



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

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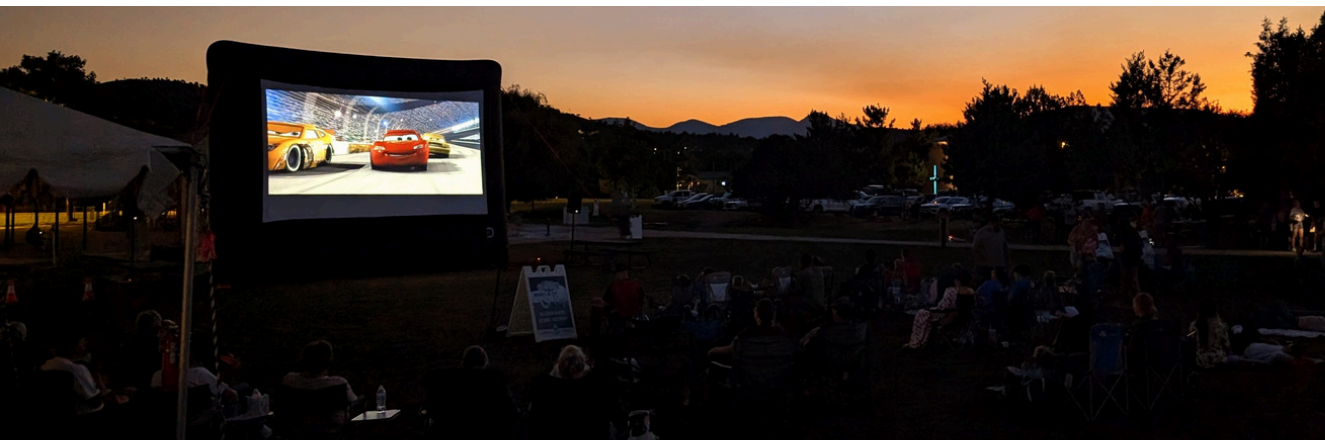




MOVIE IN THE PARK BRINGS CLASSIC CARS!

We had a great turnout for last week's Movies in the Park showing of Cars! Families gathered at Green Valley Park, bringing their lawn chairs and blankets for a fun, family-friendly evening.

We also had an exciting sneak peek at some classic cars from the Rim Country Classic Auto Club, giving everyone a taste of what's to come at the **Beeline Cruise-in Car Show on October 12th from 8am to 3pm at Green Valley Park**. Thanks to everyone who joined us, and we can't wait to see you at the next event!





Fiddle & Food Trucks a Hit!



The Parks and Recreation Team put on a fantastic Fiddle and Food Truck event this past weekend! We were proud to host the 54th year of the Arizona State Fiddle Championship, and it was three incredible days filled with music, food, and small-town fun.

A special highlight of the weekend was The **Honeycomb Project**, a community mural led by artist Justin Queal and presented through **Keep Payson Clean**. This mural will soon be placed at Green Valley Park, adding a beautiful touch to the community space. Thank you again to everyone who joined us for this fantastic event!





317 Fall Soccer Participants!

The 2024 Town of Payson Youth Fall Soccer Season Kicked off this Saturday, September 30th at Rumsey Park. We have a total of 317 registered participants and 18 total teams. The season will continue each Saturday until November 16th and will conclude with a pizza party.



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Sparklight is our youth Fall Soccer sponsor this season.
Thank you for the awesome jerseys!





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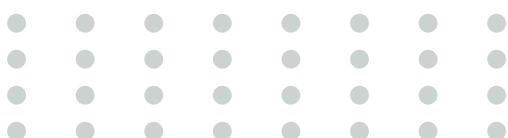
Granite Dells Rd. Improvements Phase 2

The road improvements on Granite Dells Road have been progressing well, and the project team is working hard to complete this project before Thanksgiving.

Currently the contractor is pouring concrete for curb and gutters, sidewalks, and driveways for businesses and residents between SR260 and Dudley, including the modified Safeway Center driveway that was designed to only allow right-turns in and out of the parking lot to improve safety and congestion on Granite Dells. New Americans with Disability Act compliant ramps on both sides of the SR260 intersection will be completed in early October. Earthwork grading and base course placement are nearly complete between SR260 and Dudley, and paving is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, October 13th with temporary pavement markings to follow. This will allow the Town to open this road section before the end October.

Once Granite Dells opens between SR260 and Bentley, traffic restrictions will be modified with the road still fully closed from Bentley to Mud Springs. Construction will continue in the section between Dudley and Mud Springs with earthwork grading, base course placement, curb and gutters, sidewalks, and driveways during the month of October, followed by paving and temporary pavement markings in early November. Permanent pavement markings will be placed on the entire project length 30 days or more after paving is complete, and when the temperature is at 40 degrees and climbing each day.

As a reminder, questions or concerns about the project can be shared with the project team by leaving a message on the Construction Hotline at 602- 935-1300. The hotline is monitored daily, and the team strives to respond to all messages within one business day.



WATER DEPARTMENT UPDATE



Lead Service Line Inventory

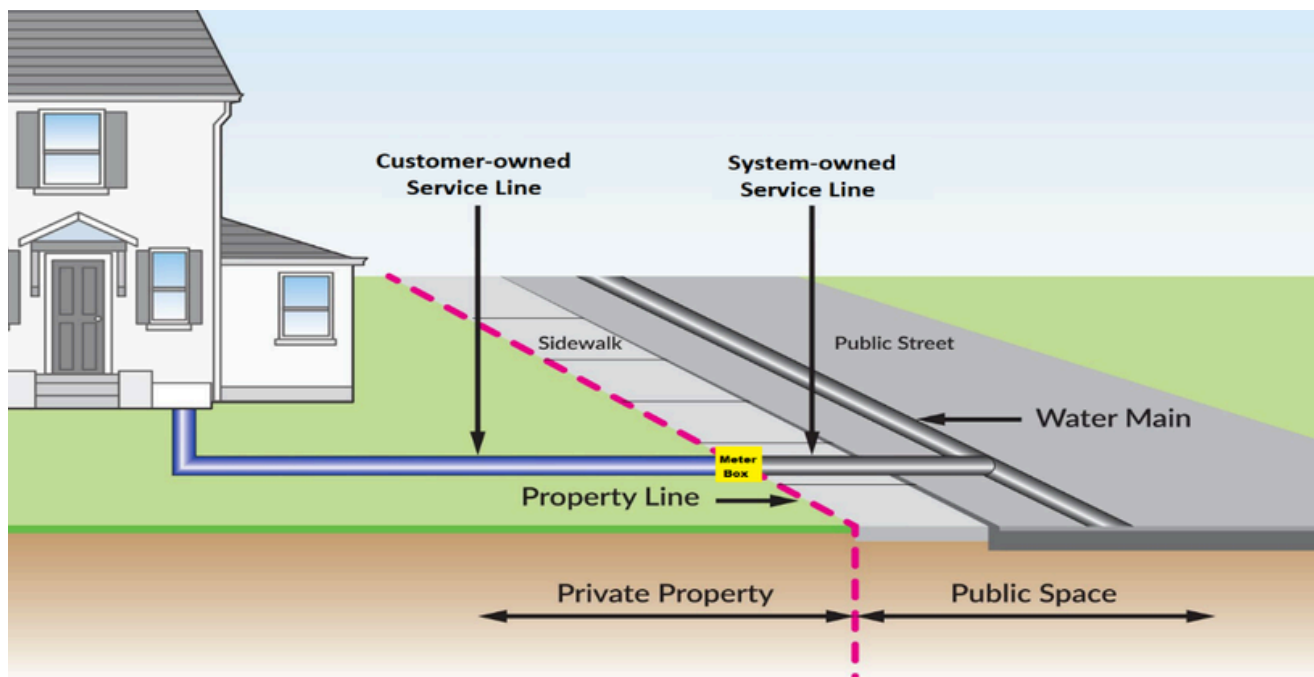
The Town of Payson is committed to delivering high-quality, reliable, and affordable water services while ensuring the long-term protection and sustainability of our system for future generations.

In cooperation with the Environmental Protection Agency's Lead and Copper Rule and Revisions the Town is identifying and cataloging the community's water service lines.

Over the next several years, we'll be working to physically identify service line materials. We'll rely on our historical records, plumbing codes, ordinances, and Water Department crew to develop our service line inventory.

What is a Service Line?

A service line is an underground pipe that connects your property to the Town's water main



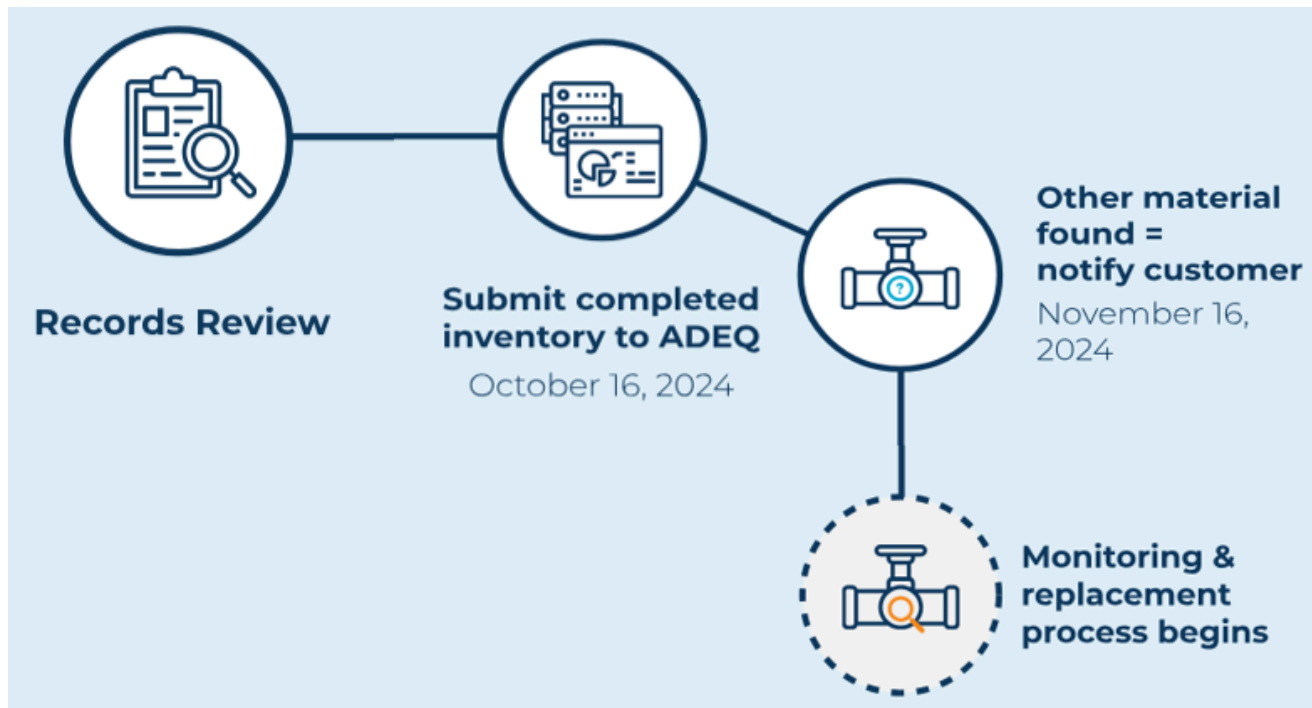


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Service Line Inventory Process

Public Water Systems are required to submit an initial inventory of all service lines and the material of which they are made that meets the elements of 40 CFR 141.84(a) by Oct. 16, 2024.



We will be mailing notifications to customers with unknown service lines after submitting our report to ADEQ. As part of our commitment to ensuring the accuracy of this process, we will physically verify the materials of service lines at locations with unknown material lines. This will help us maintain up-to-date and accurate records for the safety and reliability of our water supply system. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance as we work through this important step.





Youth Water Festival



The Water Department sponsored the 15th Annual Payson Water Festival at Green Valley Park on September 26, 2024. This festival is a public outreach event that educates fourth grade students in northern Gila County about Arizona’s water resources and resource stewardship. The Water Department thanks Arizona Project WET for their curriculum and help with coordination for this event.

In all, a total of eight school teachers from Payson Unified School District (PUSD), Pine-Strawberry School District, and Tonto Basin Elementary School brought a total of 209 students to participate at the festival. The kids had a great day outside of the classroom in Payson’s great weather, learning about water science and conservation.

The Water Department would like to thank the 31 volunteers from PUSD high school students, Shepherd Insurance Group, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Green Valley Water, and the Parks & Rec Department for volunteering to serve as event educators. Overall it was a fun day for students and volunteers and we look for to hosting the event again next year!

Although Payson’s water portfolio has an average annual surplus of about 2,700 acre-feet (880 million gallons) of available water per year, the Water Department understands the importance water conservation and planning during periods of drought. It is the goal of the Water Department to keep the public informed about water related issues and to remind the public that water conservation (even in times of surplus) is very important to the future and stability of our water resources.



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