

Public Response Animal Protection Services Graffiti Enforcement 2025 SECOND QUARTER NEWSLETTER

DON'T SKIP THE CHIP!

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As part of the changes to CCC Title 10, effective August 4, 2025, each dog or cat over four months of age must be implanted with microchip identification in accordance with CCC 10.08.070(b).

Clark County Animal Protection Services has committed \$150,000.00 to bolster pet reunion efforts. To kickstart the program, the county has procured 10,000 microchips and has partnered with Hearts Alive Village, Heaven Can Wait, and the NSPCA to provide \$5.00 microchips to unincorporated Clark County residents' pets.



WHAT IS A MICROCHIP?

A microchip, also called a transponder, is rice grain-sized electronic device with a unique number. It has no power source and instead is activated by a microchip reader.

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WHY SHOULD I GET MY PET MICROCHIPPED?

Aside from it being required, microchips are permanent ways of identifying your pet if they get lost. According to an AVMA study, lost pets with microchips are about twenty times more likely to be returned to their owners than lost pets without a microchip.

Microchips also assist with shelter diversion. The more pets that Animal Control Officers can return in the field, the more room the shelter has for animals in need.

TRIPAWD TRIUMPH



Every child that asked for a pet growing up likely heard the following response: “A pet is a lot of responsibility.”

This is one of those dreaded moments when Mom and Dad were right. Pets are a lot of responsibility. They require quite a bit of maintenance in the form of food, water, veterinarian appointments, grooming, and enrichment. The good news is that these responsibilities are often a delight, a fulfilling bonding experience, and well worth the time, money, and resources.

When an animal is not fortunate enough to receive these things, Animal Protection Services is called. This was the case for Gigi, a neglected Maltese in desperate need of a groom, a teeth cleaning, and medical care for a bleeding paw. Our officers soon learned she had not been seen by a licensed veterinarian in eight years.

It took several attempts to speak with her owner, a warrant, three Animal Control officers, and the assistance of a Metropolitan Police officer to get Gigi where she needed to be: in the care of those that would help her.

Our wonderful partners at Hearts Alive Village were finally able to assess Gigi's condition. They found that severe matting had cut off circulation to one of Gigi's legs and it would have to be amputated.

This was not a sad ending for Gigi, however. She received her surgery, a haircut, and a teeth cleaning, and with proper care she made a full recovery.

So, where is she now? She's got a new home where she's thriving as a tripawd and receiving all the care she needs. Pets are a big responsibility, but when that responsibility is taken seriously, both pet and owner win in the end.

*They need
your care*



BIRD OR BUST!



Public transportation is an integral part of any city. It reduces traffic on the road, it's cost effective, and it's better for the environment. It's a worthy thing to support, and maybe that's what a little yellow parrot was thinking when she flew onto a bus and took a ride. This would certainly be much nicer than flying in the heat!

She did not have any bus fare, and perhaps that's why she was being so sneaky about it, evading the gaze of the driver for a few stops. It was another passenger that let the driver know that she had boarded, and

the driver gave Animal Protection Services a call. Once our officer arrived, she was treated to a much more private ride, no fare needed, to the shelter.



CHIP, CHIP, HOORAY!

Here's another story to remind you not to skip the chip! Importantly, don't skip updating your information on the registry, either. Dispatch received a call for a friendly dog without a collar roaming a neighborhood. While he had made cameo appearances on many security cameras, no one had managed to catch him yet.

Officer Enright arrived on the scene and after a short search she found the bull terrier, Aladdin, taking a nap against someone's fence. She called for him and upon waking, he happily approached her and allowed her to scan for a microchip. Thankfully, he had one, but the phone number on the registry was out of service. The address was not far off, however, so Aladdin was loaded into the truck to head home.

This seemed to be a dead end as well, until a family approached the truck and asked if Officer Enright had seen their dog. They provided paperwork proving that Aladdin belonged to them and explained that they had recently moved a few doors down the street. Their gate had blown open in the strong winds and they had been looking for their dog all night.

Aladdin was able to skip the trip to the shelter and go straight home with his very relieved family.



MIND THE NAP!



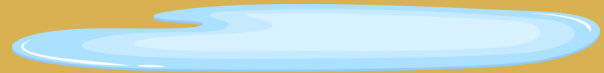
Kitten season starts in spring, when unspayed and unneutered cats are most likely to breed. This leads to an increase in the number of kittens in the valley.

For the most part, because cats are allowed to roam freely in Clark County, it is advised to leave kittens alone, as their mothers are well equipped to take care of them.

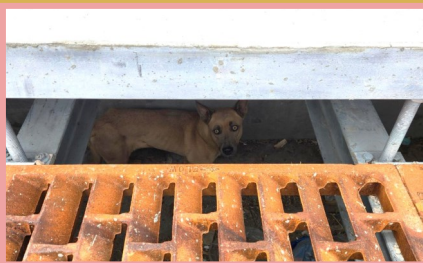


Unfortunately, sometimes nature intervenes and what was once a nice, dry, storm drain becomes a safety hazard. When a litter of kittens found themselves being washed away by sudden rains, they also found themselves learning quickly about human kindness. A number of good Samaritans retrieved the kittens from the rushing waters. Some were taken in by their rescuers, and at least two wound up in the custody of Animal Protection Services.

The kittens were a bit grumpy about the whole ordeal, but were soon dried off and cozy. When Officer Johnson arrived to take them to the shelter, they were not pleased to see her, as they had been napping. Despite them voicing their grievances, they were still taken to the shelter, and soon secured a place in foster care where they would get more specialized attention.



FROM FROZEN IN PLACE TO FOSTER FAIL



It seems like where there's an animal in a storm drain, there's a person ready to help them out. Dispatch received a call about an emaciated Belgian Malinois in this position, and the person reporting stayed with her while waiting for Animal Protection Services, too invested in the dog's fate to leave. The person reporting provided the

dog with food while they waited, and when Officer Cox arrived, the dog was safely removed from the drain.

With no microchip to be found, the anxious dog was taken to the shelter, and soon entered a foster home. Have you heard of a "foster fail?" It's when the foster parent decides to keep their foster dog permanently and adopts them. I think it's safe to say that this failure will be fully embraced.



WELCOME TO CCAPS

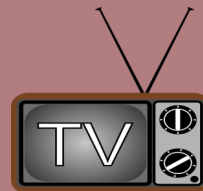
Say hello to Dawn Dupree, one of CCAPS newest dispatchers. Prior to becoming a member of the team, Dawn dedicated 30 years in the state of Ohio as a 911 operator and police dispatcher. One of the main reasons Dawn wanted to join Clark County is because of the great benefits and the same PERS retirement plan she was a part of in Ohio. Outside of work, Dawn loves to be outside, no matter how hot it is, she will be playing basketball or swimming. Dawn also likes to craft but says that she is likely to spend more money on supplies than it would have cost to purchase the item, but has fun just the same. Her favorite animal is a cat and her favorite movie is Shawshank Redemption. Some fun facts that Dawn has shared with us is that after spending so many years in Ohio, it would not bother her if she never saw another snowflake and that she has four sons who she now speaks to more often than when they were all in Ohio together. Welcome to



the team Dawn!



A warm welcome to Keisha Brooks, our second newest dispatcher. Keisha joins the team with 10 years experience as a 911 dispatcher in the state of California. One of the reasons Keisha was eager to join Clark County was because of the benefits, flexible schedule and the opportunity for growth. During her time off, she loves going to the movies, going to brunch and getting together with friends and family. Some of her hobbies are acting, modeling and writing short stories or short screenplays. Keisha has a lot favorite animals but she used to own potbellied pigs and loved them all so much. Some fun facts about Keisha is she is a mother of twins, one boy and one girl and is a grandmother of two. Keisha has also worked with numerous celebrities, been on game shows, and recently did voice over work for a commercial! She also works part-time for the Raiders football team. We are excited to have Keisha as part of the team!



EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Congratulations Joseph Esparza for being named Animal Protection Services Employee of the Quarter. Joseph joined the APS team in December of 2023 and since then has learned the best part of working with Clark County is being given the ability to grow as an individual and being given the opportunity to serve the community. During his time as an Animal Control Officer, Joseph stated he has learned the ability to obtain new skills while continuously engaging with the public and how to efficiently document his cases with the court system. During his off time, he enjoys spending time with his family, going to the gym, watching sports and being actively involved with his daughter's daily activities. Some hobbies include, traveling, hiking, trying exotic foods and thrill seeking adventures. Joseph aspires to travel to Turks and Caicos to take advantage of the tropical weather and beautiful scenery. We asked Joseph, if he could have dinner with any one person, who would it be and he heartfully said that it would have to be his mother, as she has always provided him with support and encouragement which brought him this far in his career. Keep up the great work Joseph!



2025 SECOND QUARTER STATISTICS

Vehicle Confinements 139

Stray Animals 586

Administrative Citations 233

Impounded Animals 2,035

Misdemeanor Citations Issued 335

Bite Reports 382

Total Sterilizations 4,720

Health and Welfare 485

Calls for Injured Animals 510

Felony Cases to Metro 10

Return to Owner in the Field 43

CALLS HANDLED IN THE FIELD
7,064

CALLS RECEIVED BY DISPATCH
23,277

ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS—FINES ISSUED
\$29,550



2025 SECOND QUARTER STATISTICS

TOTAL CCPRO CASES
6,290

TOTAL GRAFITTI CASES
3,432

2,776 OUT OF 3,101 CASES, 90%
RESOLVED

TOTAL FINES

Dead Vegetation & Weeds \$11,600
Building Without Permits \$45,200
Dangerous/Unsafe Structures \$550
Unlicensed /Inoperable Vehicles \$4,650
Running a Business Out of a Home \$4,050
Short Term Rental \$883,700
Trash & Debris \$22,950

Zoning Violations \$7,950
Landscape Parking \$4,950
Parking Citations \$60,300
Outside Storage \$2,600.00

Abandoned/Unsecured Properties 62
Auto Repair 178
Building Without Permits 221
Commercial Vehicles in ROW 831
Dangerous/Unsafe Structures 49
Dead Vegetation & Weeds 216
Imminent Danger 26
Landscape Parking 119
Outside Storage 47
Parking Citations 603
Short Term Rental 430
Squatter Homes 45
Trash & Debris 678
Unlicensed /Inoperable Vehicles 50
Vagrant Camps 707
Zoning Violations 598

WITHOUT FINES

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT TEAM

One of the most consistent complaints received in the Code Enforcement office is that of commercial vehicles in the right of way. Because of the continued increase in complaints, starting in late April 2025, Code Enforcement implemented its proactive commercial vehicle enforcement program. The program includes eight officers to proactively patrol areas with greater reoccurring complaints and violations in residential neighborhoods. With summer upon the valley the dedicated officers are off to an amazing start. In just two months the team has initiated over 365 proactive cases and responded to 290 complaints received by the office. Collectively they have issued over 449 parking citations and towed 11 semi-trucks. Because of the strong presence and persistent enforcement, the number of complaints received has reduced by 20% since this time last year. Great work Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Team, CVET!!



20% Reduction



THANK YOU

The issue of commercial vehicles in residential areas has been a significant concern reported to Clark County Code Enforcement. At times, the diligent efforts of the CCPO officers may seem overlooked. However, a particularly engaged citizen has expressed satisfaction with the recent advancements in addressing this matter. A homeowner and member of their HOA took the initiative to write a note of appreciation, reflecting the gratitude of the local residents. The commendable work of the Code Enforcement Specialist and the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Team has made a meaningful difference in the community. Their continued efforts are highly valued and encouraged.

April 28, 2025

Clark County Public Response Office
Code Enforcement Unit

Dear PRO / CE staff,

I'm a homeowner and HOA board member at the Havenwood development just off Blue Diamond Road, northeast of the Star Nursery location in Enterprise. Because we're a fairly new development and there is undeveloped desert (Bureau of Land Management-owned land) adjacent to us, as well as several nearby businesses, we've had a lot of commercial vehicles, particularly semis, parking illegally in the area and using it as a "free truck stop." This is an eyesore and noise issue, and more significantly it makes our homeowners concerned for their security when unknown people are loitering in the area with no legitimate reason to be there, especially overnight.

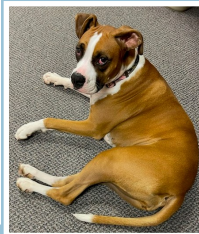
The Public Response Office / Code Enforcement team has been outstanding in helping us clean up this area and get rid of these nuisances. Since the beginning of 2025, we have been making a focused effort to document and report violations in our area, but of course we can only do that first step. After that, we rely on you - and you have been a huge help - your code enforcement officers have been fantastic about promptly tagging and citing these vehicles, and it's made a big difference - it no longer looks like a truck stop in our neighborhood, and the noise, garbage, and security concerns are noticeably less than before.

I would guess that you don't hear "Thank you" from the community as often as you should - so I want to tell you that you've been doing a really nice job - our homeowners notice all the work you've been putting in, and we can see the results! Thank you, and PLEASE keep up your fantastic work - you're making a difference to our neighborhood, and we are grateful for all that you do.

Awesome
WORK

WELCOME TO CODE ENFORCEMENT

Clark County Code Enforcement would like to welcome Adrian Chavez! Adrian joins the team with eight years of experience as the Code Enforcement Director in Needles, California. Adrian knew, once he moved to Clark County that he wanted to continue his career in Code Enforcement because of the endless possibilities with the growing department and because he enjoys educating and beautifying the community. Outside of work, he is a "Sports Fanatic", loves to attend all sporting events, spending time with family and going to comedy shows. His favorite animal is his pure bred Boxer, "Penny." If he could trade lives with any one person for two weeks, it would be Shohei Ohtani, to experience the thrill of high-level competition and athletic training! Adrian will be a great fit for our division!



Say hello to Shaquille Neal! Shaquille came to us from the CC Office of Public Safety, where he was the Lead Security Officer. Shaquille knew he wanted to stay with Clark County because of the job security, benefits and compensation, so accepting the position with Code Enforcement was an easy choice. Outside of work, he enjoys spending time with his daughter, playing games, going for walks and having family movie night. Some of Shaquille's hobbies include exploring new electronics, cars, and trucks, as well as watching HGTV, he really enjoys detailing and waxing his car. Some fun facts about Shaquille are that both his parents are retired military, thus instilling a strong sense of discipline. He lived in

Japan for a year. Aims to buy a luxury RV to travel across the county and lastly would love to meet the "real" Shaquille O'Neal. Welcome Shaquille!



EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Congratulations Sr. Code Enforcement Specialist Alicia Gonzalez for being named the Employee of the Quarter. Alicia dedicates her career to making a meaningful impact within the community and values being part of a team with integrity! One of the greatest things about Alicia is her field training abilities. She teaches the importance of adaptability and adjusting your approach with each case. These are valuable traits to have when dealing with our diverse community. Outside of work, Alicia enjoys hiking, watching her twin daughters "kill it" on the volleyball court, selfcare and anything that helps her recharge and stay grounded. Her favorite animal is the honey badger, it is one of the most fearless animals, has earned the reputation of being "afraid of nothing" and is also amazingly clever. If she could have dinner with any one person, dead or alive, she stated it would have to be her grandpa who passed away when she was 16 years old, she would love for him to meet her twins and to have the opportunity to ask him so many things. Alicia is a hard working, dedicated member of our team and is a great representative of the Code Enforcement Unit.



DANGEROUS STRUCTURE DEMOLITION

In November of 2024, The Clark County Fire Department contacted Clark County Code Enforcement about a mobile home fire which resulted in the property being categorized as dangerous/unsafe due to the extensive fire damage. On November 17, 2024, after the initial inspection, Lieutenant Williams mailed a Notice of Violation to the property owner communicating the property owner's responsibility to repair or remove the mobile home, and to remove all inoperable vehicles along with the trash, debris, and solid waste.

Over the following few months, Lieutenant Williams completed additional inspections and found that the property owner had slowly removed several of the vehicles from the property and some of the solid waste. Making contact with the owner, the owner expressed his inability to care for the property due to other obligations. Further inspections of the property found that the roof had partially collapsed, and tests showed positive results of asbestos being found in the materials of the home. Due to the results of these findings, it was determined that the removal of the home would be necessary. Lieutenant Williams completed the abatement process, which resulted in the clearing of the dangerous structure along with the debris on April 18, 2025.

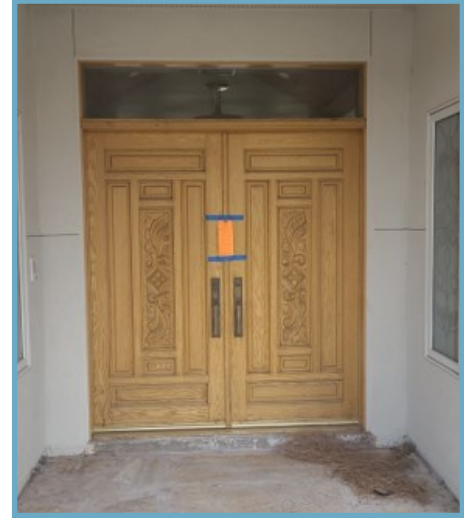
The total abatement cost was \$7,900.00, and resulted in a property lien.



72-HOUR NOTICE

A recent case involved a residential property reported through an online complaint for having a neglected, algae-filled green swimming pool. While it may seem like a minor nuisance, green pools can pose serious public health concerns. Standing water in unmaintained pools not only threatens neighborhood aesthetics, but it can also contribute to the spread of diseases like West Nile Virus and create hazards for both humans and pets. Especially in these warmer Vegas months where temperatures are reaching far over 100 degrees, stagnant water becomes a breeding ground for mosquitoes and other pests.

After the online complaint was reviewed and assigned, Officer Neal and Officer Morales promptly inspected the property. Although they were unable to make contact at the front door with a resident or owner and the property appearing to be vacant, they made contact with the neighbor who allowed access from their property backyard to view the pool. Once confirming the presence of an untreated and awfully green pool, a notice was posted on the property. This notice, also mailed to the property owner, declared a 72-hour notice of imminent danger that urged them to drain and clean the pool water within that strict timeline. Failure to do so would result in Code Enforcement draining the stagnant water at the owner's expense. In this case, that is exactly what happened. The owner failed to make contact with our office or take corrective action. Upon follow up inspection, Officers observed the posted notices were untouched and the property still appeared vacant. A warrant approval was sent to the District Attorney and District Court. Due to the lack of response and the potential public health risk, the approved return warrant was posted to the property and Officer Neal, Officer Morales and Lt. Williams moved forward with the case. With fighting mosquitoes flying about, the pool was drained and treated by a contracted company and access to the pool was secured. A lien was recorded in the amount of **\$400.00** and the once brooding threat was eliminated and peace of mind for surrounding neighbors was restored.



Green pools may not always be visible from the street, but when noticed, reporting them can prevent larger issues in communities from developing. Residents are encouraged to use the online portal, FixIt Clark County, or call our office to share green pool concerns, for quick and early reporting can protect entire neighborhoods from avoidable risks.

FIND THE VIOLATIONS



30.04.04(H)(1)(iv)(e) - Parking within unimproved or landscaped areas is prohibited.
30.04.04(G)(7) - Storage of unlicensed, unregistered, or inoperable vehicles.
30.03.01 (C) (1) - Outside storage prohibited in residential zones.
9.04.050 (c) Accumulation of solid waste.

ANIMAL PROTECTION SERVICES

By Phone:

702-455-7710

By Email:

Animalprotectionservicesinfo@clarkcountynv.gov



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By Phone:

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By Email:

Publicresponseinfo@clarkcountynv.gov

Graffiti Hotline:

702-455-4509

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