

# TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL 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.

**TOWN COUNCIL: 5:00 PM**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026**  
Yucca Valley Community Center - Yucca Room  
57090 Twentynine Palms Hwy  
Yucca Valley, Ca 92284

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### Town Council

Merl Abel, Mayor  
Jim Schooler, Mayor Pro Tem  
Rick Denison, Council Member  
Jeff Drozd, Council Member  
Robert Lombardo, Council Member

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### TOWN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE:

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**AGENDA**  
**MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026, 5:00 PM**

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If you wish to comment on any agenda item or on any subject not on the agenda during public comments, please fill out a request to speak card and give to the Town Clerk/Commission Secretary. Comment time is limited to 3 minutes.

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

**OPENING CEREMONIES:**

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

Council Members Denison, Drozd, Lombardo, Schooler, and Mayor Abel

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Invocation**

**Presentations, Introductions, Recognitions**

1. Introduction of Miss Yucca Valley and Court- John Babrowski, Yucca Valley Sunset Rotary

**Approval of Agenda**

2. Agenda Approval

**Recommendation:**

Approve the meeting agenda as prepared.

**Consent Agenda**

All items listed on the consent agenda are routine matters or formal documents covering previous Town Council instruction. Items are enacted by one motion and a second without separate discussion unless a member of the Town Council or Town Staff requests dialog on a specific item at the beginning of the meeting. Requests for public comment on the consent agenda items should be filed with the Town Clerk.

3. Approval of Minutes- Tuesday, February 17, 2026
4. Ordinance 333- Second Reading- Sidewalk Maintenance

**Recommendation:**

That the Town Council adopts Ordinance 333 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE YUCCA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTERS 6.04 (ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCES) AND 11.100 (SIDEWALKS) OF THE YUCCA VALLEY MUNICIPAL CODE TO UPDATE AND EXPAND ENUMERATED PUBLIC NUISANCE CONDITIONS AFFECTING SIDEWALKS, PARKWAYS, AND THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AND CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF SIDEWALKS**

### Department Reports

5. Revenue Measure Oversight Commission Appointments

**Recommendation:**

**That the Town Council consider the submitted applications and recommend the appointment of two applicant to the Revenue Measure Oversight Commission for terms ending on 04/01/2029.**

6. Town Sponsorship of the 2026 Morongo Basin Humane Society Joshua Tree No-Kill Shelter “Woof Walk” Fundraising Event

**Recommendation:**

**Approve Town sponsorship of the 2026 Morongo Basin Humane Society Joshua Tree No-Kill Shelter “Woof Walk” Fundraising Event through in-kind support including waiver of fees for facility use, equipment rental, and staff hours in the amount of \$1,426.00.**

7. Senior Center Facility Reopening Update

**Recommendation:**

**That the Town Council receive and file the report.**

8. Park & Facility Naming – Revitalized Yucca Valley Senior Center

**Recommendation:**

**That the Town Council review the recommendation of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission to rename the Senior Center facility under the framework of the adopted Park & Facility Naming Policy and, if desired, accept the recommendation, thus renaming the Senior Center facility the *Desert Willow Pavilion - A Center for Active Seniors*, or identify an alternate name as desired.**

9. FY 2026-28 Public Art Planned Programs Review and Approval

**Recommendation:**

**That the Town Council accepts the recommendation of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission to approve the planned programs for the FY 26-28 Public Art Program.**

### Future Agenda Items

#### Public Comments

The Town Council 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 Town Council is prohibited by State law from taking action or discussing items not on the printed agenda.

### **Staff Reports and Comments**

#### **Mayor and Council Member Reports and Comments**

Council Member Denison

Council Member Drozd

Council Member Lombardo

Mayor Pro Tem Schooler

Mayor Abel

#### **Announcements**

Upcoming Meeting Schedule: The next regular meeting of the Yucca Valley Town Council will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 5:00 PM in the Yucca Valley Community Center Yucca Room.

**Town of Yucca Valley**  
**Town Council Meeting Minutes**  
**February 17, 2026**

**Closed Session**

The Town Council met in closed session pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1) to confer with legal counsel with regard to the following matters of pending litigation:

- o Asa Huber v. Town of Yucca Valley et al; case number CIVSB2530342
- o Gonzalez v. Town of Yucca Valley, et al; case number CIVSB2433072

**Report Out of Closed Session**

Assistant Town Attorney Vazquez reported on closed session action:

- o Asa Huber v. Town of Yucca Valley et al; case number CIVSB2530342 - The Town Council voted unanimously to defend the case.
- o Gonzalez v. Town of Yucca Valley, et al; case number CIVSB2433072 - No reportable action on this item.

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

Present: Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler, Robert Lombardo

Absent:

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Led by Town Manager Yakimow

**Presentations, Introductions, Recognitions**

**1. Spirit of Yucca Valley Award- Marjorie Smith**

Mayor Abel presented the Spirit of Yucca Valley award to Marjorie Smith for her untiring disaster preparedness work in Yucca Valley and the Morongo Basin.

**Approval of Agenda**

**2. Agenda Approval**

Motion: Approve the meeting agenda as prepared.

Present: Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler, Robert Lombardo

Absent:

## Consent Agenda

### 3. Approval of Minutes- December 2, 2025

Town Clerk Copeland requested to approve an edit to the December 2, 2025 minutes to correct the report out of closed session for the following:

- o Gonzalez v. Town of Yucca Valley, et al; case number CIVSB2433072 - The Town Council voted unanimously to defend the case.

**Motion:**

Approve the meeting minutes of Tuesday, December 2, 2025 as amended.

**Result:** Passed (Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Mayor Pro Tem Jim Schooler

**Second:** Council Member Rick Denison

**Ayes:** Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler, Robert Lombardo

### 4. Approval of Minutes- January 20, 2026

**Motion:**

Approve the meeting minutes of Tuesday, January 20, 2026 as presented.

**Result:** Passed (Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Mayor Pro Tem Jim Schooler

**Second:** Council Member Rick Denison

**Ayes:** Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler, Robert Lombardo

### 5. Approval of Minutes- February 3, 2026

**Motion:**

Approve the meeting minutes of Tuesday, February 3, 2026 as presented.

**Result:** Passed (Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Mayor Pro Tem Jim Schooler

**Second:** Council Member Rick Denison

**Ayes:** Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler, Robert Lombardo

### 6. Agreement for Environmental Consulting Services, EA 02-24, CUP 01-24: Tumbleweed Sanctuary, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Review - E|P|D Solutions, Inc.

**Motion:**

Approve the Professional Services Agreement with E|P|D Solutions, Inc., for preparation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis and documentation for Environmental Assessment (EA) 02-24 and Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 01-24 Tumbleweed Sanctuary, with a maximum contract value of \$38,685, including the preparation of an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND), and authorizes the Mayor, Town Manager and Town Attorney to sign all documents necessary to implement the Agreement.

**Result:** Passed (Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0)  
**Mover:** Mayor Pro Tem Jim Schooler  
**Second:** Council Member Rick Denison  
**Ayes:** Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler, Robert Lombardo

**7. Professional Services Agreement Amendment #1 between the Town of Yucca Valley and Petra Resource Management, California Environmental Quality Act Review, Community Center Athletic Facility Master Plan**

**Motion:**  
Approve amendment #1 to Professional Services Agreement between the Town of Yucca Valley and Petra Resources Management (S-Corporation) to increase the contract from \$31,500 to \$51,700, and authorize the Town Manager to execute the amended agreement #1 for Archaeological Monitoring Services for the Community Center Athletic Facility Master Plan, an agreement modification of \$31,500, to \$51,700.

**Result:** Passed (Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0)  
**Mover:** Mayor Pro Tem Jim Schooler  
**Second:** Council Member Rick Denison  
**Ayes:** Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler, Robert Lombardo

**8. Approval of the amended 2025/26 Authorized Position list, Salary Schedule and Job Description.**

**Motion:**  
Adopt Resolution No. 26-02 authorizing positions for fiscal years 2025-26 and the approval of one revised job description.

**Result:** Passed (Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0)  
**Mover:** Mayor Pro Tem Jim Schooler  
**Second:** Council Member Rick Denison  
**Ayes:** Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler, Robert Lombardo

**9. CS Planned Programs Approval Spring/Summer 2026**

**Motion:**

Accept the recommendation of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission and approve the Spring/Summer 2026 programs and events organized and conducted by the Community Services Department.

**Result:** Passed (Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Mayor Pro Tem Jim Schooler

**Second:** Council Member Rick Denison

**Ayes:** Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler, Robert Lombardo

**10. Budget Report for the Six Months Ending December 31, 2025**

**Motion:**

1. Receive and file the Mid-Year Budget Report for FY2025-26
2. Adopt Resolution No. 26-03 amending the FY2025-26 General Fund and Special Revenue Fund Budgets as identified in Exhibits A and B

**Result:** Passed (Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Mayor Pro Tem Jim Schooler

**Second:** Council Member Rick Denison

**Ayes:** Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler, Robert Lombardo

**11. AB1234 Reporting Requirements**

**Motion:**

Receive and file the AB1234 Reporting Requirement Schedule for the month of January 2026.

**Result:** Passed (Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Mayor Pro Tem Jim Schooler

**Second:** Council Member Rick Denison

**Ayes:** Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler, Robert Lombardo

**12. Ratification of Warrant Registers**

**Motion:**

Ratify the Payroll Registers totaling \$289,795.91 dated January 02, 2026, \$300,686.47 dated January 16, 2026, and \$249,184.28 dated January 30, 2026.

Ratify the Warrant Registers totaling \$5,262,375.28 for the period January 1, 2026, to January 31, 2026.

**Result:** Passed (Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Mayor Pro Tem Jim Schooler

**Seconder:** Council Member Rick Denison

**Ayes:** Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler, Robert Lombardo

## Department Reports

### 13. YV ARC Quarterly Project Update

Public Works Director Qishta read the recommendation and introduced Jen Manckia-Wagner from Dahlin to present the quarterly update report for the Yucca Valley Aquatics and Recreation Center.

Mayor Abel opened public comments. With no members of the public wishing to speak, public comments were closed. Received and filed.

### 14. Animal Care, Control and Committee Update

Animal Care and Control Manager May provided an informational update on the Animal Shelter Operations.

Mayor Abel opened public comments. The following spoke about the Animal Shelter Operations.

James Porter, Yucca Valley  
Cheryl Contopulous, Yucca Valley  
Susan Herring, Yucca Valley

With no other members of the public wishing to speak, Mayor Abel closed public comments.

Council Member Drozd thanked Animal Care and Control Manager May for her work in implementing the changes and thanked the public for their input.

Council Member Lombardo complemented the public for stepping up and supporting the animal shelter.

Council Member Denison thanked May for the report and looks forward to the implementation of the new software.

Mayor Abel thanked May for the report and inquired on staffing levels at the shelter. Abel asked about plans for engaging volunteers at the shelter and scheduling additional spay and neuter clinics. Abel expressed it is great to hear May is responsive to the public's inquiries and the Animal Shelter Committee Members for their work for the past eight months. Abel requested to have regular animal shelter updates before the Council in the future. Received without objection from the remainder of

the Council.

**15. Public Art - Town West Entrance Monument Signage**

Deputy Town Manager Luckino presented the staff report, seeking approval for the placement of the Town's new entrance sign at the southwest corner of Hwy 62 and Camino Del Cielo as previously discussed. Costs to modify the sign at the existing site is cost prohibitive due to western Joshua trees on site and owner contact for long-term commitment was unsuccessful.

Mayor Abel opened public comments. With no members of the public wishing to speak, public comments were closed.

Council Member Lombardo spoke of concern about the scale of the sign and would like to ensure the sign is visible at a distance.

Council Member Denison spoke kindly of the sign design.

Mayor Pro Tem Schooler spoke favorably of the location at the corner of Camino Del Cielo and Highway 62.

Council Member Drozd likes the location at the corner.

Council Member Lombardo inquired about the outlook for the old sign.

Mayor Abel spoke of concern about the quality of materials and appropriateness of outdoor signage. Abel inquired how this project aligns with the intersection improvements.

**Motion:**

Approve the location of the west entrance sign at SR62/Camino Del Cielo (SW Corner) and direct staff to move the project into Phase II (engineering design, fabrication, and installation).

**Result:** (Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Council Member Drozd

**Second:** Council Member Denison

**Ayes:** Merl Abel, Rick Denison, Jeff Drozd, Robert Lombardo, Jim Schooler

**16. Ordinance to Amend Chapter 6.04 (Abatement of Public Nuisances) and Chapter 11.100 (Sidewalk Maintenance and Repairs) of the Town Municipal Code Regarding Removal of Weeds, Trash, Debris, and Obstructions from Public Sidewalks**

Public Works Director Qishta presented the staff report introducing an ordinance to update the Town's Municipal Code relating to sidewalk maintenance.

Mayor Abel opened public comments.

Sondra Hamlin, Yucca Valley spoke on the debris that collects on the highway sidewalks during storms.

With no other members of the public wishing to speak, Mayor Abel closed public comments.

Assistant Town Attorney Vazquez provided comments on the proposed changes.

Council Member Lombardo requested clarification on the property owner's responsibility.

Mayor Pro Tem Schooler reported damaged concrete in front of an old town business and inquired about the maintenance responsibility.

**Motion:**

Introduce Ordinance 333, amending Chapter 6.04 (Abatement of Public Nuisances) and Chapter 11.100 (Sidewalk Maintenance and Repairs), of the Yucca Valley Municipal Code (YVMC) to update and expand enumerated public nuisance conditions affecting sidewalks, parkways, and the public right-of-way, and clarifying the definition of sidewalks.

**Result:** Passed (Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Mayor Merl Abel

**Second:** Council Member Robert Lombardo

**Ayes:** Merl Abel, Jeff Drozd, Rick Denison, Jim Schooler, Robert Lombardo

**Public Comments**

Mayor Abel opened public comments.

Norman Shertzman, Yucca Valley spoke on the trash and weedy condition of his neighbor's property.

With no other members of the public wishing to speak, Mayor Abel closed public comments.

**Staff Reports and Comments**

Captail Scovel reported on increased use of unlicensed OHVs.

Finance Manager Gumbish announced the upcoming Measure Y funding opportunities to local non-profits.

Public Works Director Qishta reported on the upcoming project at Yucca Mesa Road and Buena Vista Drive Intersection. Public communication is being planned updating the public on road conditions during the project.

Deputy Town Manager Stueckle reported on an upcoming policy discussion on the minimum square footage for a single-family residence.

**Mayor and Council Member Reports and Comments**

Council Member Denison thanked the public for attending and providing comments. Mayor Pro Tem Schooler thanked council members, staff and the public for their condolences. Mayor Abel reported on recent ribbon cuttings for Famous Footwear and the west entrance of JTNP. Abel announced MBTA ridership options.

**Announcements**

With no further business, Mayor Abel adjourned at 6:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lesley Copeland, CMC  
Town Clerk

**Town of Yucca Valley**  
**Council Member AB1234 Meeting Schedule**  
**January 2026**

Date of Travel	Organization	Description	Location
<b>Mayor Merl Abel</b>			
01/21/26-01/23/26	League of California Cities	2026 Mayors and Council Members Academy	Sacramento, CA
<b>Mayor Pro Tem Jim Schooler</b>			
No reportable meetings			
<b>Council Member Rick Denison</b>			
01/07/26	SBCTA	Board of Directors Meeting	San Bernardino, CA
<b>Council Member Jeff Drozd</b>			
No reportable meetings			
<b>Council Member Robert Lombardo</b>			
No reportable meetings			

**Town of Yucca Valley  
Town Council Staff Report**



**To:** Town Council

**From:** Lesley Copeland, Town Clerk

**Date:** February 25, 2026

**Meeting Date:** March 3, 2026

**Subject:** Ordinance 333- Second Reading- Sidewalk Maintenance

**Recommendation:**

That the Town Council adopts Ordinance 333 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE YUCCA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTERS 6.04 (ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCES) AND 11.100 (SIDEWALKS) OF THE YUCCA VALLEY MUNICIPAL CODE TO UPDATE AND EXPAND ENUMERATED PUBLIC NUISANCE CONDITIONS AFFECTING SIDEWALKS, PARKWAYS, AND THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AND CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF SIDEWALKS**

**Prior Review:**

The Town Council introduced Ordinance 333 at the February 17, 2026 meeting.

**Discussion:**

The process of adopting an ordinance is a two-step process, requiring that the Town Council first introduce the ordinance and then adopt the item at a separate meeting, with appropriate public noticing prior to the second reading. The ordinance was introduced at the Town Council meeting held on February 17, 2026 and was duly noticed on February 25, 2026. This is the second reading of the proposed ordinance.

**Alternatives**

None recommended.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Costs for preparation of these materials are included in the annual operating budget, including both staff and legal counsel costs.

**Attachments**

1. ORD 333 sidewalk maintenance



## ORDINANCE NO. 333

### AN ORDINANCE OF THE YUCCA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTERS 6.04 (ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCES) AND 11.100 (SIDEWALKS) OF THE YUCCA VALLEY MUNICIPAL CODE TO UPDATE AND EXPAND ENUMERATED PUBLIC NUISANCE CONDITIONS AFFECTING SIDEWALKS, PARKWAYS, AND THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AND CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF SIDEWALKS

The Yucca Valley Town Council does ordain as follows:

**SECTION 1.** *Findings.* The Town Council finds, determines and declares as follows:

- A. Streets, sidewalks, parkways, and other public rights-of-way are public facilities held and maintained for the benefit of the community, and keeping those areas in a safe, unobstructed, and accessible condition is directly related to pedestrian mobility, public safety, and the general welfare.
- B. Vegetation, weeds, debris, and similar conditions located on or adjacent to sidewalks and other portions of the public right-of-way may obstruct pedestrian travel, reduce visibility, create tripping hazards, and otherwise interfere with the intended public use of those facilities.
- C. Government Code § 38771 authorizes a city legislative body, by ordinance, to declare what constitutes a public nuisance.
- D. Government Code § 38773 authorizes a city to provide for the abatement of public nuisances at the expense of the persons creating, causing, committing, or maintaining them, and to recover the costs of abatement in accordance with Government Code §§ 38773.1 or 38773.5.
- E. Government Code §§ 38773.1 and 38773.5 authorize a city, by ordinance, to establish administrative procedures for nuisance abatement, including recovery of abatement costs and related administrative expenses through nuisance abatement liens or special assessments on the affected property.
- F. Government Code § 38775 authorizes a city legislative body to prohibit and prevent encroachments or obstructions upon sidewalks, streets, alleys, and other public places, to declare such encroachments or obstructions to be public nuisances, and to provide for their abatement, including recovery of abatement costs as a lien against the affected property and as a personal obligation of the responsible party.
- G. Yucca Valley Municipal Code (“YVMC”) Chapter 6.04 (Abatement of Public

Nuisances) establishes procedures for the identification, notice, hearing, abatement, and cost recovery of public nuisance conditions within the Town, including conditions affecting public health, safety, and welfare.

- H. The Town Council finds that addressing vegetation, weeds, debris, and similar conditions affecting sidewalks and parkways through the existing nuisance abatement framework in Chapter 6.04 promotes consistent enforcement, avoids duplicative procedures, and provides a clear and administratively efficient mechanism for abatement and cost recovery.
- I. YVMC Chapter 11.100 (Sidewalks) regulates sidewalk maintenance and related responsibilities, and the Town Council desires to clarify the definition of “sidewalk” to expressly include non-hardscape pedestrian areas, such as planting strips and driveway approaches, that function as part of the pedestrian right-of-way.
- J. The Town Council finds that limiting amendments to YVMC Chapter 11.100 to a definitional clarification, while addressing enforcement of vegetation, weeds, and debris through Chapter 6.04, maintains the distinct purposes of each chapter and reduces long-term code complexity.
- K. The Town Council therefore determines that it is in the best interest of the Town to amend YVMC Chapters 6.04 and 11.100 as set forth herein to improve sidewalk accessibility, public safety, and enforcement clarity.

**SECTION 2:** YVMC § 6.04.020 (Definitions) is amended to add a new definition alphabetically as follows:

“ \* \* \*

PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY: Any street, road, alley, sidewalk, pedestrian walkway, trail, parkway, easement, or other area dedicated or customarily used for public travel or access, whether improved or unimproved.

\* \* \*”

**SECTION 3:** Subsection E of YVMC § 6.04.030 (Declaration of Nuisance) is amended to to read as follows:

**6.04.030 DECLARATION OF NUISANCE**

“ \* \* \*

- E. It shall be the duty of any person owning, leasing, renting, occupying, charged with the management of or having charge or possession of any property in the town to remove, abate and prevent the occurrence or reoccurrence of a public nuisance upon such property. The existence of a public nuisance will be based on the presence of the condition, regardless of intent or knowledge. Any recurrence of a condition may be deemed to be a continuation of the original condition.

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**SECTION 4:** YVMC § 6.04.030 (Declaration of Nuisance) is amended to add a new subsection H, which will read as follows:

**6.04.030 DECLARATION OF NUISANCE**

“ \* \* \*

- H. Vegetation, objects, materials, debris, or other conditions located on private property, within the public right-of-way, or on any parkway, frontage, or area adjacent to or abutting private property, that obstruct, encroach upon, interfere with, or otherwise impede the safe and unobstructed use of any sidewalk, pedestrian walkway, trail, street, alley, or other public right-of-way, or that create a hazard to pedestrians, bicyclists, or motorists.”

**SECTION 5:** YVMC § 11.100.020 (Definitions) is amended to amend the definition of “SIDEWALK” as follows:

**6.04.030 DEFINITIONS**

“ \* \* \*

SIDEWALK: Any area provided for the use of pedestrians, including planting areas, driveway approaches or parking strips, between the public vehicular roadway and the edge of right of way bordering adjacent private property, whether or not it is covered with a hard surface, including without limitation, cement, concrete, asphalt, or rock.

\* \* \*”

**SECTION 6: *Environmental Assessment.*** This Ordinance is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (Cal. Pub. Res. Code §§ 21000, et seq.; “CEQA”) and CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. §§ 15000, et seq.) because this Ordinance clarifies the definition of “sidewalk” within existing public rights-of-way and amends the Town’s existing nuisance abatement framework to address vegetation, weeds, debris, and similar conditions affecting public sidewalks and parkways. This Ordinance does not authorize any new construction, expansion of infrastructure, or physical alteration of the environment, and instead provides enforcement and maintenance standards applicable to existing facilities. Accordingly, the Ordinance is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities), because it applies to the operation, maintenance, and regulation of existing public rights-of-way and related facilities. In addition, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the Ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment, and the Ordinance is therefore also exempt under CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption).

**SECTION 7: *Construction.*** This Ordinance must be broadly construed to achieve the purposes stated in this Ordinance. It is the Town Council’s intent that the provisions of this Ordinance be interpreted or implemented by the Town and others in a manner that facilitates the purposes set forth in this Ordinance.

**SECTION 8: *Summaries of Information.*** All summaries of information in the findings herein are based on the substantial evidence in the record. The absence of any particular fact from any such summary is not an indication that a particular finding is not based in part on that fact.

**SECTION 9: *Severability.*** If any part of this Ordinance or its application is deemed invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the Town Council intends that such invalidity will not affect the effectiveness of the remaining provisions or applications and, to this end, this Ordinance’s provisions are severable.

**SECTION 10: *Recordation.*** The City Clerk, or designee, is directed to certify the passage and adoption of this Ordinance; cause it to be entered into the Town of Yucca Valley’s book of original ordinances; make a note of the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and cause it to be published or posted in accordance with California law.

**SECTION 11: *Effective Date.*** This Ordinance will become effective 30 days after second reading and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_

Merl Abel, Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lesley Copeland, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas Jex, Town Attorney

**Town of Yucca Valley  
Town Council Staff Report**



**To:** Town Council

**From:**

**Date:** February 24, 2026

**Meeting Date:** March 3, 2026

**Subject:** Revenue Measure Oversight Commission Appointments

**Recommendation:**

That the Town Council consider the submitted applications and recommend the appointment of two applicant to the Revenue Measure Oversight Commission for terms ending on 04/01/2029.

**Prior Review:**

The Revenue Measure Oversight Commission consists of seven members, appointed by the Town Council. The Commission serves in an advisory capacity to the Town Council on the use of funds generated by the implementation of Measure Y and Measure Z. Members of the Revenue Measure Oversight Commission serve without compensation and must be a resident within the Town's jurisdiction.

The Commission ensures transparency and accountability in the use of voter-approved revenues.

**Discussion:**

In accordance with the Town's Manual of Procedural Guidelines, Section 6.4 (b)(iv) the Town Council appoints members of the Revenue Measure Oversight Committee by majority vote. The term for such members is for four (4) years and does not coincide with the term of any individual Council Member.

The Town Clerk's Office received notice from Revenue Measure Oversight Commissioner De Luca and Commissioner Sasnett that they would not be seeking re-appointment at the end of their term, 03/31/2025.

The Commission vacancy was publicly advertised, and applications were received from the following interested individuals for consideration.

· Beth Damis

- Davis Marmon
- Eric Linnert
- Heather Marshall
- Sabrina Peukert

Staff reviewed all applications and determined that all applicants met the adopted guidelines.

**Alternatives**

Reject the applications and direct the Town Clerk to re-open the recruitment period.

**Fiscal Impact:**

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with making these appointments.

**Attachments**

1. BDamis- 2025 RMO Application\_Redacted
2. ELinnert- 2025 RMO Application\_Redacted
3. DMarmon- 2025 RMO Application\_Redacted
4. HMarshall- 2025 RMO Application\_Redacted
5. SPEukert- 2025 RMO Application\_Redacted
6. 2026 Commission Terms

# Boards, Commissions, & Committees Application



## Contact Information

Name	Beth Damis
Street Address	[REDACTED]
City, State and Zip Code	[REDACTED]
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
Cell Phone	[REDACTED]
E-Mail Address	[REDACTED]

## Interests

I am interested in serving on the following Board(s), Commission(s) in order of preference (Please indicate 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> choice):

- 2 Planning Commission
- Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission
- 1 Revenue Measure Oversight Commission
- Prop 68 Aquatics & Recreation Project Advisory Group
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Job Experience, Special Skills or Qualifications

Summarize your work experience, special skills and qualifications you have acquired from employment, previous volunteer work, or through other activities, including hobbies or sports:

I have been an accountant and HR generalist for nearly two decades, both as a business owner and a W2 employee, supporting both profit and non-profit entities. In all of my roles, I have been responsible for a mixture of project management, risk mitigation, government compliance, contract management, leadership, and mentorship. I have served on numerous boards in various capacities. In 2020, I began meeting with local, state, and federal government officials to help small businesses survive the pandemic. One of my most significant accomplishments was assisting the Washington State Department of Commerce in developing a grant for companies that were unable to participate in conventions and trade shows due to COVID-19, which was approved as part of the state budget. I've volunteered with the Small Business Association, Capital Community Development, the Washington State Small Business Fair, and various accounting associations, providing seminars for accountants and business owners.

I am skilled at bringing together a diverse range of people, interests, and ideas in order to establish long-lasting relationships while also quickly assessing the needs of the team. I practice servant leadership, have informed opinions, and am confident in sharing while also understanding which battles to fight and when to focus on the big picture. I enjoy working with groups that have differing opinions, as this allows for the best decisions to be made with more information and discussion. I'm a researcher who enjoys learning as much as possible about new subjects and ideas, and I'm eager to embark on this new adventure.

## Explain your reasoning to serve on a Commission/Committee

Express your reason for seeking a position as an appointed Commissioner or Committee Member:

I grew up in Indio and have returned to the desert after spending the past 30 years in Washington state. We moved into our family home, where my parents lived for the last 20 years in Yucca Valley. Working with the government during the pandemic taught me that it is the responsibility of all of us to be caregivers to our communities, and it is time for me to serve. I am excited to get involved in the community and utilize my experience to enhance the town for its current and future residents.

## Education

Please describe your education background:

My early education left me three classes short of a double degree in Anthropology and Comparative Religion from the University of Washington. Those classes prepared me for HR more than any other experience I have had. My 7-year-old developed bone cancer, which caused me to leave school. This experience provided me with a different perspective on the needs of the disabled community. When I returned to school, I realized I needed a career that I could manage more effectively than that of an anthropologist or academic, in order to care for my child, so I switched my focus to accounting. I hold a B.S. in Accounting and an MBA in Management and Strategy. In the fall, I will be returning to school at Copper Mountain College to study art.

## Person to Notify in Case of Emergency

Name	██████████
Street Address	██████████ ██████████
City, State, and Zip Code	████████████████████
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
Cell Phone	██ ██████████
E-Mail Address	██ ████████████████████

## Agreement and Signature

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Name (printed)	Beth Damis
Signature	<i>Beth Damis</i>
Date	6/11/2025

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# Boards, Commissions, & Committees Application



## Contact Information

Name	Eric Linnert
Street Address	[REDACTED]
City, State and Zip Code	[REDACTED]
Home Phone	[REDACTED]
Work Phone	
Cell Phone	[REDACTED]
E-Mail Address	[REDACTED]

## Interests

*I am interested in serving on the following Board(s), Commission(s) in order of preference (Please indicate 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> choice):*

- Planning Commission
- Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission
- 1 Revenue Measure Oversight Commission
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Job Experience, Special Skills or Qualifications

*Summarize your work experience, special skills and qualifications you have acquired from employment, previous volunteer work, or through other activities, including hobbies or sports:*

Originally educated as a Civil Engineer, I've had some prior experience working in the public sector for the county of Orange's engineering department, in their project management division. However, the majority of my professional experience has been in the software industry. Over the past few years, I've been pivoting into the fascinating world of architecture, urban planning, and real estate development.

Since moving to the Morongo Basin nearly 7 years ago, I've become heavily involved in the local community, previously volunteering for the HDWD's Public Action Committee and Morongo Basin Youth Soccer Association. I am eager to continue getting more involved at the town and believe the Revenue Oversight Committee for Measure Y/Z is a great place to start!



### Explain your reasoning to serve on a Commission/Committee

Express your reason for seeking a position as an appointed Commissioner or Committee Member:

I am interested in getting more involved in local planning and development. I think Measure Y & Z are wonderful measures that keep our town financial solvent, and with an eye toward future developments.

### Education

Please describe your education background:


Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, Loyola Marymount University  
Associate of Science in Computer Science, Santiago Canyon College  
Associate of Science in Mathematics, Santiago Canyon College  
Architecture / Real Estate Development / Urban Planning, College of the Desert / Copper Mountain College

### Person to Notify in Case of Emergency

Name	Charles Linnert
Street Address	
City, State, and Zip Code	
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
Cell Phone	
E-Mail Address	

### Agreement and Signature

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Name (printed)	Eric Linnert
Signature	
Date	06/03/2025

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# Boards, Commissions, & Committees Application



## Contact Information

Name	David Marmon
Street Address	[REDACTED]
City, State and Zip Code	[REDACTED]
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
Cell Phone	[REDACTED]
E-Mail Address	[REDACTED]

## Interests

I am interested in serving on the following Board(s), Commission(s) in order of preference (Please indicate 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> choice):

- Planning Commission  
 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission  
 Revenue Measure Oversight Commission  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Job Experience, Special Skills or Qualifications

Summarize your work experience, special skills and qualifications you have acquired from employment, previous volunteer work, or through other activities, including hobbies or sports:

I am a professional with over 17 years experience in business & software product management. I am currently Vice President of Product for Leadership Connect, a company based in Washington DC. I lead a team over 10 people focused on building new products using the latest technology tools and marketing them to clients across the public and private sectors. I report directly to the company CEO. My leadership has helped facilitate extensive expansion at the organization leading to double-digit business growth year over year.

You can read an interview where I discuss my business and leadership philosophy here:  
<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/beyond-title-employee-spotlight-dave-marmon-leadershipconnect-pyuwf>

Outside of this I am a music producer & DJ, playing regularly across the Morongo Basin and Coachella Valley areas. This has helped me grow my connections in the community and gain a greater understanding of my neighbors and the needs of community overall.

## Explain your reasoning to serve on a Commission/Committee

Express your reason for seeking a position as an appointed Commissioner or Committee Member:

I am hoping to become more tightly involved with the Yucca Valley community which I call home. I would like to use my business and social experiences to help drive meaningful growth for the area as well as understand and serve the needs of the community. Getting involved with the local government seems like one of the best ways to give back to an amazing community I am proud to call home.

## Education

Please describe your education background:

I am a college graduate with a BA from American University in Washington DC. I graduated in the class of 2006. I also have an active certificate of Software Product Management from Cornell University in Ithaca NY.

## Person to Notify in Case of Emergency

Name	[REDACTED]
Street Address	[REDACTED]
City, State, and Zip Code	[REDACTED]
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
Cell Phone	[REDACTED]
E-Mail Address	[REDACTED]

## Agreement and Signature

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Name (printed)	David Marmon
Signature	<i>David Marmon</i>
Date	6/11/25

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# Boards, Commissions, & Committees Application



## Contact Information

Name	Heather Marshall
Street Address	██████████
City, State and Zip Code	██████████
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
Cell Phone	██████████
E-Mail Address	██████████

## Interests

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- Planning Commission
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- Prop 68 Aquatics & Recreation Project Advisory Group
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Job Experience, Special Skills or Qualifications

*Summarize your work experience, special skills and qualifications you have acquired from employment, previous volunteer work, or through other activities, including hobbies or sports:*

I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and I have been employed at the Dept of Veterans Affairs for 14 years. I have experience monitoring and evaluating mental health and substance use treatment referral processes for inefficiencies and waste and was selected as the Employee of the Year in 2023 for serving as part of a team that saved over \$10 million dollars in one year with our efforts. I enjoy reviewing and monitoring contracts and referrals to ensure fidelity to the mission. I am detail oriented and passionate about using the positive

### Explain your reasoning to serve on a Commission/Committee

Express your reason for seeking a position as an appointed Commissioner or Committee Member:

I am a resident of Yucca Valley and am interested in finding tangible ways to give back to my community. I want to learn more about how Town business is conducted as well as what the various departments and committees are and the residents who run them. I am passionate about public service. :)

### Education

Please describe your education background:


I have a Master's Degree in Social Work from CSUSB (class of 2010), as well as a Bachelor's in Social Work from CSUSB (class of 2006)

### Person to Notify in Case of Emergency

Name	Thomas Kinzer
Street Address	██████████
City, State, and Zip Code	██████████
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Work Phone	
Cell Phone	██████████
E-Mail Address	

### Agreement and Signature

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Name (printed)	Heather Marshall
Signature	
Date	6/3/2025

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# Boards, Commissions, & Committees Application



## Contact Information

Name

SABRINA K PEUKERT

Street Address

City, State and Zip Code

Home Phone

Work Phone

Cell Phone

E-Mail Address

## Interests

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Planning Commission

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission

Revenue Measure Oversight Commission (y & z)

Other

only one pls!

## Job Experience, Special Skills or Qualifications

Summarize your work experience, special skills and qualifications you have acquired from employment, previous volunteer work, or through other activities, including hobbies or sports:

\* WITH LORI HERBEL ASSISTED WITH THE BALLOT measures y & z... WITH THE TOYV... SUCCESSFULLY PASSED! HAD A SUCCESSFUL LOCAL COMMERCIAL Real Estate Business over 36 years! Helped River Don Homeless Group (Yucca Valley) for over 7 years locally. LOVE Yucca Valley and only want us to prosper!

**Explain your reasoning to serve on a Commission/Committee**  
Express your reason for seeking a position as an appointed Commissioner or Committee Member.

I CAREY WANT to Be of Quality Service to our dear town, time to give Budget! Be sure our much needed \$'s by revenue is spent wisely & help our citizens continue to have a quality of life here! ☺

**Education**

Please describe your education background:

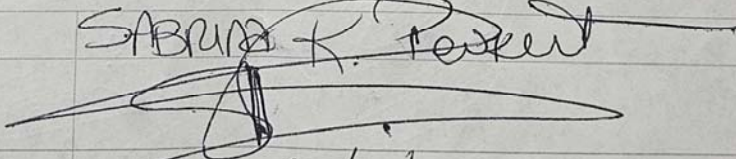
Attended/Finished High School, attended university at UCLA/CSUN in my early 20's - BUT WAS an equity short trader and had to quit. Numerous Business courses - taken thru life.

**Person to Notify in Case of Emergency**

Name	(↓ Brother) (Sister-in-law) ↓ RANDY PEUKERT / DR. JOELAN DIMITROV, Ph.D.
Street Address	
City, State, and Zip Code	
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
Cell Phone	
E-Mail Address	

**Agreement and Signature**

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Name (printed)	SABRINA K. PEUKERT
Signature	
Date	6/3/2005

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## COMMISSION TERMS

### PLANNING COMMISSION

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Re-Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>	<u>Resignation/Other</u>	<u>Council</u>
Alejandro Vasconcelos	06/06/23	01/21/25	01/31/29		Lombardo
J Clint Stoker	07/02/19	01/21/25	01/31/29		Drozd
James Henderson	01/15/19	12/20/22	01/31/27		Denison
Mathew Thomas	01/15/19	12/20/22	01/31/27		Schooler
Gerard Noonan	03/01/22	12/20/22	01/31/27		Abel

### PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL COMMISSION

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Re-Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>	<u>Resignation/Other</u>	<u>Council</u>
Charlotte Burns	12/17/24		01/31/29		Drozd
Kim Monnie	10/21/25		01/31/29		Lombardo
Matthew Rauch	05/02/17	12/20/22	01/31/27		Abel
Jeff Brady	01/15/19	12/20/22	01/31/27		Schooler
Megan Ripley	08/19/25		01/31/27		Denison

### REVENUE MEASURE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Re-Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>	<u>Resignation/Other</u>
Lori Herbel	04/04/17	04/20/21	04/01/25	
Jerome Manne	05/07/24		04/01/25	
Tracy Tremblay	06/06/23		04/01/27	
Joel Camp	06/05/18	05/16/23	04/01/27	
Tyler Fowlkes	05/07/19	05/16/23	04/01/27	
Vacant				
Vacant				



The Morongo Basin Humane Society JT No-Kill Shelter has requested facility use of Essig Park and event accoutrements for their annual fundraiser, the “Woof Walk” on May 9, 2026. The event takes place from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and features the “Woof Walk” pet parade, vendor booths, entertainment, auction, raffles, adoption services, and more. The event serves as the organization’s primary annual fundraiser and is in its 12<sup>th</sup> year. This event was held at Essig Park for the first time last year in 2025.

The rental and use of public facilities is regulated by the Town’s adopted Facility Use Policy and incorporated fee schedule adopted by the Town Council. Through the policy, discounted rates are provided to residents and non-profit organizations. However, the Town may wish to serve as a sponsor of the event and issue a full waiver for the facility use fees and equipment use as an in-kind donation. If they cannot provide their own insurance, they are able to purchase through the Town, however those fees cannot be waived.

Deposit (refundable)		\$206.00
Essig Park Field Facility Use Fees (non-profit rate)	9 hours @ \$10 hr	\$90.00
Portable Restrooms (through Burrtec)		\$600.00
Parking lot space rental	30 spaces	\$30.00
Special request Items: (Tables/chairs, sound system, stage risers, set-up/removal).		\$500.00
Total estimated permit costs (\$206 deposit portion is refundable)		\$1,426.00

In addition to Town sponsorship through in-kind support, the JT Shelter offers the opportunity to be recognized at the event and for the town to host a booth.

**Alternatives:** None recommended.

**Fiscal impact:** The Town will waive approximately \$296 in facility fees and deposits; additionally, the Town will incur \$1,130.00 related to providing the in-kind facility labor support and special request items.

**Attachments:** None

**Town of Yucca Valley  
Town Council Staff Report**



**To:** Town Council

**From:** Susan Earnest, Community Services Manager

**Date:** February 26, 2026

**Meeting Date:** March 3, 2026

**Subject:** Senior Center Facility Reopening Update

**Recommendation:**

That the Town Council receive and file the report.

**Prior Review:**

**Discussion:**

**Background:**

In January of 2025, Community Services staff shared the plan for relocation of Senior Center programs and meal service during the construction of the Senior Center Modernization Project scheduled for February 3 through November 3, 2025. At the direction of the Town Council, staff implemented a plan that maintained service levels and the temporarily relocated Senior Center programs to the Community Center and former San Bernardino County Library location. A brief closure period from February 3rd through 17th took place to relocate the operations. Full services resumed on February 18th. Since reopening at the new location, services have been underway.

An overview of the activities is as follows:

1. FSA congregate lunch service
  - a. A dining space was established, and meals are prepared by FSA at the SC kitchen and transported for daily dining service. FSA staff are doing a terrific job at the temporary location.
2. Coffee social Time/Birthday Celebrations/Music continue as usual in the dining area.
3. Town SC Staff offices were relocated and functioned well.
4. The Senior Club established an office and hosted regular participation at the Bingo sessions in the Yucca Room and held Thrift Store sale days at the temporary location.
5. MPR/Activity space was expanded to accommodate classes including Balance Class, Healthy

Hands, Posture Class, Chair Yoga, Tech Time, Crafts.

6. Caseworker Services, Bus Passes, Support Groups, Tax Help, and Bread Giveaway continued as usual.

7. Bus service was rerouted with MBTA providing temporary bus stop signage. Seniors adapted well to the new parking locations.

Some programs were relocated to the Community Center in the larger rooms that are appropriate for more active programs including Fit & Firm/Chi Gung, Zumba, Senior Pilates, Chair Fitness, Line Dancing, Bingo, and Low Vision Class.

### **Reopening Plans:**

With the modernization project nearing completion, a reopening plan is underway. The schedule for reopening of the Senior Center is as follows:

The March Senior Center Activity Calendar features notification of reopening date of April 6, 2026, with Grand Reopening Ceremony scheduled for April 14, 2026. It also notes that both locations will be closed for one week from March 30 – April 3 to move operations back to the Senior Center. All programming as well as meal service will be paused during the closure. Staff is evaluating food service options during the closure.

The revitalized Senior Center will reopen on April 6th with regular programming resuming with our regular customer base. Staff will present a small scale “Welcome Back” for our regular customers which will serve as the soft opening of the facility.

On April 14, 2026 the Town will host a Grand Reopening Celebration that will include:

- Recognition of the agencies that funded the improvements and other dignitaries including the Town Council and Supervisor Rowe.
- A “thank you” presentation to the Senior Services Organizations who managed the 1-year temporary location including Family Services Assoc. and the YV Senior Club, along with Town senior program staff, contractors and instructors.
- Ribbon cutting ceremony, luncheon and cake celebration.
- The reopening festivities will be included in the April Senior Center Calendar as well as shared through a news release and social media, email notification to customers, flyers and announcements at the Senior Center, and wayfinding signage during the event.

### **Alternatives**

None recommended.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

### **Attachments**

None



**Town of Yucca Valley**  
**TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Council Members  
**From:** Sue Earnest, Community Services Manager

**Date:** February 24, 2026  
**Meeting Date:** March 3, 2026

**Subject:** Park & Facility Naming – Revitalized Yucca Valley Senior Center

**Recommendation:**

That the Town Council review the recommendation of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission to rename the Senior Center facility under the framework of the adopted Park & Facility Naming Policy and, if desired, accept the recommendation, thus renaming the Senior Center facility the *Desert Willow Pavilion- A Center for Active Seniors*.

**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 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 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. The naming process has proceeded as follows:

**Schedule**

November 13	PRCC approved facility naming process
November 20 - December 22	30-day park naming submission period
February 12, 2026	Return to PRCC with submissions for review/recommendation.
March 3, 2026	Submit PRCC recommendation to Town Council

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 April 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 a remodeled 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 roof, 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 were welcomed, 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 senior 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.

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 expected 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."

At its meeting of February 12, 2026, the Commission reviewed the submitted names and took public comments from two individuals:

**Walter Mackley:** Mr. Mackley expressed that he and others in the community suggested that the Senior Center be named after his parents, Jerry and Willie Maye Mackley, the former owners of Jerry's Lounge. Mr. Mackley gave many examples of their volunteerism and community spirit and advocated that the name becomes the Jerry and Willie Maye Mackley Senior Center.

**Nena McCullough:** Nena gave her comments as a private citizen to remind the Commission that in order for seniors and their families to be able to find the senior resources in a town, having "senior" in the name of the facility lets them know they are in the right place. She also cautioned against names that included "living" in the title as that could be construed as a senior residential facility.

The Commission received public comments and reviewed the submitted names. From the 83 names submitted, each Commissioner independently selected their top 10 names which were compiled by staff, resulting in a selection of 5 names that had been selected by a majority of the members (3 or 4) for consideration. These were:

Submission #	Suggested Name
8	Desert Bloom Center for Active Adults
17	Desert Willow Center for Active Living
18	Desert Willow Multigenerational Center
19	Desert Willow Pavilion
74	Willow Center for Active Adults

After discussion, the Commission found that the facility serves as a multipurpose, multigenerational center for programs and community events, serving as the hub of senior services as well as hosting a variety of activities for all ages and as part of the Community Center Complex, and in accordance with the policy, the facility should be named for a natural feature, the Desert Willow, in order to celebrate the community's unique desert environment as well as continue the tradition of naming Community Center facilities after local desert fauna, and furthermore, that the name should include a subtitle, "Center for Active Seniors", that reflects the importance of the senior services contained therein. A motion was made by Vice Chair Rauch to name the facility the Desert Willow Pavilion- A Center for Active Seniors and to direct staff to forward the recommendation to the Town Council, seconded by Commissioner Ripley the motion was unanimously passed. The Commission directed staff to forward the recommendation to the Town Council.

Alternatives:

1. Accept the PRCC recommendation, renaming the Senior Center facility the *Desert Willow Pavilion- A Center for Active Seniors*.
2. Select a different name for the revitalized Senior Center.
3. If a name change is not desired, no action is required and the facility name would remain the same, Yucca Valley Senior Center – or if a vote is desired, the Council could vote to decline the PRCC recommendation and retain the current name.

## Department Reports

### 3. PRCC Park & Facility Naming - Revitalized Senior Center

Sue Earnest, Community Services Manager, presented the staff report. Manager Earnest gave an overview of the modernization of the Yucca Valley Senior Center, including the long list of improvements, sources of the 3-million-dollar project and an overview of the PRCC direction given at the November 13th meeting where the naming process was initiated. Manager Earnest also provided an overview of the Park & Facility Naming Policy that was previously explained at the November meeting and noted that the Commission had gone through a similar process for the Old Town project that ultimately became Founders Plaza.

Earnest reviewed that per the policy, 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 were welcomed, the Commission had 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. These preferences were noted in the outreach materials.

Earnest shared that the submission period ran from Nov. 20 through Dec 22. The public were invited to submit their proposed names during that period. A total of 83 unique names were submitted by over 250 contributors. From the 83 names submitted, each Commissioner independently selected their top 10 names which were compiled by staff, resulting in a selection of 5 names that had been selected by a majority of the members (3 or 4) for consideration. These were: Desert Bloom Center for Active Adults, the Desert Willow Center for Active Living, the Desert Willow Multigenerational Center, the Desert Willow Pavilion, and the Willow Center for Active Adults.

Earnest shared that these spaces are also used for recreation activities for kids and adults, and of course, there's a multitude of community celebrations. She commented that we just had a big wedding last weekend and residents also hold quinceaneras, fundraising banquets, memorials, trainings, and award ceremonies utilizing the larger rooms. She explained that cities are renaming senior centers to reflect the more active lifestyles of seniors as well as capturing the other resident uses happening at the facility and to be more inclusive.

Chair Brady opened Public Comment

Public Comment:

Walt Mackley from Yucca Valley — I submitted my parents' name and suggested the Mackley Senior Center. I grew up in the Valley. My parents owned a few restaurants and some other stores here. We catered hundreds of weddings and catered events in the Yucca Room and at the Senior Center. I put in for my parents' name to be put on the senior center, I think, because they were influential. They were involved in everything in the community, not just with the Senior Center and recreation. They were hands-on with everything. It was a generation that had passed. My dad died Christmas Eve 1993 and my mom passed away in 2005. Everything that they ever did, they did for this community. They never turned anybody away. I called some of their friends and we submitted endorsement letters. I love the pool that's going in. I love the remodeling of the Senior Center. When we catered to all these weddings over here in this Yucca Room, it was one of the best facilities to work in. I am just asking you guys to consider my parents' name on the building. Thank you so much.

Commissioners Comment/Questions:

Chair Brady— The first question I want to ask the commissioners is do we want to rename the Senior Center? I did see a lot of submissions to keep the name, so I wanted to make sure we respect that and take that into consideration, especially because this item is a recommendation to the Town Council.

Vice Chair Rauch— We spent a lot of time discussing this when we met in November, those of us that were here, to consider this idea of renaming. Of course, we wanted to open it to the public. This is not the first round of this — we've done others in the last 6 to 8 months. We accomplished a major feat in establishing Founders Plaza, with the intention of honoring families with legacies of impact in our community. I certainly saw multiple names submitted for this round. If we have those names that were submitted for the Senior Center memorialized at Founders Plaza, we can honor them there instead of renaming the center based on a person. If we have the plaques at Founders Plaza to honor those names, that would be better. We will be putting out those guidelines and criteria for the applications to Founders Plaza soon. That's my opinion, but I'm also very open to discussing with the rest of the commission.

Chair Brady— Yeah, and I think just to kind of hop on, because I was part of the Founders Plaza discussion as well. I think one of our goals was to, with Founders Plaza, is to have the name of the family and then have a QR code where you can learn their story and learn what they did for the community of Yucca Valley. So what are our thoughts on renaming the Senior Center? Chair Brady confirmed that the consensus of the commission was yes, they would like to move forward with the renaming.

Commissioner Burns— I appreciate all the people that want to keep it the same. I think also, considering that moving towards something like active, living, or multi-generational center is something I would consider. I know that you have value for your Senior Center, and it means a lot to people. It is a very recognizable name. However, it does seem like there is an equal amount of interest in people that would like to rename it.

Chair Brady- Can Nena come up and give us some more insight? She's our Senior Center rock star. I just wanted to see what your thoughts are on the process and the seniors because you are on the frontlines.

Nena McCullough, Recreation Leader shared that her thought is if you change the name, at some point, the name needs to have its subtitle still identifying it as a senior center. That is a community service that you are providing for a certain demographic of your community. There are many times that we get phone calls from people that are out of state, that have family here, or have relatives here, and how do they know to search for us? They search through the name senior center. The Desert Willow Senior Center, or whatever the name might be, I'm just concerned that the word senior center needs to be in the heading or the subtitle, something so that you still know how to identify it as your community resource for that aging community. That's our biggest concern. I have a lot of seniors that don't want to change the name. To the seniors, it that is their center, you know, and some of them do not like change. I understand where the Town may want to see this center go, but I am just concerned with taking the whole word senior center out of the name. As far as what we deal with on a daily basis, I don't want it to be a name where they think we are community health center, or that we offer in-board care. Those are my thoughts. I don't want to lose that identity, and that is the service we provide to the community.

Commissioner Monnie- I'm glad you said that because as I've been thinking about this, I think that that is being the Senior Center, this community has such a marvelous Senior Center, and how do I know? Because my mother lives in Missouri and she lives in a typical community like this, they have nothing like this because I was trying to get her involved. And I know that it provides so many services to people and the idea of a senior has really changed. I mean, I'm a senior. I go to the exercise classes and things that are offered here, but I really do agree that we need to keep that name somewhere because it is such a wonderful resource for so many in our community. It needs to be known.

Commissioner Ripley- I appreciate Nena coming here to give us some insight. Having worked with the newspaper I have seen all the awards the Senior Center gets. The center is not a particular senior living center, it is more like an active club. We need to make sure we pick a name that doesn't sound like a housing facility.

Chair Brady- Yes, I totally agree. We win awards like that because of the wonderful staff.

Sue Earnest- One side, of course, we know that the center is definitely the hub of our senior programming. However, it is also used by other residents for their memorable occasions, which is why some other communities adjust the name - to be more inclusive. When we have a bride who is looking to have a reception or a wedding and a reception, the first thing they see is the facility - which was outdated before, but now that will not be a problem. The second issue is the name. Listing the Yucca Valley Senior Center as the location for their wedding has caused them some pause in the past. That is something to consider; how to incorporate a name that can be used by the seniors but also be used as an event center for residents. That is why you see some of these centers have subtitles. The whole name can be used for the seniors and the subtitle can be taken off for other special occasions.

Vice Chair Rauch- I absolutely think there should be a subtitle. It also helps because not every person searching for this will be using that kind of resource. We need to find something that is inclusive, right? Like multi-general generational use, recognizing this is a primary purpose is to serve the seniors of our community without taking away any kind of programming and also enhancing the other kinds of programming services. That is the fundamental goal, and none of us are going to question or vote to change that. Can it be something that is in theme with our community center names? Here at the Community Center we have the Yucca Room, the Cholla Room and the Joshua Tree Room. If we want to connect the buildings, we can try to naming it something that connects to the other facilities. Maybe the Desert Willow Pavilion for Seniors work? Or something of that sort?

Chair Brady- I want to point out that for the old town naming, Founders Plaza was not a submitted name. Since we had so many submissions to name the facility after a person that we made that one to serve that purpose and include all the names with plaques instead. For this naming process, we can do something similar where we mold the name to fit the needs. We can possibly do something that includes the words active adults or seniors.

Commissioner Ripley- Is the center have a room that is larger than the Yucca Room?

Staff responded that the dining room at the senior center is about the same size as the Yucca Room.

Commissioner Ripley- I like the word pavilion. It makes me think of something bigger, so if the dining room is large maybe that could work.

Vice Chair Rauch- I do like Desert Pavilion. We can add a subtitle that incorporates the purpose of serving seniors. Possible Desert Willow Pavilion, to keep the branding theme of the vegetation. Willow is also mentioned various times in our top 5 submissions.

Chair Brady- Desert Pavilion for Active Adults? Active Generations? Desert Pavilion for Active Seniors?

Vice Chair Rauch- Desert Pavilion for Active Seniors. If a bride or other renter were hosting, they can put Desert Willow Pavilion on the invitations, right? They would drop the subtitle. That would clean that up a little bit. And again, that's not our primary reason for doing this, but we're trying to look at multi-use, how to service the community, and this is a great opportunity. Without taking away from the primary function.

Commissioner Ripley- can we still refer to it as a center? Like A Center for Active Seniors?

Vice Chair Rauch- Staff will be able to establish things on Google, Apple, and Maps in a way that if you search senior center, it will still pop up. Would Desert Willow Pavilion subtitle A Center for Active Seniors work? I do not want to push it on you all but it seems to flow the best.

Commissioner Ripley- That us what I was thinking as well.

**Motion:**

The Commission recommends the name Desert Willow Pavilion — A Center for Active Seniors to the Town Council regarding the renaming of the revitalized Yucca Valley Senior Center.

**Result:** (Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0)

**Mover:** Commissioner Matt Rauch

**Second:** Commissioner Megan Ripley

**Ayes:** Jeff Brady, Matt Rauch, Charlotte Burns, Kim Monnie, Megan Ripley

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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
27	High Desert Heritage Active Adult Center
28	Jerry Mackley and Willie Mae Mackley Golden Senior Center
29	Jerry Mackley and Willie Mae Mackley Senior Center
30	Kickback Manior
31	Limelight Senior Center
32	Lonestar Senior Center
33	Loving Life
34	Mara Cantelo Senior Center
35	Mara Senior Center
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
47	Seasoned Soul Center
48	Senior Day Care and Dispensary Center
49	Senior Friendship Center
50	Silver Yucca Spirit Center

51	The Brittlebrushes Center
52	The Center for Aged Sages
53	The Comfort Zone
54	The Connections Center
55	The Evelyn Conklin Senior Center
56	The Gathering Place
57	The Golden Poppy
58	The Golden Years Center
59	The Green Mile
60	The Last Tooth
61	The Meeting House
62	The OMNI in Yucca Valley
63	The Place
64	The Purpose Center
65	The Sage and Sun Center
66	The Sage Center in Yucca Valley
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
74	Willow Center for Active Adults
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	<b>Desert Bloom Center for Active Adults</b>	Sounds Better for all users	Jessica Cuna	Yucca Valley
3	11/20/2025 14:44:24	<b>Desert Willow Center for Active Living</b>	Incorporates local flora with a broad use characterization	C. Hilderbrand	Yucca Valley
4	11/21/2025 15:13:56	<b>Alex Qishta Senior Center</b>	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	<b>Mara's wish !!</b>	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	<b>Mara's Senior Center or Mara senior center</b>	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	<b>Willow Center for Active Adults</b>	The other spaces in the community center complex are named after desert plants		
8	11/21/2025 19:04:42	<b>"Yucca Valley Life Center" or "LIFE CENTER"</b>	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	<b>Mara Senior Center.</b>	For her years of helping signals	Daniel Loomis	Yucca Valley
10	11/21/2025 22:13:01	<b>Mara's Wish</b>	Mara wanted everyone to gather and not be alone	Lourdes Elliott	Yucca Valley
11	11/22/2025 9:58:41	<b>The Meeting House</b>	Good place to meet people.	Angela Leggett	Yucca Valley
12	11/24/2025 8:06:47	<b>The Sage Center in Yucca Valley</b>	"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	<b>Mara's senior center</b>	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	<b>Alex Qishta Senior Center</b>	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	<b>Yucca Valley Sunrise ☀️ Sunset Set Senior Center</b>	Get up and go do something at all ages.	Louise Anne Baker	Yucca Valley
16	11/26/2025 14:47:18	<b>"Alex Qishta Senior Center".</b>	He cares a lot about the senior.	Sandy	Yucca Valley
17	11/28/2025 10:51:10	<b>The Tortoise Center</b>	For slow moving adults	Elizabeth	Joshua Tree
18	11/28/2025 14:37:48	<b>Robert Leone Senior Center</b>	Bob deserves to be honored by us.	Kenneth Nyquist Sr.	Yucca Valley
19	11/29/2025 8:10:31	<b>The OMNI in Yucca Valley</b>	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	<b>Mara Cantelo</b>	Friend	Sandy Dunn	Yucca Valley
21	12/8/2025 7:34:53	<b>Mara Cantelo</b>	Acts of kindness	Jennifer Martinez	Yucca Valley
22	12/8/2025 9:56:19	<b>Mara's Senior center</b>	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	<b>Warren's Wellness Center for Adults</b>	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	<b>Golden Poppy Room</b>	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	<b>Seasoned Soul Center</b>	What seniors are.	Mark Austin	Yucca Valley
26	12/9/2025 15:17:49	<b>Desert Tortoise Senior Center</b>	Because they are slow	Ruieta	Yucca Valley
27	12/9/2025 17:10:09	<b>The Golden Years Center</b>	It's fitting	Rafaela Gabbard	Morongo Valley
28	12/9/2025 20:16:59	<b>Prickly Pear Oasis</b>	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	<b>The Sage and Sun Center</b>	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	<b>Mara's Senior Center</b>	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	<b>Golden Age Community Center</b>	Golden sounds better than Senior	Mark Stoker	Yucca Valley
32	12/10/2025 18:13:56	<b>Mara Cantelou Senior Center</b>	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	<b>Anything that honors Mara</b>	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	<b>DESERT COWBOY GOLDEN OASIS</b>	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	<b>DESERT COWBOY SENIOR OASIS</b>	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	<b>Mara</b>	Mara	Robyn Talian	Joshua Tree

37	12/11/2025 6:25:34	<b>Desert Willow Pavilion</b>	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 <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pavilion">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pavilion</a> ) (Retrieved 12/11/25 <a href="https://www.google.com/search?q=pavilion+definition&amp;rlz=1C5CHFA_enUS705US705&amp;oeq=pavilion&amp;aqs=chrome.4.69i57j46i175i199i512j0i402i512j46i175i199i512j0i433i512j46i175i199i512i664i665j0i512j46i175i199i512j46i175i199i512i654j0i512.5058j0j15&amp;sourceid=chrome&amp;ie=UTF-8">https://www.google.com/search?q=pavilion+definition&amp;rlz=1C5CHFA_enUS705US705&amp;oeq=pavilion&amp;aqs=chrome.4.69i57j46i175i199i512j0i402i512j46i175i199i512j0i433i512j46i175i199i512i664i665j0i512j46i175i199i512j46i175i199i512i654j0i512.5058j0j15&amp;sourceid=chrome&amp;ie=UTF-8</a> ).	Scot McKone	Yucca Valley
38	12/11/2025 15:22:42	<b>Silver Yucca Spirit Center</b>	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	<b>Mara Senior Center</b>	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	<b>Mara Cantelo</b>	The Ultimate Community Service Volunteer	Dr Chuck Greenwood	Morongo Valley
41	12/12/2025 9:56:52	<b>Mara Cantelo founder of Tender Loving Christmas</b>	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	<b>Tortoise Crossing Senior Center</b>	Signage already in the area. Slow down to witness some WINNING people.	Rhonda Burchell	Yucca Valley
43	12/12/2025 20:59:35	<b>Yucca Bloom Senior Center</b>	Native yucca blooms locally. Maturity.	Rhonda Burchell	Yucca Valley
44	12/13/2025 13:01:02	<b>Pioneers of the Desert</b>	Seniors have gone before us and established this area	Stacey Nounnan	Yucca Valley
45	12/13/2025 13:04:24	<b>Thrive Senior Center</b>	A place of well being and community	Stacey Nounnan	Yucca Valley
46	12/14/2025 13:40:32	<b>Desert Trails Senior Center</b>	Keeps desert theme sounds warm inviting and some life still left	Sam Cucciniello	Yucca Valley
47	12/17/2025 6:04:53	<b>Limelight Senior Center</b>	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	<b>Coyote Willow Social Center</b>	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	<b>Yucca Heritage Social Center</b>	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	<b>Yucca Bloom Senior Center, Golden Horizons Senior Center, Cactus Blossom Senior Center</b>	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	<b>High Desert Heritage Active Adult Center</b>	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	<b>The Center for Aged Sages</b>	We are still able to contribute to society.	Sherrie Cassel	Yucca Valley
53	12/18/2025 13:45:00	<b>The Yucca Valley Senior Oasis Center</b>	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	<b>Desert Dusk Senior Center</b>	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	<b>Mesquite Senior Center</b>	It's appropriate	Carmen Petrus	Yucca Valley
56	12/24/2025 23:17:50	<b>Desert Willow Multigenerational Center</b>	the rooms in the Community Center all have plant names	J.C.	Yucca Valley
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58		<b>OFFICIAL PAPER SURVEY SUBMISSIONS (in packet)</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>RESIDENCY</b>
59	12/15/2025	<b>Robert Leone Senior Center</b>	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	<b>Kickback Manior</b>		Timothy Roy	Joshua Tree
61	12/10/2025	<b>Incomplete</b>		Marie Mathis	Joshua Tree
62	12/22/2025	<b>The Purpose Center</b>	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 " <b>The Purpose Center</b> ". 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	<b>Yucca Valley Senior Center</b>	Keep the name the same	Les Blevins	Yucca Valley

64	12/10/2025	<b>Yucca Valley Senior Center</b>	Keep the name the same	S. Przybocki	Yucca Valley
65	12/10/2025	<b>Yucca Valley Senior Center</b>	Keep the name the same - Why change?	Juliane Barber	Yucca Valley
66	12/10/2025	<b>Yucca Valley Senior Center</b>	Keep the name the same	Martin Feeney	Yucca Valley
67	12/10/2025	<b>Yucca Valley Senior Center</b>	Keep the same name.	Nancy Adams	Pioneertown
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69	12/10/2025	<b>Yucca Valley Senior Center</b> <b>Yucca Valley Senior Center</b>	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	<b>Yucca Valley Senior Center</b>	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 Allet	Yucca Valley
71	12/10/2025	<b>Yucca Valley Senior Center</b>	Don't change	Linda Whittemore	Yucca Valley
72	not provided	<b>Yucca Valley Senior Center</b>	Don't change	Gilmore Meza	Yucca Valley
73	12/10/2025	<b>Yucca Valley Senior Center</b>	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	<b>Yucca Valley Senior Center</b>	Keep name, don't change it. Keep thrift store.	Viola Blevins	Yucca Valley
75	12/10/2025	<b>Yucca Valley Senior Center</b>	No need to change it. Save the thrift store.	Shawn Sayre	Yucca Valley
76	not provided	<b>Yucca Valley Senior Center</b>	Don't change name. Keep our thrift store. Lot seniors need it.	Sigrid Robie	Not provided
77	12/3/2025	<b>Older Place Our Place</b>	The word senior is outdated. Older is much more gentle and full of promise.	Liz Orxell	Yucca Valley
78		<b>Yucca Valley Senior Center</b>	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	<b>McCullough Center</b>	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	<b>Jerry Mackley and Willie Mae Mackley Golden Senior Center</b>	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	<b>Jerry Mackley and Willie Mae Mackley Senior Center</b>	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	<b>Jerry Mackley and Willie Mae Mackley Golden Senior Center</b>	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	<b>Jerry and Willie Mae Mackley Senior Center</b>	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	<b>Jerry and Willie Mae Mackley Senior Center</b>	I am pleased to place into nomination, the names of Jerry and Willie Mae Mackley. 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 commmuity. 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	<b>Jerry and Willie Mae Mackley Senior Center</b>	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	<b>Jerry and Willie Mae Mackley Senior Center</b>	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	<b>Willie Mae and Jerry Mackley Senior Center</b>	<p>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 &amp; 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.</p>	<p>Juliette Garrison Elisabeth Kinkel</p>	not provided
134	Rec 1/5/26	Letter	<b>Jerry and Willie Mae Mackley Senior Center</b>	<p>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 involvment 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.</p>	<p>Jill North</p>	Gendale, AZ

Senior Center Renaming Outreach  
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Rationale/Justification (attach additional sheets or documentation if necessary):

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Proposal Submitted by:

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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.



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

*12/10/25*

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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

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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: SAME

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

Keep The NAME!

Proposal Submitted by:

Name: Stacy Przulicki Phone: 760-  
Address:   
Yucca Valley, 92245  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: 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?

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Proposal Submitted by:

Name Julane Barker <sup>APT</sup> Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address [REDACTED]  
Yucca Valley, Ca 92284  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Date 12-10-25

Town of Yucca Valley  
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Facility Location: YUCCA VALLEY

Proposed Facility Name: (NO) SAME NAME

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

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Proposal Submitted by:

Name MARTIN FEENEY Phone [REDACTED]  
Address [REDACTED]  
YUCCA VALLEY CALIFORNIA 92284.  
E-mail [REDACTED]  
Date DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> 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

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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 Va Phone 760 [REDACTED]  
Address [REDACTED] Yucca Valley CA 92284  
E-mail [REDACTED]  
Date 12/10/2025

# Town of Yucca Valley Park/Facilities Naming Proposal Form

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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's 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: Yucca Valley 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 765- [REDACTED]  
Address [REDACTED] Y V 92286  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Date 12-7-25

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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 Whittmore Phone [REDACTED]  
Address [REDACTED]  
E-mail Yucca Valley Ca  
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 Meyer 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 Cloe Phone (760) [REDACTED]

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail [REDACTED]

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Town of Yucca Valley

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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 theft store.

Proposal Submitted by:

Name Vicki A. Blevins Phone 1760  
 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

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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: YV Senior Center

Proposed Facility Name: YV 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 Orkell Phone   
Address   
Yucca Valley  
E-mail   
Date 12/3/2025

# Town of Yucca Valley

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  - c. the fronting on a street (i.e., Sunnyslope Park); or
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  - 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).
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Facility Location: Senior center

*stay* ~~\*~~ Proposed Facility Name: 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]

E-mail [REDACTED] ca. 90284

Date 11/24/25

*Needed*

**Town of Yucca Valley  
Park/Facilities Naming Proposal Form**

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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

# Town of Yucca Valley Park/Facilities Naming Proposal Form

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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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D.B.A.: JERRY'S LOUNGE  
ADDRESS: 61735 St. Mary's Dr.  
CITY & STATE: Yucca Valley, CA 92284

SIGNATURE: *Robert L. Saldaña*

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Est. Address:  
55315 29 Palms Hwy  
Yucca Valley, Ca. 92284

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D.B.A.: JERRY'S LOUNGE  
ADDRESS: 61739 29 Palms Hwy

## Remembering Friends ...

We lost some great friends during the past few months.

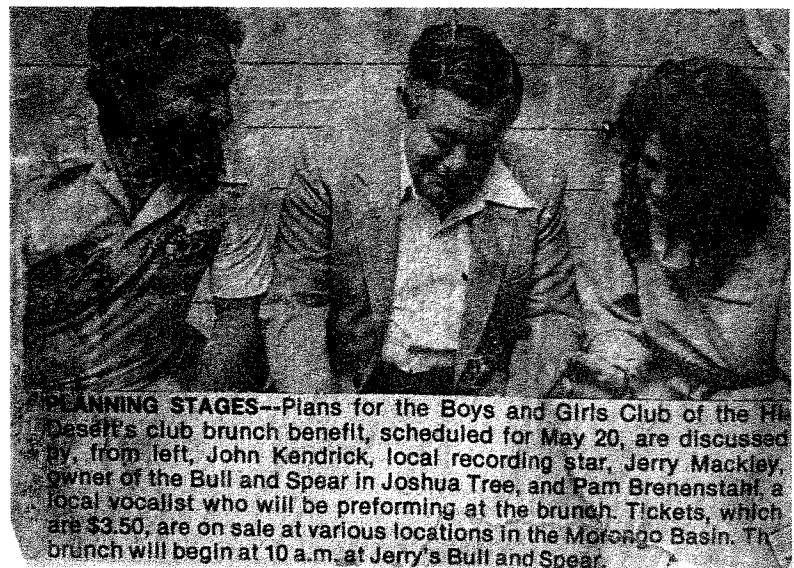
Among them:

**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,

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

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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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

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**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**

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**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

*Lesley Copeland, CMC*

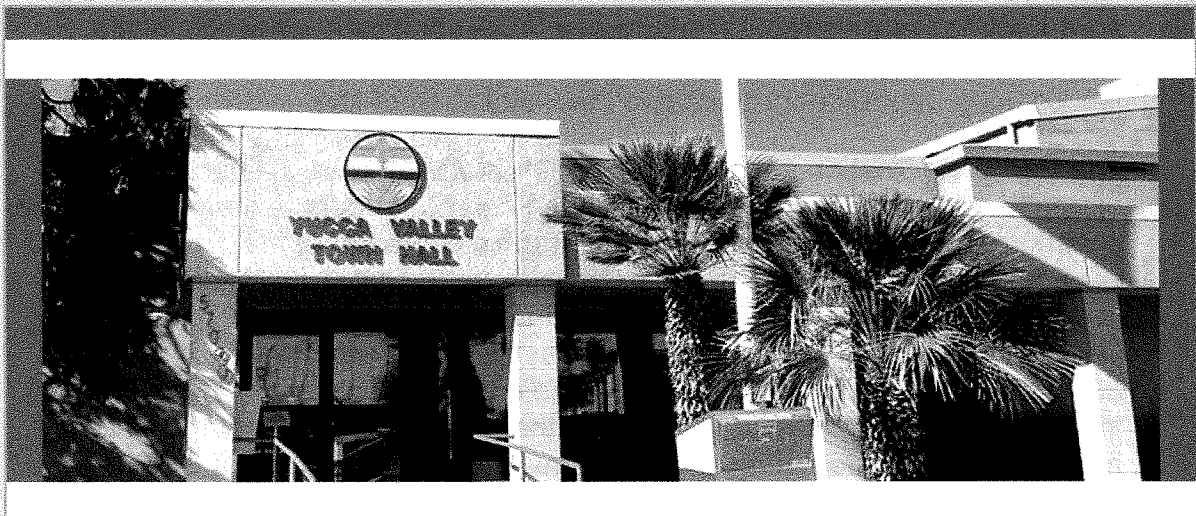
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**From:** Andy Brown [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 25, 2025 4:07 PM  
**To:** Lesley Copeland <LCopeland@yucca-valley.org>  
**Subject:** Re: Town of Yucca Valley Invites the Community to Submit Name Suggestions for Revitalized Senior Center

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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](mailto: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.

	FIRST & LAST NAME	SIGNATURE	PHONE NUMBER
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4	FRANCIS MEDEROS	<i>Francis Mederos</i>	
5	STEVEN FISHMAN	<i>Steven Fishman</i>	
6	Lance MacCarty	<i>Lance MacCarty</i>	
7	DALE PETRICK	<i>Dale Petrick</i>	
8	Catherine Wright	<i>CW</i>	
9	CAROLINE <sup>NABAVI</sup> <sub>NABAVI</sub>	<i>Caroline Nabavi</i>	
10	Sigrid McAllister	<i>Sigrid McAllister</i>	
11	Clayton Donnell	<i>Clayton Donnell</i>	
12	Tom Hubschman	<i>Tom Hubschman</i>	
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19	Judy Ann	Judy Ann	
20	Frank Miao	Frank Miao	
21	MICHAEL LARK	Michael Lark	
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	
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33	Karolyn Smith	Karolyn Smith	
34	Deborah	Hutzman	
35	Janet Meyers	Janet Meyers	
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37	Anita Cloe	Anita Cloe	
38	Marie J. Mathis	Marie J. Mathis	

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118	Amy Peña	Amy Peña	
119	Ann A. Hunt	Ann Hunt	
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121	Kathryn Smith	Kathryn Smith	
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125	Margaret Mills	Margaret Mills	
126	Jana Sabeh	Jana Sabeh	
127	Toni Kolbe	Toni Kolbe	
128	Christa Maier	Christa Maier	
129	Chris Gealey	Chris Gealey	
130	James Petersen	James Petersen	
131	Ken Palmer	Ken Palmer	
132	Pamela Brock	Pamela Brock	
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
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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.

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**Teresa Brockie**  
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**Vicki Chamberlain Parsons**  
Hi Desert Activity Center ...

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**Vicki Chamberlain Parsons**  
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**Natasha Francis**  
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**Diana Brenneman**

What's wrong with the name it has.

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**Donna Stephenson**

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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**

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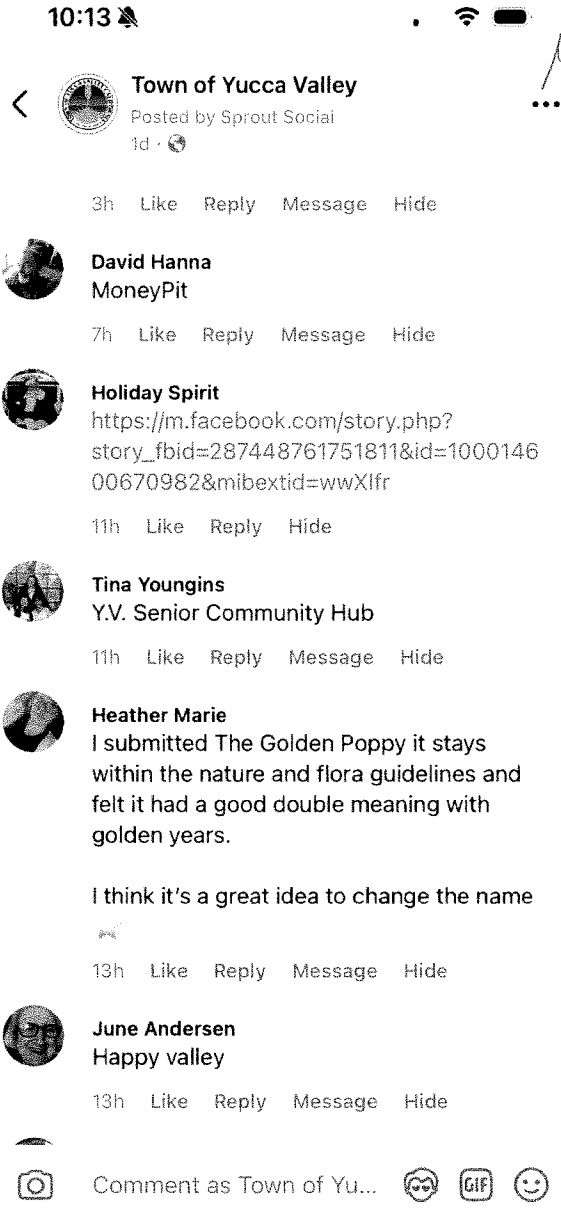
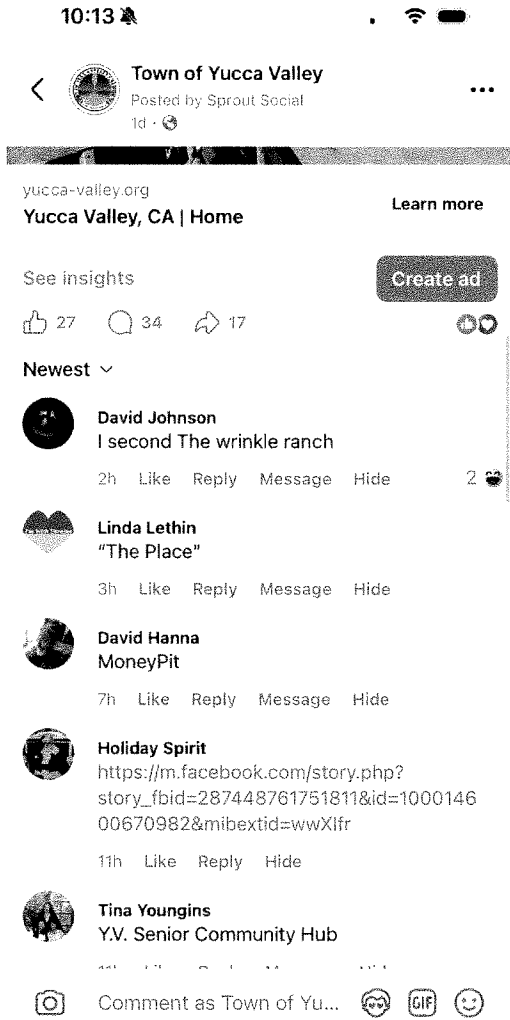
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 **Holiday Spirit**  
 Hello neighbors and friends,

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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Nominations:

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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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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 Legacy** 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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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.

🙏❤️

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

Thank you,  
Gigi

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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 Nunnan**

Thrive Senior Center

Pioneers of the Desert Senior Center

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**Allyson R Dominguez**

Bible study

**Susan Earnest**

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**From:** Stef Howard [redacted]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 19, 2025 4:08 AM  
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**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**

57090 Twentynine Palms Highwa  
Yucca Valley, CA 92284



760-369-7211  
searnest@yucca-valley.org  
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Senior Center Renaming Outreach  
Other Survey Submissions  
(received after submission closure date)  
(Redacted)

11/20/25

### 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 and Cathalee Mayje Phone [REDACTED]  
 Address [REDACTED]  
Palm Desert, Ca. 92255  
 E-mail [REDACTED]  
 Date Dec. 29, 2025

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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]

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December 2025

Juliette Garrison  
Elisabeth Kinkel

[REDACTED]  
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

*Mackley*

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



# Town of Yucca Valley

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February 27, 2026

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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.

Visit us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/townofyuccavalley](https://www.facebook.com/townofyuccavalley)  
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](http://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](http://www.yucca-valley.org) or contact the Community Services Office at 760-369-7211.



**Town of Yucca Valley  
Town Council Staff Report**



**To:** Town Council

**From:** Clayton Rardon, Recreation Supervisor

**Date:** February 25, 2026

**Meeting Date:** March 3, 2026

**Subject:** FY 2026-28 Public Art Planned Programs Review and Approval

**Recommendation:**

That the Town Council accepts the recommendation of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission to approve the planned programs for the FY 26-28 Public Art Program.

**Prior Review:**

On October 17, 2002, the first Public Arts Policy was adopted by the Town Council, with subsequent amendments approved in 2008 and 2012. On October 6, 2020 the Town Council forwarded the Town's Public Art Policy to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission (PRCC) for review/updating. The PRCC responded with a revised policy, pilot program line-up and funding request in October of 2022.

Public Art Policy 2022 – Adoption

The revised policy was adopted by the Town Council in October of 2022, with funding in the amount of \$100,000 (\$50K per year) allocated to launch the programs.

Public Art Pilot Program FY 22-24 – Initial Launch

The PRCC launched the Public Art Pilot Programs in FY 22-24, featuring the following offerings:

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 such as the Film Festival and Summer Music Festival.

Public Art Town Entry Beautification Program

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

#### Funding Update

Current Public Art Fund Balance: \$149,445.50

#### 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 scheduled to be wrapped)
- 2026 Summer Music Festival Enhancement (underway)

#### **Discussion:**

Public Art Planned Programs FY 26-28 At its meeting of February 12, 2026, the PRCC reviewed the Public Art Planned Programs slated for FY 2026-28. After review, the Commission voted to approve the programs and the associated program costs of \$89,250.00, directing staff to forward the recommendation to the Town Council. The 2026-28 Public Art Planned Programs 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 visual anchor at a highly used facility. Ongoing bi-annual programs—including the Utility Box Enhancement Program, Summer Music Festival art programming, and the planned Public Art Exhibition anchored by the Coyote Call and auction—continue to provide rotating, community-focused art while supporting long-term program development.

The 2026–2027 Community Coyote Public Art Program is a temporary, town-wide initiative that will commission a series of artist-designed fiberglass coyote sculptures, display them at local businesses and partner agencies from June through September 2027, and culminate in a public auction during the second weekend of Art Tours in October 2027. The program is structured to first recover the direct costs of fabrication, through hosting sponsorship fees of \$250 and auction revenue. Once those core costs are covered, any remaining net proceeds—from both hosting fees and the final auction—will be split with the artist 50:50 to support future public art initiatives and related cultural programming.

The Coyote Call will begin with an opening Call for Artists, PRCC review, public comment, return to PRCC for confirmation/approval, and final Town Council approval of selected designs.

By pairing economic activation with a sustainable funding strategy, the Community Coyote Program creates a repeatable model that supports local artists, drives foot traffic to commercial areas, and reinvests in the Town's long-term arts and cultural goals.

The following are the PRCC approved programs for FY 2026-28:

- Yucca Valley Branch Library Art Installation - 2026 Temp Art Exhibit - Call for Art (2 yr installation) \$4,500
- 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' (Town owned) - Evaluate and determine permanent placement \$2,000
- New - Brehm Park Community Building Entrance - Call for Art for entrance of Brehm Park building \$2,500
- 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 (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) Total program costs 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.

**Attachments**

1. 2022 Public Art Policy
2. 2026.3.3 TC Staff Report - FY 2026-28 Approval

# **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.



# PUBLIC ART PROGRAM REVIEW

That the Town Council accepts the recommendation of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission to approve the planned programs for the FY26-28 Public Art Program.

**March 3, 2026**

# Public Art Program Review

## **Recommendation:**

That the Council accept the recommendation of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission to approve the planned programs for the FY 26-28 Public Art Program.

# Public Art Program and Budget

**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 – Founders Plaza 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
• Embed Public Art enhancements into existing programs	
• Summer Music Festival 2026-27	\$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

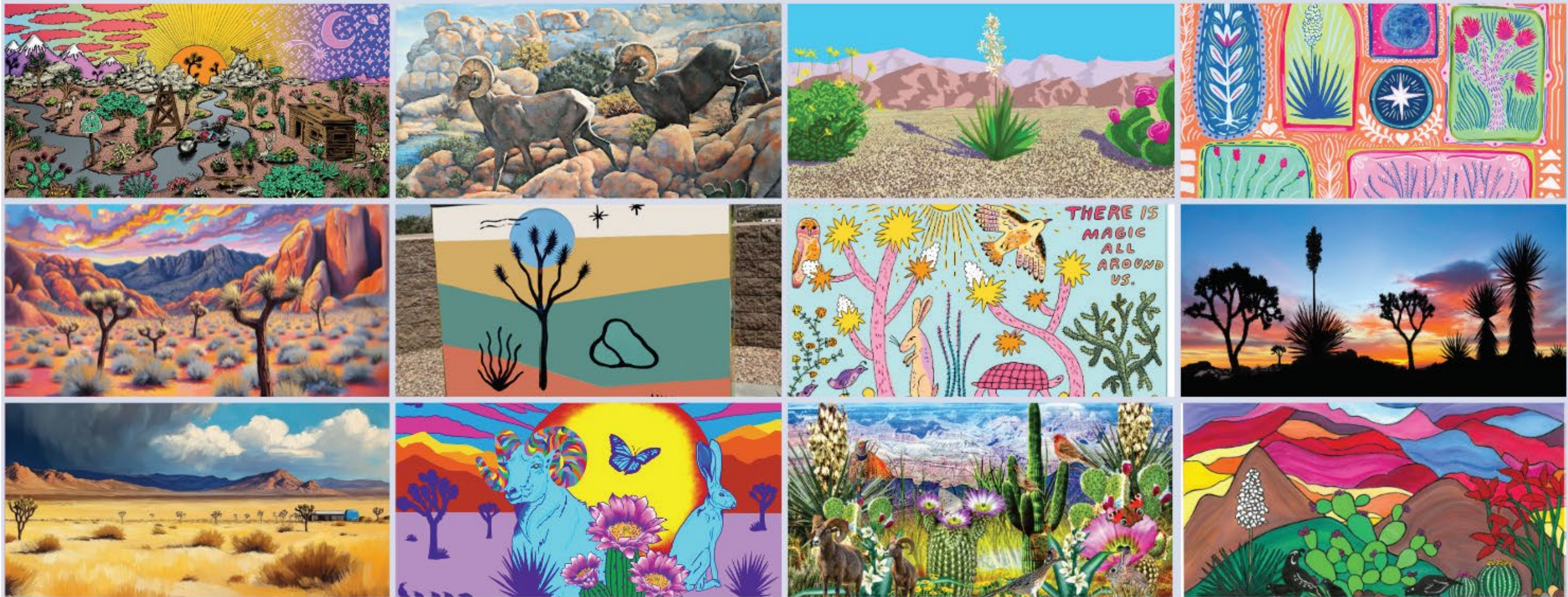
Total estimated program costs: \$59,250

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

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

# Public Art Program Review

## 2026 Utility Box Art Installations



# Public Art Program Review

## TOWN ENTRANCE MONUMENT SIGNAGE

CORY HAMILTON



# Public Art Program Review

## THE HANDS



It's time to find a permanent home for *The Hands* sculpture! The location must be on Town-owned property, with potential sites such as:

- Community Center Complex
  - Town Hall
  - Community Center
  - Senior Center
  - Park
- Machris Park
- Essig Park
- Jacobs Park
- The Welcome Center
- in front of the Brehm Park building

# Public Art Program Review

## MURALS



The Public Art Mural Program supports the creation of vibrant, community-driven murals that enhance public spaces and celebrate local culture. The program provides opportunities for artists to contribute meaningful, large-scale artwork to the community while receiving fair compensation for their work.

Standard mural rates range from \$25 to \$50 per square foot, depending on the project's scope, location, and complexity.

For highly detailed murals, projects requiring additional expenses (e.g., special materials, equipment, or site-specific considerations), or work by established muralists, rates can reach up to \$150 per square foot.

# Public Art Program Review

## COYOTE



### Public Art Exhibit & Auction

The 2026–2027 Community Coyote Public Art Program is a temporary, town-wide initiative that will commission a series of artist-designed fiberglass coyote sculptures, display them at local businesses and partner agencies from June through September 2027, and culminate in a public auction during the second weekend of Art Tours in October 2027. The program is structured to first recover the direct costs of fabrication, through hosting sponsorship fees of \$250 and auction revenue. Once those core costs are covered, any remaining net proceeds—from both hosting fees and the final auction—will be split with the artist 50:50 to support future public art initiatives and related cultural programming.

The Coyote Call will begin by opening Call for Artists, PRCC review, public comment, return to PRCC for confirmation/approval, and final Town Council approval of selected designs.

By pairing economic activation with a sustainable funding strategy, the Community Coyote Program creates a repeatable model that supports local artists, drives foot traffic to commercial areas, and reinvests in the Town’s long-term arts and cultural goals.

# Public Art Program Review

## COYOTE



### Public Art Exhibit & Auction

#### Coyote Call

Similar to popular city art programs such as Dogs of Danville – Unleashed, Abingdon Wolf Project, Wolves in Wolves, or Painted Ponies, - this program will feature sponsored Coyote figures, with a mold provided by local artist, Cory Hamilton, that will be painted by local artists and exhibited across Town to create a Coyote Trail. The statues are then auctioned off during the Hwy62 Open Studio Art Tours.

1. September 2026 – Confirm mold concept with Cory Hamilton
2. November 2026 – Mold delivered to fiberglass vendor
3. January 2027 – Receive fabricated coyotes; open Call for Artists
4. February 2027 – Close Call for Artists; PRCC review
5. February–March 2027 – Public comment period
6. March 2027 – PRCC recommendation and Town Council approval of final artist selections; release sponsorship/host outreach to local businesses and institutions
7. April–May 2027 – Artists receive and complete painted coyotes
8. June–September 2027 – Coyotes installed and hosted throughout Town
9. October 2027 – Coyotes auctioned during the 2nd weekend of Hwy 62 Open Studio Art Tours

# Public Art Program Review

## Prior Town Council Action

- Public Arts Policy was adopted by the Town Council on October 17, 2002
- Amendments to the policy were approved on September 11, 2008 and June 19, 2012
- At their meeting on October 6, 2020 the Town Council directed staff to forward the Town's Public Art Policy to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission (PRCC) to be reviewed for updating as needed

# Public Art Program Review

## Submission Process

- Open Call for Artists, 30 day – 90 day submittal window
- PRCC selection of art submission as the recommendation to Council
- 30-day public comment period of the artwork selected for recommendation
- PRCC review of public comments; approval to forward recommendation to TC
- Town Council review/approval of PRCC recommendation
- Review/Approval of installation process by Public Works/Building & Safety (if applicable)
- Installation of art

# Public Art Program Review

## Submission Documents

- Artists Application and Agreement
- Artist Statement
- Resume and a minimum of two examples of prior work
- Detailed description of the art piece intended

Moving forward, staff have been working on an electronic submission process built into the Public Art Subpage of the Town's website.

# Public Art Program Review

## **Recommendation:**

That the Town Council accepts the recommendation of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission to approve the planned programs for the FY 26 -28 Public Art Program.

Staff is happy to answer any questions following public comment.