

# CCA Community Meeting

March 9, 2023 / 6:00-8:00 pm /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
6. Introduction of CCA's new Vista employee
7. Guest speaker Tiffany Kerr from health and human services will give some information on available programs

## Notes

- **Meeting started with the introduction of CCA and their mission.**
  - 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.
- **An ice breaker activity helped to introduce community members to each other. Each attendee had the opportunity to express what they would like this community to be-**
  - To find a successful way to help each other- The roads improved - To see the community thrive and everyone able to live their best life - Learn how to grow our own food - Build friendships and get to know your neighbors - Provide our own food/collaborate on how to grow food - Build a church - Encourage friendships and entrepreneurship - For everyone to come together to fix problems, such as food insecurity - Create a barter system - Clean up the trash from the Valle area - See more people getting involved - Child education - Positive energy - Have a thriving food pantry - A feeling of togetherness - Fire, EMS, and security - More activities for

children, like playgrounds and childcare - Better internet access and print shop - Being self sufficient - Things like the farmers market that keep money within the community - Sharing and trading information - Clean, peaceful living - Good neighbors - Make the community feel like a family - Gravel on the roads - To see everyone working together - Access to recreation in the community - Have more understanding of each other - Spread hope, to feel love and give love

- **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](mailto: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
- Donations of shelving units is needed to help organize items
- The goal is to be able to use the connex like a little thrift store
- 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](mailto:canyoncommunityalliance@gmail.com)

- **CCA Farmers Market-**

- 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](mailto: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.
- **Health Disparities Program-**
  - This program is available to anyone in Coconino county who is eligible
  - Services include things like, a one time only \$50 fuel gift card, a free bike and helmet to help with transportation, a limited time prepaid cell phone
  - Visit <https://www.canyoncommunityalliance.org/> to view flyers on these services or go to <https://coconino.az.gov/149/Social-Services> for a full list of services available and how to apply. You can also stop by 2625 N. King St in Flagstaff or 850 W. Grant Ave in Williams.
  - North Country HealthCare has a mobile medical unit available in Tusayan. Located at the Tusayan Fire Department (408 AZ-64, Grand Canyon Village, AZ 86023)
    - Every 1st Tuesday of the month, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm
  - Most insurance plans are accepted, including AHCCCS (Arizona’s Medicaid program) and Medicare. We also have a [sliding fee scale](#) for those who qualify.
  - North Country HealthCare has certified application counselors to assist with enrolling in AHCCCS health insurance, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF cash assistance).
  - There is a possibility of getting a mobile medical unit in Valle if there is enough people in the community.
  - **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](mailto: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?
- It was reported that there isn't any cinder available until April due to the weather
- A few of the community members have already begun doing some type of grading for neighbors. Other people have offered the use of equipment they have. It was suggested that a crew of people that are willing start getting truck loads of cinder from the cinder pit by hand and spread themselves.
- A few of our community members have a lot of knowledge about how to properly fix these roads.
- The community needs to join together to support each other and we will all benefit from the systems we create. We still need help gathering information on how many people live on each road and their level of commitment they can give
- A community member volunteered to pull public records of property owners to help assist in sending letters about the road improvements.
- 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](mailto:canyoncommunityalliance.t@gmail.com) or Rod Kraemer at [coachrod101@gmail.com](mailto:coachrod101@gmail.com) to be put on the road committee.

## Action Items

1. Reach out to get involved in helping this community thrive.
2. Sign up to be put on the community volunteer list by visiting <https://www.canyoncommunityalliance.org/>

Next meeting will be April 13th at 6:00 pm