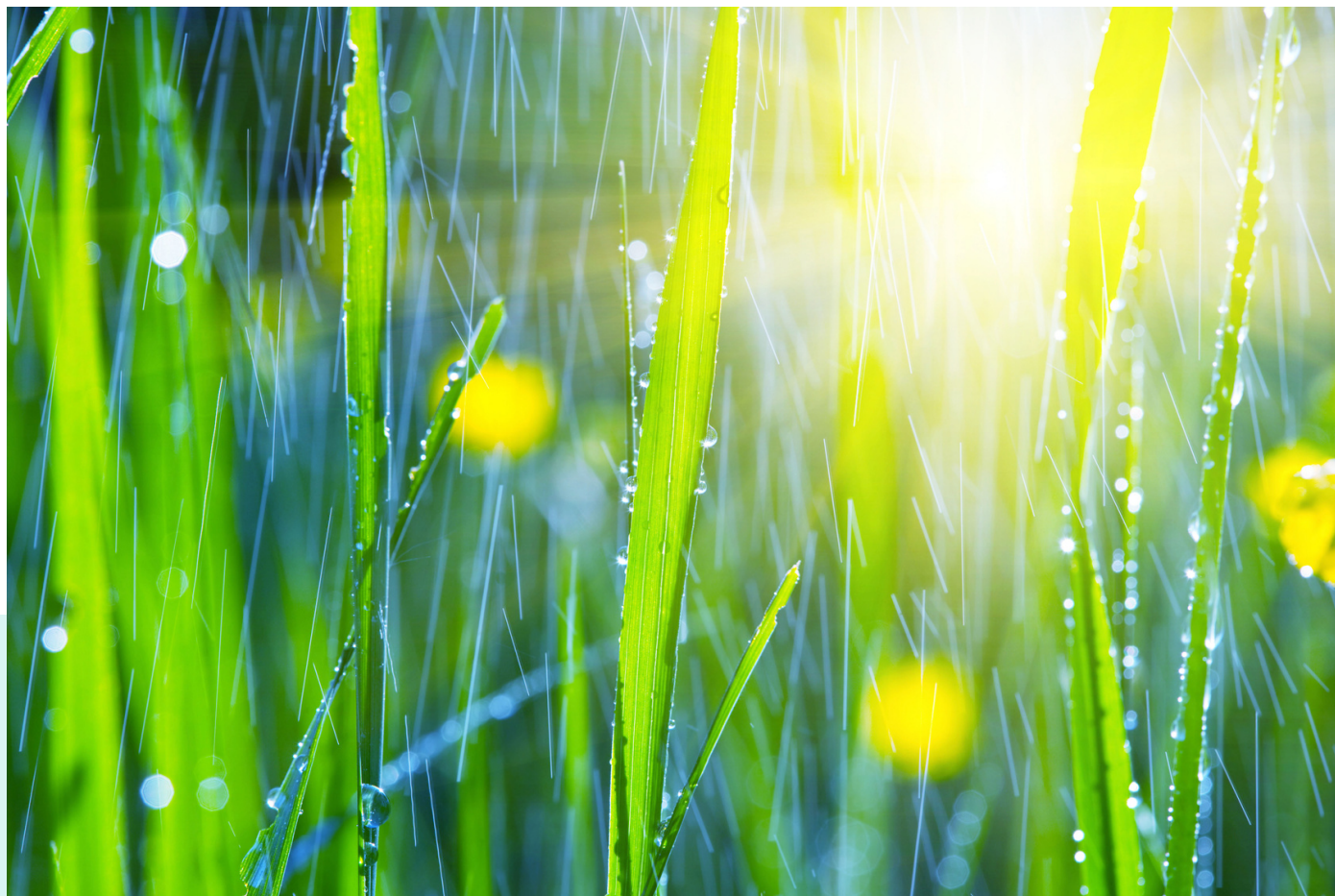




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TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

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MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



I would like to take the opportunity to recognize our Town employees who over the last several weeks have put in countless hours preparing, hosting, and cleaning up from several important and fun community events. In the last three weeks alone, we have hosted a food truck festival and laser light show, 4 days of the World's Oldest Continuous Rodeo, and currently the Wall that Heals.

Each of these events require hours of coordination, planning, and preparations to ensure that our residents and guests can enjoy themselves in a safe environment. When the event is over and our guests go home, our staff stays on deck recovering from the event , making necessary repairs, and returning the venue back to its daily operational condition. Staff from virtually every department have been involved in making these back to back events happen in our community. I am grateful for the dedicated men and women who are our Town of Payson Employees, who dedicate themselves to serving you, our community. If you happen to see one of our hard working employees around town, please take a moment and help me tell them thank you for what you do for us.

-Troy Smith, Town Manager

STREETS DEPARTMENT

HOW IS STORMWATER RUNOFF MANAGED?

During and after rainfall or snowfall events, impervious surfaces such as rooftops, driveways, parking lots and roads, prevent water from being absorbed into the ground. When a weather event occurs, the portion of water that is not absorbed into the ground becomes what is known as “stormwater runoff”. Stormwater runoff typically begins as shallow sheet flow. As runoff travels downstream, it begins to collect in natural washes that convey the runoff to area streams and rivers. The development of property often results in natural runoff areas being rerouted into man made conveyances including open channels, enclosed storm drains, and storage facilities. Town code contains specific requirements for design and construction of man-made conveyances. New developments are required to construct adequate drainage facilities to convey stormwater runoff to the low point where water exits the property. Storage facilities are required to reduce the runoff rate to the same rate that existed prior to development. In older neighborhoods that were developed prior to incorporation of the Town, man-made conveyances may not exist or may not be adequate to convey all of the runoff from larger stormwater events. As a result, flooding of both property and homes can and will occur during heavy rainfall. Development standards are typically focused on ensuring that buildings are located and constructed in a manner that prevents damage from flooding. Other site improvements such as landscaping and yardwork are commonly constructed in flood prone areas and not considered a priority from the perspective of protection from flooding.



Natural and man-made drainage conveyances often traverse multiple private properties and public properties. Maintenance of these systems is typically the responsibility of the property owner where the drainage conveyance is located.

Cooperation between multiple parties is required to ensure conveyances are adequately maintained and capable of performing as intended.

STREETS DEPARTMENT

MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC DRAINAGE AREAS

Payson operates and maintains a public stormwater drainage system that includes both open channels and enclosed storm drains. The majority of these facilities are located within and adjacent to public streets. Maintenance activities may include cleaning of pipes, catch basins, and culvert ends to ensure free flow of runoff during storm events. Payson will only maintain drainage facilities within public streets and within drainage easements that contain conveyance facilities that have been constructed per Town standards and accepted for maintenance by the Town.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Keep stormwater conveyance facilities such as catch basins, culverts, storm drains and natural or manmade channels free of litter and debris. Do not rake, blow, or dump grass clippings, leaves, or dirt into conveyance facilities. Keep the area easily accessible in case cleaning, repairs or maintenance are necessary. Do not place sheds or construct permanent structures in or near stormwater conveyances or within any floodway. Avoid obstructing the flow of stormwater with privacy fencing or block walls.

Property owners are responsible for maintenance of detention basins on their property unless maintained by a homeowner's association. Detention and retention basins require periodic maintenance to cleanout accumulated sediment to maintain the required storage volume and ensure that the discharge controls can operate as designed. Modification of the discharge controls or other changes to the detention basin is prohibited.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

On August 15, 2022, Officer Keven Rush was the recipient of the Law Related Education Officer of the Year from The Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education. This award focuses on public awareness of the contributions that the officer provides to the community and Arizona schools.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dispatcher Courtney Reagan was re-hired on August 18, 2022.



We have received 18 applications for the open Commander position and are going through the first screening process to establish the top candidates.

With the much needed rain we have been receiving, we have discovered a significant leak in the roof of the Police Station. Contractors are working to repair the issue.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

This last weekend was a busy one for the Fire Department, as we provided standby for the Rodeo and participated in the Rodeo parade. While providing these services we responded to 41 calls for service or about 13.7 calls per day during the Rodeo weekend.

This last Saturday, August 20, 2022, the Payson Fire Department graduated our first two firefighters from a full-time, professional fire academy. Firefighters Pearce and French graduated from the Glendale Fire Department Regional Training Academy class 22-2. This sixteen-week academy trained 49 recruits from Arizona Fire-Medical Authority, Avondale, Buckeye Valley, El Mirage, Payson, Peoria, Rio Verde, Scottsdale, and Sun City, fire departments in the basic knowledge, skills, and abilities to be a firefighter.

This new way of bringing on firefighters allows the Payson Fire Department to hire people that have the right qualities but have not attended a college Firefighter class. It also provides us the opportunity to develop a tremendous skill set in our new firefighters that we are not able to do locally.

We welcome Firefighter French and Pearce to the department family and look forward to them starting shift on August 29th.



WATER DEPARTMENT

Have you ever been to a local restaurant and seen Water Department staff at a table? They freely order and drink the water from the distribution system. That's a good sign that all is well with our water quality.



Recently there has been some concern raised on a local radio program about Asbestos pipes in our water system. Rest assured that the Town of Payson Water Department takes water quality seriously and our water is safe to drink. The Town of Payson routinely tests for over 90 different potential contaminants on a regular basis in accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. The radio program callers were concerned that we have Asbestos Cement (AC) pipes within our system and that it could be releasing asbestos fibers into the water. Prior to 1970 AC pipe was widely used for watermains around the world. Therefore, we do estimate that approximately 20% of the older portions of Town are AC pipe. The Water Department is in the process of replacing these older portions of Town with new Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) plastic pipe. However, until all the older portions of Town have new watermains, we will still have AC pipe within the system.

The risk associated with AC pipe is for our operations crew and not the public. AC pipe can emit fibres that can be inhaled into the lungs when being cut or handled when dry. Therefore all of our operators undergo Asbestos Institute training to make sure they know how to handle it safely.

WATER DEPARTMENT

So should our customers be concerned? No. Our operators are trained in the safe handling of AC pipe and studies have shown that AC pipe is safe for use in public water systems' especially when the water is "hard" and non-corrosive. Have you seen the white scaling on your faucets and fixtures? That is because the Town of Payson's water is "hard". According to the World Health Organization document WHO/HEP/ECH/WSH/2021.4 entitled *Asbestos in drinking-water Background document for development of WHO Guidelines for drinking-water quality*, **"....no causal association between asbestos exposure via drinking-water and cancer development has been reported for any asbestos fibre type"**.

If you would like more details feel free to view the [WHO report](#) or the Town's 2021 [Water Quality Consumer Confidence Report](#) on the Town's website or stop by the Water Department and we'll be happy to assist you.



PAYSON AIRPORT

During the Rodeo parade on August 20, Payson Pilots Association displayed a float built for the parade. It featured a playground-style kid's biplane with two 8-year-old future pilots aboard. Lots of smiles and crowd excitement followed the children as they proceeded on the parade route.

The goal was to create a buzz and awareness of the upcoming Payson Aerofair which will take place October 22, 2022. It was a success in every sense, additional entries have been coming for Payson Aerofair! Check out www.paysonaerofair.com for more information.



PAYSON AIRPORT

Simultaneously, on August 20, the Young Eagles flew 54 kids, ages 8-17 with 6 planes and pilots and 15 ground volunteers. The original target was 30 kids! There is a huge pent-up demand for this and with unlimited resources it could easily have been 90-100 flights.

Young Eagles provides free flights and launched in 1992, the Young Eagles program has dedicated 30 years to giving youth ages 8-17 their first free ride in an airplane. It's the only program of its kind, with the sole mission to introduce and inspire kids in the world of aviation. These flights are made possible through the generosity of EAA member volunteers.

The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) was founded in 1953 by a group of individuals who were interested in building their own airplanes.

EAA Chapter 810, the "Payson Hot Wings" support and promote the mission, vision, goals and objectives of the EAA, including Young Eagles rallies.



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OCT 22, 2022

9:00AM - 3:00PM



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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



Trunk Or Treat Fall Festival

October 31, 2022



Turkey Trot 5k/1mi Run/ Walk

November 19, 2022

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