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2023 3rd QUARTER NEWSLETTER

HOARDER AT A LUXURY HIGH RISE BUILDING

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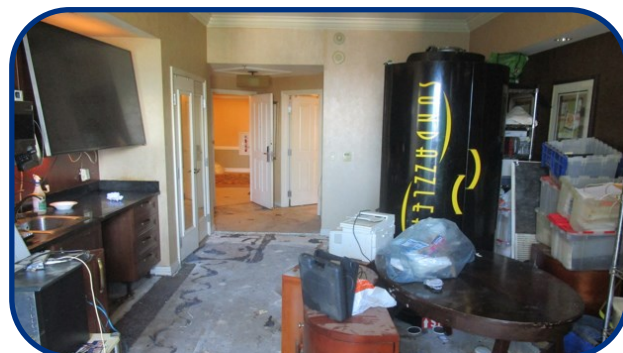
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Hoarding disorders can be a result of many different issues, however the common problem remains the same, such living conditions are not healthy. These disorders can take over a persons day-to-day living, making it difficult to move around their home, difficult to achieve acceptable personal hygiene and in most cases, results in major problems in their personal and professional relationships. In this case, it seems that the owner of the suite at a luxury high rise building was suffering with all aspects of hoarding. This suite was no stranger to LVMPD as many Health and Welfare checks had been reported. When Clark County Code Enforcement was asked to do an inspection, we were given fair warning that the situation was going to be severe and an abatement would likely need to be conducted. When Metro and Code Enforcement Officers stepped out of the 38th floor elevator, they were immediately struck with an intense foul odor. As they walked closer to the unit, the odor was so bad that their eyes began to water and some gag reflexes were activated. At this point, it was reasonable to assume that the inside of the unit posed a high risk to the health, safety and welfare of the occupant. In addition, the close proximity to the adjacent units beside and below with shared infrastructure elevated the nuisance and a Notice to Abate was immediately posted. The abatement was executed and all soiled furniture, spoiled food, carpeting, and trash were removed. The unit was also sprayed for insects to prevent any remaining bugs from spreading to other units. A lien in the amount of \$8,700 was placed on the property. It's a dirty job but we can do it!!



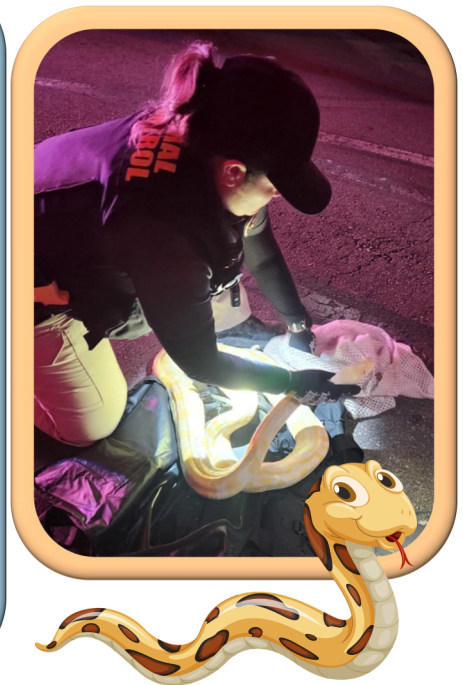
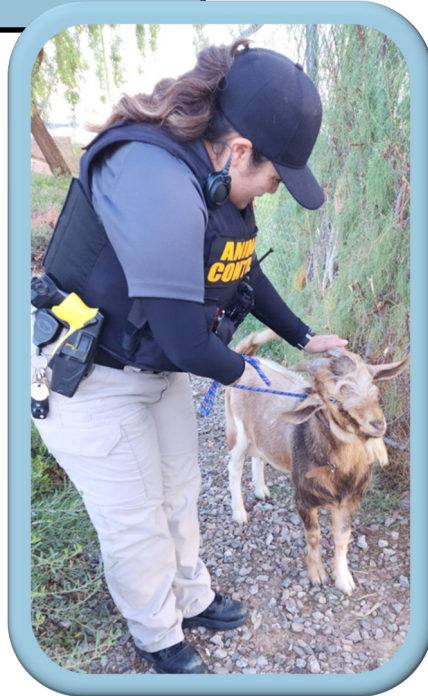
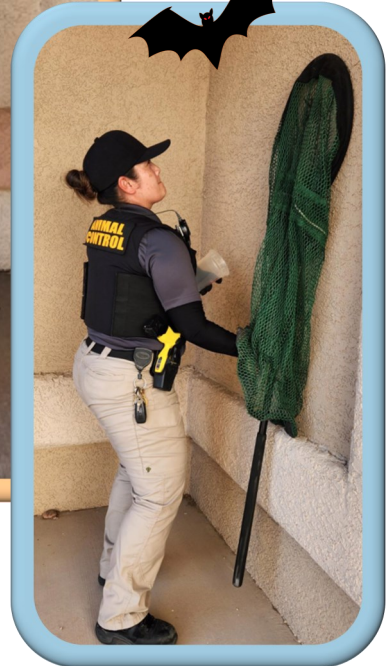
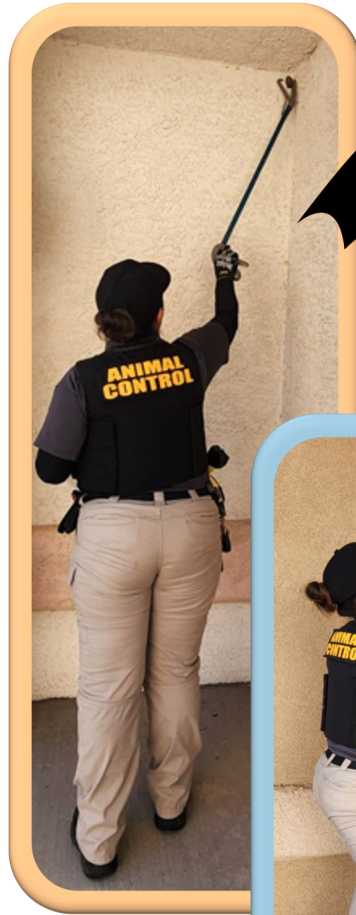
\$8,700

Lien



HEY, HOW WAS WORK TODAY?

Animal Control officers often say that one of the best parts of the job is not knowing what the day may bring. Within just a few days of each other Senior Animal Control Officer, Amber Petralia and Animal Control Officer, Gauriela Simon responded to calls for a bat on a front porch, two large snakes in a backpack and a goat at a library. When the Officers arrived to catch the bat, the chase was on. After the bat flew two houses down, they were able to safely trap and net the bat. Luckily the bat did not have any animal or human contact. Another potentially dangerous situation was responding to a request by METRO for two large snakes. Metro Officers advised that the snakes owners were being transported to CCDC and that APS needed to impound the snakes. Working together Sr. Officer Petralia and Officer Simon transported the snakes to their reptile buckets and brought them to the Animal Foundation to be reclaimed. The next call wasn't as dangerous, the reported goat had wandered into the library and was sweet and friendly. In effort to keep the goat restrained and safe, library staff tied it to the back fence. The library staff named the sweet goat Elvis for his little curly hair. Officers were able to safely impound the goat and transport it to the Animal Foundation. Both the snakes and the goat were reclaimed by their owners. Another great day "at the office".

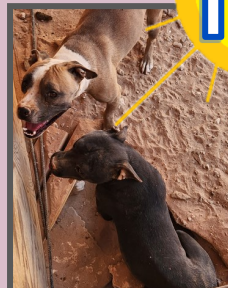
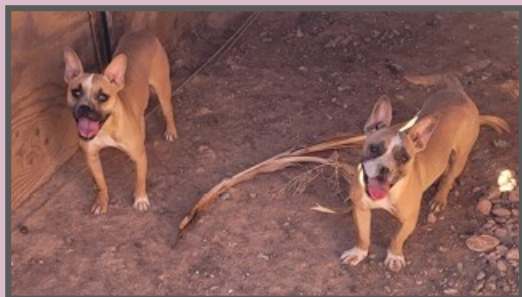


ILLEGAL BREEDING

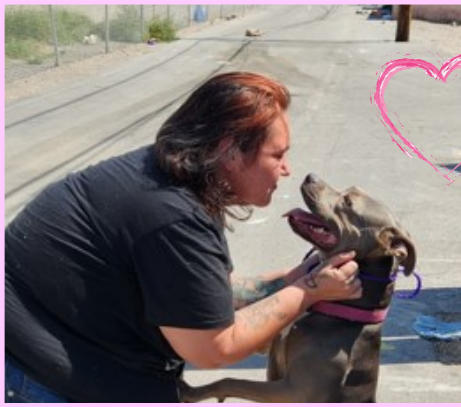
After receiving a call regarding multiple dogs being kept in unwholesome conditions in the middle of the desert, CCAPS met with METRO and determined the area of concern was considered BLM land. Reaching out to BLM Rangers, METRO and CCAPS responded and proceeded down an unpaved road to investigate. From a distance, the first thing noticed was a large U-Haul truck and a white SUV. When they were finally onsite, they observed a large structure made of plywood acting as kennels for several dogs. Immediately, an at-large gray pit bull ran up and was followed by a man who claimed ownership of all the dogs. When the dog owner was asked how many dogs were living here, he answered “dozens”. A strong odor of feces and urine lingered throughout the area. While the body score of the dogs was considered normal, there was little to no water for the dogs and the dogs were panting heavily in distress. APS dispatch was called and asked to provide an accurate temperature in Bunkerville at the time, which was 105° with an excessive heat warning expected to be issued by the National Weather Service. While walking around and inspecting the land, it was noted that multiple kennels had large amounts of feces and one of the pens held an adult female dog and her six puppies that appeared to be just days old. The dog owner stated that had the Officers arrived just ten minutes later, all of the bowls would have been filled with water and food. On site, there was a pallet with several 50 lbs. bags of food and several gallons of water that were exposed to all elements and a 50 gallon drum filled with water. Determining that there was no power or adequate structures to provide sufficient care for the excessive number of dogs, a warrant was obtained and the animals were impounded and brought to the Animal Foundation to be examined by a veterinarian. It was apparent none of the dogs were socialized and were not used to human contact.

Pending Charges

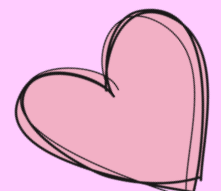
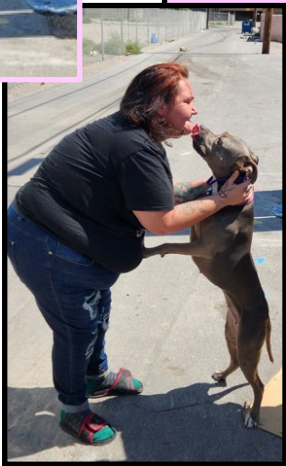
- CC 10.32.135(a) Animals kept outdoors.
- CC 10.32.130 Deprivation of sustenance, shelter or medical care.
- CC 10.08.1329(e) Sterilization
- CC 10.08.130 Number of dogs and cats
- CC 10.36.040(a) Restraint and Sanitation



RUBY ROO ROO IS HOME!

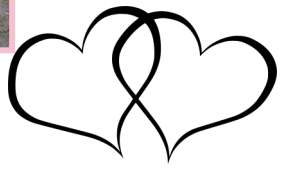


It is a great feeling when an animal is returned home to their owner. On September 9, 2023, when a transient was arrested, Animal Protection Services was asked to come pick up the dog in his possession. The transient stated he had just found the dog about two weeks earlier when he was on the Strip. Officer Evans immediately scanned the dog for a microchip and found there was a registered owner. When the officer made contact with the owner, he learned she did in fact have a missing dog, Ruby Roo Roo, which matched the description of this dog. She explained the dog had been missing since the fourth of July. When Ruby Roo Roo arrived at the address provided, the dog owner was able to provide the officer with photos of her with Ruby Roo Roo and advised she had been looking for her, had alerted The Animal Foundation, and had been placing reward signs throughout the neighborhood. It was obvious to the officer that Ruby Roo Roo was home, as she immediately started to wag her tail, recognizing her owner and home. Awesome Job!



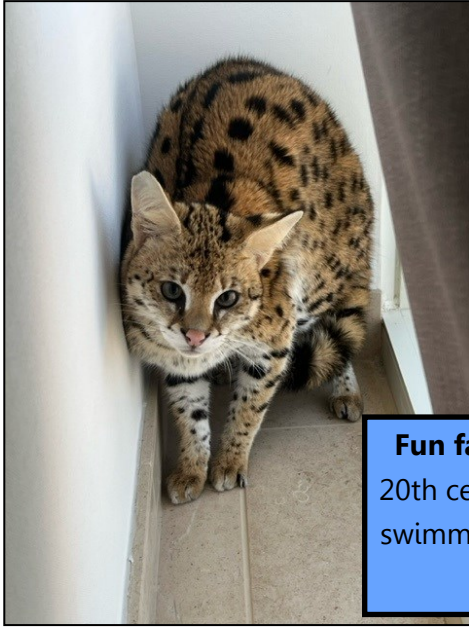
MUDDY AND SCRAPED UP!

After a pig had been wandering a neighborhood for a few weeks, it finally found himself a home underneath a dilapidated mobile home. The property was full of all sorts of junk, solid waste, and dead rats and cats. Understanding this was not a safe place for the pig, the Officer knew they had to make every effort to safely capture this pig. After several attempts to spook him out from under the mobile home and calling for back up, the officers attempted to use their nets to capture him. With two officers keeping the pig in-between their two nets, the third officer grabbed him by the legs. When the pig began to wiggle loose from the officers grip, thinking fast, the other officer dropped her net and football tackled him and then got him into a scissor hold. Immediately the other two officers secured his front and back legs and were able to carry him to the truck. The officers were muddy and scraped up by the time they got to the truck but an overall win, as the pig was impounded unharmed and is now living comfortably at a local rescue.



A LEOPARD IN A RESORT?

On August 14, 2023, Clark County Animal Protection Services was asked to meet METRO who stated that there was a leopard inside one of the hotel suites at the resort. When Lieutenant Firth entered the room, she was a bit hesitant but confident in her skills and knowledge of all kinds of cats. Once she located the



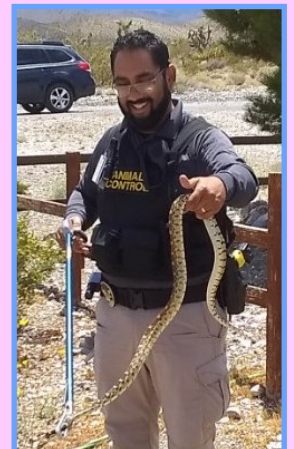
animal, it was immediately obvious to her that this was not a leopard but a Savannah cat. METRO officers explained that they were told that the owner was looking forward to driving down the strip with his “little leopard” in his rented Lamborghini. Because no violations occurred, the cat was not impounded.

Fun facts: The Savannah is a breed of hybrid cat developed in the late 20th century from crossing a serval with a domestic cat. These cats enjoy swimming and are athletic jumpers, jumping up to eight feet high. A true Savannah cat can cost between \$1,000—\$20,000.

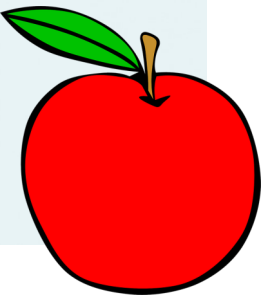
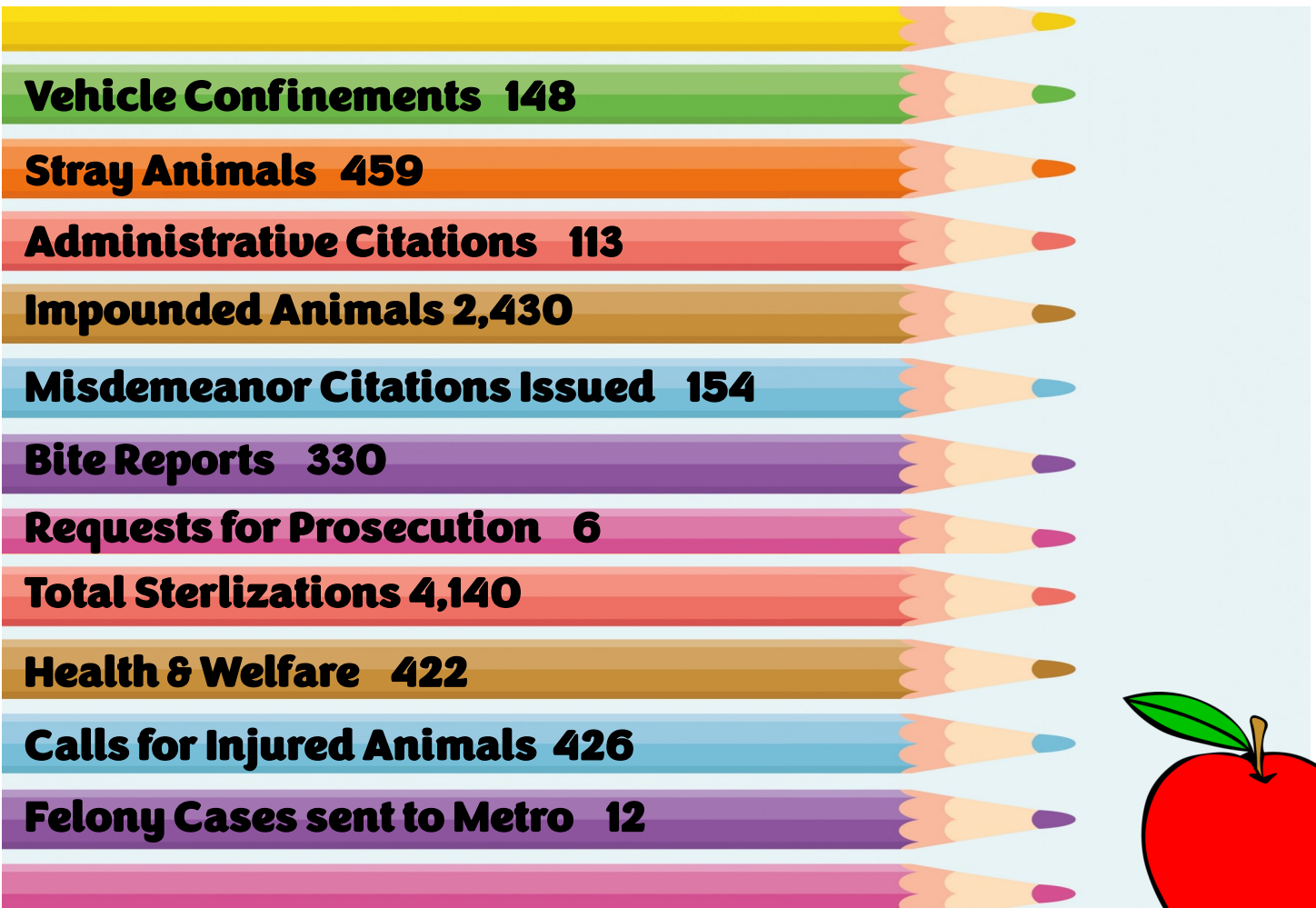
EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

A well deserved congratulations to Luis Narro for being named the Employee of the Quarter. Officer Narro has been a Clark County Animal Control Officer since 2017 and continues to do great things. He has expressed that the best part of his job is knowing each day will bring something different and never knowing what the next call will be. What he has learned during his career is you need to know your limits, and you cannot pull yourself in too many different directions. Outside of work, Luis enjoys traveling, going on road trips especially when he is headed to an amusement park, concert, or sporting event. “Go Knights Go!” Some of his hobbies include cooking and grilling, jigsaw puzzles, and movies. His favorite animal is an elephant and with the holidays being around the corner, his favorite movie is Elf. We asked Luis if he could go anywhere in the world, where would it be and he proclaimed Italy! He

wants to tour all the historical places and enjoy the delicious food! We also asked, if he could trade lives with one person, who would it be and he said it would have to be Jacques Cousteau to film one of his incredible documentaries. Great job Luis! We appreciate all of your hard work!!



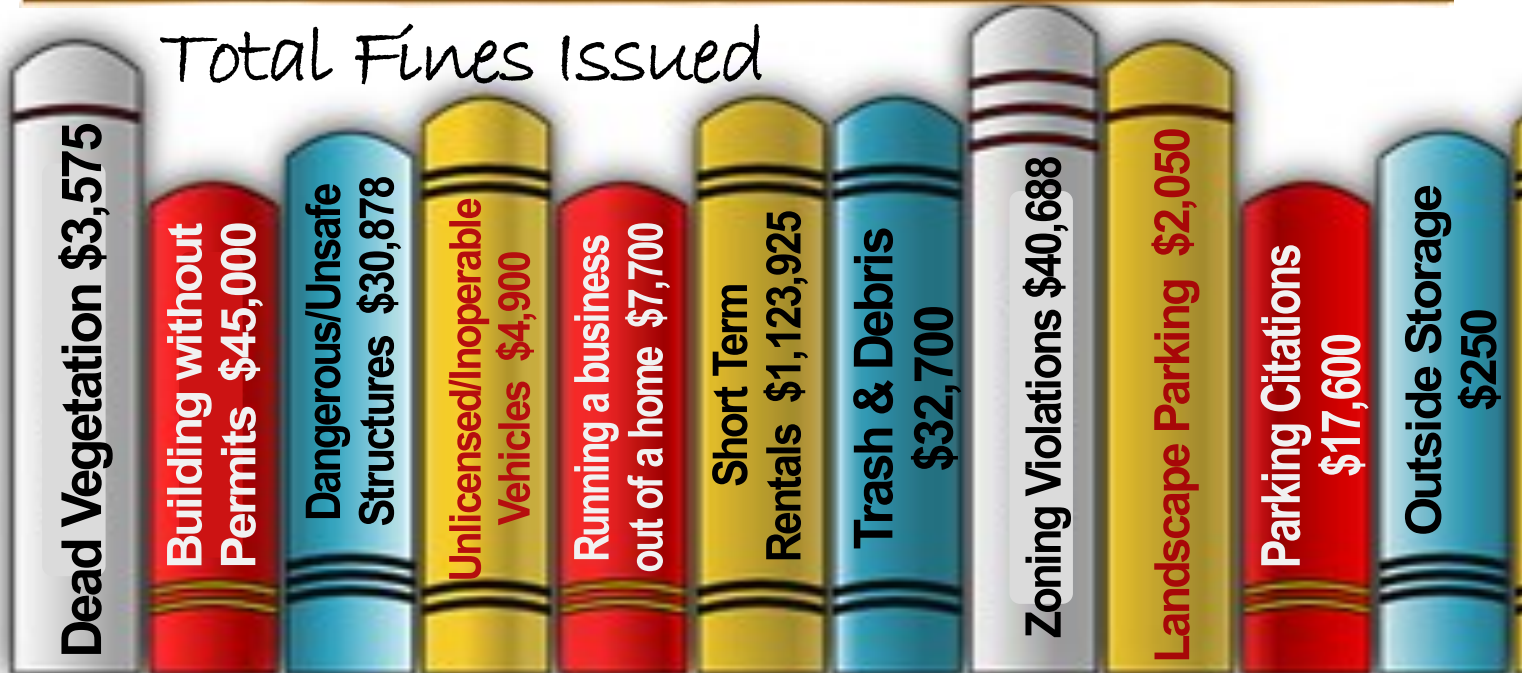
SECOND QUARTER STATISTICS



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Total Fines Issued



ENCAMPMENT CLEAN-UP

On August 14, 2023, Clark County Code Enforcement worked alongside Metro's Southeast Area Command to assist with the overwhelming homeless situation along Charleston Blvd. During the inspection, Clark County Code Enforcement Officers found several unpermitted structures that were being used as shelters. These shelters were unsafe and impeding the public sidewalk and vehicular traffic line of sight. In addition to the traffic issue, dangers were found throughout. Within the encampment, used drug needles, drug paraphernalia, buckets of human waste, stolen shopping carts, open fire pits and various other junk riddled the property. This property was declared an imminent danger and was immediately cleaned of all hazards. Great work!



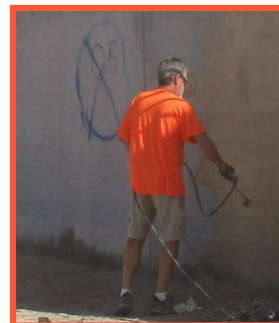
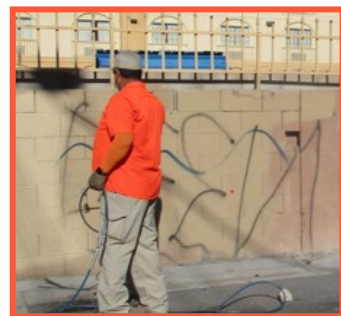
Before and After



UNSUNG HEROES

The Clark County Graffiti Abatement team continues to do wonderful things for our community. Although there is not a lot of glitz or glamour to their day-to-day responsibilities, We can all agree that what they do is important and truly makes a difference. Not much can stop this force, as they endure graffiti removal in the peak of summer temperatures and the coldest of winter days. Let's join together to say thank you to these unsung heroes!

4,110 ★
Gallons of paint used in
★ 2022



The word "graffiti" comes from the Italian word for "scratched"

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE VIOLATIONS

One of the tough parts of verifying a complaint of a commercial vehicle is when an officer goes out to do the inspection the vehicle may no longer be there. This is why Code Enforcement will continue to monitor the right of way to ensure any violations of Clark County Code 14.46.060(a) will be resolved. On the second inspection, the officer was able to verify the vehicle that had been reported and a \$100 Administrative Citation was posted on the driver's side door. Upon follow up inspection, the vehicle was there again and a second administrative citation for \$100 was posted along with a tag and tow notice. On the third inspection the semi truck still had not been removed, but a neighbor came out and advised the Officer that the semi truck had been repossessed and the keys had been picked up by the bank. The Officer contacted a local towing company and later confirmed the truck had been towed. While the \$200 administrative citations issued remain outstanding, the surrounding neighbors are grateful to not have to see the truck any longer.

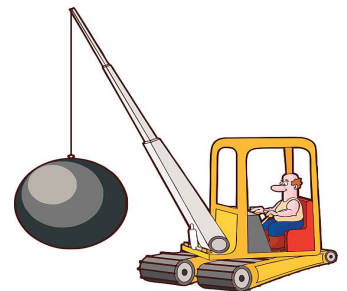


14.46.060 - Commercial vehicles in residence districts.

(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.

IT LOOKS LIKE A DUNGEON!

When a complaint is received and the report is building without permits, stating "It looks like a dungeon!" all curiosity is piqued. It didn't take long for the officer to see exactly what the complainant was about. A large CMU block structure was being built in the rear yard of a residential home. The initial surrounding residential wall had been raised by three rows of CMU block with razors and Concertina wire along the top. In addition, a large shade structure with a cloth top had been built. An immediate Notice of Violation was sent. Further research discovered that a building permit was applied for, listing the structure as a tool shed. Upon the second inspection, it was observed that the cloth portion of the shade structure had been removed, as well as the added three rows of CMU block, razors and Concertina wire. But the Large block structure was continuing to grow taller and taller. The Comprehensive Planning department was working closely with the officer and both made every attempt to bring the property owner into compliance with no success and due to confrontational and hostile communications with the property owner, all permit applications were placed on hold. While continuing to stay engaged with Comprehensive Planning, the inspections continued as well as the construction of the oversized "dungeon". With each inspection, Administrative citations were issued along with services fees. All Administrative citations went ignored. Code Enforcement is now preparing the warrant to demolish this dungeon. Take a look at the progression.



SMART COMPLETION

Pinnacle Apartments has been a focus for CMART for a few months and we are happy to report that enforcement action was successful. On a monthly basis, Code Enforcement along with Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and Northeast Area Command has met to ensure the complex was cleaned and secured. The apartment building had several abandoned units that were being occupied by squatters. The building was in horrible condition, having water damage, property damage, graffiti, large amounts of trash, criminal activity and possible drug use. The property was declared an imminent danger due to the inhabitants living in unsecured units posing fire hazards and other criminal activity in too close of proximity to children in the nearby schools. The property was abated, having all squatters removed, cleared of all trash, boarded up and secured. This property was liened and placed on the tax roll.



EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER



Congratulations to Steve Williams for being named the Code Enforcement Employee of the Quarter. Steve enjoys working for Clark County because he works with a close knit group. This group goes out of their way to help one another with a little bit of friendly competitiveness thrown in. Being a Code Enforcement Specialist over the last four years has taught him that he cannot please everyone, no matter how hard you try, so he just keeps doing his “thing” and stays consistent. Outside of work, he enjoys off-roading, riding his Harley, traveling with his family and friends and going to his daughters High School Marching band competitions. Steve has a passion for restoring classic muscle cars and old Harleys and is a licensed pilot with over 3,000 flight hours. When asked if he could trade lives with any one person, he expressed that it would have to be Chuck Yeager, as he would love to learn from the greatest test pilot of all time.



FIND THE VIOLATIONS



- 1) Commercial Vehicle
- 2) Landscape Parking
- 3) Junk Vehicles
- 4) Auto Repair
- 5) Solid Waste

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