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# **2023 YEAR END NEWSLETTER**

### NOT JUST TRASH AND DEBRIS

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Any officer will tell you that when a case is assigned to them for inspection, you never know what you will find once you get to the property. In this case, the officer was responding to a complaint of trash and debris, but when he arrived, it was a very different situation. The house was fenced off and what remained was a completely burned home, considered a total loss. The officer researched to see if any demolition permits had been pulled, not finding any, the officer contacted his Lieutenant for further direction. Being that the property was severely fire damaged, a red tag was posted deeming the property dangerous and unsafe. Working towards a complete demolition, a consignment letter along with a Notice and Order was obtained. The owner did not respond to the notices and



Clark County Code Enforcement sought bids for demolition. A search warrant for asbestos was obtained, as well as a seizure warrant to begin the demolition process. All was a success when the property was cleared of all fire damaged rubble, leaving a clean, empty lot, and leaving the neighbors very happy. Clark County Code Enforcement recorded a lien in the amount of \$10,300.00.











## ABANDONMENT

Abandoned pets are companion animals that are either inadvertently or deliberately abandoned by their owners. Clark County Animal Protection Services is no stranger to such calls for service. On October 3, 2023, a young woman and her mother came to the Animal Protection Services building with a shoe box of puppies. The puppies looked to be just days old. When CCAPS questioned the two women about where they were found, it was advised that they found them at their community mailbox. CCAPS asked if they could provide the address, which they did, but when they were further asked for their specific unit number just in case more information was needed, they would not provide it. CCAPS wanted to check the unit to see if they could potentially find the mother. The two women would not provide any more information and were advised the puppies would need to be brought to the Animal Foundation. The women refused, turning to leave, abandoning the puppies. Unfortunately, due to the lack of cooperation, citations for abandonment were not able to be issued. The puppies were taken to the Animal Foundation by CCAPS to be adopted.







CC10.32.010—Abandonment.

It is unlawful for any person owning, possessing or having the care, custody, and control of any animal, living or dead, to abandon the same in a public place or upon the private property of himself or another.

# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Clark County Animal Protection Services was more than happy to be a part of National Night Out. National Night out is a way to celebrate the partnerships between Law Enforcement and their communities in making a safer environment. CCAPS truly believes in the importance of such an event, for providing the opportunity to help educate people on laws and ways to protect themselves from animals. Understanding the resources that are available to our community can be a very powerful thing. Thank you Sgt. Petralia for another successful National Night Out.









## FINDING A HAPPY HOME

On December 31,2023, a call for service was received for vicious stray dogs biting a person. When the officers arrived to investigate, it was determined the animals were not stray nor had they bitten anyone. The dog's owner explained that he and his spouse were working in the yard when one of the dogs excitedly jumped up and scratched him. The two men were very distraught while explaining to the Officers they were losing their home and were not able to continue to take care of the dogs. The officers, with compassion and sympathy, went over the surrender form and advised they would have 24 hours to reclaim the dogs, should their

situation change or if they found someplace to safely keep them. Luckly for them and their pups, they were able to find a home where they could keep the dogs and they were able to reclaim them the next day.



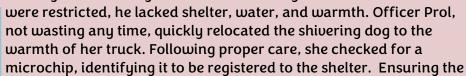


# DEPRIVATION

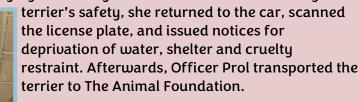
Officer Prol swiftly responded to a report of an abandoned animal tethered to a white SUV. A call such as this is considered a high priority, as animals need to be protected from all elements. The temperature outside was 43 degrees.

Upon arrival, she assessed and notated the situation. The SUV's rearend was parked close to a brick wall, and its right side was parked close to a small building. From Officer Prol's perspective, she could see the left side of the car. Through the windows, she discovered that the inside was crammed with belongings, rendering the seats unfit for occupancy. When she peaked around the other side of the car, she could see a small black dog next to the back tire. Unfortunately, the car was parked too close to the wall, so she had to walk around the small building it was parked next to. Behind the building was a

compact walkway that led directly to the back side of the SUV. A small male black Terrier was attached to the car by a 3-foot-long twisted chain and a green leash. His movements











## WELCOME!!



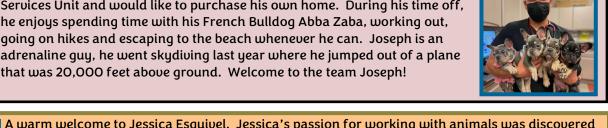
Welcome to the team Nikolas Caldera!! Nik comes to Clark County from Boulder City where he was an Animal Control Officer. It has been his goal since 2016 to be able to join Clark County Animal Protection Services. Nik also worked at The Animal Foundation which is where his interest to work for CCAPS began. Within the next five years, Nik hopes to purchase a home, pay off his vehicle, learn as much as he can about Clark County Code Title 10, and provide the best service he can to the community and their furry friends. During his time off, he loves spending time with his family, his two girls, going to the gym and playing with his dog. Journaling is also a passionate hobby for Nik. We are happy to have Nik as part of the CCAPS team!

Say hello to Kasey Young, she too joins us from Boulder City Animal Control. Prior to working with the City of Boulder City, Kasey was an Animal Control Officer II for the City of Corona Police Department. Currently, Kasey is working towards her associates degree in Administration of Justice. One of the main reasons that Kasey wanted to join Clark County Animal Protection Services was because she strived to be part of a larger team, providing animal care to a larger community. Over the next five years, Kasey plans to learn as much as possible about Clark County and her position as an Animal Control Officer. During her time off, she loves to spend time with her family doing various activities and spending time with her dog. Welcome aboard Kasey!





Joseph Esparza is a new addition to the Clark County Animal Protection Services unit. Joseph has spent the last five years working as a Veterinarian Technician where he gained thorough knowledge of animal care and where his compassion for animals became evident. Because of his compassion and knowledge, Joseph knew he wanted to join CCAPS where he would be able to utilize his skills to protect and serve the safety of animals. Over the next five years, Joseph hopes to achieve a higher position within the Animal Protection Services Unit and would like to purchase his own home. During his time off, he enjoys spending time with his French Bulldog Abba Zaba, working out, going on hikes and escaping to the beach whenever he can. Joseph is an adrenaline guu, he went skudiving last year where he jumped out of a plane



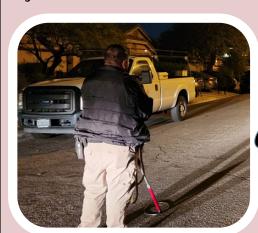


A warm welcome to Jessica Esquivel. Jessica's passion for working with animals was discovered in 2004 when she started working at a boarding kennel; within her first year she went from the receptionist to the office manager. In 2014, Jessica went to work for the Animal Foundation as an animal processor and worked her way up to Supervisor and then Manager. Working at the Animal Foundation, Jessica worked side by side with CCAPS and was intrigued by the enforcement portion of animal care, which is ultimately what made her decide to seek a career with Clark County. During her time away from work, she enjoys being a mother, grandmother and wife. Her hobbies are camping and hiking and she loves the great outdoors. Jessica is very proud of her six children, two of which are currently in the military and being a wonderful grandmother to her two grandkids who inspire her everyday to live her best life. This includes making her own mother proud by doing what she was taught to do, which is to always do her best at whatever it is that you are doing. Welcome Jessica!



# RETURNED HOME

On 11/1/2023, Clark County Animal Control Dispatch office received a call for two Cane Corso dogs running at large up and down the street. The caller stated that one of the dogs had tried to bite him. Upon arrival, the officer's observed two black Cane Corsos that appeared to be trying to get into a home. When Officer Razo stepped out of her truck to knock on the door, the dogs began to charge at her. Working together Officer Razo kept an eye on both dogs while Lieutenant Zavala began knocking on doors to where the dogs could possibly live. Without any luck at that time, and after attempting to capture the dogs, the officers ended up chasing them back into their own back yard. The owners were home, asleep, the officers knocked on the door to advise that their gate had been open and their dogs had been at large and possibly bit a man. The owners were given a warning about their animals being at large and were advised that further investigation into the bite would be necessary. Luckily, when CCAPS made contact with the person who reported the dogs, it was determined that the dogs had only lunged at him but did not bite. Great team work!



2,339 Stray Animals Calls for Service in 2023



# IT'S NICE TO HEAR

Animal Control Officers come to work each day putting in every effort to help the community with all the animal related issues that come up. Yet for the most part, the only feedback that is received is negative. Whether it is misconstrued information being distributed on social media, in the news or even in emails or letter correspondence, it can be truly disheartening. When people take the time to show their appreciation, it means so much more. On November 22, 2023, Clark County Animal Control received the following email and when it was forwarded to the Animal Protection Services unit, it was a bright light in their day.

From: J Kj

Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2023 2:52 PM

To: Animal Protection Services Info <a href="mailto:AnimalProtectionServicesInfo@ClarkCountyNV.gov">AnimalProtectionServicesInfo@ClarkCountyNV.gov</a>

Subject: Hi I received assistance from you and I need to say something.

I recently saw on the news that a dog was left to die or something like. On the news ,people were saying that animal control doesn't respond to calls In a timely manner among a bunch of other things that I know to be false from experience. I was bitten by a bat recently and I called animal control because I thought it looked like it had rabies. A very professional, kind, courteous, and considerate animal control officer showed up at my house within a hour and a half and gave me all of the information that I could possibly need, like what the next steps I should take are and what to expect. Within about 24 hours both the health department and animal control called multiple times and texted in an effort to make sure I knew the bat had rabies and gave me clear Instructions on what to do next, including texting me a vaccine schedule and staying in touch with me through out the entire process to make sure I don't have issues. I am convinced without the prompt response of animal control and them immediately alerting the health department I may have died from rabies. I could not be more thankful for the people at animal control, and the health department and the work you guys do.



## LOCAL MAGICIAN

Dirk Arthur, a local magician starring in the Las Vegas show Xtreme Magic at the Tropicana Resort, unexpectedly passed away on October 13, 2023. Dirk used many large cats in his shows and had kept the animals at his home until the day he died. On October 15, 2023, Clark County Animal Protection Services was notified that the cats had not been cared for or fed in three days, it became an immediate priority. Just an hour later, Lieutenant Firth met with the Coroner and another local Illusionist who was very familiar with Dirk's cats, and experienced in caring for such animals. He advised that he had given the cats water. Lieutenant Firth, needing to document the scene, entered the compound and observed ten very hungry cats, roaring and jumping around the cages. In total, there were four white tigers, two Bengal tigers, two clouded leopards, a snow leopard and a bobcat. All the cats appeared to be in good health. When Chief Andersen arrived a short while later, he spoke with the local Illusionist about coordinating care until CCAPS could determine the next steps. Knowing that Dirk only kept on hand enough meat to feed for two or three days, one of the first things that needed to happen was to get food. Cats such as these eat approximately 100 pounds of raw meat a day. The next priority was to secure a warrant to give CCAPS the ability to find forever homes for the cats. CCAPS was made aware that Dirk had made arrangements, should something happen to him, for the bobcat; the three leopards were on loan from a zoo, but the remaining six tigers needed to be re-homed. Within a few hours, Allen Brothers Nevada, a local meat distributor, generously donated 1,600 pounds of chicken, which was such a relief to have one immediate issue resolved. Tigers of America stepped in to assist CCAPS with finding a rescue for the six tigers and within seven days, all of the cats were safely transported to their new homes and were able to stay together as a family. This was an amazing successful endeavor for all that were





## ABANDONMENT

Officer Evans, responding to a concerned property owner's call, confronted a situation that involved an RV potentially housing three cats and one dog. After receiving the contact information for the owner of the pets, Officer Evans attempted to make contact without success. He then knocked on the RV door which revealed a barking dog. As Officer Evans made his way to the front of the RV, through the windshield, he discovered a brown/ white tabbu cat sitting on the dashboard. To advise of the abandonment process, Officer Evans taped a notice on the RV door and scheduled a return inspection. The following day, the notice remained, determining that the owner had not returned. Again, looking through the front windshield, he observed three more black cats and a graying chihuahua. Immediately, Officer Evans began the process to obtain a warrant to take procession of the abandoned animals. Securing the warrant, LT. Firth and LT. Zavala joined the scene. The RV's neglect became evident upon entry, with feces and trash scattered along the floor. The officers had also









noted another cat was discovered; the total number of abandoned animals was six. They removed the five cats and one dog. After ensuring their safety, they issued a \$600 Administrative Citation for abandonment. The animals were then impounded and taken to the Animal Foundation.

# EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Congratulations Officer Delia Prol for being named the Employee of the Quarter! Officer Prol has been part of the Clark County Animal Protections team since 2016 and has been a true asset. When asked what she thinks is the best part of working for CCAPS, she stated it is having the ability to help animals and the people of our community. She prides herself on not being a "dog catcher" providing necessary information on low cost spay and neutering, food banks for pet owners in difficult times and helping to keep animals in their homes instead of going to the shelter. Outside of work, Delia volunteers her time with the Las Vegas Star Wars Collective, a non-profit, Saber Guild, and Rebel Legion. Within these groups she does hospital visits, participates in reading week at CCSD, works with the Make a Wish foundation, participates in charity races, feeding the community with the funds that are raised, and Padawan Training at special events such as the Hope Link event. Some of her favorite hobbies are hiking and camping and her favorite animals are wolves and cows. If she could go anywhere in the world,

Officer Prol would go to Japan for the Cherry Blossom Festival and Star Wars Celebration. Thank you Officer Prol for all of your hard work.











## YEAR END STATISTICS

Administrative
Citations
Fines Issued
\$76,100

Calls Handled in the Field 24,149

Calls Recieved by Dispatch 82,947

Vehicle Confinements 457 Stray Animals 2,339 Administrative Citations 389

Impounded Animals 7,970

Misdemeanor Citations Issued 804

Bite Reports 1,375 Request for Prosecution 40 Total Sterilizations 15,576

Health & Welfare 1,463



Calls for Injured Animals 1,576



Felony Cases sent to Metro 34





### YEAR STATISTICS

Total **CCPRO** Cases

Total Graffiti Cases 14,322

Landscape Parking 528

Building without Permits 63

Vagrant Camps 3,826

Outside Storage 110

Squatter Homes 185

Imminent Danger 36

Unlicensed/Inoperable Vehicles 989

Abandoned/Unsecured Homes 259

Weeds & Dead Vegetation 778

Dangerous Structures 167

Short Term Rentals 850

Commercial Vehicles in ROW 2,265

Trash & Debris 2,648

Auto Parts & Repair 380

Zoning Violations 2,053

Parking Citations 680

Dead Vegetation \$20,321

Building without Permits \$239,150

Dangerous/Unsafe Structures

\$121,234

\$25,226

Unlicensed/Inoperable Vehicles



Trash & Debris \$148,242

Zoning Violations \$115,998

Landscape Parking \$18,175

Parking Citations \$68,100

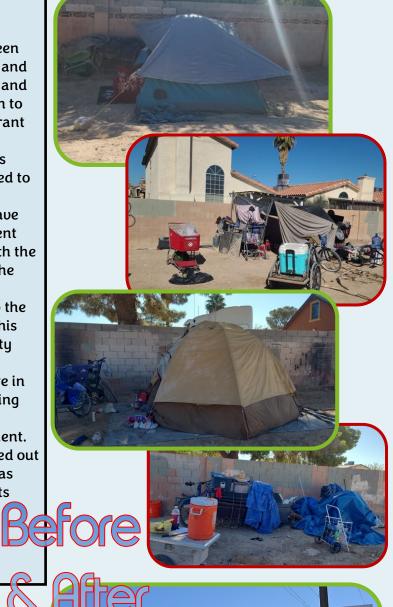
Outside Storage \$8,150





# FIRE SCARE

Vagrant camps are difficult for any neighborhood but when the threat of spreading fires is the main concern, it can be a very scary and dangerous situation. Clark County Code Enforcement has been dealing with this vacant property for years. Over and over, the property is invaded with vagrant camps and is cleared of trash and debris, just for the situation to repeat itself. Upon initial inspection, several vagrant camps were observed, along with trash and solid waste, as well as, noticeable smoke and fire marks along the residential walls. After the notice expired to allow the property owner to clean and secure the property had passed, CCCPRO obtained bids to have the property abated. After the Notice of Abatement was posted, the property owner made contact with the officer and advised the history of the property. The property owner had expressed that he had spent thousands of dollars over the years trying to keep the property clean, and that he was going to contact his Commissioners Office for assistance. The property owners met with the Commissioner and staff and advised the continual problems and that they were in need to help. Knowing the property was an ongoing issue and that the neighbors were extremely frustrated, CCPRO went forward with the abatement. During this time, the Commissioners office reached out to NV Energy asking for assistance. NV Energy was already in the process of securing other easements with high grade steel fencing and agreed to secure this easement as well. This property, owned by a development corporation, was liened in the amount of \$9.890.00.







## ILLEGAL POWER

Having proper power in an occupied dwelling is essential for safety. When Code Enforcement received a complaint from LVMPD Northeast Area Command asking us to investigate an occupied home in Overton, NV, that had no power hooked up, a camper parked in front of the house, and trash and debris riddled throughout the yard. Clark County Code Enforcement investigated the property. Upon arrival, CCPRO observed several violations of junk furniture and solid waste in the front yard and no legal power. Contact was made with the resident of the property, who said the power should be restored in the coming week. During the officer's investigation, he was advised by Overton Power District that the property owner had passed away and the property had not had legal power for several months. The circumstances surrounding this investigation caused the officer to issue a "Red Tag" notice. While posting the notice, the resident of the property informed the officer they had hooked up gasoline powered generators to supply power to the property until the legal power could be restored. Without hesitation, the officer advised of the dangerous risks being taken and instructed them to disconnect the generators immediately. Allowing the resident time to come into compliance, the property was reinspected, 30 days later. Upon reinspection, the property was found to be in the same condition as the original inspection, and no legal power had been restored. The officer further explained the severity of the situation and clarified the meaning of a dangerous structure "Due to not having active Service" and issued an abatement notice. On September 21, 2023, a warrant was served, all occupants, solid waste, trash and debris were removed and property was secured. The abatement resulted in a lien in the amount of \$3,280 on the property.





# JOINING THE TEAM



Aloha Jackie Viloria Livas! We are so happy to have Jackie join the Code Enforcement team. In September of 2022, Jackie moved to Las Vegas from the island of Oahu and says that she is now in her forever home in Centennial Hills. Before joining Code Enforcement, Jackie worked for the State of Hawaii Child Support Agency. Her five year goals are to grow in

her position as an Office Assistant and visit her families in Arizona, Utah and California. She loves to cook, sight

see, go to concerts, watch comedy and scary movies. Jackie would like to share that she is very happy that she made the move to Las Vegas, she says the people are awesome and there is so much to see and do. We are happy to have Jackie as part of the team!





Josue Morales is one of Code Enforcement's newest Officers. Before coming to Code Enforcement Josue worked for Clark County as a truancy prevention officer for the Department of Juvenile Justice Services. Why he wanted to join Code Enforcement, is his desire for work and life balance, he also wanted to transition from helping families and children to helping the community in whole. Over the next five years, Josue hopes to become proficient in his new career field and to continue to build positive work relationships with his coworkers and supervisors. Josue also hopes to travel to Europe and start a family with his wife in the near future.

During his time off, he enjoys watching sports,

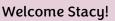
trying new restaurants and spending time with his wife and dog. His hobby is fishkeeping and loves to his aquarium at home. Welcome to the team Josue!



Say hello to Stacy Mata! Stacy, a welcomed new member of the Code Enforcement unit comes to us from CCSD where she worked as a Personnel Analyst in the HR Department. What made her want to join CCPRO was her belief in order and rules, and wanting to help and feel like she was making a positive impact. Her five year goals are to obtain a position that is challenging yet rewarding, while continuing to grow and learn. Personally, she just wants to be able to look back and feel as though

she has been making positive forward progress while living her life to the fullest. During her off time, she enjoys traveling, experiencing new things and going to watch her favorite team play! Go Dodgers!. A fun fact

about Stacy is that she also works seasonally for a locally owned haunted house company called "Freakling Bros", that is great seasonal fun for adults.





## AUTO REPAIR

In mid-September, Clark County Code Enforcement received an email complaint stating a mechanic's shop was being run out of their neighbors home. The complaint further stated that different cars were always parked along the street and in the driveway, as well as, numerous oil stains in the street and on the sidewalk. In addition to the running a business out of a home complaint, an additional safety concern was stated, as the fear of the children playing along the street could get hurt with the vehicles that were on jack stands, the mechanics tools strewn about or even slipping on an oil stain.

On September 20,2023, the officer inspected and he observed auto repairs being conducted. The officer also observed additional violations of outside storage, landscape parking, accumulation of solid waste and obstructing the sidewalk. A Notice of Violation was issued for all five violations.

A follow-up inspection was conducted, and Clark County Code Enforcement is happy to advise that all violations were corrected, the property is now in compliance and the neighbors are very grateful.









# NEIGHBORHOOD NUISANCE

In November, Clark County Code Enforcement received an email complaint from Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department regarding unhoused individuals taking up residency on a vacant lot. Upon initial inspection, the officer observed a large vagrant camp with trash and debris along with solid waste. Due to the conditions of the property, it was deemed an Imminent Danger and a notice was posted on the property. Code Enforcement Officers along with Las Vegas Metropolitan Police cleared the property and removed the unhoused individuals. The property was abated and cleaned of all solid waste, and on December 14, 2023, the property was liened in the amount of \$600.00.





# EYESORE



"This is an eyesore" stated the complainant about the dilapidated apartment complex that was near his home. The complaint continued to state that the property had been boarded up with "no trespassing" signs posted. There were still vagrants living there who leave their garbage all over the front of the apartments, up and down the stairs and throughout the hallways which creates an unsanitary environment. Not only is the place attracting drug activity, it should be considered a fire hazard. Even though the property owner had placed iron gates to help prevent break-ins, this didn't stop the vagrants from seeking shelter. CCCE and Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department declared this property to be

an imminent danger due to the missing unit doors, the broken windows and the vagrants living there. Due to the risks that the property posed to the community, prompt action was taken. The property was immediately cleared of the vagrants, cleaned of all trash and debris and

secured. A lien in the amount of \$1,700.00 was placed on this

property. Imminent









### WHAT DO YOU CAN D O

From time to time, Code Enforcement will reach out to Animal Protection Services and vice versa when the circumstances arise. On October 26, 2023, Code Enforcement Officers Rob Pollom and Stacey Reynolds were enroute to do an inspection on a Code Enforcement complaint when they saw two dogs running down the middle of one of our neighborhood streets. Officer Reynolds, who transferred from Animal Protection Services to Code Enforcement in July of 2023, insisted that they stop the truck and help the dogs. Officer Reynolds was able to swiftly capture both the dogs and contact Animal Protection Services, who were also patrolling for the dogs. After the dogs were impounded, Officer Pollom and Reynolds continued on with their inspections for the day. Great work!!





# OVERGROWN VEGETATION

In many cases, our Code Enforcement team can resolve violations by sending notices used to inform residents of violations taking place on their property. In this case, On November 11, 2023, our officer inspected the property and found that it was in violation due to the grass being over 4 inches tall, dead palm fronds and overgrown vegetation. Our officer completed two separate inspections and sent two Notices of Violation resulting in \$125 Service Fee being assessed. To our officer's delight, the third inspection exhibited that the property owner took action and cleared the property, which is now in pristine condition.



In 2023

CCCE

responded to 778 cases

for dead vegetation.

Resulting in

\$20,321

in assessed fees!



# EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Hip Hip Hooray, Gretchen Marshall has been named the Employee of the Quarter! Gretchen has devoted her career to Clark County since 2000, joining the Code Enforcement team in 2018. One of the best things about working for Clark County has been the lifelong friends that she has made throughout the years. Gretchen is a wonderful co-worker, always being there to help when needed, stepping in to join special committees and being a light to everyone around her with her great smile. Outside of work, Gretchen teaches Continuing Education courses at UNLV; enjoys traveling and spending time with her family and friends. Gretchen has many talents that contribute to her hobbies of sewing, crafting and

bowling. Gretchen also enjoys a good movie, her favorites being To Kill a Mockingbird, The Color Purple, and Auntie Mame, stating that all three of these movies use humor, forgiveness and love to offer solutions on these difficult

subjects. If she could go any where in the world, she







would go to Ghana and
Tokyo to experience their
different cultures. Lastly, if
she could trade lives with any
one person for two weeks, it
would be Oprah Winfrey, she
would love to tap into her
mind and absorb her
knowledge. To Gretchen,
Oprah "walks with purpose".
Thank you for all that you do!!



# FIND THE VIOLATIONS



1) Auto Repair 2) Landscape parking 3)Outside Storage 4)Accumulation of Solid waster 5)Structure obstructing pedestrian travel sidewalk 6)Storing trash receptacle in front yard.





By Phone:

702-455-7710

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Animalprotectionservices

info@clarkcountynv.gov

By Phone:

702-455-4191

By Email:

Publicresponseinfo@

Clarkcountynv.gov

**Graffiti Hotline:** 

702-455-4509

Report a Violation with FixIt Clark County