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YUCCA VALLEY CANCELS CONCERTS, POSTPONES FIREWORKS

Staff Writer, Z107.7 FM News

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The first hour of the nearly three-hour long meeting of the Yucca Valley Town Council was a presentation by **County Fire** Chief Dan Munsey, who warned the council that if voters repeal the FP-5 fire fee in November, the South Desert region of the county could lose three of its six fire stations. He asked the council and residents to separate their emotions from how the fire fee was passed from the issue. He added that the fire department is making changes to reduce its costs. Then the council approved Measure Y partnership funding for 11 agencies, and agreed to add the BMX track as a recipient. However, agencies that didn't send a representative to the meeting won't get their funding until they send someone to a meeting so the council can ask them questions. Managing editor Tami Roleff says the council then moved on to the summer concerts and Fourth of July fireworks...

With great reluctance, the Yucca Valley Town Council agreed to cancel two of its final three summer concerts due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The council also agreed to postpone the Fourth of July fireworks to the Saturday of Labor Day weekend (September 5), and to include one of the summer concerts with the fireworks. A town survey (completed by 291 residents) found that more than 92 percent still wanted the town to offer a summer swim program, so, if county regulations will allow it, the town plans to offer a six-week program of swim lessons (instead of eight weeks). And finally, the council learned that the new library renovation is complete; the town and the county are discussing how and when it will open.

The council also learned that the town's response is just a little bit better than the state's response in responding to the 2020 census; 61.9 percent of Yucca Valley residents have filled out their census forms, compared to 61.6 percent of state residents.

<http://z1077fm.com/yucca-valley-cancels-concerts-postpones-fireworks/>

How they voted:

Staff Writer, Needles Desert Star

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Needles City Council, Needles Public Utility Authority meeting in regular session on May 26. Councilors Tona Belt, Louise Evans, Shawn Gudmundson, Zachery Longacre, Vice Mayor Ed Paget M.D., Timothy Terral and Mayor Jeff Williams were present.

Conference with Legal Counsel: City of Needles v. Sanches, SBCS Case No. CIVDS 1925516.

Report from executive session: No reportable action taken.

NCC Informational item: Presentation by **San Bernardino County Fire** Chief Dan Munsey on the Countywide Fire Tax.

NCC action item: Approve amendments to the SBC Fire Protection District adopted Ordinance No. FDP 20-01. The action item will come back to the city council during their next meeting.

NCC informational item: Presentation by Captian Ross Tarangle of the 2019 city of Needles Annual Crime Statistics.

Recess NCC, convene joint NCC/NPUA

NPUA/NCC Action item: Award a contract to Burger and Comer for professional auditing services to perform the NPUA audit for the fiscal year 2020 not to exceed \$25,000 and FY 2021 not to exceed \$26,000. Councilor Longacre recused himself from the vote.

http://www.mohavedailynews.com/needles_desert_star/how-they-voted/article_cec33e90-a55d-11ea-afed-038572ce3f77.html

Hoist Rescue of a 77-year-old Male Hiker

John McMahon, Sheriff-Coroner, City News Group

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Photo Courtesy of: Google Commons

The crew rescued Octavian Cureteu, 77 years old, Loma Linda, CA.

On Sunday, May 24, 2020, at approximately 11:50 a.m., Octavian Cureteu and his daughter were hiking in the Loma Linda Hills when Cureteu lost his footing and injured his ankle. Unable to walk, and with no cell phone, Cureteu crawled to a nearby tree for shade. His daughter hiked down the mountain and found another hiker to call 911 for help.

San Bernardino County Fire Department responded to the area and located Cureteu. Due to the remote, steep and rugged terrain where Cureteu became injured, County Fire requested a helicopter with hoist capabilities.

San Bernardino County Sheriff Department's 40King2 responded and lowered a rescue medic down to Cureteu. After evaluating Cureteu's injuries, the medic placed Cureteu in a rescue harness and he was hoisted up into the helicopter. 40King2 transported Cureteu down the hill and landed in a field where County Fire and AMR personnel were waiting. Cureteu was transported to a local hospital by ambulance.

<https://www.citynewsgroup.com/articles/hoist-rescue-of-a-77-year-old-male-hiker->

4 killed, 1 airlifted in crash on Hesperia Road Monday night

Staff Writer, VictorValley News Group

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(Gabriel D. Espinoza, VVNG.com)

HESPERIA, Calif. (VVNG.com) — Authorities are investigating a crash that left four people dead and a fifth person critically injured Monday night.

It happened at about 11:12 pm, on June 1, 2020, in the area of Hesperia Road and Lemon Street.

First responders arrived on scene and located a 2004 Dodge Ram pickup truck and a blue sedan with major damage and one person trapped in a vehicle.

San Bernardino County Firefighters pronounced four people deceased at the scene and requested an airship to airlift a female with life-threatening injuries. A Mercy Air helicopter landed in the roadway and airlifted the patient to an out of area trauma center.

Firefighters and deputies were seen searching the area surrounding the crash. A deputy confirmed they were searching for additional people that may have been ejected.

Deputies from the Sheriff's Major Accident Investigation Team (MAIT) are currently handling the investigation into the crash.

As of 7:45 AM Tuesday morning, Hesperia Road between Lemon Street and Willow Street remained closed for the investigation. Motorists are advised to find alternative routes.

Anyone with information or who might have witnessed the crash is asked to call the Hesperia Police Department at 760-947-1500. More information will be posted when it becomes available.

<https://www.vvng.com/4-killed-1-airlifted-in-crash-on-hesperia-road-monday-night/>

Big Bear Fire boards meet this evening

Staff Writer, Big Bear Grizzly News

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The Big Bear Lake Fire Protection District meets at 4:30 p.m. followed by the Big Bear Fire Authority at 5 p.m. The Big Bear City Community Services District board, which also has some oversight in the Fire Department, met Monday evening.

The Big Bear Lake and Big Bear City board considered routine business related to the Fire Authority budget. Each agency must adopt the Fire Authority budget due to tax collections that are passed through to the authority.

At the 5 p.m. meeting, the full board, which includes the Big Bear Lake Fire Protection District board members and the CSD board members, will consider the budget for 2020-21.

Significant changes in operations are included in the budget for the coming year due to revenues not matching expenses. Measure I, which was before voters in March, would have formed a Community Facilities District to augment funding for the department. The measure failed.

As a result, administration put together a plan that reduces daily staffing, implements ambulance operator positions and resulted in the reduction of office staff shortly after the March 3 primary election.

Also on the agenda is discussion of whether to put together a request for proposal to seek operations of the department by an outside agency such as **San Bernardino County Fire** or CalFire. Both of those agencies are facing budget shortfalls, as well.

County fire has a measure on the November ballot asking voters to increase funding through FP5. The measure was implemented previously but the county was forced to put it before voters when voters in various communities objected. If the measure fails, there is the possibility of 19 stations closing and hundreds of firefighters laid off. County fire operates the station in Fawnskin.

To participate in the meeting via Zoom, log in at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85203765015>

https://www.bigbeargrizzly.net/big-bear-headlines-for-you/article_ea47d22e-a4cd-11ea-9ec4-3bd6271e08db.html