

2022 QUARTER 2 NEWSLETTER

TREE HOUSE vs. ACCESSORY STRUCTURE

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What exactly is a tree house vs. an accessory structure? Typically a tree house is defined as a structure built in the branches of a tree for children to play in. A structure means that which is built or constructed, an edifice or building of any kind, or any piece of work artificially built up or composed of parts joined together in some definite manner. Considering this, can this tree house be permitted?

When the complaint was received by Code Enforcement, the complaint was for a large wooden structure in the front yard that was three stories high, with windows. "the neighborhood kids are climbing all over it, someone is going to get hurt and it is also a fire hazard." On initial inspection, the officer observed the structure, noting it was constructed around a large pine tree in the front yard, appeared to be in excess of 200 square feet in area and 14 feet in height, along with windows installed. The structure also had a set back violation as it was built far too close to the house. A Notice of Violation of CC Code 22.02.160 was issued.

Contrary to the idea of this treehouse, that was meant to be a fun place for children to play, the concern for public safety outweighed the unfortunate disappointment of the children,

To date, the property owner has not responded to the Notice of Violation and no permits have been initiated.

Stay tuned!!



NATURE OF VIOLATION

22.02.160—Permits are required for all repairs, alterations or additions.

ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN:

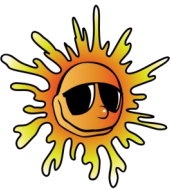
The property owner is to obtain permits along with final approved inspections for the accessory structure/playhouse installed in the front of the property or remove it.

DANGEROUS WEATHER

Being an Animal Control Officer is not an easy job. Daily, the officers are met with challenges directly related to public safety, overpopulation of unwanted animals and the health and welfare of animals. It is this time of year when there are tremendous concerns for animals left without any shade, water, or a way to cool their body temperature.

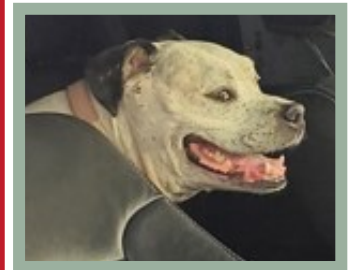
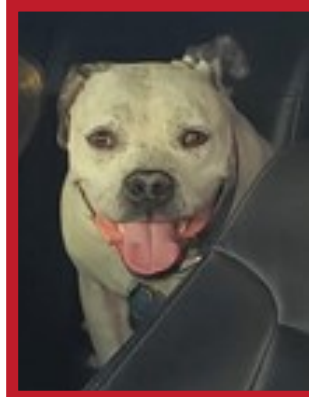
Clark County Code 10.32.135—Animals Kept outdoors.

- (a) When the National Weather Service issues a heat advisory, dogs and cats must be provided with supplemental cooling to adequately reduce the temperature to a normal range for the species.
- (b) When the outdoor temperature is above eighty-five degrees Fahrenheit, dogs and cats must have enough shade at all times to protect themselves from any direct sunlight that is likely to cause overheating or discomfort.



An example of a very dangerous condition would be when a pet is left inside of a parked car. On 5/1/2022, CCAPS responded to a complaint of a white and black dog left in a hot vehicle. When the officer arrived she observed a dog panting heavily in the

back seat of the vehicle. The vehicle was parked in direct sunlight and the outside temperature was 82 degrees. Although the windows were down a couple of inches, the temperature inside of the vehicle was 99 degrees. Because the animal looked to be in distress and there was no water available, the dog was impounded and the owner was later issued a misdemeanor citation.



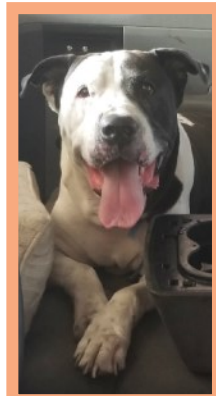
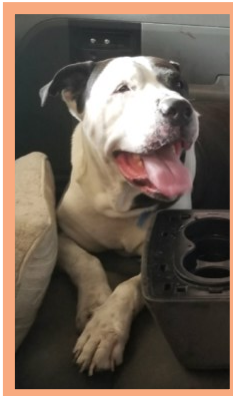
Clark County Code 10.32.060—Vehicle confinement.

No person having charge or custody of an animal, as owner or otherwise, or having dominion or control over a motor vehicle, as owner or otherwise, shall place or confine an animal or allow an animal to be placed or confined or to remain in a motor vehicle under such conditions or for such a period of time as may endanger the health or well-being of such animal due to heat, cold, lack of food, or drink, or such other circumstances as may be reasonably expected to cause suffering, disability or death.



On June 14, 2022, CCAPS Dispatch received a call for an injured dog, described as small grey and fluffy. The person reporting stated the dog has been panting, may have an injured leg and has been wandering the area crying. Upon arrival, the Animal Control Officer observed a Schnauzer type dog who appeared disoriented. When the Officer approached, the dog was startled but allowed her to pick him up. The dog was not injured but suffering from heat exhaustion. After the Officer allowed the dog to cool down in the air-conditioning while wetting him down, the dog perked up almost immediately. This was a close call. Great Work Officer Razo!

HEAT EXHAUSTION



On May 19, 2022, CCAPS responded to a call for a dog found left in a parking garage of a local hotel casino. The responding Officer met with resort Security, who stated the owner of the vehicle was unable to be located. The confined dog was panting heavily, had no access to water and the outdoor temperature was 102 degrees. Although the windows were mostly down, the conditions created inside of the vehicle were enough to endanger the health and well-being of the animal. The dog was impounded and charges are pending.

3 NEWS LAS VEGAS Heat Reminder



On June 6, 2022, Lieutenant Victor Zavala represented Clark County Animal Protection Services for a Channel 3 news segment. Lieutenant Zavala spoke about the rapidly rising temperatures in vehicles, what to do if you find an animal in a hot car and good reasons to leave your pet at home.

Find an animal in a hot car?

- Note Vehicle Description—Color, make and plate.
- Note location—address, location in relation to store/parking lot.
- Note pet details—the physical state, panting? Drooling heavily? Frantic? Non-responsive?
- Contact CC Animal Protection Services—702-455-7710—provide all noted details.
- Notify complex management or security.
- Move to a safe area and standby for a response if possible.
- Update CC Animal Protection Services if anything changes—pet's condition or the owner leaves the scene with the pet.

Good reasons to leave your pet at home.

- Leaving a pet unattended in a motor vehicle under conditions that present significant risk to the health and safety of the pet is a misdemeanor under NRS 202.487 and Clark County Code 10.32.060.
- Responding agents may use any reasonable means necessary to protect the pet and to remove the pet from the motor vehicle.
- What you believe may be a five minute visit to the store can easily become longer due to unexpected circumstances.
- If your pet is like family, you do not leave them in hot cars.

Vehicle Interior Air Temperature V. Elapsed Time

Elapsed Time	Outside Temperature					
	70	75	80	85	90	95
0 Minutes	70	75	80	85	90	95
10 Minutes	89	94	99	104	109	114
20 Minutes	99	104	109	114	119	124
30 Minutes	104	109	114	119	124	129
40 Minutes	108	113	118	123	128	133
50 Minutes	111	116	121	126	131	136
60 Minutes	113	118	123	128	133	138
> 1 Hour	115	120	125	130	135	140

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S A L E X A C E V E D O



Rah-rah sis boom bah for Alejandro “Alex”, “AAA”, Acevedo-Arechiga! Alex has been promoted to the position of Animal Control Supervisor. This newly added position to our division has been greatly needed and Alex will be an even greater addition to the Supervisor team.

Alex has been working for Clark County since 2014 as an Animal Control Officer. Prior to joining the County, Alex was in the Air Force for 12 years where he took on various leadership roles. After leaving active duty, he was a department supervisor at Home Depot for several years. Alex is a strong advocate of the Animal Control Officer classification and worked as part of a team to gain recognition and parity with other similar units. Alex has been a department Field Training Officer for the last four years and continues to be a resource to his co-workers. Congratulations AAA!!!



R E S C U E D K I T T E N S

On April 28, 2022, a good Samaritan found a box of kittens that had been left at Tropicana and I-15. Not sure what to do the good Samaritan brought the box of kittens to the Animal Protection Services office. Angela, one of our dispatchers has rescued cats for many years and stepped in right away to be sure the kittens were being taken care of until an officer was able to pick them up and bring them to the Animal Foundation. All of the kittens were examined by the Veterinarian at the Animal Foundation and were healthy. The kittens are now with the House of Second Chances Animal Rescue.



W H O O , W H O O L E F T T H E S E O W L S ?

Unfortunately, that is a question to which we may never have the answer. Clark County Animal Protection Services Dispatch office received a call from Fire Station 20 advising that four frown owls were left in a dog kennel in front of the building. The owls were transported to the Animal Foundation where they were examined by a vet, sadly, one of the owls was deceased. The other three were noted to be aggressive and are now living at the Wild Wing Project Inc. Rescue.



While owls can be beneficial to help control pests such as mice, snakes and insects, they can present a danger to pets, poultry and small animals when they establish a territory too near a home or garden.

SLITHER GOES THE SNAKE

Some may not think it is too fun to come home and find a snake in their garage. In this case, the snake was stuck in a glue trap. When the officer arrived, she could see that it was a non venomous, Coachwhip snake. The officer, picked up the snake and brought it to the desert. Using cooking oil to dilute the glue, she was able to remove the snake from the glue trap and return it to nature. Great Work!



DRAIN DANGER

Animal Protection Services responded to Laughlin to attempt to rescue a cat stuck in the drain, they were successful! When they arrived, someone had removed the drain cover, which allowed the officer to lower a cat trap into the storm drain, eventually catching a medium white and brown tabby. The cat appeared to be in good health, just a little skinny. It was nice to see that there were empty cans of food in the drain that people had lowered to help feed the cat. The cutie cat was brought to the Animal Foundation and within four days was adopted.



" DISPATCHERS HAVE SPIRIT, YES THEY DO! "



2ND QUARTER STATISTICS



**Calls Received
By Dispatch
19,191**



**Stray Animals
551**



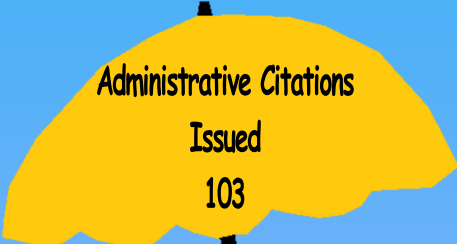
**Calls Handled
in the Field
7,244**



**Animals
Impounded
1,757**



**Bite
Reports
301**



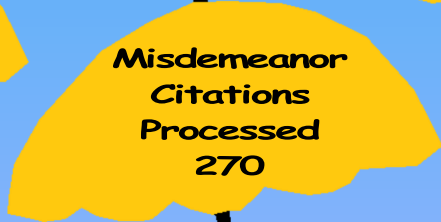
**Administrative Citations
Issued
103**



**Total
Sterilizations
3,868**



**Health &
Welfare
412**



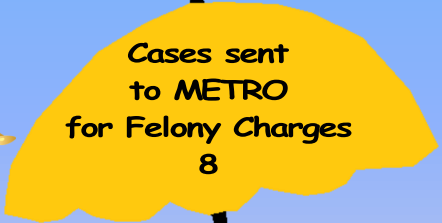
**Misdemeanor
Citations
Processed
270**



**Requests for
Prosecution
Submitted
13**



**Vehicle
Confinement
186**



**Cases sent
to METRO
for Felony Charges
8**



2ND QUARTER STATISTICS

**Total
CCPRO
Cases
4,707**

Abandoned/
Unsecured Homes
106

Parking
Citations
Issued
186

Unlicensed/
Inoperable
Vehicles
221

Zoning Violations
422

Graffiti
Cases
3,916

Landscape
Parking
245

Trash &
Debris
583

Squatter
Homes
40

Imminent
Danger
15

Outside
Storage
42

Vagrant
Camps
638

Dangerous
Structures
70

Weeds & Dead
Vegetation
159

Short
Term
Rentals
173

Auto Parts/
Repair
104

Building
Without Permits
166

Fines Issued

Outside Storage \$2,400.00

Dead Vegetation \$2,800.00

Landscape Parking \$900.00

Running a Business out of a Home \$7,600.00

Unlicensed/Inoperable Vehicles \$7,100.00

Dangerous/Unsafe Structures \$850.00

Building without Permits \$41,200.00

CMART \$1,150.00

Zoning Violations \$9,000.00

Trash & Debris \$13,550.00

Short-Term Rentals \$1,252,762.50

Parking Citations \$28,250.00



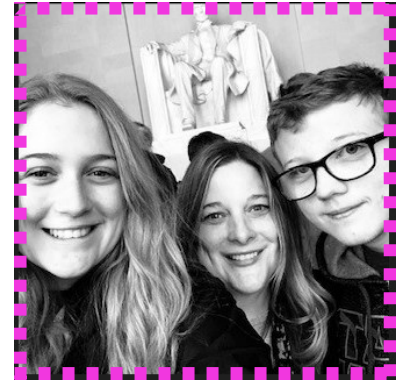
CONGRATULATIONS NICOLE HENDLEY



Three Cheers for Nicole Hendley!! Congratulations to Nicole as she has been promoted to the position of Office Services Supervisor. This new position will oversee all of the Code Enforcement office staff. Nicole has been working for Clark County in the Code Enforcement division since 2006 where she started as a part-time Office Assistant II. In 2016, she was promoted to Senior Office Specialist where she was instrumental in the implementation of Accela and has become the go-to person for issues with Accela or our IT system. Nicole has been and will continue to be the lead person handling the day-to-day operations of the office staff.



*A well deserved
Congratulations
to Nicole!!*



HOMELESS ENCAMP-AIGN-MENT

Homeless encampments can pop up just about anywhere, but to see a large A-Frame campaign sign being used as a shelter was something new. It was reported that there were multiple people living inside of the campaign sign using it as a tent. There was trash building up all around and the neighbors were afraid it would grow larger. Working fast, Clark County Code Enforcement immediately contacted the sign company and had the sign removed. The property was cleared with the help of Metro and was posted with a Notice of Abatement for clean up.



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SPECIAL THANK YOU

In mid March, Clark County Code Enforcement received a complaint of a homeless camp causing a nuisance to the neighborhood. In addition to the large amounts of trash, feces and urine that littered the property, a fire was set and grew so big that the fire department was called to extinguish the fire. Upon initial investigation, it was noted that a minimum of 15 people were living on the property and there was a tremendous amount of trash and debris behind each mound of dirt. Working with the property owners, Metro was called to help remove the homeless from the parcel and a Notice of Violation was issued to the property owner. Upon the second inspection of the property, it was noted the property was clear of any junk or trash and was fenced with a chain link gate. Violations were all resolved and the neighbors were extremely grateful!



Good Afternoon

Per our conversation on Wednesday April 6th regarding the homeless encampment of the corner of Charleston and Mojave. I am attaching pictures from March 28th before the clean up and April 4th after the clean-up. Since we met at the Community Safety meeting I found out that there are many different organizations that are coordinating together to make a difference in our community. I wasn't sure who was responsible for the clean-up. I did want to THANK EVERYONE for your hard work and dedication! The tireless hours does not go unnoticed or un appreciated. Previously the residents that live at Ridge On Charleston (Especially the senior citizens) stated that they did not feel safe, because of the apartments being broken into or just walking down the street to get to 7-11. Since the clean up there has been a sense of security and safety again. Even the sky is different in the pictures. There is HOPE, because of ALL of you 😊

It takes a Village to raise a child that same Village can change a Community with Unity

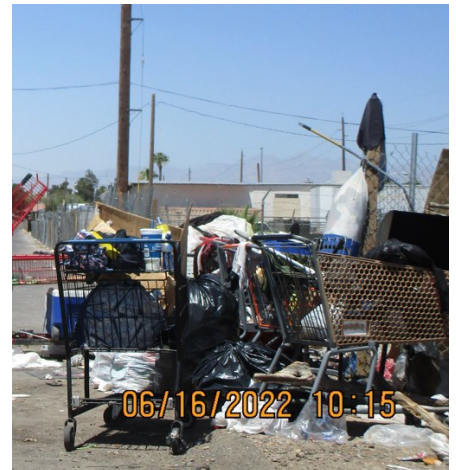
With Much Gratitude,

Tammy

Resident Services Coordinator



Thank You



LET'S WORK
together



SPRING TRAINING



The mission of Clark County Code Enforcement is to promote the preservation, safety and beautification of neighborhoods in Clark County. With the continued evolution of our community it is important the officers and staff stay refreshed and current with State Laws and County Codes.

On June 23, 2022, Clark County Code Enforcement had a full day of Spring Training. The training was accomplished through lectures and presentations from both inside County departments, as well as, outside agencies. Such training was provided by Clark County Comprehensive Planning, Clark County Animal Protection Services, Clark County District Attorney, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Clark County Graffiti Abatement, and the Southern Nevada Health District. Additional presentations and trainings were provided by fellow Code Enforcement Officers, focusing on Building Enforcement and Report Writing and photography for case documentation.



Animal Protection Services



Comprehensive Planning



Building Enforcement



TEAM BUILDING

Clark County Code Enforcement Officers were excited to be able to contribute to the moral and high standards set by the division and agreed that the Spring Training was a great opportunity to do just this. The goal of the day was for officers to increase their job satisfaction, field safety, as well as, mental and situational awareness.

As an extra bonus, a number of team building exercises were also played. Code Jeopardy was played with three teams. Just like on TV, the game had multiple categories, such as Code Sections, Office Politics, All things Graffiti, Miscellaneous Stuff, and Fun or Not so Fun Facts and ranged in difficulty from \$100–\$500 categories. So much fun!!



Gridwalk was the second team building exercise. The game builds trust, inspires effective communication, increases productivity, fosters creativity and learning, makes people more accepting, resolves conflict, improves culture all with a little healthy competition. Overall the games simply means that you can overcome any obstacle when your team shares a common goal.

A well earned congratulations goes out to Frank Cortez for being named the Code Enforcement Employee of the Quarter. Frank is currently one of four graffiti painters who makes a huge impact on the preservation and beautification of our community. Frank says the best part of his job is that he truly enjoys painting and gets a great deal of satisfaction when removing a large graffiti tag. Outside of work, Frank loves to spend time with his kids, taking his wife out for date night, going to football games, preferably to watch the Denver Broncos or the 49ERS and riding ATV's. His favorite food is Red Enchiladas and his favorite music genre is Country, favoring, George Strait, Luke Combs and Luke Bryan. Frank



stated that if he was hosting a dinner, it would have to be with just more than three people, it would be a dinner party with George Strait, because he seems cool to hang out with, The Great Bambino and Mickey Mantle, because they are both great baseball players, Terrel Davis, Peyton Manning and Jerry Rice, his favorite Football players.



Baseball

A huge Thank you to Frank for all of his hard work!!

EMPLOYEES OF THE QUARTER



Congratulations to Ari Rodriguez for being named the Animal Protection Services Employee of the Quarter! Ari has an extensive background working with animals. Before joining the Clark County team, Ari was the Animal Care Manager at the Animal Foundation. Ari enjoys being an Animal Control Officer because it stays exciting, every call means a different experience. When Ari is on her free time, she likes to spend time with her husband and daughter trying new restaurants and going to different parks. Ari plays soccer and spends time painting with her daughter. Her favorite food is mashed potatoes and she loves Country music. Ari's dinner guests of choice would be her grandmother, because she would like to be able to give her a proper good-bye, The Rock and Kevin Hart, together, because she thinks they would be very funny. If Ari could spend 30 days in any TV Show, it would be Property Brothers because she would love to learn about remodeling and seeing all sorts of different homes. Keep up the great work!!



Animal Protection Services

Code Enforcement

Clark Connect:
<https://clarkconnect.clarkcountynv.gov>

By Phone:
 (702) 455-7710

By Email:

Report a Violation

Clark Connect:
<https://clarkconnect.clarkcountynv.gov>

By Phone:
 (702) 455-4191

By Email:
PublicResponseInfo@clarkcountynv.gov

Graffiti Hotline:
 (702) 455-4509