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TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

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MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



Congratulations to Payson Town Clerk Tracie Bailey who received her 20 Years of Service to the Arizona Municipal Clerks' Association 2002 to 2022 Award. Tracie has been a member of the Arizona Municipal Clerks' Association (AMCA) and the International Institute of Municipal Clerks' (IIMC) since 2002. She earned her Certified Municipal Clerk designation in 2004 and her Master Municipal Clerk designation in 2008.

Tracie was appointed to the Arizona Municipal Clerks' Association Executive Board as Secretary in 2015. She ascended to Treasurer then Vice-President and served as the Board President from 2018 to 2019. She was Past President from 2019 to 2021.

Tracie was a member of the AMCA Legislative Committee and Scholarship Committee from 2007 to 2008. She was a member of the AMCA Election Certification Committee from 2008 to 2009 and Chair of the AMCA Membership Committee from 2009 to 2010. Tracie was a member of the AMCA Communication Committee from 2010 to 2013 and was the Chair of the Communication Committee from 2013 to 2015.

-Troy Smith, Town Manager



Left: Jennifer Pena, Town Clerk Apache Junction
Right: Tracie Bailey, Town Clerk Payson



PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM



Fall Soccer League Pre-K – 6th Grade

Registration

August 3 – September 7

Start Date

October 1

Register Now!



Old Time Fiddle & Acoustic Celebration

September 23-25, 2022

PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM



Trunk Or Treat Fall Festival

October 31, 2022



Turkey Trot 5k/1mi Run/ Walk

November 19, 2022

POLICE DEPARTMENT

On July 16, 2022, The United States launched 988, a new three-digit number connecting people to the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. The Lifeline can be reached by dialing or texting 988 from any phone in the US. Veterans in crisis can also dial 988 and press 1 to be connected to the Veteran Crisis Line. The Lifeline provides 24/7 free and confidential support.

To access more information, go to 988lifeline.org



New lateral Officer Laanden Marlowe started with us July 12, 2022. He came to us from Tucson, Arizona.



(left to right: Ofc. Marlowe, Sgt. Davies, Sgt. Varga)

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dispatcher Ashley Kelly was re-hired on July 28, 2022.
New Dispatcher Tammi Lutz started training August 1, 2022.

After a very long wait due to various supply chain issues, our new patrol vehicles have been upfitted and will be out on the road.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

NOTABLE CASES

On July 31, 2022, between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., patrol officers conducted target traffic enforcement in known problem areas to include E. Bonita St and E. Hwy 260 / N. Manzanita Dr. Officers conducted 45 traffic stops and issued 32 citations for various traffic violations to include speeding, red light running, and blocking the intersection. Additionally, a stolen vehicle was recovered during one of the traffic stops.

On July 29, 2022, Officer Dunston, conducted a traffic stop at Speedway South. During a search of the vehicle approximately five pounds of meth was located. The suspects were arrested and booked on related drug charges.



LIBRARY

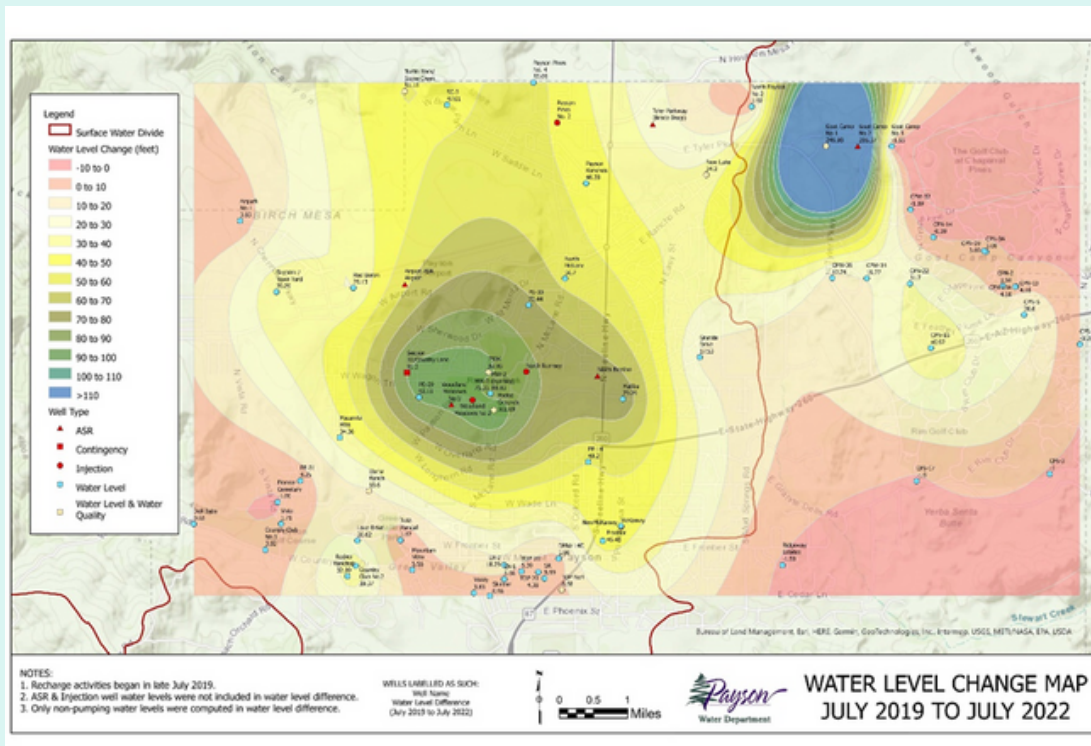
August 2022 Payson Public Library

328 N. McLane Road; Payson, AZ 85541;
(928) 474-9260
www.paysonaz.gov/departments/library



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Sit & Stitch 2:30 pm	Storytime with Toddlers 10:30 am	Storytime with Babies 10:30 am Practice Spanish 11:30 am	Drama Club 4:00 pm 	Make Glitter Slime 1:00 pm 	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Sit & Stitch 2:30 pm 	Storytime with Toddlers 10:30 am	Storytime with Babies 10:30 am Practice Spanish 11:30 	Drama Club 4:00 pm	Custom Seedling Pots for Planting Outside 1:00 pm	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Sit & Stitch 2:30 pm	Storytime with Toddlers 10:30 am	Storytime with Babies 10:30 am Practice Spanish 11:30 am	Drama Club 4:00 pm	Make & Eat Your Own Ice Cream 1:00 pm 	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Sit & Stitch 2:30 pm	Storytime with Toddlers 10:30 am	Storytime with Babies 10:30 am Practice Spanish 11:30 am	Drama Club 4:00 pm	Paper Circuits - Create Greeting Card that lights up! 1:00 pm	
28	29	30	31		Sept 2	
	Sit & Stitch 2:30 pm	Special Storytime with Therapy Dogs" 10:30 am	Storytime with Babies 10:30 am Practice Spanish 11:30 am		Battle Bots - Learn Code and Program Robots for Battle! 1:00 pm	

WATER DEPARTMENT



In its fourth operational year, the Water Department's CC Cragin project continues to be a huge success.

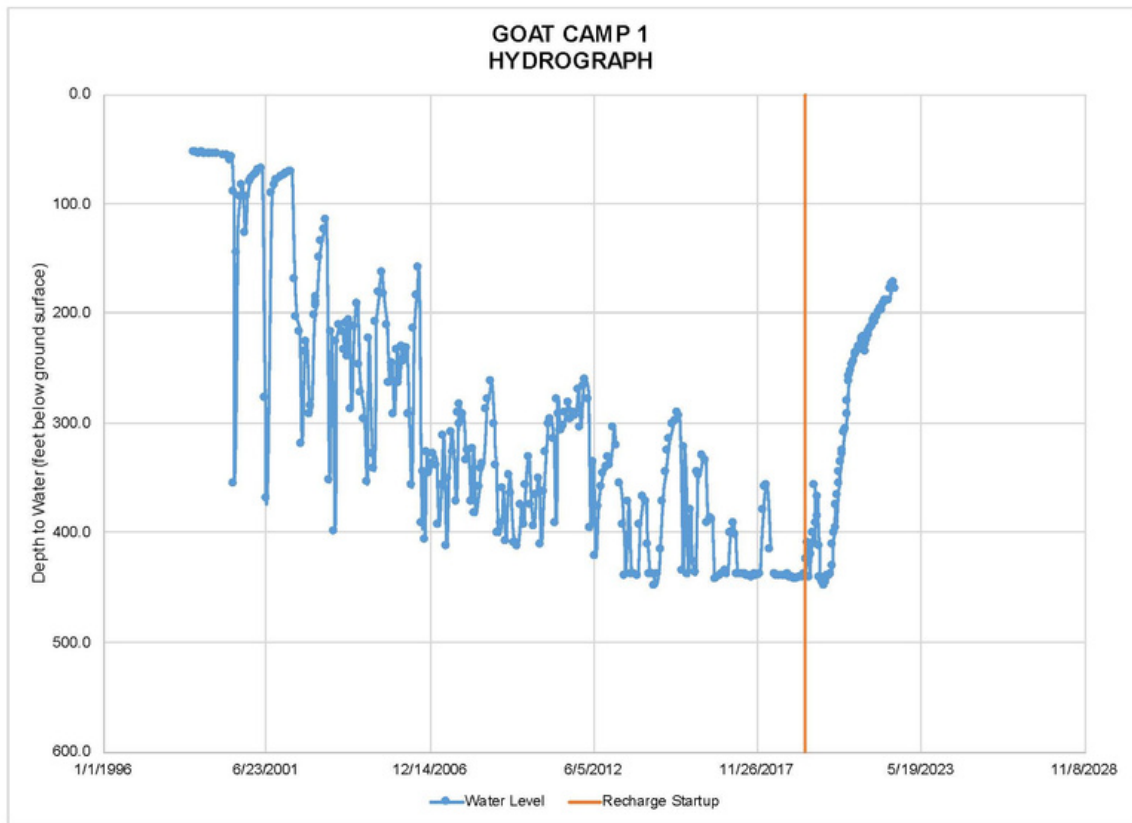
Aside from supplying CC Cragin water directly to customers, the Water Department also operates a state-of-the-art aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) well program. CC Cragin water that is not used by customers is injected back into the aquifer through the ASR wells to replenish the water table.

Each month, Town staff measures the wells throughout the community and graphs the measurements to determine a long term trend. As can be seen in the example graph for Goat Camp 1 well, water levels were declining from the year 2000 until 2019. Then with the injections from nearby ASR wells since 2019, the water levels have risen sharply by approximately 250 feet.

The water level measurement data is then used to create a spatial water level change map which is used to inform the next month's ASR operations. The water level change map shows groundwater level rises indicated by the green and blue. The red shades indicate little to no change in water level.

Operating a system like this in the desert southwest is a remarkable achievement for a small community like Payson. Where other southwest communities are struggling to keep up with declining water tables and water shortages, Payson is positioned well in the face of the on-going drought and projected population growth.

WATER DEPARTMENT



STREET DEPARTMENT

The Street Department continues into the heat of summer and negotiating unpredictable rainfall as we continue to rehabilitate and restore a few more spots in Mazatzal Mountain Airpark. The paving job is accomplished by our crews as early in the day as we can start to beat the heat and be as inconvenient to motorists (and pilots) as possible. We have been blessed as a town to have two talented fabricators on staff that designed and manufactured a special paving/shouldering machine to use on such projects as these.



Leroy manages a grade controller on the screed as asphalt is dispensed into a patch on North Airpark Rd.



Tim Ryden inspects the repair as Shawn and Vince clean the intake for another round of asphalt. Tuger rakes out the fines and preps the patch for compaction.

STREET DEPARTMENT

Monsoons

Our first major storm of the summer arrived at the end of July and deposited a significant amount of rainfall. This led into our first major cleanup of a storm event for the Monsoon season.



Shawn checks weather reports, Chuck and Klayton watch at the end of shift Thursday afternoon as a very dark Cumulonimbus formation approaches the Town.



Leroy and Houston work late and confer on the next location for cleanup in the wake of Monday afternoon's surprise deposit.

STREET DEPARTMENT



The gulch crossing at Forest and McLane can be severe at times and carries significant debris across that is caught and carried away upstream and deposited at any point along the flow. Branches, clothing, and a lot of other debris and garbage all contribute to blockage of flow in pipes and under crossings.



The water in the channel paralleling Payson Parkway has subsided here but was at its deepest in a long time according to crews and other residents. Note the water mark on the banks.

STREET DEPARTMENT

Cleanup



The following morning crews reported to the yard at 5am Tuesday morning to begin strategized daytime cleanup after the storm. Natural topography combined with above average rainfall has contributed to significant debris flows across the Town.



Houston and KC shovel loose debris and spot for Tucker (in backhoe) as they clean a debris flow. Most cleanup requires several operators and technicians for safety and situational awareness and mobilization of equipment.

STREET DEPARTMENT



Houston, KC and Toker were on Woodhill Rd to clean and perform preventative maintenance for future debris flows from hillsides.

Thanks again to all our residents for their patience and understanding as we do our job and clean up the mess of mother nature.

PAYSON AIRPORT

July has been a busy month at the Payson Airport.

The airport had two wildfire fighting helicopters stop in at the airport as they transitioned to other areas with active fires. Even though Payson and the Tonto National Forest were lucky this year to not have any major forest fires, It is always reassuring to know that the Payson Airport is here to support wildfire aviation should the need arise.

This July has been a busy monsoon month with numerous heavy rains at the airport. Thanks to our new John Deere tractor, and John Adolph, (Airport Operations) the airport never closed and remained open even during extreme rain and flooding.

John has stayed busy this month with the help of Arizona's Fish and Game Department trying to keep the airport free of wildlife. Along with the occasional coyote that digs under the airport's perimeter fence, John had to deal with a family of Javelina that moved onto the airport. John tracked the animals every morning and filled in the holes that he found under the fence with rock. After several weeks he was able to keep the javelin off the airport. We are always researching new innovative airport wildlife management solutions to ensure a safe airport.

Did you know that many of the news outlets including Pheonix morning TV news rely on the Payson Airport's AWOS? (Automated Weather Observation System) Last month we lost our barometric sensor on the AWOS. The airport issued a NOTAM (Notice to Airman or Notice to Air Missions) to alert pilots that some of the information on the AWOS may be missing. Friday August 5th our technician that is certified by the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) is going to install the new barometric sensor and certify the AWOS. The only thing that the AWOS does not do is report rain and snow amounts. (When it snows, the valley TV stations call the airport staff for snowfall accumulations.) If you ever wonder what the current weather conditions are in Payson you can call the AWOS , 928 472-4260, and hear the automated weather report. The temperature is reported in Celsius. The Payson Airport Aerofair will be held on Saturday October 22nd. The local EAA (Experimental Aircraft Assoc.) Chapter and the Payson Pilots Assoc. are busy planning this year's Aerofair. There will be more information coming. Mark the date on your calendar.

End of Report

Next Report: August 25, 2022

