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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

SUPERHERO



**READING AND
MAGIC SHOW!
GET A MAGIC BOOK
TO TAKE HOME!**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2ND, 1 PM

PAYSON PUBLIC LIBRARY - PLEASE SIGN UP TO ATTEND

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	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

Join **LIBRARY Friends of Payson**

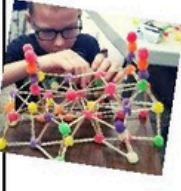
Discover **Astronomy!**
 Families Welcome!
 12:00 Noon
 Sit & Stitch
 Kids Welcome!
 2:00 – 5:00 pm
 Scrabble 3 pm

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



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



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



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



Sit & Stitch
 2:00 – 5:00 pm
 Scrabble Club All Ages 3:00 pm

Ukulele Buddies
 Kids Welcome!
 10:00 am
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

Storytime with Toddlers
 10:30 am
Line Dancing @ Library! Kids Welcome!
 2:15 – 4:00

Decoupage Pet Rock - Friends or Monsters!
 12:00 pm



FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

Maintenance updates of Town facilities.

Annual cleaning of Solar Panels in the Town Hall parking lot.

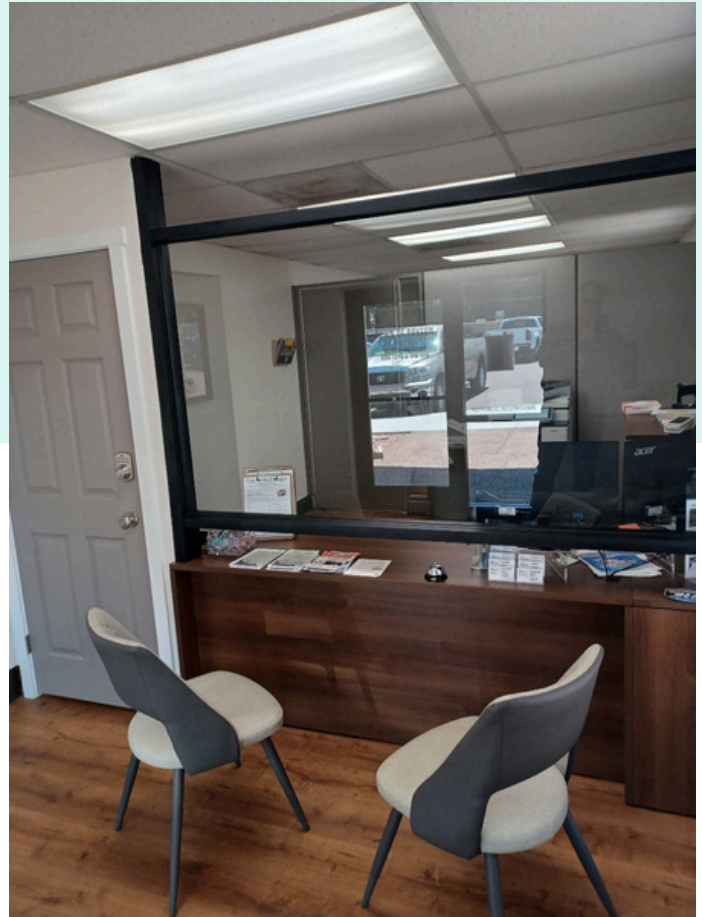


Replaced 6 AC Units between Town Hall, the IT Building, and the Library. Some units were 20 years old!



FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

Remodel of the Parks and Recreation Office Reception Area to add a pass through door and security window.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

NARTA Begins Fall 2024

July 22, 2024, Class 57 of the Northern Arizona Regional Training Academy (NARTA) through Yavapai College is set to begin. We are excited to announce we will be sending two of our very own recruits to this intense 21-week law enforcement training program in Prescott. Zachary Bacskay, currently a Community Service Officer with our department, will be joining new-hire Cherrille Morales in this training program. We are proud to support them as a department and as a town and look forward to celebrating their graduation in December.



New Community Service Officer

It is always exciting to have new hires join our department, but even more exciting is being able to offer career changes to our employees who are already working with us. Please join us in congratulating Hailee Krause on her new position of Community Service Officer from that of Public Safety Dispatcher. CSO Krause has had a distinguished career with the Payson Police Department as a Dispatcher already. While acting as dispatcher, she has also been a successful dispatcher trainer, helping many of our current dispatchers through their training process. We are excited to see CSO Krause out on the streets, finally putting a face to the voice that has helped so many on 911.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

MADD Recognizes Arizona Officers

On June 28, 2024, Officer Buzzard was invited to the Annual Law Enforcement recognition ceremony (LER) sponsored by MADD which was held at the Wild Horse Pass Conference Center. The ceremony recognizes officers throughout the state that go above and beyond when it relates to DUI enforcement activities. During the conference, Officer Buzzard was presented with the MADD Hero award.

Throughout the past year, Officer Buzzard had over double the arrests that typically occur with DUI enforcement. He achieved these outstanding proactive enforcement efforts while still fulfilling his regular patrol duties. He also continued his career progression in DUI enforcement by obtaining phlebotomy certification. With this certification, he has not only assisted our agency but other agencies with blood draws which at times requires being called out when he is not working.

DUI enforcement typically is a very complicated area of law enforcement to which Officer Buzzard has dedicated his career progression. We appreciate the MADD organization's recognition of Officer Buzzard's achievements.



STREET DEPARTMENT

On July 16th, 2004, the Street department hosted an ADOSH compliant training session for Fall protection and Fall Arrest Safety. Members in attendance included Streets, Parks, Water and Fire Departments for a total of 31 trainees. The Training included 3 hours in the classroom and then an hour outside for actual hands-on harness check and awareness training while using a bucket truck by certified operators to enhance the lesson. The training went very well and staff in attendance appreciated the trainer's expertise and thoughtful approach to make the training interactive and interesting.



The training was led by Abraham Bonilla through Proactive Safety Solutions.



The trainer (Abe) covered topics relevant to OSHA compliance for Fall Protection and Restraint awareness and safety.

STREET DEPARTMENT

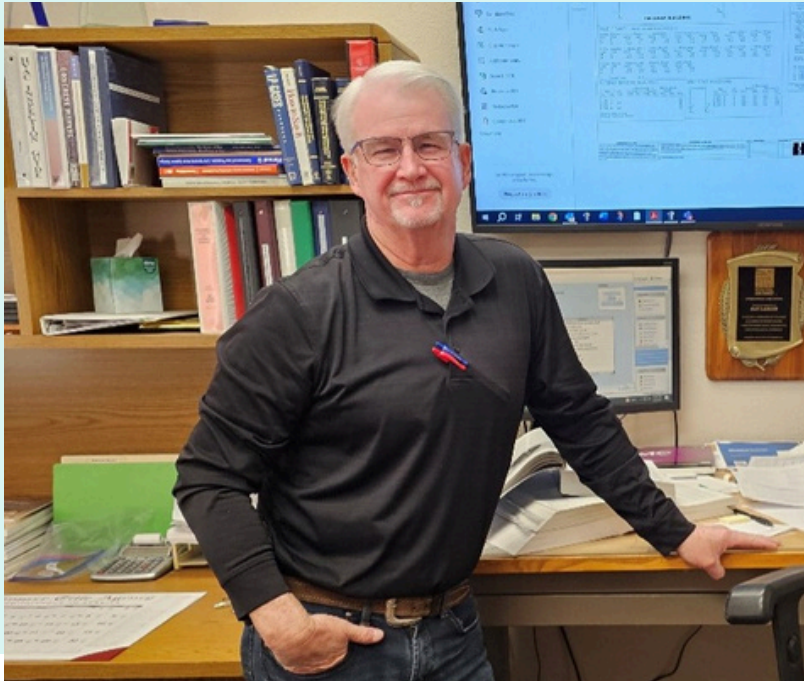


Hands on instruction on proper harness wear and fit before using the bucket truck.



Abe assesses the operators harnesses and emplacements on the bucket truck during a training inspection.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Ray LaHaye, a staple in the Town of Payson, is retiring after an impressive 38.852-year career, which began on August 24, 1985. Ray's journey with the town is a testament to his dedication and exceptional work ethic. He started humbly as a Laborer I with the Parks and Recreation Department and quickly advanced to Laborer II within a year, showcasing his commitment and competence.

On October 20, 1986, Ray transferred to Community Development as a Building Inspector, marking the beginning of his profound influence in the building field. His wealth of knowledge and expertise in this area became evident as he seamlessly navigated the complexities of building regulations and standards. His insights and guidance have been invaluable, earning him respect and admiration from colleagues and the community alike.

Ray's versatility and leadership skills were further highlighted when he returned to Parks and Recreation on September 17, 1990, as the Director.

On December 18, 2004, Ray made his way back to Community Development, this time as the Chief Building Official. In this role, he continued to uphold the highest standards of building safety and quality. His diligent oversight ensured that the town's development was both sustainable and forward-thinking.

Throughout his career, Ray LaHaye has been a cornerstone of the town's development and community spirit. His extensive knowledge in the building field has been a guiding light for many, and his positive influence on coworkers and the community is immeasurable. As he retires on June 27, 2024, Ray will be deeply missed. His legacy of excellence, dedication, and community service will continue to inspire future generations.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Moonshot Rural AZ Pitch Tour 2024

1st place

The Haus of Voo Doo
Reptile Sanctuary

Victoria Hauger - \$2000 Prize



2nd place

Keep It Clean Payson

Jesse Barry - \$1500 Prize

The 3rd Annual Rim Country Moonshot Pitch event was held on June 22, 2024. It was held at Noley's who pitched in last year's competition. There were 8 entrepreneurs who participated. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place were awarded prize money as well as scholarships to Moonshot services and the others that participated were Black and Tan Branding—Gabe Schulteis, Kotas Cottage Kitchen—Dakota Jorgensen, The Raindrop Room—Marga Cullumber, Homefront Ethanol—Jacob Roberts and A Rae of Sun Recycle—Raelynne Brownlee. The event is hosted by the Town of Payson, Rim Country Chamber of Commerce and EAC's Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

3rd place

Shaun McClure

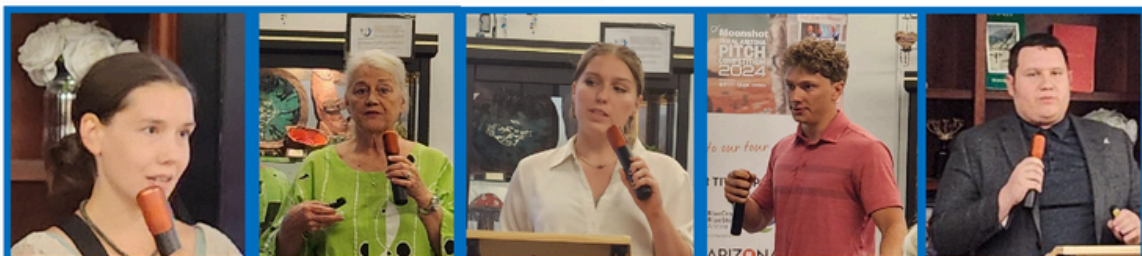
Fire Wize - \$500 Prize



The Payson winner, The Haus of Voo Doo Reptile Sanctuary will compete in the statewide competition on Friday, August 2nd in Cottonwood against the 15 other winners in the tour. They will have the opportunity to win the 1st prize of \$10,000 or the crowd favorite of \$5,000.

Thank you to our local sponsors!

- ◆ Ocean Blue Carwash
- ◆ National Bank of AZ
- ◆ WaFd Bank
- ◆ Mazatzal Hotel & Casino
- ◆ Pioneer Title Agency
- ◆ Pizza Hut
- ◆ Noley's



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