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MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



I wanted to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Parks & Recreation Department for their outstanding achievement in making the front cover of The Arizona Parks & Recreation Association magazine. Your dedication and hard work have truly paid off, and it's inspiring to see our department receive recognition for the positive changes we've been making. The article highlighting the wonderful transformations happening in our Parks & Recreation department is a testament to the passion and commitment you all bring to your roles every day. Your creativity, innovation, and tireless efforts to enhance our parks and recreational programs are making a significant impact on our community, and I couldn't be prouder of the work we're doing together. This recognition is well-deserved and serves as a reminder of the incredible team we have here. Each one of you plays a vital role in shaping the experiences and memories of our residents and visitors, and I am grateful for your dedication to excellence. Let's continue to build on this momentum and strive for even greater achievements in the future. Your contributions make a difference, and I look forward to seeing our Parks & Recreation department continue to thrive under your leadership.

Once again, congratulations on this well-deserved honor, and thank you for all that you do.

-Troy Smith, Town Manager

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RIM COUNTRY SPOTLIGHT PAYSON PARKS AND RECREATION



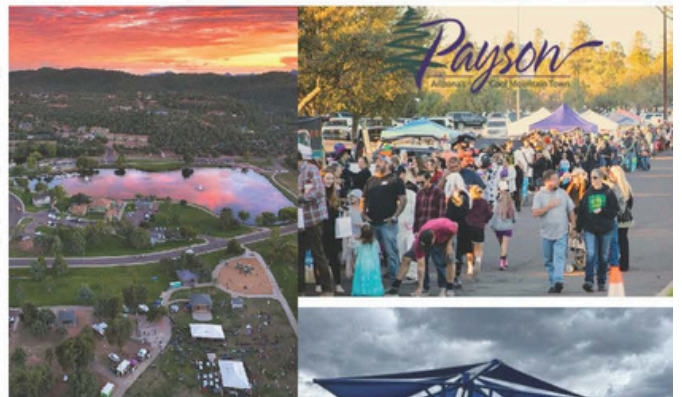
Payson Parks and Recreation, nestled in the heart of our great state, has undergone a series of positive staff changes in less than a year. Changes that signal a new era of innovation and excellence in serving Payson residents. At the helm of this was the appointment of Steve Richardson as the new Parks and Recreation Director in September of last year. With a wealth of experience in community development and a passion for enhancing quality of life, Steve brought fresh perspectives and a proactive approach to operations. His leadership style emphasizes collaboration, transparency, and a commitment to fostering a culture of empowerment for staff and the community.

Prior to that, Payson was blessed to have Jeff Kopp take on the Recreation Manager position in April. Jeff, originally from Apache Junction, has spent his entire working life in the field of Parks and Recreation. He's been able to lead this past year with unwavering determination and a clear vision to help put Payson Parks and Recreation on the map! He immediately got to work by bringing Kaitlin Henning on as the new Special Events Coordinator. In addition, Justin Hewitt was promoted to the role of Senior Recreation Coordinator for Youth & Adult Sports and has since had School Programs and Special Interest classes added to his responsibilities. Lastly, the Recreation division was also able to add their first Recreation Assistant position to the team by bringing on newcomer Jesse Berry. In less than a year, the department has built a Rec team that has significantly leveled up Town events, has added new youth programs, created brand new social media accounts, printed their first ever Playbook program brochure and even brought two new program areas to the Recreation division!

The Parks side of the department has invested in upgrading park facilities and amenities to ensure they remain safe, accessible, and enjoyable for all. Upgrades include building and refurbishing playgrounds, enhancing trail networks, and will soon be breaking ground on the Town's first splash pad. The department is also in the early phases of planning for a brand-new Aquatic & Recreation Center! The project funding has been secured and is in the pre-design phase. The team is beyond excited to bring this amazing new facility to the community of Payson! These improvements reflect a dedication to creating spaces that promote health, wellness, and environmental stewardship.

The positive staff changes at Payson Parks and Recreation represent more than just a shift in personnel; they signify a commitment to continuous improvement and a vision for a brighter, more vibrant future for the Rim Country community. As they embrace these changes, they look forward with optimism and excitement for all the possibilities that lie ahead. This Parks & Recreation team has come together to ensure that 2024 is the year that Payson elevates!

Department Growth



MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



Important announcement from Digital Payson

If you are interested in improving the internet service and infrastructure in the greater Payson area, this is your opportunity and our call-to-action for your assistance.

Under the federal BEAD (Broadband Equity Access and Deployment) program there is more than \$993 million of federal funding available for the State of Arizona to achieve universal high-speed internet access, especially to unserved and underserved areas.

This month-long process will enable stakeholders in Arizona to challenge the state's broadband map and the levels of internet service reported at homes and businesses throughout the state. Stakeholders will be able to challenge data provided by the map but must submit evidence of the inaccuracies.

It is CRITICAL to have accurate maps and data identifying locations requiring reliable broadband infrastructure and service.

The BEAD Challenge Process is the way in which the unserved, underserved, and served status of every home, business, and community anchor institution in the state will be determined. Unserved and underserved locations will be eligible to be connected through BEAD funded projects.

Per the new FCC (Federal Communications Commission) guidelines the following categories were determined:

·SERVED: Addresses with broadband service at least 100 Mbps download speed and 20 Mbps upload speed, with less than 100 ms of latency, and no data caps or limits.

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·UNDERSERVED: Addresses with broadband service below 100 Mbps download and 20 Mbps upload speed but higher than 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload speed. Latency is less than 100 ms, with no data caps or limits.

·UNSERVED: Addresses with broadband service below 25 Mbps download speed and 3 Mbps upload speed, or no internet service.

Acceptable internet service from providers is wired (coax, copper, or fiber), or fixed wireless (5G Home Internet, point-to-point microwave, LTE over CBRS), but DOES NOT include satellite internet service providers.

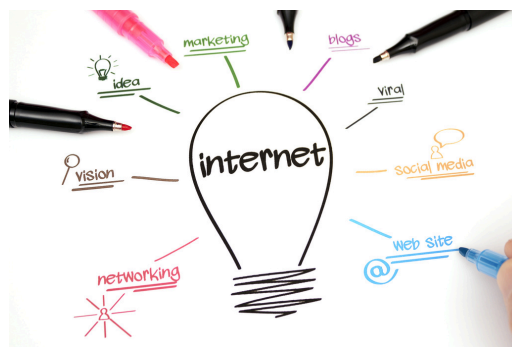
The BEAD Challenge Process is open now with the deadline to submit challenges of Tuesday, May 14th.

The new state broadband navigator map and challenge portal can be accessed via the portal at <https://az.BroadbandNavigator.com/map>, other resources available at the state level can be found on the Arizona Commerce Authority Broadband Office's website at www.AZCommerce.gov/Broadband.

For more information and to learn how to participate in this process or other questions, please contact Digital Payson via email at DigitalPayson@PaysonAZ.gov, or on the Digital Payson discussion groups on either Facebook or Nextdoor.

Additional information and details can be found at the Digital Payson community page at www.PaysonAZ.gov/community/Digital-Payson

PLEASE share with everyone as the better our responses are, the better our chances are to get funding for our internet infrastructure and service!



MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

Pickle Ball Courts Reopened for now!

On Tuesday, May 7th we reopened the lower pickleball courts and tennis court at Rumsey Park. These courts were resurfaced to repair existing cracks on the playing surface, by a contractor, hired by the Town. During a post construction inspection, Town staff found that many of the preexisting cracks were already visible through the new surface. This condition is not in alignment with the Town's expectations related to the work performed under the agreement. The Town is working with the contractor to rectify the current unsatisfactory condition and remove the cracks from the playing surface. This will likely result in a future closer of the courts to have the work completed properly. We will keep the community informed as to the schedule, once we have additional information. The Parks and Recreation Department would like to apologize for any inconvenience cause as a result of these unforeseen and unfortunate circumstances.



MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



PARKS AND RECREATION

THIS MISSION IF YOU CHOOSE TO ACCEPT IT....

Whether you're a local enthusiast or a curious traveler, immerse yourself in interactive games and hidden wonders of Payson and Green Valley Park. Best of all, while you're having fun, you're also learning! Expand your knowledge of local wildlife and historical landmarks as you embark on this interactive journey. Please note that this is a soft opening, and while the app is fully functional, additional features will be up and running this summer.



STEP 1: DOWNLOAD THE "AGENTS OF DISCOVERY" APP FROM THE ANDROID AND APPLE APP STORES.

STEP 2: EXPLORE THE TOWN OF PAYSON AND GREEN VALLEY PARK MISSIONS WITHIN THE APP LIBRARY.

STEP 3: EMBARK ON AN ADVENTURE LIKE NEVER BEFORE! FOLLOW THE PROMPTS ON YOUR SCREEN TO UNLOCK A WORLD OF DISCOVERY, RIGHT HERE IN OUR TOWN AND BEAUTIFUL PARK.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Town of Payson Mission

The “Town of Payson” Mission is a virtual mission that you can do from the comfort of your home! This will take you on a tour of The Town of Payson’s facilities and key areas.



Green Valley Park Mission

If you are looking to get out of the house, then the “Green Valley Park” Mission is for you! Starting at the Payson Parks and Recreation Department, you can embark on a tour of the park and learn about the park's wildlife while enjoying the fresh air! Don't forget to snap photos and share your experiences with us using #playpayson.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy the NIRA College Rodeo Grand Canyon Region Finals! We had a blast putting this event on and loved seeing all the fans enjoying themselves out at the event!

We would like to take a moment to thank our wonderful sponsors one last time for their support! With these sponsors, we would not be able to host amazing events such as this!

Quality Inn - NIRA Title Sponsor
Molly's Custom Silver - Provided Winners Buckles
Payson Pro Rodeo Committee - Hosting the Onsite Beer Garden
Bob's Western Wear
Payson Concrete
Backwoods Bar & Grill
Chili's
Chapman Payson Auto Center
National Bank of Arizona
Macky's Grill
Payson Tire Pro's & Automotive
The Pinon Cafe
Sunshine Restoration
Renewal by Anderson
El Rodeo Mexican Restaurant & Cantina



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THE CONSTRUCTION FOR THE SPLASH PAD PROJECT STARTED THE WEEK OF APRIL 29TH, 2024, AND IS WELL UNDERWAY “YIPPEE” . CONSTRUCTION FENCING IS UP, SWINGS HAVE BEEN MOVED, AND ON-SITE EARTH AND PLUMBING WORK HAVE BEGUN. DUE TO UNANTICIPATED CIRCUMSTANCES, THE MAY 18, 2024, OPENING DATE NEEDS TO BE RESCHEDULED AND WE WILL ANNOUNCE THE NEW OPENING DATE IN A FEW WEEKS. A PROJECT OF THIS NATURE TYPICALLY TAKES 6 TO 8 WEEKS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE AND THE TEAM HAS BEEN WORKING DILIGENTLY TO MOVE THE PROJECT FORWARD AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.



PARKS AND RECREATION



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ADVENTURE PAYSON MONTH

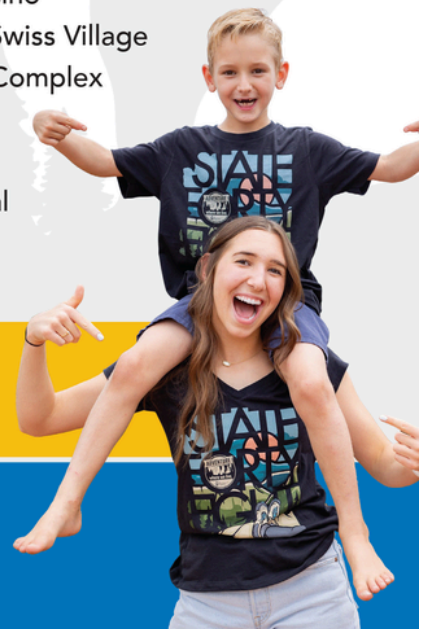
FOLLOW OUR @ADVENTUREPAYSON FACEBOOK PAGE FOR ALL THE DETAILS!

- May 03** | Main Street Bikes, Burgers, & BBQ Event
- May 03** | Eastern Arizona College "Adventures on Our College Campus" Event
- May 04** | Community Adventure Workout @ Rim Country CrossFit
- May 04** | Breeze Through the Pines Trail Run
- May 04** | Payson Wildlife Fair @ Green Valley Park
- May 04** | Movie Night in the Park | Star Wars Event @ Rumsey Park
- May 04** | High Country Garden Club Plant Sale @ Big Lots Parking Lot
- May 05** | First Friday @ Payson Golf Club
- May 16-18** | Gary Hardt Memorial Rodeo @ Payson Event Center
- May 18** | Highline Trail Adventure Group Mountain Bike Ride
- May 18** | Armed Forces Day Ceremony @ Green Valley Park
- May 18** | Keep Payson Clean Adventure Clean-Up Event
- May 18** | Voyager Concert | A Tribute to Journey @ Mazatzal Casino
- May 25** | Swiss Village Plant Swap, Plant Sale, & Craft Bazaar @ Swiss Village
- May 25** | Payson Farmers market Opening Day @ Sawmill Plaza Complex
- May 25** | Movie Night in the Park | True Grit @ Rumsey Park
- May 25** | Memorial Day BBQ @ Payson Golf Club
- May 25-26** | Pine/Strawberry Memorial Day Arts & Crafts Festival
- May 27** | Memorial Day Ceremony @ Green Valley Park
- May 29** | Rim Runners Adventure Run @ Boulders Trail



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Your Adventure Payson Gear!**
Located @ 100 West Main Street

Visit www.paysonrimcountry.com



PAYSON LIBRARY

PAYSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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www.paysonaz.gov/departments/library.org
www.facebook.com/PaysonArizonaUSA

MAY 2024

Let's Celebrate



Happy Mother's Day - May 12th

Summer Reading Program!!!

June 1 to July 20, 2024!

Reading, Gaga-ball, Four Square Game, Pizza, BBQ, Hot Dogs, Treats, Yoyo, Magic, Candy Bridge, Gaming, ROBLOX, Slime, Rocks, STEAM, Garden, Coding, Chess, Balloon Art, Tie Dye, Worm Farm & More!

Sun day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Join LIBRARY Friends of Payson</p> <p>Please Sign-Up for all Friday & Saturday Programs</p>	<p>Chess is 2nd Friday Every Month! 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm</p>		<p>1</p> <p>Storytime with Babies 10:30 am</p> <p>Practice Spanish 11:30 am</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Storytime with Toddlers 10:30 am</p> <p>Line Dancing @ Library! 2:15 - 4:00 pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Glitter/Alphabet Sensory Bottles 1:00 pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>ARIZONA SCIENCE CENTER Never stop wondering. <i>How do you imagine?</i></p> <p>Junior Detectives Analyze Fingerprints & Solve Cookie Jar Mystery! 12:00 Noon</p>
5	<p>Sit & Stitch 2:00 - 5:00</p>	<p>Ukulele Buddies 10:00 am</p> <p>Line Dancing Beginners 1:15-2:15 Intermediate 2:15-4</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Storytime with Babies 10:30 am</p> <p>Practice Spanish 11:30 am</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Storytime with Toddlers 10:30 am</p> <p>Line Dancing @ Library! 2:15 - 4:00 pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Mother's Day Appreciation - Make a Photo Holder for Mom! 11:00 am</p> <p>Learn / Play Chess 12:00 to 2:00 pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Rocks & Fossils Around Us! Young Kids 10 am - Noon Older Kids 12:30 - 3:30 pm</p> <p>Payson Rimstones Club!</p>
12	<p>Sit & Stitch 2:00 - 5:00</p>	<p>Ukulele Buddies 10:00 am</p> <p>Line Dancing Beginners 1:15-2:15 Intermediate 2:15-4</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Storytime with Babies 10:30 am</p> <p>Practice Spanish 11:30 am</p> <p>Rim Readers Book Club 10:00 am</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Storytime with Toddlers 10:30 am</p> <p>Line Dancing @ Library! 2:15 - 4:00 pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Learn to Draw Manga & Anime Faces! Everyone Welcome! 1:00 pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Library Closed due to Electronic & Hazardous Waste Recycling Event</p> <p>Library Open 12:30 - 3:00 pm</p>
19	<p>Library Friends Meeting Paul Brocker - Aspire - Dual Credit - PHS 10:00 am</p> <p>Sit & Stitch 2:00 - 5:00</p>	<p>Ukulele Buddies 10:00 am</p> <p>Line Dancing Beginners 1:15-2:15 Intermediate 2:15-4</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Storytime with Babies 10:30 am</p> <p>Practice Spanish 11:30 am</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Storytime with Toddlers 10:30 am</p> <p>Line Dancing @ Library! 2:15 - 4:00</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1st Day of Summer Reading Sign-Up Pick up your packet!</p>	25
26	<p>LIBRARY CLOSED Memorial Day</p>	<p>Ukulele Buddies 10:00 am</p> <p>Line Dancing Beginners 1:15-2:15 Intermediate 2:15-4</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Storytime with Babies 10:30 am</p> <p>Practice Spanish 11:30 am</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Storytime with Toddlers 10:30 am</p> <p>Line Dancing @ Library! 2:15 - 4:00</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Garden Helpers Needed! 2nd Planting of Flowers & Vegetables - Plant & Take Home! 1:00 pm</p>	<p>June 1</p> <p>Summer Reading Kick-Off! BBQ, Hotdog, Magic, Yoyo, Reading, Gaga-ball, 4-Square & More! 11 am - 2:00 pm</p>

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Department Promotions

We are proud to announce the successful promotions for three of our hardworking firefighters.

Rick Winton from Fire Captain to Battalion Chief.

Chief Winton has been with Payson Fire Department since 1996 when he started as a young reserve firefighter. Until just the last couple years Rick took time off in the summer to be a commercial fishing boat captain in Alaska. Rick married his wife Laura and raised their two children here in Payson. Both young Wintons are now firefighters with the Tonto National Forest following in Dad's footsteps. Rick is an avid hunter and fly-fisherman.

Travis Kilbourne from Fire Apparatus Engineer to Fire Captain.

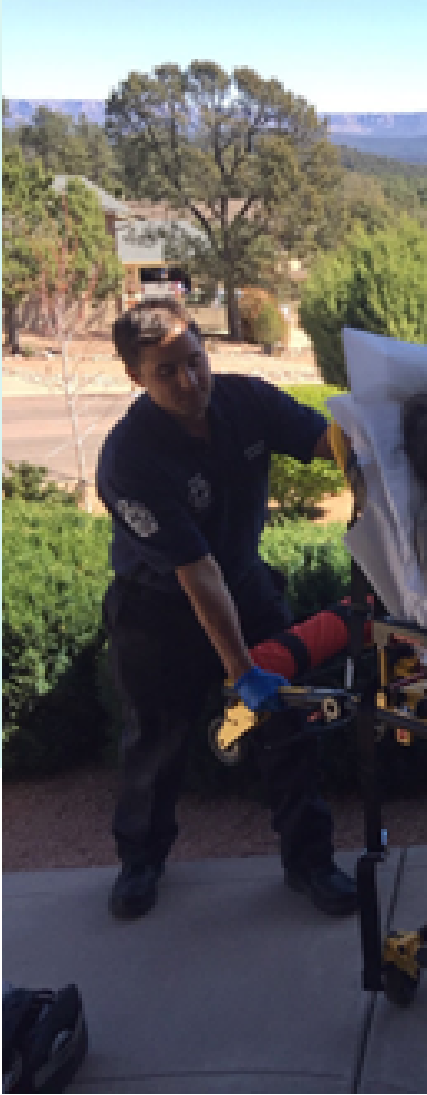
Captain Kilbourne has been an asset to our fire department since February 2013. Travis became an engineer in June of 2016. Travis has lived in Payson pretty much his whole life. Travis loves rock climbing, mountain biking, camping, and almost anything that allows him to enjoy the outdoors. Just last year he married his wife Lanie and they are set to live happily ever after with their dog here in Payson.

Carson Ramirez from Firefighter to Fire Apparatus Engineer.

Engineer Ramirez started as a firefighter in November of 2016. Carson worked very hard training through the engineer academy and becoming eligible for the testing and promotion process. Before his promotion Carson was our most senior firefighter.

Congratulations to all!

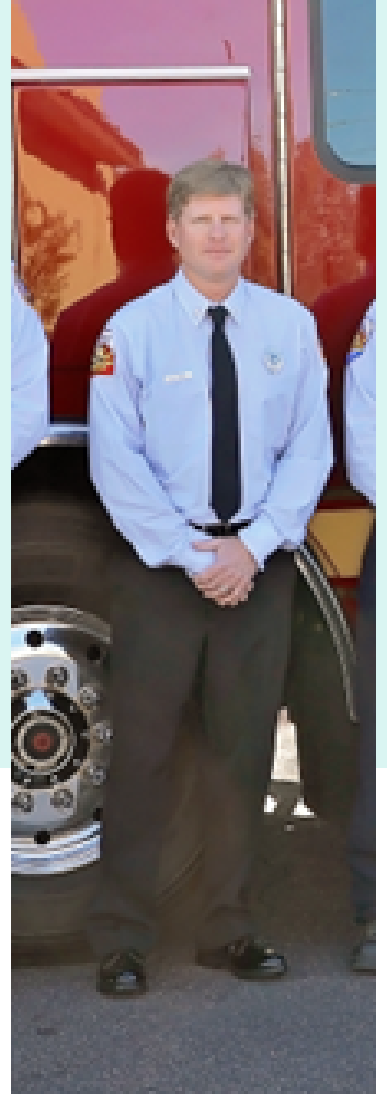
FIRE DEPARTMENT



Carson Ramirez
Fire Apparatus Engineer



Travis Kilbourne
Fire Captain



Rick Winton
Battalion Chief

Congratulations

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Wildfire Preparedness

Payson Firefighters completed their annual wildfire refresher training in April. Every year - in preparation for the wildfire season - firefighters all over the country undergo a refresher training class to remind them of firefighting tactics, strategy, and safety in wildfires. The training is standardized by the National Wildfire Coordination Group (NWCG). Anyone curious about the training can look at the training site on-line Wildland Fire Safety Training and Annual Refresher (WFSTAR) site. This training is a great time to make sure all our gear is ready. Firefighters ask our residents to also be ready for wildfire season. Review your "Ready Set Go" brochure, be sure to sign up for "Ready Gila.com" and if you have any questions about how to survive a wildfire ask us!



POLICE DEPARTMENT

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF POLICE STAFF

On Friday, April 26, Commander Josh Haines graduated from the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command. This 10-week cohort was an intensive study of critical issues in policing, executive leadership, and public administration. The cohort was comprised of police leaders representing agencies from around the state and around the nation, including the Apache Junction PD, Mesa PD, Gilbert PD, Chandler PD, Tempe PD, Scottsdale PD, Phoenix PD, ADOT's Enforcement Division, Arizona Department of Public Safety, Wasilla Alaska PD, Palmer Alaska PD, Rapid City South Dakota PD, Navajo Nation PD, and the Gila County Sheriff's Office. Congratulations also to GCSO Undersheriff Dennis Newman and GCSO Sergeant Cole Labonte for completing this intensive program!



POLICE DEPARTMENT

2024 ANNUAL SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RUN PARADE

On April 24, 2024, the Payson Police Department including Volunteers in Policing, the Payson Fire Department, Gila County Sheriff's Office, and many other public safety departments across the county participated in the Annual Special Olympics Torch Run Parade. This event began at Chapman Auto and proceeded all the way to the south end of town. A special thank you to the Special Olympics organization who orchestrated this event as well as all the departments who participated in the parade.



PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

What is Zoning?

Zoning is the process of dividing land into different districts or zones to regulate land use and development. Each zone is designated for specific types of land use. In the Town of Payson, zoning districts are primarily categorized into:

- Residential
- Multi-family Residential
- Commercial
- Industrial zones

Why have zoning?

This helps to ensure orderly growth and development while also preserving the character and integrity of the community. Zoning ensures that land is used appropriately, preventing incompatible land uses from coexisting, and minimizing conflicts between residential, commercial, industrial, and other types of development. Besides delineating different land use categories and their allowable uses, zoning also plays a crucial role in establishing development standards such as setbacks, lot coverage, and building height. Commercial projects even have specific design standards to adhere to, like paint colors, building materials, and landscaping requirements.

Why is this Important?

The zoning code (known as the Unified Development Code) serves as a means to implement the Town's General Plan, ensuring thoughtful and coordinated development in line with community objectives and the overarching vision of the community.

Towns are required by state law to adopt a (ten-year) general plan. These plans help to guide a community's future development by setting long-term goals for land use, water resources, open space, parks and recreation, transportation, growth areas, cost of development, and environmental conservation. The General Plan is created with input from citizens, community stakeholders, staff, and planning professionals. It provides a framework for zoning decisions and infrastructure investments, reflecting the community's values and aiming for sustainable growth to ultimately enhance residents' quality of life.

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

The Town is currently in the process of updating its General Plan. Citizens can expect the final product to go to the Planning Commission and Council in June and on the ballot this November.

How does the Town make sure this code is followed?

Town staff have many ways of ensuring compliance with the code:

- Building and project permit reviews- Professional staff review projects to make sure all aspects of the code are met, and where a variance is needed, staff will facilitate whichever process is necessary to help achieve a successful end project.
- Business licensing and occupancy permits- ensures the right types of uses are operating within the guidelines of the code.
- Code Compliance- The town employs one Code Compliance Specialist. This person receives notifications of potential violations and conducts inspections for all properties within the Town of Payson. This position will verify if a violation exists per the zoning code and will seek compliance with the landowner/user.



PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

Who does the enforcement?

Town Staff help ensure code compliance. The Town is excited to announce its newest team member, Tiffany Brown-Cocroft. She has joined the Town as the new Code Compliance Specialist. Tiffany brings a wealth of experience to her new role. With five years of service in Gila County, Tiffany has skills in various areas of community development. Over the past three years, she has been instrumental in enforcing code regulations, ensuring compliance, and fostering community growth. Prior to her role in code enforcement, Tiffany served as a permit technician, giving her a deep understanding of building and zoning regulations.

Beyond her professional achievements, Tiffany leads an active lifestyle as a rancher and enjoys embarking on hunting and fishing adventures with her husband. Her outgoing personality and sharp intellect make her a valuable addition to our team. Tiffany is eager to contribute to our organization, and we are delighted to welcome her aboard.

Where do I go if I have questions?

Community Development Department office located in the Town Hall complex at 303 N. Beeline Hwy. Or, if you would prefer to call with any questions or concerns, you can call (928) 472-5030.



BEELINE BUS DEPARTMENT

EMBARK ON AN ADVENTURE WITH BEELINE BUS DURING ADVENTURE PAYSON MONTH THIS MAY! WE'RE THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE'LL BE HOSTING TWO FREE RIDE FRIDAYS, ON MAY 17TH AND MAY 31ST. IT'S AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO DISCOVER THE WONDERS OF OUR AREA WHILE EMBRACING ECO-FRIENDLY TRANSPORTATION BY HOPPING ABOARD FOR FREE, YOU'RE NOT ONLY REDUCING YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT BUT ALSO MAKING IT SIMPLER FOR BOTH LOCALS AND TOURISTS TO IMMERSE THEMSELVES IN THE MYRIAD ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS HAPPENING THROUGHOUT THE MONTH. DON'T MISS OUT - MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND JOIN US FOR A MEMORABLE JOURNEY ON FREE RIDE FRIDAY!

FREE RIDE FRIDAY



Celebrating Payson's 3rd Annual Adventure Payson Month!

Adventure PAYSON

MAY 17TH & MAY 31ST, 2024 ALL DAY FROM 6 AM TO 6 PM

The graphic features a brown bus with a 'BEELINE BUS' logo on the side. Below it, a blue archway contains the text 'MAY 17TH & MAY 31ST, 2024 ALL DAY FROM 6 AM TO 6 PM'. To the left, a kayaker is shown in a red kayak on a river. To the right, a silhouette of a mountain climber is on a black bus with 'Payson' written on it.

BEELINE BUS DEPARTMENT

 ATTENTION, STAR VALLEY RESIDENTS! 
CURIOUS ABOUT HOW BEELINE BUS RIDERSHIP HAS EVOLVED OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS? HERE'S A SNAPSHOT:

OVERALL INCREASE: FROM 2022 TO 2024, WE'VE SEEN A POSITIVE TREND IN RIDERSHIP, INDICATING A GROWING RELIANCE ON PUBLIC TRANSIT IN STAR VALLEY.

YEARLY OBSERVATIONS:

2022: A GRADUAL INCREASE IN RIDERSHIP THROUGHOUT THE YEAR WILL SERVICES WERE OFFERED THROUGH THE PAYSON SENIOR CENTER.

2023: A SIGNIFICANT SPIKE IN AUGUST WITH THE MONTHLY FREE RIDE FRIDAY INITIATIVE IN FULL SWING.

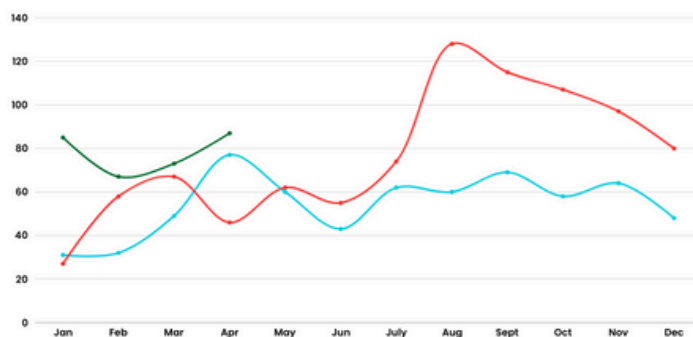
2024: CONTINUED GROWTH IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY, AND APRIL, REFLECTING ONGOING SERVICE ENHANCEMENTS.

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR PROGRESS IN BUILDING A MORE CONNECTED AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY WITH BEELINE BUS. WHETHER COMMUTING OR EXPLORING, WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!

FOR MORE INFO, VISIT BEELINE BUS WEBSITE [HTTPS://WWW.PAYSONAZ.GOV/COMMUNITY/BEELINE-BUSOR](https://www.paysonaz.gov/community/beeline-busor) OR FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK: [HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PROFILE.PHP?ID=61557690315911](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61557690315911)

**STAR VALLEY RIDERSHIP
BEELINE BUS TRANSIT**

- 2022 - 653 riders
- 2023 - 916 riders
- 2024 riders to date



HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

The Town of Payson has partnered with Gila County since 2018 to provide an opportunity for young people in Gila County to explore careers in municipal government.

Last year's interns, pictured below, gained valuable work experience in multiple Town departments including the Library, Community Development, Water, Information Technology and Town Hall.

Applicants are still being sought for this year's program which runs June 3rd - July 12th. Interested parties can obtain more information on the "Jobs" page of the Town of Payson website. The deadline to apply is May 14th.



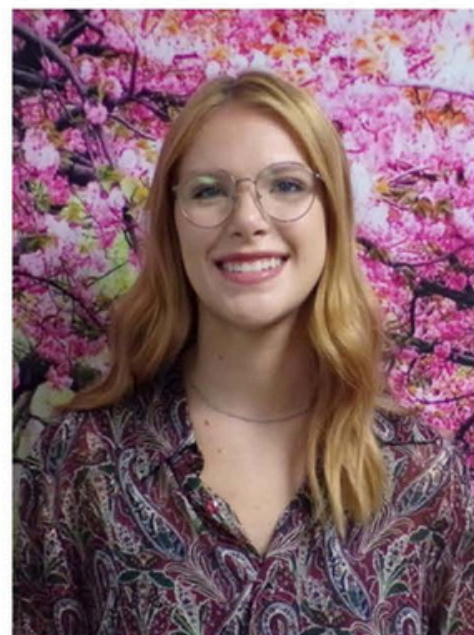
Caitlyn



Grace



Magdalene



Alyssa

ARIZONA MUNICIPAL RISK RETENTION POOL

Arizona Municipal Risk Retention Pool: Managing Risk, Maximizing Returns

The Arizona Municipal Risk Retention Pool (AMRRP) has long been a cornerstone in the prudent management of risk-related expenses for our town. As a member of AMRRP, we have benefited from a collective approach to risk management, leveraging the pool's resources and expertise to mitigate potential liabilities effectively.

One of the key advantages of our AMRRP membership is the cost-effectiveness it offers. By sharing resources and spreading risk across multiple municipalities, AMRRP is able to provide coverage at competitive rates, often at lower costs than individual insurance policies. This collective approach not only saves taxpayer dollars but also ensures that our town has access to high-quality insurance coverage without breaking the budget.

In a testament to effective risk management practices and collaborative efforts, the Arizona Municipal Risk Retention Pool (AMRRP) has announced the issuance of a \$13 million dividend to its property/casualty Members. This decision follows another exceptional three-year period where losses and fulfillment of projected surplus have outperformed expectations. The formula for calculating the dividend is simple and based on prior three years of premium and loss history, the Town of Payson dividend calculation results in a refunded premium amount of \$292,684 for 2024.

The dividend distribution underscores the value of membership in AMRRP and the tangible benefits it offers to participating municipalities. Not only does it provide financial relief to member communities, but it also reinforces the importance of proactive risk management strategies in safeguarding public assets and resources.

For the Town of Payson, this dividend represents a significant opportunity to offset future risk-related expenses and maintain financial stability. It is a testament to the dedication and commitment of our local council members and staff to prioritize safety and risk mitigation in our community. As stewards of taxpayer dollars, we remain committed to leveraging every opportunity to maximize returns and ensure the long-term prosperity of our community.

WATER DEPARTMENT

FREE ELECTRONIC & HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE RECYCLING EVENT

Event is limited to Gila County households only. No commercial hazardous waste will be accepted.

When: **Saturday May 18, 2024**

Where: **Payson Public Library**

**328 N McLane Road Payson, AZ
85541 (In the Parking Lot)**

Time: **8 a.m. — 12 p.m.**

For more information,
928-472-5136 or 928-472-5106

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

- Biohazardous or Infectious Waste
- Compressed Gas Cylinders (Propane OK)
- CRT (box-style) Televisions/Monitors
- Explosives
- Home Appliances (Big or Small)
- Radioactive Waste
- Smoke Alarms

HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD ITEMS ACCEPTED:

- Acids
- Adhesives
- Aerosol Cans
- Ammunition
- Auto Batteries
- Batteries
- Fire Extinguishers
- Fluorescent Lights
- Fuel & Other Fluids
- Helium balloon tanks
- Herbicides
- Inhalers
- Household Cleaners
- Lawn & Garden Products
- Medical Sharps
- Medication/Pharmaceuticals
- Mercury-Containing Items
- Motor Oil
- Paints
- Passenger Tires Without Rims
- Pesticides
- Propane Tanks
- Solvents

Household Products

Labeled:

- Caution
- Combustible
- Corrosive
- Danger
- Flammable
- Poison
- Toxic
- Warning

ELECTRONIC ITEMS ACCEPTED:

- Amplifiers
- Audio Equipment
- Cables & Connections
- Cameras
- Computer Equipment & Accessories
- DVD Blu-Ray Players
- DVRs-Direct TV, Tivo
- LCD Flat Screen TV's
- Monitors
- Phones
- Satellite Receivers
- Speakers & Microphones
- Tablets
- VCRs
- Video Cameras
- Video Gaming Equipment



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