



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

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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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

On June 3rd officers of the Payson Police Department re-affirmed their Oath of Office and Code of Ethics. This important ceremony is a demonstration of the dedication and professionalism of the Payson Police Department.



Our newest officer Karen Stephens started June 7th. She graduated recently from the Northern Arizona Regional Training Academy.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arizona Department of Public Safety has a new method of accessing the states crime statistics. Arizona Theme-Oriented Public Site (TOPS) is a website designed to deliver up-to-date crime data in an interactive format based on validated National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) and Summary data sourced from the Departments Crime Insight repository. You can access our NIBRS by going to <https://azcrimestatistics.azdps.gov/> and click on “Theme Oriented Public Site (TOPS). There you can find our department, the year we are wanting to look at and what “theme” we are looking for.

The screenshot shows the Arizona Department of Public Safety website. At the top left is the department's logo. The main header reads "The Arizona Department of Public Safety". Below this are three user role selection buttons: "Public" (blue), "Law Enforcement Agency (LEA)" (green), and "Admin" (orange). Each button has a "View Reporting Site" link and a secondary link: "Theme Oriented Public Site (TOPS)" for Public, and "View Repository Site" for LEA. Below the buttons is a section titled "Arizona Crime Online" with a descriptive paragraph and a "Links" box containing: "Crime Insight", "Tutorials", "FAQs", "Glossary", "Offenses Glossary", "Contact Us", and "Home". The bottom section is the "Arizona Crime Statistics" interface, featuring a navigation menu, social media icons (Facebook, Twitter, Email), and a large background image of the Arizona State Capitol building. Overlaid on the image are three dropdown menus: "Select Jurisdiction", "Select Year", and "Select Theme", along with a "GO" button.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Notable Cases:

On June 4th the Payson Police Department with the assistance of the Gila County Sheriff's Office and DPS, safely secured a residence and the occupants without incident after a search warrant was granted regarding drug distribution activity. 5 suspects were charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Dangerous Drugs, Possession of Narcotic Drugs and Marijuana Production.



WATER DEPARTMENT

White Amur Restocking

Did you know that Green Valley Lakes are stocked with fish that clean up the aquatic weeds and algae growth? We utilize White Amur (Triploid Grass Carp) as “biological vacuum cleaners” to help reduce the aquatic vegetation overgrowth which can cause water quality issues and harm other fish species in the lake.

Town personnel coordinate with the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) to manage the lakes for the optimum water quality, fish habitat, and fishing opportunities. Part of that work involves restocking the White Amur in the lakes. This year a bulk load of fish were ordered from Arkansas by AZGFD and trucked to the Phoenix area where they were distributed amongst the many users in the state. We received total of fifty fish on June 14. (Twenty in Lake 1, Ten in Lake 2, and Twenty in the big Lake 3.)

The fish are certified to be sterile so they cannot overtake the habitat. Young fish have a voracious appetite and can eat the equivalent of its body weight in a day. They can grow an average of 8-10 inches a year and end up around 4 feet long weighing up to 50 lbs.

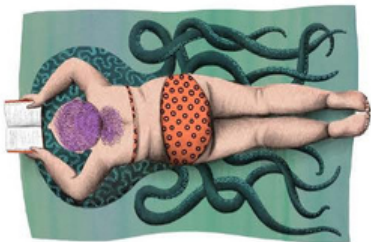
So, next time you're in Green Valley Park, keep an eye out for the “biological vacuum cleaners” as they do their work to keep our lakes beautiful and clean.



LIBRARY

All Day, Every Day

Open gaming for teens and tweens in our custom built PC room with Fortnite, Minecraft, Among Us, and many more games to choose from!



Family Fun on Fridays in July July 1—July 22nd @ 10:30 AM

Local Children's
Entertainer

Tina Ratzken

Will Perform

Stories, Puppets, and
More!

Grand Kick-Off Party Oregon Trail LIVE

June 4th 10:30a-1:20p

Teams will compete to see if they could survive as a pioneer. To the ocean we journey!



STORYTIMES

Sea Stories
Preschool
Story Time
Tuesdays
@ 10:30



Beach Babies
Wednesdays
@ 10:30



Summer Reading Program Schedule

June 4th - July 23rd
Programs for All Ages!



Payson Public Library
328 N McLane Rd
928-474-9260

LIBRARY

Mondays

Musical Maritime Movies

@ 10:30am

- 6th Moana
- 13th Oceans
- 20th Finding Nemo
- 27th Muppet Treasure Island
- 11th Finding Dory
- 18th Luca



Fresh buttered popcorn will be served at all screenings!

Aquatic Art for All

@ 2pm

Suitable for young children and their guardians!

- 6th Pirate Hats
- 13th Salt Watercolors
- 20th Terrific Turtles
- 27th Ocean Nightlife
- 11th Sea Creatures
- 18th Cupcake Crabs



Tuesdays

Cuttlefish Conservation

Club @ 2pm

Suitable for all who wish to reduce and reuse!

- 7th Recycled bracelets
- 14th DIY Bubble Bath
- 21st CD Spinner Art
- 28th Jellyfish lanterns
- 5th Tear Bookmarks
- 12th Plastic Bag Potted Plants
- 19th How to be a Conservationist



Wednesdays

Wacky Whale Wednesdays

@ 2pm

- 8th Beach Bingo
- 15th Ocean Origami
- 22nd Foodie Fish Art
- 29th Beach Bingo
- 6th Ocean Origami
- 13th Foodie Fish Art
- 20th Beach Bingo



Thursdays

You Wouldn't Want to be...

@ 2pm

Ages 9 and up!

- 9th A Viking Explorer!
- 16th A Pirate's Prisoner!
- 23rd On a 19th century Whaling Ship!
- 30th In the 1st Submarine!
- 7th An 18th Century British Convict!
- 14th On the Titanic!
- 21st On Shackleton's Polar Expedition!

Saturdays

Official Pirate Certification

@ 10:30am

Suitable for all ages!

- 11th Become a Pirate
- 18th Soap Scrimshaw
- 25th Pirate Slang and Secret Codes
- 2nd Pirate Rope Work
- 9th DIY Pirate Treasure Chests
- 16th Pirate Games
- 23rd Official Pirate Ceremony and Scavenger Hunt



PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM



2022
summer
concert
series

Every Saturday night in June & July
7pm at Green Valley Park

- June 4 • Take Cover
- June 11 • Big Daddy D & The Dynamites
- June 18 • Kilted Spirit
- June 25 • Outside the Line
- July 2 • FOG
- July 9 • Sol De Ville
- July 16 • Back to the Fifties
- July 23 • Poppy Harpman & The Storm
- July 30 • MC6 A Cappella


paysonrimcountry.com/concert-series

PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM



Mark your calendar!

FAMILY GAMES * PIE EATING * LIVE MUSIC * FIREWORKS

**JOIN US MONDAY, JULY 4TH FOR
PAYSON'S ANNUAL HOMETOWN
CELEBRATION AT GREEN VALLEY PARK!**

THANK YOU TO  FOR SPONSORING THIS YEAR'S FAMILY GAMES!

PAYSONRIMCOUNTRY.COM/4THOFJULY

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Gila County Fire Chiefs and their associated governing bodies including the Town of Payson have recently approved an updated mutual aid plan. Part of the updates are a new 2-digit numbering system for all Gila County fire resources. These changes have necessitated a renumbering of our Payson FD fire apparatus as well. In virtually all cases, the change is made by dropping the last digit from the current number. For example, E121 responding from Station 12 will change to E12. E111 from the Main Street Station 11 would change to E11.

While this project did incur some costs, these changes and others in the plan result in a uniform and consistent numbering system county-wide increasing firefighting and Resident safety by eliminating the possibility of identical unit numbers in different organizations.



AIRPORT

Did you Know?

Payson Airport AWOS



A significant factor for the operation of the Payson Airport is weather conditions. The weather in the Payson area can change rapidly, so knowing if there will be snow, hot temperatures, or strong winds can be crucial to pilots making decisions about landing or taking off at the airport.

The Payson Airport has an Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS). The AWOS automatically collects and reports weather data and conditions that pilots can obtain on their aircraft radio, frequency 119.325.

The AWOS reports wind speed and direction, temperature, visibility, dew point, and hourly precipitation.

The AWOS is inspected and maintained quarterly by a certified technician and once a year by the FAA. (Federal Aviation Administration)

STREETS DEPARTMENT

Andrew Jackson started on May 31, 2022, as the Street Operations Manager. Andrew comes to the Town with 18 years of public sector experience as a storm water and heavy equipment operator in Utah, a public works manager in Oregon, and a road and bridges assistant director in Idaho. Andrew says he is thankful to be living south of the 40th parallel with the freedom to finally enjoy winter. He was home-schooled as a boy and has an abiding love for the lore, culture and history of the American West. Andrew has been described as a player's coach and a patriot and public servant. Andrew wants to express his gratitude to be offered this opportunity with Payson.

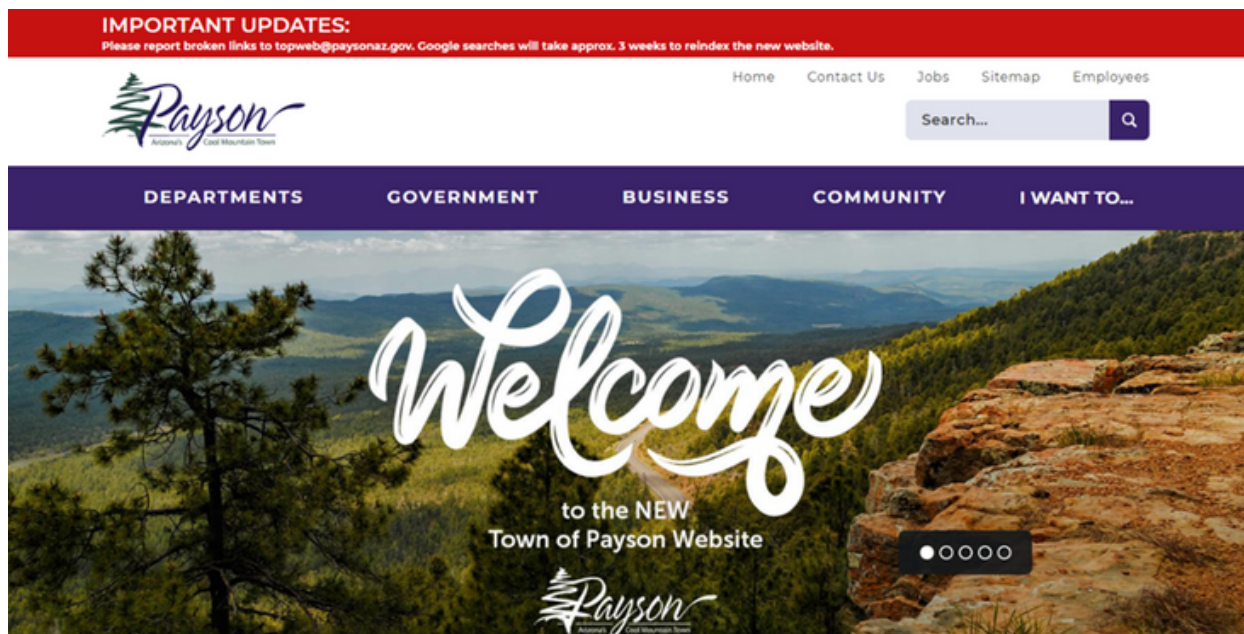


CLERKS DEPARTMENT

We are pleased to present the updated Town of Payson website (www.paysonaz.gov). The new site has a modern look with the same great information as the previous site!

It is our goal to have a user friendly website with easy to find information for our citizens. We ask for everyone's patience as it will take up to 3 weeks for Google to reindex the new site before searches are seamless again. We also encourage citizens to let us know if they find any broken links or are unable to find information so staff can address the issue. Please email topweb@paysonaz.gov with any comments or suggestions.

The previous email notification system did not integrate with the new site so citizens will need to re-sign up for email notifications for agendas, job postings, news and events. To sign up again go to this page on the new website <https://www.paysonaz.gov/community/enotification>.



End of Report

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