



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

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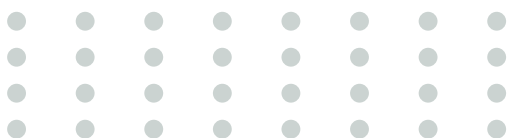




TRAILS MOVING FORWARD



On August 21, Matt Paciorek of the Tonto National Forest, officially signed to incorporate eight miles of existing social trails into its Forest Service System, a significant step in the implementation of the Payson Area Trails System (PATS) plan, which was approved in April. This decision also enhances and expands the trail system, with six miles of new trails and two new trailheads expected. The integration of these trails will improve sustainability, allow for maintenance grants, and promote legal use, supporting the community's long-term vision for outdoor recreation. The Town of Payson is grateful for the collaboration with the Forest Service and the efforts of the community members who continually work to improve the trail system.





ANNUAL SENIOR SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT IS A HIT!



The Payson Parks and Recreation team was out at Rumsey Park working at the Annual Senior Softball Tournament! Many teams were in town playing, providing an additional boost for our local businesses and restaurants while they were here! Thank you for all your hard work! Special thank you to our sponsors: Mazatzal Hotel and Casino, Kona Ica, Dallin Haws Insurance, Daniel Butters -NAZCA, Crosswinds Restaurant, Roxy's Hot Dogs.

TRUNK OR TREAT REGISTRATION OPEN

Get ready for some fab-boo-lous fun! Our annual **Monster Mash Halloween Festival** is happening on October 26th from 4pm to 9:30pm.

Trunk or Treat is happening from 4 PM to 6 PM, and we're now accepting registrations for Halloween-themed trunks and booths. Trunks and booths are open to businesses, families, nonprofits and more!

To register your trunk for this years event, www.adventurepayson.com/treat

Don't miss out on this festive community event—decorate your trunk or booth and join us for a frightfully good time!





POLICE CONTINUE TO INCREASE ITS PATROL STAFFING



We are pleased to announce a returning officer, Officer Joseph Johnson, to our ranks. Officer Johnson previously worked with our department in 2009 and retiring in 2022 as a detective.

Officer Johnson has returned to our department, Patrol Division. Officer Johnson was sworn in in front of Judge Pro Tempore Andrea Hamm on Thursday, September 6, 2024. We want to welcome Officer Johnson back to his Payson PD family and cannot wait to see him on patrol.



SECURING (ASR) WELLS

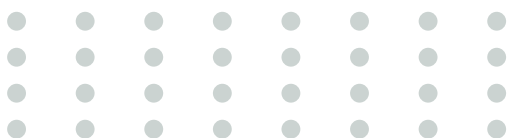
The Water Department has begun digging approximately 800 feet of trench to install conduit for a new 480 volt electrical service to one of the key Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) wells. This well was originally intended to be for injection only and did not require the

upgraded electrical service. However, since this well has been sampled for PFAS contamination and found to be safe it is advantageous to turn the well into an automatically controlled bi-directional ASR and Production well. The hard Tapeats Sandstone requires the use of a backhoe equipped with a hydraulic jackhammer, thankfully on loan from the Streets Department, to break the rock into small enough pieces to be removed by the Water Department backhoe. Though the work is tedious, it will provide sustainable water supply in the future when we have a drought and need to rely on the stored underground water.



AGING WATER METERS BEING REPLACED WITH UPGRADED SYSTEM

The following picture shows the first delivery of the new Sensus Iperl meters that are being installed to replace aging meters throughout the system. This project is a result of the Water Department winning a Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) grant in the amount of \$3 million. The total project is estimated to be approximately \$4 million so the Town will be responsible for the remaining portion as a match to the grant. This project will install approximately 5300 new water meters throughout Town and enable the Water Department staff to monitor water usage each day to identify abnormal usage such as leaks. Until now, our staff only collected meter reads once each month. So, if a leak occurred on a customer's property, we potentially would not know about it for up to 30 days which could lead to substantial water losses and usage charges. This technology allows both our staff and our customers to monitor water usage via an online portal. The meters in the photo below have begun making their way into meter boxes in Town. So, if you see our contractor working on your water meter, please thank them for bringing our meters into the digital age.





Payson Public Library

328 N. McLane Rd. / (928) 474 - 9260



September 2024 - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  Library Closed	2  Happy Labor Day! Library Closed	3 Ukulele Club 10 AM Line Dancing Beginners 1:15 -2:15 Intermediate 2:15 - 4 	4  Baby Story Time 10:30 AM Let's Talk Spanish 11:30 AM	5 PreSchool Story Time 10:30 AM Line Dancing 2:15 -4 David talks AZ History Death at Canyon Diablo 2 P - 3:30 P 	6  Crafty Kids with Miss DeeDee 1 P - 2 P * Please Register	7   Arizona Science Center Geology Rocks! 12 P - 1 P * Please Register
8  Library Closed	9  Sit & Stitch (Crafting with Love) 2 P - 5 P 	10 Ukulele Club 10 AM Line Dancing Beginners 1:15 -2:15 Intermediate 2:15 - 4	11  Baby Story Time 10:30 AM	12  PreSchool Story Time 10:30 AM Line Dancing Intermediate 2:15 - 4	13  Learn & Play Chess 12 P - 2 P	14  Arizona Science Center Geology Rocks! 12 P - 1 P * Please Register 
15  Library Closed	16 Library Friends General Meeting Presenter: Terri Vescei From the Pine Creek Lavender Farm 10AM to 11:30 Sit & Stitch (Crafting with Love) 2 P - 5 P	17  Ukulele Club 10 AM Line Dancing Beginners 1:15 -2:15 Intermediate 2:15 - 4	18  Rim Readers Club 10 AM Baby Story Time 10:30 AM Let's Talk Spanish 11:30 AM	19  PreSchool Story Time 10:30 AM Line Dancing Intermediate 2:15 - 4	20 Page to Screen Movie Viewing and Book Discussion Treasure Island 12 P - 2:30 * Please Register 	21 
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* To Register for Events Please Call 928-474-9260



TOWN OF PAYSON EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

5
Years

DALE BARNES
NICOLE ADAMS
JACOB BASSETT
JOHN BASSETT SR.
JOHN BASSETT JR.
MICHAEL NEWBOLD
SHAWN PRICE
KEVIN McCULLY
JEREMY FLANAGAN
ROBERT SCHUTTER
JAMIN SMITH
JORDAN HOLLENBECK
KASSANDRA VIERA
LAURA CRONK
ASHLY BARNES
LYNNE O'DONNELL
JUSTIN ZICK
SARAH McCORMACK
SHAWN SIMMONS

10
Years

DAVID STAUB
DEWALT OOSTHUIZEN
HOUSTON TATUM
DENNIS DUEKER
ELIZABETH DONOVAN
MANAR BOGATKO
DEBRA KHONGKHOUNE

15
Years

DANIEL MALLOY
BRENT DIRREN
JARRETT CLINE

20
Years

VINCENT PALANDRI



PROGRESS REPORT FOR PAYSON ROADWAY PROJECTS

Granite Dells Road

Project Objective: Improve existing roadway to allow for better traffic capacity and flow, enhance safety and reduce congestion.

Project Scope: Granite Dells Road from its intersection with State Route 260 on the West to the roundabout at Mud Springs Road to the East. Reconstruction of the existing roadway with minor widening and 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.

Current Phase: Construction

Current Progress Summary: The Contractor has completed pouring retaining wall 3, form removal and concrete patching. Also completed pouring catch basins, scupper and inlet/outlet headwalls. Continued to work on excavation, subgrade compaction, and base material hauling and placement, geogrid placement and grading slopes.

Upcoming Work: Start concrete flatwork for curb and gutter, driveways and sidewalks. Continue with hauling, grading and compacting base material. Complete mass grading to establish final roadway profile and base course compaction to prepare for asphalt placement. Additionally, contractor is scheduled to move the water line blow off at NAPA and at Thomas and lower the water line service at Dudley and Thomas.

Expected Completion: December 2024





PROGRESS REPORT FOR PAYSON ROADWAY PROJECTS

Pavement Preservation

Project Objective: Provide road maintenance and reconstruction efforts to improve and preserve existing road.

Project Scope: 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 Phase: Pre-Construction

Current Progress Summary: DBA contract for Bonita, Manzanita and Frontier has been approved. Town has agreed to the full Airport Road proposal (including sidewalk and driveway improvements). This project will have an approximate 6-week construction period. CEI, the town's project management firm is preparing for pre-construction meeting.

Upcoming Work: Pre-construction meeting will be scheduled.

Expected Completion: November 2024



PROGRESS REPORT FOR PAYSON ROADWAY PROJECTS

Beeline Bus Route Improvements

Project Objective: Reconstruct and improve existing roadway to maintain sustainability and improvements for better traffic and pedestrian flow.

Project Scope: 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, McClane 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 Phase: Pre-Construction

Current Progress Summary: Bid has closed and is now being evaluated. ADOT has requested FTA to extend grant funding, no answer yet.

Upcoming Work: Town staff is currently evaluating options to determine if it will move forward with a contract award or not.

Expected Completion: The estimated completion time will be determined once the work is awarded.



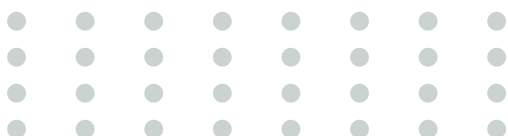
DESIGN REVIEW UPDATE

The Design Review Overlay District covers all properties within the scenic Town of Payson, ensuring that multi-family, commercial, and industrial developments align with the town's carefully crafted Design Review standards. Before embarking on any new development or making exterior changes to existing properties in these categories, a Design Review application must be submitted to and approved by the Community Development department. This process helps maintain the town's charm and consistency across various property types.

Certain activities, however, are thoughtfully exempt from the Design Review process. These exemptions include the construction or modification of single-family detached homes, as well as two- and three-family residential units, allowing homeowners more flexibility. Routine exterior maintenance—such as repainting, re-roofing, or re-siding—also doesn't require a review, provided that the same colors and materials are used and were previously compliant with Design Review standards. Additionally, while most interior remodeling projects require a permit, they are entirely free from Design Review requirements, ensuring that small updates are smooth and hassle-free.

At its heart, the design review process exists to preserve the town's unique property values, enhance public and pedestrian safety, and maintain Payson's natural beauty and mountain charm. By encouraging the use of natural landscaping and traditional architectural styles, the process fosters a harmonious balance between the past and the future, allowing Payson to continue thriving while honoring its rich heritage.

If you have any questions about your project's requirements, please don't hesitate to contact Community Development at **928-472-5030** or via email at **building@paysonaz.gov**.





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