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"Clear the Shelters" with Free Adoptions

Visalia Animal Services is proud to be a part of this year's "Clear the Shelters" event taking place August 19th and 20th and August 23rd through the 27th by providing free adoptions.

One of nearly 700 shelters across the country, Visalia Animal Services is teaming up with KSEE 24, Eyewitness News 47 and Telemundo 51 for this nationwide pet adoption drive that helps find loving homes for animals in need.

"We have furry, friendly faces that are ready for their forever home and we are excited for Visalia Animal Services to be a part of this year's Clear the Shelters event," shared Ivy Ruiz, Visalia Animal Services Supervisor. "Adoption fees will be waived for this event, those who reside within Visalia city limits will only pay the animal's license fee."

Adoptions will not be on a first-come, first served basis, but rather shelter staff will determine the eligibility of adopters on what's the best fit for the animal.

Along with two other Central Valley animal shelters, Miss Winkles Pet Adoption Center in Clovis and The Cat House on the Kings, Visalia Animal Services will host Clear the Shelter at the Visalia Animal Care Center on Saturday, 8/19 and Sunday, 8/20 and then again on Wednesday, 8/23 through Sunday, 8/27.

For more information, contact Visalia Animal Services at (559) 713-4700. Follow the conversation online with #CleartheShelters.

Downtown Parking Structure Gets Makeover

Access to the downtown parking structure on 222 W. Acequia will change starting Saturday, August 19th as crews work on entrances and exits.

The City of Visalia, in coordination with Kaweah Delta Health Care District and Downtown Visalians, will change the entrance and exit locations for the parking structure to alleviate traffic congestion.

Due to the parking structure's proximity to the traffic signal at Locust Street and Acequia Avenue, congestion has become a concern. The entrance and exit changes will create a one-way traffic flow on the ground floor, making a more efficient and less congested route to the higher levels of the parking structure.

Visitors to the structure will notice crews on-site, but parking will be open and accessible as work takes place.

Along with the changes comes a change in parking restrictions as well. The second floor of the structure will now be designated as All Day Parking and Permit Only.

For more information, contact Jana Ferguson, City of Visalia Public Works, at jana.ferguson@visalia.city or at (559) 713-4429.

Beauty & The Beast: Be Our Guest!

Join us for an unforgettable evening filled with singing, adventure and family fun! The City of Visalia Parks and Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for vendors and food vendors for the upcoming Beauty & The Beast event set for Saturday, September 16th from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Riverway Sports Park Special Event Promenade (3611 N. Dinbua Blvd.).

"We are very excited to bring this free event to the community," stated Maggie Kalar, Recreation Supervisor with the Visalia Parks and Recreation Department. "We think this is going to be a memorable evening filled with singing, adventure and lots of family fun!"

The enchanted evening will start at 6 p.m., when attendees can meet the movie characters Belle and the Prince from the timeless tale of Beauty and the Beast, visit a variety of food and vendor booths, where they can play carnival type games and enjoy the singing styles of Belle as she performs some of the songs from the hit movie.

At 7:30 p.m., all eyes will be focused on the giant inflatable movie screen as everyone settles in to watch the live-action movie of Beauty and the Beast.

Vendors and food vendors can download an application [here](#) or stop by the Visalia Parks and Recreation Department's Business Office located at the Anthony Community Center (345 N. Jacob St.). Deadline to turn in all applications is Friday, August 25th by 5 p.m. at the Anthony Community Center.

This is an all ages event and there is no charge to attend. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets or anything comfy to sit on to enjoy the movie. No alcohol will be allowed at this event.

For more information on becoming a vendor or about the event, please contact the Visalia Parks and Recreation Department at (559) 713-4365.

Time to Finish Your Summer Clean-Up

Held at the City of Visalia Corporation Yard located at 335 N. Cain St., the Dump On Us event is free and available for all Visalia residents. The perfect time to rid your property of any garbage, electronic waste, green waste and/or household hazardous waste items, a commercial shredding service will even be on site.

Aside from your everyday waste, accepted items include cell phones, dryers, washers, mattresses (limit two per vehicle), furniture, scrap metal, small appliances, tires with rims removed (limit four per vehicle), printer toner cartridges, and residential concrete. Green waste accepted includes branches, grass clippings, leaves, lumber, wood, prunings and yard trimmings and Household Hazardous Waste is accepted.

To help minimize delays, please remember:

- Individuals should be ready at the entrance with valid identification to show proof of Visalia residency.
- All loads must be covered pursuant to California State Law and are subject to inspection.
- Doors must be removed from all large appliances.
- Home-generated sharps cannot be accepted.

For helpful details on loading, accepted items and additional 2017 dates, additional information, visit www.dumponus.org or call the City of Visalia Natural Resource Conservation Division at (559) 713-4531.

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