

THE VIRGIN VALLEY VOICE

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WELCOME TO THE ONLY LOCAL PAPER IN THE VIRGIN VALLEY

Let's start the first ever edition of the Virgin Valley Voice the way we are and how this paper will be run... Without any BS.

I'm Annie Black. I sell real estate, do estate sales and home staging around here, and I mailed you this newsletter. Yes, I'm hoping that someday, when you or your neighbor needs to sell a house, buy a house or figure out what to do with Grandma's house after she's gone, you think of me and the crew at Annie's Estates. That's the truth. Plain as a Nevada sky.

Here's another truth: our valley doesn't have a local paper or central place to go when we wanna know what's happening. Mesquite, Bunkerville, The Arizona Strip — three towns that share a river, a Super Walmart and apparently zero people interested in running a local paper. If you're not on Facebook or NextDoor, you miss things. If you are on social media, you still miss things, because the digital gremlins decided not to tell you about the thing happening a block away. IF you DO find out what's happening in the valley, it's a week too late — standing in line at Smith's, hearing about it secondhand from somebody who heard it thirdhand. Or maybe you just never hear about it at all.

So we're trying something old-fashioned: paper, ink and your actual, literal, physical mailbox (or PO Box, for all you AZ Strippers). Once a month, you'll get a community calendar built by your neighbors, not robots; an article or two, some from me, hopefully plenty from you; and a little bit of what we do — not much, we promise, and we'll try to make it funny.

If it's useful, stick it on the fridge. If it's not, it's compostable. Either way, nobody's feelings are hurt. We sell houses, not the Wall Street Journal.

MEET THE TEAM AT ANNIE'S

Annie — Likes Piña Coladas and getting lost in the rain. Escaped Las Vegas and moved to Mesquite in 2016. Got into real estate because her dad and uncles were all in the biz. Dreams of becoming an underwater treasure hunter someday.

Tommy — Annie's eldest son and Realtor, roped into the family business... like his mother before him. Have a dog named Purdy because I'm a 49er fan. Loves poker and keeping everyone laughing.

Troy — The man behind the camera that makes everyone look way cooler in our videos than we actually are. Lives up on Jones Flat with his wife and kids. Was a pro skateboarder back in the day and is a world-class music DJ.

Pam — Lives in Sun City Mesquite by way of Montana. Runs her own business called Affordable Servant, where one of her jobs is making Costco runs for people. If you ever need that — give her a call. Fun person and a great lady!

WHERE IS THIS COMING FROM?

Have you seen that big white building on the corner of Mesquite and Sandhill Blvds — in Mesquite? That's where “Annie's” is at, and it's where this newsletter is coming from. It's named Annie's because... well, that's obvious. What is Annie's? That's a little harder to explain. First and foremost, it's our office. We make funny videos here, plan estate sales and all kinds of work stuff. BUT it was always Annie's dream to have a place people knew they could just come and hang out. Where they knew the coffee was always on and they can come right in... like home. So, that's what we're building.

220 E Mesquite Blvd — stop in, say hi. Help yourself to coffee, whatever's in the fridge and make yourself comfortable.

Wednesday @ Annie's — a totally free community event with coffee, soda, water, music and whatever else we dream up that week. It starts at 10am — every Wednesday, rain or shine — and goes til noon. Sometimes later if we're avoiding doing work that day.

RESOURCES YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT

Mesquite Works STEAM Center — 312 W. Mesquite Blvd. Free, hands-on STEAM programs for kids and adults. 702-344-5556 or mesquiteworks.org.

Mesquite Senior Center — 102 W. Old Mill Rd. Meals, meal delivery, games, fitness classes, telephone check-ins. 702-346-5295.

Mesquite Recreation Center — 100 W. Old Mill Rd. Daily senior fitness classes: yoga, chair yoga, strength, water aerobics. 702-346-8732.

Staying active — or getting your kid off a screen for an hour — doesn't have to start from scratch. It's already happening down the road. You just weren't told about it, which, frankly, is the whole reason this newsletter exists.

THE COMMUNITY CALENDAR — WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS WORK

Here's the deal: this calendar is only as good as what you tell us. We are not full time reporters. We're a handful of people with day jobs — some of us with three of them — armed with a vision and a stubborn belief that this valley deserves better than “I guess we'll find out about it if we see it on Facebook.” So, starting now, this calendar belongs to YOU.

How to submit an event: Email

Operations@AnnieBlack.com by the 14th of the month, for next month's issue.

Church event, 4-H meeting, garage sale, school fundraiser, a poker night, event at the Veteran's Center — tell us! If it matters to twenty people in Bunkerville, it matters to us. That's the pitch. Are you in?

AUGUST 2026 EVENTS — “Reasons to Leave the Air Conditioning”

Every Wednesday, all month — Wednesday @ Annie's, 10 AM–12 PM, 220 E. Mesquite Blvd. Free coffee, cold drinks, live music and great company. No RSVP, no agenda, no sales pitch — just fun.

Also Wednesdays — “Suddenly Feeling Alone” Support Group, 10:30 AM, Fellowship Hall, First Baptist Church of Mesquite. For anyone feeling alone due to loss, divorce, or health. You are not alone.

Sat., Aug. 1 — Vegas McGraw: Tim McGraw Tribute, 7 PM, Virgin River Events Center, 21+

Mon., Aug. 3 — Mohave County Board of Supervisors, 9:30 AM, 700 W. Beale St., Kingman. Or watch live online at mohave.gov/common-links/meeting-portal.

Wed., Aug. 5 — Bonkerz Comedy: Carmen Vallone, 7 PM, CasaBlanca Showroom

Thu., Aug. 6 — Meet Your Teacher, 4:30–6 PM, Beaver Dam Elementary, 3436 E. Rio Virgin Rd., Beaver Dam, AZ.

Tue., Aug. 11 — Mesquite City Council, 5 PM, Mesquite City Hall. Or watch live online at mesquitenv.gov/meetings-agendas.

Sat., Aug. 15 — The Reflex: '80s Dance Night, 8 PM–Midnight, Eureka Ballroom, free, 21+. Seafood Buffet, 4–8 PM, Town Square Buffet at Eureka.

Mon., Aug. 17 — Mohave County Board of Supervisors, 9:30 AM, 700 W. Beale St., Kingman. Or watch live online at mohave.gov/common-links/meeting-portal.

Fri., Aug. 21 — Twisted Cherry at the Pool, 8–10:30 PM, CasaBlanca Pool, free. DJ Fuego, 9 PM–Midnight, Eureka Ballroom, free, 21+.

Sat., Aug. 22 — Uptown Funk: Bruno Mars Tribute, 8–10:30 PM, CasaBlanca Pool, free. Comedy Night with John Caponera, 7 PM, Eureka Ballroom, free, 21+.

Tue., Aug. 25 — Mesquite City Council, 5 PM, Mesquite City Hall. Or watch live online at mesquitenv.gov/meetings-agendas.

Sat., Aug. 29 — Ms. Senior Mesquite Pageant Bingo Fundraiser, doors 10 AM, game starts 11 AM, Elks Lodge #2811, 545 Riverside Rd. \$25/ticket, raffles included. Tickets: 801-699-9947 or any pageant contestant.

All month — Abandoned Places Art Exhibition, Aug. 4–28, Mesquite Fine Arts Center.

Dates and times can change. Please confirm with the venue.

A note about Bunkerville and the AZ Strip: we looked. We really looked. As far as the internet is concerned, almost nothing shows up — which, if you actually live out there, you know is flat-out bologna. We don't know all the things that're happening... yet. Submit your events by emailing Operations@AnnieBlack.com — it's totally free, and everyone in the community will appreciate it. Make sure to include contact info, the date, time, address and all event details.

GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?

We'd love your voice in here every month — a memory of the valley “back when,” a tip on a subject you're an expert in, an article about something you love, a well-earned rant about the heat or the lack of a Trader Joe's (lol), kudos to a great person in the community... whatever! If you've got 100 words in you, send them to Operations@AnnieBlack.com. We can't promise we'll print everything, but we'll read everything. Paper, ink and postage isn't cheap so we're limited on what we can print — for now. If this goes well, we plan to add more pages to the paper... so please spread the word.

Everything we get will be published in an email once a month. If you wanna get it, send an email to Operations@AnnieBlack.com.

THE FINE PRINT

This newsletter is paid for and put together by Annie Black and the team at Annie's Estates. We sell real estate, do estate sales and home staging, and this is how we've decided to introduce ourselves to the valley: by being useful first and earning your business second.

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See you next month.