

# Show Low Quarterly



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[www.showlowaz.gov](http://www.showlowaz.gov)

## Family-friendly events for fun and learning

### **PUBLIC SAFETY OPEN HOUSE** - Saturday, Oct. 6

Watch firefighters contain a burning propane fire, learn about the deadly effects of illicit drugs and watch a police dog in action at the free 10th annual *Public Safety Open House* Saturday, October 6, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the 100 block of N. 6th Street and the City Campus at 620 E. McNeil. Enjoy hot dogs, kids' activities and demonstrations. Hosted by Show Low's police and fire departments and the Navajo County Drug Project.

### **SPOOKTACULAR FESTIVAL** - Saturday, Oct. 27

The 3rd annual *Spooktacular Festival* is Saturday, October 27, noon to 8 p.m. in downtown Show Low. This fun, safe way to celebrate Halloween features contests, games, the traditional *Trunk or Treat*, a car bash, haunted house, live entertainment and Power 95.7's *Scaryoke*. Presented by Show Low Main Street and City of Show Low. Call (928) 532-4124 for more information.



### **SHOW LOW SHINES FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

The city will sparkle beginning Friday, November 23, when the annual *Show Low Shines for the Holidays* kicks off. Holiday lights will illuminate Show Low City Park, Festival Marketplace, the aquatic center, city hall and public library through January 2, 2013. Festivities continue on Saturday, December 1, with the annual *Show Low Main Street Christmas tree lighting ceremony* at 5:30 p.m. in front of city hall, 180 N. 9th Street, followed by the *Electric Light Parade* at 6:30 p.m. along the Deuce of Clubs. This year's parade theme is "Sights and Sounds of Christmas."



The kids can tell Santa what they want for Christmas on Wednesday, December 5, when Santa and Mrs. Claus visit the Show Low Public Library, 181 N. 9th Street, from 6 to 8 p.m. *Santa at Gingerbread Lane* will also feature entertainment and refreshments. Shoppers will enjoy *Show Low Main Street's Stroll the Deuce*, when vendors downtown stay open late with special holiday gift items.

Go to [showlowaz.gov](http://showlowaz.gov) for dates and times.

The year's finale is the second annual *Drop the Deuce of Clubs* event on Monday, December 31, from 10 p.m. to midnight at Festival Marketplace. This award-winning event ushers in the New Year with style, fun, refreshments and entertainment.

## City places question on Nov. 6 election ballot

The City of Show Low will hold a special election in conjunction with the November 6, 2012, general election to ask voters to consider Proposition 401, a resolution proposing a permanent adjustment to the state-imposed expenditure limitation. The ballot question will appear at the end of the general election ballot. This is a traditional polling place election, which means voters will have to present valid identification. You may request an early ballot be mailed to you instead by calling 800-668-3687 or (928) 524-4194 no later than October 26.

All cities and towns in Arizona operate under an expenditure limitation resulting from a referendum approved by Arizona voters in 1980. The referendum placed limits on the total amount a municipality could spend every year; however, it did not place any restrictions on revenues collected.

The expenditure limitation amount is unique to each city, but it is based on a city's total expenditures in 1980 and its population figures in 1978. The limitation is then adjusted for inflation and growth. When determining a city's expenditure limitation, state law allows certain exclusions, such as debt, grants, interest, some state-shared revenues and contracts with other government entities.



The expenditure limitation, however, does not account for new or expanded services that are currently provided by the city which were not provided in 1980. One example for Show Low is our expanded city limits. In 1980, the city consisted of 21 square miles; today it encompasses 65 square miles, which translates to an expansion in our streets, water and wastewater (sewer) systems, and parks.

In addition, the base expenditure limit does not account for new services provided by the city. Compared to 1980, we now have an aquatic center, a government access channel (City 4 Television), information technology (computers, servers, website) and our local bus service.

### **PROPOSED PERMANENT BASE ADJUSTMENT**

Given the sustained community support shown for local control through home rule and a recent change in state

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# Calendar of Events (October-December 2012)

Family Aquatic Center: 532-4130 Recreation: 532-4140 Public Library: 532-4070

- Oct-Dec** Family Aquatic Center closed for major renovations (reopens by end of Dec 2012)
- 10/02** 7 p.m., Council Chambers  
**City Council Regular Meeting**
- 10/06** 17th Annual Show Low Bluff Tour of the White Mountains, 10- to 60-mile single-day endurance bike rides (visit [www.epicrides.com](http://www.epicrides.com) for information)
- 10/06, 10 a.m.**, Nikolaus Homestead Park (weather permitting)
- 13, 20, 27** BMX races (sign-up at 10 a.m., race at 11 a.m.) (10/27 is Halloween race with special awards & treats)
- 10/06** 10 a.m.–1 p.m., police/fire stations & city campus  
**Public Safety Open House**
- 10/09** 7 p.m., Council Chambers  
**Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**
- 10/11** 10 a.m., Public Library (public welcome)  
**Show Low Library Friends** meeting
- 10/16** 7 p.m., Council Chambers  
**City Council Regular Meeting**
- 10/17** 1:30 p.m., Public Library  
**Book Discussion Group**
- 10/23** 7 p.m., Council Chambers  
**Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**
- 10/27** Noon–8 p.m., Festival Marketplace  
**Spooktacular Festival** (Trunk or Treat, Scaryoke, contests & games, car bash, entertainment, haunted house)
- 11/06** 7 p.m., Council Chambers  
**City Council Regular Meeting**
- 11/08** 10 a.m., Public Library (public welcome)  
**Show Low Library Friends** meeting
- 11/13** 7 p.m., Council Chambers  
**Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**
- 11/20** 7 p.m., Council Chambers  
**City Council Regular Meeting**
- 11/21** 1:30 p.m., Public Library  
**Book Discussion Group**
- 11/22-23** Thanksgiving holiday (City offices closed)
- 11/27** 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**
- 12/04** 7 p.m., Council Chambers  
**City Council Regular Meeting**
- 12/11** 7 p.m., Council Chambers  
**Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**
- 12/13** 10 a.m., Public Library (public welcome)  
**Show Low Library Friends** meeting
- 12/25** Christmas holiday (City offices closed)
- 01/01** New Year's Day holiday (City offices closed)



- Featured events for **Show Low Shines for the Holidays:**
- 11/23** Holiday lights turn on at City Park, Festival Marketplace, aquatic center, city hall and library through 1/2/13
  - 12/01** 5:30 p.m., City Hall, **Show Low Main Street Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony**
  - 12/01** 6:30 p.m., along the Deuce of Clubs, **Electric Light Parade** (theme: "Sights and Sounds of Christmas")
  - 12/05** 6–8 p.m., Public Library  
**Santa at Gingerbread Lane** (with Santa, entertainment, refreshments)
  - TBD** **Show Low Main Street Stroll the Deuce** (date to be determined)
  - 12/31** 10 p.m.–midnight, Festival Marketplace  
**Drop the Deuce of Clubs** (New Year's Eve party)



## Holiday recycling opportunity

After the holidays, the City of Show Low will provide a drop-off point to recycle Christmas trees from Wednesday, December 26, 2012, through Friday, January 4, 2013, at the Frontier Park parking lot, north of the Navajo County complex on 9th Place (north of the Deuce of Clubs).



## Recycling rewards program

You can still sign up for **Recyclebank**, the program that rewards you for recycling. Once you sign up, you earn points by reporting your recycling activity, which entitles you to gift cards and merchandise coupons and discounts. Sign up at [recyclebank.com](http://recyclebank.com) or call toll-free 888-727-2978.

## Floodplain Information

Show Low participates in the National Flood Information Program. The City's engineering department is the local program administrator. Information is available to property owners about building in a Federal Emergency Management Agency floodplain. Floodplain status request forms may be downloaded at [showlowaz.gov](http://showlowaz.gov). Direct questions to Civil Engineer Shane Hemesath at 180 North 9th Street, Show Low, AZ 85901 or call (928) 532-4090.

City newsletters are produced by the City of Show Low, 180 N. 9th Street, Show Low, AZ 85901. Quarterly newsletters (January-March, April-June, July-September, October-December) are distributed in the utility statements. Direct comments to the City Clerk's office at (928) 532-4061.

**City holds special election...continued from cover page**

law regarding consolidated elections (which eliminates spring elections for Council candidates), the City Council has placed a proposed permanent base adjustment on the November 6 ballot. The permanent base adjustment would modify the 1980 base expenditure amount to account for changes that have occurred within our community since 1980.

The following table shows the impact of this change on Show Low's allowable expenditure limitation. The proposed base increase of \$4,456,333 would increase the city's base limit to \$5.9 million and change the estimated allowable expenditures to approximately \$63.4 million.

	Current Base	Proposed Base
<b>Base limit</b>	<b>\$1,443,667</b>	<b>\$5,900,000</b>
Population factor	3.0124	3.0124
Inflation factor	2.8409	2.8409
Projected expenditure limitation	\$12,354,797	\$50,491,770
Estimated exclusions	<u>12,978,900</u>	<u>12,978,900</u>
<b>Estimated allowable expenditures</b>	<b>\$25,333,697</b>	<b>\$63,470,670</b>
Current City of Show Low budget	\$62,769,600	\$62,769,600

Adopting the proposed permanent base adjustment has no impact on our existing home rule, taxes, revenues or our balanced budget requirement. Adopting the proposed permanent base adjustment would permanently establish the required 75% Council majority for a tax increase, would permanently establish a \$1.0 million minimum reserve requirement and would reduce future elections costs. Adopting the permanent base adjustment would also permanently recognize the city's expanded service area and levels of service currently provided by city employees.

La ciudad de Show Low llevará a cabo una elección especial en relación con la elección general el 6 de noviembre de 2012, a pedir a los votantes a considerar Proposición 401, una resolución proponiendo un ajuste permanente de la limitación de gastos impuesta por el estado. La pregunta de la boleta aparecerá en boleta de la elección general. Esta es una elección de los lugares de votación tradicional, que los votantes tendrán que presentar una identificación válida. Usted puede solicitar una boleta de votación temprana que será enviado por correo per llamar a 800-668-3687 o 524-4194 (928) a más tardar el 26 de octubre.

Todas las ciudades y pueblos de Arizona operan bajo una limitación de gastos derivados de un referéndum aprobado por los votantes de Arizona en 1980. El referéndum puso límites a la cantidad total de un municipio podría pasar cada año, sin embargo, no establece restricción alguna a los ingresos recaudados.

El monto límite de gastos es única para cada ciudad, sino que se basa en los gastos totales de una ciudad en 1980 y sus cifras de población de 1978. La limitación se ajusta a la inflación y el crecimiento. Al determinar la limitación de una ciudad gasto, la ley estatal permite que ciertas exclusiones, como la deuda, donaciones, intereses, algunos ingresos estatales compartidos y contratos con otras entidades gubernamentales.

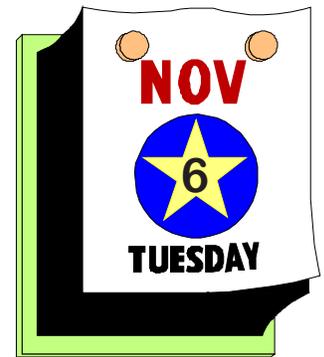
La limitación de gastos, sin embargo, no tiene en cuenta los nuevos servicios o ampliadas que están actualmente proporcio-

nados por la ciudad, pero no se proporcionaron en 1980. Un ejemplo de Show Low son nuestros límites de la ciudad ampliadas. En 1980, la ciudad consistió en 21 kilómetros cuadrados, y hoy abarca 65 millas cuadradas, lo que se traduce en una expansión de nuestras calles, agua y aguas residuales (alcantarillado) sistemas y parques.

Además, el límite de gasto de base no tiene en cuenta los nuevos servicios proporcionados por la ciudad. En comparación con 1980, ahora contamos con un centro acuático, un canal de acceso público (City 4 Televisión), la tecnología de la información (ordenadores, servidores, sitio web) y nuestro servicio de autobús local.

**AJUSTE PROPUESTO BASE PERMANENTE**

Teniendo en cuenta el apoyo de la comunidad sostenido mostrado por el control local a través de la autonomía y de un cambio reciente en la ley estatal con respecto a las elecciones consolidadas (que elimina elecciones de la primavera para los candidatos del Consejo), el Ayuntamiento ha colocado una propuesta de ajuste base permanente el 6 de noviembre de votación. El ajuste de la base permanente modificaría la cantidad base de 1980 y tener en cuenta los cambios que se han producido en nuestra comunidad desde 1980.



La siguiente tabla muestra el impacto de este cambio sobre la limitación de gastos permisibles de Show Low. El aumento de la base propuesta de 4.456.333 dólares aumentaría límite de base a \$5,9 millones y cambiaría los gastos permitidos estimado de aproximadamente \$63,4 millones.

	Actual Base	Propuesta Base
<b>Base límite de</b>	<b>\$1.443.667</b>	<b>\$5.900.000</b>
Población factor de	3.0124	3.0124
La inflación factor de	2.8409	2.8409
Gasto Proyectado limitación	\$12.354.797	\$50.491.770
Exclusiones estimados	<u>12.978.900</u>	<u>12.978.900</u>
<b>Estimado de gastos permitidos</b>	<b>25.333.697</b>	<b>63.470.670</b>
Actual Ciudad de presupuesto Show Low	\$62.769.600	\$62.769.600

La adopción de la propuesta de ajuste base permanente no tiene impacto en nuestro autogobierno vigente, los impuestos, los ingresos o nuestra exigencia de equilibrio presupuestario. La adopción de la propuesta de ajuste base permanente permanentemente establecería la mayoría del Consejo del 75% para un aumento de impuestos, establecería un requisito mínimo de 1,0 millones de dólares de reservas y reduciría los costos de elecciones futuras. La adopción del ajuste de la base permanente también reconocería permanentemente área de la ciudad ampliación del servicio y los niveles de servicio que actualmente presta empleados de la ciudad.



# Capital project requests being accepted

Every year, the City of Show Low reviews future capital improvements program (CIP) projects annually for prioritization and funding. The CIP identifies capital needs, evaluates requested projects based on available funding and develops a fiscal plan to fulfill them. A five-year plan is created, with specific projects scheduled for a given year.

Planning for next year's budget begins shortly, including reviewing future CIP projects. If you believe a project should be considered, you may submit a project request worksheet (*right*). **Complete the form and mail or drop it off at City Hall, 180 N. 9th Street, by Thursday, November 1, 2012.**

Capital projects total more than \$50,000. Since you may not know specific costs, all requests should be submitted regardless of cost. A project less than \$50,000 may be considered through the regular budget process if funds allow. All projects, large or small, are budgeted based on available funding.

It is imperative that public improvements meet our citizens' needs, e.g., water service, waste disposal, recreational resources (parks and community centers) and replacing or improving deteriorated streets, water and sewer facilities and equipment.

Capital projects are identified and evaluated on their technical, operational, social and economic development merits by a committee of Council members, staff and citizens. Safety concerns and citizens' support comprise over one-third of the points allocated in the evaluation. The committee's recommended prioritized projects are submitted to the Council, who is ultimately responsible for approving the CIP plan at a regular meeting.

## Planning for winter storms

In anticipation of winter storms, city staff prepares an annual snow management plan. The majority of Show Low's storms result in eight inches or less of snow, with snow management efforts gauged by storms of this magnitude. The plan will be available in November on the city's website or by calling the public works department at (928) 532-4100.

When snow is removed from the road, the snow plow operator has to pile it as far off the shoulder as possible to protect the road surface and make room for traffic and more snow. The plowing operation creates a "snow berm." **It is impossible to plow and not leave a berm.** Property owners are responsible for clearing away the berm from driveways, entrances and mailboxes. Please do not shovel the snow back into the street.

The city is authorized to remove snow from public rights-of-way. Crews use large dump trucks to continuously plow collector streets. Minor roads and neighborhoods are assigned different drivers and equipment to plow while collector streets are simultaneously plowed. Areas **not** serviced under the plan include state highways, county roads, private streets, private parking lots, most sidewalks other than those at city facilities, and private driveways.

City of Show Low, Arizona

### Fiscal Year 2014-2018 CIP (Capital Improvements Program)

## Project Request Worksheet

Description of Project/Item Proposed

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Estimated Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Funding Source (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Benefit to Community \_\_\_\_\_

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Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT FORM IS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2012**

Mail or deliver completed form to:  
**City of Show Low  
Public Works Administration  
180 N. 9th Street, Show Low, AZ 85901**

Questions? E-mail Public Works  
Administrative Assistant Marian Agan at  
[magan@showlowaz.gov](mailto:magan@showlowaz.gov) or call (928) 532-4040