

WELCOME TO OUR

Monthly Newsletter

we're so glad you're here!



WHO IS CANYON COMMUNITY ALLIANCE?

Our Mission

CCA's mission is to **cultivate an alliance** to provide **education, resources, and opportunities** for the community to **improve the quality** of life while building a sustainable environment, utilizing the 9 Pillars of Self-Love: intellect, **occupation**, environment, community, physicality, adventure, spirituality & creativity.

Pillar 6: Occupation

Occupation as a pillar of self-love. Embracing a fulfilling career enriches our sense of purpose and personal growth. By aligning our work with our passions, we nurture self-worth, inspire confidence, and contribute positively to our community. Cultivate your professional journey with love and intention.

Created To Inspire A Harmonious Community

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CCA
RUMMAGE POP UP

Directions to Pop Up!

Visit Our Rummage Pop-Up!
Discover a diverse selection of fantastic items available for purchase that help support CCA's efforts for the Valle community. Your support is essential. If you're interested in donating or volunteering, contact us today.

7:00 AM-4:00PM | SUNDAY JULY, 21ST
LOCATION: VALLE MINI-STORAGE

EMAIL US: INFO@CANYONCOMMUNITYALLIANCE.ORG
WEBSITE: CANYONCOMMUNITYALLIANCE.ORG



ST. MARY'S FOOD DISTRIBUTION
LOCATION: GRAND CANYON INN MOTEL
THURS, JULY 11TH, 10:30AM-12:30 PM
EVERY 2ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
First Come First Serve



JULY 11
1000 - 1400

NORTHERN ARIZONA VA
RESOURCE FAIR
Veteran

GET VA ASSISTANCE WITH
DISABILITY • ENROLLMENT • HOUSING
COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS PROVIDED

RAPTOR RANCH
332 AZ-64, WILLIAMS, AZ 86046
JULY 11, 1000 - 1400

VA U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
Northern Arizona VA Health Care System



We had a fantastic experience at the Grow Your Food Workshop with Ida Rose! During the workshop, we gained valuable insights into watering techniques and seed planting. A big thank you to Ida Rose for generously sharing her knowledge & time with the community.



Community Hub

Share presentations, research studies, and more to showcase work in the community, fostering knowledge sharing and growth among members.

CLICK HERE

Community Endeavors

Valle's

COMMUNITY FRIDGE

Food waste is a significant issue, contributing to environmental problems and food insecurity. Community fridges, or "freedges," offer a grassroots solution by reducing food waste, supporting those in need, fostering community, and raising awareness about these issues. These fridges are publicly accessible, volunteer-managed spaces where surplus food can be shared rather than discarded, making a positive impact on local food systems.

CONNECT, SUPPORT, AND OVERCOME TOGETHER.

JOIN US FOR AN AA MEET UP TO STRENGTHEN BONDS AND HEAL.

Come together to share stories, find support, and build connections.

Date: Every Sunday at 4pm
Location: Please contact Adrienne to learn more and get location.

Email: valle.aa@yahoo.com
 Phone: 512-234-2888

LET'S SUPPORT EACH OTHER ON THE JOURNEY TO RECOVERY.



WE'RE HIRING!




With over 20 years of diversified operations in consulting-contracting-service from general engineering, general contracting, mechanical, electrical and plumbing both commercial and residential including facility maintenance. We are looking for motivated self-disciplined individuals to join our team in building the future!

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- SKILLED TECHNICIAN / TRADESMAN ****ALL TRADES****
- FRONT OFFICE / ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
- ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNICIAN
- OPERATIONS MANAGER / PROJECT MANAGER

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Upcoming Events

VALLE EVENTS

**CELEBRATE THE
4TH OF JULY IN VALLE!**

CLEAR SKY RESORTS GRAND CANYON

4TH OF JULY

FOOD & DRINKS, MUSIC, CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT

LIVE MUSIC BY **AARON WHITE**
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TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE \$5

Celebrate Independence Day!

JULY 4 in TUSAYAN

TUSAYAN
"AMERICAN SUMMER"
Parade
Food, Drinks, Beer & Wine
Bike Decorating
Kid's Games
Cornhole Tournament
Live Music
Native Dance Performance
Great Auction Items

JOIN THE FUN!
3:15 - 10:30 pm

Scan for more info

DRONE LIGHT SHOWS
AT DUSK (Pet Friendly)

FREE EVENT courtesy of the Town of Tusayan
For more information visit Tusayan-az.gov/explore

GRAND CANYON VILLAGE EVENTS

GRAND CANYON FOOD PANTRY
Monday's 11:00am-1:00pm
Wednesday's 5:30pm-7:30pm
Saturday's 2:00pm-4:00pm

87 Sunset Drive, Grand Canyon Village

TUSAYAN EVENTS

**TOWN OF TUSAYAN
SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM**

July 9th-25th

Tues, Wednes, Thurs 11:00am-1:00pm

Tusayan Sports Complex

CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS & WAIVER

Sunday 9:00-10:00am Circuit Training (Fitness) - Ramada
Monday 6:30-7:30pm Relax & Unwind Yoga - SPR
Tuesday 6:00-7:00pm Strength Training (Fitness) - Ramada
Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm Slow Flow Yoga - SPR
Thursday 6:00-7:00pm Core Strength (Fitness) - Ramada

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Upcoming Events

FLAGSTAFF EVENTS



[Click HERE for a lineup of all events!](#)



May - Oct 2024
8:00AM-12:00PM
City Hall 211 W
Aspen Ave
Sorry, No Dogs
Allowed



FLAGSTAFF ART IN THE PARK

Friday, July 5th - Sunday, July 7th
9:00am-4:00pm
Wheeler Park



Best Practices for Removal Workshop

Learn about the best methods to remove invasive plants to prevent regeneration, then practice these methods along the Rio de Flag in Sinclair Wash (Lone Tree Dr & Brannen Cir).



Friday, July 12th
5:30-7:30pm
Sinclair Wash



If you would like to add events to the newsletter please contact us.

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WILLIAMS EVENTS



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY GRAND OPRY

Saturday, July 6th
12:30pm - 5pm
300 W Railroad Ave.

Live music, Food, Beer Tent,
Carnival Games, Cake Walk,
Auction, Arts & Crafts Show,
Surprises!

Monsoon
season is
here!

Sustainable Living



Five inexpensive, DIY ways to filter Rainwater

Collecting and filtering rainwater is a sustainable practice that can significantly reduce your dependence on external water sources. Here are some cost-effective, DIY methods to filter rainwater effectively:

First Flush Diverters - Purpose: Redirects the initial rainwater, which is likely to contain roof contaminants.

- **How-To:**

- Install a T-junction in your downspout.
- Attach a vertical pipe with a removable end cap or ball valve.
- As the pipe fills, the ball rises and seals it, allowing cleaner water to enter your storage tank.

Sand and Gravel Filter - Purpose: Removes larger particles and sediments.

- **How-To:**

- Use a large container.
- Layer coarse gravel at the bottom, fine gravel in the middle, and sand at the top.
- Pour rainwater through this layered filter before storing it.

Charcoal Filter - Purpose: Adsorbs odors, chemicals, and impurities.

- **How-To:**

- Use activated charcoal or make your own by heating regular charcoal.
- Place the charcoal in a container with a mesh bottom.
- Filter the rainwater through the charcoal to improve taste and remove contaminants.

Simple Solar Still - Purpose: Uses solar energy to distill water, removing impurities and pathogens.

- **How-To:**

- Dig a pit and place a container at the center.
- Cover the pit with clear plastic, sloping towards the container.
- Place a small rock on the plastic above the container to create a drip point for condensation.

Ceramic Filters - Purpose: Filters out bacteria and fine particles.

- **How-To:**

- Use a ceramic filter in a bucket or container.
- Pour rainwater through the filter, allowing it to pass slowly.

Rainwater Storage - Prevents contamination maintains quality.

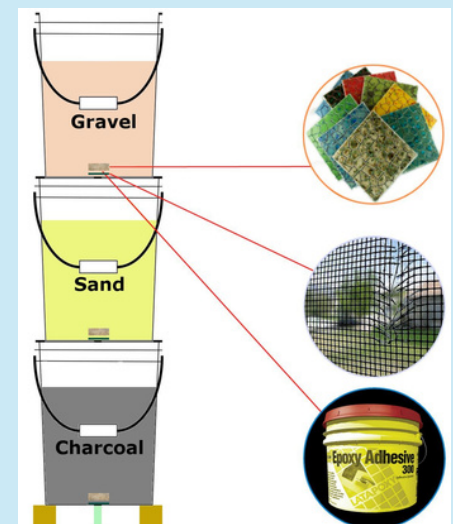
- **How-To:**

- Use food-grade barrels or tanks.
- Keep the container covered and clean.
- Use a mesh screen to prevent debris and insects from entering.

Maintenance Tips:

- Regularly clean gutters and downspouts.
- Replace filter materials periodically.
- Test water quality occasionally.

Implementing these simple and inexpensive methods can ensure a clean and reliable water supply on your homestead, enhancing your self-sufficiency and sustainability.





Natural Living



Prickly Pear

The prickly pear cactus (*Opuntia*), known for its vibrant fruit and remarkable health benefits, is a nutritious powerhouse. Revered for its ability to lower blood sugar and combat inflammation, it also boasts a wealth of vitamins and minerals.

Explore innovative ways to harness the tasty, healing properties of prickly pear in your everyday life by reading the article below.

[Click here for the full article](#)



Recipe of the Month

[Click here to share your favorite recipe.](#)

Prickly Pear Fruit Juice

Ingredients



- Prickly pear fruit (Approximately 12 fruits will make 1 cup of juice.)
- Water to cover
- Citric acid or lime juice, to taste
- Sugar or honey, to taste

Directions

Selecting & Harvesting the Fruit

Select fruit that is at the peak of ripeness for the best quality and sweetness. Unlike many other fruits, prickly pear fruit will not continue to ripen once it has been picked. Mature fruit will be darker in color, such as dark red or purple, and will be firm while also giving gentle pressure. They should have a high percentage of pulp, low seed content, and a peel that's easy to remove.

When harvesting fruit, always use tongs and thick gloves to avoid contact with large spines and tiny glochids on the pads and fruit. Twist rather than pull the fruit from the pad to avoid tearing.

Preparation Method 1: Glochids are removed from the whole fruit before the juice is extracted.

1. Rinse fruit.
2. Remove all glochids as described in the "Preparing the Prickly Pear Fruit" section on the linked article (page 5).
3. Once the glochids are removed, cut the fruit into halves or quarters.
4. Place the fruit into a blender or food processor and blend until the fruit is liquefied.
5. Remove the fruit from the blender by placing it in a fine mesh strainer or strain with cheesecloth over a large bowl.
6. Strain the fruit, pressing it on the side of the strainer to get as much juice as possible.

[Click for Article](#)

Preparation Method 2: Fruit is cooked to extract juice and glochids are removed through straining juice.

1. Rinse fruit and then use tongs to place it on a clean cutting board.
2. Remove any damaged spots. (It's not necessary to remove the glochids as you would when preparing raw or sliced fruit.)
3. Wash the fruit with a hard water spray and cut it into halves.
4. Place washed, cut fruit in a large pan and cover with water.
5. Cook the fruit for 10 minutes, then mash with a potato masher & cook another 10 minutes.
6. Strain the slurry through a very fine mesh strainer or a colander lined with cheesecloth or coffee filter.
7. Use a spoon to press the juice from the seeds and skin.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN

Coconino County

Current stage updated June 28, 2024: Stage 1 Fire Restrictions for Coconino County

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Please click the link to see the most updated Fire Restrictions:

<https://coconino.az.gov/2595/Fire-Restriction-Information>



STAGE 1 PROHIBITS

1. IGNITING, BUILDING, MAINTAINING, OR USING A FIRE, INCLUDING FIRES FUELED BY COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS SUCH AS WOOD, CHARCOAL, BRIQUETTES, AND/OR COAL.

Exemption: Fires fueled by combustible materials, such as wood, wood pellet smokers, charcoal, briquettes, and/or coal are allowed in a Developed Site.

Exemption: LPG fueled stoves, grills, or fire rings with on/off switch. These devices must be within a Developed Site.

2. SMOKING

Exemption: Smoking is only allowed within an enclosed vehicle, or Developed Site.

3. USE OF EXPLOSIVE TARGETS, TRACER ROUNDS, OR INCENDIARY AMMUNITION.

STAGE 1 PROHIBITS

Igniting, building, maintaining, or using a fire, including fires fueled by combustible materials such as wood, charcoal, briquettes, and/or coal outside of a Developed Site.

Illustrations of a charcoal grill, a bag of charcoal, and a smoker.

STAGE 1 EXEMPTIONS

Campfire at a Developed Site:

Photos of a campfire in a cleared area and a grill on a developed site.

The Developed Site must include a radius of 15ft surrounding the fire and/or combustion site that is barren and cleared of vegetation and combustible materials. The area above 15ft radius must also be cleared.

STAGE 1 PROHIBITS

Campfire outside of a developed site:

Photos of campfires in undeveloped areas.

DEFINITION: Developed Site

Photo of a campfire in a developed site.

The Developed Site must include a radius of 15ft surrounding the fire and/or combustion site that is barren and cleared of vegetation and combustible materials. The area above 15ft radius must also be cleared.

Voice of Valle

Building a Strong Community in Valle, Arizona

My Journey to Valle, Arizona

On July 4th, 2021, I arrived in Valle, Arizona, for my two children, embarking on an off-grid living journey that marked a significant shift from my previous life in corporate America. This new lifestyle brought challenges and opportunities, as I sought to adapt to the rules and norms of a more disconnected, self-sufficient existence. This transition allowed me to reevaluate what it means to truly live and contribute to a community.

Since my arrival, I have been deeply involved in various facets of the Valle community. One of my key roles is serving as the treasurer of the nonprofit organization Canyon Community Alliance (CCA), a position I have held since 2022. The CCA is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in our community through various initiatives, and it has been an honor to manage its financial health and support its mission.

Beyond my role in the CCA, I have worked with numerous local businesses and residents, including Raptor Ranch, Robbco, Valle Hardware, S & J Cafe, Stoney, AirBnB operators, and many community members. Each of these roles has taught me the importance of community involvement and the power of collective effort.

The Importance of Community Contributions

Our community thrives because of the productive contributions of each member. Whether it's a local business providing essential services or a neighbor lending a helping hand, every action counts. These contributions create a strong, prosperous community where our voices are heard, and our concerns are addressed. The collaborative spirit in Valle is a testament to what can be achieved when we work together toward common goals.

Lessons Learned from My BA Psychology Degree

Throughout my journey, I pursued a BA in Psychology, which has profoundly shaped my understanding of human behavior and community dynamics. This degree has equipped me with tools to foster better communication, conflict resolution, and empathy. Understanding the psychological principles behind community engagement has allowed me to apply these insights to my work with the CCA and other local initiatives.

One key lesson from my studies is the importance of emotional intelligence in building and sustaining relationships. This has helped me navigate the complexities of community interactions and foster a supportive and inclusive environment. Additionally, learning about the growth mindset has encouraged me to view challenges as opportunities for growth, a perspective that has been invaluable in my off-grid living experience and community work.

Looking Ahead: Expanding Impact

With my newly achieved knowledge and experiences, I am eager to expand my impact on those in need within our community. I hope to use my psychology background to offer support and resources to individuals seeking to improve their lives. This might include counseling, workshops on personal development, and initiatives aimed at mental health and well-being.

My vision for the future is a community where everyone feels empowered to contribute and where we continue to support each other in meaningful ways. By leveraging the insights gained from my psychology degree, I aim to foster a community that is resilient, empathetic, and forward-thinking.

In conclusion, my journey in Valle, Arizona, has been transformative, both personally and professionally. The lessons I have learned and the relationships I have built underscore the importance of community and the potential we have to create positive change together. I look forward to continuing this journey with all of you, working towards a brighter and more connected future.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to making Valle a wonderful place to live.

Warm regards,

Ben Holladay

Treasurer, Canyon Community Alliance, and Avid community member!!!

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~If you wish to collaborate with CCA~ Please email us

info@canyoncommunityalliance.org

Thank you Teresa and Michael for your help in building shelving and organizing the connex.

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Flagstaff Foodlink
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