

CCA Community Meeting

February 9, 2023 / 6:00-7:30pm /Raptor Ranch 332 AZ-64, Williams, AZ 86046

Attendees

CCA and Valle community members

Agenda

1. Food distribution
2. CCA Yard Sale
3. CCA Farmers Market
4. Trash removal
5. Road conditions

Notes

- **Meeting started with the introduction of CCA and their mission. An ice breaker activity helped to introduce community members to each other.**
 - Our mission is to cultivate an alliance to provide education, resources, and opportunities for community residents to improve their quality of life while building a sustainable environment.

Utilizing the 9 pillars of self-love to bring harmony into one's human experience; intellectual, emotional, occupational, environment, community, physical, adventure, spiritual & creative expression.
- **Food distribution-**
 - A calendar was passed out with the dates\time of the distribution for the year, which can also be found on [Canyon Community Alliance](#) (second thursday of the month @ 10:30am) .
 - Proxy was explained. This is a form that an individual can fill out to have another individual pick up their food box for them. It was also suggested that neighbors work with each other and take turns picking up food for their immediate neighbors. A proxy form has to be filled out and put on file every 6 months. An individual is allowed to be a proxy for up to 5 people. A pdf file for the proxy form can be found on <https://www.canyoncommunityalliance.org/>

- A discussion about how important it is for everyone to claim their food every month, whether it is through a proxy or for yourself. St. Mary's does an audit every 3 months to monitor how many food boxes are being distributed and will adjust the amount of food they provide accordingly. Anyone who is eligible and receives the CSFP boxes (age 60+) must pick up every month. If 2 consecutive months are missed you will be considered inactive and have to reapply for that benefit.
- CCA would like all community members who want to volunteer for the food drive to have that opportunity. If you are interested in volunteering please reach out to Sarah Avelenda- canyoncommunityalliance.s@gmail.com or message us on facebook.
- **CCA yard sale-**
 - The yard sale is in the connex at Valley mini storage.
 - CCA will start having yard sales again in April
 - Volunteers are needed to help organize the items for the yard sale. A date and time is still to be determined. If you are interested in volunteering please reach out to Miranda Baldosky- canyoncommunityalliance@gmail.com
 - CCA farmers market will start up in May. It is open to growers and artisans.
 - Artisans must have a Transaction Privilege Tax (TPT) license which is free to obtain and is a tax on vendors for the privilege of doing business in the state. CCA can assist anyone who needs help applying for their TPT.
 - You can find the application for the market at <https://www.canyoncommunityalliance.org/> Vendors are responsible for providing their own booths. There is no power available at the market..
 - There is a community member who can help register your land with the Farm Service Agency in Flagstaff which will help growers get loans and grants. If you have interest in this, please contact Miranda Baldosky at canyoncommunityalliance@gmail.com, she can put you in contact with this person.
 - Produce is greatly desired at the market. Anyone interested in selling produce should plan accordingly to be ready for the growing season.
- **Trash removal-**
 - Trash pick up has been a big issue (especially this year) because of the muddy roads.
 - There is a community member who is trying to organize a trash dump/removal service in the Valle area for a fee. Anyone interested in participating in this can contact Ben Holladay at canyoncommunityalliance.t@gmail.com and he can put you in contact with this person. You can find their website <https://acclscompany.com/Home/WasteServices>

- **Roads-**

- This was the hot topic of the evening. What can we, as a community, do about the roads?
- There were some great suggestions to get a start on the road issue. One being, starting a small fee that everyone pays to CCA, as a donation, to put in a fund for roads, when there's enough money to start some of the work it can be paid for from that fund. Also contacting Willie (Chevron owner) about the possibility of renting his equipment to start grading the roads. Or everyone that lives on one road chip in to handle that road. Also contacting the AirBnB's about contributing a certain amount, which will benefit their business.
- A few of our community members have a lot of knowledge about how to properly fix these roads.
- This was a great start to the future brainstorming sessions that need to take place to make this happen. The community needs to join together to support each other and we will all benefit from the systems we create.
- There is a section in the Valle area plan that discusses roads. If anyone is interested in reading up on this it is on page 27. There will be a link on <https://www.canyoncommunityalliance.org/>
- A road committee is being formed and the first meeting will be posted soon. Anyone who has any knowledge or skills and wants to be a part of/ have input on the roads should reach out to Ben Holladay at canyoncommunityalliance.t@gmail.com to be put on the road committee.

Action Items

1. Reach out to get involved in helping this community thrive.

Next meeting will be March 9th at 6:00 pm