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PUBLIC RESPONSE ANIMAL PROTECTION SERVICES GRAFFITI

2023 FIRST QUARTER NEWSLETTER

DESERT PARADISE ABATEMENT

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In November 2021, when the initial inspection was conducted, the dilapidated and dangerous living conditions were overwhelming. Of the 44 mobile homes, many of them had been split into two units without building permits, others were completely boarded up, as well as, unsafe electrical being used throughout. Further discovery revealed that the property owners had stopped paying for their business license which resulted in the loss of the necessary land use and the owner owed \$480,000 in back property taxes. After an inspection by Building and Fire Prevention a Notice and Order was sent to the property owners stating the property was considered a public nuisance. This notice was also forwarded to Clark County Code Enforcement and a Notice of Abatement was issued. The Notice of Abatement was appealed and prior to the hearing date, Code Enforcement and the property owners came to an agreement that, by December 1, 2022, the owner would ensure all mobile homes would be demolished, the property would be cleared of everything other than the laundry room and that the west fence would be relocated on the correct parcel line. Unfortunately, nothing was done and Code Enforcement was forced to obtain a Search Warrant to search for asbestos and then a Seizure Warrant to abate all asbestos and demolish all units and remove all rubble, debris, and solid waste. A lien was placed on the property in the amount of \$182,393.00 and Social Services worked with all willing residents to assist them with relocation. Great team work!!



ON ALERT

Having the ability to be ready to deal with just about anything at any time is a great quality for an Animal Control Officer. Officer Razo works through her day always on alert, paying close attention to her surroundings and having the readiness to react to the unexpected. On March 1, 2023, while on patrol for a vicious stray dog, Officer Razo could hear what sounded like an animal in distress.

Following the cries for help, it was discovered that a goat had his head stuck in a fence. Researching the property owners contact information, Officer Razo was able to



make contact with the owner. When the property owner arrived to the area, he expressed concern and stated that he had not heard the goat crying. Together, the property owner

and Officer Razo were able to free the goat.

Great job!!



ABANDONED DOG

On January 29, 2023, Animal Protection Services dispatch office received a call that a medium sized, tan and white dog was tied to a fence near a local bus stop. When the Officer arrived at the scene, at first they were unable to find the dog, as it was hidden under a bush. Once the dog was located, it was confirmed that she had been tethered to the fence. As the Officer began to approach the dog, the dog began to back away causing her to slip out of her collar. Understanding the risk of the dog being at large, the officer immediately called for back up. The officer continued to patrol the area trying to re-locate the dog as she waiting for back up. It was not long after the back up assistance arrived that the dog was spotted. Together, the officers were able to corner the dog and get her restrained. The dog was impounded and brought to the Animal Foundation for a well check. Well Done!



CAREER DAY

Annually, Clark County School District Elementary schools reach out to Animal Protection Services to participate in their Career Day or Career on Wheels Event. It is always with great pleasure when an Animal Control Officer can take the time to provide insight about what an Animal Control Officer's duties are on a day-to-day basis and how these duties contribute to the community that we live in.

It was another great day for Officer Stacey Reynolds at Harley Harmon Elementary School!!



LIEUTENANT FIRTH



Say hello to Animal Protection Services' new Lieutenant. Dawn Firth has been a licensed Veterinarian Technician for the State of Nevada since 2000, teaching these skills at Community College of Southern Nevada. Lieutenant Firth has over 16 years experience working with Animals, nine years as an Animal Control Officer for Clark County. During her off time, Dawn loves going to the drag strip to watch drag racing and enjoying the fresh air when she is riding her motorcycle. Dawn also likes to spend time traveling, her two favorite places are Hawaii and Magic Mountain in California. Congratulations Lieutenant Firth!!



AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS

Typically, when you hear someone say “Be aware of your surroundings” it refers to your personal safety, to be prepared to react to something that you perceive to be a threat. It was in this situation that being aware just wasn't enough. On March 11, 2023, a mother, father and daughter were walking through a parking lot, heading into their local store. The young girl walked along the rear of a car when a large dog lunged at her. Panicking, the mother picked her daughter up into her arms but the dog continued to attack, bringing them both to the ground. Within a moment the dog owner tried to secure her loose dog, but the attack continued. Eventually the dog was contained and bystanders began to render aid as LVMPD was contacted. The mother suffered a puncture to her left elbow and the child suffered punctures and lacerations throughout her left leg. Due to the severity of the injuries, Animal Protection Services impounded the dog and declared it Dangerous per Clark County Code 10.16.010. The dog owner disagreed with the determination of Animal Protection Services and appealed the declaration. An appeal hearing was held on March 30, 2023. The appeal decision upheld the dangerous dog declaration and the process to reclaim the animal has begun.

While the injuries to both victims were severe, both are expected to make full physical recoveries. Heartfelt sympathies go out to all victims of animal attacks and Animal Protection Services urges everyone in our community to always be aware of their surroundings.



Graphic



142

Bite
Animals
Quarantined
in the 1st Quarter



Graphic



324

Bites
Reported in
the 1st
Quarter

NARRO

HERO OF THE DAY



No animal is too big or too small for Animal Protection Services. No animal is more important than others. On

March, 31, 2023, when Animal Protection Services dispatch office received a call for a gray cockatiel with an injured wing, It was Officer Narro to the rescue! Because the bird was unable to fly, it was easy for him to pick up the bird and transport him to the Animal Foundation. This lucky little guy was adopted just a few days later.

Great work Officer Narro!



During the colder months, often times, Animal Protection Services will get calls for cats in engines. Typically, a cat will go inside a cars engine to get warm or to take cover from harsh weather. On this cold day in March, when Officer Narro responded to a call for what sounded like a kitten in an engine he was initially unable to locate the kitten. But when the person reporting played the kitten sounds that they had recorded, suddenly he could hear the meow from the cars engine. Looking again, the kitten popped its head out but was afraid to let him get close enough to grab him. Eventually the kitten crawled out and down the axle shaft and Officer Narro was able to contain him. This kitten is now in foster care until she is able to be adopted. Another Great Job!!



EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

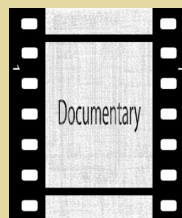


Animal Protection Services employee of the first quarter is Jennifer Robinson. Jennifer just hit her 15 year mark with Clark County, starting her County career working in the Commission office before joining the Code Enforcement team in 2014. Jenn enjoys spending time with her Italian family, watching Vegas Golden Knights games and eating her favorite dish, that can only be made by her mother, spaghetti and broccoli. When she is not doing these things, her favorite pastimes are talking on the phone with her daughter who is away for her first year in college, supporting her husband in his passion for coaching volleyball or snuggling up with her dogs watching reality shows or documentaries. Jenn is grateful for all that her career with Clark County has provided her and her family and looks forward to another 15 years!



Grazie

Bravo



FIRST QUARTER STATISTICS



ANIMAL PROTECTION SERVICES

CALLS RECEIVED BY DISPATCH

16,558

CALLS HANDLED IN THE FIELD

6,162



VEHICLE
CONFINEMENTS

97

STRAY
ANIMALS

581

ADMINISTRATIVE
CITATIONS ISSUED

103

REQUESTS FOR
PROSECUTION

5

TOTAL
STERILIZATIONS

3,676

HEALTH &
WELFARE

324

CALLS FOR
INJURED ANIMALS

341

FELONY CASES SENT
TO METRO

9

ADMINISTRATIVE
CITATIONS FINES ISSUED

\$25,550



FIRST QUARTER STATISTICS

TOTAL CCPRO CASES

4,484

LANDSCAPE PARKING 97

WEEDS & DEAD VEGETATION 131

BUILDING WITHOUT PERMITS 168

DANGEROUS STRUCTURES 37

VAGRANT CAMPS 868

SHORT TERM RENTALS 291

ABANDONED/UNSECURED HOMES 62

UNLICENSED/INOPERABLE VEHICLES 252

IMMINENT DANGER 4

TRASH & DEBRIS 535

SQUATTER HOMES 44

OUTSIDE STORAGE 38

AUTO PARTS & REPAIR 80

PARKING CITATIONS 200

ZONING VIOLATIONS 398

GRAFFITI CASES 3,242

**FINES
ISSUED**

**Dead
Vegetation
\$850**

**Building
Without Permits
\$33,450**

**Dangerous/
Unsafe
Structures
\$2,100**

**Unlicensed/
Inoperable Vehicles
\$1,800**

**Running a
business out
of a home
\$1,050**

**Landscape
Parking
\$2,300**

**Short Term
Rentals
\$392,412.50**

**Trash &
Debris
\$14,325**

**Zoning
Violations
\$4,750**

**Parking
Citations
\$20,000**

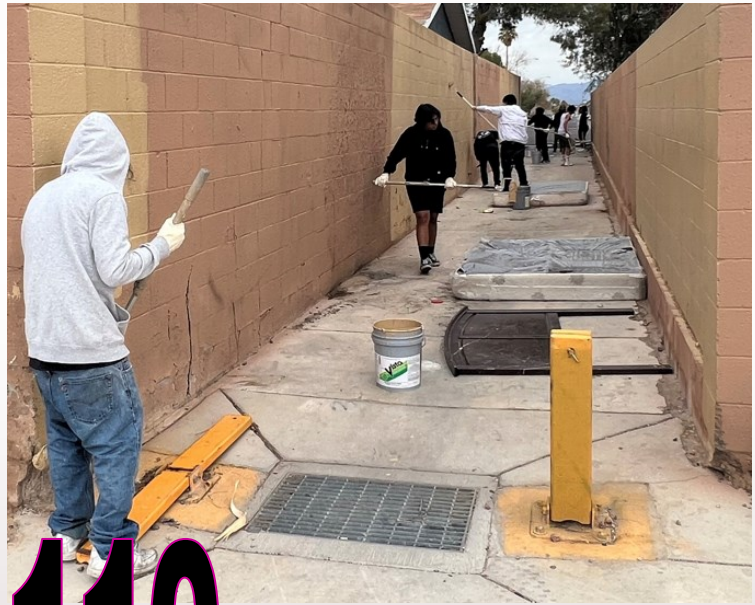
**Outside
Storage
\$3,200**

BACK IN ACTION

The Graffiti Abatement Program is back in action! For many years, Clark County had what is known as GAP, a program that provides an opportunity for youth to complete court mandated community service hours. Due to Covid, the program was put on hold, however the first weekend in January, the go ahead to restart the program was given.

GAP was created specifically for those who were charged with tagging, although, kids charged with other crimes are also able to participate. The kids are accompanied by mentors or by County probation officers who are there to supervise the day.

Clark County Graffiti painters are very familiar with areas that are considered hot spots for graffiti and will find a safe area for GAP to focus on. Clark County Code Enforcement provides the paint and equipment needed and Clark County Graffiti painters are standing by for assistance. We are very pleased to have the program back in action!



4,110
Gallons
of Paint
Used in
2022



HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT

In 2022, the Clark County homeless census counted 5,645 unhoused individuals. While sad, homeless encampments pose dangers to the community. When Code Enforcement received the complaint of a large property that was littered with multiple camps, junk, garbage, tents, tarps, scattered bedding, clothing, scrap metal, and wood it was promptly inspected. Because of the severity and the ongoing nuisance, the property was immediately set for abatement. Approximately 20 homeless individuals were removed by Metro COP prior to the property being cleaned of all solid waste. This property was liened in the amount of \$2,498.00

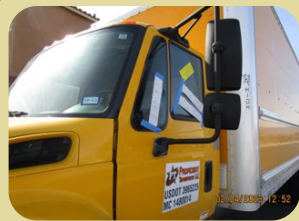


COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

Among multiple violations of Clark County Code, the issue of unlawful parking of Commercial Vehicles in a residential area is a frequent complaint that is received by the Code Enforcement office. Many of these complaints are that they are dangerous as they block the view of traffic and that they are an eye sore. While these things are true, they do not contribute to the enforcement of Clark County Code 14.46.060. Code Officers will issue Administrative Citations to all Vehicles parked illegally.

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Admin Cites issued for Commercial Vehicles in the Right of Way

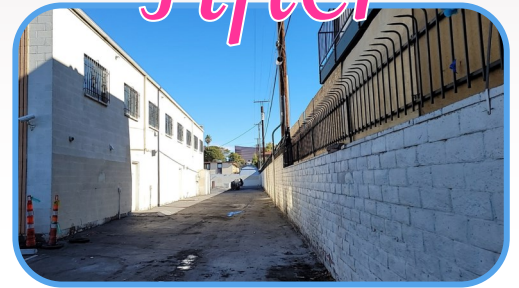


14.46.060 - Commercial vehicles in residence districts.

(a) No person shall stand or park a commercial vehicle on any public road, highway or alley within the unincorporated area of Clark County that is maintained by Clark County, in any residence district, except when actually and expeditiously engaged in the loading or unloading of merchandise or passengers or when such vehicle is being used in conjunction with the performance of service, repair, construction or similar essential use within the immediate neighborhood, and except on a designated truck route. As used in this chapter "residence district" shall include the entire right-of-way of a public highway, road or alley, except a designated truck route located within a residential zoning district of the unincorporated area of Clark County and shall also include the entire right-of-way width of a public highway, road or alley within one thousand feet of a residential zoning district, except a designated truck route.

IMMINENT DANGER

On January 25, 2023, responding to a request from Metro police, Code Enforcement was faced with an Imminent Danger situation. When a home or building could reasonably be expected to cause injury or endanger the life, safety, health, or property of the occupants, it is considered to be an Imminent Danger. These situations are a top priority for Code Enforcement. At approximately 8:00 am on this chilly January morning, 30 vagrants were removed and all junk trash, debris and solid waste was promptly removed. The property was boarded and secured and the neighbors were extremely grateful. A cost of the abatement was \$3,180.00 and a lien was placed on the property.



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Imminent Danger Cases in 2022

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER



A well deserved congratulations to Alicia Gonzalez, Code Enforcement Specialist, for being named Employee of the quarter. Alicia has been with Clark County Code Enforcement since 2014 and enjoys working with her Public Response co-workers. The best thing that she has learned as a Code Enforcement Specialist is that everything isn't always what it seems, people will surprise you; She has encountered some great people in the community and is always happy when she can help. Outside of work, Alicia enjoys spending time with her twin daughters, cooking and having movie nights and her favorite movies are A Bronx Tale and The Help. Alicia is looking forward to May 20, 2023, as she will have graduated with a bachelors degree in Arts Management with a concentration in Public Administration. Now that she will be done with school, Alicia looks forward to spending more time enjoying her hobbies like, hiking, trying out new restaurants, getting massages and having spa days with her friends.

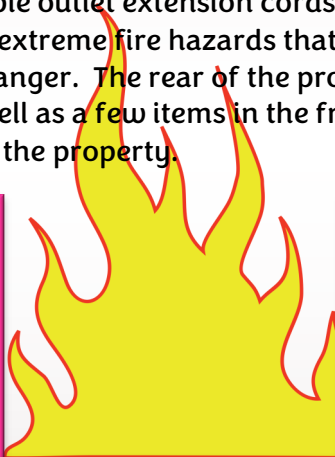
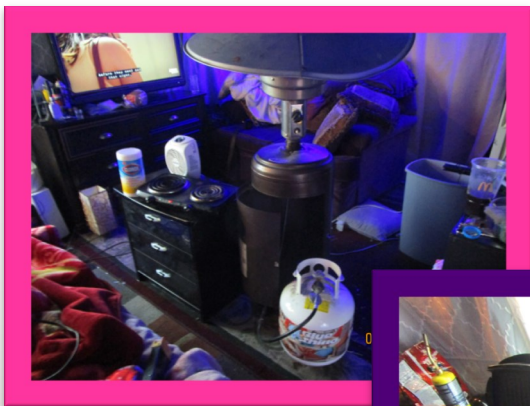
Keep up the great work Alicia, thank you for all that you do!



FIRE HAZARD



In late January, it was brought to Code Enforcement's attention that a very dangerous fire hazard was brewing in the rear yard of a property. An individual befriended the elderly homeowner and had made an agreement that he would construct a living space in the backyard in exchange for a few hundred dollars a month. The structure was made up of plex board and wood, had multiple outlet extension cords, heaters, a propane tank, and hotplates in the living area. The extreme fire hazards that were observed on this property were considered an Imminent Danger. The rear of the property was immediately abated, The structure was removed as well as a few items in the front yard. Thankfully, the person and his companion willingly left the property.



CODE ENFORCEMENT GOES VIRAL

During a routine inspection, Officer Murrell's conversation with a short-term renter is recorded on the Ring doorbell, is posted, and GOES VIRAL!!



ANIMAL PROTECTION SERVICES

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