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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

www.facebook.com/PaysonArizonaUSA



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Join LIBRARY Friends of Payson!				
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	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	Marbled Pebbles 1:00 pm 	Make Electric Wand But DON'T Cast a Spell! 12:00 noon 
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Sit & Stitch 2:30 pm	Storytime with Toddlers 10:30 am  Toddler Storytimes	Storytime with Babies 10:30 am	Drama Club 4:00 pm		Zumba Fun Dance & Exercise for the Entire family – From Toddlers to Grandparents! 12:00 noon
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Amy Bunett AZ Game & Fish: Living w/ Wildlife in Rim Country 10:30 am Sit & Stitch 2:30 pm	Storytime with Toddlers 10:30 am	Storytime with Babies 10:30 am	Drama Club 4:00 pm 		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	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 	Special Reading with Therapy Dogs Treat – "Love on a Leash" 1:00 pm	Halloween Costume Pizza Party! MUST Sign-Up! 12:00 noon
30	31					
	Halloween DAY Sit & Stitch 2:30 pm	 Have a spooky HALLOWEEN				

POLICE DEPARTMENT

When Covid hit and with the unknown, socialization outside our small circles were few and far. On September 27th Payson had a long overdue event, Payson Night Out. This event not only promotes comradery between neighbors but also partnerships with their local Fire and Police, bridging the gap and helping bring the community together. All down Phoenix Street, neighbors gathered along with First Responders getting to know one another and showing our support for each other and the Town of Payson. It was humbling to see such appreciation for the officers and firefighters and their continued support while we serve and protect our community.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Landon Marlowe has successfully completed the Field Training Officer (FTO) Program. This program is 16 weeks where a recruit/lateral officer is partnered with a fellow Payson Police Officer learning the policies of the department and town, and correctly applying concepts that were learned in the academy to be able to go solo. The officers are required to meet specific performance standards in four individual phases of specialized training before being certified for solo patrol duty.

EVIDENCE STORAGE

We are happy to announce that we received our new Air Science Ductless Evidence / Storage Cabinet. This cabinet is designed to store, dry, or otherwise process forensic evidence in the controlled environment of a tamper-resistant compartment to maintain the chain of custody.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

NOTABLE CASES

On 09/27/2022 at approximately 3:01 a.m., an officer with the Payson Police Department conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for no taillights. The vehicle pulled into a closed business parking lot and attempted to avoid the officer. During the subsequent investigation, the driver was determined to be under the influence of drug(s), more than 38 grams of methamphetamine and 47 fentanyl pills were in the driver's possession, and an addition 111 fentanyl pills were in the passenger's possession. The driver was arrested and booked into the Gila County Payson Jail on multiple felony charges to include possession of a dangerous drug for sale and aggravated driving under the influence. The passenger was also arrested and booked into the Gila County Payson Jail on multiple felony drug charges.



WATER DEPARTMENT

Did you know that all of the people who work for the Water Department have a specific education that enables them to safely deliver water to us? It's true, all of our water system operators have obtained and maintain Water Operator certifications with Arizona State to prove their proficiency.

The Town of Payson Water Department maintains required certifications for all employees and/or operators, who make decisions about process control or system integrity that affects public health in accordance with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) guidelines. These guidelines are in conformance with the United States Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, Arizona Administrative Code Title 18, Chapter 4 Safe Drinking Water, Chapter 5, Article 1 – Rule for the Operator Certification Program and Chapter 9, Article 1 Rule for Water Pollution Control.

As part of that education and certification, 30 hours of Professional Development Hours (PDH's) are required every 3 years to maintain an operator's certifications. These PDH's can be obtained by attending training events. In an effort to reduce travel and lodging costs to maintain certifications, the Water Department coordinated with the Parks Department and the Arizona Water Association to host a Hands-On Operator Workshop at Ramada #5 in Rumsey Park. This event provided up to 6 PDH's for each operator and took place on September 22, 2022, from 8 am to 3 pm with great participation from many other water systems in the State. For example, Pine-Strawberry Water Improvement District, Chino Valley, Town of Gilbert, City of Phoenix, and Surprise all had attendees there. The event had multiple stations with training on items such as service connection fabrication, leak detection, water sampling techniques, fire hydrant repair, excavator equipment challenge and meter assembly and repair. The meter assembly and repair station included a timed competition for who could assemble a water meter in the shortest time. Our very own Brent Dirren won the competition with a time of 1 minute 22 seconds! Wow! That's fast!

WATER DEPARTMENT



AZ WATER Distribution Committee
Hands-On Operator Workshop
September 22, 2022; 8am to 3pm
(Registration and Breakfast Starts at 7am)
Payson, AZ



- ◆ **Service Connection Fabrication**
- ◆ **Leak Detection**
- ◆ **Water Sampling Techniques**
- ◆ **Meter Assembly and Repair**
- ◆ **Fire Hydrant Repair**
- ◆ **Excavator Equipment Challenge**

Earn 6 PDHs
Breakfast Items and BBQ Lunch Included
Network, Learn, Succeed



Go to the AZ Water Event Calendar for Registration:
<https://www.azwater.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1647610>

- 1) Click Registration
- 2) Enter your information
- 3) Select Vegetarian opt. if applies, default meal is BBQ
- 4) Continue to payment - \$65/member \$85/non-member

QUESTIONS?? Please e-mail Dane Whitmer at dane.whitmer@arcadis.com



WATER DEPARTMENT



PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM

The 52nd Annual Old Time Fiddle and Acoustic Celebration occurred September 24th-25th at Green Valley Park. A great time was had by all, participants came from all around the State of Arizona. Beth Youngblood will be heading to nationals along with the top winners in each age division, which is in Weiser, Idaho. The winners of the Band Competition were the highly popular, Arizona Wildflowers. A special kudos to Senior Coordinator, Kaprice Bachtell, for all of her efforts to make this event successful!



PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM

Town of Payson Youth Fall Soccer League kicked off last Saturday with a total of 22 teams and 314 registered participants. (2021 Fall Soccer numbers- 259 participants)

Games will continue to be played each Saturday until the season ending tournament held on November 19th.

A big thank you to all of our volunteer coaches and parents. Our youth sports numbers continue to grow exponentially, we couldn't do this without them!



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!

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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

SKY KING SOARING

Payson Airport is the home of Sky King Soaring. In 2000 Russ Husted went looking for the perfect place to have a motor glider training facility. Russ chose the Payson Airport. Payson had the small town charm that was still close to a major airport. A mountain town with great scenery and even better flying weather. Also important was a town with nice motels and great restaurants as most of the clientele would come from all over the world to take motor glider flying lessons from Russ.

Sky King Soaring also offers scenic air tours and soaring rides by appointment. Who would have guessed that Payson is known around the world as the place to go to get your certification as a motor glider pilot.

To find out more, www.skykingsoaring.com



Russ Husted

PAYSON AIRPORT

OCT 22, 2022

9:00AM - 3:00PM



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STREET DEPARTMENT

TOWN OF PAYSON STREET OPERATIONS

The Street department is switching gears into autumn operations. Our focus this time of year is on crack sealing and preventative pothole repair, tree trimming and brushing projects. Residents should be aware that we will be trimming any nuisance trees and vegetation that make it difficult for our street sweeper to pass or for plow operations in winter. Right of Way clearance is 14 feet above roadway to the top back of curb and 7 feet over public sidewalks.



Earlier in the summer the Street Department welcomed a new CAT 415 backhoe which replaces an older model backhoe from the 1990s. Tim Ryden (foreground) was instrumental in acquisition of this machine during his time as interim manager of streets.

STREET DEPARTMENT

As Public Works evolves and the workforce becomes more dependent on technology, the Streets Department will continue to responsibly acquire new equipment and replace antiquated machinery.



Crews take preliminary instruction on use of the new CAT before deployment to official Street Operations.

Street Sweeping



Stormwater and flood control on many roadways can be challenging during the monsoon season. This image shows the rapid impact that the monsoons have as this section of Longhorn goes underwater for 20 minutes.

STREET DEPARTMENT



Year round the Town of Payson's streets see an influx of dust and debris, usually worsened by the monsoon season. Here the sweeper clears off a storm drain grate from accumulated pine needles.



Our operators work quickly to tackle these issues as they arise all the while balancing our daily maintenance routine as well as other requests for paving or pothole repair. Angie Lucchesi gives a wry smile as she maintains long sections of the Beeline and all the other 125 miles of roadway traveled by our Townsfolk.

STREET DEPARTMENT

Paving



Cities and Towns are required to contract for most major road projects. However, smaller paving projects consume a significant amount of time and focus during the late spring into the late fall annually. Nearly every paving project the Town performs in-house is coordinated carefully with local asphalt production companies to determine availability of their product as well as proper composition. Above: The Ang gets loaded with several tons at Payson Concrete, while Clayton Randall monitors the vehicle's weight.

STREET DEPARTMENT

During loading or in between runs, the crew applies the asphalt to the affected areas needing repair or maintenance. Paving requires a large portion of our crew as most jobs require specialized equipment and skilled operators. The Street division is recruiting operators to fill three current vacancies. The department is small but mighty. Led by the Street Operations Manager, Andrew Jackson, when fully staffed the team includes nine field staff members and three mechanics.



The Crew shown on a recent rehabilitation on Hunter Circle: (L-R)Klayton(in cab), Shane, Tim, Angie, Tucker, Leroy, KC, Shawn and Houston.

STREET DEPARTMENT

Moving to Autumn operations

As we get away from the heat of summer and move towards winter, a new set of tasks will begin to comprise the majority of our daily work hours. Tree trimming will be a standard go-to moving on into winter.



Shawn and Shane managing a willow along Green Valley Parkway.

STREET DEPARTMENT



Teddy Tomerlin on his last day of work before retirement guides Taker as he clears a ditch near the Airport.



The Street Operations Division responds to approximately 400 calls for service annually, in addition to assisting various departments with special events, significant weather events, and routine maintenance.

STREET DEPARTMENT

Viet Nam Memorial Wall That Heals

Although mentioned earlier last month, the Street division wants to express its honor to assist Payson Parks and Rec and those veterans who served as we were given the privilege to assist the National Parks Department in the construction and management of the Wall.



Multiple visitors from several states came to see the memorial and pay their respects.



The Streets division was given the unique task of repairing a section of the wall giving Vincent Beeler (in gear) the unique distinction of being one of the few people in the Country to make repairs to a National Monument.

STREET DEPARTMENT



The wall at sunset the first night of setup before the crowds arrived.



"I am thankful for our staff and crew for their efforts this summer. I am blessed to have such an easy-going crew and department directors that understand the ebb and flow of the variety of tasks in the Street department. They are quick to provide us support and allow us to use discretion as we respond to the many forms of emergency management issues that arise in our Town and department." Andrew Jackson

End of Report

Next Report: October 27, 2022

