

TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING



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provide a government that is responsive to its citizens
to ensure a safe and secure environment
while maintaining the highest quality of life.**

**PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURAL COMMISSION: 5:30 PM
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026
Yucca Valley Community Center - Cholla Room
57090 Twentynine Palms Hwy
Yucca Valley, CA 92284**

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Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Commission

Jeff Brady, Chair

Matt Rauch, Vice Chair

Charlotte Burns, Commissioner

Kim Monnie, Commissioner

Megan Ripley Commissioner

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AGENDA
MEETING OF THE PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURAL COMMISSION
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026, 5:30 PM

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Where appropriate or deemed necessary, action may be taken on any item listed in the agenda.

OPENING CEREMONIES:

Opening Ceremonies

Call to Order

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation

1. 2026 Youth Commission Term Presentation

Approval of Agenda

Consent Agenda

All items listed on the consent calendar are considered to be routine matters or are considered formal documents covering previous Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission instruction. The items listed on the consent calendar may be enacted by one motion and a second. There will be no separate discussion of the consent calendar items unless a member of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission or Town Staff requests discussion on specific consent calendar items at the beginning of the meeting. Public requests to comment on consent calendar items should be filed with the Commission Secretary before the consent calendar is called.

2. Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission Meeting Minutes November 13th, 2025
Recommendation:
Approve the PRCC Meeting Minutes of November 13th, 2025 as presented.

Department Reports

3. PRCC Park & Facility Naming - Revitalized Senior Center

Recommendation:

That the Commission conduct a review of the proposed facility names within the framework of the adopted Park & Facility Naming Policy and, if desired, make a recommendation to the Town Council regarding the renaming of the revitalized Yucca Valley Senior Center.

4. Spring/Summer 2026 Community Services Planned Programs

Recommendation:

That the Commission consider, provide direction and approve the Spring/Summer 2026 programs and events organized and conducted by the Community Services Department and direct staff to forward the recommendation to the Town Council.

5. Public Art Program – FY 2026-28 Planned Program Approval

Recommendation:

That the Commission provide direction as desired, approve the planned programs, and direct staff to forward the Public Art FY 26-28 program recommendation to the Town Council.

Future Agenda Items

Public Comments

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Commission takes this time to consider your comments on items of concern which are not on the agenda. When you are called to speak, please state your name and community of residence. Please limit your comments to 3 minutes or less. Inappropriate behavior which disrupts, disturbs, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting will result in forfeiture of your public comment privileges. The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Commission is prohibited by State law from taking action or discussing items not on the printed agenda.

Staff Reports and Comments

Commissioner Reports and Comments

Announcements

Upcoming Meeting Schedule: The next regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission will be held on Thursday, March 12th 2026 at 5:30 PM in the Yucca Valley Community Center.

Adjournment



Work Plan

Youth Commission
25/26



Senior Valentine's Dance

- Saturday, February 14, 2026
- YVCC
- The event is designed to provide a welcoming and festive social experience for local seniors, with Youth Commissioners supporting event planning and on-site activities to encourage intergenerational connection through an evening of dinner, live music, and dancing.



KidZone at the Health Fair

- Saturday, May 2, 2026
- YVCC
- The KidZone will feature an inflatable playland, hands-on crafts, and a food truck, creating a family-friendly space that allows children to participate in active recreation while parents and caregivers engage with health resources offered at the fair.



Middle School Forum

- April 2026
- La Contenta Middle School
- These forums will provide an opportunity to explain how the Commission benefits Yucca Valley through events, programs, and volunteerism, while also encouraging student participation and awareness of civic engagement opportunities available to youth... plus, fun games, camaraderie, and prizes.



Food Donation

The Town of Yucca Valley's Youth Commission is calling on community members to support local families in need by donating non-perishable food items and dry goods to benefit children and families affected by domestic violence. All donations will be given to Unity Home, a local nonprofit organization dedicated to providing shelter, advocacy, and support to survivors of domestic violence.

Town of Yucca Valley Youth Commission

**DONATIONS BENEFIT YOUTH
AND FAMILIES AFFECTED BY
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**



The Youth Commission is hosting a food drive to collect essential items for local families and individuals affected by domestic violence. Donations will be made to and distributed by the Unity Home.

What We're Looking For:	Where to Donate
• Canned and boxed food items • Non-perishable snacks, cereals, and grains	Drop-off Locations Town of Yucca Valley: • Community Center • Senior Center Learn more at www.yucca-valley.org/youthcommission

Thank You!



**Town of Yucca Valley
Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Commission Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2025**

Opening Ceremonies

Call to Order

Roll Call

Present: Matt Rauch, Charlotte Burns, Kim Monnie, Megan Ripley

Absent: Jeff Brady

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Commissioner Burns

Presentation

PRC Commission Secretary presented the Oath of Office to Kim Monnie.

Approval of Agenda

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Motion:

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Result: (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)

Mover: Commissioner Charlotte Burns

Second: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commissioner Kim Monnie

Ayes: Matt Rauch, Charlotte Burns, Kim Monnie, Megan Ripley

No Public Comment

1. 2025-26 Youth Commission Resignations

2. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission Meeting Minutes of September 10th, 2025

Department Reports

3. Public Art – Wall Mural Permit Application Review, (M) 02-25

Sue Earnest, Community Services Manager, presented the staff report. This item has been passed down by the Planning Commission since it refers to a private mural on private property. The PRCC needs to review and approve the proposed mural content, design and artist qualifications as required by the Town of Yucca Valley Mural Policy. After PRCC approval, it will go to the Town Council for final approval. The proposed mural by the Joshua Tree National Park Association can be seen in the full packet agenda. Sue Earnest explained the Town Mural Policy and let the PRC Commission know that the mural is in compliance with the policy.

No Public Comment

Commissioners Comments/Questions:

Commissioner Burns- I love it, it is beautiful. The design goes with the other murals we have around the area.

Commissioner Ripley- What do we consider artist qualifications? What are we looking for in an artist's designation to justify their potential work? Also, does the commission determine who is qualified or does the applicant have to do that?

Sue Earnest responded we are looking for a qualified background so we don't have murals in town that are not using the proper materials. They should have an art background so they have a cohesive design. The property owner is required to provide an extensive background on their muralist.

Commissioner Ripley- She has an extensive mural experience.

Commissioner Monnie- It is consistent with the parameters that the Town has. I like the image and fully support it.

Vice Chair Rauch- I agree with all the commissioners comments. It is beautiful and follows the guidelines as stated in the mural policy.

Motion:

The Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission reviewed and approved the proposed mural content, design, and artist qualifications as required by the Town Mural Program Policy for Wall Mural Permit (M) 02-25, an application to install murals on the façade of the commercial structure located at 55922 Twentynine Palms Highway, based upon the information contained within the staff report, and direct staff to forward the recommendation to the Town Council.

Result: (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)

Mover: Commissioner Matt Rauch

Second: Commissioner Charlotte Burns

Ayes: Matt Rauch, Charlotte Burns, Kim Monnie, Megan Ripley

4. Public Art – Wall Mural Permit Application Review, (M) 03-25

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No Public Comment

Commissioners Comments/Questions:

Commissioner Burns- I have seen this mural before, I did not realize who the artist was, so that is awesome. I am excited about it and I believe it should not be painted over. It gives an ode to our history and it has great detail.

Commissioner Ripley- Does the store have any information on the history of the building and mural? Looking at the mural I would not know that it is across from the original Harley Davidson store.

Sue Earnest responded that the application does not specify a plaque or other material that mentions the history of that area. They are also not required to.

Commissioner Monnie- Is the building intended to be a gallery? I concur with everyone's comments. I enjoy the mural and have no problem with it.

Sue Earnest responded that we do not know what the building will be used for.

Vice Chair Rauch- I love the color contrast and the nod to history of the building. It is tasteful and in theme with the colors of the area. Did the Planning Commission have any issues with the size of the mural?

Sue Earnest responded that the Planning Commission did not have any concerns with the mural.

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Result: (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)

Mover: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commissioner Kim Monnie

Seconded: Commissioner Megan Ripley

Ayes: Matt Rauch, Charlotte Burns, Kim Monnie, Megan Ripley

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5. 2025-26 Military Banner Recognition Program Selection

Clayton Rardon, Recreation Supervisor, presented the staff report. This item is for the 2026 calendar year. The banners will be installed in January and taken off the following January. A total of 23 applicants. The recommendation is to approve 12 applicants that are on active duty since the policy points out that they are a priority. The PRCC has the option of approving the remaining 11 applicants. This item was developed after the request from Andrea Staehle, a former PRC Commissioner. All banner applications and the banner mock-up can be viewed in the staff report.

No Public Comment

Commissioners Comments/Questions:

Commissioner Ripley- How will they be displayed? Will some be displayed at Founders Plaza?

Clayton Rardon- The banners will be put up on light posts on town-owned property. Sue Earnest, Community Services Manager, added that it will be unlikely that Founders Plaza will be used for these banners, but we have other park locations that these banners can be displayed.

Commissioner Ripley- I understand how they will be displayed. I have seen it in other cities and they are very impactful. I would like to see more banners in certain areas to have more focus on those banners and the people on them.

Commissioner Burns- I know we have a \$50 application fee. Down the road I would like to see a scholarship program in case someone is interested and are not able to afford that.

Clayton Rardon responded that we have done some research on corporate sponsorship. Once all the hardware goes up the services would be cheaper as well.

Vice Chair Rauch- Making it as visible as possible would be great. We had a great turn out. I would love to say yes to all the qualified applicants.

Commissioner Ripley- Are we able to put up other banners on HWY 62 to promote events?

Clayton Rardon responded that HWY 62 is under CalTrans, we would need their approval.

Sue Earnest- We have a new deputy Town Manager, Frank Luckino, and he is looking into utilizing more banner programs.

Motion- Approve the 12 applications as well as the remaining 11 applicants for the Military Banner Program. PRCC also approved the timeline of the banners for the 2026 calendar year.

Motion:

The Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission reviewed applications for the Military Banner Recognition Program and approved the following 3 recommendations for installation upon verification of eligibility:

1. As provided for in the policy, prioritize and select the 12 Active Duty applications for implementation;
2. If desired, approve the remaining 11 applications for installation at additional banner locations;
3. Authorize staff to proceed with banner fabrication and installation in January 2026 for a one-year display term

Result: (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)
Mover: Commissioner Megan Ripley
Second: Commissioner Matt Rauch
Ayes: Matt Rauch, Charlotte Burns, Kim Monnie, Megan Ripley

6. Park & Facility Naming – Senior Center

Sue Earnest, Community Services Manager, presented the staff report. The PRCC is recommended to approve the initiation of the naming process for the Yucca Valley Senior Center. In the past we have used this process to name the Founders Plaza. The naming process went smoothly, and we are looking to use that same process for the modernized senior center. The Facility Naming Policy was created in 2012. The policy can be viewed in the agenda packet. The Yucca Valley Senior Center is currently undergoing an extensive modernization, and now we have an opportunity to rename the building to reflect that modernization. This can also possibly attract younger adults and make the center more inclusive. The 30-day public naming submission period would start on November 17th and go through December 18th. It would go back to PRCC on January 8th.

Public Comment:

Frank- Yucca Valley Senior Center needs to be the name. It is well known, and I don't see a reason to change it.

Commissioners Comments/Questions:

Commissioner Monnie- When sending the application, does the public have the parameters of the policy? It would be good to have an outline for them.

Sue Earnest responded that we provide a summary of the policy to make it easier for people to understand. Depending on the direction of this evening, we will definitely let the public know about the parameters. We can provide an outline for the public.
Vice Chair Rauch- I want to reiterate that we don't want to change the purpose of the facility. It has been great to see the facility and services grow. It has been really fun to watch that place bloom. It would be good to see some reference to the theme, perhaps a ode to the local flora. It would connect to this community center since we have rooms here named after local flora.

Commissioner Ripley- Being someone that has gone to the Senior Center for non-senior services such as non-profit meetings, the center is for all different types of people, not just seniors. It may be more welcoming to have a more inclusive name for a space that all can take advantage of. Perhaps a name that is intergenerational. Would this open for the Youth Commission?

Sue Earnest- We don't have an age restriction for the application, so they can most definitely submit it if they would like to.

Vice Chair Brady- I like the idea of adding active adults to the name. We don't want to

change the primary function of the center but we want it to be more open since it can also be used for rentals. I am ready to move forward with this.

Motion:

That the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission approved the initiation of the official naming process for the modernized Yucca Valley Senior Center, in accordance with the Town of Yucca Valley Park & Facility Naming Policy.

Result: (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)

Mover: Commissioner Matt Rauch

Second: Commissioner Charlotte Burns

Ayes: Matt Rauch, Charlotte Burns, Kim Monnie, Megan Ripley

Future Agenda Items

Vice Chair Rauch- Timeline of the conversion from pickleball courts back to a tennis court at Jacobs. I want to make sure we keep our work to MBTA.

Public Comments

Jennifer Henry from Dance Mojave- I would like to thank you all for having our group Dance Mojave at your events. It means a lot to us and we look forward to being at more of your events. Karen Gladis is there and would like to give you a thank you card. Thank you again for the work you do and looking forward to working together in the future.

Karen Gladis from Dance Mojave- The kids were so happy that they were able to get costumes and perform. Thank you again!

Frank- Problem with the bathrooms by the softball field. We have the best senior center in the country. It is a great thing. They come from 29 palms and all over. I wouldn't change the name, but I am one person. The club seems to be able to get things done, we are grateful for that. I would like to see more lights on the softball field.

Staff Reports and Comments

Sue Earnest, Community Services Manager- The Film Festival was amazing. Wonderful work by the staff. We also have Celeste from the museum and Nena from the Senior Center that one some awards for Best of the Best.

Celeste Hilderbrand, Museum Supervisor- The Hi-Desert Nature Museum won 1st place for best family activity for the Best of the Best Awards. After several years at 2nd place, we finally won 1st place. We also had about 3,400 visitors for our last exhibit, Avis Marvelous. Our Spooktacular event was themed to fit our exhibit. We had two bird shows through out the event that totaled 1,000 visitors inter 4 hour time span. It was extremely popular.

Clayton Rardon, Recreation Supervisor- We put on the 7th Annual Film Festival. We got a lot of feedback from filmmakers that was positive. They liked that all the movies were able to be viewed in one place and also the quality of films. We had 100 filmmakers attend in person. The kick-off event at Founders Plaza went great. We were able to take note of things we would like

to see improved or added to make the space more rentable and to activate Old Town. The tree lighting will be held there on Dec. 3rd.

Commissioner Reports and Comments

Commissioner Burns- Are we getting the iPads soon? I got to attend the Film Festival and it was great.

Jessica Cuna responded that she will check in with Brooke to get a timeline.

Commissioner Ripley- I liked to see all the media that went out for the Film Festival and find the newsletters very informative.

Vice Chair Rauch- It is incredible to see where the Film Festival is now. Our staff is incredible, we see it and the community sees it. Welcome new commissioners, I am excited to have a full commission and thank you for your candor and insight.

Announcements

Adjournment

6:43pm

Town of Yucca Valley
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION STAFF
REPORT

To: Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission & Chair
From: Sue Earnest, Community Services Manager

Date: January 2, 2026
Meeting Date: January 8, 2026

Subject: Park & Facility Naming – Revitalized Senior Center

Recommendation:

That the Commission conduct a review of the proposed facility names within the framework of the adopted Park & Facility Naming Policy and, if desired, make a recommendation to the Town Council regarding the renaming of the revitalized Yucca Valley Senior Center.

Order of Procedure

- Request Staff Report
- Request Public
- Comment
- Commission Discussion/Questions of
- Staff Motion/Second
- Discussion on
- Motion Call the
- Question

Park & Facility Naming Policy

In 2012, prompted by the completion of the new Essig Park, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission worked with Town staff and finalized a policy for park/facility-naming that was subsequently approved by the Town Council on September 18, 2012. When creating the policy, the Commission reviewed guidelines used in other communities and compiled those elements that made sense for Yucca Valley. The Town Council approved the policy recommendation at their September 18, 2012 meeting and naming of all new Town parks are now subject to the criteria and procedures specified in the approved policy.

The policy specifies certain criteria for the selection of park/facility names: a) the location in the town; or the location within a subdivision tract; or the fronting on a street; or the presence of, or proximity to, a natural or geological feature; or the cultural or historical significance to the community.

Parks and recreation facilities may be named after a person, family or organization when: the person, family or organization has been primarily instrumental in obtaining or donating funds or land for the facility; or the person, family or organization has donated the land or funds to purchase the land, and desires to have the facility named in their honor; or a person has been deceased for more than two years and the Town Council believes the person's

contributions to the Town’s parks and recreation program were of such a value that the person’s memory should be honored by the naming of the facility.

Background

Founders Plaza was the latest facility to be named under the Park & Facility Naming Policy with the PRCC recommendation approved by the Town Council in May of 2025. The recommendation of the name was reached after a community outreach effort that garnered 77 unique name submissions submitted by 312 contributors, was reviewed by the Commission.

Essig Park was also named under the Park & Facility Naming Policy. It was named after local developer, Norm Essig.

Seven parks that are currently in the Town’s inventory were named while under the authority of San Bernardino County and managed by the Yucca Valley Parks and Recreation District. The district was dissolved shortly after the Town was incorporated, and the parks became the responsibility of the new local government. Two of the community’s parks have since been renamed since the Town incorporated. Hi-Desert Park was changed to Jacobs Park in honor of an early PRC commissioner who was instrumental in the development and upkeep of the facility. Triangle Park, on State Route 62, was re-named Remembrance Park following the 9-11 national tragedy. Other parks in the Town’s inventory are Paradise Park, Machris Park, North Park and South Park, as well as the park facility located at the Community Center. The athletic field adjacent to the Boys and Girls Club is privately owned but operated by the town under a lease agreement. The Little League Park and 13-acre Brehm Sports Park at Palm Avenue and Little League Drive are now part of the Town’s park system but have not been formally named.

Discussion

At its meeting of November 13, 2025, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission approved the opening of the official naming process for the modernized Yucca Valley Senior Center under the Town of Yucca Valley Park & Facility Naming Policy.

Schedule

November 13	PRCC approved facility naming process
November 20 - December 22	30-day park naming submission period
January 8, 2026	Return to PRCC with submissions for review/recommendation
January 20, 2026	Submit PRCC recommendation to Town Council (tentative)

The Town invited the community to submit name suggestions for the newly revitalized Senior Center, located within the Yucca Valley Community Center Complex. The Center has undergone a comprehensive modernization and remodeling effort, now nearing completion. Approved by the Town Council in 2024, the project represents a significant investment funded through Town resources, San Bernardino County ARPA funds, and Federal Community Development Block Grant funds. The total project budget is \$3,000,000. Construction began in February 2025 and is on track for completion with reopening planned for Q1 of 2026. Interior improvements include fully remodeled restrooms upgraded to ADA standards; a modernized lobby with new automatic doors, reception desk, and multipurpose classroom; improved

lighting and HVAC systems; updated office spaces; and an enhanced dining area. Exterior improvements feature new ADA-compliant sidewalks and a crosswalk connecting the center to Dumosa Senior Village, upgraded landscaping, new exterior paint, and the installation of fiber internet services.

Facility naming can honor people meaningful to the community or reflect the natural or geographic character of the Town. Historically, the Community Center Complex uses names inspired by local desert flora—such as the Mesquite, Joshua Tree, Cholla, and Ocotillo Rooms. While all ideas are welcome, the Commission expressed interest in names aligned with these conventions. They also emphasized the importance of inclusive suggestions that acknowledge the building’s primary purpose as a hub for senior programming while recognizing its broader use for weddings, memorials, banquets, and other special events. Examples from other communities included names such as “Grand Oaks Active Adult Center,” “Cooper Center for Active Adults” or “The Joslyn Center,” which reflect senior use while remaining welcoming to multigenerational activities. These preferences were noted in the outreach materials.

Key Considerations & Common Naming Approaches

Community Input: Involving the community in the naming process can help ensure the name focuses on connection and belonging and reflects the wide range of people and programs the center offers. The newly remodeled center will not only serve as the center of senior services in Yucca Valley but will expand the center’s capability to provide a premier gathering place for community celebrations such as banquets, wedding receptions and awards ceremonies. With a capacity of 180 guests and a recently updated certified kitchen, the center has long been a popular event venue for community gatherings and special events. The investment in beatification and improvement of the space will enhance the scope and enjoyment of senior programs as well as strengthen the center’s place as a lovely setting for the life events of residents. The goal is to create a name that stands out but also fosters a sense of connection and belonging within the community.

Reflecting Expanded Services and Offerings: Many centers have diversified their offerings beyond traditional services to include fitness offerings, technology labs, art classes, and intergenerational programs. A name change helps communicate this broader mission and scope of activities. Some names now incorporate modern themes like “Thrive” or “LIVE” to highlight updated services beyond traditional senior programming.

Attracting a wider audience: More inclusive names may be more appealing to a broader range of older adults, including the baby boomer generation. Modern trends aim to use more positive, active, and inclusive language to better reflect the vibrant and active lifestyles of contemporary older adults. Creating a welcoming atmosphere with a name like “Center for Active Living” can create a modern and inviting atmosphere, making it easier for all ages to join. Incorporating multigenerational activities such as social media lessons and recitals, can create a sense of togetherness and inclusivity. Communities can better serve their diverse populations and foster a sense of belonging and engagement among all ages.

Name-based: Centers are often named after a person, which can be meaningful to the community or can reflect natural or geographic characteristics of the Town. Historically, naming conventions at the Community Center Complex focus on the natural beauty of the area with the Community Center rooms named for local desert flora including the Mesquite Room, Joshua Tree Room, Cholla Room and Ocotillo Room.

The goal is to establish a name that stands out while creating a sense of community pride and inclusivity. Residents were invited to submit a suggested name for the revitalized Senior Center via a proposal form at Town Hall or the Community Services Office, complete the online application at the Town's website, or via the survey link or QR code.

The required 30-day period for collecting name proposals from the public ended on December 22, 2025.

Naming suggestions were received through:

- the official Park/Facilities Naming Proposal Form (online form).
- submission of an official Park/Facilities Naming Proposal Form (paper form).
- additional suggestions were received via other means/methods including personal correspondence via letter, email message, and one petition. These were not submitted through the official form submission process but are provided for consideration.

83 unique name submissions were received, submitted by over 250 contributors. A list of the suggested facility names is attached to this report. It should be noted that the policy does not indicate that number of submissions for a certain name (vote counting) should be a determining factor but rather that the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission is invited to review the proposed names and, in accordance with the adopted naming policy, requires "the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission shall review the proposals and will make a recommendation to the Town Council. Providing supportive information as appropriate to justify the recommendation including compliance with the naming criteria." The recommendation will be forwarded to the Town Council for a final decision at the earliest opportunity.

Alternatives: None recommended at this time.

PARK AND FACILITY NAMING POLICY
Adopted by the Town Council on September 18, 2012

Purpose

The Yucca Valley Town Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the community to employ a formal process for the naming of public parks and facilities. Therefore, the Town has established criteria and procedures to guide the selection of park names.

Policy

The naming or re-naming of parks, public buildings, and park amenities shall be in accordance with the criteria stated herein:

1. Public buildings shall be named by their function (i.e., Town Hall, Community Center).
2. Park amenities shall not be named; however, donors of amenities may be recognized as the Town Council sees fit.
3. Parks and recreation facilities may be named by
 - a. the location in the town (i.e., North Park, South Park); or
 - b. the location within a subdivision tract (i.e., Paradise Valley Park); or
 - c. the fronting on a street (i.e., Sunnyslope Park); or
 - d. the presence of, or proximity to, a natural or geological feature; or
 - e. the cultural or historical significance to the community (i.e., Remembrance Park).
4. Parks and recreation facilities may be named after a person, family or organization when:
 - a. The person, family or organization has been primarily instrumental in obtaining or donating funds or land for the facility; or
 - b. The person, family or organization has donated the land or funds to purchase the land, and desires to have the facility named in their honor (i.e., Machris Park); or
 - c. A person has been deceased for more than two years and the Town Council believes the person's contributions to the Town's parks and recreation program were of such a value that the person's memory should be honored by the naming of the facility (i.e., Jacobs Park).
5. Parks and public facilities may be named after a governmental fund or grant, if the circumstances are deemed appropriate by Town Council.

Procedure

With the development of a new park or at other times that the Town Council determines that the naming or re-naming of a park or public facility is a priority, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission shall be responsible to implement the following process:

1. Town staff shall provide notification by mail, e-mail, press release, website announcement and /or personal contact to the community and others who have participated in the development of the park. The notification will set a minimum of 30 days to submit proposals for the naming or re-

naming of the park.

2. Proposals for park names shall be submitted on the form provided by the Town and will include a narrative with rationale or justification supporting the proposed name. The proposal form shall be submitted to the Town Clerk within the stated time frame.
3. The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission shall review the proposals and will make a recommendation to the Town Council, providing supportive information as appropriate to justify the recommendation including compliance with the naming criteria.
4. The Town Council has the final authority to designate names for parks and other public facilities.

Park & Facility Naming - Revitalized Senior Center - Unique Name Submissions Worksheet

1	"Yucca Valley Life Center" or "LIFE CENTER"
2	A Place to Call Home
3	Alex Qishta Senior Center
4	Bible Study
5	Bingo Haven
6	Cactus Blossom Senior Center
7	Coyote Willow Social Center
8	Desert Bloom Center for Active Adults
9	Desert Bridges Senior Center
10	Desert Cactus Senior Center
11	Desert Cowboy Golden Oasis
12	Desert Cowboy Senior Oasis
13	Desert Dusk Senior Center
14	Desert Horizon
15	Desert Tortoise Senior Center
16	Desert Trails Senior Center
17	Desert Willow Center for Active Living
18	Desert Willow Multigenerational Center
19	Desert Willow Pavilion
20	Ever Bright Senior Center
21	Friendship Center
22	Golden Age Community Center
23	Golden Poppy Room
24	Happy Endings
25	Happy Valley

26	Hi Desert Activity Center
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29	Jerry Mackley and Willie Mae Mackley Senior Center
30	Kickback Manior
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32	Lonestar Senior Center
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36	Mara's Senior Center
37	Mara's Wish
38	McCullough Center
39	Mesquite Senior Center
40	MoneyPit
41	Old Fart Fun Zone
42	Older Place Our Place
43	Pioneers of the Desert
44	Pioneers of the Desert Senior Center
45	Prickly Pear Oasis
46	Robert Leone Senior Center
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49	Senior Friendship Center
50	Silver Yucca Spirit Center

51	The Brittlebrushes Center
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67	The Tortoise Center
68	The Yucca Valley Roadrunner Senior Center
69	The Yucca Valley Senior Oasis Center
70	Thrive Senior Center
71	Tortoise Crossing Senior Center
72	Warren's Wellness Center for Adults
73	We Don't Know What Seniors Need Center
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75	Wrinkle Ranch

76	Y.V. Senior Community Hub
77	Yucca Bloom Senior Center
78	Golden Horizons Senior Center,
79	Yucca Heritage Social Center
80	Yucca Valley Sunrise 🌅 Sunset Set Senior Center
81	Yucca Valley Commons
82	Yucca Valley Senior Center
83	Yucca Valley Wrinkle Ranch

PARK & FACILITY NAMING OUTREACH RESULTS - REVITALIZED SENIOR CENTER PROJECT (1/2/26)

1		OFFICIAL ONLINE SURVEY SUBMISSIONS	COMMENT	NAME	RESIDENCY
2	11/20/2025 13:58:41	Desert Bloom Center for Active Adults	Sounds Better for all users	Jessica Cuna	Yucca Valley
3	11/20/2025 14:44:24	Desert Willow Center for Active Living	Incorporates local flora with a broad use characterization	C. Hilderbrand	Yucca Valley
4	11/21/2025 15:13:56	Alex Qishta Senior Center	Alex doesn't physically have his name on any buildings yet, and I'm sure he'd be delighted.	Jared Jerome	Yucca Valley
5	11/21/2025 15:38:42	Mara's wish !!	Mara always thought of everyone except herself such a giving person who never wanted anyone be alone on Christmas. I thought we could honor her in some way.	Lourdes Elliott	Yucca Valley
6	11/21/2025 17:29:43	Mara's Senior Center or Mara senior center	I propose naming the new Senior Center Mara's Senior Center in honor of a woman who spent over 42 years serving Yucca Valley—especially ensuring no senior was ever hungry or alone on Christmas Day. Her dedication to elders reflects the heart of what this center represents: community, care, and dignity. This name continues her legacy and honors all grandparents and great-grandparents who built our town. Please & Thank you	Gigi Connell	Yucca Valley
7	11/21/2025 18:37:56	Willow Center for Active Adults	The other spaces in the community center complex are named after desert plants		
8	11/21/2025 19:04:42	"Yucca Valley Life Center" or "LIFE CENTER"	Specifically, what it's function is - honoring seniors and other uses of the complex - "LIFE CENTER" can refer to all the sorts of uses: events, seniors, weddings and a name community can easily refer to - its LIFE in the desert and a gathering place that speaks of its function - we come here for many life events, multigenerational and supporting community it LIFE.	Linda Chollar	Yucca Valley
9	11/21/2025 20:48:55	Mara Senior Center.	For her years of helping signals	Daniel Loomis	Yucca Valley
10	11/21/2025 22:13:01	Mara's Wish	Mara wanted everyone to gather and not be alone	Lourdes Elliott	Yucca Valley
11	11/22/2025 9:58:41	The Meeting House	Good place to meet people.	Angela Leggett	Yucca Valley
12	11/24/2025 8:06:47	The Sage Center in Yucca Valley	"Sage" has the double meanings of a person profoundly wise and judicious, often through age & experience; and one of two North American bushy plants with silvery-gray leaves. (I am a Town employee who lives in Palm Springs, which may disqualify me from making a suggestion.)	Douglas Lothes	Yucca Valley
13	11/25/2025 6:40:53	Mara's senior center	Mara did more for the people of Morongo basin than anyone personal or group! She deserves to be honored in this way.	Neal Dickinson	Glendale, AZ
14	11/26/2025 11:50:28	Alex Qishta Senior Center	Mr. Qishta's commitment to the Senior Center has been outstanding. His devotion has been unmatched by any other individual. His skills in grant funding for the Senior Center and being awarded further emphasis this commitment and drive for the success of the Senior Center.	Janet Yochmowitz	Twentynine Palms
15	11/26/2025 12:18:23	Yucca Valley Sunrise ☀️ Sunset Set Senior Center	Get up and go do something at all ages.	Louise Anne Baker	Yucca Valley
16	11/26/2025 14:47:18	"Alex Qishta Senior Center".	He cares a lot about the senior.	Sandy	Yucca Valley
17	11/28/2025 10:51:10	The Tortoise Center	For slow moving adults	Elizabeth	Joshua Tree
18	11/28/2025 14:37:48	Robert Leone Senior Center	Bob deserves to be honored by us.	Kenneth Nyquist Sr.	Yucca Valley
19	11/29/2025 8:10:31	The OMNI in Yucca Valley	Multi-use facility that includes ALL Morongo Basin residents to engage in High Desert events.	Cheryl Schriefer	Yucca Valley
20	12/7/2025 19:36:05	Mara Cantelo	Friend	Sandy Dunn	Yucca Valley
21	12/8/2025 7:34:53	Mara Cantelo	Acts of kindness	Jennifer Martinez	Yucca Valley
22	12/8/2025 9:56:19	Mara's Senior center	She served that town for 42 years spending every penny, she had. Tomorrow went hungry, so that other people could eat many many times. To list everything she did for the people at no cost to anyone, but herself would take years.	Neal Dickinson	Glendale, AZ
23	12/9/2025 14:03:20	Warren's Wellness Center for Adults	Warren's Well is the original name of Yucca Valley - and this center will be a place that fosters wellness.	Lara Bennett	Yucca Valley
24	12/9/2025 14:24:27	Golden Poppy Room	Positive name for older generation that signifies respect to our state flower and native flora.	Heather Quintana	Yucca Valley

25	12/9/2025 14:42:44	Seasoned Soul Center	What seniors are.	Mark Austin	Yucca Valley
26	12/9/2025 15:17:49	Desert Tortoise Senior Center	Because they are slow	Ruieta	Yucca Valley
27	12/9/2025 17:10:09	The Golden Years Center	It's fitting	Rafaela Gabbard	Morongo Valley
28	12/9/2025 20:16:59	Prickly Pear Oasis	Prickly pear due to its resilience and longevity, and oasis, as a place of rest and renewal.	Janene Sands	Yucca Valley
29	12/10/2025 0:21:11	The Sage and Sun Center	The Sage & Sun Center highlights the strengths of our desert community by pairing native flora symbolizing resilience and wisdom with the sun's warmth and vitality. The name reflects the spirit of the Morongo Basin and emphasizes the Center as an inviting place for seniors and the community to connect, thrive, and celebrate life.	Natalie Guzy	Landers
30	12/10/2025 13:40:00	Mara's Senior Center	I am writing to respectfully propose the naming of our senior center in honor of a remarkable woman whose legacy continues to touch the hearts of many in our community—Mara Cantillo. For many years, Mara selflessly spearheaded the TLC – Tender Loving Christmas initiative, a program that brought warmth, nourishment, and togetherness to countless individuals and families during the holiday season. Her unwavering dedication, compassion, and commitment to serving others made TLC more than just an annual event—it became a symbol of love, generosity, and community spirit. Mara gave her time, her efforts, and her heart to ensure that no one felt forgotten during Christmas. Her leadership and kindness uplifted our community year after year, and even after her passing, the impact of her work remains deeply felt. Naming the senior center after Mara Cantillo would be a meaningful way to honor her legacy and to remind future generations of the power of service, compassion, and unity. We believe that Mara Cantillo Senior Center (or The Cantillo Center for Community & Care) would serve as a lasting tribute to a woman whose life embodied exactly what a community center should represent—love, connection, and care for others. Thank you for considering this proposal.	Elena Paulino	Yucca Valley
31	12/10/2025 14:37:52	Golden Age Community Center	Golden sounds better than Senior	Mark Stoker	Yucca Valley
32	12/10/2025 18:13:56	Mara Cantelou Senior Center	As a senior she did SO MUCH for our community! And she always did alot for other seniors in assisted living facilities by making sure they all received Christmas gifts including handmade lap blankets.	Jouise Black	Twentynine Palms
33	12/10/2025 21:54:42	Anything that honors Mara	She did more for our community than any other private person has done. Not just for our senior citizens, but people of all ages, from little children to middle aged, as well as Senior. My dad, William Swinnerton, AKA Santa Claus, my Elf kids and myself volunteered for many years and saw the joy and happiness she brought to each and everyone. She did it for the love for us, not for fame, not for media attention, but for one thing..... LOVE. Let's honor her and her legacy by naming it after HER.	Christina Mills	Joshua Tree
34	12/11/2025 1:19:39	DESERT COWBOY GOLDEN OASIS	FITS WITH YUCCA VALLEY/PIONEERTOWN THEME AND FROM THE OLD DESERT COWBOY MAGAZINE FROM THE 90'S HERE IN YUCCA	sissy smith	Yucca Valley
35	12/11/2025 1:22:43	DESERT COWBOY SENIOR OASIS	WESTERN HISTORY AND THE DESERT COWBOY MAGAZINE FROM THE 90'S HERE IN YUCCA. OASIS FOR THE UPGRADED FACILITY IS MORE FITTING THAN THE WORD CENTER.	sissy smith	Yucca Valley
36	12/11/2025 4:47:57	Mara	Mara	Robyn Talian	Joshua Tree

37	12/11/2025 6:25:34	Desert Willow Pavilion	Desert Willow Pavilion. "Desert Willow" aligns with Town of Yucca Valley current practice of naming Community Center additions or rooms after hi desert flora or fauna, while "Pavilion" suggests inclusive event center available for all ages and activities. Pavilion definition: "may be a subsidiary building that is either positioned separately or as an attachment to a main building...A pavilion is a light, often decorative building for shelter or events...but can also mean a separate building in a larger complex...One of several distinct buildings forming a larger institution, like a hospital or university campus." (Retrieved 12/11/25 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pavilion) (Retrieved 12/11/25 https://www.google.com/search?q=pavilion+definition&rlz=1C5CHFA_enUS705US705&oeq=pavilion&aqs=chrome.469i57j46i175i199i512j0i402i512j46i175i199i512j0i433i512j46i175i199i512i664i665j0i512j46i175i199i512j46i175i199i512i654j0i512.5058j0j15&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8).	Scot McKone	Yucca Valley
38	12/11/2025 15:22:42	Silver Yucca Spirit Center	Silver Yucca plant. Seniors often silver. Spirit for uplifting and not just for seniors.	Cher Contopulos	Yucca Valley
39	12/12/2025 8:53:19	Mara Senior Center	My name is Richard Connell. I witnessed firsthand how Mara dedicated her life to serving our community. Her compassion and commitment to helping others—especially seniors—left a lasting impact on all of us who volunteered alongside her. During Christmas, I helped deliver meals to seniors living alone in remote areas of Landers who lacked transportation to attend community gatherings. I also volunteered as a security guard during the Christmas buffet at the community center, where seeing seniors come together—sharing food, music, and companionship—reflected the very togetherness Mara worked so hard to create. My wife and I have volunteered in this community for over 12 years. Naming the senior center in Mara’s honor would preserve her legacy of service and ensure her spirit of care, dignity, and inclusion continues to guide how we support our seniors. Thank you	Richard Connell	Yucca Valley
40	12/12/2025 9:39:42	Mara Cantelo	The Ultimate Community Service Volunteer	Dr Chuck Greenwood	Morongo Valley
41	12/12/2025 9:56:52	Mara Cantelo founder of Tender Loving Christmas	Mara spent her life serving those less fortunate. Mara celebrated every Christmas Day for many years providing meals to those who had no means to celebrate. She provided toys for children, a meal for homeless. On the day of celebration Mara’s prepared food for nearly 1500 individuals with a quality meal. She made sure every child received at least 4 gifts, she always has volunteers exceeding 200 . All the excess foods were distributed to food banks. Mara was born and raised in the MORONGO Basin .She passed away September 11, 2017.	Paul Hoffman	Yucca Valley
42	12/12/2025 20:51:55	Tortoise Crossing Senior Center	Signage already in the area. Slow down to witness some WINNING people.	Rhonda Burchell	Yucca Valley
43	12/12/2025 20:59:35	Yucca Bloom Senior Center	Native yucca blooms locally. Maturity.	Rhonda Burchell	Yucca Valley
44	12/13/2025 13:01:02	Pioneers of the Desert	Seniors have gone before us and established this area	Stacey Nounnan	Yucca Valley
45	12/13/2025 13:04:24	Thrive Senior Center	A place of well being and community	Stacey Nounnan	Yucca Valley
46	12/14/2025 13:40:32	Desert Trails Senior Center	Keeps desert theme sounds warm inviting and some life still left	Sam Cucciniello	Yucca Valley
47	12/17/2025 6:04:53	Limelight Senior Center	To be loved and noticed for all they've done for others. Seniors will be the limelight of the center.	Ventura R Torres	Yucca Valley
48	12/17/2025 10:44:08	Coyote Willow Social Center	Coyote Willow is a native desert plant known for its flexibility, strength, and long lifespan, which aligns well with the spirit of active aging in Yucca Valley. “Social Center” emphasizes the building’s role as both a senior hub and a venue for multigenerational gatherings, weddings, celebrations, and community events. This name reflects local ecology, supports inclusivity, and blends naturally with existing Community Center flora-themed rooms.	Craig Streaman	Yucca Valley

49	12/17/2025 10:47:16	Yucca Heritage Social Center	This name honors Yucca Valley's long history as a gathering place while emphasizing continuity between generations. "Heritage" connects to the cultural role of seniors and their contributions to community life. "Social Center" signals that the building welcomes a wide range of events and activities, not only senior-specific programming.	Craig Streaman	Yucca Valley
50	12/18/2025 9:54:37	Yucca Bloom Senior Center, Golden Horizons Senior Center, Cactus Blossom Senior Center	The senior center represents the hub for our older adults to socialize and form much needed community gathering and interactions. The staff, community members and community based organizations all contribute to the success and enjoyment of the center.	Breanna Parker	Yucca Valley
51	12/18/2025 9:56:33	High Desert Heritage Active Adult Center	High Desert- Our unique and beautiful locale. Heritage = cherishing values, stories, cultural practices to be passed on to future generations. Honoring our seniors	Lana Kieser-Jazo	Morongo Valley
52	12/18/2025 11:54:42	The Center for Aged Sages	We are still able to contribute to society.	Sherrie Cassel	Yucca Valley
53	12/18/2025 13:45:00	The Yucca Valley Senior Oasis Center	Positioning the center as a refreshing and vital resource for the town's seniors.	Chris Ann Kallgren	Yucca Valley
54	12/18/2025 18:22:28	Desert Dusk Senior Center	The beauty of the layered sunsets over the mountains and joshua trees, only here in the valley. the sun sets on the past and rises with new possibility and life.	ocean v	Morongo Valley
55	12/20/2025 7:51:06	Mesquite Senior Center	It's appropriate	Carmen Petrus	Yucca Valley
56	12/24/2025 23:17:50	Desert Willow Multigenerational Center	the rooms in the Community Center all have plant names	J.C.	Yucca Valley
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58		OFFICIAL PAPER SURVEY SUBMISSIONS (in packet)	COMMENT	NAME	RESIDENCY
59	12/15/2025	Robert Leone Senior Center	Leader of the community. I believe he was a three time Mayor of Yucca Valley with years of service to the community.	James Petersen	Yucca Valley
60	not provided	Kickback Manior		Timothy Roy	Joshua Tree
61	12/10/2025	Incomplete		Marie Mathis	Joshua Tree
62	12/22/2025	The Purpose Center	See paper submission - People see this scene and think its peaceful. A cozy lounge for seniors. Elderly people resting. A TV on the wall. Music playing from somewhere. Look again. These aren't people resting. They're waiting. They're waiting because nothing is happening. In some cases, they are simply waiting to die. No Purpose. No stimulation. The woman sleeping ran her own business. The man staring into space trained apprentices for thirty years. Another raised a family through sheer willpower and determination. They all lived lives of activity, contribution, mistakes, joy, chaos, and meaning. Now they sit in silence, lined up against the wall like furniture. Whether sitting at home or sitting in a care facility doing nothing, people need purpose. I am not convinced that we need to change the name of the Yucca Valley Senior Center. However, if a change is made, I propose the name "The Purpose Center" . The YV Senior Center provides engagement, stimulation, volunteer opportunities, health enrichment, and more. Aging adults can rediscover purpose in their lives, boosting mental. emotional, and physical health by encouraging hobbies, volunteering , learning and mentoring. It validates their wisdom, fosters independence, counters isolation, and promotes overall well-being. Bottom line: we provide purpose in the lives of our aging population in Yucca Valley and the surrounding Morongo Basin communities. Human beings don't stop needing purpose because they grow old, can no longer drive, lose a spouse, or have family living far away. Purpose is the last thing we should ever take from someone. That is exactly what the Yucca Valley Senior Center gives our community: a renewed sense of purpose I later life. One small example: A woman recently came into the Senior Center looking for something to do with her time and an opportunity to meet new people. She retired from her job in Las Vegas and moved to Yucca Valley to help raise her grandchildren. Now that they no longer need her care, she told us she feels a strong need for a new purpose. Purpose looks different for everyone, but the Yucca Valley Senior Center is a powerful place to begin.	Nena McCullough	Yucca Valley
63	12/10/2025	Yucca Valley Senior Center	Keep the name the same	Les Blevins	Yucca Valley

64	12/10/2025	Yucca Valley Senior Center	Keep the name the same	S. Przybocki	Yucca Valley
65	12/10/2025	Yucca Valley Senior Center	Keep the name the same - Why change?	Juliane Barber	Yucca Valley
66	12/10/2025	Yucca Valley Senior Center	Keep the name the same	Martin Feeney	Yucca Valley
67	12/10/2025	Yucca Valley Senior Center	Keep the same name.	Nancy Adams	Pioneertown
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69	12/10/2025	Yucca Valley Senior Center Yucca Valley Senior Center	Yucca Valley Senior Center is ok. This many years, Keep that. Please keep the thrift store open. Its in Yucca and its for seniors. Mara's name should be for community center. Mara did a lot there including Tender Loving Christmas. Any other name would imply for everyone. Please keep the thrift store open for seniors, its so helpful.	Susan Yiu Merry Brady	Yucca Valley Johnson Valley
70	12/10/2025	Yucca Valley Senior Center	Change Yucca community room to Mara's because she had Tender Loving Xmas there. Put in a plaque what she did in there. Senior Center leave it alone no will know its for seniors if you put some off the wall name! Keep the Thrift store.	Judy Allel	Yucca Valley
71	12/10/2025	Yucca Valley Senior Center	Don't change	Linda Whittemore	Yucca Valley
72	not provided	Yucca Valley Senior Center	Don't change	Gilmore Meza	Yucca Valley
73	12/10/2025	Yucca Valley Senior Center	Keep the name the same. Please let us keep the thrift shop. We really need the Thrift Shop.	Anita Cloe	not provided
74	not provided	Yucca Valley Senior Center	Keep name, don't change it. Keep thrift store.	Viola Blevins	Yucca Valley
75	12/10/2025	Yucca Valley Senior Center	No need to change it. Save the thrift store.	Shawn Sayre	Yucca Valley
76	not provided	Yucca Valley Senior Center	Don't change name. Keep our thrift store. Lot seniors need it.	Sigrid Robie	Not provided
77	12/3/2025	Older Place Our Place	The word senior is outdated. Older is much more gentle and full of promise.	Liz Orxell	Yucca Valley
78		Yucca Valley Senior Center	Change Yucca room to Mara (from Tender Loving Christmas). She held many of her events in there every year. In there you can put her name above the door and have a plaque of that she did inside.	Theresa Pittman	Yucca Valley
79	11/24/2025	McCullough Center	Unwavering commitment to the Senior Center, complete and total transformation to the center's amenities and culture.	Jeremy Francis	Yucca Valley
80	11/24/2025 12/22/2025	Jerry Mackley and Willie Mae Mackley Golden Senior Center	See paper submission. Jerry Mackley was instrumental in the development of our community. Jerry moved family here 1970 was part of orig development of Boys & Girls Club of the Hi-Desert, Copper Mtn College. He was on County Board of Supervisors when he passed Xmas day 1993. Willie Mae catered hundreds of events for community, many of those events were at Senior Center. Jerry died Xmas day, busiest time of year catering, Willie Mae handled all commitments despite losing her lifelong partner. Willie commitment to the community mirrored her commitment to her family. Jerry was active in Pelican Club he fed them at all local events.	Walter Mackley	Yucca Valley
81	not provided	Jerry Mackley and Willie Mae Mackley Senior Center	To whom it may concern, please accept my nomination for naming the senior center The Jerry Mackley and Willie Mae Mackley Senior Center. The Mackley's were early residents of Yucca Valley. They were local business owners and generous contributors to the community, especially Boys and Girls Club and Copper Mountain College. They did this for decades.	Ignazio Ficara	Yucca Valley
82	not provided	Jerry Mackley and Willie Mae Mackley Golden Senior Center	To whom it may concern, I knew Jerry and Willy since 1974 when I was stationed at 29 Palms. The Mackley's were very active and very well known in the community. They were active in the establishment of Copper Mountain College and the Boys and Girls Club. Politically they were involved in establishing Yucca Valley as a city and in connecting with the county through personal connections with the supervisors and the Pelicans Club. They owned and operated several businesses in the community throughout the years and Jerry's restaurant and lounge was a landmark known for its excellence throughout the Southern California region. Anyone 40 years of older will remember the Friday night prime rib special served by Jerry and Willy and their family and the time everyone spent sharing food, fun and conversation. The Mackley's were instrumental in everything from cityhood to youth sports. It isn't much of an exaggeration to say everyone from 29 Palms to Morongo Valley know of them and were friends of the Mackley's. They were and are truly a part of our history and it would be an honor to have name on a city building.	George & Kitty Martin	not provided

84	OTHER SURVEY SUBMISSIONS		COMMENT	NAME	RESIDENCY
85			Unofficial - received via alternative communication.		
86	11/25/2025	Email	Yucca Valley Senior Center	Andy Brown	Yucca Valley
87	12/9/2025	Email	The Connections Center	Dori Abel	Yucca Valley
88	12/19/2025	Email	Yucca Valley Commons	Stef Howard	not provided
89	12/18/2025	Email	The Gathering Place	Marjorie Smith	not provided
90		Petition	Yucca Valley Senior Center	Multiple Signers	not provided
91		Social Media Post	Bingo Haven	Sandy Smith	not provided
92		Social Media Post	Friendship Center	Melanie Townsend	not provided
93		Social Media Post	Desert Horizon		
94		Social Media Post	Off Fart Fun Zone	Candy Moulton Elder	not provided
95		Social Media Post	Yucca Valley Senior Center	Theresa Pittman	not provided
96		Social Media Post	Yucca Valley Wrinkle Ranch	Brad Morgan-Klopman	not provided
97		Social Media Post	Wrinkle Ranch	David Johnson	not provided
98		Social Media Post	Desert Tortoise Senior Center	Ruieta Dasilva	not provided
99		Social Media Post	The Brittlebrushes Center	Ruieta Dasilva	not provided
100		Social Media Post	Ever Bright Senior Center	Sully Sherri	not provided
101		Social Media Post	Loving Life	Brad Talbert	not provided
102		Social Media Post	Hi Desert Activity Center	Vicki Chamberlain Parso	not provided
103		Social Media Post	Happy Endings	Donna Stephenson	not provided
104		Social Media Post	Lonestar Senior Center	Doreen Belan Gann	not provided
105		Social Media Post	The Place	Linda Lethin	not provided
106		Social Media Post	MoneyPit	David Hanna	not provided
107		Social Media Post	Y.V. Senior Community Hub	Tina Youngins	not provided
108		Social Media Post	The Golden Poppy	Heather Marie	not provided
109		Social Media Post	Happy Valley	June Andersen	not provided
110		Social Media Post	We Don't Know What Seniors Need Center	Brett Svegan	not provided
111		Social Media Post	Desert Bridges Senior Center	Wendy Craig	not provided
112		Social Media Post	Senior Day Care and Dispensary Center	Jacobe Myers	not provided
113		Social Media Post	The Last Tooth	Rick Remmers	not provided
114		Social Media Post	The Green Mile	Rick Remmers	not provided
115		Social Media Post	Senior Friendship Center	Linda Root	not provided
116		Social Media Post	Desert Cactus Senior Center	Ria Duran Burr	not provided
117		Social Media Post	Mara Senior Center	Mara's Legancy	not provided
			Gigi and Richard Connell, Neal Dickerson, Chuck Greenwood, Sandy Dunn, Paul Hoffman, Christine Mills, Jenn M., Jack Dick		
118		Social Media Post	The Yucca Valley Roadrunner Senior Center	Candy King-Drake	not provided
119		Social Media Post	The Evelyn Conklin Senior Center	Stephanie Varga	not provided
120		Social Media Post	The Comfort Zone	Gary Lansdale	not provided
121		Social Media Post	A Place to Call Home	Sonja Weaver	not provided
122		Social Media Post	Yucca Valley Senior Center	Suzi Sequoia	not provided
123		Social Media Post	Thrive Senior Center	Stacey Nounnan	not provided
124		Social Media Post	Pioneers of the Desert Senior Center	Stacey Nounnan	not provided
125		Social Media Post	Bible Study	Allyson Dominguez	not provided
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127	SUBMISSIONS AFTER CLOSURE		COMMENT	NAME	RESIDENCY
128			Received after submission period closed		

129	Rec 1/5/2026	Official Paper Submission	Jerry and Willie Mae Mackley Senior Center	To Whom it May Concen: We would like to nominate naming the SC the Jerry and Willie May Senior Center. We worked with Jerry and Willie through the community for years. They were committed to the Town and its people. Whether it be for the Boys & Girls Club, CMC, Pelicans, Senior Center, feeding homeless, catering hundreds of events, they were dedicated to the prosperity of Yucca Valley. Their love and generosity to anyone in need was endless. We proudly nominate the naming of the Senior Center in the memory of Jerry and Willie Mae Mackley.	Kem& Cathalee Moyle	Palm Desert
130	Rec 1/5/2026	Email copy	Jerry and Willie Mae Mackley Senior Center	I am pleased to place into nomination, the names of Jerry and Willie Mae Mackey. In my position, working as County Supervisor, I had many times that I would interact with Jerry and Willie. I can't think of two people who were more active in so many and varied parts of the community from youth to seniors. I don't think no was in Jerry's vocabualry. Because he was so active, his name still comes up in conversations and we will miss Jerry's Lounge and Jerry's Catering and Jerry's name on the back of sports shirts. We miss his kindness, his involvement, and his huge heart for this commuuity. I believe with all my heart that the people in this community, especially the old timers, would be delighted to see the Mackley name on our senior center.	Donna Munoz	not provided
131	Rec 1/5/2026	Letter	Jerry and Willie Mae Mackley Senior Center	I am taking this opportunity to nominate Jerry and Willie Mae Mackley to be honored in the naming of the new Senior Center. This exceptional couple considered it an honor to donate to and care for their community. Over and above working at their restaurant and catering business (raising a large family) they continually contributed food to anyone (homeless or not) who was hungry or in need. Every organization in town benefited from the Mackley generosity at one time or another. This selfless couple (and their family) working, contrbuting and donating to entitites including Town of Yucca Valley activities, CMC, Boys & Girls Club, Pelicans, Senior Center, Churches, Homelss community and the Way Station. Please, as you consider naming the center remember Jerry and Willie Mae Mackley for their generous and giving hearts and love of the community.	Jan Ingersoll	not provided
132	Rec 1/5/2026	Letter	Jerry and Willie Mae Mackley Senior Center	My name is Larinda Brown, great-grandaughter of Helen Grey by marriage. Helen dedicated decades to volunteering for the Hi-Desert Medical Center and Joshua Tree thirft shop. My grandparents, Ralph and Kathy Davis, homesteaded in JT and contributed to the community, including attending the groundbreaking for CMC. Their stories are countless, but I will share just a few highlights My parents, Eugene and Yvonne Meiners, met at the Bull n Spear Restaurant. a local dinner and music spot. Eugene, a former marine, worked as a bartender there and became friends with Jerry Mackley, who supported Eugene during his transition to civilian life. Jerry and Willie Mackley even catered my parents wedding and a gift. My mother, Yvonne Meiners, was the first president of the Boys & Girls Club. Together with Eugene, who also served on the board, they led numerous fundraisers, including one of the largest bingo events in the Hi-Desert, held at the YV Senior Center. In the mid-80's, after my mother was injured, our family faced significant challenges. During this time, Jerry and Willie Mackley provided invaluable support. Jerry assured my father would work available shifts, and found opportunities for me to work other events and catering jobs. He allowed us to borrow vehicles without hesitation. They treated us like family, as they did with many others. Their generosity and commitment have made a lasting impact not only on me but the whole Hi-Desert. Honoring the Mackley family by adding thier name to the Yucca Valley Senior Community Senior Citizens building would recognize not only their contributions but also the positive influence they have had on countless families. Inviting those they helped to share their memories would further celebrate the legacy of one of the most outstanding families in YV and JT.	Larinda Brown	Seligman, AZ

133	Rec 1/5/26	Letter	Willie Mae and Jerry Mackley Senior Center	I am thrilled to discover the Town is seeking nominations to name the YV Senior Center. My mother and I are beyond ecstatic for you to consider Willie Mae and Jerry Mackley for this historical honor. Our relationship with the Mackley family goes back to the 70's when Mr. and Mrs. Mackley opened the Bull & Spear in JT. Mr and Mrs. Mackley were stellar citizens of YV for decades, owning and operating mutiple businesses in JT and YV including the very famous Jerry's Lounge. Mrs. Mackley owned and oerated a catering business, back then any business or organization needed catering you would call Willie Mackley. Mr and Mrs Mackley ere very involded in the community of YV and expecially the youth of the MB, any school sporting event would have Jerry's Deli and later Jerry's Lounge on the back of their uniforms. My family has been fortunate to have known the Mackleys. It was their generation that made YV what it is today. Jerry and Willie Mae helped to build the foundation for YV, setting a strong precedence of giving back to the community. It is with great enthusiasm that my family encourages you to stongly consider naming the YV Senior Center the Willie Mae and Jerry Mackley Senior Center.	Juliette Garrison Elisabeth Kinkel	not provided
134	Rec 1/5/26	Letter	Jerry and Willie Mae Mackley Senior Center	I am writing in strong support of the proposal to rename the YV Senior Center to the Jerry and Willie Mae Senior Center. I can think of no individuals more deserving of this honor. Jerry and Willie Mae Mackely were not only my parents and my personal role models , but also quiet leaders and examples of service to countless people throughout the YV community. They believed deeply in the idea that strong communities are built by neighbors who look out for one another, give their time freely, and invest in the future of the place they call home. Throughout their lives, my parents were actively involved in shaping YV into the town it is today. They supported and participated in the local community college, served on the planning commission during the incorporation efforts, and contributed to many charitable works and events. Their commitment was not occasional, it was consistent, hands-on, and driven by a genuine desire to help others. What makes their service more remarkable is that they balanced this level of involvement while raising ten children and owning/operating multiple businesses. They demonstrated through their actions that civic reponsibility, family, and hard work were not competing values, but complementary ones. A senior center represents connection, care, and shared experience - values that Jerry and Willie Mae embodied throughout their lives. Renaming the center in their honor would not only recognize their lasting contributions, but also serve as a reminder to future generations of the impact that dedicated community members can have. Thank you for your consideration.	Jill North	Gendale, AZ



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TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY INVITES THE COMMUNITY TO SUBMIT NAME SUGGESTIONS FOR REVITALIZED SENIOR CENTER

The Town of Yucca Valley is inviting the community to submit name suggestions for the newly revitalized Senior Center, located within the Yucca Valley Community Center Complex. The Center has undergone a comprehensive modernization and remodeling effort, now nearing completion. Approved by the Town Council in 2024, the project represents a significant investment funded through Town resources, San Bernardino County ARPA funds, and Federal Community Development Block Grant funds. The total project budget is \$3,000,000.

Construction began in February 2025 and is on track for completion with a reopening planned for early 2026. Interior improvements include fully remodeled restrooms upgraded to current ADA standards; a modernized lobby with new automatic doors, reception desk, and multipurpose classroom; improved lighting and HVAC systems; updated office spaces; and an enhanced dining area. Exterior improvements feature new ADA-compliant sidewalks and a crosswalk connecting the center to Dumosa Senior Village, upgraded landscaping, new exterior paint, and the installation of fiber internet services.

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission authorized a public naming outreach effort on November 13, 2025. Facility naming can honor people meaningful to the community or reflect the natural or geographic character of the Town. Historically, the Community Center Complex uses names inspired by local desert flora—such as the Mesquite, Joshua Tree, Cholla, and Ocotillo Rooms. While all ideas are welcome, the Commission expressed interest in names aligned with these conventions. They also emphasized the importance of inclusive suggestions that acknowledge the building's primary purpose as a hub for senior programming while recognizing its broader use for weddings, memorials, banquets, and other special events. Examples from other communities included names such as "Grand Oaks Active Adult Center," "Cooper Center for Active Adults" or "The Joslyn Center," which reflect senior use while remaining welcoming to multigenerational activities.

Community participation in the naming process ensures that the selected name fosters connection, belonging, and reflects the diverse programs and users the center serves. The Center has long been a popular gathering place, the Town's investment in beautification and modernization enhances both senior programming and the Center's role as a welcoming site for important life events. The goal is to establish a name that stands out while creating a sense of community pride and inclusivity.

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Or Twitter: @MyYuccaValley

The Town's Park and Facility Naming Policy, adopted on September 18, 2012, outlines the criteria for naming public parks and facilities. Names may reflect the facility's location, natural or geological features, or cultural or historical significance. Facilities may also be named after a person, family, or organization under specific circumstances, including meaningful contributions to park or facility development or notable service to the Town's parks and recreation programs. Individuals must be deceased for at least two years before being considered for naming honors.

The 30-day naming submission period will open November 20, 2025 and remain available through December 22, 2025. Submissions received will be reviewed by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission on January 8, 2026, with a recommendation forwarded to the Town Council for final consideration.

To submit a suggested name for the revitalized Senior Center, residents may pick up a proposal form at Town Hall or the Community Services Office, complete the online application at the Town's website, www.yucca-valley.org, or use the survey link <https://forms.gle/38e7CyrCyPZdhzwV7> or QR code. Completed forms must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, December 22, 2025. Submissions will be reviewed by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission on January 8, 2026, with a recommendation forwarded to the Town Council.

For more information regarding the facility naming process, visit www.yucca-valley.org or contact the Community Services Office at 760-369-7211.



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Facility Location: _____ Proposed Facility Name: _____

Rationale/Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Proposal Submitted by:

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
E-mail _____
Date _____

Senior Center Renaming Outreach
Official Paper Survey Submissions
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Facility Location: Y.V. Senior Center

Proposed Facility Name: Robert Leone Senior Center

Rationale/Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Leader of the community. I believe he was a
three time mayor of YUCCA VALLEY. WITH YEARS OF
service to the community.
"Robert Leone Senior Center"

Proposal Submitted by:

Name James Petersen Phone [REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED]
YUCCA VALLEY CA 92284
E-mail [REDACTED]
Date 12-15-2025

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Facility Location: SENIOR CENTER

Proposed Facility Name: KICK BACK MANIOR

Rationale/Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Proposal Submitted by:

Name

Timothy Roy

Phone

[REDACTED]

Address

[REDACTED]

Joshua Tree CA 92252

E-mail

Date

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Facility Location: _____ Proposed Facility Name: _____

Rationale/Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Proposal Submitted by:

Name Marie J. Mathis Phone [REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED]
Joshua Tree, CA 92252
E-mail [REDACTED]
Date 12-10-2025

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Facility Location: Senior Center Proposed Facility Name: _____

Rationale/Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Proposal Submitted by:

Name Nena McCullough Phone [REDACTED]
Address _____
E-mail [REDACTED]
Date 12/16/25



When Purpose Is Taken Away



People see this scene and think it's peaceful.
A cozy lounge area for seniors.
Elderly people resting.
A TV mumbling away on the wall.
Music playing from somewhere nobody can find.

But look again.

These aren't people *resting*.
They're waiting.

They're waiting because nothing is
happening.
In some cases, they are simply waiting to die.

No purpose.
No stimulation.
No reason to lift their eyes from the floor.

The woman sleeping one ran her own
business.
The man staring into space trained
apprentices for thirty years.
Another raised a family through sheer
Willpower and determination.

They all lived lives full of activity, contribution,
opinions, mistakes, joy, chaos, and meaning.
And now they sit in silence, lined up against
the wall like furniture.

I share this example to clarify my way of
thinking.
whether it's sitting at home doing nothing or
Sitting in a care facility doing nothing, people
need purpose.

I am not convinced that we need to change the name of the Yucca Valley Senior Center.
However, if a change is made, I propose the name "**The Purpose Center.**"

The Yucca Valley Senior Center provides *meaningful engagement, daily stimulation, volunteer opportunities, health enrichment*, and so much more. It helps aging adults rediscover purpose and value in their lives, boosting mental, emotional, and physical health by encouraging

hobbies, volunteering, learning, and mentoring. It validates their wisdom, fosters independence, counters isolation, and promotes overall well-being as they age.

Bottom line: we provide **purpose** in the lives of our aging population in Yucca Valley and the surrounding Morongo Basin communities.

Let's face it - human beings don't stop needing purpose because they grow old, can no longer drive, lose a spouse, or have family living far away. Purpose is the *last* thing we should ever take from someone. That is exactly what the Yucca Valley Senior Center gives our community: a renewed sense of purpose in later life.

One small example:

A woman recently came into the Senior Center looking for something to do with her time and an opportunity to meet new people. She retired from her job in Las Vegas to move to Yucca Valley to help raise her grandchildren. Now that they no longer need her care, she told us she feels a strong need for a new purpose.

Purpose looks different for everyone, but the Yucca Valley Senior Center is a powerful place to begin.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nena McCullough". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Nena" and last name "McCullough" clearly legible.

Nena McCullough
Recreation Leader II
Town of Yucca Valley - Senior Center

10/20/25

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Facility Location: YUCCA VALLEY SENIOR

Proposed Facility Name: Y.V. SENIOR CENTER

Rationale/Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

KEEP NAME THE SAME

Proposal Submitted by:

Name LES BLEVINS

Phone [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED] Y.V.

E-mail _____

Date 12/10/25

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Facility Location:

Senior Center

Proposed Facility Name:

SAML

Rationale/Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Keep The NAME!

Proposal Submitted by:

Name

Sam P. P. 21/5000

Phone

760-211-1111

Address

[Redacted Address]

E-mail

Date

Yucca Valley 92248
12-10-25

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Facility Location: Sr Center YV Proposed Facility Name: Sr. Center YV

Rationale/Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Keep The name The Same -
Why change?

Proposal Submitted by:

Name Julane Barker ^{not} Phone _____

Address [REDACTED]

Yucca Valley, Ca 92284

E-mail _____

Date 12-10-25

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Facility Location: YUCCA VALLEY

Proposed Facility Name: (NO) SAME NAME

Rationale/Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Proposal Submitted by:

Name MARTIN FEENEY Phone [REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED]
YUCCA VALLEY CALIFORNIA 92284
E-mail [REDACTED]
Date DECEMBER 10TH 2025

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Facility Location:

Sr. Center YV

Proposed Facility Name:

Sr Center YV

Rationale/Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Keep the same name

Proposal Submitted by:

Name

Nancy Adams

Phone

Address

[REDACTED]

Pioneertown Ca

92268

E-mail

Date

12-10-25

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Facility Location: Yucca Valley Senior Center Proposed Facility Name: Yucca Valley Senior Center

Rationale/Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

"Yucca Valley Senior Center" is OK!
this many years! Keep that!
Please keep the thrift store open!

Proposal Submitted by:

Name Susan Via Phone 760 [REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED] YUCCA VALLEY CA 92284
E-mail [REDACTED]
Date 12/10/2025

is included

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Facility Location:

*Yucca Valley
Senior Ctr.*

Proposed Facility Name:

*Yucca Valley
Senior Ctr.*

Rationale/Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

It is in Yucca & its for seniors. Maria's name should be for Community Ctr. Maria did alot there including "Tender loving Christmas". Any other name would imply for evermore. Please keep the Thrift store open for seniors, its so helpful.

Proposal Submitted by:

Name

Merry L Brady

Phone

Address

[REDACTED]

E-mail

Date

12-10-25

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Facility Location:

valley
Yucca Senior center

Proposed Facility Name:

Yucca Valley senior
center

Rationale/Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Change yucca community room to mara's
Because she had tender loving xmas there
Put a Plaque what she did in there
Senior center leave it ALONE now will know
its for senior if you put some off the
wall name !!
Keep Thift Store
for seniors

Proposal Submitted by:

Name

Judy ALLEN

Phone

760 - [REDACTED]

Address

[REDACTED]

Y V

92286

E-mail

Date

12-10-25

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Facility Location: Yucca Valley Senior Proposed Facility Name: _____

Rationale/Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Don't change

Proposal Submitted by:

Name Linda Whittemore Phone [REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED]
Yucca Valley, Ca
E-mail _____
Date _____

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Facility Location:

Yucca Valley

Proposed Facility Name:

No

Rationale/Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Don't change

Proposal Submitted by:

Name

Hilma Lopez

Phone

[REDACTED]

Address

[REDACTED]

E-mail

[REDACTED]

Date

12-10-2025

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Facility Location:

Yucca Valley Sq Center

Proposed Facility Name:

Yucca Valley Senior center

Rationale/Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Keep the name the same,

Please let us keep our
thrift shop, we really need the
thrift shop.

Proposal Submitted by:

Name

Anita Cline

Phone

(760) [REDACTED]

Address

E-mail

Date

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Facility Location: Yucca Valley Senior Center Proposed Facility Name: Yucca Valley Senior Center

Rationale/Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Keep Name Don't change it.

Keep this Store.

Proposal Submitted by:

Name Vicki A. Blevins

Phone 1760 [REDACTED]

Address _____

E-mail _____

Date _____

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Facility Location: Yucca Valley Senior Center Proposed Facility Name: Keep It the Same

Rationale/Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

no need to change it save the thrift store

Proposal Submitted by:

Name: Sharon Sayre Phone: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]
Yucca Valley Ca 92284
E-mail: [REDACTED]
Date: 02-11-25

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Facility Location:

Y V Senior Center

Proposed Facility Name:

Y V Senior Center

Rationale/Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Don't change name.
Keep our thrift store
Lot seniors need it.

Proposal Submitted by:

Name

Sigrid Robis

Phone

760- [REDACTED]

Address

E-mail

Date

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Facility Location: Senior Center

Proposed Facility Name: Older Place
Our Place

Rationale/Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

The word senior is outdated.
Older is much more gentle and full
of promise.

Proposal Submitted by:

Name Liz Orrell Phone [REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED]
Yucca Valley
E-mail [REDACTED]
Date 12/3/2025

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Facility Location: Senior center

Proposed Facility Name: stay ~~Yucca Valley~~ senior center

For sure

Rationale/Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Change Yucca Room to MAMA (from tender loving
Christmas. she held many of her events in there
every year. IN there you can put her name above
door + have a plaque of what she did inside.

Proposal Submitted by:

Name Theresa Pittman

Phone [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED]

ca. 90284

E-mail [REDACTED]

Date 11/24/25

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Facility Location: Senior Center

Proposed Facility Name: McCullough Center

Rationale/Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Unwavering commitment to the Senior Center, complete and total
transformation to the Centers communities and culture.

Proposal Submitted by:

Name Jeremy Francis Phone [REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED] Yucca Valley CA 92284
E-mail [REDACTED]
Date 11/24/2025

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Facility Location: _____

Proposed Facility Name: _____

Jerry Willie Mae Mackley Golden Senior Center

Rationale/Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

Jerry Mackley was instrumental in the development of our community. Jerry moved family here 1970 was part of orig development of Boys Circle Club High desert, Copper Mtn College. He was on County board Supervisors when he passed Xmas day 1993. Willie Mae Catered hundreds of events locally for community. Many of those events were at Senior Center. Jerry died Xmas day busiest time year Catering. Willie Mae handled all commitments despite losing her lifelong partner. Willie's commitment to the community mirrored her commitment to her family. Jerry was active in Pelican Club helped them at all local events.

Proposal Submitted by:

Name Walter Mackley Phone [REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED] Yucca Valley CA 92384
E-mail [REDACTED]
Date 12-22-25

Jerry's Lounge still cooking

By DAVE MILLER
Hi-Desert Star Staff Writer

YUCCA VALLEY — Jerry's Lounge and Deli is open and will continue to be open despite the death of longtime Yucca Valley businessman Jerry Mackley.

Mass and burial for the local restaurateur and caterer took place Thursday, with the somber rites followed by what his wife, Willie, described as "a good, old fashion Irish wake."

"We never closed," she said. "I've always been a part of the business; he ran the front end and I ran the back end."

"We want everyone to know it's business as usual; same hours, same people, same service, same catering as it has been for the past 14 years. There will still be Tuesday taco night and Thursday prime rib night."

Jerry's Lounge and Deli will continue to be open from 10 a.m. to midnight, seven days a week.

"Jerry would want that," Willie said. "We've been in business on this corner since our youngest child was six months old. At first we had a

liquor store, then we sold the liquor business and expanded into a lounge and food service business."

According to Mackley, the lounge and deli have been around on the same corner for 15 years, with the liquor store open at the same location five years prior to the change to dining and food service.

There are 10 Mackley children. Most have passed through some phase of restaurant operation.

"Three of the children live in town," Mackley said. Walter, 23, is very active in the business. Frances Ann, 37, who works for the Department of Social Services, and Jill, 25, who works for Denny's, are both classed by Willie as being "active in the business."

What about the future and Jerry's Lounge and Deli and the catering business?

"I plan no changes in the foreseeable future," Mackley said.

Thinking back over the eight days since Mackley died suddenly at the age of 59, Willie says, "The business

never missed a beat and it will not miss a beat. I was active in the catering business and can assure everyone there won't be any interruptions."

Rosary for Mackley, who died Christmas Day, was recited Wednesday night at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Eight priests took part in the Mass at St. Mary's Thursday.



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THIS PERMIT IS VALID UNTIL EXHAUSTED OR CANCELLED BUT IS NOT TRANSFERABLE	
HUCKS DELICIOUS STORE	
JERRY P. & WILLIE M. MACKLEY	
61835 29 PALMS HWY	
JOSHUA TREE, CA	
TO HERETOFOR AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO SALES AND USE TAX LAW TO ENGAGE IN THE BUSINESS OF SELLING TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ABOVE LOCATION	
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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT	
DATE	2/14/81
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO	NO. 100011
PERMIT	NON-TRANSFERABLE
EXPIRATION DATE	12/31/81
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THIS PERMIT IS VALID UNTIL EXHAUSTED OR CANCELLED BUT IS NOT TRANSFERABLE	
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DISPLAY CONSPICUOUSLY AT THE PLACE OF BUSINESS FOR WHICH ISSUED	
NAME	Jerry & Willie Mackley
D.B.A.	JERRY'S LOUNGE
ADDRESS	61735 St. Mary's Dr.
CITY & STATE	Yucca Valley, CA 92284
NOT IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE	

Est. Address:	55315 29 Palms Hwy
	Yucca Valley, Ca. 92284
NAME	Jerry Mackley
D.B.A.	JERRY'S LOUNGE
ADDRESS	61735 29 Palms Hwy

Remembering Friends ...

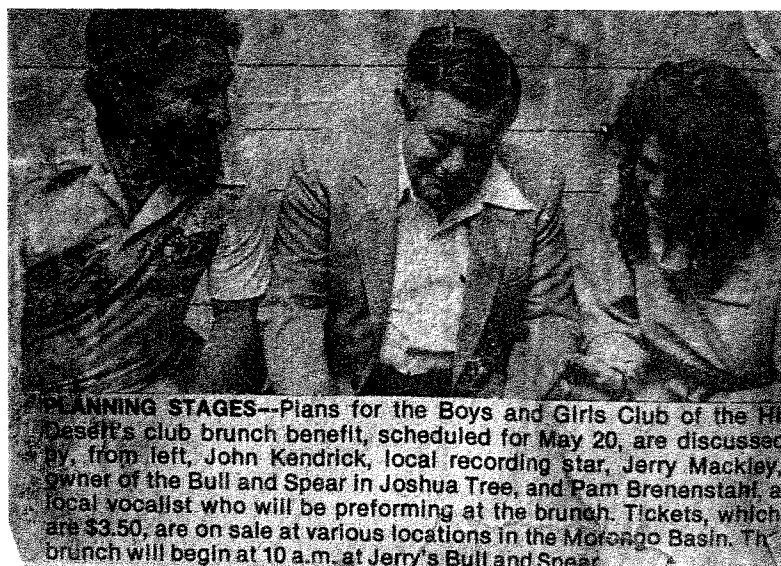
We lost some great friends during the past few months. Among them:

Pappy Allen. Pappy and Harriet's was a love story as well as a wonderful restaurant and saloon in Pioneertown. Pappy passed away on February 27. Though saddened by his death, we are glad to note that the Palace, and the love, live on.

William Hambly. Bill was one of our first major donors, establishing a nursing scholarship in memory of his first wife, Elizabeth. Bill died on December 26 after a long illness.

Jerry Mackley. Jerry was more than a fine cook and caterer, although most of us knew him best from his application of those skills in our semi-annual dinners with friends. He was also a fine and generous person, always ready to help others. He died suddenly on Christmas Day.

Howard Pierce. Howard's love of the desert, and of people, and of life, radiated from his person and his work. He was at once strong and gentle. For Copper Mountain Campus he designed and made the *Roadrunners* and the campus sign at our entrance, and the fountain which graces the courtyard or phase II. He died on February 28. His wife, Ellen, and family have suggested that those who wish to give something in his memory do so in the form of art books for the campus library.



PLANNING STAGES--Plans for the Boys and Girls Club of the Hi-Desert's club brunch benefit, scheduled for May 20, are discussed by, from left, John Kendrick, local recording star, Jerry Mackley, owner of the Bull and Spear in Joshua Tree, and Pam Brenenstahl, a local vocalist who will be performing at the brunch. Tickets, which are \$3.50, are on sale at various locations in the Morongo Basin. The brunch will begin at 10 a.m. at Jerry's Bull and Spear.

To whom it may concern, please accept my
nomination for naming the senior center The
Jerry **Mackley** and Willie Mae **Mackley** Senior Center.
The Mackleys were early residents of Yucca Valley.
They were local business owners and generous
contributors to the community, especially Boys and
Girls Club and Copper Mountain College.
They did this for decades.
Sincerely,
Ignazio Ficara

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To Whom It May Concern,

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I knew Jerry and Willy since 1974 when I was stationed at 29Palms. The Mackleys were very active and very well known in the community. They were active in the establishment of Copper Mountain College and the Boys and Girls Club. Politically they were involved in establishing Yucca Valley as a city and in connecting with the county through personal connections with the supervisors and the Pelicans Club. They owned and operated several businesses in the community throughout the years and Jerry's restaurant and lounge was landmark known for its excellence throughout the Southern California region. Anyone 40 years old or older will remember the Friday night prime rib special served by Jerry and Willy and their family and the time everyone spent sharing food, fun and conversation.

The Marley's were instrumental in everything from city hood to youth sports. It isn't much of an exaggeration to say everyone from 29Palms to Morongo Valley knew of them and were friends of the Mackleys. They were and are truly part of our history and it would be an honor to have name on a city building.

Sincerely,
George and Kitty Martin

Senior Center Renaming Outreach
Unofficial Survey Submissions
(Form not completed - received via other means/methods)
(Redacted)

(Additional community input was provided via personal letter, email message, social media post, and one petition. These were not submitted through the official form process but are provided for consideration).

Susan Earnest

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From: Lesley Copeland
Sent: Thursday, December 18, 2025 3:18 PM
To: Susan Earnest
Subject: FW: Senior Center Name

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Lesley Copeland, CMC

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From: Marjorie Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 18, 2025 2:12 PM
To: Lesley Copeland <LCopeland@yucca-valley.org>
Subject: Senior Center Name

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Wishing you and your staff Merry Christmas!!! Suggesting a name for the Senior Center as was requested:

The Gathering Place

You could change the first word to A or Our or ??

Marjorie Smith

Susan Earnest

From: Merl and Dori Abel [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 8:59 PM
To: Susan Earnest
Cc: Clayton Rardon
Subject: Senior center name idea

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Hi Sue and Clayton,

I was unable to click the link in the towns spotlight section. So I'm submitting via email my suggestion for the naming of the Senior Center.

I throw in the name:

The Connections Center.

Short, simple and it includes more than just seniors who gather there.

Dori Abel

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Susan Earnest

From: Lesley Copeland
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 4:47 PM
To: Clayton Rardon
Cc: Susan Earnest
Subject: FW: Town of Yucca Valley Invites the Community to Submit Name Suggestions for Revitalized Senior Center

Categories: SC Naming

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From: Andy Brown [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 4:07 PM
To: Lesley Copeland <LCopeland@yucca-valley.org>
Subject: Re: Town of Yucca Valley Invites the Community to Submit Name Suggestions for Revitalized Senior Center

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Leave it as the Senior Center

In a message dated 11/21/2025 3:10:32 PM Pacific Standard Time, lcopeland@yucca-valley.org writes:



Petition to Preserve the Name of Our Senior Center

This petition represents the voices of current and long-standing members of the Town of Yucca Valley Senior Center who firmly oppose changing its name following the recent renovation. While we appreciate the improvements made to the facility, we believe the Town of Yucca Valley Senior Center's long-standing identity within the community should remain unchanged. Over the years, the existing name has become a familiar point of connection for the seniors who rely on this space for support, services, and social engagement. We respectfully request that town officials honor the wishes of the Town of Yucca Valley Senior Center Community and retain its current name.

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1	IRMA ROJAS	Irma Rojas	
2	HARLAN BRANSKY	Harlan Bransky	
3	Sharon Motley	Sharon Motley	
4	FRANK MEDEROS		
5	STEVEN FISHMAN		
6	Lance MacCarty	Lance MacCarty	
7	DALE PETRICK	Dale Petrick	
8	Catherine Wright	CW	
9	CAROLINE NABAVI		
10	Sigrid McAllister	Sigrid McAllister	
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18	Sigrid Robie	Sigrid Robie	
19	Quay Allen	Quay Allen	
20	Frank Miao	Frank Miao	
21	MICHAEL LARKE	Michael Larke	
22	Monte George	Monte George	
23	John Wayne	John Wayne	
24	Rich Theris	Rich Theris	
25	GARY COOPER	Gary Cooper	
26	Susan Gin	Susan Gin	
27	Theresa LALONDE	Theresa Lalonde	
28	MARIA MARTINEZ	Maria Martinez	
29	Toy Williams	Toy Williams	
30	MAE HALL	Mae Hall	
31	NORMAN HALL	Norman Hall	
32	Rose	Rose	
33	Karolyn Smith	Karolyn Smith	
34	Deborah	Hitzman	
35	Janet Meyers	Janet Meyers	
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43	JOSE MARTINEZ	Jose Martinez	
44	Suzanne Bass	Suzanne Bass	
45	Robert BARTZ	Robert Bartz	
46	PAUL JONES	Paul Jones	
47	J.R. Dominguez	J.R. Dominguez	
48	Connie Tubber	Connie Tubber	
49	R. FISHER	R. Fisher	
50	Don Henderson	Don Henderson	
51	Joy Smith	Joy Smith	
52	Rinda Pomeroy	Rinda Pomeroy	
53	Louia Pinto	Louia Pinto	
54	Barbara Schmoie	Barbara Schmoie	
55	Deborah →	Hitzerman	
56	FRANK METEER	Frank Meteer	
57	MARTIN FEENEY	Martin Feeney	
58	Tom Stoffer	Tom Stoffer	
59	RICHARD	Richard	
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61	Suzanne Coulson	Suzanne Coulson	
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67	JOHN BURRUSSEN	John Burrussen	
68	Rosalee Long	Rosalee Long	
69	Rosetta Sage	Rosetta Sage	
70	Ruth G. Munoz	Ruth G. Munoz	
71	THOMAS, TIM	Tim	
72	Nalee Mock	Nalee Mock	
73	ROSALIE BENNETT	Rosalie Bennett	
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75	Bell Viola	Bell Viola	
76	Olivia GRAHAM	Olivia Graham	
77	Karen Roffers	Karen Roffers	
78	GINA KISS	Gina Kiss	
79	Linda Harris	Linda Harris	
80	DEBBIE DEFOSE	Debbie DeFosse	
81	Maria Gomez Naylor	Maria Gomez Naylor	
82	Janet Amato	JANE TAMATO	
83	LINDA GRAY MOORE	Linda Gray Moore	
84	VIRGINIA GREEN	Virginia Green	
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86	Sandra Moore	Sandra Moore	
87	Judy DESHON	Judy Deshono	

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90	ANDY BROWN	Andy Brown	
91	Tish Przyboc	Tish Przyboc	2
92	RONALD SIMPSON	R Simpson	7
93	John Rancourt	John Rancourt	6
94	Kathleen Chlebik	Kathleen Chlebik	7
95	Tom Scott	Tom Scott	6
96	Arisbet Berumen	Arisbet Berumen	7
97	Eileen Brown	Eileen Brown	
98	Cherry Hech	Cherry Hech	
99	Shirley Heard	Shirley Heard	-
100	Jean Carlson	Jean Carlson	
101	Debra McEly	Debra McEly	7
102	Sharon Bishop	Sharon Bishop	
103	Merli Peterson	Merli Peterson	
104	MARY REITES	M. Reites	
105	Jon Followell	Jon Followell	
106	Melodie Chambers	Melodie Chambers	
107	Beverly Truelson	Beverly Truelson	
108	Cynthia Austin	Cynthia Austin	
109	Marai Turley	Marai Turley	
110	Debra Smith	DEBRA SMITH	
111	Carol Lotts	Carol Lotts	
112	Chong Kim	Chong Kim	

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113	Cristal Smith	Cristal Smith	
114	Jodi Baccus	Jodi Baccus	
115	Pam Butcher	Pamela Butcher	
116	Rosie Carlton	Rosie Carlton	
117	Sofia Peña	Sofia Peña	
118	Amy Peña	Amy Peña	
119	Anna Hultgren	Anna Hultgren	
120	OLIE THOMPSON	Olie Thompson	
121	Kathryn Smith	Kathryn Smith	
122	Connie Jones	Connie Jones	
123	Sue Baker	Sue Baker	
124	Robin Cannon	Robin Cannon	
125	Margaret Miles	Margaret Miles	
126	Jana Sabeh	Jana Sabeh	
127	Toni Kolbe	Toni Kolbe	
128	Christa Maier	Christa Maier	
129	Chris Graham	Chris Graham	
130	James Petersen	James Petersen	
131	Ken Palmer	Ken Palmer	
132	Pamela Brock	Pamela Brock	
133	Laura Harwood	Laura Harwood	
134	MARILYN HARDIN	Marilyn Hardin	

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Sandy Smith
Bingo Haven

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Melanie Townsend
Friendship center

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Melanie Townsend replied · 1 Reply



Candy Jane Moulton Elder
Olf Fart Fun Zone

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Theresa Pittman
Leave as it is

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Brad Morgan-Klopman
Yucca Valley Wrinkle Ranch

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Lola Cherry replied · 1 Reply 5h



'Ruieta Dasilva'
Desert Tortoise Senior Center ...

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'Ruieta Dasilva'
The Brittlebushes Center



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Sully Sherri
Ever Bright Senior Center

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Brad Talbert
Loving life

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Melissa Spurr
Does the center have a ping pong table? Studies show that table tennis improves brain connectivity, cognitive function and neuroplasticity. Ping pong could really benefit seniors.
<https://radiologybusiness.com/topics/medical-imaging/neuroimaging/playing-ping-pong-improves-brain-connectivity>

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Teresa Brockie
A swimming pool, outdoors!! For summer enjoyment! 🧑🏻‍🦵🏻🧑🏻‍🦵🏻

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Vicki Chamberlain Parsons
Hi Desert Activity Center ...

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Vicki Chamberlain Parsons
Add a Shuffle board or Bachi ball

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Natasha Francis
Rebecca Bell

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Paula Alexandre Bush

maybe work on the lunch food? 😊

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Reply to Paula Alexandre Bush



Diana Brenneman

What's wrong with the name it has.

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Donna Stephenson

Happy endings

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Doreen Belan Gann

Lonestar Senior Center. That was the name of Yucca Valley a long time ago.

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Kelly Ebsary

Old [redacted] home ...



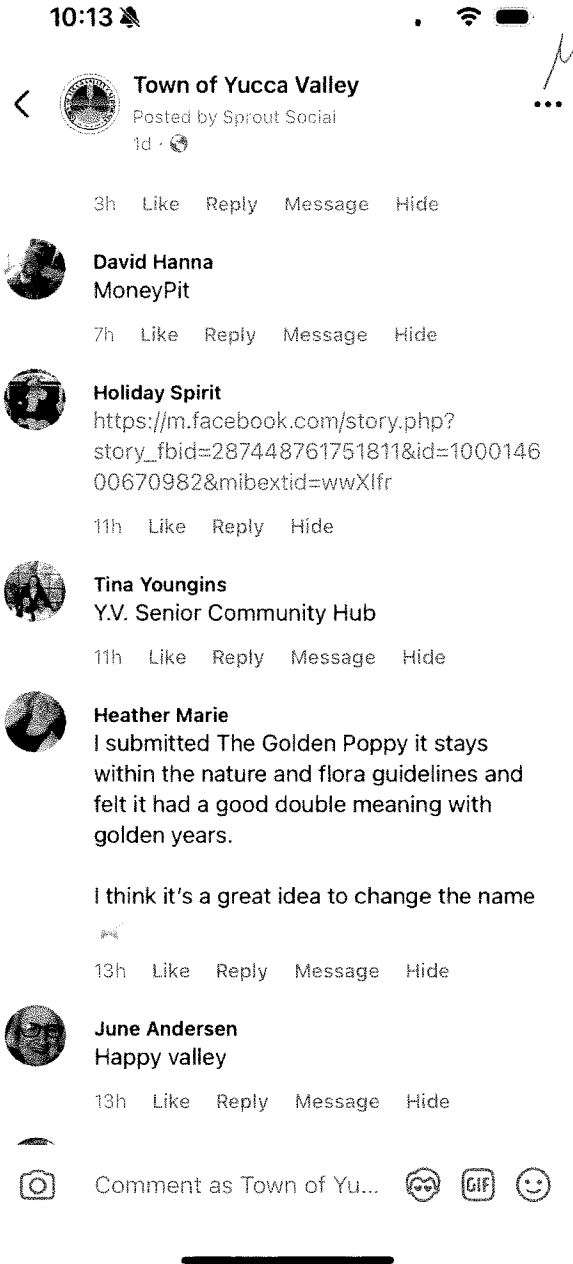
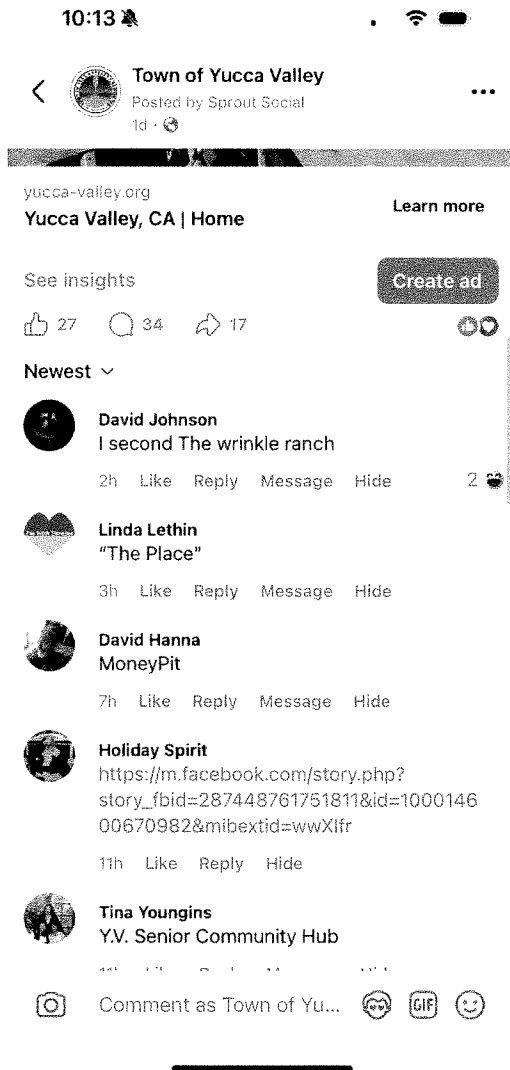
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Holiday Spirit

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Holiday Spirit

Hello neighbors and friends,

My name is Gigi. Many of you know me from Tender Loving Christmas and Mara's Christmas Wish. I'm reaching out to honor a very special woman who gave so much to Yucca Valley — Mara Cantelo.

Mara dedicated many years to serving our community: helping during earthquakes and fires, organizing volunteers, raising toys for local kids, gathering hygiene items for seniors, and making sure seniors were never lonely or hungry on Christmas Day. She prepared warm buffet meals, brought music so they could dance, and always ensured there were extra desserts, blankets, and toiletries for anyone in need. Her kindness and generosity to... See more

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Brett Svegan

"We Don't Know What Seniors Need Center"

Has anybody actually looked at the new, pretty sidewalk between the senior center and the parking lot and the vehicle thru way?

The NE corner should have a yellow disabled ramp. In order to access the sidewalk, many seniors are relegated to either going around the garbage bin enclosure or walking in the vehicle thru way to reach the entrance to the center.

Whoever designed this project created form over function, attractiveness over accessibility.... See more

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Holiday Spirit

Hello neighbors and friends,



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Nominations:

1. Gigi,
2. **Neal Dickinson**
3. **Chuck Greenwood**
4. **Sandy JoLene Dunn**
5. Paul Hoffman,
6. **Christina Mills**
7. Richard Connell
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Please and Merry Christmas to all

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Wendy Craig
Desert Bridges Senior Center ...

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Jacobe Myers
Senior day care and dispensary center

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Rick Remmers
The last tooth 🦷

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Rick Remmers
The Green mile

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Linda Root
Senior Friendship enter

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Allyson R Dominguez
Days trips to local venues

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Allyson R Dominguez
Arts and crafts

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Ria Duran Burr
Desert Cactus Senior Center

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Theresa Pittman
Mara's Legancy needs to be where she had all the events for over 25 years change yucca room with her name and put a plaque about what she did .

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Judy Massey replied · 3 Replies



Mara's Legancy
Hello everyone

I truly respect all the ideas being shared. Naming the Mara Senior Center is a meaningful way to honor a woman who dedicated her life to serving others with love, humility, and compassion.

Mara's legacy reminds us of the true meaning of community—kindness, giving, and caring for one another. Remembering her through the Mara Senior Center allows future generations to be inspired by her heart for service.

For those who knew her, please feel free to share your stories and memories. Thank you all for being part of this thoughtful and heartfelt discussion 🙏🍀❤️🌸

Love
Gigi

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future generations to be inspired by her heart for service.

For those who knew her, please feel free to share your stories and memories. Thank you all for being part of this thoughtful and heartfelt discussion 🙏🌲❤️👍

Love
Gigi

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Candy King-Drake

The Yucca Valley Roadrunner Senior Center. Just thinking of the images and graphics that can be used.

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Mara's Legancy

Thank you so much to everyone who nominated Mara's name for the Senior Center.

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I truly appreciate your support and will keep track of the nominations. 🌲

Thank you,
Gigi

Nominations:

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Please and Merry Christmas to all

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Stephanie Varga

The Evelyn Conklin Senior Center, in recognition for her work launching the Hi-Desert Nature Museum

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Reply to Stephanie Varga



Jack H Dick

Mara's Legancy

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Gary Lansdale

The comfort zone ...

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Sonja Weaver

A Place To Call Home

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Suzi R Sequoia

Don't change it. We won't use the new name anyway.

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Stacey Nounnan

Thrive Senior Center

Pioneers of the Desert Senior Center

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Allyson R Dominguez

Bible study

Susan Earnest

From: Stef Howard [mailto:stef.howard@yucca-valley.org]
Sent: Friday, December 19, 2025 4:08 AM
To: Susan Earnest
Subject: Re: Submit Your Senior Center Name Suggestions Before the Deadline!

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Yucca Valley Commons!

On Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 09:37:23 AM PST, Yucca Valley, CA <noreply@civicplus.com> wrote:

Yucca Valley, CA

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Yucca Valley, CA 92284



760-369-7211
searnest@yucca-valley.org
57090 29 Palms Hwy

TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY INVITES THE COMMUNITY TO SUBMIT NAME

SUGGESTIONS FOR REVITALIZED SENIOR CENTER

The Town of Yucca Valley is inviting the community to submit name suggestions for the newly revitalized Senior Center, located within the Yucca Valley Community Center Complex. The Center has undergone a comprehensive modernization and remodeling effort, now nearing completion. Approved by the Town Council in 2024, the project represents a significant investment funded through Town resources, San Bernardino County ARPA funds, and Federal Community Development Block Grant funds. The total project budget is \$3,000,000.

Construction began in February 2025 and is on track for completion with a reopening planned for early 2026. Interior improvements include fully remodeled restrooms upgraded to current ADA standards; a modernized lobby with new automatic doors, reception desk, and multipurpose classroom; improved lighting and HVAC systems; updated office spaces; and an enhanced dining area. Exterior improvements feature new ADA-compliant sidewalks and a crosswalk connecting the center to Dumosa Senior Village, upgraded landscaping, new exterior paint, and the installation of fiber internet services.

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission authorized a public naming outreach effort on November 13, 2025. Facility naming can honor people meaningful to the community or reflect the natural or geographic character of the Town. Historically, the Community Center Complex uses names inspired by local desert flora—such as the Mesquite, Joshua Tree, Cholla, and Ocotillo Rooms. While all ideas are welcome, the Commission expressed interest in names aligned with these conventions. They also emphasized the importance of inclusive suggestions

Senior Center Renaming Outreach
Other Survey Submissions
(received after submission closure date)
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Town of Yucca Valley Park/Facilities Naming Proposal Form

The Town of Yucca Valley's policy sets the following criteria for naming or renaming local parks/facilities:

1. Park/Facility amenities shall not be named; however, donors of amenities may be recognized by Town Council.
2. Parks/Facilities may be named by
 - a. the location in the town (i.e., North Park, South Park); or
 - b. the location within a subdivision tract (i.e., Paradise Valley Park); or
 - c. the fronting on a street (i.e., Sunnyslope Park); or
 - d. the presence of, or proximity to, a natural or geological feature (i.e., Yucca Room, Mesquite Room; or
 - e. the cultural or historical significance to the community (i.e., Remembrance Park).
3. Parks/Facilities may be named after a person, family or organization when:
 - a. The person, family or organization has been primarily instrumental in obtaining or donating funds or land for the facility; or
 - b. The person, family or organization has donated the land or funds to purchase the land, and desires to have the facility named in their honor (i.e., Machris Park); or
 - c. A person has been deceased for more than two years and the Town Council believes the person's contributions to the Town's parks and recreation program were of such a value that the person's memory should be honored by the naming of the facility (i.e., Jacobs Park).
4. Parks/Facilities may be named after a governmental fund or grant, if the circumstances are deemed appropriate by Town Council.

Facility Location: _____

Proposed Facility Name: _____

JERRY & WILLIE MAE MACKLEY
Senior Center

Rationale/Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

To Whom It May Concern: We would like to nominate naming the Senior Center the: JERRY & WILLIE MAE MACKLEY Senior Center. We worked with Jerry and Willie through the community for years. They were committed to the Town of Yucca Valley and its people. Whether it be for the Boys and Girls Club, Copper Mountain College, Pelicans Club, Senior Center feeding the homeless, catering hundreds of events through the community, they were dedicated to prosperity of Yucca. Their love and generosity to anyone in need was endless. We proudly nominate the Senior Center to the memory of:

Jerry & Willie Mae Mackley

Proposal Submitted by:

Name

KEN & Cathalee Mayne

Phone

[REDACTED]

Address

[REDACTED]
Palm Desert, Ca. 92255

E-mail

[REDACTED]

Date

Dec. 29, 2025

From: [REDACTED]
Date: January 2, 2026 at 10:20:06 AM PST
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To: [REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Date: December 30, 2025 at 12:47:03 PM PST
To: [REDACTED]

To: The Town of Yucca Valley
Re: Naming the Senior Center Building

I am pleased to place into nomination, the names of Jerry and Willie Mae Mackey. In my position, working for the county supervisor, I had many times that I would interact with Jerry and Willie. I can't think of two people who were more active in so many and varied parts of the community from the youth to the seniors. I don't think the word no was in Jerry's vocabulary. Because he was so active, his name still comes up in conversations and we all miss Jerry's lounge and Jerry's catering and Jerry's name on the back of sports shirts. We miss his kindness, his involvement and his huge heart for this community. I believe with all my heart that the people in this community, especially the old-timers, would be delighted to see The Mackley names on our senior center.

Sincerely,

Donna Munoz

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm taking this opportunity to nominate Jerry andr Willie Mae Mackley to be honored in the naming of the new Senior Center. This exceptional couple considered it an honor to donate to and care for their community, Over and above working in their restaurant and catering business (raising a large family) they continually contributed food to anyone (homeless or not) who was hungry or in need. Every organization in town benefited from the Mackley generosity at one time or another. This selfless couple (and their family) working, contributing and donating to entities including Town of Yucca Valley activities, Copper Mountain College, Boys and Girls Club, Pelicans, Senior Center, Churches, Homeless community and the Way Station.

Please , as you consider naming the center remember Jerry and Willie Mackley for their generous and giving hearts and love of community.

Sincerely ,
Jan *Ingersoll'*

received
December 30, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Larinda Brown, great-granddaughter of Helen Grey by marriage. Helen dedicated decades to volunteering for the Hi-Desert Medical Center and Joshua Tree thrift shop. My grandparents, Ralph and Kathy Davis, homesteaded in Joshua Tree and contributed to the community, including attending the groundbreaking for Copper Mountain College. Their stories are countless, but I will share just a few highlights here.

My parents, Eugene and Yvonne Meiners, met at the Bull n Spear Restaurant, a local dinner and music spot. Eugene, a former Marine, worked as a bartender there and became friends with owner Jerry Mackley, who supported Eugene during his transition to civilian life. Jerry and Willie Mackley even catered my parents' wedding as a gift.

My mother, Yvonne Meiners, was the first President of the Yucca Valley Boys and Girls Club. Together with Eugene, who also served on the Executive Board, they led numerous fundraisers, including one of the largest bingo events in the Hi-Desert, held at the Yucca Valley Senior Citizens Community Building. In the mid-1980s, after my mother was injured, our family faced significant challenges. During this time, Jerry and Willie Mackley provided invaluable support. Jerry ensured my father could work available bar shifts and found opportunities for me to assist with pancake Sundays and catering jobs. He also allowed us to borrow his vehicles for extended periods without hesitation. Jerry and Willie treated us like family, as they did with many others in the community. Their generosity and commitment have made a lasting impact not only on me but on the whole Hi-Desert. Honoring the Mackley family by adding their name to the Yucca Valley Community Senior Citizens building would recognize not only their contributions but also the positive influence they have had on countless families. Inviting those they helped to share their memories would further celebrate the legacy of one of the most outstanding families in Yucca Valley and Joshua Tree.

Sincerely,

Larinda Brown

[REDACTED]

Seligman, AZ 86337

[REDACTED]

December 2025

Juliette Garrison

Elisabeth Kinkel

Yucca Valley, CA 92286

Dear Town of Yucca Valley,

I am thrilled to discover the Town of Yucca Valley is currently seeking nominations to name The Yucca Valley Senior Center.

My mother, Elisabeth Kinkel and I are beyond ecstatic for you to consider Willie Mae and Jerry Mackley for this historical honor.

Our relationship with the Mackley family goes back to the 1970's when Mr. and Mrs. Mackley operated The Bull & Spear in Joshua Tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Mackley were stellar citizens of Yucca Valley for decades, owning and operating multiple business in Joshua Tree and Yucca Valley including the very famous Jerry's Lounge.

Mrs. Mackley owned and operated catering business, back then if any business or organization needed catering you would call Willie Mackley.

Mr. and Mrs. Mackley were very involved in the community of Yucca Valley and especially the youth of the Morongo Basin, any school sporting event would have Jerry's Deli and later Jerry's Lounge written on the back of their uniforms.

My family has been very fortunate to have known Mr. and Mrs. Mackley. It was their generation that made Yucca Valley what it is today. Jerry and Willie Mae helped to build the foundation for Yucca Valley, setting a strong precedence of giving back to the community.

It is with great enthusiasm that my family encourages you to strongly consider naming The Yucca Valley Senior Center *Willie Mae and Jerry Mackley Senior Center*.

Sincerely,

Juliette Garrison

Elisabeth Kinkel

Jill North

Glendale, AZ 85304

December 28, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in strong support of the proposal to rename the Yucca Valley Senior Center as the Jerry and Willie Mae Mackley Senior Center. I can think of no individuals more deserving of this honor.

Jerry and Willie Mae Mackley were not only my parents and my personal role models, but also quiet leaders and examples of service to countless people throughout the Yucca Valley community. They believed deeply in the idea that strong communities are built by neighbors who look out for one another, give their time freely, and invest in the future of the place they call home.

Throughout their lives, my parents were actively involved in shaping Yucca Valley into the town it is today. They supported and participated in the local community college, served on the planning commission during the effort to incorporate Yucca Valley as a town, and contributed to numerous charitable works and community events. Their commitment was not occasional—it was consistent, hands-on, and driven by a genuine desire to help others.

What makes their service even more remarkable is that they balanced this level of community involvement while raising ten children and owning and operating multiple businesses in the High Desert. They demonstrated through their actions that civic responsibility, family, and hard work are not competing values, but complementary ones.

A senior center represents connection, care, and shared experience—values that Jerry and Willie Mae embodied throughout their lives. Renaming the center in their honor would not only recognize their lasting contributions, but also serve as a reminder to future generations of the impact that dedicated community members can have.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for the work you do in preserving and honoring the history of Yucca Valley.

Respectfully,
Jill North

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

To: Members of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission
From: Sue Earnest, Community Services Manager
Date: February 5, 2026
For Meeting: February 12, 2026

Subject: Spring/Summer 2026 Community Services Planned Programs

Prior Commission Review: The Commission reviews and approves the planned programs of the Community Services Department twice per year, prior to the publication of the Activities and Events Guide.

Recommendation: That the Commission consider, provide direction and approve the Spring/Summer 2026 programs and events organized and conducted by the Community Services Department and direct staff to forward the recommendation to the Town Council.

Summary: The programming staff of the Hi-Desert Nature Museum and the Recreation Division of the Community Services Department has developed a schedule of programs and events that will be offered in the spring and summer of 2026 (April through September). These activities will be featured in the spring/summer issue of the Yucca Valley activities guide that will be distributed throughout the community in March.

Order of Procedure:

Request Staff Report
Request Public Comment
Commission Discussion / Questions of Staff
Motion/Second
Discussion on Motion
Call the Question

Discussion:

The schedule of activities for the Community Services Department has been reviewed and modified with the goal of addressing unmet needs, reviewing underperforming programs, implementing PRCC/Council strategic priorities, and preparing for the opening of the new Aquatics & Recreation Center. Most scheduled activities fall within current budget and staffing resources; however, some new programs will be accompanied by a mid-year budget adjustment request to implement program expansions. Minor changes to the Spring/Summer programming may be made as necessary during the season.

Highlights of the planned programs include:

Reviewed By:	<u> </u> Town Manager	<u> </u> Town Attorney	<u> </u> Finance	<u>sbe</u> Dept
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<u> X </u> Department Report	<u> </u> Ordinance Action	<u> </u> Resolution Action	<u> </u> Public Hearing
<u> </u> Consent	<u> X </u> Minute Action	<u> </u> Receive and File	<u> </u> Study Session

Hi-Desert Nature Museum

Exhibits, Events, & Programming

The Hi-Desert Nature Museum is pleased to welcome two new exhibits during the Spring/Summer 2026 season. From March 21 to May 9, 2026, *Wondrous Waste: 2026 Recycled Art Exhibition* will be on display. The Museum's annual spring recycled art exhibition returns for its 20th year. Last year the exhibit welcomed a record-breaking 100 entries. Community members of all ages are encouraged to contribute their artwork made from recycled or repurposed materials.

From May 23 to September 5, 2026, *Turtle Travels*, a children's interactive exhibit, will entertain children of all ages with a life-size board game in which families can help turtles and tortoises survive and migrate safely through six learning stations. The exhibit also includes a reading area, sea turtle theater, and multiple turtle/tortoise adaptation learning centers. In addition to the Turtle Travels exhibit, an educational lecture will be offered on Desert Tortoise conservation.

The Hi-Desert Nature Museum will once again host an Earth Day event in April, partnering with local environmental organizations to provide engaging educational activities and information to the community. In June, the Museum (in collaboration with the Recreation Department) will host a reptile-themed family fun day to celebrate the opening of its summer children's exhibition.

The Museum is excited to present several new educational programs during the Spring/Summer 2026 season, including drop-in animal figure drawing workshops, Storytime with the Mayor, Collagraph Tetrapak Intaglio Printing Workshops, a natural insect repellent workshop, and First Saturday Cart Talks. The popular youth summer camps will return with four sessions, two dedicated to children 7-9 and two dedicated to children 10-12 years old. Each age group will be offered one week of a Junior Naturalist Camp and another week titled, Ectotherm Extravaganza, which will focus on local reptiles and amphibians.

The Museum will experience a brief closure from September 14 – October 3, 2026, for plumbing replacement during which time museum staff will be completing an exhibit changeover.

Recreation

Enrichment Classes are being actively marketed to gather interest from new instructors and customers. Our newer class, Science of the Future, has been successful in garnering students and has developed a following. The same instructor will be offering another class based on robotics, which will be a great addition. Stretch N Tone, Ceramics, CPR, Woodcarving and Knit

& Crochet remain strong while some of our other offerings such as Bollywood and Belly Dancing are gaining customers. The Ceramic Workshops have been a wonderful addition to the art lineup, while Dog Obedience expanded and is now offering an advanced class that is also going strong at this time.

Special Events are ongoing with a full slate of six concerts planned for the 2026 Summer Music Festival. Holiday events such as Easter Egg Hunt, Grubstake Days Events, and 4th of July Spectacular are also offered. Kids' H-2-OH! will return to the community center and the Community Health Fair will return in early May. Movies in the Courtyard continues to be popular with adults and children alike and will return this spring on Friday nights in April and May. The Murder Mystery Dinner, a staple for evening entertainment in the spring and fall, returns April 25 with another October 10. The Youth Commission is underway with their Work Plan which includes teen events, intergenerational programs, youth forums, and volunteering at Town events.

Sports & Wellness Programs

Recreation staff continues to expand and refine Sports & Wellness programming to meet a wide range of community interests, offering opportunities that promote physical activity, skill development, and social engagement for residents of all ages. This season's lineup reflects a balance of established core programs and new offerings designed to enhance accessibility, variety, and participation.

Adult Softball Leagues remain a cornerstone of the Town's athletic programming, with Casual Coed leagues offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays and an Open Adult Softball league on Wednesdays. Running from March through September, these leagues continue to see strong participation and provide consistent weeknight recreation opportunities throughout the spring and summer seasons.

Adult Drop-In Basketball returns for the spring and summer months, operating on Wednesday and Friday evenings from April through September. This flexible, low-cost program offers casual coed play and remains a popular option for adults seeking informal recreation without long-term commitment.

Youth and adult dance programming continues to grow, with *Kids Rhythm and Bop* remaining a well-attended children's dance class for ages 5–11 on Wednesday evenings. Expanded offerings include *Dance Mojave Youth* for ages 8–13 and *Dance Mojave Adult* for teens and adults on Thursday evenings, along with new *Dance Fundamentals* for ages 6–11 and *Adult Ballet* on Monday evenings. These programs broaden the Town's arts-based wellness opportunities and support after-school and evening participation.

Adult fitness programming remains strong with the continuation of the *Barre Fusion Pilates* class, offered Monday evenings from March through October. New early-childhood movement opportunities are also introduced, including *Tumblin' Tots* for ages 2–4 and an *Intro to Gymnastics* program for ages 5–7, providing age-appropriate physical development and coordination activities.

Pickleball programming continues to grow and diversify ahead of the anticipated opening of the new pickleball facility at the Community Center this spring, with a focus on skill development, varied play formats, and increased participation opportunities for players of all levels. An Adult Evening Pickleball Tournament is scheduled for May, utilizing a rotating partners format to encourage social play. The Pickleball Skills Clinic series returns with multiple sessions offered in April and May, including introductory, intermediate, and drill-focused classes held in both morning and evening time slots. New additions include *Monthly Round Robin Fridays Under the Lights* and a *Pickleball Specialty Clinic* that combines instruction with open play.

Outdoor Recreation programming continues this season with a variety of nature-based experiences designed to promote wellness while highlighting local outdoor spaces, providing opportunities for individuals and families to engage in outdoor activity and environmental education.

Youth sports development remains a priority with the introduction of a *Youth Pickleball Camp* in July for ages 8–17, offered in age-specific time blocks. Summer sports clinics continue with the *Girls' Youth Volleyball Clinic* for grades 4–8 and the *Coed Youth Basketball Clinic* for grades 1–8, both offering structured instruction and skill development during the summer months.

The *Triple Play Kids Academy* returns after a successful launch last year, continuing to offer Saturday sessions from April through July for children ages 3–6. This program emphasizes fun, exploration, and foundational skill development across multiple sports, including T-ball, soccer, and flag football, and has proven to be an effective introduction to organized sports for young participants.

The Town's *Fitness Fun Runs* remain signature community events, with the *Grubstakes Run* scheduled for May and the *Galaxy Night 5K Run and 2K Walk* returning in September. These events continue to promote community wellness, outdoor activity, and family participation.

Aquatics will continue to strive to meet the needs of all Swim Lesson participants. In addition to continuing to offer day and evening swim classes as well as private lessons, a Saturday lesson option returns for its third year for those who cannot participate during the week. Fitness

offerings will include traditional programs such as lap swim and water aerobics. Fun Swim will see the addition of weekend programming and the Summer Swim Pass returns at last year's rate \$30 individual or \$100 family of 4, but will now include admission to Wibit and Swim in Movies. Rates have been adjusted to keep pace with industry norms, to offset cost increases, and encourage online purchases; online/in person payment for drop-in programs went from \$4/\$6 to \$4/\$7. Wibit inflatable obstacle course returns at the 2026 affordable price point, dropping from \$6/\$10, but will be included in the Summer Swim Pass.

Senior Center Programs The newly remodeled Senior Center will reopen this spring. Seniors will enjoy interior improvements including a full remodel of restrooms, updated to current ADA standards; lobby remodel and modernization with new automatic doors, reception desk, and classroom for senior programs; updated lighting and HVAC systems; modern office spaces and an updated dining area. Exterior improvements include new ADA sidewalks and crosswalk connecting the center to the Dumosa Senior Village as well as improved landscaping, exterior paint and installation of fiber for internet services. During construction of the Senior Center Modernization Project, all senior programs regularly offered at the Senior Center were temporarily relocated to the Community Center or former San Bernardino County Library location located in the Town Hall building.

Alternatives: None recommended.

Fiscal impact: The majority of programs offered by the Community Services Department are funded through the FY 25-26 adopted budget. Senior Center programming and operations are funded through Measure Y revenues. Programs noted as "new" is the planned programs line-up may require the approval of a budget adjustment that must be approved by the Town Council.

Attachments: Community Services Spring/Summer 2026 Program Summary

Community Services Department
Planned Community Services Programs - Spring/Summer 2026 (April-Sept)

Museum Programs

Exhibits

March - May 2026	Wondrous Waste: 2026 Recycled Art Exhibition	No Charge
May - September 2025	Turtle Travels - Youth Summer Exhibit	No Charge
September 14th-Oct 3rd	Plumbing Replacement - Closure	

Special Events/Programs

	Mar 26 - Mar 28, 2026	Spring Break - Jr. Naturalist Camp (7-9 years old)	\$50
	April 1 - April 3, 2026	Spring Break - Jr. Naturalist Camp (10-12 years old)	\$50
New	April 4, 2026	First Saturday - Education Cart Talks 10am & 3pm	No Charge
	May 2, 2026		
	June 6, 2026		
	August 1, 2026		
	September 5, 2026		
New	April 8, 2026	Storytime with the Mayor	No Charge
New	April 17, 2026	Collagraph/Tetrapak Intaglio Printing Workshop	\$20
	May 1, 2026		
	April 25, 2026	Earth Day at the Museum	No Charge
New	May 9, 2026	Natural Insect Repellent Workshop	\$20
	June 13, 2026	Family Fun Day	No Charge
	June 17-19, 2026	Summer Camp - Jr. Naturalist (7-9yrs old)	\$50/child
	June 25-27, 2026	Summer Camp - Junior Naturalist (10-12yrs old)	\$50/child
	July 8, 2026	Summer Discovery Kit (5-12 yrs old)	\$20/kit
	July 15-17, 2026	Summer Camp - Ectotherm Extravaganza (7-9 yrs old)	\$50/child
	July 22-24, 2026	Summer Camp - Ectotherm Extravaganza (10-12 yrs old)	\$50/child
New	August 6, 13, 20, & 27, 2026	Desert Animal Figure Drawing (Drop in)	Donation
New	August 8, 2026	Desert Tortoise Conservation Presentation	Donation
New	August 19, 2026	Storytime with the Mayor	No Charge

Recreation Programs

Special Events

Holiday Events

Saturday, April 4	Easter Egg Hunt	no charge
Thursday, July 4	4th of July Fireworks Presentation	no charge
Tuesday, Sept 8	Holiday Craft Fair Registration	\$30 per table

Health Fair

Saturday, May 2	Community Health Fair w/MBHD Partner	no charge
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Summer Music Festival (family concerts)

Friday, July 4 w/Fireworks	Those Guys (Top 40)	no charge
Saturday, July 12	Woody and the Longboards (Beach Rock)	no charge
Saturday, July 19	The Answer (Classic Rock)	no charge
Saturday, July 26	Upstream (Caribbean & Reggae)	no charge
Saturday, Aug 2	Faultline (Country)	no charge
Saturday, Aug 9	Funk Station (Funk, Soul and R&B)	no charge

Family Fun Day (themed special event - Museum/Rec)

Saturday, June 13	Family Fun Day	no charge
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H-2-Oh! Summer Water Play

Fridays, June 19 - August 14	Water Fun at the CC - ages 8 and under	no charge
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Movies in the Courtyard

Fridays, April 24 - May 22	Childrens movies at the community center	\$2
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Murder Mystery Dinner

Saturday, April 25	Ages 21+	\$35 EB/\$45 Reg
Saturday, October 10	Ages 21+	\$35 EB/\$45 Reg

New Farmers' Market at Founders Plaza

TBD (opener)	Coincide with the kickoff for the farmers market	free
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Public Art

Public Art Programs

Call for Artists January - March	Summer Music Festival Enhancements	Multi-year program
Call for Artists March - April	2026-2028 YV Branch Library Art Installation	no charge
Call for Artists April - May	2026 Mural	no charge
Call for Artists May - June	Brehm Building Art Installation	no charge
Call for Artists July - August	Founders Plaza Art Installation	no charge
Launch in September (2027 exhibit)	Coyote Call Art Initiative	no charge
TBD	Placement for "Together We Can" Art Piece	no charge

Youth Commission

Youth Commission (Term Nov-May)

Volunteer Activities	HH Run, Egg Hunt, Grubstakes Run	varies
YC Work Plan		
Saturday, February 14	Senior Valentine's Dance/Dinner	\$10
Saturday, May 2	Kid Zone @ MBHCD Health Fair	no charge
Thursday, April 21	Middle School Forums @ LCMS	no charge
February-May	Food Donation for Unity Home	no charge

Enrichment Classes

Enrichment Classes

Gardening for Food and Fun	18 & older, Monthly-First Mondays of the Month	\$10 per class
CPR Certification	Monthly, total of 7 (alternates Sat & Eve times)	\$25 per session
Knit & Crochet	18 & older, Thursday mornings	\$2 per class
Arts & Crafts Club	18 & older, Thursday mornings	\$3 per class
Self Defense Class	2 Saturday Workshops	\$15 per person
Stretch N Tone	18 & older, Tues, Wed, Thurs mornings	\$3 per class
Woodcarving	18 & older, Tuesday Mornings	\$2 per class
Watercolor Art	18 and older, Thursday Mornings	\$5 per class
Draw Club Art Workshops	16 and older, Monthly Workshops	\$20 per workshop
Bollywood Dance	18 and older, Wednesday afternoons	\$9 per class
Belly Dance	18 and older, Monday afternoons	\$9 per class
Robotic Robots	5-10 year olds, 4-week session	\$100/\$25 Drop-in
Ceramic Class	2 workshops-Adult Session and Child Session Various dates	\$50 session/\$50 material fee
Advanced Dog Obedience	All ages, Thursday Evenings 1 6-week sessions	\$100 per session
Basic Dog Obedience	All ages, Thursday Evenings 1 6-week sessions	\$100 per session

Adults & Seniors Programs

April - Sept	Senior Center Activities/Events (Meas. Y)	varies (most free)
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Sports & Wellness

Adult Softball Leagues - Spring & Summer (March - September)

Casual Coed	Tuesday evenings	\$413 /Team
Open Adult Softball	Wednesday evenings	\$413 /Team
Casual Coed	Thursday evenings	\$413 / team

Adult Drop in Basketball - Spring/Summer (April 16 - September 30)

Casual Coed	Adult Basketball Drop in Wednesday/ Friday evenings	\$5 drop in
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Kids Rhythm and Bop April – September

Children ages 5-11	Childrens' Dance Class - Wednesday evenings	\$8 drop in
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New	Dance Mojave Youth April- September		
	Children ages 8-13	Childrens' Dance Class - Thursday evenings	\$40 per month
New	Dance Mojave Adult April-September		
	Ages 13 and up	Adult Dance Class - Thursday evenings	\$15 drop in \$40 mo
New	Dance Fundamentals April - September		
	Children ages 6-11	Childrens' Master Class Monday afternoons	\$8 drop in
New	Adult Ballet April – September		
	Adults 18+	Adult Ballet Class - Monday evenings	\$8 drop in
	Barre Fusion Pilates Class March - October		
	Adult 18+	Pilates Class Monday evenings	\$8 drop in
New	Tumblin' Tots April-September		
	Children ages 2-4	Childrens' movement class Tuesdays 10:30am	\$10 drop in
New	Intro to Gymnastics March-October		
	Children ages 5-7	Beginner gymnastics Wednesdays	\$12 drop in
	Pickleball Tournaments		
	Saturday, May 30	Adult Evening Tournament Round Rotating Partners	\$20/\$25
	Pickleball Skills Clinic		
	April 7- April 28	Pickleball Skills Clinic (4 Tu morning classes)	\$60/\$18 Drop in 90 min.
	April 8 - April 29	Intro to Pickleball Skills Clinic (4 Wed eve classes)	\$40/\$12 Drop in
	April 9 - April 30	Pickleball Int. Skills Clinic (4 Th morning w/drills)	\$60/\$18 Drop in 90 min.
	May 5- May 26	Pickleball Skills Clinic (4 Tu morning classes)	\$60/\$18 Drop in 90 min.
	May 6 - May 27	Intro to Pickleball Skills Clinic (4 Wed eve classes)	\$40/\$12 Drop in
	May 7 - May 28	Pickleball Int. Skills Clinic (4 Th morning w/drills)	\$60/\$18 Drop in 90 min.
New	Pickleball Monthly Round Robin Fridays Under the Lights		
	Jun. 19, Jul. 17, Aug. 27, Sep. 9	Mixed Dbles Round Robin Format (4 Fri. eves)	\$20 Drop in
New	Pickleball Specialty Clinic		
	Jun. 5, 11, 18, & 25	Pickleball Specialty Clinic(4 classes with open play)	\$40 for 4/\$12 Drop in
	Outdoor Recreation		
	Dates TBD	Desert Nature Fest at Healthy Hearts Run 11-1pm	No charge
		Sunday Kite Flying & Picnic	\$25
		Plants & People	\$20
		Amazing Old Town Scavenger Hunt	\$20 per team
		Tailgate Brunch & Hike (3 Sundays April-May)	\$15
		Slow Poke Hiking Club	\$5
New	Youth Pickleball Camp		
	Mon. - Thu. Jul. 6 - Jul. 9	Children ages 8 - 12 7:30am-9:30am	\$65
	Mon. - Thu. Jul. 6 - Jul. 9	Children ages 13 - 17 7:00pm-9:00pm	\$65
	Summer Volleyball Clinic		
	June 22-25	Girls' Youth Volleyball Clinic Grades 4-8	\$75
	Summer Basketball Clinic		
	June 29 - July 2	Coed Youth Basketball Clinic Grades 1-8	\$75
	Triple Play Kids Academy		
	Saturdays April - July	Ages 3-6 Emphasizes fun, exploration, and foundational skills across three sports, Tball, Soccer, Flag Football	\$45 ea/\$120 for 3
	Fitness Fun Runs		
	Sunday, May 24	Grubstakes Run 10K, 5K, 2K	\$30/\$35
	Saturday, September 12	Galaxy Night 5k Run & 2K Walk	\$30/\$35

Aquatics

Pool open June 15 - August 8

Swim Lessons

Session I, June 15 - June 25	Monday through Thursday morn/eve instruction; 5 time slots; 6 age and skills-based levels of instruction (option for Saturday morning lessons)	\$60
Session II, June 29 - July 9		\$60
Session III, July 13 - 23		\$60
Session IV, July 27 - Aug 6		\$60
Saturday Swim School, Session 1	Saturdays for 3 weeks, June 20 - July 11	\$22.50
Saturday Swim School, Session 2	Saturdays for 4 weeks, July 18 - August 8	\$30
Private Lessons	Friday sessions	\$30

Lifeguard Certification Course

March 30-April 3	Red Cross LG certification course. Open enrollment upon certification participants are offered interviews.	\$220
April 25, 26, 27, May 2, 3, 4		

Water Safety Instructor Certification

Session I, May & June	Red Cross WSI certification course.	Inservice training
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Morning Water Aerobics

M, Tu, Th, F, 7 am	45-minute instructor led water exercises	\$4/\$7
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Lap Swimming Sessions

Mon - Sat, 8:00 am	Drop-in sessions; 50 min, divided swim lanes, circle swimming format	\$4/\$7
Mon - Sat, 7:45 pm		\$4/\$7

Fun Swim Sessions

Mon - Fri 1 - 4 pm	Public Recreational Swim	\$4/\$7
Friday, July 31 and Aug 7	Evening, Swim-In Movie	\$4/\$7
Saturdays 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Inflatable Obstacle Course	\$6/\$10
Summer Swim Pass	Individual and family of 4 passes	\$30/\$100

Town of Yucca Valley
Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Commission Staff Report



To: Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Commission

From: Clayton Rardon, Recreation Supervisor

Date: February 5, 2026

Meeting Date: February 12, 2026

Subject:

Public Art Program – FY 2026-28 Planned Program Approval

Recommendation:

That the Commission provide direction as desired, approve the planned programs, and direct staff to forward the Public Art FY 26-28 program recommendation to the Town Council.

Prior Review:

Background

October 17, 2002: The first Public Arts Policy was adopted by the Town Council, with subsequent amendments approved in 2008 and 2012.

October 6, 2020: The Town Council forwards the Town's Public Art Policy to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission (PRCC) for review/updating.

The Town Council tasked the PRCC with the following:

1. Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission to conduct a policy review process and develop final recommendations for updates/revisions;
2. The PRCC to provide input regarding the review of art installations on specific public locations - or selection of a location for a particular piece;
3. The PRCC to provide preference for purchase, donation, or loan of art objects.

The Commission embarked on a 2-step process: (1) Public Art Policy Review, (2) development of the Public Arts Program and Public Art Fund. Resulting in the following action by the Town Council in October of 2022.

1. Public Art Policy 2022 - Adoption

The revised policy was adopted by the Town Council with funding in the amount of \$100,000 (50K per year) allocated to launch the programs.

2. Public Art Pilot Program FY 22-24 – Initial Launch

The Commission launched the Public Art Pilot Program in FY 22-24 with five elements.

- Temporary Art Installation Program

Program features placement of public art on a temporary basis through a submittal and selection process.

- Art in Daily Lives Program

Program features placement of art installations throughout the community including Utility Box Enhancement Program and art enhancements to existing programs and events.

- Public Art Town Entry Beautification Program

Program features beautification of the Town's entry including conceptual design of west entrance monument sign.

3. Funding Update

Current Public Art Fund Balance: \$157,967

Overview of Previous Programs

- 2023 Yucca Valley Film Festival Art Installation
- 2024 YV Branch Library Art Installation
- 2024 Utility Box Art Installations (6 boxes wrapped)
- 2024 Summer Music Festival Enhancement (3 awardees)
- 2025 YV Branch Library Art Installation
- 2025 West Entrance Monument Sign
- 2026 Utility Box Art Installations (12 boxes wrapped)
- 2026 Summer Music Festival Enhancement (underway)

Discussion:

The Public Art Program includes a mix of continued and new initiatives designed to expand the visibility and reach of public art across Yucca Valley. The lineup features a revised Yucca Valley Branch Library Art Installation transitioning to a bi-annual, or longer, installation period with an increased budget to attract larger, more prominent works; new Calls for Artists at the Brehm Park Community Building entrance and Founders Plaza in Old Town; plus the addition of a Community Center mural program to establish a bold, and more permanent visual anchor at a highly used facility. Ongoing bi-annual programs—including the Utility Box Enhancement Program, Summer Music Festival art programming, and the year-long Public Art Exhibition anchored by the Coyote Call and auction—continue to provide rotating, community-focused art while supporting long-term program development.

The following are proposed programs for FY 2026-28.

- Yucca Valley Branch Library Art Installation
 - 2026 Temp Art Exhibit - Call for Art (2 yr installation)
\$4,500
- New - Brehm Park Community Building Entrance
 - Call for Art for entrance of Brehm Park building
\$2,500
- New - Old Town Parking Area Art Installation
 - Call for Art for new event area in Old Town
\$2,500
- New - Placement of '*Together We Can Sculpture*'
 - Evaluate and determine temporary or permanent placement of Town-owned sculpture
\$2,000
- New - Community Center Mural Installation
 - Call for Art for mural at YV Community Center
\$12,000
- Utility Box Enhancement Program (bi-annual program)
 - 6 Utility Boxes
\$9,500
- Summer Music Festival 2026-27 (bi-annual program)
\$3,500
- Public Art Exhibition (year-long, bi-annual program):
 - Coyote Call Public Art Event & Auction
Startup cost – statue mold/casting
\$13,650
Sculpture cost, 6 coyotes
\$6,100
Additional Program expenses
\$3,000

Total estimated program costs: \$59,250

Public Art Program Staff: \$30,000 (15,000 per year, Recreation or Contract Staff)

Total fund allocation for FY budget 2026-28: \$89,250

Alternatives

none recommended

Fiscal Impact:

The program is funded through Special Revenue Fund 635 Public Art Fund, approved by the Town Council in October 2022. The current account balance is \$157,967, after spending the proposed \$89,250 the fund balance will be \$68,717. Additional funding may be allocated to

the fund during the 2026-28 budget cycle.

Attachments

1. 2022 Public Art Policy

Town of Yucca Valley Public Art Policy

Recommended for approval by the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission 10/02

Adopted by the Town Council 10/17/02

Amended by the Town Council 9/11/08

Amended by the Town Council 06/19/1

Recommended for amendment by the Parks, recreation & Cultural Commission on 6/13/22

Amended by the Town Council 10/4/22

POLICY STATEMENT

The Town of Yucca Valley desires to enhance its identity as an artistic community. It is intended that the Town of Yucca Valley, through its Public Arts Program, will celebrate its artistic heritage and vital art community, embrace cultural responsibilities, and guarantee future generations a rich artistic legacy through the acquisition and exhibition of quality works of art. The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission is authorized by the Town Council to advise and recommend Public Art policies, programs, and related actions.

POLICY OBJECTIVE

The Public Art Policy is directed, in part, towards developing a high-quality permanent art collection for the community. Public Art is hereby defined as:

Any work of art displayed for two weeks or more in an open Town-controlled area, on the exterior of any Town-maintained facility, within any Town-owned facility, and/or in areas designated or commonly regarded as public areas, lobbies, and public assembly areas. The work of art may include, but not be limited to murals, sculptures, monuments, lighting, frescoes, fountains, paintings, stained glass, and ceramics. It does not include generic office décor, posters and publications, stock art, and other commonly used materials.

POLICY GOALS

- To enrich the public environment for residents and visitors by providing access to, and promoting an appreciation of, the visual and performing arts.
- To educate the community about the value of public art as a means to foster community spirit and pride consistent with the Town's desert environment, pioneering history and cultural heritage, enhance cultural tourism, and contribute to economic development.
- To facilitate the use of public art as a vehicle for expressing and preserving Yucca Valley's desert environment, pioneering history and cultural heritage.
- To position Yucca Valley as a center for artistic expression through a variety of styles, design and media.
- To foster a positive environment for the pursuit of funding for public art initiatives.

POLICY PROCEDURES

1. Public Art Recommendations

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission and, when applicable, the Planning

Commission shall select, review, and make recommendations for the acquisition and placement of public art; and shall make every effort to recommend a broad variety of artistic disciplines and acknowledge the wealth of artists within the local community.

2. Public Review Period

Prior to forwarding a recommendation to the Town Council to take action regarding a piece of art for loan, or acquisition by purchase or donation, there shall be a minimum 30-day public review period. During the public review period, the work itself, a copy of the work, or a photograph, videotape, slide, drawing, model or other representation of the artwork must be available for inspection by the public during regular hours at Town Hall or at a place reasonably close to Town Hall, and at other appropriate Town locations. In addition to any other method, notice of the public review period shall be published in the local newspaper, Town website, and on Town social media platforms. Public comments shall be forwarded to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission for consideration.

3. Criteria

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission and, when applicable, the Planning Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "appointed Commission") shall consider the following criteria when reviewing works of art for purchase, gift, or loan to the Town collection; the appointed Commission shall thereby make a recommendation to the Town Council for its final decision as to the purchase, gift, or loan of such art. The Town Council shall utilize the same criteria when considering whether to accept or reject the appointed Commission's recommendation. In considering the following criteria, each subsection may be considered independently. In no way must a recommendation be made pursuant to the satisfaction of all of the subsections.

- A. Artistic or historical significance of the object that prioritizes but not restricted to, the Town's natural desert environment, pioneering history and unique cultural heritage.
- B. The object's physical condition (i.e., a non-deteriorated and safe physical condition) and whether the object is of exhibition quality.
- C. Whether the Town already owns sufficient examples or better examples of this type of object or objects by a particular artist or a particular style or medium.
- D. Whether the Town has the facilities necessary to properly care for and keep the object safe. (The Town has limited storage space and must consider the cost of processing, insuring, maintaining, displaying, installing or storing artwork). If there are any special costs or special methods associated with maintaining or storing the artwork, such cost and methods must be made known to the Town Council prior to a vote to acquire the artwork.
- E. Compliance with signage protocol. (Signage for artwork to be displayed in public areas shall be limited to the artist's name, title and date of work, and where appropriate, a dedication. The name of the donor or lender may be part of the installation.)
- F. Whether sufficient funds are available for the purchase and/or installation and/or

care of the artwork.

- G. Appropriateness of the proposed display site (i.e., that the art works well within the scale and nature of the display site).
- H. Whether the artwork encapsulates the natural beauty of the Town and the Hi-Desert region.
- I. Particular consideration will be given to local artists and artwork that represents Town celebrations and traditions (i.e., starry nights, mining history, military traditions, Grubstake Days, etc.), nearby desert landscape (i.e. Joshua Tree National Park), and/or other identified community themes.

4. Town Responsibility

In acquiring works of art by purchase or gift, or accepting a loan of artwork, the Town has the responsibility to:

- A. Determine optimum locations and display methods for pieces of public art in the Town's collection.
- B. Preserve, conserve and maintain the objects in the collection. If there are any special costs or methods associated with preserving, conserving or maintaining the artwork, those costs and methods shall be made known to the Town Council prior to acquiring the artwork.
- C. Catalogue the objects in the collection. Complete records shall be made and maintained of all artworks acquired.
- D. Make the objects in the collection known to the public through display, publication and/or other educational means.
- E. Ensure that the interests of all concerned parties are represented, including the public, the artist, and the Town.
- F. Ensure that a loan agreement or legal instrument of conveyance, necessary waiver, and documents transferring title and ownership of the artwork and clearly defining the rights and responsibilities of all parties accompany all acquisitions.

5. Acquisition Procedures

- A. Acquisition is hereby defined as the inclusion of new works of art into the Town's permanent collection by purchase or gift. Permanent collection refers to work intended to remain two years or longer.
- B. Members of the appointed Commission may submit work of art, created by someone other than the member of the appointed commission or a Town official, for consideration for acquisition or loan, but that member must abstain from voting on the decision whether or not to recommend the object for acquisition or loan. Additionally, members of the appointed Commission submitting a work of art

created by someone other than the member of the appointed Commission or a Town official, for consideration for acquisition or loan, must not benefit financially from the submittal. Nothing in this Policy shall allow a member of the appointed Commission or a Town official to submit their own art for consideration for acquisition or loan. Furthermore, any person submitting a work of art for consideration for acquisition or loan must comply with all federal and state conflict of interest laws, particularly California Government Code Section 1090.

C. Any individuals having business with or desiring to request a particular work of art be considered through the acquisition procedure must submit a written request or offer of such art to the Town Clerk of Yucca Valley and the Town Clerk shall provide the artist or the artist's representative and copy of this Public Art Policy; the artist or the artist's representative shall acknowledge in writing that he or she has received a copy of this Public Art Policy and has reviewed and understood it. The rules of loans and acquisitions are as follows:

1. The work itself, a copy of the work, or a photograph, videotape, slide, drawing, model or other representation of the artwork must be available at a regular meeting of appointed Commission for examination.
2. Members of the appointed Commission(s) must make a reasonable attempt to inspect the actual/physical artwork being considered for acquisition or loan. When objects being considered cannot be directly examined by the Committee, the vendor shall provide one or more photographs, videotapes, slides, drawings, models or other representations of the artwork.
3. The Public Art Fund or the Town's general fund must have funds available to cover all costs associated with the purchase, transportation, installation, and insurance of the art.
4. The recommendation(s) of the appointed Commission(s) will be forwarded to the Town Council for final determination regarding acceptance and/or placement of the artwork.
5. Subsequent to the Town Council's decision, staff and the appointed Commission(s) shall act in accordance with the provisions herein.
6. Staff shall notify the artist/vendor of the Town Council's determination and initiate appropriate acquisition or loan procedures.
7. Once all appropriate loan or acquisition documents have been signed and received the Town shall initiate payment if applicable for the art, transportation, installation and all expenses pertaining to the loan or acquisition. Insurance responsibility for both parties will be established before shipping and installation of loaned or acquired artwork.
8. The object shall be cataloged into the Town's collection and photographed and documented accordingly.

- D. For all acquisitions to its collections, the Town must obtain free and clear title to the acquired artwork. Acquisitions will be free of limiting conditions and restrictions concerning their fair use. Unless specifically agreed to otherwise, items acquired may be exhibited, preserved, conserved, stored, offered for sale, used for fundraising, or otherwise utilized in the best interests of the Town, at the Town's sole discretion
1. The artist shall retain all rights and interest in the artwork under the Copyright Act of 1976 except for rights of ownership and possession, which shall be passed to the Town. The artist shall warrant that the artwork is his/her sole and original creation which does not infringe upon any copyright or trademark. The artist shall grant the Town the irrevocable license to make reproductions of the artwork for archival or promotional purposes. An artist credit line shall be utilized for images of the artwork in published materials.
 2. Town staff shall ensure that the artwork is properly installed. The artist or the artist's agent must guarantee reasonable durability of materials, and shall agree to consult with Town staff on the installation method and site preparation prior to installation of the artwork.
 3. The artist shall submit maintenance guidelines for the artwork to the Town. In turn, the Town shall make every reasonable effort to maintain the artwork and make any decisions regarding repairs and restoration based on the maintenance guidelines submitted by the artist and in consultation with the artist when feasible (as per the Visual Artists Rights Act of 1990).
- E. Acquisition by Purchase. Documents of ownership transfer for purchased artwork shall contain the following minimum information: Name and address of the owner from which title will pass to the Town via sale, date of sale, description of the artwork, and purchase price of the acquisition.
- F. Acquisition by Gift or Donation. The donation of works of art is a major source of enrichment for the Town's collection. Although a far greater range of possible acquisitions is likely to be offered to the Town as gifts than would be considered for purchase, equally high artistic regard should be applied to them.
1. Title to donated acquisitions shall be passed to the Town via a Deed of Gift form or other Town-approved document which contains explicit language regarding the outright and unconditional nature of the gift.
 2. Donations to the Town of Yucca Valley are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. The Town, however, assumes no responsibility for appraisals or tax consequences resulting from the submission of art to the Town. No acquisition shall be appraised by a Town employee, Commission member, or Town Council member, or any other Town-affiliated person associated with the donation. This subsection in no way prohibits a Town

employee, Commission member or Town Council member from appraising a work of art donated to the Town of Yucca Valley for the sole purpose of deaccessioning, as described in Section 9 of this Policy.

6. Loan Procedures

- A. The review and approval procedures, rules 5.C. 1-8, shall apply to all works of art offered for loan to the Town. Although loaned art will not be included in the Town's permanent collection as is art from gifts or purchases, an equally high artistic regard shall be applied to loaned objects. Members of the appointed Commission(s) share responsibility to make the Town's needs and restrictions known to potential public art lenders. The prospective lender shall receive a copy of this Public Art Policy.
1. The lender will be responsible for entering into a loan agreement with the Town upon approval of the loan by Town Council. Loan documentation, signed by both the Town and the lender, will identify the authorized lender, describe the artwork borrowed, state the duration of the loan, specify the credit line for published images of the artwork, assign responsibility for insurance, and state insurance values. Incoming and outgoing condition reports will be completed on each artwork loaned to the Town.
 2. Artwork will be loaned for periods up to one year in duration, with renewal negotiations conducted between the Town and lender if both parties desire to extend the loan. The Town will exercise with respect to the artwork the same security precautions and care as the Town does in the case of comparable objects in its own collection.
 3. The Town must receive from the lender assurance that the artwork loaned is in such condition as to withstand ordinary strains of packing, shipping, installation, and exhibition. No alteration, restoration, or repair will be undertaken without the written authorization of the lender.
 4. Insurance responsibility will be determined at the time of the loan agreement. In the case of the Town insuring the artwork, insurance will cover only those risks against which the Town insures its own property under such policy. The lender agrees that in the event of loss or damage, recovery, if any, shall be limited to such amount as may be paid by the insurer, thereby releasing the Town, its officers, agents, and employees from liability for any and all claims arising out of such loss or damage. If the lender elects to maintain his/her own insurance, the Town must be supplied with a Certificate of Insurance with and endorsement naming the Town as additional insured with respect to the artwork.
 5. Unless permission to do so has been specifically refused in writing by the lender, the Town is authorized to photograph or otherwise reproduce in any media images of the artwork on loan for archival or promotional purposes.

For published images the credit line specified by the lender in the loan form will be utilized.

7. Public Art Fund

- A. Any financial appropriations or donations to a Public Art Fund will be maintained by the Town of Yucca Valley with the fund balance identified in the annual budget.
- B. At such a time when deemed necessary and appropriate by the Town Council, the Public Art Fund may receive allocations from the Town for acquisitions, operating expenses, workshops, sponsorships, fund raising events, and other endeavors pertinent to public art.
- C. The Public Art Fund shall be held in a separate account and not commingled with other funds.

8. Deaccessioning

- A. Deaccessioning is the process by which the Town, acting in accordance with Town policies and procedures, approves and effectuates the disposal of a work of art from the Town of Yucca Valley's collection.
- B. It is recognized that the deaccessioning of artworks is a very delicate matter, and must be handled with diplomacy, so not to discourage and alienate potential donors and/or artists.
- C. Notwithstanding any other provision in this policy, if, in the judgment of a majority of the Town Council, an artwork is deemed at any time to be detrimental to the public interest due to one of the criteria listed in Section 8.D below, it may be removed immediately from public display and deaccessioned.
- D. Criteria for selecting works of art for deaccessioning.

The Town shall review works of art for deaccession if the artwork meets at least one of the following criteria:

- 1. If the Town cannot properly care for or store the work.
- 2. If the artwork does not meet the policy goals as described earlier in this Policy.
- 3. If the work is duplicative (e.g., prints sculptures, multiples) of other works in the Town's collection.
- 4. If the Town identifies a work of art as a copy or pastiche, a fake or forgery, without significant value.

5. A work whose condition requires restoration in excess of its value or a work in such a deteriorated state that restoration would be either unfeasible or misleading.
6. A work whose condition has become a threat to public safety, either through improper installation, deterioration or other defect in the work that renders it reasonably foreseeable that the work could cause injury to persons or property.

9. Deaccessioning Procedures

- A. Except where the Town Council has initiated deaccessioning of an artwork pursuant to Section 8.C above, the appointed Commission(s) and/or Town staff shall periodically review the Town's art collection and compile a list of those objects recommended for deaccessioning.
- B. Staff shall prepare a written report for each object recommended for deaccessioning. This report shall include:
 - Title, artist, medium, dimensions, and current location of the work
 - Provenance
 - Slide(s) and/or photograph(s) of the work
 - The condition of the work
 - Estimated fair market value, as determined by Town staff
 - Copy of ownership documents for the work
 - Justification for disposal, conforming to the provisions herein (in the case of certain objects of high monetary value, independent consultants may be invited to provide opinions)
 - Recommendation for disposal method of the work
- C. A copy of the report shall be distributed to each member of the appointed Commission(s) for review prior to the meeting at which the deaccessioning of the work will be considered.
- D. Each member of the appointed Commission(s) shall inspect the work before voting to recommend deaccession.
- E. After appropriate discussion, the appointed Commission will recommend approval or disapproval of the deaccessioning by a majority vote. Town staff will forward the recommendation to the Town Council for its review and approval. Town Council approval must be obtained for the deaccessioning of any object regardless of its value or intended disposition
- F. Subsequent to approval by the Town Council, staff shall make every reasonable effort to locate the artist or donor/heir advising them in writing of the Town's intention to deaccession the work giving reasons and appropriate assurances that:

1. In the case of sale, the monies realized will be used to purchase other works for collection or to restore works already owned by the Town, and to adhere to the California Resale Royalties Act (Civil Code 986).

10. Disposal of Deaccessioned Art Procedures

The Town may take any of the following courses of action. The Town shall not be limited to these, and may suggest other methods as may be decided by a particular set of circumstances.

A. Sale

1. The artist/donor shall be given the right of first refusal to acquire the work at fair market value, original price, or gratis, depending on the recommendation of the appointed Commission and approval of the Town Council. The cost of removal of the work may be reflected in the amount set.
2. Sell the work through a dealer.
3. Sell the work through a public auction or a sealed competitive bid process.
4. All revenues shall be designated for the Town's Public Art Fund.

B. Trade or Exchange

1. The Town may negotiate a trade or exchange under special circumstances with a dealer or artist. Acquisition of an artwork through trade or exchange shall be subject to the provisions of this Public Art Policy.
2. The Town may trade a deaccessioned work for another piece by the same artist or another artist. Acquisition of an artwork through trade or exchange shall be subject to the provisions of this Public Art Policy.
3. In acquiring an object through trade or through monies raised from the sale of deaccessioned objects, the Town shall acknowledge the donor(s) of the original object or objects.
4. In keeping with the California Resale Royalties Act, if a deaccessioned work of art is sold, traded, or exchanged, five percent (5%) of the sale price of any work valued over \$1,000 will be given to the artist who created the work or the artist's heirs as governed by law, provided that the artist can be located by reasonable means. If the artist cannot be found, the Resale Royalty shall revert to the California State Arts Council. It is the obligation of the artist to keep the Town informed of a current address.

C. General Provisions

1. There may be instances in which the artwork has deteriorated to such an extent that it is irreparable and is unsuitable for exhibition and has therefore lost its function within the Town's collection. Once a work of this nature has been fully deaccessioned, a recommendation may be made by the appointed Commission(s) and/or staff to dispose of the object.
2. Staff will negotiate the terms for sale or exchange of deaccessioned objects.
3. Staff shall remove acquisition numbers and labels from the deaccessioned work, arrange and coordinate its physical departure from the Town's collection.
4. Staff shall notify Town Council of the removal of the piece from the Town's collection.
5. All proceeds from the sale of deaccessioned works of art will be used to purchase other works for the collection, or to restore works already owned by the Town.
6. All funds from deaccessioning shall be maintained in the Town of Yucca Valley's Public Art Fund.
7. All legal instruments for the purchase, donation, loan or disposition of an artwork shall be subject to the prior review and approval of the Town Attorneys' Office.