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TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

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Progress Report for Roadway Projects Granite Dells: Beeline Bus: Pavement Preservation

Beeline Bus Route Improvements

Project Overview: The project consists of two phases of improvements to maximize the use of federal funding. Phase 1 consists of sidewalk, ramps, bus stop pads and shelters, and pavement reconstruction on 5 different streets (Colcord Road, McLane Road, Easy Street, Summit Street, and Ponderosa Street). Phase 2 includes additional roadway improvements outside the federal fund eligibility limits on those same roads.

Current Status: The Town received approval from ADOT to move forward with the bid documents. Town staff is finalizing the bid package, and Entellus, the design firm, is finalizing the construction documents. The bid package is expected to be advertised before July 4th 2024. CEI is reaching out to contractors to encourage bid consideration once an advertisement date is known.

MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

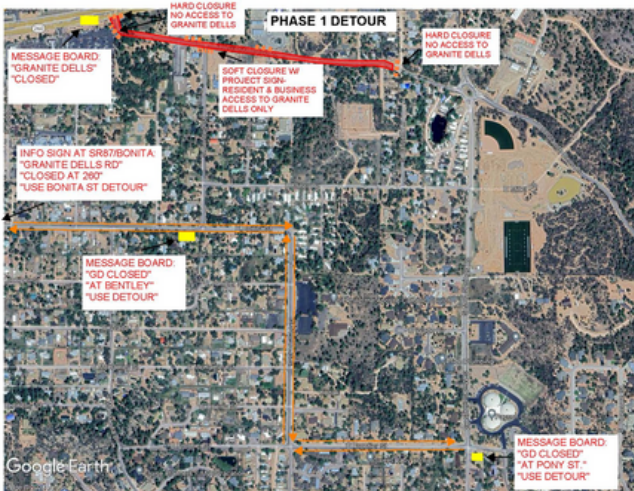
GRANITE DELLS ROAD

Project Overview: Improvements include reconstruction of the existing roadway with minor widening and an improved profile, storm drain upgrades and expansion, waterline extensions and replacement, and modification of the Safeway Center driveway onto Granite Dells to a right-in-right-out only configuration to improve safety and congestion.

Work Progress: Our contractor, Apache Underground and Excavating, is working on completing testing of the waterline section between Dudley and Owens and finishing up water service work east of Aspen. Waterline testing, hydrant placements, manhole and valve cover adjustments, and final cleanup of the project's 1st phase is anticipated to be complete the week of 7/15.

The second phase of the project was awarded to DBA and contract documents are currently being finalized. DBA will place message boards the week of 6/24 in anticipation of mobilizing week of 7/8. CEI is finalizing the Phase 2 mailing notification to mailing out to the list of 585 names/addresses within the detour area.

Roadway Construction Closure/Detour Plans (access to residents and businesses on Granite Dells will be in place for the duration of the project):



Phase 1 - SR260 to Pony (Estimated Schedule: July 8 - October 4)



Phase 2 - Pony to Mud Springs (Estimated Schedule: October 7 - November 15)

MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

Pavement Preservation

Project Overview: The project consists of two phases of improvements. Phase 1, completed in November 2023, included crack sealing and slurry sealing at multiple locations on a dozen different roadways. Phase 2 includes reconstruction of segments of Airport Road, Manzanita Drive, Bonita Street, and Frontier Street.

Current Status: Town accepted the proposal for Manzanita Drive, Bonita Street, and Frontier Street including optional sidewalk and driveway repairs. A coordination meeting was held to discuss possible proposals and approaches for traffic management on Airport Road and proposals to address the identified challenges are being developed for the town's consideration.

-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

JULY 2024

Chess is **2nd Fridays**
 every month!
 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Please Sign-Up for all
Friday & Saturday
 Programs

Summer Reading Program!!!
June 1 to July 20, 2024!
 Reading, Gaga-ball, Four Square
 Game, Pizza, BBQ, Hot Dogs,
 Treats, Yoyo, Magic, Gaming,
 Roblox, Slime, Rocks, STEAM,
 Garden, Coding, Chess, Balloon Art,
 Tie-Dye & More!

Sun day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Discover Astronomy! Families Welcome! 12:00 Noon Sit & Stitch Kids Welcome! 2:00 – 5:00 pm Scrabble 3 pm	Ukulele Buddies Kids Welcome! 10:00 am Teen Tuesday 12:00 Noon Line Dancing Kids Welcome! Beginners 1:15-2:15 Intermediate 2:15-4:00	Storytime with Babies 10:30 am Practice Spanish 11:30 am Juggling Adventures Yoyo & Hula Hoop! 1:00 pm	LIBRARY CLOSED 	Candy Bridges – Calling All Engineers Can your Bridge support the weight? 1:00 pm	
7	Combustion! – Play with Fire in a Safe Environment! 12:00 Noon Sit & Stitch Kids Welcome! 2:00 – 5:00 pm Scrabble Club 3:00 pm	Ukulele Buddies Kids Welcome! 10:00 am Teen Tuesday 12:00 Noon Line Dancing Kids Welcome! Beginners 1:15-2:15 Intermediate 2:15-4:00	Storytime with Babies 10:30 am Practice Spanish 11:30 am Police Heroes & Helpers 1:00 Noon	Storytime with Toddlers 10:30 am Line Dancing @ Library! Kids Welcome! 2:15 – 4:00	Learn / Play Chess 12:00 to 2:00	
14	Explore All About Arizona Family - Cactus, Copper, Desert Animals & more! 12:00 Noon Sit & Stitch 2:00 – 5:00 pm Scrabble Club All Ages 3:00 pm	Ukulele Buddies Kids Welcome! 10:00 am Croquet, Gaga-ball & Outdoor Games! Everyone Welcome! 10:00 am Line Dancing Kids Welcome! Beginners 1:15-2:15 Intermediate 2:15-4:00	Book Club 10:00 am Storytime with Babies 10:30 am Practice Spanish 11:30 am Learn Balloon Art! 1:00 pm	Storytime with Toddlers 10:30 am Line Dancing @ Library! Kids Welcome! 2:15 – 4:00	Camping & Survival Tips & Tricks! 12:00 Noon	Summer Reading Finale Pizza, Treats, Games, Gaga-Ball, Crafts sponsored by Desert Financial & Slime Time with Arizona Science Center! 11:00 am - 1:00
21	NO Library Friends Meeting Recorder Camp 11:00 am Sit & Stitch 2:00 – 5:00 pm Scrabble Club All Ages 3:00 pm	Ukulele Buddies Kids Welcome! 10:00 am Recorder Camp 11:00 am Line Dancing Kids Welcome! Beginners 1:15-2:15 Intermediate 2:15-4:00	Storytime with Babies 10:30 am Recorder Camp 11:00 am Practice Spanish 11:30 am Fluorescents-Rocks that Glow! 1:00 pm	Storytime with Toddlers 10:30 am Recorder Camp 11:00 am Line Dancing @ Library! Kids Welcome! 2:15 – 4:00	Recorder Camp Recital Come & see your Kids Perform! 11:00 am	
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PARKS AND RECREATION

**JUNE & JULY HOURS
EXTENDED TO 6PM!!!**

Splash Pad Hours of Operation

Closed Wednesdays

MAY & SEPTEMBER: 10A-1P & 3-6P

JUNE-AUGUST: 10A-4P

PARKS AND RECREATION

The Splash Pad at Green Valley Park officially opened on Friday, June 14th! Town staff, volunteers, board members, and council had just as much fun as the kids that afternoon. Thank you to everyone who came out!

Splash Pad Hours have been extended to 10am-6pm for June & July!! It will also open until 7pm on Concert in the Park evenings.



PARKS AND RECREATION

During the month of June, you can support the Friends of Payson Parks and Recreation by shopping at ACE Hardware and rounding up to the nearest dollar. The Friends is a non-profit, who raise funds to provide youth scholarships for sports and other town programs.

www.friendsofpayson.org

<https://www.paulsacehardware.com/payson.html>



PARKS AND RECREATION

We want to thank our Title Sponsors of this years 4th of July Celebration, Green Valley Water District and The Town of Payson Water Department, who proudly sponsor our Fireworks Display!

Without support from our sponsors, we would not be able to host the events that we do!



THANK YOU TO OUR TITLE SPONSORS



Volunteers Needed for 4th of July Event!

Our department is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to assist with the upcoming 4th of July event. This is a great opportunity to get involved in our community celebration! If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, please reach out to our Special Events Coordinator, Kaitlin Henning, at 928-472-5114 or via email at khenning@paysonaz.gov. Your support helps make our events successful and memorable!

PARKS AND RECREATION

Inspiration Martial Arts has joined our Summer Camp, offering free lessons to participants every Wednesday at JRE and Thursday at RCMS. Attached are pictures from last week's session, which the kids thoroughly enjoyed.

They have also transformed the old batting cage building at 1207 N. Beeline Hwy into a beautiful, professional martial arts center.

We are immensely grateful to Inspiration Martial Arts for providing this service to our Summer Camp participants for free, making the camp experience truly special.



PARKS AND RECREATION

Please join us for our upcoming Educational Nature Walk!



Educational Nature Walk

Green Valley Park Ecosystem

- Guided group walk!
- Learn about Green Valley's plants, animals, and water with us!
- 45-60 minutes, breaks included.
- We will stay on the sidewalk, so anyone with mobility challenges is welcome to join.

June 28th

Meet at 8:15AM in front of the
Parks & Recreation building
Start walk at 8:30AM

 Parks and Recreation: (928) 474-5242



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Rim Country Fire Agencies Assist in the Funeral Service for Fallen Firefighter

On Friday, June 21, 2024, the Rim Country fire agencies, including the Payson Fire Department, united to honor and remember one of our own who tragically passed away from a duty-related event. This solemn occasion is a poignant reminder of the sacrifices our firefighters make every day to protect our community.

In recognition of his dedicated service and to pay our deepest respects, fire agencies from across the state made the trip to our area and handled all calls for service. This allowed our local members to grieve and support the family of our fallen hero without compromising the safety and well-being of our residents. The visiting units were fully integrated into our system, ensuring a seamless continuation of our high standard of service. The only visible difference was the names on the trucks and the uniforms of the firefighters, representing the statewide solidarity in our firefighting community.

This arrangement was made possible through Arizona's robust mutual aid system, which exemplifies the strength and unity of our firefighting community. This system ensures that any unit from any part of the state can be deployed to assist areas in need, highlighting the collaborative spirit that defines the Firefighter profession.

We deeply appreciate the support and understanding of our residents as we honored the life and service of our fallen firefighter. Our commitment to serving and protecting our community remains unwavering, and this event underscores the profound respect and gratitude we have for those who serve on the front lines.



Henry Jandayan

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Volunteers Needed for Firewise Program

Volunteers will attend public events representing the Fire Department, bring new ideas about public outreach, perform Firewise home assessments, educate residents on fuels management and wildfire hazards. If you are looking for a way to give back to our community while being part of a great team, contact Kevin McCully at kmccully@paysonaz.gov or (928) 472-5171.



FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Finance department would like to introduce our newest and final member of the Team, Kendra Scrivano. Kendra comes to us with over 20 years of experience in contracts, construction finance, management, and accounting and will be assisting us with the accounts payable position. Most recently she worked at Chaparral Pines doing everything from accounts receivable and accounts payable to human resources. What we love about her is her can do attitude and willingness to help in every area she is needed. About three years ago she moved up here to be close to her parents, brothers and sister. Here is a message directly from Kendra:

I love plants, sunflowers, and frogs! As you will be able to see when I finally get my desk area decorated! I am excited to join the Town of Payson Finance team and look forward to meeting and working with everyone!



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

"The root of happiness is altruism - the wish to be of service to others." Dalai Lama. According to Merriam Webster Dictionary, altruism is the unselfish regard for or devotion to the welfare of others. The Water Department staff feels that the Merriam Webster Dictionary should have a picture of KELLI SCHWEIN, our Customer Service Manager, next to that definition as the embodiment of altruism. Her tireless dedication to serving the Town of Payson, both internally and externally, has continually fostered a positive environment for us all. When Kelli was working in Human Resources, virtually all town staff turned to her to assist us with our benefits and personal needs. She always found a way listen to our concerns and find a prudent way to solve our problems even though there were too many of us for one human to handle. Now that she is working at the Water Department, she is still our "go to gal" for our problems. Kelli always takes the time to listen to our issues when we know that she has her own monumental list of tasks to handle each day. We know this because Kelli is always still at work when we go home each day. Recently, she could be seen late in the evenings working on a \$3,000,000 water meter replacement grant application on top of her normal responsibilities because she knew that replacing the meters would make life better for our staff and customers. She had never done a grant application and had great trepidation, however, lo and behold, the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) approved her application and we're now starting that project. Of course, we were not surprised because she is exceptionally diligent and her professionalism is unmatched as she deals with financial and customer service issues each day. We often receive praise for our staff from the community and it is the direct result of Kelli's influence on us all. However, Kelli always tries to shine a spotlight on other's accomplishments. Therefore, we want to express our sincere appreciation for her and put the spotlight on her for a change. The following are direct quotes from her staff: "Kelli, we want to take a moment to recognize the outstanding work that you do, even with the simplest tasks. Your diligence shines through in everything you do, whether it is double-checking reports or offering a helping hand. You do things you have never done and succeed. We are so proud to be working with the kind of person you are.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Your cheerful outlook is contagious. You will listen to us without a blink knowing you have a deadline to meet. You think of all of us in a way to bring the work family together. We are so very thankful to have you on our team. You contribute so much to our success. Thank you, Kelli, for the hard work and kindness that is you.

"Patty, Jill, Debra "Daniel and I wanted to say that we are grateful for the hard work Miss Kelli put on this grant to help improve the water system not just to help her crew but to help our citizens of Payson. We know she works very hard to get it done and she succeeds. And we hope she knows how much we appreciate all she does for all of us.

THANK YOU KELLI SCHWEIN!



Kelli Schwein

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Parks and Recreation Spotlight

Phoenix Youngcourt is our employee spotlight this month. Along with her normal duties, she has taken the reigns on implementing, training, and utilizing the new recreation software, Daysmart. She consistently goes above and beyond to ensure the departments success. Her ability to foster an environment of respect, collaboration, communication, and excellence makes her an invaluable asset to our team. She addresses customers with the best customer service and always maintains the highest level of professionalism. Throughout the last several months, she has mentored new team members and has helped get them acclimated and feel valued. She provides the best support to our team in all areas without a second thought. Without her guidance, our department would fall apart at the seams! We appreciate you more than you know!

The Parks and Recreation Family



Phoenix Youngcourt

End of Report
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