



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

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MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



Alternative Expenditure Limitation (Home Rule)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. WHAT IS IT?

In 1980, Arizona voters approved a tax reform package that placed an expenditure limitation on cities and towns. This legislation also allows local voters to approve an alternative to the state imposed expenditure limitation in their city or town, known as Home Rule. (*Arizona State Constitution-Article IX, Section 20*).

Under the State-imposed expenditure limitation, a city or town may only spend a certain amount of funds. Regardless of the city or town's revenue or individual needs, its budget is limited by the State-imposed ceiling. Under the Home Rule Option, the city or town may determine its own expenditures based on its budget.

2. WHY IS IT ON THE PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT?

The Town of Payson voters have approved the Home Rule Option every four years since 1982. To continue the Home Rule Option, it must be passed by the voters every four years. It was last passed in 2018.

3. HAVE OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS AUTHORIZED HOME RULE?

YES – Home Rule and permanent adjustments have been voted on and approved in more than 87% of Arizona Cities and Towns.

4. DOES APPROVAL OF HOME RULE GIVE THE CITY AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE NEW TAXES?

NO – Home Rule does not change the property tax or sales tax the Town currently collects. Approval to continue Home Rule only allows the Town to spend the revenues it collects, as approved in the annual budget.

5. WHAT HAPPENS IF HOME RULE IS NOT CONTINUED?

If Home Rule is not approved, the Town of Payson will operate under the State-imposed expenditure limit. Under this limit, the Town of Payson may not be able to expend all the revenues it collects to provide services such as police and fire protection, water, parks, and library services to Town residents.

The current 2021/2022 budget for the Town of Payson is \$49,511,900. The State imposed limit for 2021/2022 is \$18,172,790 (including estimated revenue exclusions). If the Home Rule Option was not in effect, the Town would have to cut more than \$31 million (62% reduction) in services from its budget.

6. IF HOME RULE IS CONTINUED, WHAT WILL IT MEAN FOR TOWN RESIDENTS?

With Home Rule, Town residents and the Mayor and Council will continue to decide what level of service is best for Payson.

Home Rule allows the Town to expend the revenues it receives to provide services to residents.

Each year, the Town will set its expenditure limit after citizen input through the budget and public hearing process. Because the Town is required to have a balanced budget, expenditures will be restricted by available resources.

PAYSON AIRPORT

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), formerly known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), will provide additional revenue to the Town of Payson for use at the Payson Airport. This new legislation aimed at improving airport safety and capacity, addressing climate change, creating good jobs, and advancing equitable access to airports, will provide additional revenue for the benefit of improvements at the airport. BIL established two new programs; 1) the Airport Infrastructure Grants Program and, 2) the Airports Terminal Program. Payson Airport's funding comes as part of the Airport Infrastructure Grants portion of BIL. This program allocates \$15 billion over 5 years primarily for formula grants to both primary and non-primary airports, with each year's money available for obligation over five years.

Payson Airport's first year additional funding amount is anticipated to be \$159,000. The additional funding will help fund an update to the Airport Master Plan, maintenance of runway pavement, Americans with Disabilities Act improvements, and security and technology enhancements in the upcoming year.



STREETS DEPARTMENT

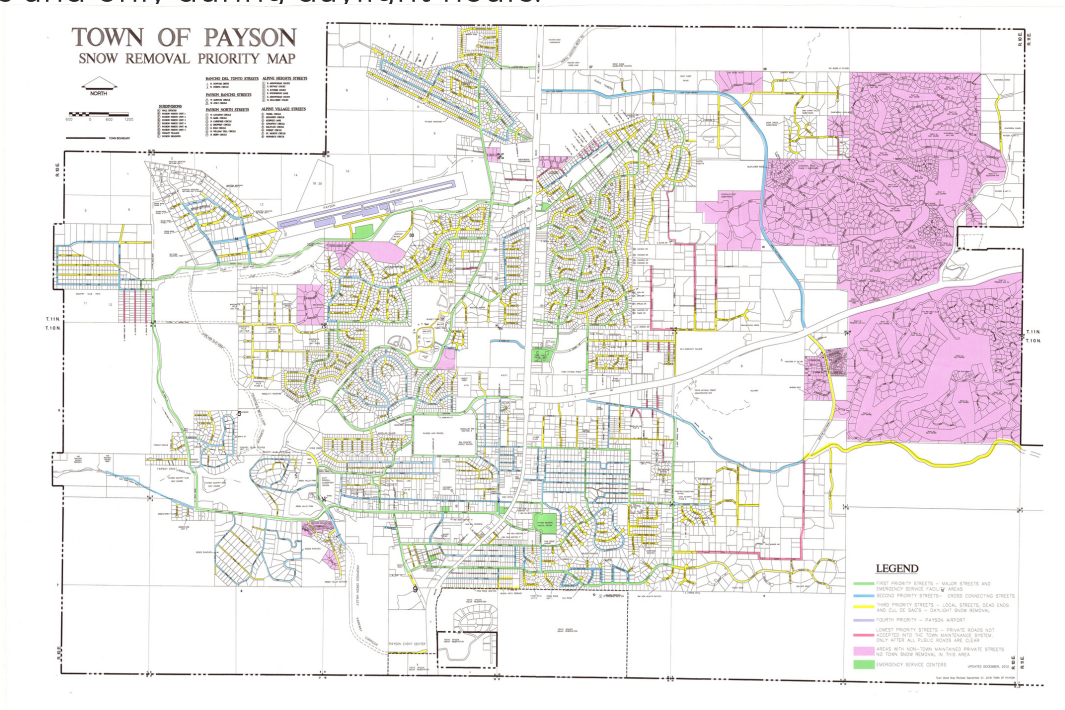
Let it Snow!

The safety of the public is the foundation of operational planning during adverse weather conditions. The Streets Division operators work diligently around the clock to ensure residents can resume normal activities as quickly as possible. The Town of Payson has an established snow removal plan that was designed to maximize efficiency during winter weather events. The plan allows street maintenance crews to clear travel lanes in both directions over the 125 miles of town-maintained roadways in the Town of Payson during even the most severe winter storms. The Town's Snow Removal Policy and Priority Map is available here:

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Major streets and Emergency Service facility areas are cleared first, followed by cross connecting streets. Local streets, cul de sac and dead end streets are cleared afterwards and only during daylight hours.



Advisories and additional information can be found on the Town's website during significant weather events. (continued to next page)

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In severe weather, clean up may last longer than 24 hours. Residents- especially those on local streets, cul de sacs and dead end roadways should plan ahead, stock up on groceries and medications before the storm, and consider rescheduling appointments when feasible.

WHO DO I CALL?

During regular business hours, residents may contact the Public Works Department Office at (928) 472-5042. After hours concerns may be directed to the Public Safety Communications non-emergency line at (928) 474-5177 or the E-GOV Action Line Request on the Town website at www.paysonaz.gov/E-Gov/services.html



Please be patient with crews and equipment. Remember to maintain a safe following distance.

PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM



COLLEGE RODEO

Payson, Arizona

APRIL 1-2

FRIDAY 4/1 @ 7PM & SATURDAY 4/2 @ 1PM
 \$12 PER ADULT / \$5 PER CHILD / FREE FOR 2 & UNDER
PAYSON EVENT CENTER

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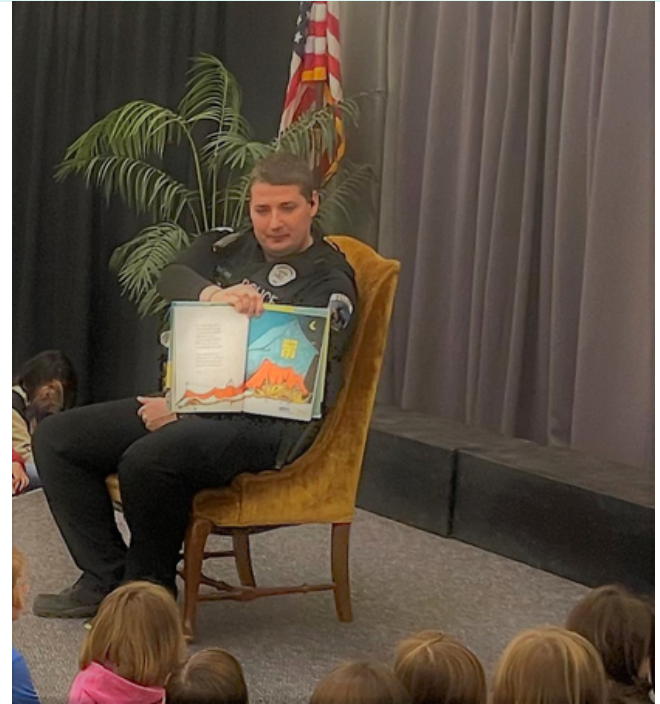
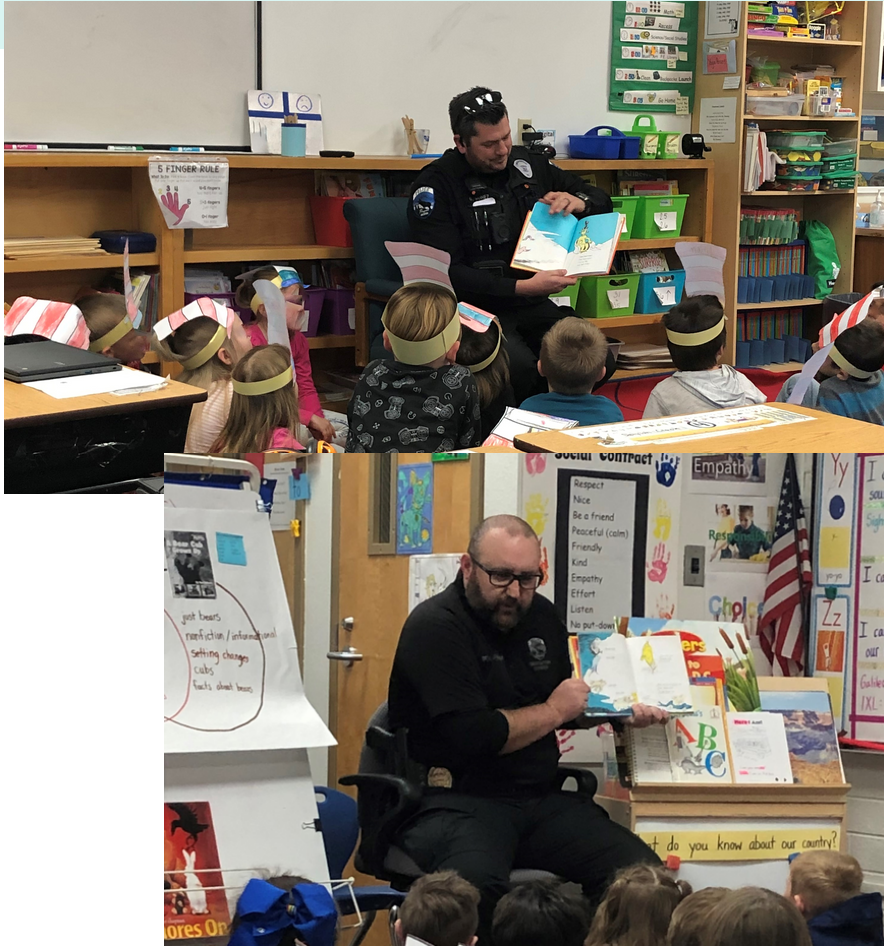
PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM

Our Parks and Recreation Design Coordinator, Savannah Oldeschulte spent her last day with us on February 25th. Savannah worked at the Library and most recently Parks and Rec. She is most known for her can do positive attitude and smile. She was also instrumental in creating a media inventory for the Town as well as designing and marketing youth and adult sports as well as all of the Town's special events. Savannah played a crucial role in working with Axis Culture Group to help grow the tourism side of the house including Adventure Payson Instagram and Facebook accounts, the Adventure Like a Local Campaign, and more, which recently won the Arizona Office of Tourism's Best Rural Marketing Campaign. Savannah has graciously offered to continue to assist the Town as we look for her replacement, which will not be an easy feat. We thank Savannah for all her work and passion for Payson and wish her much luck for her "next" Adventure.



We have started an active and informative Facebook Group for all community members interested in Youth & Adult Sports in Payson. "Payson Parks and Recreation Youth & Adult Programs" is an open forum style group where members can ask questions about programs, engage in conversation about potential or future programs and assist each other in creating teams for our recreational sports leagues. We look forward to further community participation and encourage anyone interested to join our group of over 300 members.

POLICE DEPARTMENT



In honor of Dr. Seuss' Birthday and in celebration of Read Across America Day, several officers read to children at Payson Elementary School and Payson Community Christian School to promote reading and answer questions about law enforcement. Lt. Hazelo, Sgt. McAnerny, Det. Johnson, and Officer's Brennan, Gomez, Bathke and Rush all took time to participate in this incredibly worthwhile program.

The Police Department has been working with Phoenix PD to bring a "Virtual Block Watch" Program to Payson. This program will help the police department gain valuable video evidence from residences that are willing to share video's from their security systems such as Ring Door Bells or other video sources. This program has been extremely successful in solving a variety of crimes that are being committed in neighborhoods of Phoenix.

Thefts, burglaries, vehicle entries, and vandalism are just a few of the many crimes these videos helped solve. Stay tuned as there will be more information coming out on this program in the near future.

LIBRARY

Saturday Science Club



March Schedule
Every Saturday

@ 10:30 am

5th Egg Drop Challenge

12th Edible Choco Slime

19th Catapult contest

26th Star Projector

Sign up is required, and can be
found at the Library's front
desk or facebook!

@Paysonarizonausa

End of Report

Next Report: March 24, 2022

