

e-News Alert

October 1, 2024

Latest News

MarketFest is Back!



Exciting news, Blythe! **MarketFest** is back and better than ever, starting Saturday, October 5, at a brand-new location: 205 W. Hobsonway, on the corner of Spring Street and Hobsonway, in the Remax parking lot. You can now enjoy both morning and evening markets! Check out the full 2024 MarketFest calendar below:

- 10/5: Morning Market
- 10/12: Evening Market
- 10/26: Morning Market - Halloween activities!
- 11/2: Morning Market
- 11/16: Evening Market
- 11/23: Morning Market
- 12/7: MarketFest at WinterFest - date and location TBD

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Upcoming Events

St. Joan of Arc Bazaar

October 4-6

St. Joan of Ark Catholic
Church

Blythe Speedway

Race 8

Saturday, October 5
3 - 10 p.m.

MarketFest Grand Re-Opening

Saturday, October 5
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 8
6 p.m.

Palo Verde Economic & Stakeholders

Alliance Meeting
Thursday, October 10

- 12/14: Morning Market
- 12/21: Morning Market with a visit from Santa

For the whole schedule, please visit [MarketFest's website](#).

[Learn More](#)

Don't Miss National Night Out!



Join local law enforcement for [National Night Out](#) on Tuesday, October 22, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Todd Park (370 N Broadway).

Bring the whole family for an evening of fun, featuring law enforcement displays, free food, games, music, face painting, giveaways and more!

Don't miss the CHP K-9 demonstration at 5:30 p.m.

We hope to see you there!

City Hall Multi-Purpose Room

MarketFest Evening
Saturday, October 12
6 - 10 p.m.
Re/Max Parking Lot

PVHS Homecoming Parade
Friday, October 18
4 - 5 p.m.

PVHS Homecoming Football Game
Friday, October 18
7 - 11 p.m.

Blythe Chamber of Commerce Charity Off-Road Fun Run
Saturday, October 19
7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

National Night Out
Tuesday, October 22
4 - 7 p.m.
Todd Park

NGPC National Grand Prix Championship
October 25 - 27
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Shorty's Sports Park

MarketFest Morning
Saturday, October 26
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Re/Max Parking Lot

Blythe Speedway Race 9
Saturday, October 26
3 - 10 p.m.
Blythe Speedway

Trunk or Treat
Thursday, October 31
6 - 8 p.m.
Calvary Chapel

Sign-up for a Booth at the Calvary Chapel Trunk or Treat!

Join us for the Calvary Chapel Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 31, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the pad next to Calvary Chapel (145 N Spring St).

This family-friendly event provides a safe and fun place for the community to celebrate Halloween. Enjoy games, candy and snacks, with hamburgers and hot dogs generously provided by Calvary Chapel. Be sure to visit the City of Blythe's booth!

Agencies and vendors are invited to set up booths free of charge to hand out candy, share information about their business, and, if possible, host a game or activity! Please note that retail sales are not allowed.

Booths will be open from 6 to 8 p.m., and will be located in the vacant lots of Sears and Ashley. Vendors should arrive by 5 p.m. to set up.

To reserve your spot or for more information, contact Jacob Osife by October 19 at (760) 501-1009 (cell) or (760) 922-9675 (church office).

Let's make it a night full of fun!



New Shopping Cart Ordinance Effective October 10



A new shopping cart ordinance will take effect on October 10. Shopping carts left off premises have become a growing issue across the city, and this ordinance aims to enhance public health, safety and overall community well-being by ensuring carts stay where they belong.

Key points to know:

- It is unlawful to remove a marked cart from a premises or possess one without the owner's written consent.
- Cart owners must prevent carts from being abandoned on private property.
- Signs are required on carts and premises, reminding people to keep

- carts onsite.
- Cart owners must have a containment plan or a cart retrieval service in place.

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Apply For the 2025-26 Urban County CDBG Program

The application period for the 2025-2026 Urban County CDBG program is now open for 501(c)(3) non-profits.

This federally-funded program aims to provide decent housing, create a suitable living environment and increase economic opportunities for low-income individuals and families.

Applications will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 24. Final funding decisions will be made at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, November 12, at 6 p.m.

Applications, program information and guidelines are available at the City Clerk's office at 235 N. Broadway or on the [City's website](#).

For questions, please contact City Clerk Mallory Crecelius at 760-922-6161 or email msutterfield@cityofblythe.ca.gov.

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Know Before You Go: Colorado River

Rivergoers, please be aware of the freshwater parasite, *Heterobilharzia americana*, that has been found in the Colorado River, and can cause canine schistosomiasis. While this may sound concerning, please don't worry—there have only been 11 confirmed cases in Southern California between October 2018 and January 2023.

If you're visiting the river, take precautions to keep your pets safe. Watch for signs



Know Before You Go

Keep your pets safe while at the Colorado river! Make sure to look out for diarrhea, weight loss and lethargy!



such as diarrhea, weight loss and lethargy. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid letting your dogs have direct contact with natural freshwater sources like lakes, rivers and streams.

For more information about schistosomiasis, visit: <https://rcdas.org/veterinarians>. If you have any questions, feel free to contact shelterinfo@rivco.org.

[Learn More](#)

Sign-ups for Youth Soccer are happening now through November 1 for boys and girls ages 4 through 8th grade at the Joe Wine Blythe Recreation Center, located at 127 S. Main Street.

If you register by October 25, the cost is \$50 for the first child and \$45 for additional siblings. A \$5 late fee will apply for sign-ups after October 25. The final day to sign up is November 1 by 5 p.m.

A Skills Assessment will take place at Miller Park on November 6:

- 3rd and 4th grades: 4:30 p.m.
- 5th and 6th grades: 5:15 p.m.
- 7th and 8th grades: 6 p.m.

Referees and coaches are needed!

For more information, visit the Recreation Center or contact us at (760) 922-4266.



[Ride PV, the Palo Verde Valley Transit Agency](#), will be offering free rides on all service routes for the remainder of 2024! This is a fantastic opportunity for residents and visitors alike to enjoy cost-free transportation throughout Blythe. Whether you're commuting to work, running errands or exploring the area, take advantage of this limited-time offer.

For more information about the free rides, contact the Palo Verde Valley Transit Agency at (760) 922-1140 or visit their website at Ridepvtvta.com.

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Blythe, don't miss out on the exciting Palo Verde High School Homecoming on Friday, October 18!

- **Parade:** 4–5 p.m. on Hobsonway
- **Football Game:** 7–11 p.m. at Scott Stadium

It's going to be a fun, family-friendly night—hope to see you there!



PALO VERDE HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

PVHS Homecoming Parade:
4-5 p.m. on Hobsonway

PVHS Homecoming Football Game:
7-11 p.m. at Scott Stadium

Charity Off-Road Fun Run



Get ready for the **1st Annual Scholarship Off-Road Fun Run**, on Saturday, October 19, hosted by the Blythe Chamber of Commerce! This exciting event will feature food, music, games, raffles and fun for the whole family. Registration and camping will be held at Shorty's Sports Park (1650 N Lovekin Blvd), with the run kicking off between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Be sure to register in advance! Driver registration is \$60 and rider registration is \$40. Your registration includes a 5-Stop Poker Hand, event t-shirt, lunch, free raffle entry and more! Come out, enjoy the day and help a great cause. Don't miss this

Register Now

incredible event!

For more information, please call the Blythe Chamber at (760) 922-8166 or stop by the office at 101 E. Hobsonway.

October City Council Meeting

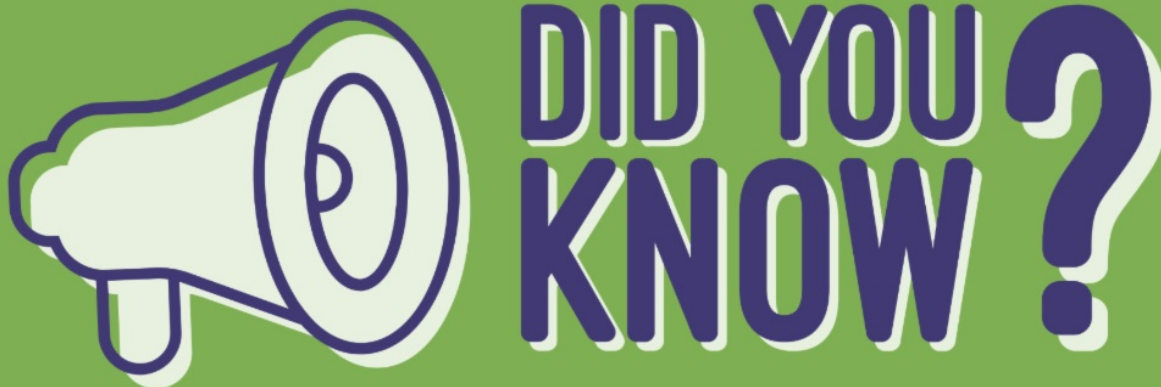


Friendly reminder the September City Council meeting will be on Tuesday, October 8 at 6 p.m. at City Hall (235 N. Broadway).

Join us and stay in the loop with all things Blythe!

View the [meeting agenda and public participation guidelines](#).

Looking forward to seeing you all there!



Building Safety Tips: Business Signs and Banner Permits

Need a permit for your business sign or banner? Here are a few key things to keep in mind:

- Banners are allowed with a sign permit for new businesses or location changes within 6 months of opening, but they must meet specific requirements and cannot be displayed for more than 30 days.
- Banners are not for permanent signage.
- Temporary signs, such as campaign or garage sale signs, may also require permits, so please check the municipal code.

If you're installing or updating business signage (painted, attached, or pole signs), approvals from the Planning Department and permits may be required.

Please note: All signs must be on your property and cannot be placed in the City's right of way (from the sidewalk to the street). Any signs in violation will be removed.

For more information, visit the Development Services Department at 235 North Broadway or call (760) 922-6130.

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