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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

PAYSON LIBRARY

Payson Public Library

328 N McLane Rd, Payson, AZ 85541; 928-474-9260

www.paysonaz.gov/departments/library.org

September 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Drama Club 4:00 pm	Draw a Robot! 1:00 pm 	Battle Bots - Learn Code / Program Robots for Battle! 12:00 pm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Library CLOSED 	Storytime with Toddlers 10:30 am	Storytime with Babies 10:30 am Practice Spanish 11:30 am	Drama Club 4:00 pm 	Zumba Fun Dance & Exercise for the Entire family - From Toddlers to Grandparents! 1:00 pm	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	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	Can You Build a Candy Bridge? 1:00 pm 	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Presenter: Julie Bradley - Sailed Around the World! 10:30 am 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	Fun Movie with Fresh Popcorn! 1:00 pm 	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	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	Pinecone Nature Walk 1:00 pm 	

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Recently, the Police Department made a change to how its police cars are upfitted with all of the equipment that gets installed into the cab of our new cars, including radios, weapons mounts, and computer technology. Airwave Communications was selected as the vendor to upfit all our new patrol vehicles. We have received a lot of positive feedback from other law enforcement agencies about our upfit design, in fact, one of our new squad cars was showcased at the State Police Chief's Conference by Airwave Communications last week.



Did you know that all of the traffic signals throughout Payson are the responsibility of ADOT? Motorist should anticipate traffic delays while the pavement maintenance project is complete on Hwy 87 and Green Valley Parkway, especially on Friday and Sunday evenings.



POLICE DEPARTMENT



Payson Police Officer Jeffrey Dean has successfully completed the requirements to become AZ Post Certified and is our newest AZ Peace Officer for the Payson Police Department. (Pictured from left to right: Detective Keith, Officer Dean, Officer Meza, Sergeant Davies).

Notable Cases

One of our officers pulled a vehicle over in a nearby business in the 700 block of AZ Highway 260 for a traffic violation. The driver of the vehicle barricaded himself in the vehicle, refusing to come out or comply with the officers directions. After 2 hours of successful negotiations, the subject was taken into custody without incident or injury.

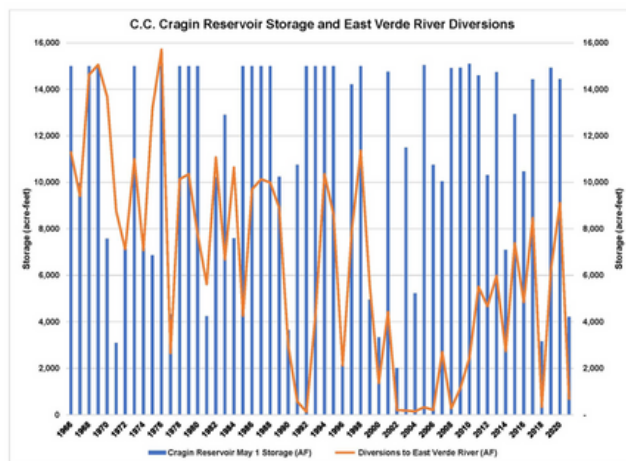
WATER DEPARTMENT

During these times of water scarcity, the Payson Water Department proactively plans and manages its water resources portfolio. Historic data trends from multiple sources indicate that Payson is well positioned to deliver water to its customers even amidst this severe drought.

Water department staff routinely keep up to date with United States Geological Survey hydrologic data to develop an informed understanding of the C.C. Cragin surface water in storage as shown in the graph below. Based on the graph, water storage at the C.C. Cragin reservoir typically replenishes to above 80% of capacity, 50% of the time. This observation allows water staff to assume that about every other year the C.C. Cragin water allotment should be near 3000 acre-feet, which overall eases the department’s ongoing effort to deliver a reliable water supply. Due to the startup of the water replenishment program in 2019, water levels in wells have rose 30 to 200 feet. This groundwater replenishment has enabled the water department to use the stored surface water during times when C.C. Cragin water allotment is small due to decreased C.C. Cragin storage years.

In addition, the department is beginning to develop a methodology to forecast C.C. Cragin storage levels, based on snow depth levels measured in the C.C. Cragin watershed. The data are published by the Natural Resources Conservation Service every two weeks beginning in January and ending in April every year.

These efforts help the Payson Water Department to make informed water management decisions based on real-time water resources data during a time when water supply reductions are on-going in Arizona.



PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM

Parks, Recreation and Tourism would like to highlight our annual Payson Senior Softball Classic Tournament. Kudos to our Recreation Coordinator, Justin Hewitt, and Recreation Assistant, Mike Losicco, for their roles in organizing such a great tournament.

The two division winners were: Sun City Rockets and AZ Ancients.



PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM



September

LOCAL EVENTS

PAYSON, ARIZONA

SEPT
8-11



NORTHERN ARIZONA GILA COUNTY FAIR

Spanning 4 days the Northern Gila County Fair provides nonstop action including live entertainment, auctions, food, and so much more! [Learn More @ www.ngcfair.com](http://www.ngcfair.com)



SEPT
8-10

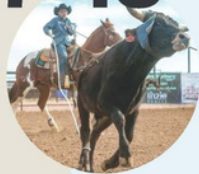


MEN'S SENIOR SOFTBALL CLASSIC

The Men's Senior Softball Classic is back! Join the fun and cheer on teams from all over Arizona in this spirited tournament. Divisions: 65+ & 70+



SEPT
17-18



QUEEN CREEK JUNIOR RODEO

Elite group of kids who are able to compete and receive great awards for their dedication and drive for the sport of rodeo. [Learn More @ www.qcjra.org](http://www.qcjra.org)



SEPT
23-25



OLD TIME FIDDLE & ACOUSTIC CELEBRATION

INCLUDES AZ STATE FIDDLE COMPETITION @ Green Valley Park



All Event Details @ www.paysonrimcountry.com

PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM

OCTOBER

SPECIAL EVENTS



SEPT. 30TH & OCT 1ST AT THE MAZATZAL CASINO

POW WOW & GOURD DANCING SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY - 6PM GOURD DANCING | 7PM GRAND ENTRY

SATURDAY - 12PM GOURD DANCING | 1PM GRAND ENTRY | 6PM GOURD DANCING | 7PM GRAND ENTRY



BEELINE CRUISE-IN CAR SHOW | OCT 7TH & 8TH

BURGER BURN COOKOUT

OCT 7TH AT RUMSEY PARK | 2PM TO 7PM

CAR SHOW

OCT 8TH AT GREEN VALLEY PARK | 10AM TO 3PM

GONE TO THE DOGS | OCT 15TH

AT RUMSEY PARK | 10AM TO 3PM

FREE FAMILY EVENT | BRING YOUR FAMILY & LEASHED FRIEND FOR FUN, FOOD, GAMES, AND DEMOS.

KIDS GAMES & RAFFLE PRIZES.



PAYSON AERO FAIR | OCT. 22

AT THE PAYSON AIRPORT | 9AM TO 3PM

FAMILY FUN | FOOD TRUCKS | AIRCRAFT DISPLAYS | AND MUCH MORE!

VISIT PAYSONAEROFAIR.COM FOR MORE INFO



ROCK THE PARK

OCT. 29TH

AT GREEN VALLEY PARK | 10AM TO 2PM

ANTI-DRUG EVENT RAISING AWARENESS TO THE DANGERS OF ILLEGAL DRUGS & ALCOHOL IN OUR TOWN.

FREE HOT DOGS, HELICOPTER LANDING, D.A.R.E AND K-9 DEMO.

TRUNK OR TREAT HALLOWEEN, OCT. 31ST

AT RUMSEY PARK | 4PM TO 7PM *OR UNTIL CANDY LASTS

A FUN FAMILY EVENT FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES DRESS UP IN YOUR HALLOWEEN COSTUME AND FILL UP YOUR BUCKET WITH CANDY FROM MANY DIFFERENT "TRUNKS"



FOR OTHER UPCOMING WINTER EVENTS

VETERANS DAY MEMORIAL CEREMONY, TURKEY TROT 5K, AND THE ELECTRIC LIGHT PARADE

VISIT PAYSONRIMCOUNTRY.COM

PAYSON AIRPORT

On Saturday, September 17th, the local EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) Chapter 810 sponsored another Young Eagles Day at the Payson Airport.

The Young Eagles program offers free flights for youth ages 8 through 17. The program was started by the EAA to inspire young people to become pilots and possibly pursue a career in aviation. Saturday's event was a success with over 50 participants getting their first flight in an airplane. The Payson EAA Chapter 810 is always looking for new members that have an interest in aviation. For more information contact Tom West at 602 626-4308.

Another fun experience is coming to the Payson Airport on Saturday October 22, 9:00am to 3:00pm. Volunteers from the PPA (Payson Pilots Association) and the EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) will be helping the Town of Payson with this year's Aerofair. The event is FREE and will feature Food Trucks, Aircraft Displays, Talk with Pilots, Flight Simulators, Educational Displays about aircraft and airports and much more. Mark Saturday October 22nd on your calendar for a day of FUN at the Payson Airport Aerofair.



PAYSON AIRPORT

What do monsoon rains and warm temperatures mean to the Payson Airport? It is time to mow grass and weeds. One of the most important safety jobs at the airport is mowing of the areas adjacent to the runway and taxiway. Control of wildlife at the airport on the ground and in the air above is critical to the safe operation of the airport.

The airport is home to rabbits and ground squirrels. Eagles and hawks prey on the rabbits and squirrels. Both the small animals on the ground and the birds in the air can cause serious damage to an aircraft. John Adolph, Airport Operations, spends most of his time at the airport these days mowing. Studies have shown that the perfect height for grass at an airport is four inches. At this height the grass is tall enough to help fight erosion of the soils. Four inches is short enough not to give protective cover for small animals from the eagles and hawks above. So, if we can keep the grass at or below four inches, we have a natural way to control the wildlife population at the airport. With no rabbits or squirrels to eat, the eagles and hawks go elsewhere to find a meal. Now you know why John is always mowing during the monsoon season.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MOONSHOT BOOTCAMP

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

8 AM - 2 PM
TUESDAY, SEPT 27
@ Payson Public Library

- ~ Strategic Time Management
- ~ Intentional & Successful Networking
- ~ Working Lunch
- ~ Self Confidence & Motivation



FACILITATOR
DIANA WHITE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

All Rim Country Business Owners
& Entrepreneurs are Welcome
\$25 Registration (lunch included)



REGISTER BY EMAILING
MAIA@RIMCOUNTRYCHAMBER.COM
OR CALL 928-978-0490



 **Moonshot**
at NACET



End of Report

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