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# TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

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# MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



The Town of Payson recently launched the annual Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Capital Improvement Community Survey on January 5, 2023. This is the fourth year the Town has released this specific survey, and we want to encourage residents to provide their input in this important data gathering tool. In last year's survey, the participation increased with a total of 548 responses. We're striving to continue the increase of citizen responses each year. We have advertised the survey on our website, social media, radio, and in the local newspaper.

The Payson Town Council encourages residents to engage in their local government and provide input to the future planning of Payson, by completing the Capital Improvement Survey. Over the past several years the council has utilized the information gained from community members to develop a list of priority capital projects. They use these priorities by directing resources toward the planning and design of projects which are the most important needs and desires of the community. Your voice in this process is critical to the future of Payson.

## MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

You can access the survey by going to the Town of Payson, Arizona Website located at [www.PAYSONAZ.GOV](http://www.PAYSONAZ.GOV). Or you can go directly to the survey link at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KF3CHWG>. If you're unable to access the online survey, you may obtain a paper copy at the following locations:

Town Hall  
303 N Beeline Hwy.  
Payson, AZ 85541

Payson Public Library  
328 N McLane Rd,  
Payson, AZ 85541

Thank you in advance for taking the time to fill out the survey. We value your opinion.

-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](http://www.paysonaz.gov/departments/library.org)



## JANUARY 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	<p><b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b> New Year Day</p>	<p>Storytime with Toddlers 10:30 am</p>	<p>Storytime with Babies 10:30 am</p> <p>Practice Spanish 11:30 am</p>	<p><b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b></p>	<p>Customize your own New Year Buttons &amp; Resolution Bookmarks 1:00 pm</p>	<p>Icy Investigations – Make your own Snow and Investigate Ice 12:00 Noon</p>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	<p>Sit &amp; Stitch 2:30 pm</p>	<p>Storytime with Toddlers 10:30 am</p>	<p>Storytime with Babies 10:30 am</p> <p>Practice Spanish 11:30 am</p>	<p>Remembering DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.</p>	<p>Martin Luther King PEACE Dream Catcher Craft 1:00 pm</p>	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	<p><b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b> Martin Luther King Jr. Day "I have a dream." "THE TIME IS ALWAYS RIGHT TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT." "What else were we doing for liberty?"</p>	<p>Storytime with Toddlers 10:30 am</p>	<p>Storytime with Babies 10:30 am</p> <p>Practice Spanish 11:30 am</p>		<p>Build a Gingerbread House! 1:00 pm</p> <p><b>SIGN-UP REQUIRED</b></p>	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	<p>Sit &amp; Stitch 2:30 pm</p>	<p>Storytime with Toddlers 10:30 am</p>	<p>Storytime with Babies 10:30 am</p> <p>Practice Spanish 11:30 am</p>		<p>Learn Origami – Make Animals, Flowers &amp; Snowflakes! Entire Family Welcome 1:00 pm</p> <p><b>SIGN-UP REQUIRED</b></p>	
29	30	31	February 1	February 2	February 3	February 4
	<p>Sit &amp; Stitch 2:30 pm</p>	<p>Storytime with Toddlers 10:30 am</p>	<p>Storytime with Babies 10:30 am</p> <p>Practice Spanish 11:30 am</p>		<p><b>Special Crochet Classes</b> for month of February (Fridays at 1:30 pm)! Entire Family Welcome <b>SIGN-UP REQUIRED</b> 1:30 pm</p>	

# PAYSON LIBRARY

## Line Dancing

At the

## LibraRy



**THURSDAYS With JoIENE**

**Intermediate & Advanced**

**1 PM to 3:30 PM**

**FRIDAYS With DORIS**

**Beginners 1 - 1:30 PM**

**Intermediate 1:30 - 2:45 PM**

**No Classes on 2nd Fridays**

# PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM

## Splash Pad Project Update

In the previous update staff shared they had been notified that the review processes for the archeological monitoring plan had been completed and approved by the State Historic Preservation Office and the Tohono O'odham Nation. On December 6th, the Town received notification from AZ State Parks & Trails that the Archeological Monitoring Plan has now also been completed and approved by the National Parks Service. The Town has not been allowed to perform any work on the site until this approval was received. The Town is now cleared to move forward with the project. On Wednesday, January 11th Western Technologies (geotechnical), AZTEC Engineering Group (archeologist) and Parks Operations staff will be doing inventory and analysis for the engineering survey of the splashpad site in Rumsey Park.

This survey requires coordination with the surveyor and the archeological team as both need to be present during the time of initial excavation work. The survey collects information about subsurface conditions and is needed to complete design documents and firm up project costs. In the meantime, staff is continuing to work on project specifications to prepare for purchasing equipment and installation services. These contracted services are expected to be brought to Council for approval in the 1st quarter of 2023.



# PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM

Congratulations to Paradise Nails for winning the Town of Payson 22/23 Indoor Adult Volleyball League. This league took place each Tuesday evening at Julia Randal Elementary starting November 1st and completed on January 3rd. We had a total of six teams this season.

Town of Payson Youth Basketball League kicked off this past weekend. We have a total of 12 teams in four separate age/gender divisions. Games are held on Saturday mornings at Julia Randal Elementary School until February 25th.

Fall Soccer League Champion Hoodies were donated by Banner Health Payson Medical Center! Thank you for making our youth sport leagues special!



Adult Volleyball Champs





# FIRE DEPARTMENT

December was another busy month for the Fire Department.

We participated in Electric Light parade. We took third place for our division!



We helped unload the wreaths for Wreaths across America (while in service for emergency calls):

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

We delivered Santa to the Swiss Village Lighting.

We also were kept busy with the snowstorm over the holidays. We responded to a number of motor vehicle accidents and had three structure fires Christmas weekend. One in Town, one in Pine, and one Christopher Creek.



This is only a sampling of the good work the Fire Department members did in the community in December and throughout 2022. We look forward to 2023 with excitement of the challenges ahead.

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Welcome Commander Josh Haines



Commander Joshua Haines started with the Payson Police Department in December. He comes to us from Scottsdale PD. During his time in Scottsdale, he worked full-time as a patrol officer, school resource officer, patrol sergeant, school resource unit supervisor, and lieutenant. Josh has training in responding to mental health related issues, being crisis intervention trained (CIT) and a graduate of the FBI's crisis negotiation school (CNT). He also worked in temporary assignments with the street crimes unit, gang enforcement unit, intelligence unit, burglary unit, bike unit, and DPS GIITEM. He was a member of the rapid response team and managed the department's driving program. When he left the Scottsdale Police Department, he was serving as a patrol watch commander. Josh graduated from NAU with a bachelor's degree in psychology and political science and has a master's degree in organizational leadership in criminal justice administration.

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Prior to working as a police officer, Josh worked with the US Forest Service (Kaibab and Coconino National Forests) for 8 years as a firefighter. In that role he worked on a type 3 engine as a firefighter, on a type 3 helicopter as a firefighter, worked as fire prevention officer, and worked for one year as an engineer on a type 3 engine and one year as a captain on a type 2 water tender.

Josh grew up in Williams. He has been married to Jamie for 14 years, and they have two boys, Wyatt and Cody. He loves being outdoors running, hiking, hunting, fishing, camping, and reading. The family is excited to be in Payson and they look forward to becoming a part of this community!

Payson Police Department Personnel Updates:

The Payson Police Department is proud to announce new members to its team to include Dispatcher

Trainees Katelyne Straughn and Katelyn Wilbanks, and Records Clerk Madisyn Taylor. In addition, we have two recruits starting the Northern Arizona Regional Training Academy (NARTA), Cody Krause and Russ Lytle. Cadet Lytle is familiar to us as he was previously the Payson Police Department's Community Service Officer.

End of Report

Next Report: January 26, 2023

