



**Homestead Valley
Community Council
CHRISTMAS PARTY
TOY DRIVE**

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HOMESTEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

One Voice for the People of Homestead Valley

Next Meetings:

- Monday, Jan 18th in FH
- Monday, Feb 15th in Landers

HVCC CHRISTMAS PARTY & TOY DRIVE

Over 100 guests arrived from miles around, bearing gifts for boys and girls. This year’s Homestead Valley Community Council Christmas Party had one main theme: giving back! Everyone enjoyed some great food and drinks, and an evening of traditional Christmas music performed live by the L.A. group “The Cousins”. Our very own County Supervisor Neil Derry took the microphone to sing several festive classics, bringing a well deserved round of applause. The Yucca Mesa Community Center was in full holiday dress with sparkling lights and a wonderfully decorated large Christmas tree. The mountain of toys collected was donated to Tender Loving Christmas in Yucca Valley, for kids to receive on Christmas day. Thank you all who came and celebrated Christmas with us and donated to our toy drive. HVCC sends a very special thank you to the Yucca Mesa Improvement Association for your hard work in decorating the hall, and to High Desert Pregnancy Clinic for helping us fund the event. We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



All of the donated toys gathered under the Christmas tree at the Yucca Mesa Community Center, just before delivery to the Tender Loving Christmas organization.



Supervisor Neil Derry singing “Do You Hear What I Hear”, adding to the holiday spirit that filled the room all evening - the perfect accompaniment to the velvety smooth sounds heard from the instruments of the night’s entertainment “The Cousins”.

PROJECT UPDATES:

ZONING CHANGE ON HWY 247

- HVCC hosted a meeting in Landers on Dec. 14th, by request of the SB County Land Use Services Dept, to address the proposed zoning changes along Hwy 247 in Flamingo Heights and Landers. Current zoning could make future high density residential development possible. The change would be to Rural living 2.5, making the minimum property size 2.5 acres per residence to maintain the area’s rural character.
- Parcels along Hwy 247 would change to commercial, limiting the frequency of driveways into the highway. Property taxes will not change for residents, unless they change to commercial use.
- LUSD has recommended the change to the Board of Supervisors. It is expected to be considered by the board sometime this spring.

HAULED WATER & BUILDING PERMITS

- On Dec 15th, HVCC delegates teamed with Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association, and met with SB County Environmental Health Services representatives. We worked on the denial of building permits to property owners relying on hauled water. Both district’s Field Reps participated, along with water haulers, real estate, and environmental representatives.
- HVCC reiterated its position that permits should not be denied to hauled water property owners, and the EHS ha agreed to revisit this policy. Visit our website for any updates.

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HVCC Recognizes Veteran Carl Gorham

Oct 21st - HVCC Vice President and veteran Mike McGrath (left) presents a Certificate of Appreciation to WWII veteran Carl Gorham for all his work towards establishing March 30th in California as **Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans’ Day**.

Thank you for your service Carl, both then and now.