



# TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

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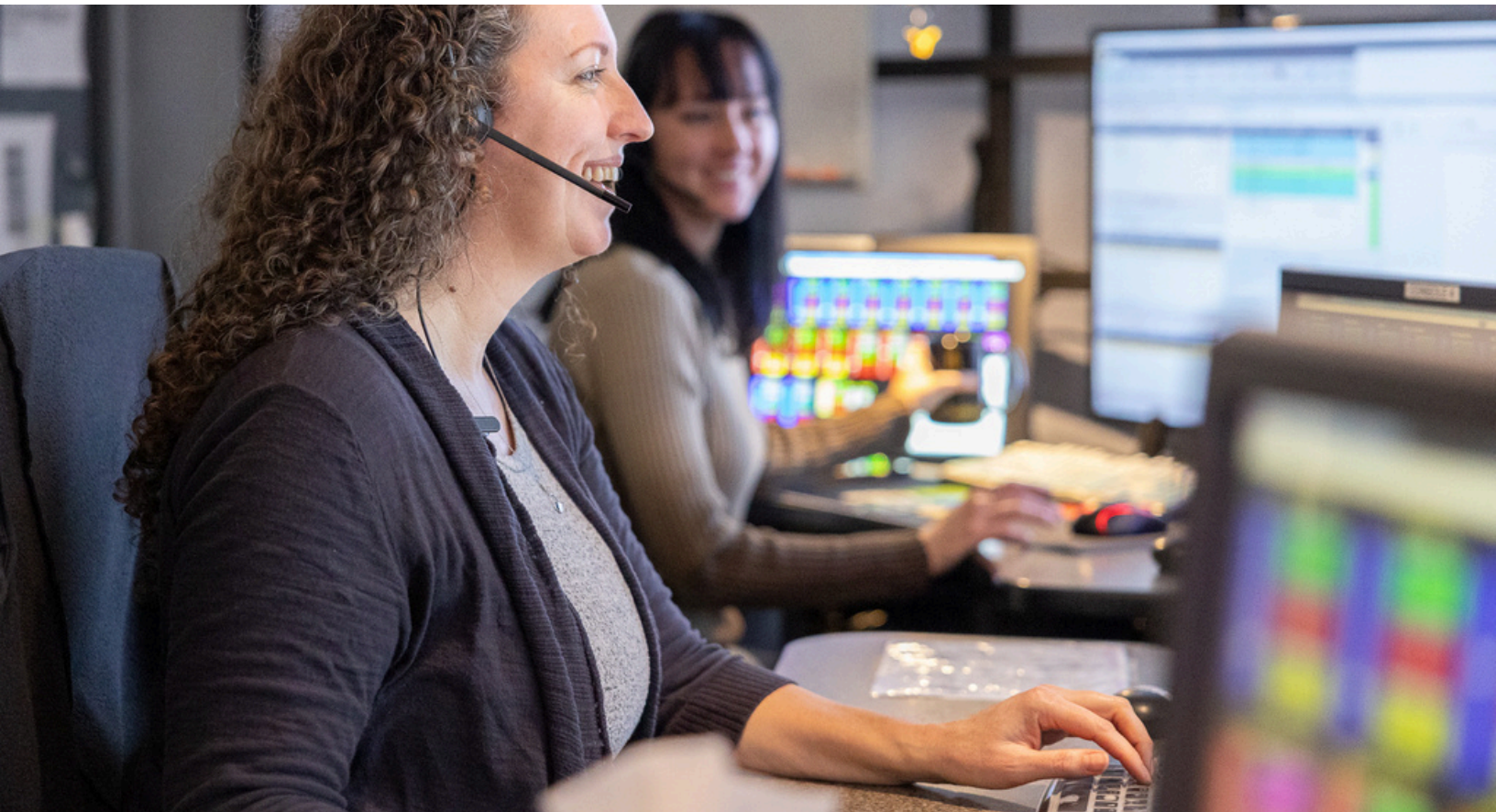
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## PAYSON POLICE TRAINING IN ACTION



On September 27th and October 1st, the Payson Police Department conducted a department-wide training to improve building clearing and room entry skills. The Gila County Sheriff's Office and the Arizona Department of Public Safety also sent Officers to participate in the training, and the Payson Fire Department attended to gain a better understanding of police tactics.

The class was taught by Officers from the Salt River, Mesa, and Scottsdale Police Departments as well as members of the Payson Police Department Command Staff. This training was meant to sharpen the skills of our Officers in one of the areas of the profession that poses the highest risk to them and was also part of our preparedness effort for dealing with a mass casualty incident.

The Payson Police Department would like to thank the Salt River Police Department, the Mesa Police Department, and the Scottsdale Police Department for providing training staff to the Rim Country community. We would also like to thank Expedition Church for providing us with a fantastic training venue, Starbucks for donating coffee to our students and staff, and to our Police Volunteers who participated as actors and made our scenarios as realistic as possible. Photographs provided courtesy of Payson PD Employee Bob Markin.



## THE HIRING CONTINUES WITH PAYSON POLICE DEPARTMENT



On October 3, 2024, Daniel Francis, the Payson Police Department's newest officer, was sworn in before the Honorable Donald J. Garvin at the Payson Magistrate Court. With the addition of Officer Francis, our department's ranks increase to 22. Officer Francis comes to us as a lateral officer with twelve years of law enforcement experience, four years as an officer with Cottonwood Police Department and eight years with Garner Police Department (Iowa). He and his family are in the process of moving to Payson.

## WELCOME TO THE FAMILY, **OFFICER DANIEL FRANCIS**



## EQUIPMENT UPGRADES & TRANSITION INTO FALL/WINTER SEASON

The Street Maintenance Division has been buttoning up a few end-of-summer tasks as we transition into Autumn. The team received a new CAT 306 Mini Excavator with a long boom to be used in the cleaning and maintenance of the many miles of ditches and open drainage throughout the areas of Right Of Way (ROWs) responsibilities in Town. Our entire crew spent a few hours covering the basic responsibilities of the operator in the use of this machine during the last week of September.

This machine will eventually become a major workhorse for many different tasks. Duties will vary from ditch pulling and maintenance, to sidewalk repair and street pothole repair. The machine has a narrow operating base and a zero point of turn radius, so this allows our crews to make ditch repair without taking up more than a single lane of traffic during maintenance operations as well as giving them a blade to move all the windrowed materials back to the ditch after cleanup.

As with all things financial in the Street Division, this machine was purchased using Highway User Revenue Funds or **HURF**, and we were able to get the state contract so that we acquired a mowing flail attachment, three buckets and a vibratory compactor plate at the lowest cost to the motorists and roadway users in Arizona.



*The Street Maintenance Division operators review the features of the machine with a trainer and examine the mower flail attachment.*



**After November 1, the Maintenance Division begins to move into winter operations.** Part of this transition requires us to button up large asphalt patch repairs as well as temperature sensitive duties.

It's important to differentiate the remainder of this report as separate and unrelated to the Engineering Department's plans for large scale projects that require years of pre-planning and securement and execution of funds on large planned projects, such as the upcoming rehabilitation of Airport Road this fall.

Street Maintenance, however, as we will describe next, operates on a shorter time table that is still full of pre-planning and dependency on weather, crew availability and materials to be supplied. One of these areas for a large patch repair was in the Mazatzal Airpark Community. Our crews handled several different patches of various sizes and requiring an overall amount of around 80 tons of asphalt. Large asphalt patches such as these take several days of preparation, removal of old sub-grade material, and installation of new material if none existed previously. This must be done before we can install any sort of asphalt back in the repair.



The old asphalt is removed and the sub-grade structural material (if it exists) is inspected to determine if it can stay or must be replaced. In this case, it had to be excavated and replaced due to water infiltration, a heavy clay composition and several other factors before the repair could continue. This process can take several days for a patch of this size, so we try to make sure that any other asphalt repairs on that road will be done at the same time to mitigate cost, down time, travel and inconvenience to the residents.



Once the material is replaced and compacted it's ready to be prepared for asphalt. This process then requires our crew to lay down wooden carrier tracks to accommodate our paving machine and to give accurate guides to follow while installing the asphalt in 4-foot-wide sections at a time.



Once the guides are installed, the asphalt is ready to be laid down, raked, compacted and cooled for motorist usage.

Asphalt repair is neither easy, nor easily executed. It requires careful planning ahead for patches such as these, several weeks in advance. We must then give proper notification to various State entities, as well as coordination with local asphalt manufacturers. We appreciate the community's patience and understanding as we tackle projects like these before we see snow fall. Thanks again for your interest and understanding.



## NOTICE TO RESIDENTS!

### General Right of Way Brushing and Pruning

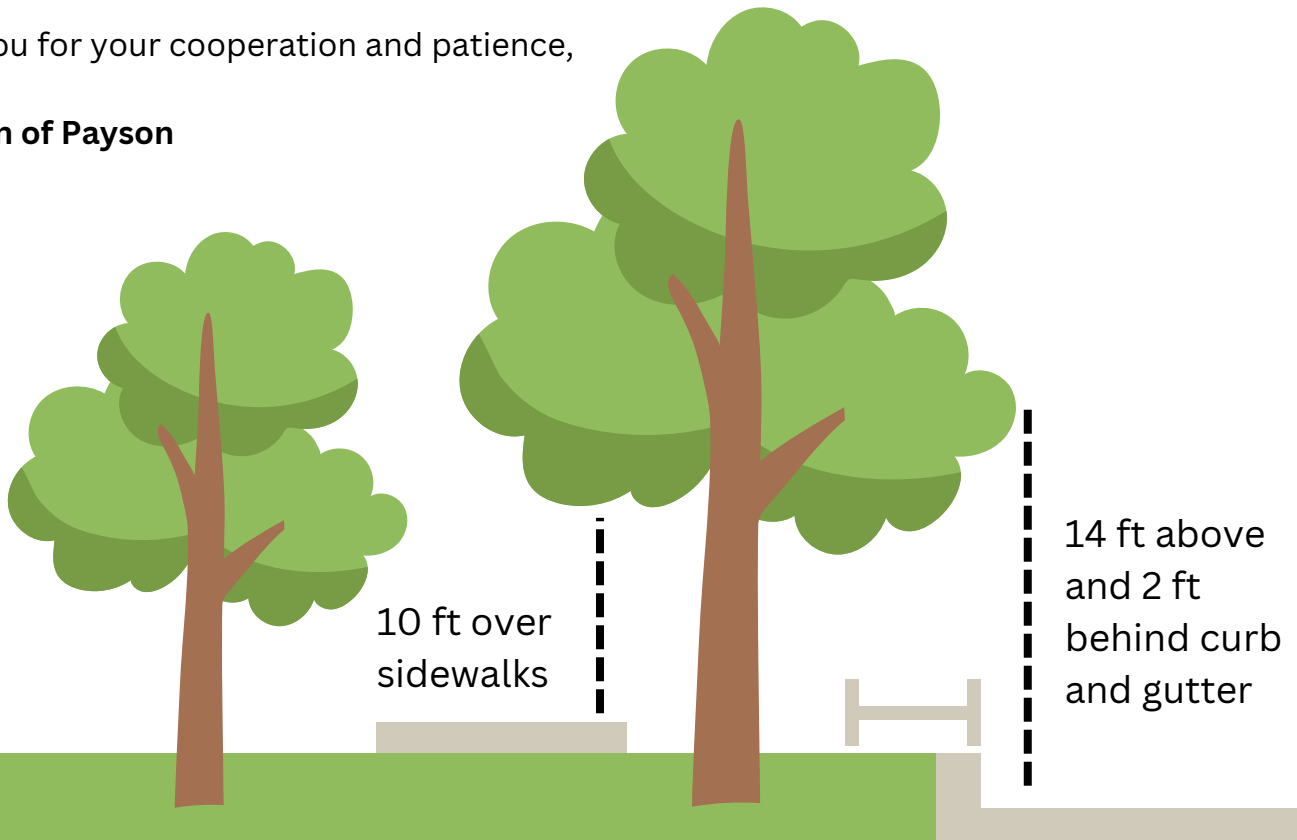
The Town of Payson will be brushing and pruning throughout the Town on our right of ways (ROW) over the next few months when permitted by weather. It is a year-round necessity for the town to remove or trim errant trees, vegetation, and other obstacles that interfere with vehicle and pedestrian movement on our roads and sidewalks.

In conformance to **Town Code(s): § 153.03; 153.32 REMOVAL OF DISEASED, INFESTED OR DANGEROUS TREES**, the Street Department will be trimming trees over the street to a minimum of 14 feet or higher where necessary and over sidewalks from seven to ten feet where necessary.

As a reminder, it is first the responsibility of the homeowner or resident of a property to always maintain these clearances. However, the Town reserves the right to mitigate these hazards when necessary or during ideal seasons for clearance.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience,

**The Town of Payson**







## TAKE A WALK WHILE YOU LEARN!

Hey, folks! Join us for another educational nature walk on Friday, October 25th. This walk is on the Goat Camp Ruins trail, which is directly off of Tyler Parkway. Look for balloons marking the meet up point, as this trail does not have official signage. Meet at 3:45PM to begin walking at 4PM. The entire walk will last 45-60 minutes with breaks included.

We will be joined by Scott Wood, the leader of the excavations team, who will talk about this project and the history of this site. Goat Camp is one of the largest prehistoric settlements in the Payson area, so come learn some Indigenous history with us!



# Educational Nature Walk

## Indigenous History: Goat Camp Ruins

Guided group walk with the excavations expert! Learn about Indigenous history related to the Goat Camp Ruins. The entire walk will last 45-60 minutes, breaks included.



**Fri, Oct. 25th!**

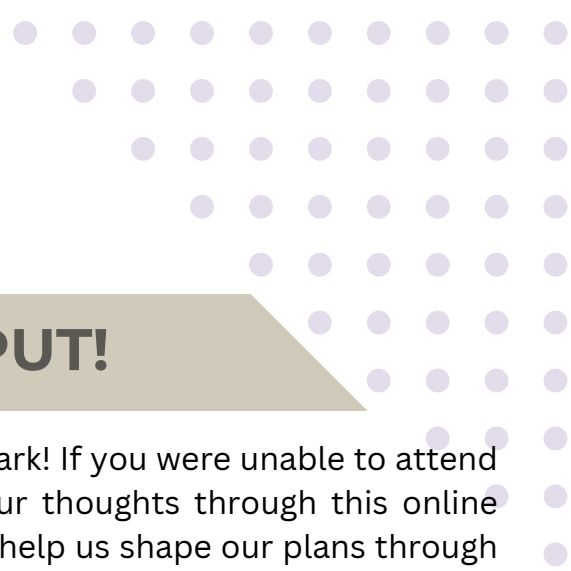
Gather at 3:45PM,  
begin walk at  
4:00PM.



Look for balloons directly off of Tyler Parkway!

Parks and Recreation: (928) 472-5110





## WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR INPUT!

We are looking for feedback on the future plans for Rumsey Park! If you were unable to attend the community workshop, we encourage you to provide your thoughts through this online survey! Survey will be available until October 24th, so please help us shape our plans through your input!

Click the link to fill out the survey! <https://forms.gle/Xmgjxqseg8qLVH2Z7>



# RUMSEY PARK COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

# SURVEY

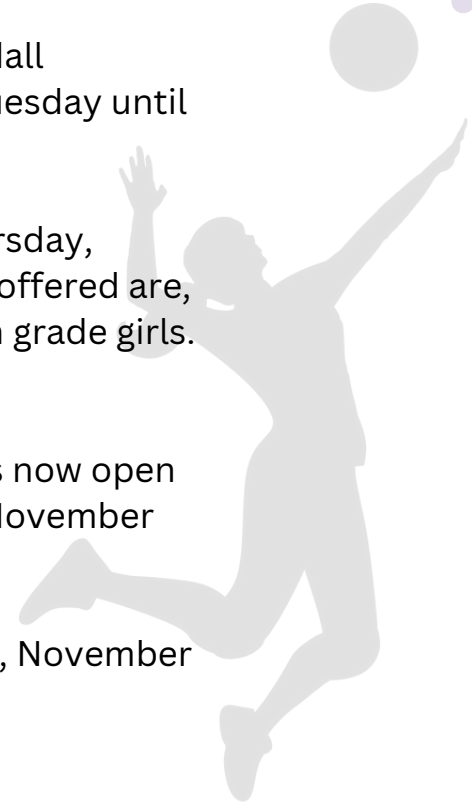
**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT IS 10/24**



## STAY ACTIVE & STAY CONNECTED!

### YOUTH & ADULT SPORTS UPDATE

- **Adult Indoor Co-Ed Volleyball** will start games at Julia Randall Elementary on Tuesday, October 15th and continue each Tuesday until December 17th. Eight teams are registered for the season.
- **Winter Youth Basketball** Registration is now open until Thursday, November 7th. League games begin Saturday 12/7. Leagues offered are, 3rd-4th grade co-ed basketball, 5th-6th grade boys, 5th-6th grade girls. League Fee is \$35
- **Parent Tot and JR Basketball Skills Academy** registration is now open until Wednesday, October 30th. These camps will start on November 4th and continue each Monday until 12/2. Space is limited.
- **Adult Flag Football Turkey Bowl** will take place on Saturday, November 23rd. 8 team double elimination flag football tournament.



## TWO BIG EVENTS & A BIG THANK YOU!



Parks and Recreation partnered with Rim Country Classic Auto Club to provide two amazing events on Saturday, October 12th. The Beeline Car Show is a remarkable event that sees well over 10 different classic car clubs from around the state come to our town. Green Valley Park is lined with the best of the best classic vehicles from around the state. Piggybacking on the car show was our first annual Payson Days Community Celebration. This event caters to locals and gives the community a chance to come together for a special family evening. Local organizations, businesses, and non-profits are on display to showcase what makes Payson so special. Sparklight generously sponsored an evening fireworks show that lit up the fall sky. We are so thankful to the community and Sparklight for all the support!

TOWN OF PAYSON PARKS AND RECREATION PROUDLY PRESENTS

# MONSTER MASH

OCTOBER 26TH, 2024  
4PM TO 9:30PM | GREEN VALLEY PARK



## TRUNK OR TREAT

\*JOIN US UNTIL CANDY LASTS

@ 4PM TO 6PM



## HAY RIDES

@ 4PM TO 6PM



## COSTUME CONTEST

REGISTER NOW!

@ 6PM



## CARVED PUMPKIN CONTEST

REGISTER NOW!

@ 7PM



MOVIE IN THE PARK  
@ 8PM TO 9:30PM

NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS (PG)

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER, CALL  
PAYSON PARKS AND REC AT 928.472.5110 OR VISIT  
[WWW.ADVENTUREPAYSON.COM/TREAT](http://WWW.ADVENTUREPAYSON.COM/TREAT)





**End of Report**  
**Next Report: November 13, 2024**

