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MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



This document is developed and provided to help inform residents about what is happening with Town operations, services and programs; to answer frequently asked questions; and to encourage citizen participation in our local government. We aim to provide high quality programs and services to our residents in an effort to create a high quality of life. We welcome public comment and participation in the governance of our town. Residents are encouraged to join a council appointed board, commission or committee, speak at a council meeting during the public comment period, or fill out an online comment form. Town staff and I are honored to serve the residents of our town; we are committed to excellence and welcome you all to join us in the spirit of service.

-Troy Smith, Town Manager

TOWN MANAGER DEPARTMENT

Meet the new Management Analyst



Lisa Lipinski is an Arizona native. She grew up in Phoenix and attended the Northern Arizona University, with a degree in photography and advertising. She later returned to school while working for the City of Peoria and completed a degree in applied management through a cohort program with Grand Canyon University, which was hosted by the Peoria Police Department. Lisa has over 15 years of local government experience. Her last position held was as Court Administrator with the Youngtown Municipal Court. She enjoys music, the arts and spending time with family. She is looking forward to closing on her home in Payson very soon.

PAYSON AIRPORT

Arizona Department Of Transportation has received additional funding for its Aeronautics Airport Pavement Management Systems (APMS) program. This new funding will provide 90 percent of the money needed to complete pavement improvements at Payson Airport this fiscal year.

Under this program, ADOT's Program Manager will design, support the bidding process and administer the construction of the maintenance projects. ADOT will pay 100% of the design and construction administration costs. Payson Airport's estimated share is \$29,874.00 (ten percent share of the construction cost).

Mark your calendars - Airport Annual Open House will be held at the Payson's Rich Henry Field Airport located at 806 W. Airport Road on October 3, 2021 from 9am-2pm. There will be food, festivities, vintage aircraft on display, and more. Public is welcome! For more details call (928) 472-4748 or email Dennis Dueker, Airport Coordinator, at dennis@paysonairport.com



PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM



2021

Fiddle and Acoustic Celebration

SEPTEMBER 24-26

Friday

FRIDAY NIGHT CONCERT
6PM GREEN VALLEY PARK

Saturday

ARIZONA FIDDLE
STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
AND MORE...

Sunday

GOSPEL CONCERT
AND FIDDLE GRAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

 more information and full schedule at
PAYSONRIMCOUNTRY.COM FIDDLE

PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM

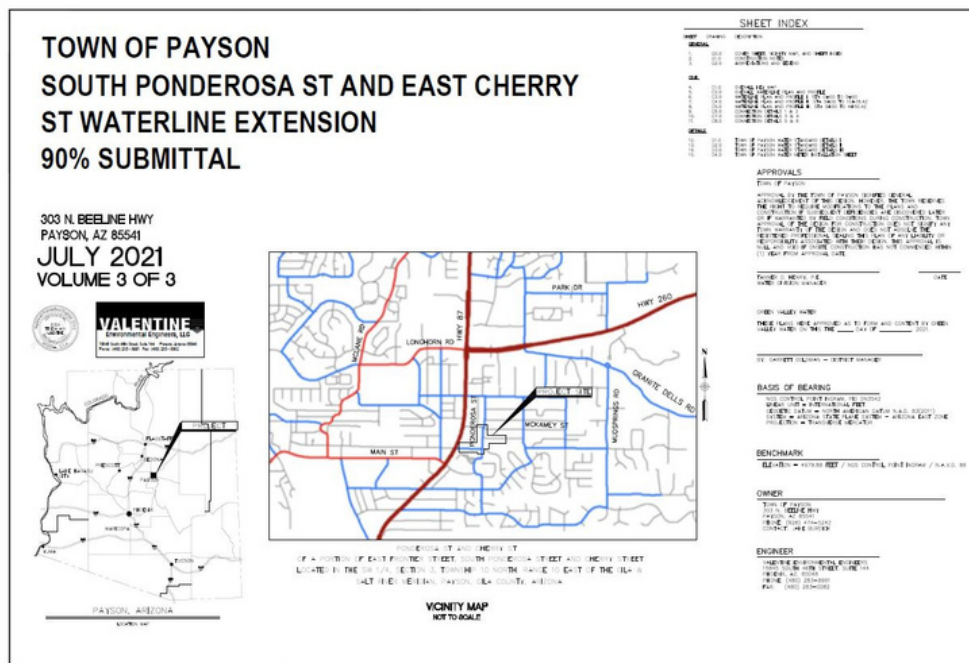
Meet the new General Maintenance Worker



Zachary Horsley started working on 9/20/2021 as a General Maintenance Worker. Zachary has a background in home repairs/remodeling having worked in multiple positions with Home Depot. He has worked in both Arizona and Washington state.

WATER DEPARTMENT

As many folks know, we have had some watermain breaks in Main Street in recent history. When these events happen, we are able to supply water to the Hospital but our flow capabilities for fire fighting are greatly reduced in that neighborhood. Since the hospital is a critical facility, we need to make sure that water is always available. So, we are currently at 90% Civil Engineering Design for a new watermain within the Cherry/Ponderosa neighborhood that will greatly improve flows to the hospital during a watermain break situation. This new watermain will replace existing aging pipes and will connect nearby large diameter watermains in E. Frontier Street and McKamey Street. However, that project is not expected to begin construction until later this year after ADEQ approval and public bidding has been completed. So, to improve the situation on the interim, the Water Department has installed a new automatic pressure reducing valve within East Aero Drive which can supplement flows from the tank and booster station in the Golden Frontier Subdivision. By adding this valve, when pressures drop near the hospital due to a watermain break, the new valve will automatically supplement flows to assist demands. This was a quick easy win for the Town of Payson and our resiliency!



The Water Department is intending to modify a booster station on East Phoenix Street next month. In order to do that work, unfortunately we will need to temporarily shut down water in the Elk Ridge Subdivision for approximately 2 hours. We are waiting for delivery of a valve before we can finalize scheduling. We also need to coordinate with the Tonto Apache Tribe to make sure their storage tanks are full. When that coordination has been done. We will advertise the shutdown via sign boards in advance on Phoenix Street, Facebook, Town Website, Phone Calls, Radio, etc. to notify affected customers accordingly. This is just a preliminary notice of our planned activity.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Hoover Program Net Savings Report
Monthly Report to The Town of Payson
Terry Urbine, Current Insight Inc.
Prepared 9/17/2021; For August 2021

Executive Summary

August results were on target. With one month remaining, year end results should reach net savings of \$16,498.

	Energy (kWh)		Rev (\$)	Costs(\$)		Net Savings	
	Hoover	Firming	APS Credits	Hoover	Firming	Hoover	Firming
Year 1	486,000	0	\$30,560	\$20,781	\$0	\$9,779	\$0
Year 2	525,000	0	\$33,086	\$20,870	\$0	\$12,217	\$0
Year 3	495,000	170,000	\$41,220	\$20,000	\$3,786	\$10,578	\$6,855
Year 4*	499,000	107,000	\$37,055	\$18,603	\$3,248	\$12,493	\$2,712
Total	2,005,000	277,000	\$141,921	\$80,254	\$7,034	\$45,066	\$9,567

* Year 4 is 11 months of data

Table 1

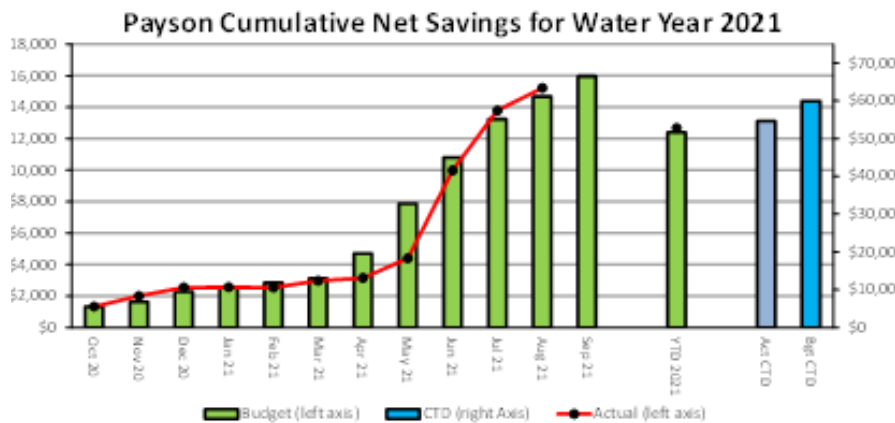


Chart 1

Monthly tracking shows that we are close to budget after 11 months of the water year complete.

	Oct 20	Nov 20	Dec 20	Jan 21	Feb 21	Mar 21	Apr 21	May 21	Jun 21	Jul 21	Aug 21	YTD 21	WY 21	CTD
Actual	\$1,325	\$682	\$538	\$10	(\$17)	\$427	\$174	\$1,254	\$5,581	\$3,810	\$1,419	\$12,659	\$15,204	\$54,633
Budget	\$1,317	\$314	\$635	\$314	\$267	\$267	\$1,580	\$3,175	\$2,926	\$2,432	\$1,443	\$12,403	\$14,669	\$59,955
over / (under)	\$8	\$368	(\$97)	(\$303)	(\$284)	\$160	(\$1,406)	(\$1,921)	\$2,655	\$1,379	(\$24)	\$256	\$536	(\$5,321)

* Notes: YTD 21 = year to date on calendar year basis
WY 21 = water year to date based on federal year (oct-sep)
CTD = Hoover contract to date. Cumulative values since Oct 1, 2017.

Table 2

WATER DEPARTMENT

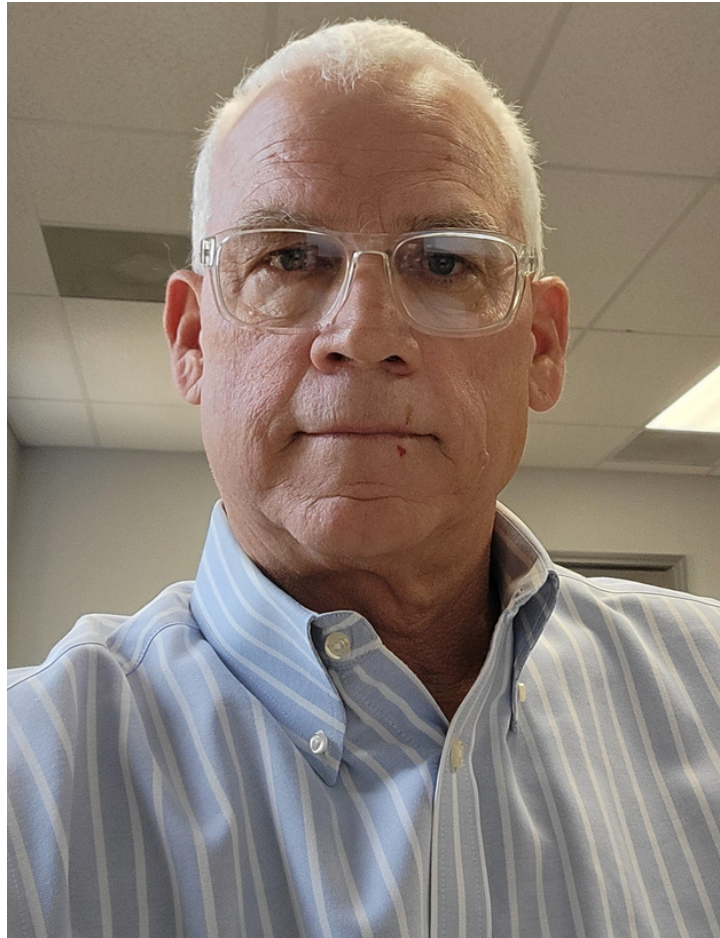
Meet the new Water Resource Manager/Hydrogeologist



Vaden Aldridge started working as Water Resource Manager/Hydrogeologist on 9/13/2021. Vaden graduated from Angelo State University with a Bachelor of Science in Geoscience and from NAU with a Master of Science in Geology. He has most recently worked as a Project Geologist, Hydrologist II, and Research Assistant. He is originally from Texas and has also worked in Flagstaff and Phoenix.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Meet the new Public Works Engineer



Bill Clemans started working as a Public Works Engineer on 8/2/2021. Bill graduated from ASU with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. Bill worked previously as Pinal County Engineer and City of Clearlake, CA City Engineer. He has spent 24 years in the private sector working for civil engineering consultants, surveyed for 7 years and spent 6 years in the public sector.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Meet the new Administrative Assistant



LeeAnn Schwartzbauer started on 9/20/2021 as Community Development Administrative Assistant. LeeAnn has worked as Escrow Coordinator, Community Coordinator, Legal assistant/Paralegal, and Closing Coordinator. She recently relocated to Payson having worked in Scottsdale and Phoenix.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Meet the new Permit Technician



Jinjer Blanchette started on 9/21/2021 for Community Development as a Permit Technician. She has lived in the area for 32 years, 17 years in Strawberry, AZ. She was previously a supervisor at Home Depot in the Receiving Dept here in Payson. She enjoys hobby-boating and flying.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Town of Payson Economic Development Office launches a partnership with Moonshot at NACET (Northern Arizona Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology).

Moonshot at NACET is a 20-year-old nonprofit organization that solicits pitches from those ambitious, disruptive innovators whose plans hold commercial possibilities. If accepted, these entrepreneurs and their ideas are put through an educational track geared at developing a minimum viable product or an investment-ready business by the program's end. NACET also helps other cities create eco-systems of entrepreneurship like they have done in Flagstaff. In short, they help provide assistance to the risk takers and change makers in the West.

In addition to Moonshot's educational programs and mentor-ship, they have a beautiful campus called Northern Arizona Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology(NACET) in Flagstaff, AZ specifically designed for entrepreneurs who need light manufacturing space, office space, laboratory space, and more.

This partnership consists of several elements to further Payson's economic development objectives.

First, Payson was selected as one of 10 communities within Arizona for which Moonshot will provide implementation and technical assistance for up to 7 years. Following collaboration with APS, Moonshot identified 5 communities with adopted Economic Development Plans and 5 communities without any Economic Development Plans to use to roll out their new program management software.

Next, in Spring of 2022 Payson will host an exciting PITCH event. This "Shark Tank" inspired entrepreneurial business pitch contest is open to anyone doing or wanting to do business in the Payson area. Do you have a "moonshot" idea or an existing business you'd like to expand? Entrepreneurs will have the opportunity to receive instruction and advice from various industry experts on how to start or accelerate their business/ideas while competing for cash and prizes.

Lastly, Moonshot will be leaning in to aid in the development of a new NACET-like space within the Town of Payson. More details coming soon!

To learn more about Moonshot at NACET click here: <https://www.moonshotaz.com/>

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Meet the new Economic Development Coordinator



Julie Leonard joins the Community Development Department as the Economic Development Coordinator. She has spent the last 15 years working in Pinal County managing Federal Grants in education. Many of those years focused on coordinating workforce development and economic development efforts within the education sector. She represented Central Arizona College (CAC) on the Arizona Advanced Technology Corridor (AATC) that restructured the curriculum for manufacturing to meet the employer's needs and worked with the AZ Office of Economic Opportunity to purchase \$650,000 of state of the art manufacturing equipment for CAC. The AATC was a regional partnership between Central Arizona College, Pima Community College, Maricopa Community Colleges, AZ Office of Economic Opportunity and employers to attract new business and upskill incumbent workers. Mrs. Leonard has a passion for creating partnerships that benefit the community and local business.

LIBRARY



Happy Little Hour

Saturday, October 9th - 1:00 pm
Payson Public Library

Local author Tamera Norwood shares her new book in a special storytime, with songs, stories and crafts to inspire little hearts.



LIBRARY

STORYTIME PROGRAMS

TODDLER TWISTERS AND TAILS

What: This class begins with the group getting our morning wiggles out by doing fun animal pose “yoga”. After that we read a book or two. Sometimes we even get the bubbles out and dance those wiggles away before we depart!

Where: Sm. Meeting room

When: Tuesdays @ 10:30 am

Rec. ages 2-5 years old

BABY SOCIAL STORYTIME

What: A fun filled, song, fingerplay and storytime hour! At the end, we pull out games designed to work your child’s brain while they interact with other kids their age. A great precursor to preschool and other social environments!

Where: Sm. meeting room

When: Wednesdays @ 10:30 am

Rec. ages 0-18 months

Note to parents:

Please don’t feel as though you can’t attend if your child has a hard time sitting still or being quiet during storyhour. These sessions are partially for that, so kids can model the other kids they see and be better prepared for school and other social outings! We don’t mind, we promise!

LIBRARY



Saturday SCIENCE CLUB OCTOBER SCHEDULE

Every Saturday from 10:30-11:30 am

Oct 2nd Halloween Slime

We'll create slimy versions of bubbling witches brew, and a fluffy zombie brain as we discuss the chemical change in the substances we use.

Oct 9th Colorful Spider Webs

Come and discover how many types of spider webs there are as we decorate our own silky and colorful webs!

Oct 16th Halloween Lanterns

A glass lantern using the chemical reaction in glow sticks to light your way this spooky season.

Oct 23rd Blood Creation

Learn all about the red gooeey liquid that you carry around in your body as we make our own fake blood for science and fun!

Oct 30th Ghostly Trails

Do ghosts leave trails? If they do, it's certainly this bubbly concoction that floods the senses and teases the brain!

Registration is required, please sign up at the front desk.

Recommended ages 6-12 years.

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GOT OLD COINS?

WANT TO KNOW IF THEY HAVE ANY VALUE?



COME SEE

BOB THE COIN GUY

ON OCTOBER 27TH, 2021

AT 3:00 P.M.

AT THE PAYSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

End of Report

Next Report: October 14, 2021

