

Show Low News



Monthly

January 2010

www.showlowaz.gov

City's spring elections are ballot-by-mail

The City of Show Low will conduct ballot-by-mail elections for the March 9 Primary Election and May 18 General Election, if one is needed. All active registered voters will receive a ballot in the mail and not go to the polls to vote. A ballot box will be available at city hall, 550 N. 9th Place, for voters wishing to drop off their ballots in person. If you moved since registering or your mailing address has changed, per state law, the ballot will not be forwarded. To check your address, call (928) 532-4060 or 532-4061.

Three council seats will be on the March 9, 2010 Primary Election ballot. Four candidates wishing to serve on the council submitted their nomination papers by the December 9, 2009 deadline. Incumbent council members Rennie Crittenden and Gene Kelley are joined in the race by newly appointed council member Mike Allsop and Planning and Zoning Commission chair John Leech, Jr. Any candidate receiving a majority of all votes cast at the Primary Election will be declared elected without running in the General Election.

Remember, voting is a privilege we Americans enjoy and an opportunity for you to exercise your freedom of choice. Get involved and participate in the democratic process. The individuals you elect will make decisions that affect you, your family and your future.



La Ciudad de Show Low conducirá las elecciones de balota-por-correo para la elección Primaria del 9 de Marzo y la elección General del 18 de Mayo, si una es necesaria. Todos los votantes registrados y activos recibirán una balota en el correo y no tendrán que ir a las encuestas a votar. Una urna estará disponible en las oficinas del 550 N. 9th Place, para los votantes que deseen depositar su papeleta en persona. Si se movió desde el pasado registro o su dirección de correo ha cambiado, por la ley del estado las boletas no serán transferidas. Para comprobar si su dirección esta correcta, por favor de llamar al (928) 532-4060 o 532-4061.

Tres puestos de consejeros estarán en la papeleta electoral el 9 de Marzo de 2010. Cuatro candidatos deseando prestar sus servicios de consejeros presentaron sus documentos de nominación el 9 de Diciembre de 2009 que fue la fecha final de sumisión. Los consejeros actuales Rennie Crittenden y Gene Kelley son unidos en la carrera con el nuevo miembro del consejo Mike Allsop y Planificación y Zonificación del Presidente de la Comisión, John Leech, Jr. Cualquier candidato que reciba una mayoría de todos los votos emitidos en la Elección Primaria serán declarados electos sin correr en la Elección General.

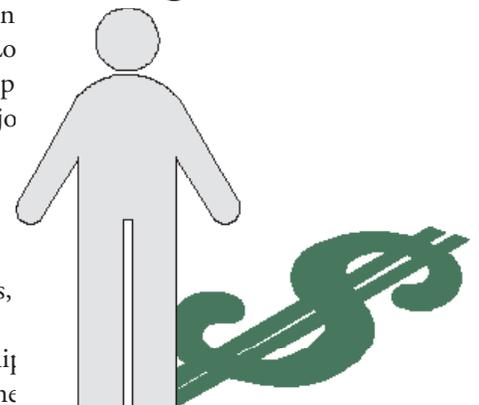
Recordar, la votación es un privilegio que nosotros los americanos gozamos y es una oportunidad para que ejercitar nuestra libertad y opinión. Continué su involucramiento y participe en el proceso democrático. Los individuos que usted elige harán las decisiones que nos afectarán a nuestra familia y nuestro futuro.

Planning begins for city's next fiscal year budget

Show Low's fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30, and planning for the 2010-11 budget year has begun. An important facet of the planning process is preparing an annual budget.

The budget projects estimated revenues and expenditures and provides the financial framework to serve our citizens. Revenue comes from sales taxes (paid by everyone who shops at our local stores); state-shared funds, based on our population; federal and state grants; development fees; utility payments and charges for airport and aquatic center programs; special revenue funds (state and county money from gasoline and property taxes, lottery proceeds, etc.); fees for building and business permits and dog licenses; interest earned on our investments; and fines collected from violators cited in magistrate court and overdue

library books. There is n property tax in Show Lo although homeowners p property taxes to Navajo County for schools, fire services, street lighting district, etc. The money we collect is spent on projects, community programs, public safety, partnership for economic developme and the cost of providing services by city employees.



continued on back page...

Calendar of Events

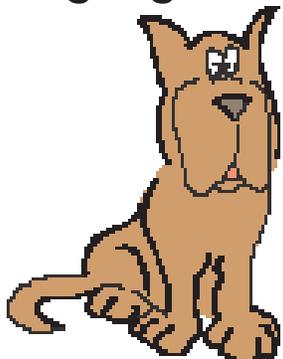
Family Aquatic Center and Recreation: 532-4140
Public Library: 532-4070

- 01/01 New Year's Day (City offices CLOSED)
- 01/02 **DEAL Afterschool Program**, Session 2 registration begins
- 01/05 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **City Council Regular Meeting**
- 01/14 10 a.m., Public Library (public welcome), **Show Low Library Friends** meeting
- 01/09 **Youth Basketball** registration ends
- 01/11 **Men's 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament** registration begins (ages 15+)
- 01/12 6 p.m., Council Chambers **City Council Budget Study Session**
- 01/12 7 p.m., Council Chambers **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**
- 01/18 Noon to 5 p.m., Aquatic Center (holiday hours)
- 01/18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (City offices CLOSED)
- 01/19 **DEAL Afterschool Program**, Session 2 begins
- 01/19 7 p.m., Council Chambers **City Council Regular Meeting**
- 01/21 6 p.m., Council Chambers **Town Hall Budget Meeting** (for citizen input)
- 01/22 **Spring Coed Volleyball** registration ends
- 01/26 7 p.m., Council Chambers **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**



Check out City 4 TV & www.showlowaz.gov for more information

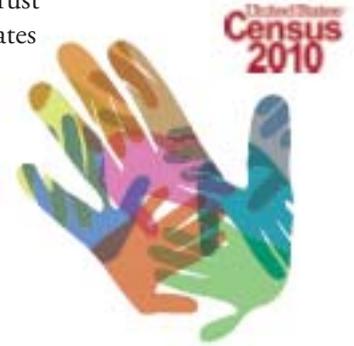
Dog tags available for 2010



Dogs four months and older living within the city limits must be registered annually. Dog tags, valid January through December 2010, are available at the finance department, 180 N. 9th Street. Tags are \$5 for a spayed/neutered dog or \$15 for a non-spayed/non-neutered dog. Dog owners 65 years+ pay \$3 a tag. Present the dog's description, dates of vaccination and revaccination, and a current rabies vaccination certificate with a name and address.

Be counted in Census 2010

The U.S. Constitution mandates a head count every ten years of every resident—not citizen—living in the United States, Puerto Rico and trust territories. The fastest-growing states are Utah, Arizona, Nevada, Texas and Oregon. Mandatory redistricting follows the Census to allow fair representation based on the number of residents, with the possibility that Arizona will gain two seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.



IT'S IN OUR HANDS

Over \$300 billion for more than 100 federal programs are distributed to communities each year based on Census population figures. Every person not counted costs approximately \$1,200 a year per person in revenue-sharing alone. Census totals are also used to redraw each state's legislative districts and help determine where to locate schools, day care centers, senior citizen centers and hospitals.

The bilingual Census 2010 form comprises only ten questions for each person in the household. Residents should see Census forms either mailed or hand-delivered in March 2010. April 1, 2010 is National Census Day, a day you can use as a point of reference for returning your completed form in the mail. From April through July, Census workers will visit households that did not return a form by mail. By law, the Census Bureau delivers population information to the President for apportionment in December 2010 and completes delivering redistricting data to all 50 states in March 2011.

Census information is confidential for 72 years. Federal law prohibits any public or private agency from gaining access to the data.

Planning next year's budget...continued from cover page

We welcome community input in the planning process. Citizens may attend any or all of the proposed City Council budget meetings, all of which are held in Council Chambers at 180 N. 9th Street. Two Town Halls are geared specifically for public comments, and you can submit suggestions for a program, project, activity, or event you wish the Council to consider and possibly include in the budget.

- Tuesday, January 12, 6 p.m., budget study session
- Thursday, January 21, 6 p.m., Town Hall (budget meeting for citizen input)
- Tuesday, April 6, 6 p.m., brief budget review meeting
- Thursday, April 15, 6 p.m., Town Hall and budget study session
- Thursday, April 22, 6 p.m., budget study session
- Thursday, April 29, 6 p.m., budget study session (if needed)
- Thursday, May 6, 6 p.m., budget study session (if needed)
- Wednesday, May 19, or Thursday, May 20, 7 p.m., Council consideration of tentative budget
- Tuesday, June 15, 7 p.m., Council consideration of final budget