 will explore anime drawing in simple steps and develop their own Anime characters and stories in this 4-week course. **Cost:** \$59 per month.

DRIVER'S EDUCATION

Driver's Education is a California-required course that must be taken to receive a driver's license. DMV-accepted completion certificates are issued upon successful completion of the course. **Cost:** \$40. Class does not inclue behind-the-wheel training.





Construction is about halfway done on the widening of Happy Trails Highway (State Route 18) at Apple Valley Road.

The most visible work has been on building the retaining walls on the north and south side of SR 18 east of the intersection as well as along the north side of Wika Road. Not as visible, but just as integral, are the installations of drainage systems within and aside the Caltrans right of way; and relocation of water, gas and other utility services.

Additional components of the \$9.6 million project include:

- Widening the existing state highway from four to six lanes
- Adding a second left-turn lane from westbound SR 18 onto southbound Apple Valley Road
- Realigning and widening Apple Valley Road
- Replacing the existing traffic signal

- Adding bikeways, curbs, gutters and sidewalks
- Additional drainage work

The complex project will ultimately result in moving more cars more smoothly through the busy intersection that is flanked by numerous retail stores, restaurants, service businesses, gas stations and medical offices.

Construction is estimated to be complete by the end of 2021; and is being paid for with cooperative agreements between the Town, the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority and the state; with funding from Measure I 2010-2040 Major Local Highways Program, Local Traffic Impact Fees and the SB1 Local Partnership Program.

For questions about this or other engineering projects, visit av.town/roads.

DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS NAVAJO ROAD COMPLETE

Motorists will have a much easier time navigating Navajo Road during the next significant rain event now that drainage improvements have been made near James Woody Park and Recreation Center and other areas of town.

"For efficiency and economy of scale, two projects were combined into one construction contract awarded in February," said Project Manager Paula Pereira. "Work started in March and was completed in April."

Crews started by making the retention basin deeper at James Woody Park. A new 36-inch reinforced concrete pipe storm drain was installed along with a new headwall and cleanout structures that were connected to the existing drainage system. Additionally, to mitigate other flooded roadways, crews installed drywells, catch basins and connecting pipes to improve water management at several locations in town including:

- Seneca Road and Cronese Road intersection.
- Seminole Road and Gayhead Road intersection.
- Sitting Bull Road and Algonquin Road intersection.
- Lipian Road and Pocomoke Road intersection.
- Sitting Bull Road, mid-block between Morning Star and Running Deer roads.

In a separate project, sewer improvements were also made along a long stretch of Central Road that required traffic control and detours during daytime hours. For information about these, or other engineering projects call (760) 240-7000 x 7013 or visit av.town/roads.



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GOTWEEDS? FIRE DEPARTMENT HAZARD ABATEMENT PROGRAM

Spring rains followed by dry, windy summers make properties with overgrown weeds, vegetation and debris vulnerable to fires that could be devastating to homes and property. To prevent this, the Apple Valley Fire Protection District annually inspects more than 25,000 parcels within the Town limits through its Hazard Abatement Program.

Properties found to have an abundance of combustible vegetation and debris receive a 30-day abatement notice. If a second inspection finds a property still out of compliance, the Fire District may have the hazard abated at the property owner's expense.

Spring is the perfect time to make sure the area around your residence is clean and ready for the upcoming fire season:

- Maintain at least 30' feet of clearance around your residence.
- Keep firewood neatly stacked away from the residence.
- Remove all combustible refuse, tumbleweeds, dead trees and/or vegetation, whether standing or fallen, from the property.
- Remove pine needles and leaves from the roof of the residence.
- Keep all annual weeds/grasses mowed to a minimum of 4".
- Keep trees and/or shrubs pruned at least 10' from around the chimney area.
- All wood burning flues and chimneys must have approved spark arrestors.
- Make sure the address numbers on your residence are at least 4" high, contrasting to the background color and visible from the road fronting the property. This is especially important in the event you would need an emergency response to your residence.

For fire hazard abatement complaints, contact the Apple Valley Fire Protection District at: (760) 247-3585 or send an email to hazard@avfpd.org — indicate the hazardous property address and your contact information for follow-up. For more information on how to be prepared visit: www.avfpd.org.



FIRE PROTECTION BUSINESS INSPECTION PROGRAM RESUMES

The Apple Valley Fire Protection District has resumed its fire and safety hazard business inspection program and encourages businesses to avoid some of the most common hazards such as the misuse of extension cords, improperly illuminated exit signs, expired or incorrect type of fire extinguishers, faulty fire protection systems, improper storage of combustible materials and conducting applicable businesses without a valid permit from the State Fire Marshal.

- Extension cords are meant for temporary use only and not for large appliances such as refrigerators.
- Exit signs must be illuminated and stay lit even with the loss of power.
- Fire Extinguishers must be serviced annually by a professional company.
- Fire Protection Systems must be professionally maintenance annually.
- Store materials 24" below the ceiling, or 18" below if the building has a sprinkler system.
- If your business requires a fire permit, it will be issued through the Fire District.

For questions regarding the business inspection program contact the Fire District at (760) 247-7618.

RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION LOAN PROGRAM

The Town is now offering 0% interest deferred loans up to \$25,000 for improvements to eligible owner-occupied single and multi-family homes (up to four units).

ELIGIBLE IMPROVEMENTS



Health, Safety and Code Violations

Energy Conservation



Accessibility Improvements for Disabled



Necessary Repairs for Deferred Maintenance

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For more information on eligibility requirements, please contact the Town of Apple Valley Housing Division 14955 Dale Evans Parkway, Apple Valley, CA 92307 (760) 240.7000 ext. 7900 | housing@applevalley.org | www.AVHousing.org

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ROCKIN' FLEAMARKET BRINGS NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO APPLE VALLEY

If you love a good bargain or a unique find, Lion's Park is the place to be on August 14 when vendors provide a little bit of everything at the Rockin' Flea Market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Parking and admission are free for this popular event where musicians keep the shoppin' rockin' with live music. A food vendor will keep the fixin's flowin' while you browse and make someone's trash your treasure!

Got something to sell? Vendor spaces are available for \$20 per space. Non-profit spaces are available for \$10. Visit www.AppleValleyEvents.org to download a vendor application. Lion's Park is located at 20701 S. Outer Highway 18 just east of Dale Evans Parkway.



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REMOVE TRASH BINS FROM RIGHT OF WAY PROMPTLY

Residential trash, recycling barrels, and dumpsters may only be placed in the right of way at the curb 12 hours before and after pick-up per the Town's Municipal Code. Remove your bins from the curb promptly after pickup and return them to the side of your residence or garage to avoid fines. Contact Burrtec Waste for the pickup day in your area, which is always the same day of the week depending on your location.

Barrels are emptied mechanically into the top of the truck by robotic arms. To accommodate these automatic operations, trash bins should be placed at least two feet apart, away from mailboxes, fences, and other obstacles, with the handle of the container pointed closest to your home. Do not leave trash on the ground as it will not be picked up.

Homes in areas with curbs and gutters should place bins directly against the curb. Homes in areas without curbs and gutters should place containers about a foot away from the edge of the roadway. This allows the disposal trucks to empty the containers without driving off the edge, which may cause damage to the road or driveway.

For more information on waste management, or to report damaged trash bins, dumpsters or recycling containers call Burrtec at (760) 245-8607. For additional questions on solid waste disposal, reporting violations, or free opportunities to keep Apple Valley "Clean, Green, Together," call our Community Enhancement Division at (760) 240-7560.



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Human Resourcesx7600	
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Public Informationx7074	
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ALL FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL IN APPLE VALLEY

As a reminder ALL fireworks are illegal in Apple Valley, including those advertised as Safe and Sane.

To anonymously report fireworks in your area call Sheriff's Dispatch at (760) 956-5001 or the We-Tip hotline at 1-800-47-ARSON with a specific address where the activity is observed.

Illegal fireworks possession, use, or storage by an individual or property owner comes with a hefty fine of \$1,000 for the first offense. Leave the fireworks to the professionals. The Town of Apple Valley will again be hosting the Freedom Festival fireworks show on July 4.



FACTS:

- More than 19,500 reported fires are started by fireworks annually.
- Burns account for 44% of the 9,100 injuries treated in emergency rooms seen in the month around July 4.
- Half of the fireworks injuries seen at emergency rooms were extremities: hand, finger, or leg. One-third were to the eye or other parts of the head.
- Children ages 10 to 14 had the highest rate of fireworks injury, with more than one-third (36%) of the victims of fireworks injuries under age 15.
- Sparklers account for roughly one-quarter of emergency room fireworks injuries.

Think of it in these degrees: Water boils at 212° Cakes bake at 350° Wood burns at 575° Glass melts at 900° Sparklers burn at 1200°