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Latest News

The City of Blythe's Efforts to Keep Palo Verde Hospital Open



Thank you to everyone who continues to advocate to keep Palo Verde Hospital open. We appreciate the efforts of our community during uncertain times.

The City of Blythe is working with Riverside County to extend the hospital's closure. On Jan. 9, 2026, The Blythe City Council authorized a $330,000 emergency fund loan to keep the hospital open. Afterwards, the County approved a $1 million loan to postpone the planned closure of the Palo Verde Hospital. The County is working on the implementation of a "strike force" led by Riverside University Health System to independently stabilize and manage the Palo Verde Hospital Emergency Department for 180 days to maintain emergency medical services, assess current conditions and develop recommendations for next steps.

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Upcoming Events

Super Bowl Scramble
Sunday, February 8
9 a.m.
Blythe Golf Course

Chamber Monthly Alliance Meeting
Thursday, February 12
10 a.m.- noon
City Hall Multi-Purpose Room, 235 N Broadway

Presidents Day City Hall Closure
Monday, February 16
City Hall will be closed

Artisan Craft Fair
Saturday, March 7
8 - 11 a.m.
Palo Verde Valley District Library,
125 W. Chanslor Way

Colorado River Fair
Thursday, March 12 - Sunday, March 15
8 a.m.
Colorado River Fairgrounds,
591 Olive Lake

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
Friday, March 27

What's next?
The City of Blythe will continue coordinating with Riverside County, the District and our state partners. The City of Blythe hopes the Palo Verde Health Care District Board of Directors will take advantage of the County's "strike force" to stabilize and sustain operations at Palo Verde Hospital. There is also hope that the District will gain access to its Medi-Cal Voluntary Rate Range Program funds of $9 million which is necessary to sustain operations long term.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to City Manager Mallory Crecelius at 760-922-6161 or **MSutterfield@cityofblythe.ca.gov**.

Learn More

3 -7 p.m.
St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church,
875 E. Chanslor Way

Used Oil and Oil Filter Recycling Event
Sunday, March 29
8-11 a.m.
AutoZone,
812 E. Hobson Way

Preschool Story Time
Every Wednesday
10 a.m.
Palo Verde Valley District Library,
125 W. Chanslor Way

68th Annual Outlook Conference
Thursday, April 2
9:30 a.m.
Palo Verde College Performing Arts Center,
One College Dr.

The Super Bowl Scramble is Almost Here!



Join us on Sunday Feb. 8, at 9 a.m. at the **Blythe Golf Course** to kick off Super Bowl Sunday with a great round of golf!

To participate, it costs $55 per player and $25 for Annual Pass Holders. This includes greens fees, cart and prizes.

For more information, contact Blythe Golf Course at (760) 922-7272.

Let's come together start Super Bowl Sunday on the green!

Save the Date: 68th Annual Outlook Conference

This year, Blythe welcomes its 68th Annual Outlook Conference.

The City of Blythe invites residents, community leaders and stakeholders to join us for this year's festivities.

When: Thursday, April 2
Time: 9:30 a.m
Location: Palo Verde College Performing Arts Center (One College Dr.)

This long standing tradition brings our community together to share key updates, discuss priorities and look ahead to the future of Blythe.

More details coming soon, including the program agenda and speakers. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for updates on this important community event!



February City Council Meeting



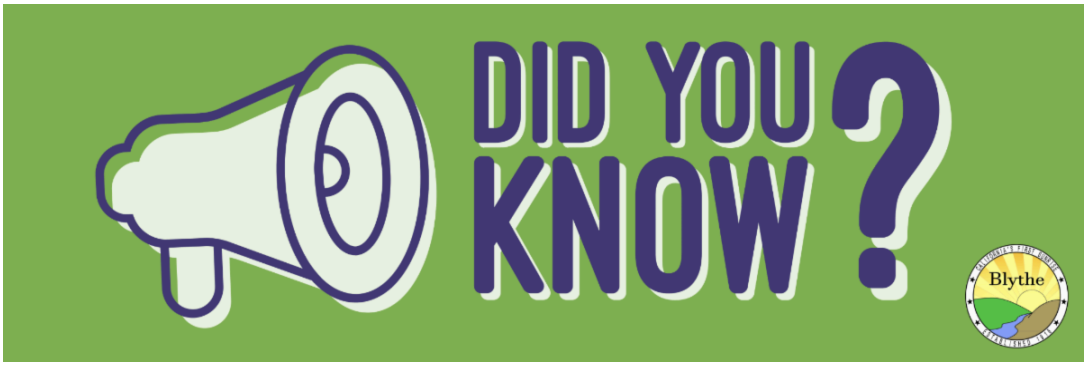
Friendly reminder the February City Council meeting will be on Tuesday, February 10 at 6 p.m. at City Hall (235 N. Broadway).

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!

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If you're planning to open a business in Blythe, the City is ready to support you every step of the way.

We can help answer questions about:
• Zoning and property requirements

• Permits or planning entitlements before construction or tenant improvements
• Project Reviews (PRCs)
• Signs and temporary banners

When you're ready to open, we can guide you through:
• Business license applications
• Fictitious Business Name Statements
• Health Department approvals
• Fire inspections

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Take Advantage of the Get Fit Special

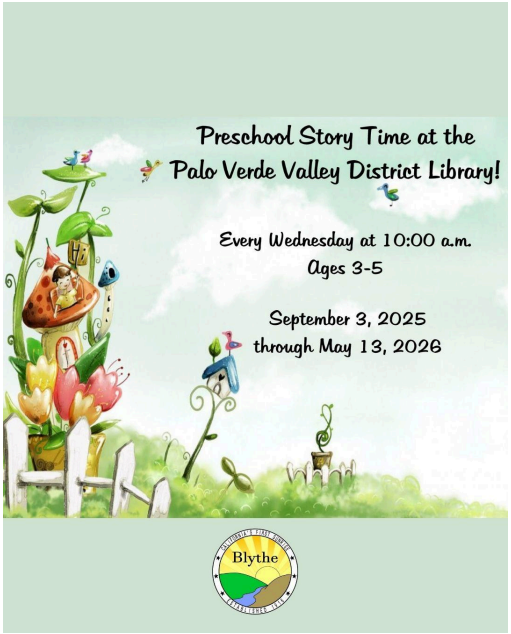
Join the Joe Wine Blythe Recreation Center for a Get Fit Special!

When: Jan. 2 – Feb. 27
Location: Joe Wine Blythe Recreation Center (127 S. Main St)

Buy two months for $50 and enjoy your third month FREE! That's a full quarter of fitness at an unbeatable price.

Call the Recreation Center at (760) 922-4266 for more details.





Join the Preschool Story Time!

Bring your child (ages 3-5) to Palo Verde School Story Time for stories, smiles and fun!

When: Every Wednesday now through May 13
Time: 10 a.m
Location: Palo Verde Valley District Library (125 W. Chanslor Way)

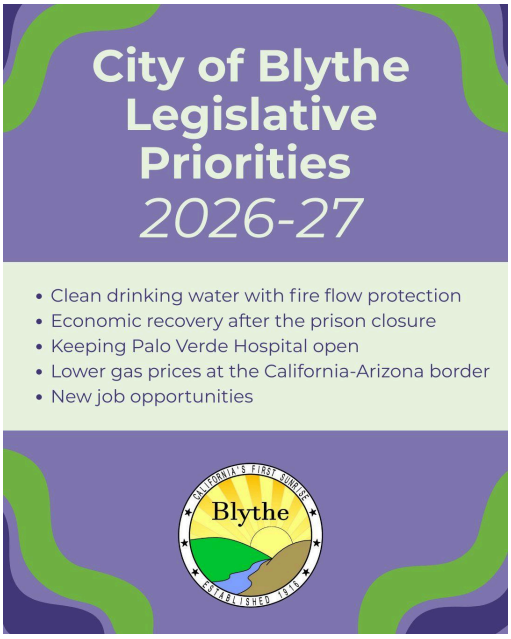
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Blythe's 2026-2027 Legislative Priorities

At the Jan. 5 meeting, Blythe City Council approved key priorities for the new year to support the community:

These goals included ensuring clean, safe drinking water and fire flow protection, economic recovery after the prison closure and keeping Palo Verde Hospital open. Other priorities included lowering gas prices at the California-Arizona border and creating new job opportunities through redevelopment

The City looks forward to continuing to protect essential services and supporting Blythe’s future.



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Share Your Story for a Chance to be Featured in Upcoming DMV/Donate Life Event



The City of Blythe invites our community to share how organ donation has positively impacted you or someone you love.

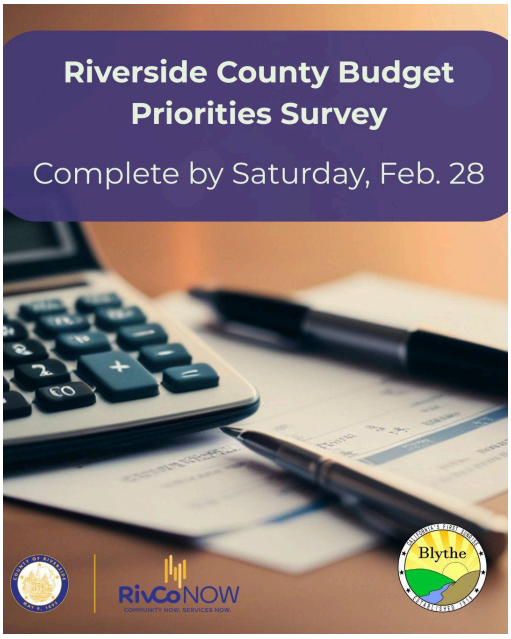
Whether you experienced a life-saving transplant or if a donor has made lasting legacy on your life, we would love to hear from you!

Share your story by contacting City Manager Mallory Crecelius by email at **MSutterfield@cityofblythe.ca.gov**.

Stories may be featured with permission during April's DMV Donate Life Month.

Organ donation saves lives, and your story can inspire others!

Complete the Riverside County Budget Priorities Survey



The 2026-27 Fiscal Year Budget Priorities Survey is now open.

Click **here** for the English survey and **here** for the Spanish survey.

Deadline: Saturday, Feb. 28

This survey seeks to better understand your priorities, needs and requests related to the county's budget. Your opinions can help shape how taxpayer dollars are spent. All responses will be reviewed before next year's recommended budget released in May.



Dispose Household Hazardous Waste

Blythe residents are invited to safely dispose of household hazardous waste at a free collection event.

When: Saturday, Feb. 28
Location: Blythe Landfill, 1000 Midland Rd.

This convenient, drive-through event allows you to properly get rid of items like paint, batteries, used motor oil and filters. You can also discard electronics, cleaning products, pesticides, propane tanks, needles and unused medications.

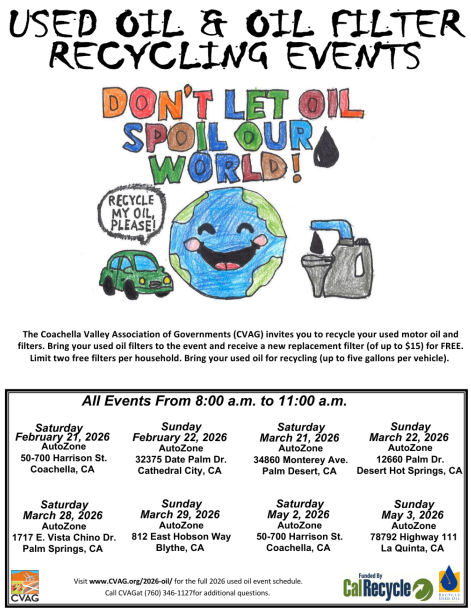
The event is for residential waste only and helps protect local health, groundwater and the environment by keeping harmful materials out of the trash and storm drains.

Used Oil and Oil Filter Recycling Events

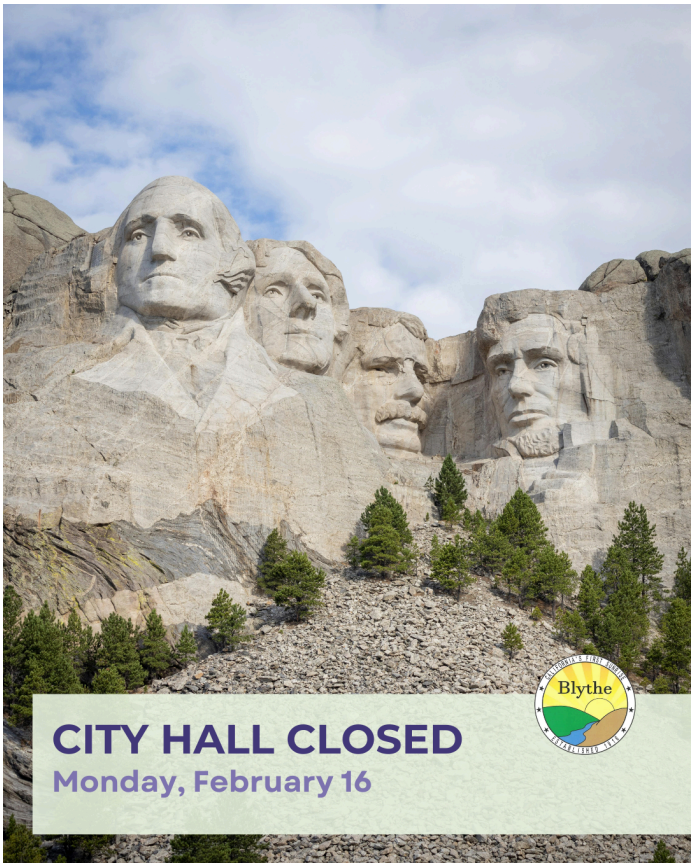
The Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) invites Blythe residents to recycle used motor oil and filters.

When: Sunday, March 29
Time: 8- 11 a.m.
Location: AutoZone (812 E. Hobson Way)

For free of charge, bring your used oil filters to the event and receive a new replacement filter (of up to $15). Limit two free filters per household. Bring your used oil for recycling (up to five gallons per vehicle).



Blythe City Hall Holiday Closure Notice



City Hall will be closed **Monday, Feb. 16**, in observance of Presidents Day.

Wishing everyone a meaningful day of reflection.

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