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TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

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MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

Emergency preparedness is a collaborative responsibility shared by the Town of Payson, Gila County, the State of Arizona, and the surrounding regional public safety entities in Rim Country. All of these professional organizations have dedicated men and women who work with, and on behalf of, the residents in our region to engage in prevention, preparedness, and responses to hazards in our communities. Public Safety is everyone's responsibility and I solicit your involvement in learning more about our community's systems.

Unfortunately, there has recently been some incorrect information shared with the community, in a variety of forums. Misinformation and fear are not ingredients that contribute to the successful public safety system that exist in our region. Rather, it is the dedicated professionals who serve you, working in partnership with our regional agencies and the community that creates a successful blanket of preparedness and protection.

The Town of Payson has a multi-hazard evacuation plan that can be implemented in the event of a variety of potential events that may cause the need for a partial or complete evacuation of the community. This plan is designed in recognition that a fire is but one unfortunate event that may occur in our community and require evacuation. The Payson Police Department is responsible for the creation, ongoing maintenance, and implementation of the evacuation plan. The Police and Fire Department train annually on this plan. The plan has a public facing element that is designed as a warning system for the public called "READY, SET, GO"; more information is available at <https://ein.az.gov/ready-set-go>

There are also other parts of the Police Department's evacuation plan that are not public facing; in other words they are not made publically available. This is done to protect the community. As an example, if an active shooter was to know exactly how we would evacuate the community, we would jeopardize operational security and put the very citizens we are charged to protect at risk.

The Pasyon Police and Fire Department's will conduct their annual community preparedness and prevention presentation to the Town Council on May 12, during the regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting. I encourage all members of the community to tune into that meeting to get facts about our public safety systems and see first hand just how dedicated our staff members' are at working with you to protect our community. You will also learn things you can do now to prepare your family to be ready and able to more quickly evacuate, when called upon to do so.

-Troy Smith, Town Manager

POLICE DEPARTMENT

We have entered into a partnership with Arizona Youth Partnership, Community Bridges and Copper Basin Coalition to forward the mission of ***Building Healthy Futures*** Program to focus on youths between the ages of 11-17 in an effort to reduce drug use and mental health issues.

Over the past several weeks, the Payson PD partnered with Gila County Sheriff's Office and DPS to put on a Citizens Academy. On Wednesday, April 19th, 22 citizens graduated the academy.

Notable cases:

- A traffic stop was conducted on a van for speeding. The van was transporting 26 Illegal Immigrants to Gallup, New Mexico. ICE responded and took custody of everyone and took over the investigation. Five of the twenty-six persons in the van were previously deported due to their criminal history.
- Payson Detectives recently investigated a crime against a child. The child met an adult on Snapchat and began sharing explicit photos. The suspect was located and arrested in the Valley. Four counts of sexual contact with a minor, a class 2 felony, and 2 counts of sexual exploitation of a minor, also a class 2 felony, were referred to the County Attorney's office.

The Payson Police Department would like to remind parents to monitor their children's online activity in an attempt to hopefully prevent this type of activity.

WATER DEPARTMENT

FREE ELECTRONIC & HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE RECYCLING EVENT

Event is limited to Gila County households only. No commercial hazardous waste will be accepted.

When: Saturday, May 21, 2022

Where: Payson Public Library
328 N McLane Road
Payson, AZ 85541
(In the Parking Lot)

Time: 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

For more information,
928-472-5103 or 928-472-5106

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

- Biohazardous or Infectious Waste
- Compressed Gas Cylinders (Propane OK)
- CRT (box-style) Televisions/Monitors
- Explosives
- Home Appliances (Big or Small)
- Radioactive Waste
- Smoke Alarms

HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD ITEMS ACCEPTED:

- Acids
- Adhesives
- Aerosol Cans
- Ammunition
- Auto Batteries
- Batteries
- Fire Extinguishers
- Fluorescent Lights
- Fuel & Other Fluids
- Helium balloon tanks
- Herbicides
- Inhalers
- Household Cleaners
- Lawn & Garden Products
- Medical Sharps
- Medication/Pharmaceuticals
- Mercury-Containing Items
- Motor Oil
- Paints
- Passenger Tires Without Rims
- Pesticides
- Propane Tanks
- Solvents

Household Products Labeled:

- Caution
- Combustible
- Corrosive
- Danger
- Flammable
- Poison
- Toxic
- Warning

ELECTRONIC ITEMS ACCEPTED:

- Amplifiers
- Audio Equipment
- Cables & Connections
- Cameras
- Computer Equipment & Accessories
- DVD Blu-Ray Players
- DVRs - Direct TV, Tivo
- LCD Flat Screen TV's
- Monitors
- Phones
- Satellite Receivers
- Speakers & Microphones
- Tablets
- VCRs
- Video Cameras
- Video Gaming Equipment



AIRPORT

Payson Airport is set up to support the Forest Service again this fire season as a Wildfire Helicopter Base. Last year during the Backbone fire, Payson Airport was home to 10 helicopters that helped to defend Strawberry and Pine.



A couple of years ago the airport based a Sikorsky S-64 Skycrane.

The helicopter carries 2,650 gallons of water. The helicopter fills its tank while hovering over water. It refills by dropping a hose into a lake and pumping water into the tank filling it in less than a minute. The Skycrane is a Type 1 helicopter. Other large Type 1 helicopters are the twin rotor Chinooks.

AIRPORT

In the last week the Airport was visited by a Canadair CL-45 "Super Scooper." Arizona has two of the aircraft based at Phoenix Gateway Airport in Mesa. The aircraft can carry 1,400 gallons of water.

It refills by flying across the surface of a lake and opening two scoops on the bottom of the aircraft. As the aircraft skims the water at 100 MPH the tanks on board are filled in 12 seconds.



AIRPORT

The airport's new John Deere 3046R tractor was delivered last week. The tractor will be replacing the old mow tractor that has spent more time in the shop for repairs in recent years than mowing. Airport staff ordered the new tractor with a front bucket, mid mower, box blade, and backhoe attachments.

With these attachments the new tractor will be used year round for mowing, snow removal, and general maintenance of the airport.

The new tractor will help staff keep Payson Airport's reputation as the best maintained small airport in Arizona.



STREETS DEPARTMENT

Here's some of the projects the Streets Department has finished in the last 30 days. We've also been crack sealing Tyler Parkway and connecting streets, as well as applying herbicide to the weeds in the right of way throughout town.



Before



After



The sink hole on Matterhorn was 6 1/2" deep

STREETS DEPARTMENT

Curb on Aviator in the air park. The curb has settled in several directions and we are going to replace the asphalt. In order to drain properly we had to replace the curbing.



Drainage/ street upgrade on Forest behind La Sierra. The Streets Department extended the culvert to the North and lowered the clean out box making the corner from the alleyway easier to negotiate.

STREETS DEPARTMENT

The Streets Department is very proud of the street crew staff and how they have been working hard to make a dent in a long list of issues.

Cloud 9 prep



PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM

Tball and Coach Pitch registrations will be open this week, parents can sign up online on our website or by coming down to the office.

ADVENTURE
where we live.
Payson

**REGISTRATION FORMS
NEED TO BE
SUBMITTED TO THE
PARKS AND RECREATION OFFICE**

Register Now!

TOWN OF PAYSON

**T-BALL (AGES 4-5)
&
COACH PITCH
(AGES 6-8)**

**REGISTRATION CLOSES
MAY 20**

**REGISTER ONLINE TO PLAY OR COACH, VISIT
PAYSONRIMCOUNTRY.COM/YOUTH-PROGRAMS**

PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM



Town of Payson invites you to:

Mustang Park Design Review

May 3, 2022

Starting at 5:15 p.m.

Payson Public Library Meeting Room

**We are excited to share current design options
for Mustang Park and getting your input!**

For more information call: 928-472-5110

PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM

Coca-Cola **2022** **PAYSON PRO RODEO**
GARY HARDT
MEMORIAL
RODEO
PAYSON ARIZONA

★ **RODEO** ★

PAYSON, AZ **PRORODEO**
PRCA

★ **Thursday, May 19th** ★

WPRA WOMEN'S CACTUS SERIES BARREL RACING
• **MUTTON BUSTING** • **JR. STEER RIDING**
GATES OPEN 4:30 PM - PERFORMANCE AT 6:00 PM

★ **Friday, May 20th** ★

TOUGH ENOUGH TO WEAR PINK PERFORMANCE
GATES OPEN 5:00 PM - PERFORMANCE AT 7:00 PM

★ **Saturday, May 21st** ★

PATRIOTIC PERFORMANCE
GATES OPEN 5:00 PM - PERFORMANCE AT 7:00 PM

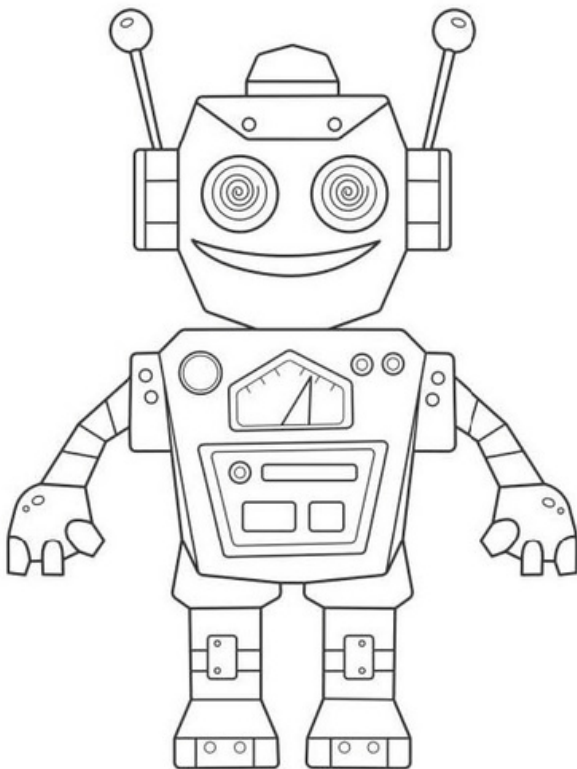
TICKETS
ONLINE: <http://paysonprorodeo.com/>

RESISTOL **Coors** **Juleta** **SPORTSMEDICINE** **Team** **Wrangler** **Mazatzal** **Hotel & Casino** **RAM** **Payson** **PaysonRodeo**

LIBRARY



April's Saturday Science Club



At the Payson Public
Library

Every Saturday @ 10:30 am

2nd Exploding Paint Art

9th Magnet Magic

16th Closed for Easter!

23rd Balloon Powered
Racing

30th Sidewalk Chalk DIY

Sign up on our Facebook or
at the front desk!

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End of Report

Next Report: May 12, 2022

