Adjusting to the “new normal” can be challenging, but with our team at your side we will all get through this together.

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#PalmdaleCares represents the City of Palmdale’s ongoing commitment to our residents to provide creative and resourceful leadership through the COVID-19 crisis and into a better tomorrow. Although the #PalmdaleCares campaign was launched in response to COVID-19, the program demonstrates the spirit of our community: neighbors helping neighbors, businesses helping businesses, and everyone coming together to support one another.

MESSAGE FROM THE PALMDALE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

The COVID-19 pandemic has been a time of unprecedented challenge for the City of Palmdale. As part of our coordinated COVID-19 response, we have been communicating regularly with our Antelope Valley, Santa Clarita, and Los Angeles County partners to exchange information and collaborate on ways to best respond to this pandemic. The City has also updated our web page, www.cityofpalmdale.org/coronavirus to serve as a resource for residents and businesses who are seeking information about COVID-19, and how to obtain assistance during this time.

A number of meetings and discussions were held to provide assistance to the community on COVID-19. We also participated in a virtual town hall and a community event to facilitate conversations related to race relations and social justice.

The Palmdale City Council and staff understand that our business community has been severely impacted by the Federal, State, and County COVID-19 shutdown. To get input and feedback directly from local businesses, the City held an online town hall meeting in April to hear firsthand how the COVID-19 pandemic was affecting their businesses and the lives of their employees. Using that data, the City presented a comprehensive plan to Los Angeles County officials in late April which outlined a sensible, safe and responsible path to reopening businesses and recreational facilities in the City. Details about our economic reopening plan, also known as the Palmdale Community Renaissance Plan, are available on our website.

While the onset of the coronavirus pandemic has been swift, learning how to live and work with COVID-19 will take time and effort. But our community is stronger than this virus, and we will all prevail safely to see the other side of this crisis together as a community.
**City Meetings**

As a result of the COVID-19 virus and the Safer at Home orders issued by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and the State of California, the public will not be permitted to physically attend public meetings until further notice. Residents may comment on agenda items using the eComment feature.

**How to Submit Public Comments through eComments**

Go to www.cityofpalmdale.org/agendasminutes and find the meeting you wish to comment on under “Upcoming Events.” Click on the eComment link of your selected meeting. On mobile devices, you may need to swipe left to see the eComment link. Scroll through the agenda to find the item for which you would like to provide a comment, and select that item to input your comments. You may comment as a guest or as yourself through your SpeakUp Palmdale account. eComments will be able to be submitted up until one hour before the meeting starts. To sign up for an account, please visit https://palmdale.granicusideas.com/users/sign_up, and follow the onscreen instructions. If you require a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, please call the City Clerk’s Office at 267-5151 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

City Council meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month, with optional workshops held on the third Tuesday. Both meetings begin at 7 pm. The Planning Commission meets on the second Thursday of the month beginning at 7 pm. The Board of Library Trustees meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm. The City Council and Planning Commission meetings are broadcast live on Spectrum Channel 27 and livestreamed at www.cityofpalmdale.org/agendas.

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**AFTER HOURS**

**Emergency Contact:**

267-5338

To report emergencies, residents may call 267-5338 after 6 pm and before 7:30 am Monday through Thursday and all day Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Emergencies include sewer overflows, roadway/right-of-way hazards, downed tree limbs or signs, potholes, or broken sprinkler lines in City parks or landscaped areas.

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**Letter from the City Manager**

Dear Resident:

To say that 2020 has not gone as we all planned would be the understatement of a lifetime.

It began as a new year filled with exciting projects, such as bringing Amazon and over 300 jobs to Palmdale. The City Council and I were united in a new commitment to being a more business-friendly and customer-driven organization, and creating our future with a new General Plan. It was all jolted by an unprecedented worldwide pandemic.

COVID-19 changed everything, not only in Palmdale, but worldwide. Immediately, we had to switch gears and refocus our priorities.

From day one, the City emerged as a collaborator and leader in the community. Governmental directives forced us to close many of our facilities in the best interest of public safety. City Hall remained open to ensure that the community’s needs were met. You can read more about it on page 18. The City continues to find ways to keep things moving forward while supporting a resilient community that will endure through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Like most cities across the nation, Palmdale faces serious economic challenges due to the pandemic and economic downturn. The City is making significant budget adjustments as a result. Additional resources will be needed to support local businesses and to continue other essential City services. To provide additional revenues and keep more of our local sales tax dollars here, the City is considering a local funding measure in November 2020. More information about this may be found on page 8.

Toward the end of May, we saw nationwide protests in major cities across America, drawing attention to social injustice. Here in Palmdale, there were peaceful protests calling for justice and meaningful change. I appreciate the collaboration of our community leaders and elected officials for opening this dialogue during this difficult time. I look forward to our community’s next steps.

In spite of these tough times, we continue to witness an amazing outpouring of generosity and good will. Local businesses and residents have made generous donations of food, supplies and resources to those working the front lines. We’ve seen businesses, governments, healthcare providers, public safety and residents pulling together during this crisis.

The spirit of compassion reveals the best of us. Twenty years from now the history books will talk about a time the world stopped, the economy fell flat, and our City and nation stood tall. It is a testament to the resilience of the American spirit.

We need to remain strong in our efforts in this fight. I encourage you to call a friend/family member you haven’t spoken to, check on your neighbor, and say a prayer for those battling COVID-19 and those tackling some of the mental health issues these devastating events caused. Pray for those on the front lines in this fight or just engage with your family as we rarely get an opportunity to hit the pause button on life.

Together, we will get through this. Things will get better. Progress will continue on exciting projects such as the opening of Amazon, making progress toward a new airport, Virgin Trains which expects to start construction in the fourth quarter of 2020, new innovative housing developments, and more. We will do everything within our power to continue to create a safe and sensible path to reopening our City.

Thank you for all you are doing as we adapt to these uncharted times. I know that when we come through this together, we will be a stronger, more unified community than ever before.

Sincerely,

J.J. Murphy, ICMA-CM
City Manager
Courson Arts Colony Wins SCAG Sustainability Award

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) has announced that the City’s Courson Arts Colony won the 2020 Sustainability Award in the Housing Innovation category.

SCAG’s Sustainability Awards program annually recognizes excellence in coordinating land use and transportation to improve mobility, livability, prosperity and sustainability. The program received a record number of applications this year.

Over the past 20 years the City redeveloped three City blocks in the downtown area, including construction of a new senior center and 153 units of affordable housing for seniors; acquired and revitalized 291 affordable housing units; replaced the first community swimming pool in Courson Park; and most recently completed the final phase of the Courson Arts Colony. The Colony consists of 159 affordable housing units with the development being focused on the cultivation and promotion of the arts. All apartments are equipped with fully furnished kitchens.

Courson Arts Colony’s common areas include a fitness room, dance studio, art gallery, art walk, flexible art space, digital art room, clubhouse room, homework room, leasing room, and an outdoor amphitheater. There are 60 permanent supportive housing apartments that will serve medically complex veteran and non-veteran households experiencing homelessness.

“I could not be prouder of our staff who collaborated over the years to create a unique experience that provides much needed housing and important resources,” said Palmdale City Manager J.J. Murphy. “Along with the affordability aspect of this project, it carved out opportunities for artists and 40 apartments set aside for veterans. The arts component provides an environment for artists or those who wish to live in an artist-centric environment, as well as serving as a healing element for our veterans who may be suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Classes and support staff are on hand to work with and encourage tenants to use the amenities and explore their artistic spirit.”

Welcome to Palmdale

Here are some of the City’s newly opened businesses:

**Armed Services Auto Body**, 37853 Sierra Highway.
**Dollar Tree**, 5038 W. Ave. N, Suite B (next to Smart & Final Extra)
**Fusion Movement Dance Studio**, 38268 6th St. East.
**Desert Sky Transit**, 38713 Tierra Subida Ave., Suite 121

**Under Construction:**
**Amazon**, 600 Technology Dr.
**DoubleTree by Hilton**, 300 W. Palmdale Blvd.
**Fairfield Inn & Suites**, 1052 West Ave. O-8.
**Lockheed Martin**, Aeronautics Advanced Development Program Building, Plant 42.
**Medical Spec Building**, 38700 5th St. West.
**Spec Building**, 41255 11th St. West.
**Sunshine Bakery**, 39904 10th St. West, Suite B
**Wendy’s**, 38104 47th St. East.
PPE Available at Cost to Businesses

The City is offering some hard-to-obtain Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for sale at cost to local businesses and organizations.

“Based on input received from the business community during our recent Business Town Hall, we created a platform for businesses to secure some hard to find PPE items,” said Palmdale City Manager J.J. Murphy. “We’re continuing to work closely with them to address their needs effectively and efficiently.”

The current list of items available includes hand sanitizer, disposable masks, and hand sanitizer stands. Items are available while supplies last.

Order forms may be downloaded on the City’s website at www.CityofPalmdale.org/PPE.

Items would need to be picked up at Palmdale City Hall at the Development Services Building, located at 38250 Sierra Highway. Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am to 6 pm. Additional items may be added in the future based on need and item availability.

The program is available to all Antelope Valley businesses and organizations.

For more information, please contact the Economic Development division by emailing economicdevelopment@cityofpalmdale.org or by calling 267-5125.

Operation Jump Start Looks to Boost Economy

The Cities of Palmdale and Lancaster are joining forces on Operation Jump Start, an economic stimulus program where those who buy or lease a new vehicle at the Palmdale and Lancaster Auto Malls and Antelope Valley Harley Davidson will receive a $500 gift card. Purchasers of a previously owned vehicle will receive a $250 gift card.

The program is designed to assist Antelope Valley businesses impacted by the COVID-19 closures. It will run until all the gift cards have been claimed. Cards will be eligible for use at all businesses valley wide.

For more information, please visit www.JumpstartAV.org.

Amazon is Coming to Town

Amazon, the e-commerce giant named No.1 on LinkedIn’s 2018 Top Companies list, No. 1 on Harris Poll’s Corporate Reputation survey, and No. 2 on Fortune’s World’s Most Admired Companies list, has chosen Palmdale for its new Amazon Delivery Station in the Antelope Valley, which will provide employment opportunities within its Delivery Services Partners concept.

Renovations are underway at the facility located at 600 Technology Drive, which formerly was home to SST Technologies and Sinclair Printing. It is expected to open this summer.

The delivery station will add capacity and flexibility to support Amazon’s growing volume of customer orders. Delivery Services Partners is an innovative extension of the Amazon brand that offers individuals the opportunity to build and grow their own successful package delivery business with built-in demand and access to Amazon’s technology and logistics experience. The station will create hundreds of part and full-time jobs starting at $15 per hour.

“I’m very proud of the fact that the City took this project from concept to design so quickly,” said Palmdale City Manager J.J. Murphy. “We were able to attract Amazon without providing any financial incentives. It shows that major companies see Palmdale as an innovative community where they want to be so their businesses can thrive.”

To learn more, visit www.logistics.amazon.com and flex.amazon.com.
Mandatory Commercial Recycling and Organics

To help reduce the amount of trash in landfills, the City is required by state law to enforce AB 341 and AB 1826.

AB 341 requires recycling for all businesses and multifamily complexes with five or more units (such as apartments or condominiums) that generate four cubic yards or more of solid waste per week. AB 1826 is similar but specifies the need to recycle organic waste such as food waste, yard clippings, and any other biodegradable materials. It’s important to keep organic and inorganic waste separated for proper recycling.

I fit those requirements. What should I do?

Contact Waste Management to subscribe to recycling services for nonorganic materials or self-hauling recyclables to a designated facility. For organic waste, businesses must participate in Waste Management or SAVES programs to divert what is produced. Multifamily structures have the option of a subscription service or self-haul.

You may request a no-cost site evaluation by calling 223-3408 or email acortes1@wm.com. Visit business.wm.com/Palmdale for more information on Waste Management’s recycling and organics programs.

If you are a grocery store or restaurant and want to learn about the City’s SAVES program, please call 267-5191.

How can I reduce waste, even if I don’t fit the requirements?

One of the best ways to lessen your impact on landfills is to learn about alternatives, especially for organic and food waste. Organic materials make up nearly one third of the 30 million tons of waste added to California landfills each year, despite the many ways people can make the most of their leftovers. Some popular solutions include composting, donating to local food banks, and simply using the green waste bin for grass clippings, shrubs, leaves, tree trimmings, etc.

Let’s get back to the basics of recycling.

Remember these three rules each time you recycle:

1. Recycle all empty plastic bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.
2. Keep food and liquids out of the recycling.
3. Empty recyclables directly into your cart - NO bagged recyclables.

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To Learn More Visit RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com

Election Information

In 2020, Los Angeles County introduced its new voting system, the Voting Solutions for All People (VSAP).

A general municipal election will be held in the City of Palmdale on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020, for the following offices:

- Mayor, elected citywide, full term of two years.
- District 1 councilmember, full-term of four years.
- District 2 councilmember, full-term of four years.

District 1 is generally located in the southern portion of the City. District 2 is generally located in the western portion of the City. For full details, please refer to the district map on the City’s elections webpage at www.cityofpalmdale.org.

The nomination filing period for these offices begins on Monday, July 13, 2020 and closes on Friday, Aug. 7, 2020 at 5 pm. Please contact the City Clerk’s office at 267-5151 for an appointment to file nomination papers during the filing period.

If nomination papers for an incumbent officer of the City are not filed by Aug. 7, 2020 (the 88th day before the election), voters have until the 83rd day before the election, Aug. 12, 2020, to nominate candidates other than the person(s) who are the incumbents on the 88th day before the election, for that incumbent’s elective office. This extension is not applicable where there is no eligible incumbent to be elected.
Maintaining Public Health & Safety Before, During and After the Pandemic

The City of Palmdale consistently ranks among the best places to live, raise a family, and retire. The City is committed to strong community partnerships, safe neighborhoods and parks, quality services to support residents, and respectful and responsive city employees, all of which make Palmdale a strong, caring and safe community for all residents.

Through our South Antelope Valley Emergency Services (SAVES) program and Legacy Commons for Active Seniors, we are providing food service to our seniors and some of the vulnerable residents in our community. The City is providing childcare services for first responders during the pandemic so that they may continue to contribute to protect, care for, and serve our residents. We have partnered with the L.A. County Dept. of Public Health in establishing a drive-through testing center at Antelope Valley Mall. To ensure further containment of the outbreak, the City distributes difficult to acquire personal protective equipment to schools, residents and local businesses.

Partnering with Local Employers to Ensure Strong Economic Recovery

As we work to protect residents during the current health crisis, we are also taking proactive steps to ensure a strong economic recovery. In close partnership with our local employers — from small business owners to aerospace industry leaders — we have developed a comprehensive stimulus plan that will help all businesses reopen safely and quickly to avoid further economic damage. Business recovery programs include financial and technical assistance that will enable companies to thrive through future economic downturns. This plan has been hailed as a model for other cities.

Protecting Essential Services

Palmdale, along with the rest of the State and the country, faces serious fiscal challenges due to the fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding for high priority services such as senior support, business retention/recruitment and public infrastructure repair and maintenance are threatened as a result.

Locally Controlled Funding Needed to Protect City Services

To protect essential City services and keep our community strong and healthy into the future, additional resources will be needed. The
City is exploring all funding options to ensure continued quality public services for residents. Additional locally-controlled funding would provide dedicated revenues to Palmdale to help:

- Maintain 911 emergency response times, especially for emergency medical services and fire protection
- Keep public parks open, safe and clean
- Repair streets and potholes
- Retain and recruit local businesses through economic development initiatives to ensure the City’s long-term financial stability.
- Support community policing, activities for at-risk youth and mental health efforts to help keep our community safe
- Address homelessness
- Maintain food distribution services
- Support rental and mortgage assistance programs
- Support services for local military veterans
- Upgrade emergency communications and improve emergency preparedness
- Partner with faith communities, non-profits, and local youth sports programs

Local Funds for Local Needs

Additional locally-controlled revenue would keep 100% of funds here in Palmdale. No funds could be taken by the State or County. A community oversight committee would be established to assure transparency.

We welcome your input as the City plans for the future. Please email info@cityofpalmdale.org or call 267-5115 with questions or comments.
Mantener la salud y seguridad pública antes, durante y después de la pandemia

La ciudad de Palmdale se encuentra constantemente entre los mejores lugares para vivir, criar una familia y jubilarse. La Ciudad está comprometida con sólidas asociaciones comunitarias, vecindarios y parques seguros, servicios de calidad para apoyar a los residentes y con respetuosos y receptivos empleados de la ciudad, todo lo cual hace de Palmdale una comunidad fuerte, solidaria y segura para todos los residentes.

A través de nuestros programas de servicios de emergencia del sur del valle del antílope (SAVES) y Legacy Commons centro para adultos mayores activos, brindamos servicios de alimentos a nuestros adultos mayores y a residentes vulnerables de nuestra comunidad. La Ciudad está brindando servicios de cuidado infantil para los empleados de primeros auxilios durante la pandemia para que puedan continuar contribuyendo a proteger, cuidar y servir a nuestros residentes. Nos hemos asociado con el Departamento de Salud del Condado de Los Ángeles para establecer un centro de prueba en el centro comercial del valle del antílope. Para asegurar una mayor contención del brote, la Ciudad distribuye equipos de protección personal difíciles de adquirir a escuelas, residentes y empresas locales.

Asociación con empleadores locales para garantizar una fuerte recuperación económica

Mientras trabajamos para proteger a los residentes durante la actual crisis de salud, también estamos tomando medidas proactivas para garantizar una fuerte recuperación económica. En estrecha colaboración con nuestros empleadores locales, desde propietarios de pequeñas empresas hasta líderes de la industria aeroespacial, hemos desarrollado un plan de estímulo integral que ayudará a todas las empresas a reabrir de manera segura y rápida para evitar mayores daños económicos. Los programas de recuperación empresarial incluyen asistencia financiera y técnica que permitirá a las empresas prosperar a través de futuras recesiones económicas. Este plan ha sido aclamado como modelo para otras ciudades.

Protección de servicios esenciales

Palmdale, junto con el resto del Estado y el país, enfrenta serios desafíos fiscales debido a las consecuencias de la pandemia del COVID-19. Como resultado, se ve amenazada la financiación de servicios de alta prioridad, tales como soporte de alto nivel, retención / reclutamiento de empresas y reparación y mantenimiento de infraestructura pública.
Fondos controlados localmente para proteger los servicios de la ciudad

Para proteger los servicios esenciales de la Ciudad y mantener a nuestra comunidad fuerte y saludable en el futuro, se necesitarán recursos adicionales y fondos controlados localmente.

La ciudad está explorando todas las opciones de financiación para garantizar que servicios públicos de calidad continúen para los residentes. Adicionalmente, fondos controlados localmente proporcionaría ingresos dedicados a Palmdale que ayudaran a:

- Mantener bajos tiempos de respuesta de emergencia del 911, especialmente para servicios médicos de emergencia y protección contra incendios
- Mantener los parques públicos abiertos, seguros y limpios.
- Reparación de calles y baches.
- Retener y reclutar empresas locales a través de iniciativas de desarrollo económico para garantizar la estabilidad financiera a largo plazo de la Ciudad.
- Apoyar la vigilancia comunitaria, actividades para jóvenes en riesgo y esfuerzos de salud mental para ayudar a mantener a nuestra comunidad segura
- Lidiar con la falta de vivienda
- Mantener los servicios de distribución de alimentos.
- Apoyar programas de alquiler y asistencia hipotecaria
- Servicios de apoyo para veteranos militares locales.
- Mejorar los sistemas de comunicación de emergencia y mejorar la preparación para emergencias.
- Asociarse con comunidades religiosas, organizaciones sin fines de lucro y programas deportivos juveniles locales.

Fondos locales para necesidades locales

Los ingresos adicionales controlados localmente mantendrán el 100% de los fondos aquí en Palmdale. Estos fondos no podrán ser tomados por el Estado o el Condado. Se establecería un comité de supervisión comunitaria para garantizar la transparencia.

Agradecemos su aporte mientras la Ciudad planea para el futuro. Envíe un correo electrónico a info@cityofpalmdale.org o llame al 267-5115 con preguntas o comentarios.
Let’s plan the future of Palmdale together!

The Palmdale General Plan Update continues. In 2019, we heard your vision and priorities for Palmdale. Now, the project team is evaluating land-use options. We need your input on our set of alternatives that consider location and types of development for future land-use in the City.

In the interest of public health and safety, in-person meetings will not be held. Instead, we are offering alternate methods to learn about the project and provide feedback.

**Virtual Workshop + Survey**

A virtual workshop tool has been developed and will provide details on the overall framework for the entire city and proposed alternatives. Beginning **Wednesday, July 15, 2020** this virtual workshop can be accessed at your convenience, 24-hours a day, 7-days a week and features similar resources offered at an in-person meeting, including project materials and engagement activities. Visit [Palmdale2045.org](http://Palmdale2045.org) to explore the alternatives and provide input and comments for each of them.

**General Plan Advisory Committee**

The next General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) meeting will be streamed online **Wednesday, July 29, 2020 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** All GPAC meetings are open for the public to view and participate. The link to the virtual meeting will be available the day of the meeting on the project website at [Palmdale2045.org](http://Palmdale2045.org).

**Live Presentation and Q&A**

Join us for a live, online presentation with city staff and the project team on **Saturday, August 8, 2020 from 9:30-11:00am.** You will be able to walk through the virtual workshop with us, ask questions and provide comments on the live platform or on the phone. The streaming link and call-in telephone number will be available on the project website at [Palmdale2045.org](http://Palmdale2045.org).

If you would like the materials in a non-digital, hard-copy format, please send your request to the project team at generalplan@cityofpalmdale.org or call (661) 267-5200.

**Stay Connected**

Join our mailing list to stay informed about the General Plan Update and stay connected via the following methods:

- **Website:** [Palmdale2045.org](http://Palmdale2045.org)
- **Email:** generalplan@cityofpalmdale.org

Requests for ASL and other languages will be accommodated if made at least three working days (72 hours) in advance of the scheduled meeting date. Please send your request to generalplan@cityofpalmdale.org.

*Para ver este mensaje en español, por favor visite el sitio web en Palmdale2045.org.*
¡Planifiquemos el futuro de Palmdale juntos!

La Actualización del Plan General de Palmdale continúa. En 2019, escuchamos su visión y prioridades para Palmdale. Ahora, el equipo del proyecto está evaluando las opciones de uso de la tierra. Necesitamos su opinión sobre nuestro conjunto de alternativas que consideran la ubicación y los tipos de desarrollo para el uso futuro de la tierra en la Ciudad.

En interés de la salud pública y la seguridad, no se tendrán reuniones en persona. En cambio, estamos ofreciendo métodos alternativos para aprender sobre el proyecto y proporcionar comentarios.

**Taller Virtual + Encuesta**

Se ha desarrollado una técnica de taller virtual que proporcionará detalles sobre el marco general para toda la ciudad y las alternativas propuestas. A partir del **miércoles 15 de julio de 2020**, se puede acceder a este taller virtual a su conveniencia, las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana y presenta recursos similares ofrecidos en una reunión en persona, incluyendo los materiales del proyecto y las actividades de participación. Visite [Palmdale2045.org](http://Palmdale2045.org) para explorar las alternativas y proporcionar comentarios para cada una de ellas.

**Comité Asesor del Plan General**

La próxima reunión de Comité Asesor del Plan General (GPAC por sus siglas en inglés) se transmitirá por internet el **miércoles 29 de julio de 2020 de 6:30 a 8:30 p.m.** Todas las reuniones del Comité Asesor del Plan General están abiertas para que el público las vea y participe. El enlace a la reunión virtual estará disponible el día de la reunión en el sitio web del proyecto en [Palmdale2045.org](http://Palmdale2045.org).

**Presentación en vivo y preguntas y respuestas**

Únase a nosotros para una presentación en vivo por internet con el personal de la ciudad y el equipo del proyecto el **sábado 8 de agosto de 2020 de 9:30 a 11:00 a.m.** Podrá recorrer el taller virtual con nosotros, hacer preguntas y proporcionar comentarios en la plataforma en vivo o por teléfono. El enlace de transmisión y el número de teléfono de llamada estarán disponibles en el sitio web del proyecto en [Palmdale 2045.org](http://Palmdale 2045.org).

Si desea obtener los materiales en un formato impreso no digital, envíe su solicitud al equipo del proyecto a **generalplan@cityofpalmdale.org** o llame al (661)267-5200.

**Manténgase conectado**

Únase a nuestra lista de correo para permanecer informado sobre la Actualización del Plan General y manténgase conectado con los siguientes métodos:

**Sitio web:** Palmdale2045.org

**Correo electrónico:** generalplan@cityofpalmdale.org

Las solicitudes de ASL y otros idiomas se atenderán si se hacen al menos tres días hábiles (72 horas) antes de la fecha de la reunión programada. Por favor envíe su solicitud a generalplan@cityofpalmdale.org.
The Census Matters to You

The results of the 2020 Census will help determine how hundreds of thousands of dollars in federal funding will flow into our community every year for the next decade. Census results affect your community every day.

Fill out your census form today and enter your confirmation number for the opportunity to win up to $1,000* in prizes!

*For complete details and to enter, please visit www.cityofpalmdale.org/PalmdaleCountsChallenge

Mail to:
U.S. Census Bureau
National Processing Center
100 Logistics Avenue
Jeffersonville, IN 47144

For questions, please call Nardy Lopez at 661-267-5177 or email nlopez@cityofpalmdale.org.
How the Census Impacts Our Community

Here are just a few of the programs in Palmdale and the greater Antelope Valley that receive federal funding based on the results of the Census:

**South Antelope Valley Emergency Services**
SAVES is made possible by federal funding through the Housing of Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDGB). Grant funding is calculated annually using census data with a formula that takes into account our total population, the number of people in poverty, and the number of housing units with more than one person per room. SAVES provides assistance to individuals and families who are experiencing a temporary emergency situation such as a recent job loss, awaiting approval of benefits, and benefits exhausted or cut off. SAVES also provides special assistance as available seasonally with back to school supplies, holiday food baskets and utility assistance.

**Local Food Distribution**
AV Living Water Worship Center
661-313-6240
Antelope Valley Partners for Health
661-942-4719
Boulevard Community Church of Lancaster
661-942-1932
Dos Testamentos En El Desierto
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Jesus House Palmdale
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Living Springs Foursquare Church
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Loveship Community Outreach
661-729-4106
Next Dimension Ministries
661-860-6442
Palmdale SDA
661-409-1634
Salvation Army Antelope Valley Corps
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Santa Clarita Valley Food Pantry
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Shekinah Worship Center
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**Free School Lunch**
Federal nutrition programs are among the many reasons it is so important to respond to the 2020 Census and report all children, including newborns, living in your home. Knowing how many children are in an area helps federal, state and local officials evaluate funding for nutrition programs. All U.S. schools provide free or reduced-price meals to economically disadvantaged students. Some qualifying students also have access to meals during summer months when school is out.

**Community Services**
The Census count helps determine funding levels for a broad range of state programs and services and plays a role in determining how the funds are distributed among them. The programs include CalFresh, Medi-Cal, Medicaid, nutrition programs, housing assistance, highways, education, and other state priorities.

**Parks & Library**
Parks and libraries are directly affected by the Census through population-based federal funding. Working to ensure a complete count is fundamentally an issue of equity, diversity, and inclusion.

**Job Training**
Census results affect planning and funding for employment and training, including programs for vocational rehabilitation state grants, dislocated workers, and American Indian and Alaska Native employment and training.
El Censo es importante

Los resultados del Censo 2020 ayudarán a determinar cómo cientos de miles de dólares en fondos federales llegarán a nuestra comunidad todos los años durante la próxima década. Los resultados del censo afectan a tu comunidad todos los días.

COMO RESPONDER

En línea
my2020census.gov

Por teléfono
844-468-2020

Por correo
Puede enviar por correo el cuestionario que se le envió a su casa.

Enviar a:
U.S. Census Bureau
National Processing Center
100 Logistics Avenue
Jeffersonville, IN 47144

Llene su formulario censal hoy e ingrese su número de confirmación para la oportunidad de ganar hasta $1,000* en premios!

*Para detalles completos y como participar, favor de visitar www.cityofpalmdale.org/PalmdaleCountsChallenge

WE COUNT PALMDALE

Our Community. Our Census.

Para preguntas, favor de comunicarse con Nardy Lopez al 661-267-5177 o por correo electrónico nlopez@cityofpalmdale.org
Como el Censo impacta a nuestra comunidad

Estos son solo algunos de los programas en Palmdale y en el Valle del Antelope que reciben fondos federales basados en el conteo del Censo:

**South Antelope Valley Emergency Services**

South Antelope Valley Emergency Services (SAVES) recibe fondos federales a través del programa de Subsidio de Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG) de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano (HUD). El financiamiento de la subvención se calcula anualmente utilizando datos del censo con un fórmula que toma en cuenta nuestra población total, la cantidad de personas en situación de pobreza y la cantidad de unidades de vivienda con más de una persona por habitación. En cooperación con otras agencias SAVES ayuda a mantener la vida de miles de personas con alimentos nutritivos, educación y referencias. SAVES también brinda asistencia especial; esta asistencia es disponible según la disponibilidad temporal, con útiles para el regreso a la escuela, canastas de alimentos y asistencia para servicios públicos.

**Distribución local de alimentos**

AV Living Water Worship Center  
661-313-6240

Antelope Valley Partners for Health  
661-942-4719

Boulevard Community Church of Lancaster  
661-942-1932

Dos Testamentos En El Desierto  
661-433-1186

First Missionary Baptist Church  
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**Almuerzo escolar gratis**

Los programas federales de nutrición se encuentran entre las muchas razones por las que es tan importante responder al Censo 2020 e incluir a todos los niños y a los recién nacidos que viven en su hogar. Saber cuántos niños hay en un área ayuda a los funcionarios federales, estatales y locales a evaluar la financiación de los programas de nutrición. Todas las escuelas de EE. UU. recen comidas gratuitas o de precio reducido a estudiantes con desventajas económicas. Algunos estudiantes que califican también tienen acceso a comidas durante los meses de verano cuando no hay clases.

**Servicios comunitarios**

El conteo del censo ayuda a determinar los niveles de financiamiento para una amplia gama de programas y servicios estatales y desempeña un papel en la determinación de cómo se distribuyen los fondos entre ellos. Los programas incluyen CalFresh, Medi-Cal, Medicaid, programas de nutrición, asistencia de vivienda, carreteras, educación y otras prioridades estatales.

**Parques y Bibliotecas**

Los parques y las bibliotecas se ven directamente afectados por el Censo a través de fondos federales basados en la población. Trabajar para un conteo completo es fundamentalmente y una cuestión de equidad, diversidad e inclusión.

**Formación laboral**

Los resultados del censo afectan la planificación y la financiación para el empleo y la capacitación, incluidos son los programas para subvenciones estatales de rehabilitación vocacional, los trabajadores desplazados y el empleo y la capacitación de los indios americanos y los nativos de Alaska.
Things were moving along nicely in Palmdale coming into 2020. Amazon announced it would open a delivery center. Several new large construction projects were underway bringing new businesses to the community. Virgin Trains USA was planning to begin work on its Las Vegas to Apple Valley high speed rail which would eventually connect to Palmdale. Optimism was high and the possibilities for major successes seemed endless.

Then came changes. Worldwide changes. A virus called COVID-19 brought the world to its collective knees. The World Health Organization declared the situation a pandemic on March 11. On March 12, the City of Palmdale issued a state of emergency to gain better access to the tools and resources needed to fulfill the mission of protecting residents while carrying out the functions of City government.

It changed everything.

On March 19, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health issued a Safer at Home Order, calling on County residents, which includes the City of Palmdale, to stay in their homes and limit all outside activities beyond what is absolutely necessary for essential tasks.

City Hall remained open by appointment only. From the onset, the City took the lead to create a consortium of local agencies, health care providers and first responders to ensure connectivity and communications to best serve the needs of the public.

"Since the pandemic began, City staff worked tirelessly to protect and provide public safety and other vital services for our residents during this extraordinarily tough time," said Palmdale City Manager J.J. Murphy. "From providing food to those in need, offering childcare services to essential workers, staffing the local COVID testing center, assisting local schools with video production for graduation messages, and performing video inspections so development could continue, it was all a part of demonstrating how much we care about this community."

That caring spirit led to what is now the #PalmdaleCares movement. #PalmdaleCares represents the City’s ongoing commitment to residents and businesses to provide creative and resourceful leadership through this crisis and into a better tomorrow.

It was the genesis of several creative programs such as virtual mental health and business town halls, virtual recreation opportunities, a weekend of prayer at Poncitlán Square, a Peace Officers Memorial Service, and a Memorial Day service, all in response to local needs during the pandemic. Public art, too, has played a role in community engagement, with opportunities offered to local artists to create a mural at the new Courson Park pool. The Palmdale City Library also found a niche to...
serve by offering a drive up/pickup service.

Compelled by this commitment to serve, the City also took proactive steps to ensure a strong economic recovery by partnering with local employers — from small business owners to aerospace industry leaders — to develop an economic plan that was instrumental in helping businesses reopen safely and thrive again as quickly as possible. The City solicited their opinions and tailored a plan around their needs. This Palmdale Community Renaissance Plan has been hailed as a model that has been requested and used by over a dozen cities.

Through this collaboration also came innovative programs such as Palmdale: Take Me Home Tonight, designed to promote takeout and delivery dining while restaurants were closed to dine in business. The program got a nice assist from the Paul George Foundation. In partnership with the City, American Heart Association, American Stroke Association and Palmdale Regional Medical Center, the Foundation provided meals to local stroke survivors and their families. Partnering with 16 locally-owned restaurants, over 300 meals were served to families in the Antelope Valley. For those restaurants without delivery service, City staff helped take meals to these families during the monthlong campaign.

"We at the Paul George Foundation love the work the 'Take Me Home Tonight' campaign was doing to support Palmdale's small businesses," said Paul George Foundation Director Myles Williams. "Paul wanted to take it a step further and provide meals for our stroke survivors and their families in the comfort of their own home."

Other programs that were developed included regular COVID-19 updates from the Mayor, City Council and city manager to keep residents better informed; a Safe Shopping program led by Neighborhood Services to assist retailers; food shopping and delivery for seniors; a business resource toolkit to connect local businesses with available funding and programs; making PPE available at cost to businesses; and the Al Fresco Dining Program which allows restaurants to expand outdoor seating to help them increase their capacity safely. Several more creative programs are in the works and will be announced in the weeks and months ahead.

Today, a mural graces a wall in front of the City’s Parks and Recreation office on 10th St. East, to help send the message that #PalmdaleCares about its community. The mural was painted by Nuri Amanatullah, an Antelope Valley artist, illustrator, and muralist. It was based on a logo created by the City’s Sponsorship and Marketing Specialist Stella Knight, who designed it to graphically represent the #PalmdaleCares movement.

"I wanted to have the #PalmdaleCares message in the streets and a small mural seemed like the best way to share this visual and jumpstart our public art program at the same
“It helps illustrate how a calculated splash of color can transform even the most uninteresting spaces into focal points in our community.”

“The crisis is not over, and the City’s work has only just begun,” City Manager J.J. Murphy noted. “There will be much to do during the recovery and full reopening of our community. The economic toll has been devastating and it will require innovative thinking, tough decision making, and finding new revenue streams to ensure that the progress that kicked off the year continues in the months and years ahead. I’m confident that this community will rise to the challenge.”

Reconstruction of Pearblossom Hwy and Major Intersections

SEGMENT 1 FULL CLOSURE DETOUR
On-going thru November 2020
Pearblossom Hwy between the CA Aqueduct Bridge and Valley Springs Rd

SEGMENT 1 TEMPORARY INTERSECTION CLOSURES

37th St E intersection closure at Pearblossom Hwy
COMPLETED
July 13-17, 2020

40th St E intersection closure at Pearblossom Hwy
July 13-17, 2020

47th St E intersection closure at Pearblossom Hwy
July 20-24, 2020

Sign-up to receive email project updates: Text PEARBLOSSOM to 22828

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La Ciudad de Palmdale está aquí para usted

Recursos para nuestros residentes y dueños de negocios
Visite www.CityofPalmdale.org/coronavirus

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Se habla español.

City of Palmdale
#Palmdale CARES
Stay Connected Through Social Media

Social media is a fast and easy way to keep up with what’s happening in Palmdale. We post all the latest news and happenings on our main page, on Facebook @CityofPalmdale, but we also have pages for your particular interests, such as:

- Best of the West Softball Complex – Palmdale
- DryTown Water Park
- Legacy Commons for Active Seniors
- Palmdale Neighborhood Houses
- Palmdale Community Gardens
- Joe Davies Heritage Airpark
- Palmdale Amphitheater
- Palmdale Aquatics
- Palmdale City Library
- Palmdale Public Safety
- Palmdale Playhouse
- Palmdale Public Art
- Palmdale Parks & Recreation
- Palmdale Take Me Home Tonight
- Palmdale Engaged
- South Antelope Valley Emergency Services (SAVES)
- Yellen Dog Park

We’re also on Twitter @PalmdaleCity, Instagram @CityofPalmdale, and YouTube @CityofPalmdale.

Get Palmdale Connections Delivered via Email Free

It’s easy to join our mailing list! Just text PALMDALE to 22828 and reply by sending your email address. Message and data rates may apply.
#Palmdale CARES

Thank you for doing your part during the COVID-19 pandemic to keep our community going strong!

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COVID-19
Health Tips

The City is reminding everyone to keep these health tips in mind:

- Stay home if you feel ill.
- Wash your hands often with soap and hot water.
- Use hand sanitizer if soap and water is unavailable.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you do not have a tissue, use your sleeve (not your hands).
- Maintain social distancing.
- Wear a face covering in public.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Limit close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid shaking hands.
- Get a flu shot.
- Get tested!

COVID-19
Information

Here are some trusted sources for the latest, accurate information about coronavirus:

- California Department of Public Health, www.cdph.ca.gov/
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), www.cdc.gov

Maintaining Good Mental Health

Is all the worry about the coronavirus pandemic causing you some stress and anguish? Are social distancing and staying home starting to wear on you?

Aside from the actual symptoms and effects of the COVID-19 disease, there have been some side effects of the pandemic reported, such as people experiencing anxiety about their health and the health of loved ones. Others are having difficulty sleeping and concentrating. Many people have changed their eating patterns, and some have had issues with alcohol and drug use.

The Los Angeles County Dept. of Mental Health has an extensive list of helpful resources and information to help people during these stressful times. Some of the topics include:

- Mental health tips for coping
- Resources for community support
- Resources for families, parents and children
- Physical and social distancing
- General mental health management

These resources may be found online at dmh.lacounty.gov/covid-19-information/.

If you’re feeling stressed, depressed or anxious and need to talk with someone, call 800-854-7771 to get help now (open 24/7), or text “LA” to 741741 for mental health support, resources, and referrals.

In addition to your mental health, be sure to take good care of your physical self, too. Get enough rest, maintain a good diet, and get some exercise.
You’re Invited to National Night Out 2020

Join family, friends and neighbors for an evening of fun and safety at Palmdale’s National Night Out on Tuesday, Sept. 29 from 6 to 9 pm at Domenic Massari Park, located at 37716 55th Street East. Admission is free. Event is subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Enjoy activities for kids and adults, music, giveaways, games, photo ops and public safety displays from first responders and other agencies serving Palmdale and the Antelope Valley. Food, ice cream and snacks will be available for purchase from a variety of vendors.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes law enforcement-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to help make neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live. It strengthens neighborhood spirit and sends a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting crime.

For more information, call 267-5170.

Al Fresco Dining Comes to Palmdale

Enjoying a meal in one of Palmdale’s restaurants may now be experienced outdoors thanks to the City’s innovative new Al Fresco dining program, designed to allow restaurants to temporarily expand dine-in service to public sidewalks and/or off-street parking areas.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the City’s eateries have had dine-in occupancy restricted to 65% capacity and mandated six feet of social distancing. The new program allows restaurants to add or increase outdoor options.

“Our goal in creating ‘Al Fresco’ is to continue to support our local business during these tough times and provide them with as many tools as possible to succeed,” said Palmdale’s Deputy Director of Economic Development Drew Pletcher.

Applications for the new Al Fresco Dining Program, and the steps business owners need to take to qualify, are available online at www.cityofpalmdale.org/AlFresco, through the Economic Development division by emailing economicdevelopment@cityofpalmdale.org or calling 267-5125.
Pool Safety

Summer in Palmdale means more time to spend outdoors playing and swimming. It also means there are more opportunities for accidents in and around water.

Drowning takes the lives of more California toddlers than any other kind of accident. Children who manage to survive a near drowning often suffer permanent brain damage from lack of oxygen. Drownings are silent and occur very fast. Most people think a drowning will be obvious as the victim thrashes in the water and calls for help. However, in reality the victim may not have the energy to splash or call out and they will drown in seconds.

Most of these drownings take place at the homes of parents, relatives or neighbors. Educating yourself and your child about swimming safety and making sure your pool has proper fencing can reduce the possibility of injuries or death through drowning.

• Make sure you have adequate fencing around your pool that is in full compliance with Palmdale's ordinance including a self-closing, self-latching fence with release mechanisms placed at least 54 inches from the floor. For the full list of requirements, call Building and Safety at 267-5353.
• Never leave children unattended around water. "Active" supervision means keeping your eyes on the children at all times. Do not become distracted by looking at your cell phone or reading a book.
• Learn to swim. Contact the Parks and Recreation department at 267-5611 for available swimming lessons.
• Learn CPR. Contact the local Red Cross chapter at 267-0650 for classes on water safety and CPR.
• When children are swimming and several adults are present, designate an adult to supervise the children swimming for a certain amount of time, to prevent lapses in supervision.
• Do not dive in shallow waters or when you are unable to tell the depth of the water.
• Do not leave your child unattended in the bathtub. A drowning can happen in as little as 20 seconds, even in water that is only inches deep.

For more information on water safety, visit the Red Cross at www.redcross.org and the National Safety Council at www.nsc.org.

Neighborhood Watch Online

Neighborhood Watch is one of the most effective and easiest ways to reduce crime. Communities that use Neighborhood Watch programs not only enjoy safer neighborhoods, but also a stronger sense of community.

To help build stronger and safer neighborhoods across Palmdale, the City’s Public Safety team is offering free online Neighborhood Watch Orientation meetings on Wednesday, July 8, Tuesday, Aug. 11, and Monday, Sept. 21. All meetings will begin at 7 pm on Zoom.

For more information about the online meetings and to learn how easy it is to start a Neighborhood Watch program call Public Safety at 267-5170.

Park Watch Nights

Join City staff and deputies from the Palmdale Sheriff’s Station this summer and learn how together we can make our parks safer through the Park Watch program. Get updates and discuss issues or concerns. You bring your family and we’ll provide the music, games, and snacks for this interactive night of fun.

The meetings will take place on Wednesdays from 5 to 7 pm.
• Foothill Park, Aug. 5.
• Courson Park, Sept. 9.
• McAdam Park, Oct. 7.
• Yellen Park, Nov. 4.
• Marie Kerr Park, Dec. 9.

For more information, contact Public Safety at 267-5170.

Free Disaster Preparedness Presentation

September is National Preparedness Month and the City’s Public Safety office will host a free preparedness seminar on Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 7 pm in the City Council Chamber, 38300 Sierra Hwy., Suite B.

Experts from the Los Angeles County Fire and Sheriff’s Departments will discuss how to be prepared for a fire, flood, earthquake or other disasters.

Making sure family and property are protected is critical. Remember – it’s never too early to prepare, but it can be too late!

For more information, call 267-5170.
Register Now for Youth Job Academy

What should I wear to an interview? I have no experience, what should I say? Where do I look for work? This and many other questions related to finding your first job will be answered in the Palmdale Works! Youth Job Academy.

The Academy is now accepting registrations at www.cityofpalmdale.org/youth for the fall session:

**Fall Session**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, October 6-28, 2020, 4-6 pm  
Registration closes Sept. 28

Since 2008, the Youth Job Academy has helped students navigate the uncertainties of applying for work and prepare for their first interview. Students will learn how to apply for and keep their first job; how to navigate the dos and don'ts of the application and interview process; and practices and behaviors that can lead to success in the workplace.

The Youth Job Academy is free for students ages 15 to 18. This is *not* a job placement program. Registration is required.

Due to COVID-19, class dates are subject to change.

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**Neighborhood Houses**

Yucca, 503 E. Ave. Q-3  
Tumbleweed, 1129 E. Ave. R-4  
Manzanita, 38627 32nd St. East  
Hammack, 1012 E. Ave. Q-5

Closed until further notice due to coronavirus restrictions.

**Adults:** Zumba, citizenship, English, embellish your beauty, painting, healthy cooking, sewing, handicrafts, dance classes, parenting classes, support groups, special workshops, coffee & coloring, and much more.

**Families:** Health and wellness, parent and child art groups, Parent Café, folklorico dance, art classes for kids and at-risk youth support groups.

For more information about these programs, call AVPH at 942-4719.
Palmdale Partners Academy

Recognized by the American Public Works Association (APWA) as a model practice program, the Palmdale Partners Academy offers participants the opportunity to go behind the curtain and learn what it takes to run a city. Now in its 14th year, the program presents insight into all City departments, their successes and challenges. Participants not only gain valuable knowledge about the city they call home, but also make new friends and connections.

Fall Session: Tuesday evenings, Sept. 15–Oct. 27
Graduation Dinner: Nov. 5.

To register visit Community Programs at www.cityofpalmdale.org
Registration closes Sept. 8.
Due to COVID-19, dates are subject to change.

Volunteer Spotlight: In Memory of Joan Osborne

If you have ever visited Legacy Commons or attended a City event, chances are you’ve had the pleasure of meeting Joan Osborne. A City volunteer of over a decade, Joan shared her talents with many local organizations and was a passionate advocate for seniors and families affected by Parkinsons disease. Her outgoing personality and sense of style were legendary. Joan remained engaged with her community and was a graduate of the inaugural class of the Palmdale Partners Academy. Her infectious energy and welcoming smile will be missed by all who knew her. The City of Palmdale is grateful she chose to share her time with us.

SAVE THE DATE
2020 Family Volunteer Day

Make plans to join us for the 5th Family Volunteer Day on Saturday, Nov. 21. Family Volunteer Day, powered internationally by generationOn, is a global day of service celebrating the power of families who work together to support their neighborhoods and communities. Volunteering as a family amplifies the impact of your service, demonstrates to children the importance of giving back to the community, and creates valuable family memories.

For details, visit the Community Programs page at www.cityofpalmdale.org.

Are you a graduate of the Palmdale Partners Academy?
If so, mark your calendars for Thursday, Nov. 5, for the 3rd Annual Alumni Dinner.
For details call 267-5473.
Free legal advice on a variety of civil law topics. NLSLA.org has information about its services during COVID-19, as well as COVID-19 legal changes.

General help line: 1-800-433-6251, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm.

Legal Aid Foundation
Free legal advice on a variety of civil law topics. Income requirements to qualify. Se habla Español. For information, call 800-399-4529.

Virtual Water Survey Available for PWD Customers

Want to find ways to save water this summer while staying at home? Palmdale Water District (PWD) is offering its customers web-based assistance from a Water-Use Efficiency Specialist (WUE) to help them use water efficiently.

The free program is available to PWD property owners and tenants who want help identifying leaks and irrigation issues at their homes. A WUE specialist will help customers by phone, or FaceTime or Teams apps to review options for reducing water use and to check for possible problems with faucets, showers, toilets and water heaters.

“Although we cannot offer in-person surveys, we want to continue to assist our customers with reducing water waste,” Resource and Analytics Supervisor Claudia Bolanos said. “The WUE team put together the Virtual Water Survey in order for us to continue to give tailored tips on how our customers can save water, check for leaks, and adjust their irrigation system during these unprecedented times.”

A leaky water faucet on average can waste 100 gallons of water per day and can cause customers’ bills to increase slightly over time. Conducting a water survey of your property saves you money and saves our community’s water resources.

“The Residential Water Survey was started in 2018 to provide customer care and water efficiency expertise to help our customers reduce their water use.” Resource and Analytics Director Peter Thompson Jr. said. “We have seen customers benefit from the program since its trial run and have now adapted the survey to suit our current situation during the pandemic.”

Customers who want a water survey can submit an interest card on the PWD website at palmdalewater.org or call the WUE team at 456-1001 to set up a virtual appointment.

Housing Rights Center Landlords & Tenants

The Housing Rights Center offers free legal information for landlords and tenants over the phone, by virtual walk-in appointment, and through webinars.

These free services are open to residents with questions regarding rent increases, evictions, repairs, security deposits, housing discrimination, disability rights, harassment, and more. Some services require appointments, checkout or website for more details. Staff are available to provide one-on-one counseling regarding landlord/tenant rights.

The Housing Rights Center’s mission is to actively support and promote Fair Housing through education, advocacy and litigation, to ensure that all persons have the opportunity to secure the housing they desire and can afford without discrimination based on their race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, familial status, marital status, disability, genetic information, ancestry, age, source of income, or other characteristics as protected by law.

For more information, call 800-477-5977 or visit www.housingrightsceneter.org.
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## Parks & Recreation

38260 10th Street East  
661/267-5611  
www.PlayPalmdale.com  
Monday-Thursday 7:30 am-6 pm

### Registration

To register for an activity or reserve a facility, simply visit www.PlayPalmdale.com using your computer, tablet or smartphone. While you’re there, be sure to sign up to receive our e-newsletters so you’ll always know about upcoming classes and programs. Program and league information is subject to change, find current information online. Programs are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

## General Classes and Workshops

We offer a wide selection of hobby, arts, fitness and sports classes. **These classes are currently on hold due to COVID-19 restrictions.** As classes become available, they will be made viewable on our website. To search our live database of classes, workshops and leagues, visit www.PlayPalmdale.com. You will be able to easily find activities that are best for you — simply search by location, age or area of interest.

We will also email our subscribers updates as programs become available. To receive these updates and stay connected, subscribe online at www.cityofpalmdale.org/StayingConnected, and follow us at @PalmdalePR on Facebook.

## Virtual Recreation

As part of our #PalmdaleCares initiative, Parks and Recreation staff have curated a variety of virtual recreation opportunities designed to help our residents through the current situation. Don’t let the fun stop while we all do our part to maintain social distance! The whole family can stay productive and engaged during the current Safer at Home order with virtual activities. Links to these activities can be found at www.cityofpalmdale.org/virtualrecreation. Bookmark this page and check back often, we’ll post new content as new opportunities are available (be sure to refresh your browser). If you have a suggestion for virtual classes you’d like to see, please email us at parksrec@cityofpalmdale.org.

A sampling of what you can discover by visiting our virtual recreation page include:

- Virtual museum tours
- DryTown activity book
- Children’s museums with activities
- Monterey Bay Aquarium live webcams
- Art lessons for kids
- Instructional videos
- 100 Things to Do While Stuck Inside
- Story time for kids and adults
- Zoocams
- Disney Moments

## Scholarships Available

Parks & Recreation has a limited number of partial scholarships for children to participate in select recreation programs. Any City of Palmdale resident is eligible to apply for a child 17 years of age and younger who is in their immediate family with qualified proof of hardship. Scholarships are limited to one per session (summer, fall, or winter/spring) per child. The maximum amount of any class scholarship award is 50% of the total registration fee. Additional costs (material fees, uniforms, etc.) are not included. For details and to apply, please visit www.PlayPalmdale.com.
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Choose a program that works best for you:

$350 off!
- OR -
Down Payment Matching up to $650
- OR -
$99 Down $99 a Month

*Restrictions apply, call us for more details.

What Our Customers are Saying

“Truly an excellent program. I’ve had four grand kids go through [swim lessons] and all have the best skills.”
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Aquatics

Limited aquatic programming is now available! The programs and new operational guidelines offered can be viewed online at www.cityofpalmdale.org/aquatics. To register for programs, please visit www.PlayPalmdale.com. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @PalmdaleAquatics.

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ADULT & YOUTH SPORTS

These leagues are currently on hold due to COVID-19 restrictions. As leagues become available, they will be made viewable on our website, www.PlayPalmdale.com. To receive updates and stay connected, subscribe at www.cityofpalmdale.org/StayingConnected and follow us on Facebook @ PalmdalePR.

Adult Coed Hardball Slow Pitch
Bring a friend and play ball with us! Teams play one classification game prior to start of league and a 10-game schedule. Games are played Monday-Thursday and Sunday evenings.

Men’s Slow Pitch
Join your friends and neighbors in a league offering fun and competition. Teams play one classification game prior to start of league and a 10-game schedule. Games are played Monday-Friday and Sunday evenings.

Adult Coed Volleyball
Bump and set in our recreational volleyball league. Teams play one classification game prior to start of league and a 10-game schedule. Games are played on Tuesday evenings.

Youth T-Ball
Young ballplayers develop skills and self-esteem in this fun and educational program. Fee includes jersey, cap, trophy, and picture package. Teams play an eight-game schedule, coach determines practice day and time. Proof of age required at registration.

Join Our Free Agent List
If you’re an adult who would like to join one of our athletic leagues but need a team to play with, let us know! Please call 267-5611 and ask to speak with our Sports division, we will gladly add you to our free agent list.

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Youth Coaches Pitch
Young ballplayers develop skills and self-esteem in this fun and educational program. Fee includes jersey, cap, trophy, and picture package. Teams play an 8-game schedule, coach determines practice day and time. Proof of age required at registration.

Youth Baseball
Young ballplayers develop skills and self-esteem in this fun and educational program. Fee includes jersey, cap, trophy, and picture package. Teams play an eight-game schedule, coach determines practice day and time. Proof of age required at registration.

Girls Softball
Young ballplayers develop skills and self-esteem in this fun and educational program. Fee includes jersey, visor, trophy, and picture package. Teams play an eight-game schedule, coach determines practice day and time. Proof of age required at registration.

Youth Volleyball
Participants develop skills and self-esteem in this fun and educational program. Fee includes jersey, trophy, and picture package. Teams play an eight-game schedule. Coach determines practice day and time. Proof of age required at registration.

Cancelled: Youth & Adult Summer Basketball
Look for our Winter league coming in January 2021.
Sports Officials Needed

Are you a sports enthusiast who wants to get involved in your community?

The City is looking for people who have common sports knowledge or officiating experience to become officials and referees for youth and adult sports programs.

- Training available
- Extra income
- Officials needed for basketball, volleyball, softball, and baseball
- Games are played on weeknights and Saturdays

For more information or to apply, please email Sports at parksrec@cityofpalmdale.org

Volunteer Coaches Needed

Do you like having fun? Are you good at giving out high fives? Would you like to create lasting memories? If you answered ‘yes’ to these questions, you fit the criteria we look for in our best volunteer coaches.

With our core principles of fun, inclusivity, safety, and good sportsmanship, being a coach in our leagues is not only a breeze ... it’s a blast and can be a very rewarding experience!

All of our youth programs are coached by volunteers: basketball, softball, T-ball, coaches pitch, baseball, and volleyball. Coaching in our league is only a 2 to 3-hour commitment each week, and you get to pick the practice location and times. Games are played during the week and on Saturdays. We also have plenty of resources available to our coaches, including a thorough Coaching Guide, weekly practice plans and game tips, and Parks & Recreation staff members to assist.

To inquire, email our Sports division at parksrec@cityofpalmdale.org.
Welcome to Your Palmdale City Library!

Your friendly Library staff are here to help you during this difficult time. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 the Library is offering limited on-site services. Fortunately, you have access to online services and a huge reference collection to meet your needs. While some of the programs are suspended and social distancing guidelines will limit the number of patrons and the length of time of your visit, the Library is committed to providing many of the services you enjoy.

Join the Friends of the Palmdale City Library!

This nonprofit organization is dedicated to the enrichment of library services and programs. Through fundraising and volunteer efforts, they provide financial support and promote enthusiasm for Palmdale City Library.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @Palmdale City Library to learn about all the fun events going on at the Library.

Dig Deeper Summer Reading Program

Summer reading is a great opportunity for kids, teens, and adults to get virtual badges as rewards for reading. We’ll be kicking off this year’s Summer Reading Program with a virtual program, Return of California Joe! The Dino Magic Show. At the end of the summer we will be doing a prize raffle for those that participate. Visit the Palmdale City Library webpage or follow us on Facebook @ PalmdaleCityLibrary for more details!

Summer Lunch

Stay tuned for more information about this year’s summer lunch program.

Downloadable eBooks

Did you know Palmdale City Library’s Cloud library has hundreds of thousands of downloadable eBooks and audiobooks? All you need to access these collections is a valid Palmdale City Library card. Download the CloudLibrary app on your electronic device to get started. It’s easy and free!

Freegal

With Freegal, you have access to over 15 million songs, music videos, and audiobooks from more than 40,000 music labels worldwide including Sony Music, Epic, RCA, and Columbia. The free app is available for Library cardholders and can be downloaded in the Apple® App Store and Google® Play store.

Hoopla

Do you want even more access with your Library card? Hoopla allows you to borrow movies, music, audiobooks, eBooks, comics and TV shows to enjoy on your computer, tablet or phone — and even your TV! With no waiting, titles can be streamed immediately or downloaded to phones or tablets for offline enjoyment later. We have hundreds of thousands of titles to choose from with more being added daily. Hoopla is like having your public library at your fingertips — anytime, anywhere.

Online Services

The Palmdale City Library has free online resources, let us serve you virtually!

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to learn about all the fun events going on at the Library.

Apply for a Library card online at inland.librarycatalog.info/polaris/default.aspx?ctx=1071033.0.0.2
DryTown has a new look! We spent the off-season refurbishing the center park slide tower that serves as the starting point for Devil’s Punch Bowl, Wildcatter and Rattler’s Revenge, which has been completely resurfaced and brightly colored. The slide tower has a fresh and new appearance, featuring a colorful new park sign that can be viewed from Ave. S.

Little Miner’s Camp play structure has been resurfaced with a bright new color scheme that’s sure to impress, and the Lazy River has been replastered bright white.

DryTown Water Park would like to thank its partners, Lancaster JetHawks and PFD Café. We encourage you to visit their websites for more information.

Special Thanks to Our Sponsors:
Antelope Valley Hospital is a proud sponsor of DryTown, promoting safe and healthy family fun. Look for complimentary sunscreen stations sponsored by AV Hospital throughout the park!

DryTown Water Park is temporarily closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Find us on Facebook and Instagram @DryTown for the latest news and updates.

“I LOVE that the water park is big enough to be fun but not so big I feel crowded out everywhere. Hometown feel, I guess.”
—Tammy Huddleston

“I love that after work I can enjoy the park with my twins. Love having those mommy and twins time.”
—Karla Martinez Correa

“I love that three generations of my family can all enjoy it together!!”
—Brenda Lee Endevoets

“It’s fun and I have so many memories with my kids coming to this park.”
—Luis A. Suarez

www.DryTownWaterPark.com
Celebrating 25 years of community theatre, the Palmdale Playhouse serves as a learning center for people of all ages and abilities to explore the many facets of theatre arts, and enjoy community theatre.

We offer a wide selection of concerts, productions, art exhibits, camps, recitals and workshops. These are currently on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Follow us on Facebook @ PalmdalePlayhouse and visit our website for programming updates.

**Call for Artists**

**Generations Juried Art Competition**

Legacy Commons and Palmdale Playhouse have announced a call for artists of all ages. Applications are available online at www.cityofpalmdale.org/GenerationsApplication.

First, second and third place prizes will be awarded in each age category (55 years and older, 18-54 years, 17 years and younger). Deadline to apply is July 29, 2020.

**Virtual Art Exhibit**

See the best of local artists in our intimate virtual gallery on www.PalmdalePlayhouse.com.

**Generations Juried Art Exhibit**

Friday, August 14 through Friday, September 25 on PalmdalePlayhouse.com.

**Special Effects Theatrical Make-Up Workshop**

Ever wonder how make-up artists create those awesome special effects looks? Come learn some tricks of the trade! We’ll teach you basic makeup tricks to get you started using special effects makeup as well as some items you can find at home. Learn how to work with colors, liquid latex, scar wax, prosthetics, edible stage blood, and wigs.

**Volunteer Spotlight**

**David Holloway Loves Helping Others**

David has been the Palmdale Playhouse ‘go-to’ volunteer since 2009 for just about everything. Always with a smile on his face, David has greeted the public in the lobby during shows, assisted with a special needs class, worked on set and prop creation, and getting gum out of the carpets after a show! He has even appeared on stage several times.

David also volunteers at the City-sponsored display of The Mobile Vietnam Memorial Wall at the Palmdale Amphitheater. He is a great photographer with a keen eye, and recently discovered that, as a Vietnam era veteran, assisting Wall visitors is a skill he has and enjoys immensely!

David is happiest when he is helping others and we are proud to call him our “most valuable volunteer.”

www.PalmdalePlayhouse.com

@PalmdalePlayhouse
Palmdale Playhouse Gets New Dressing Room

The Palmdale Playhouse modular dressing room was installed and put into use in 1994, the same year the Playhouse opened to the public.

Over the intervening 26 years, it had many adventures! The dressing room is a hub of activity, hosting every cast member of hundreds of productions, rentals, workshops and classes. What an exciting life it led!

After 26 years of intense use, it needed to be replaced. The Warnack Foundation donated half of the needed funds, and challenged the City and community to fund the other half of the project, which was raised by donors through the Palmdale Community Foundation.

The new dressing room was completed in March 2020, and was first used by the cast of Disney’s *Mary Poppins*.

WORKSHOPS

FINE ARTS WORKSHOP

These three-hour workshops are perfect for those with little or no painting skill, or those who would like to build on basic skills and fundamentals. All acrylic paints written instructions, and a reference photo are included. Students supply their own brushes, palette, medium-size canvas, and water container. Instructor: Marco Aguilar.

Marco Aguilar comes from a family of artists, and he studied art in his native Belize. His work relies on the play of light and water as he creates ocean creatures and seascapes. He has been published in Best of Acrylic Painting Artist Magazine and Art Journey: Animals. He is a member of the Ocean Artists Society, an alliance of the world’s top marine life artists, sculptors, painters, photographers and filmmakers who foster interest in ocean and marine life issues.
Palmdale Amphitheater events are temporarily on hold due to County and State restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @PalmdaleAmp, and www.PalmdaleAmphitheater.com for the latest updates.

Thank-you to our 2019 event sponsors!

www.PalmdaleAmphitheater.com
The Chimbole Cultural Center is now taking reservation wait-list requests online at www.PlayPalmdale.com. Our friendly staff will contact you regarding your request once the LA County Dept. of Public Health allows us to open. Please note that all reservations must adhere to social distancing guidelines as required by LA County. The availability of room reservations will be limited due to reduced capacity. Please also keep in mind that a wait-list request is not a reservation.

The Chimbole Cultural Center, located next door to the Palmdale City Library, is a one-of-a-kind facility that serves the Antelope Valley. The facility offers large and small rooms at an affordable rate for different needs.

*Free non-profit reservations: Meeting rooms are available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 12-6 pm, Wednesdays 8 am-10 pm, and Thursday 8 am-6 pm. Once every six months, the ballroom is available during the same hours, except Fridays. Current 501(c)(3)(4)(5)(6) status is required.

The Center is in high demand, so inquire early. For additional information and to submit a facility reservation request, please visit PlayPalmdale.com.

The Manzanita Ballroom is an elegant and spacious room with a seating capacity of 300 people that can accommodate seminars, receptions, meetings, weddings, quinceañeras, celebrations, and holiday parties. Its amenities include a dance floor, kitchen, stage, and audiovisual capabilities. A variety of catering options are available including select your own caterer and do-it-yourself catering. Tables include round or banquet style with chairs to accommodate different room layouts.

The Manzanita Ballroom's hardwired audiovisual system has recently been upgraded to include Wi-Fi. The room offers two large projectors and screens for slideshows and presentations with conveniently located laptop input locations.

**Thank-you to our 2019 event sponsors!**

**PALMDALE'S ART & MUSIC FESTIVAL**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 • 10 AM-6 PM**

FREE ADMISSION & PARKING

Kaleidoscope celebrates artists and artisans, live music, craft beer and wines, and artistic activities for the whole family. Affordable handmade goods and art will be available for purchase.

www.KaleidoscopeArtFestival.com

Artist applications are available now at Palmdale Amphitheater events are temporarily on hold due to County and State restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @PalmdaleAmp, and www.PalmdaleAmphitheater.com for the latest updates.
Operated by the City of Palmdale, Legacy Commons for Active Seniors is a community recreational facility for those 55 years and older. **Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 this facility is temporarily closed.** However, residents may still enjoy Legacy Park while practicing current social distancing guidelines. The park features walking paths, picnic tables, bocce ball courts, horseshoe pits, and a croquet lawn.

Legacy Commons is celebrating its **10th Anniversary in July!**
Legacy Commons is dedicated to meeting the needs of all seniors and their families by helping them to live an enriched, active and independent life. Our residents’ health and wellness has never been more important to us than during this time, so we curated a list of resources that may assist you.

Los Angeles County Community Resources

- Confronting COVID-19, LA County Responds: lacounty.gov/covid19/
- COVID-19 Testing: covid19.lacounty.gov/testing
- 211 LA County, Help Starts Here: www.211la.org
- Adult Protective Services Program and Planning: Call 213/123-7548 or visit www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/adult-protective-services

Meals & Delivery Services for Seniors 60+

- SCV Senior Services is providing a lunch pickup program on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Legacy Commons, 661/948-2320. Home-delivered meals, 661/259-9444.
- San Gabriel YWCA: 626/214-9465
- CalFresh: Food EBT cards can be used to purchase groceries online, call 1-887-847-3663 or visit www.CalFresh.org for the current list.
  - Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services is temporarily providing critical delivery service for groceries, household items and vital necessities for older and dependent adults. Call 888-863-7411. It is also providing an Elder Nutrition Program, call 1-800-510-2020 or email Info@wdacs.lacounty.gov.
  - Food Bank Resources, call Legacy Commons, 267-5904.

Senior Support Services

- Foundation for Senior Services: www.foundationforseniorservices.org or call 1-855-836-0807.
- State of California Department of Aging: www.aging.ca.gov/ or call 1-800-510-2020
- California Medicare Patrol: Empowering seniors to prevent fraud, www.cahealthadvocate.org, or call 1-855-613-7080
- LA County Temporary Eviction Moratorium: rent.lacounty.gov

Senior Fitness

- Silver Sneakers: tools.silversneakers.com
- National Institute on Aging. Go 4 Life exercise series: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ev6yE55kYGw
- Alzheimer’s and Dementia Care: Online caregiver resources, www.alz.org

Veteran and Military Resources

- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA): 1-800-827-1000 or visit www.va.gov
- CalVet District Office: 213-620-2755
- LA County Military & Veterans Affairs (MVA): mva.lacounty.gov, 1-877-4LA-VETS, 213-765-9680. The local office is located at 777 Jackman St., Lancaster, 723-7838, outreach@mva.lacounty.gov.
Enjoy our beautiful Palmdale evenings with live music by local cover bands and fun family games. There is plenty of space to spread out, bring your own blanket or lawn chair. Bring your own food and non-alcoholic beverages are permitted. Follow us on Facebook @PalmdalePR #MusicInTheParks #MITP2020 for updates. Dates for the Music in the Parks tour will be determined.

**FEATURED BANDS:**
Seventh Switch • The Dance Band • Mama’s Hot Sauce
Dog Park Fun

Yellen Dog Park features separate enclosures for big and small dogs that will allow your dog to socialize freely and make new friends. For event details and updates, follow us on Facebook @YellenDogPark.

Paws in the Park

(Date TBD)

Summer throwback! Grab your poodle (skirts) and dancing paws for a Sock Hop at Yellen Dog Park! Dogs and owners are encouraged to dress up and celebrate the third annual “Paws in the Park” — the best dressed owner/dog combo will win a basket of goodies. Remember to bring your pup’s swimsuit for splash zone fun, plan to snap a selfie in the fun photo area, and create paw art. Share the fun you have with us on Facebook @YellenDogPark, #PawsInThePark.

Keeping Canines Cool with Pools

(Date TBD)

Come keep cool in our pools! Pop-up dog pools will be available in the small and large dog areas. Come enjoy music and socialize with other fun furry friends.

End of Summer Splash

(Date TBD)

The dog days of summer are coming to an end, let’s celebrate with a splash! Join us for fun dog games, yummy treats and pop-up dog pool fun.

Joe Davies Heritage Airpark is a family-friendly, uniquely Palmdale destination centered around displays of aircraft. Come view the collection of aircrafts, while enjoying the airpark’s free amenities with family and friends. Guided tours with Airpark staff or volunteers are available upon request. To schedule a tour, please call 267-5611.

Tentative summer hours:
June 1-August 31 • Saturday and Sunday, 2-7 pm.

Summer Twilight Tours are currently postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions. For up-to-date information on our operating hours and Summer Twilight Tours, please visit www.cityofpalmdale.org/JoeDaviesHeritageAirpark or follow us on Facebook @PalmdaleAirpark.
Palmdale’s Public Art Program is Moving Forward

The Public Art Program is envisioning some exciting projects which are currently in the early phases of development. The City has shifted its efforts to have a more continuous and dynamic approach towards expanding public art initiatives in Palmdale.

In 2018, Facing the Sun, a sculpture by Lazzari and Evans Public Art featuring colorful local wildflowers within the context of their relation to sunrises and sunsets, was unveiled to the public. This symbolic unveiling marked the transition of Palmdale’s commitment to public art projects from smaller scale, passion-infused projects to initiatives with a focus on presentation, professional fabrication standards, historic and geographic accuracy, and longevity.

As funding is sourced for new projects, the City will host community outreach sessions to seek input from our neighbors and fine tune the direction of each proposal. Many of the public art projects currently envisioned would tap into local talent pools for submissions of artwork. Stay tuned for more information regarding the Public Art Program and how your feedback can assist our efforts to create meaningful pieces which can be enjoyed by the community for years to come.

Walk on Words Poetry Contest

Walk on Words Poetry Contest was held in April to coincide with National Poetry Month. The theme was Census 2020: Everyone Counts. The contest was free and open to all ages, providing an opportunity for the community to creatively explore an important theme during a challenging period of social distancing.

Poem submissions are judged on suitability, originality, creativity and artistic quality. The winning poem for each contest is stamped in concrete at City facilities in Palmdale for all to read and enjoy.
Antelope Valley Art Gallery

There is a new creative hub in Palmdale! The Antelope Valley Art Gallery is a vibrant gallery space in Courson Art Colony that showcases local talent through solo and group exhibitions in a wide range of artistic media, providing a platform for collectors and art buyers to purchase locally sourced art. The space doubles as a community makerspace, offering workshops in ceramics, painting, and drawing to artists of all levels. They host monthly meetings, a reading club, critique nights, draw-meets, and various fundraising events throughout the year. Can it get any better than this? Yes, it can!

Since its inception, Antelope Valley Art’s mission has been to foster sustainability of a creative culture in the Antelope Valley. A recent partnership with We Are Community Arts, also known as WAC*Arts, has expanded the scope of gallery programming to include dynamic monthly rotating community showcases which present works in different mediums from artists of all ages and backgrounds. Opening night events are generally accompanied by live musical performances and attended by eclectic crowds.

As a designated neighborhood gallery space dedicated to the community, it is rapidly gaining attention and prestige in creative circles of Palmdale. Follow them on Facebook and Instagram for regular updates on submissions, exhibitions, and programming.
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