

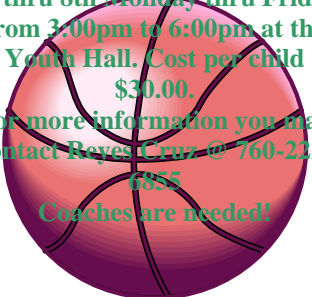


Westmorland Chamber of Commerce

NEWS LETTER/January 2010

Basketball Sign Up's for grade 1st thru 8th Monday thru Friday from 3:00pm to 6:00pm at the Youth Hall. Cost per child \$30.00.

For more information you may contact Reyes Cruz @ 760-222-6855
Coaches are needed!



Announcement to all of our Customers & City Resident's in observation of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

City Hall will be **CLOSED** on Monday, January 18, 2010
We will return to our normal office hours on Tuesday, January 19, 2010



From City Staff

Animal Control Leash Law Ordinance

Section 1. PROHIBITION. It shall be unlawful for any person owning or possessing any dog or cat to permit the same to run at large. For the purpose of this paragraph, "running at large" shall be defined to be the presence of a dog or cat at any place except upon the premises of the owner.

A dog or cat shall not be considered to be running at large if it is on a leash and under control of a person physically able to control it.

No dog or cat shall be allowed in any parks or any swimming areas open to the public in the city.

Section 2. IMPOUNDING DOGS AND CATS. Whenever any police officer or other person designated by the chief of police shall find any dog or cat running at large as defined in this ordinance, he shall, if possible, pick up and impound such animal in such place as the chief of police may direct.

Whenever any impounded dog or cat shall bear an identification mark such as a collar or license tag, the owner shall be notified forthwith. Any dog or cat impounded shall be held for a period of seven days. At the end of seven days the impounded dog or cat shall be disposed of unless the owner therefore shall reclaim such dog or cat and pay at City Hall the reasonable cost of keeping such dog or cat and impounding fee of \$10.00 dollars for the first impounding and \$20.00 dollars for the second and \$30.00 for the third impounding respectively in one year. The destruction of any impounded dogs or cats by any person designated by the chief of police under the provisions of this ordinance shall be by means of a manner prescribed by the county humane society.

Complete copy of this Ordinance 04-01 is available at City Hall.



Santa Comes to Westmorland!

Santa went around town on the Westmorland Fire Truck to hand out candy stockings and stop for a visit to our local daycare and Westmorland Elementary School.



Up Coming Community Events

- January 6th City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall.
- January 9th the 25th Annual Welcome Back Snowbirds
Pancake Breakfast will be held Saturday,
January 9, 2010 from 8:00a.m. to
10:00a.m. at Stark Field Park on the
Corner of 4th St. & Lenrey Ave. in El
Centro, CA. There is NO charge for winter
visitors with out-of-county identification.
Warm and fluffy pancakes, ham, fresh
coffee, orange juice, drawing prizes, and
informational booths. For additional
information contact the El Centro Chamber
of Commerce at 1-760-352-3681
- January 14th Imperial Valley Joint Chambers of
Commerce 2010, Business Showcase will
be held at the Imperial Valley Expo -
Preble Building located at 200 E. 2nd St. in
Imperial, CA. From 3:30p.m. to 7:30p.m.
For more information contact the Brawley
Chamber of Commerce at 1-760-344-3160.
- January 16th 13th Annual Imperial Sand Dune
Recreational Area Martin Luther King
Weekend Cleanup will take place on
Saturday, January 16, 2010. Registration
starts at 8a.m. Lunch is from 11:30a.m. to
12:30p.m. Free T-Shirts will be given to
the first 3,000 volunteers, free lunch and
hundreds of dollars in prizes. For more
information on participating, contributing,
or sponsorship please contact Charla
Teeters with United Desert Gateway at 1-
760-337-4155.
- January 20th City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall.
- January 23rd Imperial Valley College Science Building
Grand Opening and Open House will take
place from 10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. at
Imperial Valley College located at 380 E.
Aten Rd. in Imperial, CA. For more
information contact Imperial Valley
College at 1-760-355-6219.
- January 29th "Enjoy an evening of fine dining and
entertainment as you pursue and sample a
varied and hearty display of Imperial
Valley agriculture." Friday, January 29,
2010, at 6:30p.m. at the Stockmen's Club
located at 275 Marjorie Avenue in
Brawley, CA. For ticket information you
may contact Misty Houser at 1-760-353-
8332.

If you any events or info you would like to include in our
monthly newsletter contact City Hall at the number listed
below.

Beware of scams

2010 Census (Cautions from Better Business Bureau)
Ask for ID; do not give banking info
They will not contact you by e mail

**You may be getting a knock at your door soon, or
maybe a call. Follow these instructions. This is from
the BBB (Better Business Bureau).**

Be Cautious About Giving Info to Census Workers

**With the U.S. Census process beginning, the
Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to
be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become
a victim of fraud or identity theft. The first phase
of the 2010 U.S. Census is under way as workers
have begun verifying the addresses of households
across the country. Eventually, more than
140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every
person in the United States and will gather
information about every person living at each
address including name, age, gender, race, and
other relevant data.**

**The big question is - how do you tell the
difference between a U.S. Census worker and a
con artist? BBB offers the following advice:**

**** If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they
will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census
Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice.** Ask
to see their identification and their badge before answering their
questions. **However, you should never invite anyone you
do not know into your home.**

**** Census workers are currently only knocking on
doors to verify address information. Do not give your
Social Security number, credit card or banking
information to anyone, even if they claim they need it
for the U.S. Census.** While the Census Bureau might
ask for basic financial information, such as a salary
range, **the Census Bureau will not ask for Social Security, bank
account, or credit card numbers** nor will employees solicit
donations.

**Eventually, Census workers may contact you by
telephone, mail, or in person at home. However,
The Census Bureau will not contact you by Email, so
be on the look out for Email scams impersonating the
Census...**

**Never click on a link or open any attachments in
an Email that are supposedly from the U.S.
Census Bureau.**

For information on any of these events, please contact City Hall @ 760-344-3411