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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

Library Thanksgiving tree



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## PAYSON LIBRARY HOLIDAY MUSIC SCHEDULE

*Monday 12/11/2023 - 11 AM*

*Take 2 Singers*



*Tuesday 12/19/2023 - 11 AM*

*Payson Library  
Ukulele Club*



*Tuesday 12/12/2023 - 2 PM*

*Cinnamon Twist  
& Friends*



*Tuesday 12/19/2023 - 5 PM*

*Payson United  
Methodist Church's  
Grace Notes Bell Choir*



*Monday 12/18/2023 - 2 PM*

*Bach-N-All*



*Thursday 12/21/2023 - 2 PM*

*Christmas Star  
Carolers*



*Celebrate the Holiday Season @ the Library with  
Free Musical Performances by local Artists!  
Light Refreshments Will Be Served*

# 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)  
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## DECEMBER 2023

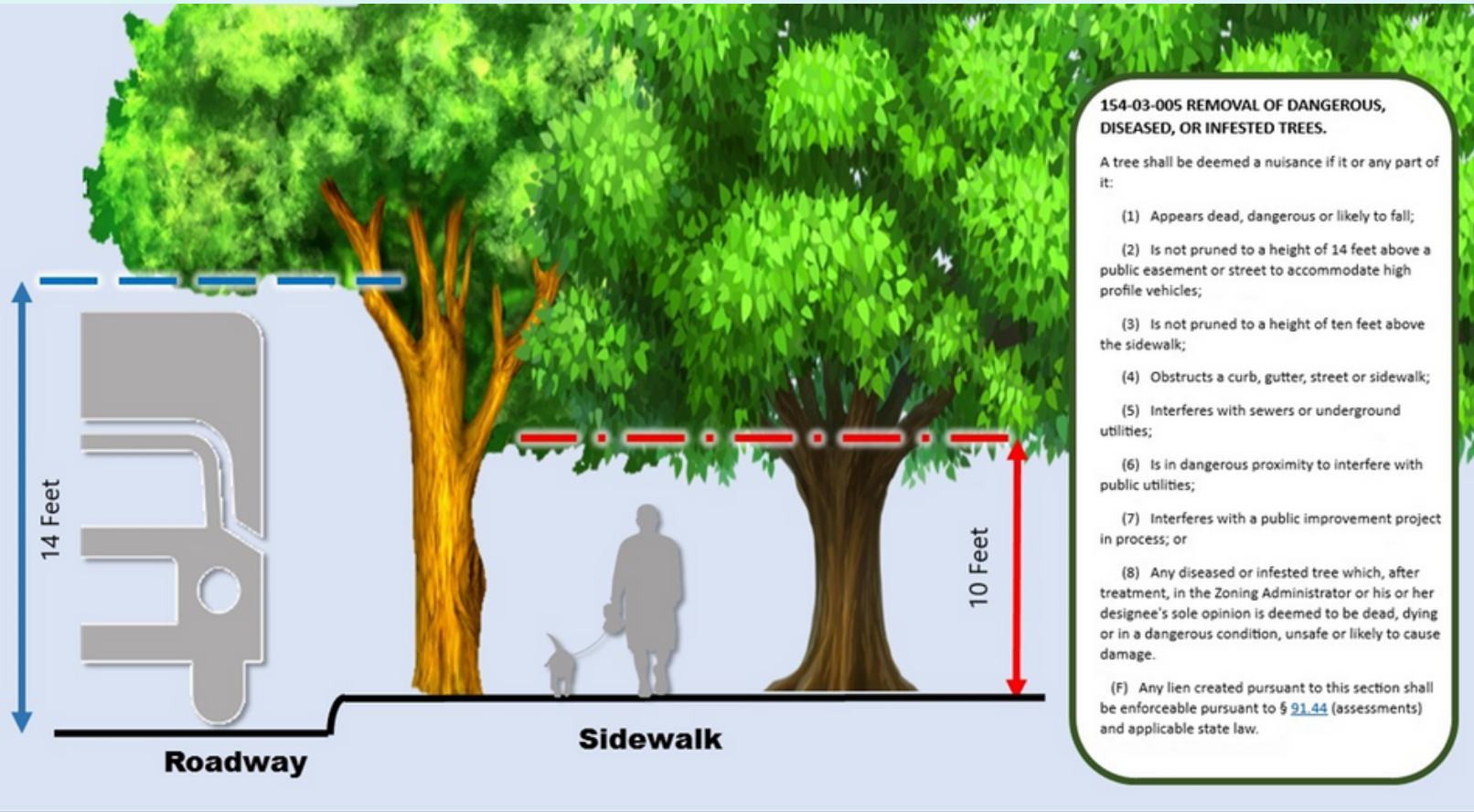
Sun day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>Chess is 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays every month! 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm</p>	<p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS, Happy Kwanza &amp; Hanukkah</b> To All Our Supporters, Members, Friends &amp; Visitors!</p>			<p>Take your Christmas Picture- (Photo Corner will be here all Month) Make &amp; Put your Wish in our Santa's Mailbox! Bring props if you want 1:00 pm</p>	
<p>Please Sign-Up for all Friday &amp; Saturday Programs</p>						
	<p>Sit &amp; Stitch 2:00 - 5:00</p>	<p>Storytime with Toddlers 10:30 am Line Dancing Beginners 1:15-2:15 Intermediate 2:15-4:00</p>	<p>Storytime with Babies 10:30 am Practice Spanish 11:30 am</p>	<p>Line Dancing at the Library! 2:15 -4:00</p>	<p>Discover Spanish for Kids 11:00 am Learn / Play Chess 12:00 to 2:00 pm</p>	
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	<p>Library Closed Christmas</p>	<p>Storytime with Toddlers 10:30 am Line Dancing Beginners 1:15-2:15 Intermediate 2:15-4:00</p>	<p>Storytime with Babies 10:30 am Practice Spanish 11:30 am</p>	<p>Line Dancing at the Library! 2:15 -4:00</p>	<p>Winter Movie - The Grinch with Fresh PopCorn 1:00 pm</p>	



# STREET DEPARTMENT

## TREE and VEGETATION TRIMMING NOTICE

The Town of Payson Streets Department will be performing tree and vegetation pruning along public Town Streets from November 1st through March 1st as time permits. This is a recurring fall/winter seasonal activity which is meant to restore adequate clearances over streets, sidewalks and other unimproved portions of road rights-of-way. This project will also restore proper visual clearances at intersections and ensure visibility of traffic signage throughout the Town. It is our goal to take care of as many areas as possible in Town, however, we can only accomplish what the weather allows as we are still taking care of all other forms of roadway maintenance and snow plowing in Town during the winter season.



**154-03-005 REMOVAL OF DANGEROUS, DISEASED, OR INFESTED TREES.**

A tree shall be deemed a nuisance if it or any part of it:

- (1) Appears dead, dangerous or likely to fall;
- (2) Is not pruned to a height of 14 feet above a public easement or street to accommodate high profile vehicles;
- (3) Is not pruned to a height of ten feet above the sidewalk;
- (4) Obstructs a curb, gutter, street or sidewalk;
- (5) Interferes with sewers or underground utilities;
- (6) Is in dangerous proximity to interfere with public utilities;
- (7) Interferes with a public improvement project in process; or
- (8) Any diseased or infested tree which, after treatment, in the Zoning Administrator or his or her designee's sole opinion is deemed to be dead, dying or in a dangerous condition, unsafe or likely to cause damage.

(F) Any lien created pursuant to this section shall be enforceable pursuant to § 91.44 (assessments) and applicable state law.

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The seasonal pruning will follow town tree ordinances applicable to “nuisance” vegetation which require minimum clearances of 14 feet over streets, ten feet over sidewalks, and if necessary, up to ten feet behind recorded roadway improvements or edges of asphalt. Our crews will attempt to preserve aesthetics on each property as they perform maintenance, however, any plant materials interfering with streetlights, fire hydrants, traffic, pedestrian visibility (driveways and intersections), or traffic signage are subject to pruning.

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If vehicles or other obstructions are in the roadway, crews will make reasonable efforts to find the owner and if unable, then a written notice will be issued to the owner or property owner and will be towed or removed at owner’s expense if not removed within a reasonable and established timeframe.

Due to limited staffing and the uncertainty of seasonal operations, a specific schedule for your neighborhood is currently not available. Work will be performed as time permits and efforts will be made to complete one block or area before moving to the next. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in our efforts to improve the safety of our roadways.



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Here we see that crews have fully restored a section of Vista Road with several service shoulders and a clear and opened visual pathway for drivers to anticipate oncoming traffic around the narrow corners.



In addition to right of way maintenance, the Street Department is also tasked with the setup and removal of the Town's holiday decorations. Here the crews are stringing up several hundred feet of LED lights for the main tree on the eastern departure from Town on Highway 260. In prior years this process could take several weeks due to the use of very fragile incandescent lights, but with the recent purchase of brighter and extremely durable LEDs this process is shrunk to just a few days since there is little need to repair damaged bulbs or inspect entire light strands for continuity. Additionally, these lights shine brighter while consuming less power and cost.

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Wyatt and Shane set the top light for the tree on a calm and crisp morning in late November.



Wyatt hooks and powers one of 103 individual LED candelabras along ADOT's primary routes of travel Highways 87 and 260.



Our next report will focus on the preparations for plow season and related crew operations.

# PARKS AND RECREATION

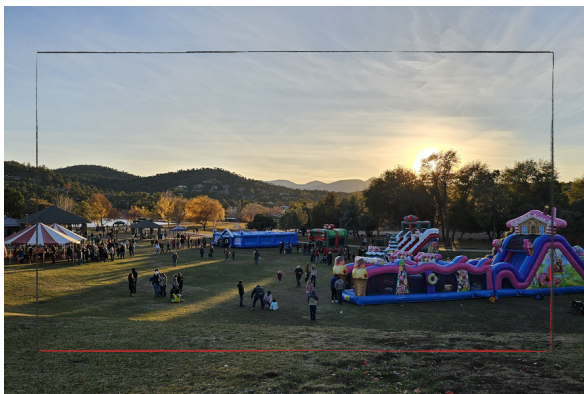
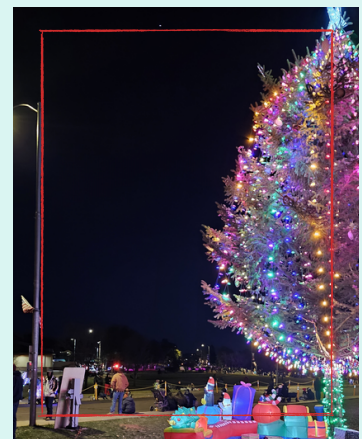
The Veterans Day Program on 11/11/23 was a touching tribute to our armed forces. Hundreds of people turned out to pay respect to the men and women that proudly served or are currently serving our country. The American Legion Post 147 and the American Legion Band led attendees in the national anthem, displayed a 13-fold flag ceremony, and expressed heartfelt words to their brothers and sisters in arms and members of the public. To conclude the ceremony, a 12-gun salute and taps echoed throughout Green Valley Park.

The Parks and Recreation team would like to extend our gratitude to all past and present armed forces members. We appreciate your service and welcome each of you home.



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This year, Parks and Recreation is hosted its first Winter Wonderland prior to our annual Electric Light Parade. From 1-5:00pm, families made their way to Green Valley Park to meet Santa and his elves, play in the extravagant activity zones, and enjoyed hot cocoa by our heaters. Participants also enjoyed the first ever ice rink. Our Christmas Tree Lighting was at 5:30pm. Afterwards, participants made their way to Main Street to watch the Electric Light Parade at 6:00pm.



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Parks and Recreation hosted an inaugural 4v4 adult flag football tournament. We had 7 teams register. Congratulations to "08 the Greats" for winning 1st place.

Ables Mechanical sponsored the Fall Soccer Pizza Party this year! Our soccer tournament got rained out and rescheduled for December 2nd but we still hosted the pizza party and had a blast!

Parent Tot and JR Basketball Skills Academy started November 13th. We have 18 registered in bidy and 25 registered in JR Skills.



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Town of Payson's Parks and Recreation's annual Turkey Trot was a feathered success! Come rain or shine, Parks staff and participants happily braved the elements for the 5k and 1 mile fun run. We had a total of 114 registered participants between the two races. The annual event has become a cornerstone of Payson's community calendar, and we are excited to build on this success in the coming years.



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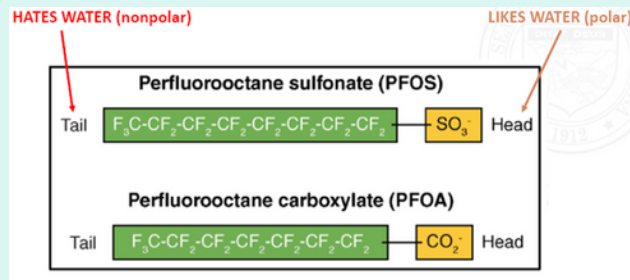


# WATER DEPARTMENT

## PFAS (PFOS/PFOA) UPDATE

The Water Dept. has proactively been taking steps to address the first ever water quality standards for a few PFAS molecules proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) early in 2023.

PFAS is an acronym that consists of more than 6,000 different compounds. At this time the EPA is specifically looking to establish maximum contaminant levels (MCL) for two contaminants, PFOS and PFOA.



The Water Department has begun planning to address these newly identified contaminants. We are currently working with consulting engineers to provide a preliminary design report for treatment at two well sites.

On November 22, 2023, geotechnical work was performed to assess the composition and structural integrity of the soils. A drill rig was used to bore holes to 15 feet below ground surface. Soil samples were collected in five foot intervals and classified according to their clay and sand content. This information was needed to inform the construction of concrete foundations to site two granular activated carbon (GAC) remediation systems and components.

We have already provided analytical data of the contaminant levels, well production capabilities, a survey of the area that will be developed and are in the process of getting and installing pilot equipment to identify the best media for treatment and cost strategies.

We anticipate a preliminary design report to be completed early in 2024. We are working with our consulting engineers and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) to ensure a cost-effective treatment system.

We are also coordinating with ADEQ to sample other well sites in mid December that will help identify optimized treatment and investigate available funded opportunities.

According to ADEQ, EPA is anticipating the final MCL rule for PFOS and PFOA to be declared in February 2024, with a rule issuance. They will give five years to reach compliance.

# WATER DEPARTMENT



End of Report  
Next Report: January 10, 2024

