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# TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

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## MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

We are very fortunate to have Town employees who are dedicated to serving our residents and committed to making Payson a great place to live, work, and play. If I had to use one word to describe our people, that word would be 'AWESOME'! In an effort to create an opportunity for these awesome employees to help our town be all it can be, I am pleased to announce the formation of an Employee Engagement Committee (EEC). The goal of the EEC is to improve communications, enhance employee engagement, and make better informed recommendations and choices. The committee will support employees by engaging in learning, sharing decision alternatives, and soliciting input on various topics from our colleagues and co-workers. Committee members will also serve as an important communication channel to assist others to understand new programs and changes. To name a few areas likely to be explored, the EEC may work on topics such as employee benefits, work place safety and wellness, and employee recognition/celebrations.

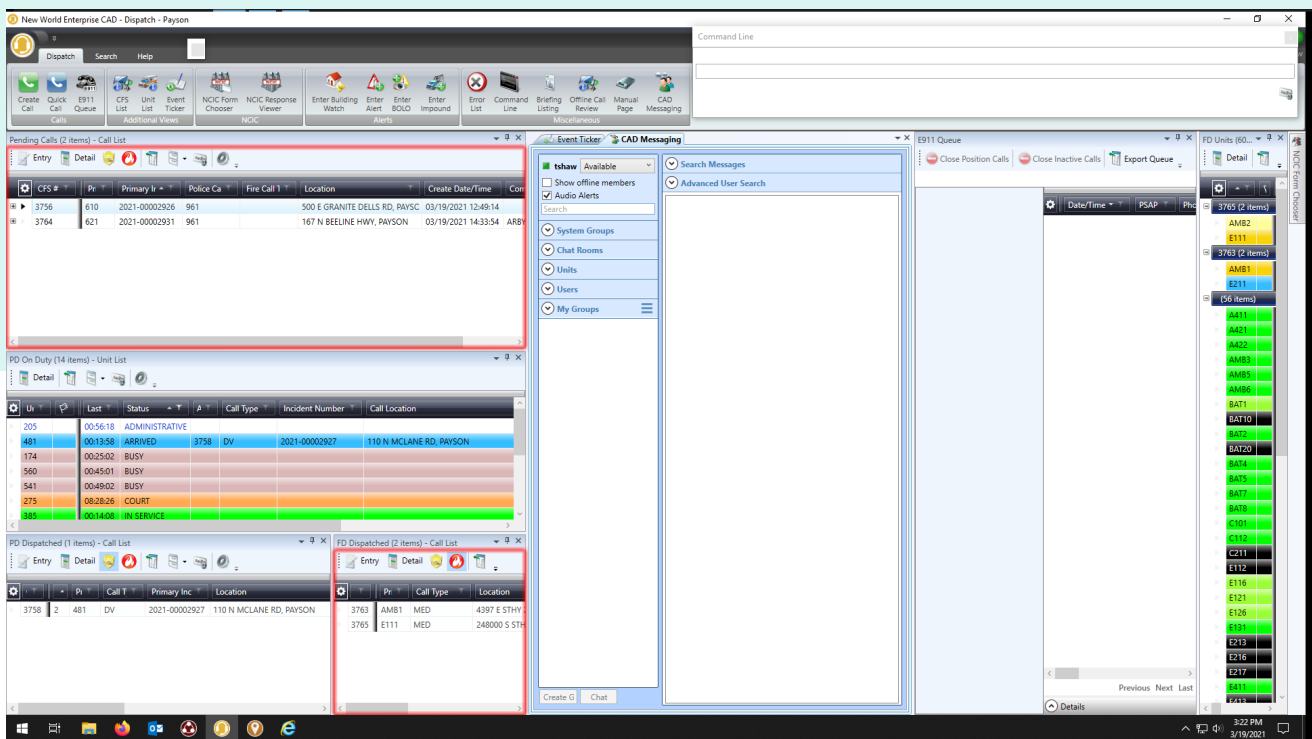
The committee will be administered by the Human Resources Department, on behalf of the Town Manager. To ensure a diverse range of perspectives, the goal is to create a committee comprised of employees from across departments, tenures, pay grades and roles. The committee will initially be limited to 12 members. The EEC will most likely meet once per month and could meet more frequently while working on specific projects, such as benefits. Members will serve for a one year term.

-Troy Smith, Town Manager

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department has trained several volunteers on how to use our Radar Speed Detection equipment. They will be going out in the field to run radar throughout the Town. The volunteers will collect the data for the most prolific problem areas of Town and officers will then be sent to those locations to conduct traffic enforcement. If you'd like to have your neighborhood added to the list, please call PD at 928-474-5177.

The update to our CAD/RMS system is complete (photo below).



PD conducted a Volunteer evacuation training this week, teaching them the proper procedures to help effectively evacuate the town citizens in an organized manner if the need were to arise. The Police and Fire Departments will be giving an educational presentation to Town Council on evacuation protocols during a Town Council meeting in the near future. Following this presentation they will be providing critical safety information to residents.

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Tischer and Lieutenant Hazelo presented at the March 16th Chamber of Commerce breakfast and luncheon.



## Design a patrol car contest

We asked the middle schoolers and high schoolers to design their next DARE vehicle. We put out a flyer to the schools that will be given to the students. The winner will not only see their design on one of our Dodge Chargers, but will also be featured in the Roundup.

**You Wrap It!**

The top three contestants will have their drawings featured in the Payson Roundup and on the Payson Police Department Facebook page.

The winner will receive a **\$100** gift card AND see their design come to life on one of our Payson Police Department Dodge Chargers!

**MUST INCLUDE**  
BICYCLE SAFETY  
PEDESTRIAN SAFETY  
D.A.R.E

Submit your designs to  
Officer Bogatko or Officer Rush  
by May 1<sup>st</sup>!

**You Wrap It!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Payson Police Department

**DUE BY MAY 1<sup>st</sup>!**

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

The fire department is continuing its Engineer Academy. The students are in the last stage of the training where they will be conducting field exercises.



The new Reserve Firefighters graduated their academy and are beginning to fill shifts. The new Reserve Firefighters are Kyle Luginbyhl, Jacob Vastine, and Bradley Johnson. In the coming weeks we will provide biographies of all of our personnel.



We had a very special visit from a customer who wanted to thank Captain Tutay's crew for the service he received. The crew was on a medical call and when they walked out of the house they noticed a man lying in the snow by the mail boxes. They went to see what was wrong, took the man back into his house and began assessing him. The patient went into full cardiac arrest. The crew immediately began CPR and Advanced Cardiac Life support treatments on the patient. The man survived and came to the station a couple weeks later to thank the crew. Kudos to a job well done by our crew!

# PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM

## Weather Station

The Parks, Recreation, & Tourism Office implemented a Weather Station overlooking Green Valley Park. This weather station will be incorporated into the [paysonrimcountry.com](http://paysonrimcountry.com) website for consistent and live information on the weather in Payson. The weather station and HD Camera will also be utilized by Arizona Family news broadcasts on channel 3 & 5 for live look-in's and weather updates on Payson.

**ONLINE WEATHER CENTER**

**Town of Payson Arizona**  
03/22/2021 8:01:15 AM  
Payson, AZ

Latitude: 34.2330  
Longitude: -111.3449  
Elevation: 4853 ft

39.5°  
Switch to Metric

9 mph

TEMPERATURE	WIND	PRECIPITATION
Hi/Low: 40°/34°	Current: ENE 9.0 mph	Today: 0.00"
Feels Like: 33.4°	Gust: NE 17.0 mph	Rate: 0.00"
Dew Point: 13.9°	Avg.: E 6.0 mph	

WET BULB GLOBE TEMPERATURE  
Current: -- 10 Min Avg: --

HUMIDITY	PRESSURE	ALMANAC
Current: 34.6%	Current: --	Sunrise: 6:26 AM
High: 61.7%	High: --	Sunset: 6:38 PM
Low: 34.6%	Low: --	Moonphase: -58%

Hourly Obs    Daily Obs    Station Graph

**10-Day Forecast**

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
62° Mostly Sunny	47° 60% Chance Frozen Mix	53° 60% Chance Frozen Mix	58° Partly Cloudy	58° Mostly Sunny	67° Mostly Sunny	72° Mostly Sunny	72° Mostly Sunny
37° MON NIGHT	35° 70% TUES NIGHT	29° WED NIGHT	40° THUR NIGHT	35° FRI NIGHT	40° SAT NIGHT	40° SUN NIGHT	39° MON NIGHT



# PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM

## **Town of Payson Easter Egg Hunt**

With news of the traditional Eggstravaganza would not be able to be hosted this year by the Zane Grey Kiwanis Club, the Town of Payson Parks, Recreation, & Tourism Department will host the Town of Payson Easter Egg Hunt at Rumsey Park on Saturday, April 3. The Easter Bunny will also be onsite to ensure families and youngsters can have their yearly photo opportunity. Age groups are outlined below, along with field location. Maps and more information are online at [paysonrimcountry.com](http://paysonrimcountry.com) and on Facebook at Adventure Payson. The Town of Payson would like to thank the Zane Grey Kiwanis Club supporting this effort as contributing sponsors.

Ages 0 – 3 9:00 AM – Diamondbacks West Field  
 Ages 4 & 5 9:30 AM – Rumsey 1 Ball Field  
 Ages 6 & 7 10:00 AM – Diamondbacks East Field  
 Ages 8 & 9 10:30 AM – South Multi-Purpose Field  
 Ages 10 – 12 11:00 AM – Diamondbacks West  
 Special Needs 11:30 AM - Rumsey 1 Ball Field



The poster features the Payson logo at the top, followed by the event title 'Easter EGG HUNT' in large, stylized letters. Below the title, it specifies the date and location: 'APRIL 3 / RUMSEY PARK'. A central blue box with a scalloped border contains the 'SCHEDULE' in white capital letters. The schedule is listed in five rows, each with a handwritten-style age group and a printed time and location. At the bottom of the poster, there is a cartoon illustration of a white Easter bunny with pink ears and several colorful Easter eggs (blue and white stripes, red with white dots, yellow with green hearts). The website 'PAYSONRIMCOUNTRY.COM/EASTER' is printed in white on a dark blue background at the very bottom.

Age Group	Time	Location
Ages 0 – 3	9:00 AM	DIAMONDBACKS WEST
Ages 4 & 5	9:30 AM	RUMSEY 1 BALL FIELD
Ages 6 & 7	10:00 AM	DIAMONDBACKS EAST
Ages 8 & 9	10:30 AM	S MULTI-PURPOSE FIELD
Ages 10 – 12	11:00 AM	DIAMONDBACKS WEST
Special Needs	11:30 AM	RUMSEY 1 BALL FIELD

PAYSONRIMCOUNTRY.COM/EASTER



# PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM

## National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association - Payson's College Rodeo

The National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association's Grand Canyon Region Rodeo will be hosted at the Payson Multi-Event Center this weekend. Join us at the Payson Multi-Event Center on Saturday, March 27 with performances beginning at 7:00pm, and performances at 1:00pm on Sunday, March 28, slack both days at 8am, free of charge. Pre-purchase your tickets at [paysonrimcountry.com/nira](http://paysonrimcountry.com/nira). Tickets are general admission \$12, and those 5 years and younger are free.



The Town of Payson would also like to thank all the community sponsors who have contributed in making this event successful!

Thank you to our sponsors:



# PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM

## **Community Center**

During the regular meeting of the Town Council on March 11, 2021, Town Council provided direction to the Parks & Recreation Commission to work with Town partners in engaging the community to gather public input and feedback regarding the possible construction of a community center development project.

With this direction, the Parks & Recreation Commission Board held a special meeting on Monday, March 15, 2021 to work with the Town partners in developing a survey to distribute broadly to the community to gather such feedback.

As a result, a survey was developed and distributed to the community on March 16, 2021.

This survey is available for online participation at the following websites, and hard copies of the survey to be completed in person are available at the Payson Roundup Office.

[mhafoundation.com/community-survey](http://mhafoundation.com/community-survey)

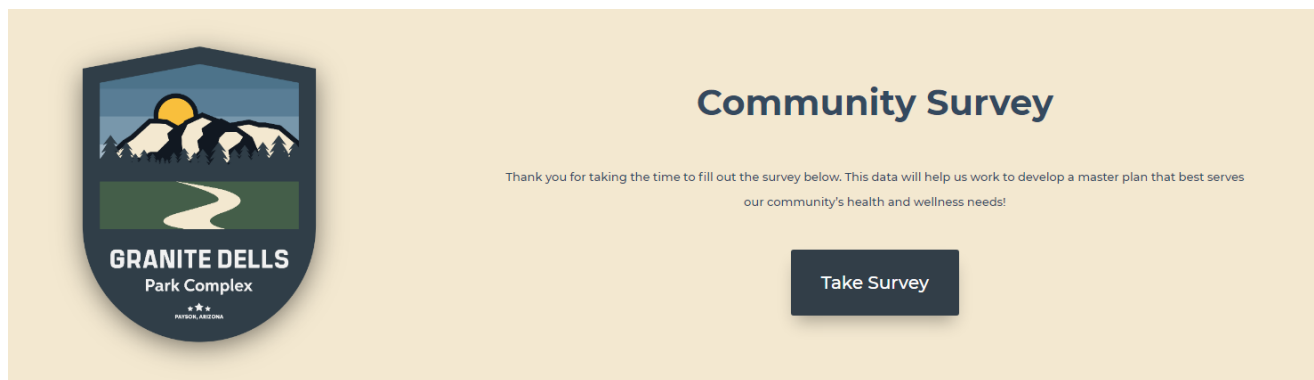
[www.paysonrimcountry.com](http://www.paysonrimcountry.com)

[www.paysonaz.gov](http://www.paysonaz.gov)

**As of Monday, March 22, the survey had received a total of 616 responses.**

Media Outlets assisting in this effort are KMOG (online, news, and forum), KRIM (online, news, PSA), and Payson Roundup (full page ad, story, eblast, and online ads).

The Town has distributed the survey via the Town website ([paysonaz.gov](http://paysonaz.gov)), Town of Payson Municipal Facebook. Parks, Recreation, & Tourism website ([paysonrimcountry.com](http://paysonrimcountry.com)), and Parks, Recreation, & Tourism Facebook - Adventure Payson.



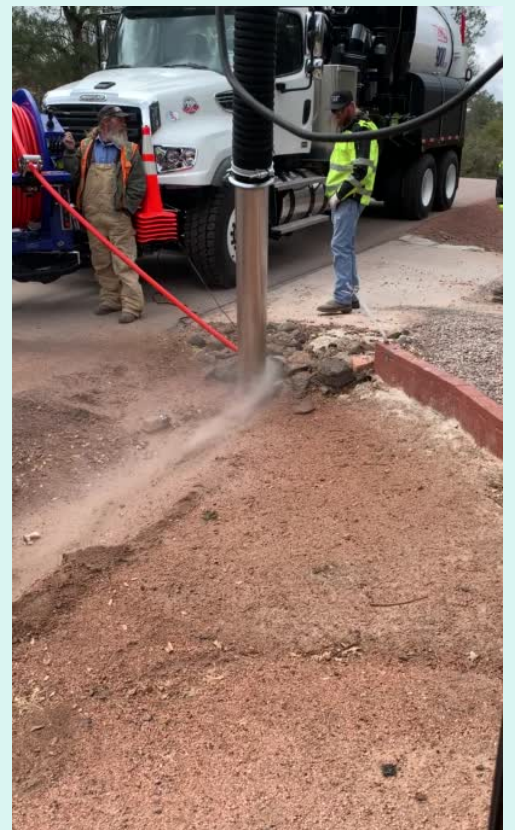
# STREETS DIVISION

## ***Vector Truck***

The following photos are of the new Vector Truck in its first day of operation by the Streets Maintenance Division. This was approved in the current fiscal year for lease/purchase, paid over the next four fiscal years. The life cycle should be about 25 years. The vehicle is used for flushing drainage pipes. This new vehicle has almost quadrupled our capability in the field to keep our drainage infrastructure flowing at design capacity.



# STREETS DIVISION



# WATER DEPARTMENT

The Town of Payson Water Department would like to spread the word that renters and landlords in Gila County can apply for federally funded financial assistance with rent and utility bills through the AZ Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP).

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 authorized financial rent and utility relief for Arizona renters and landlords to be administered at the state and local level. Renters and landlords in Gila County are able to apply for ERAP assistance through the AZ Department of Economic Security. Applications will be accepted through the program's expiration on December 31, 2021 or until funding is exhausted.

Rental assistance is available to both landlords and renters. While both may apply for assistance, eligibility is based on the renter's address and ability to meet the following federal criteria:

- The renter has a risk of homelessness, housing instability, or unsafe living conditions demonstrated by the following:
  - Eviction notice
  - Utility shutoff notice
  - Past due rent notice
  - Past due utility notice
  - Any other evidence of unsafe or unhealthy living conditions or housing instability
- The renter or member of the renter's household is eligible for unemployment insurance benefits or has experienced a financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic
- The renter's household income is less than or equal to 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI)

**DES ERAP - Maximum Household Income Eligible - 80% of Area Median Income (AMI):**

<b>Household Size</b> →	<b>1</b> PERSON	<b>2</b> PERSON	<b>3</b> PERSON	<b>4</b> PERSON	<b>5</b> PERSON	<b>6</b> PERSON	<b>7</b> PERSON	<b>8 PERSON</b> +
<b>Gila County</b> <b>AMI</b> →	\$30,100	\$34,400	\$38,700	\$42,950	\$46,400	\$49,850	\$53,300	\$56,700

Applicants are encouraged to apply safely and conveniently from their own homes using the ERAP online portal at [era.azdes.gov](http://era.azdes.gov). Applicants unable to apply online may apply by phone via the ERAP hotline at 1-833-912-0878.

During their application, renters will need to provide a copy of lease/rental agreement, photo ID, electricity and/or gas bill, disconnection notice (if any), proof of income, eviction notice (if applicable) and proof of hardship, such as a termination letter.

The Town of Payson Water Department is sharing this information by both email and our automated call system this month with account holders who are at a past due status of 60-days or more. We included a note on our bill cards sent out at the end of February and will do so again this month. Postings to the Town website and Facebook page have been made as well. Please help us get the word out to anyone who may be in need of this resource.

# WATER DEPARTMENT

The Town of Payson Water Department and the C.C. Cragin project were featured in the March 2021 edition of the Rural Water Association of Arizona's magazine.

FEATURE

## The Town of Payson, Arizona

C.C. Cragin Water Resource Project Integrates Hydroelectric Power Generation as Main Pressure-Reducing Device

BY NEAL WHITTLE, RWAA CIRCUIT RIDER I



The award-winning C.C. Cragin Water Resource Project is truly a modern engineering marvel. It is vast, and complex system, with only a small portion being covered in this article. This project effectively integrated a hydroelectric power generator as a green energy component.

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The full article can be found [here](#)

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