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MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



Sharing the history of Payson!

So much has happened in our wonderful hometown over the years. We want to begin sharing the history of our community through pictures each month! We are excited to share what we have, but we would love for you all to comment or message us with photos that you have that highlight the history of our town. We want to see everything from the beginning all the way into the 80s and 90s, including people, places, and events that have built our culture! Send your photos to Hannah at adminpr@paysonaz.gov. We can't wait to see what you share!

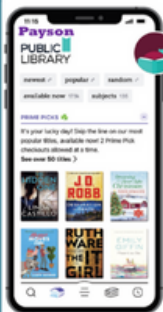
-Troy Smith, Town Manager

PAYSON LIBRARY

ENJOY LIBBY

The Library Reading App

LEARN HOW TO ACCESS
OUR LIBRARY'S DIGITAL COLLECTION OF



EBOOKS, AUDIOBOOKS & MORE!

LEARN HOW TO:

- INSTALL LIBBY
- BORROW BOOKS
- RETURN BOOKS

**1ST HOUR WILL BE 1-ON-1 QUESTIONS/ANSWERS!
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE**

PAYSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm



**MORE
TECHNOLOGY
CLASSES
COMING
SOON!**

**PLEASE
SIGN
UP!**

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

March 2024

March 20th Mr. Rogers' Birthday!
Spread Love and Kindness
in his honor!



Total Solar Eclipse!
April 8, 2024
Free Glasses



Sun day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
	Join LIBRARY Friends of Payson	Please Sign-Up for all Friday & Saturday Programs		Chess is 2nd Fridays every month! 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm	Dr. Seuss Birthday Party with Cat in the Hat Parfait! 1:00 pm	
		Enjoy Libby program on 3/5/2024 1 st hour will be 1-on-1 questions/answers!				
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Sit & Stitch 2:00 – 5:00 	Ukulele Buddies 10:00 am Line Dancing Beginners 1:15-2:15 Intermediate 2:15-4:00 Enjoy Libby – Learn to read e-books, digital audiobooks etc. on your device! 2:00 – 4:00 pm	Storytime with Babies 10:30 am Practice Spanish 11:30 am 	Storytime with Toddlers 10:30 am Line Dancing at the Library! 2:15 – 4:00 pm	Calling all gardeners! Prepare Garden for Planting! Root the plants! 10:00 am Learn / Play, Chess 12:00 to 2:00	
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Library Friends Meeting Chris Jones-Firewise/Tree Care 10:00 am Sit & Stitch 2:00 – 5:00	Ukulele Buddies 10:00 am Line Dancing Beginners 1:15-2:15 Intermediate 2:15-4:00 	Rim Readers Book Club 10:00 am Storytime with Babies 10:30 am Practice Spanish 11:30 am	Storytime with Toddlers 10:30 am Line Dancing at the Library! 2:15 – 4:00	Learn Origami! Make a Flower, Star or Bunny! 12:00 to 2:00 pm 	
24	25	26	27	29	29	30
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PARKS AND RECREATION

Spring Soccer

As we gear up for the vibrant spring season, the Parks and Recreation Department is thrilled to report promising registration numbers for our upcoming Spring Soccer program. As of February 26th, we have seen an impressive total of 329 registrations, with enthusiasm steadily building as the registration deadline of February 29th approaches.

Mark your calendars for March 1st, as we invite all registered participants to join us for an exhilarating Camp Day, where players will have the opportunity to sharpen their skills and foster team spirit in anticipation of the season ahead.

The action-packed schedule kicks off on March 23rd with games slated to take place every Saturday. It promises to be a season filled with camaraderie, sportsmanship, and memorable moments for players and spectators alike.



PARKS AND RECREATION

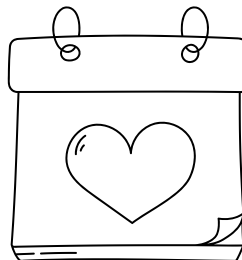
Parks and Recreation Department Delivers Successful Valentine's Day Parents Night Out

In a heartwarming celebration of community and love, the Parks and Recreation Department recently hosted its inaugural Parents Night Out event on Valentine's Day. With 25 enthusiastic participants enrolled, the evening proved to be a resounding success, offering parents a well-deserved break while providing an engaging and enjoyable experience for their children.

As the town's dedicated recreation team, we were thrilled to witness the joy and excitement shared by attendees as they embarked on an evening of fun-filled activities and quality time with friends. From games and crafts to snacks, every moment was thoughtfully crafted to ensure a memorable experience for all involved.

Building on the positive response to our first event, the Parks and Recreation Department is excited to announce that we will be offering more Parents Nights Out in the near future. Whether parents are looking for a date night or simply some time to relax and recharge, these events provide the perfect opportunity to entrust their children to our capable hands while they enjoy some well-deserved time to themselves.

We encourage all members of our community to keep their eyes peeled for upcoming Parents Nights Out announcements. With each event promising to be a unique and enriching experience, we look forward to continuing to provide opportunities for families to connect and thrive in our vibrant town. Stay tuned for more updates and details on future Parents Nights Out, and thank you to all who joined us in making our Valentine's Day event a night to remember!



PARKS AND RECREATION



STREET DEPARTMENT

Punxsutawney Phil said spring is coming early and sure enough, we've received a long spell of unseasonably warm weather. So, our crews are preparing for the accompanying groundwater eruptions and channel and drainage concerns that normally accompany the springtime.



Several areas in Town will have natural accumulations of water in the curb and gutter or that may cross the roads in certain seasons.

STREET DEPARTMENT

When we move towards summer, the ground begins to shift and move and the accumulated water from the winter has to move with the earth. As it moves, it makes its way to the lowest areas of developed parts of the Town. That means our ditches and culverts as well as many private backyards will end up carrying accumulated water and runoff. The Town seeks to get ahead of this by cleaning ditches and detention basins that are set aside and accessible for the Town's maintenance crews.



Last year the Town cleared out over a dozen dump truck loads of accumulated sediment to restore capacity at this detention pond. It is already time to pull another several loads of debris in preparation for the upcoming season.

STREET DEPARTMENT



A large elliptical 36 inch culvert holds a couple inches of debris in the flowline. In general our crews look for culverts that are at least one-half to two-thirds of their flow capacity before we arrive to clean them. However, we cannot always see all the culverts before they reach this point. If you believe your driveway culvert or a culvert passing under a Town maintained road near you is at this capacity, then we invite you to create a work order to have our crews come take a look. We cannot clean conveyances or channels on private property.

STREET DEPARTMENT



The unique topography of Payson creates a lot of hills and dells and many areas that water collects. This water has to convey itself to the lowest point of Town (Green Valley Park) as it makes its way out of our community and on to the Phoenix valley. During this travel time, the water travels through many miles of private properties throughout the Town. The Town does not maintain the channels that transmit between private property. So, this becomes the responsibility of the private property owners to remove debris and trash that is not being swept away during a major storm or monsoon event. Some property owners have opted to channelize their areas of conveyance. Private property owners do need to check with the Engineering department to obtain a permit from the Town ahead of any improvements they may wish to make between their property and their neighbor's.

STREET DEPARTMENT



Remember, You help us out by keeping your backyard and accompanying property free of debris that can make its way into the storm water system of channels, ditches, culverts and streams. Its final destination on the way out of Town is the Park and eventually into our drinking water. Remember to not store hazardous chemical and materials that can get into our storm system.

We all live downstream.

BEELINE BUS

At the heart of our commitment to customer satisfaction is our Free Ride Fridays initiative. This program not only serves as a token of gratitude to our valued riders but also aims to raise awareness about the accessibility of our bus services to individuals of all age groups. By providing complimentary rides every other month on a Friday, we hope to encourage more people to experience the convenience and efficiency of our Beeline Bus Transit System firsthand.

Our goal is to meet the transportation needs of our community and to foster a sense of connectivity and inclusivity.

VISITOR CENTER

2023 Visitor Center Recap

- Total Hours volunteered: 1175.75 hours
- 13 Volunteers
- 6,472 total Visitors in the Visitor Center recorded



- 37% of the visitors were from out of state.
- 32% of the visitors were from in-state.
- Started selling Payson merchandise in July. Sold \$5,644 worth of Payson merchandise from July to December
- Renovations completed in the building included painting the interior, new exterior door, and removed wallpaper in the office.



Volunteer Appreciation Lunch in January

CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

Harryette Michelle Bailey, MMC of Town of Payson, has earned the designation of Master Municipal Clerk (MMC), which is awarded by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC), Inc.

IIMC grants the MMC designation only to municipal clerks who complete demanding education requirements; and have a record of significant contributions to their local government, community and state. The International Institute of Municipal Clerks, founded in 1947, has 14,000 members throughout the United States, Canada, and 15 other countries, and the mission of this global non-profit corporation is to enhance the educational opportunities and professional development of its diverse membership.

In light of the speed and drastic nature of change these days, lifelong learning is not only desirable, it is necessary for all in local government to keep pace with the growing demands and changing needs of the citizens we serve. Your city can take immense pride in Harryette's educational accomplishments and achievement of this milestone.

On behalf of the IIMC Board of Directors, I am honored to endorse the conferring of MMC to Harryette Michelle Bailey, MMC of Town of Payson. We share your pride in this achievement and we applaud your support of the role Harryette plays in your city.

Mary Ann Hess, MMC
IIMC President



CLERK'S DEPARTMENT



Congratulations

Michelle Bailey,
Deputy Town Clerk, Town of Payson
has earned the prestigious designation of
Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) from the
International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

Great job, Michelle!

Jennifer D. Pena
AMCA President 2023-2024

End of Report
Next Report: March 13, 2024

