

# Show Low Quarterly



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## The city's year in review and a look ahead to 2018

The good news is the City of Show Low continues to recover economically. And, much like the overall Arizona economy, future projections are that growth will remain slow. Year-end results, while not robust, show that the city saw increased sales tax revenues and increased residential and commercial activity. Nevertheless, to ensure continued fiscal responsibility, the Show Low City Council and staff consistently maintain a conservative approach to add an additional layer of protection in case of an emergency.

Our conservatism has allowed us to continue delivering full public safety (police) and public works services, including water and sewer maintenance, road maintenance and snow plowing. We continue to provide community programs, such as family activities, holiday-themed events and sports tournaments. We continue to ensure that Show Low is a leader in our region in providing excellent service and resources to our citizens.

The following recaps the year, with a list of major projects, business and construction activity, events and programs.

### Notable Highlights

- ❖ **New public safety facility.** The new public safety headquarters opened in the summer on the Deuce of Clubs, adding a beautifully designed, remodeled building to existing civic complexes in a more public, accessible location. The facility houses the Show Low Police Department, Navajo County Sheriff's Office substation and a jail annex. The project is the most recent example of the city's cost-saving attitude; it was less expensive to purchase an existing vacant building and remodel it than constructing a new facility on bare ground.
- ❖ **New airport manager.** Tom Bahr joined the city in August as our new airport manager. Bahr, a licensed commercial pilot, previously managed an FBO (fixed base operator) facility and served as an adjunct professor of aviation in Utah.
- ❖ **Wastewater treatment plant.** We completed the final piece of the wastewater treatment plant project, which was to construct an operations and control building to house staff plus monitoring and testing equipment.
- ❖ **Downtown beautification.** Grant funds helped us continue beautifying the downtown area, with a box culvert replaced at 11th Street and Huning.
- ❖ **Community fishing program.** In association with the Arizona Game and Fish Department, the city established a community fishing program at Show Low Creek. Game and Fish stock the creek with various types of fish several times a year. Parking is available at the Show Low Bluff trailhead on White Mountain Road. Signs about the program, including



- catch limits per species per licensed user, were installed.
- ❖ **Fitness Zone.** A state-of-the-art Fitness Zone—purchased with a 50/50 cost share between the city and the manufacturer of outdoor exercise equipment and systems—was installed at Show Low City Park. Age restrictions and instructions on using the equipment are posted. The area will be improved with a concrete border and an engineered-wood fiber surface.

### Major Projects

- ❖ **Westwood subdivision.** Crews began replacing sewer lines in Westwood subdivision, one of the city's oldest subdivisions.
- ❖ **East Owens.** Several improvements were completed on East Owens, including replacing a water line, repairing the sewer line, ditch maintenance and milling and overlaying the road.
- ❖ **Water and wastewater system upgrades.** We upgraded water lines in various areas of the city, including a major water line project, done in two phases, along the south side of the Deuce of Clubs from South 8th Avenue east to Central Avenue. A water line on 16th Avenue was also replaced. In addition, crews worked on a number of sewer projects, including extensions and replacements, throughout the city.
- ❖ **Road and sidewalk projects.** Many roads were repaired or improved, including several roads in Park Valley and the Fools Hollow area, 10th Avenue (west of the Safeway store) and the city-owned portions of Penrod Road and Show Low Lake Road. Several sidewalks were reconstructed, including connecting sidewalk sections on the north and south sides of the Deuce of Clubs near the Clark Road intersection.
- ❖ **US60 (Deuce of Clubs) project.** The Arizona Department of Transportation fully funded and began a construction project to widen US60 (Deuce of Clubs) from the SR77 intersection east to 40th Street. The project will be completed in 2018.

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# Calendar of Events (January – March 2018)

Family Aquatic Center: (928) 532-4130 Recreation: (928) 532-4140 Public Library: (928) 532-4070

**Ongoing special events**

**Adult Book Discussions:** 01/17, 02/21, 03/21; 1:30 p.m., Public Library

**Kid's Night Out:** 01/19, 02/16, 03/09, 03/23; 6–9 p.m., Teen Center (620 E. McNeil), grades K-5, \$10 per child

**Girl Power Self-Esteem Project** (4-day activity): 01/26, 02/09, 02/23, 03/02; 1:30–3:30 p.m., Teen Center (620 E. McNeil), ages 10-14, \$25 per participant

**Code Club:** Every Monday beginning 01/08; 4–5 p.m., Public Library, ages 8-13

**Show Low Library Friends** meeting (public welcome): 01/12, 02/09, 03/09; 10 a.m., Public Library

**Adulting 101** (for high school teens): 1/23, 02/27, 03/27; 4 p.m., Public Library

01/01 **New Year's Day** (City offices CLOSED)

01/02- **8 a.m.–noon**, Teen Center, 620 E. McNeil, **Winter Play**

01/05 **Days** (grades K-6, \$35/week or \$10/day)

01/02 **7 p.m.**, Council Chambers, **City Council Regular Meeting**

01/03 **1:00 p.m.**, Public Library, **Book signing by Obert Skye** (author of the *Leven Thumps* series)

01/09 **7 p.m.**, Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

01/13 **Spring Coed Volleyball** registration ends; games begin 02/06

01/15 **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** (City offices CLOSED); **MLK Day of Service** (see related article); **aquatic center holiday hours:** 9 a.m.–noon, lap swim; noon–5 p.m., open swim

01/16 Council Chambers, **6 p.m.**, **City Council Budget Study Session**; **7 p.m.**, **City Council Regular Meeting**

01/18 **6 p.m.**, Council Chambers, **Town Hall Budget Meeting** (for citizen input)

01/19 **7 p.m.**, Public Library, **Dessert Date Night** (for couples 18 years+)

01/22 **6:15 p.m.**, Public Library, **NASA @ My Library** with Native American storyteller, followed by star gazing

01/23 **7 p.m.**, Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

01/27 **Youth Basketball** games begin (grades 1-6)

02/01 **Spring One-Pitch Coed Softball** registration begins

02/02 **6–8 p.m.**, City Campus gym, 760 E. McNeil, **Daddy Daughter Valentine's Day Dance**; call (928) 532-4141 for more information

02/05 **Spring Swim Lessons** registration begins; lessons begin 03/05

02/06 **7 p.m.**, Council Chambers, **City Council Regular Meeting**

02/13 **7 p.m.**, Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

02/19 **Presidents' Day** (City offices CLOSED); **aquatic center holiday hours:** 9 a.m.–noon, lap swim; noon–5 p.m., open swim

02/20 **7 p.m.**, Council Chambers, **City Council Regular Meeting**

02/24 **Spring One-Pitch Coed Softball** registration ends; games begin 03/05

02/26 **Bunny Dash** registration begins, ages 10 & younger

02/27 **7 p.m.**, Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

03/02 **9 a.m.–5 p.m.**, Public Library, **Dr. Seuss's birthday celebration**

03/05 **Spring Swim Lessons** begin

03/06 **7 p.m.**, Council Chambers, **City Council Regular Meeting**

03/12- **8 a.m.–noon**, Teen Center, 620 E. McNeil, **Spring**

03/15 **Play Days** (grades K-6, \$35/week or \$10/day)

03/12- **1–5 p.m.**, Aquatic Center, **Spring Breaker** (open swim all week)

03/13 **7 p.m.**, Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

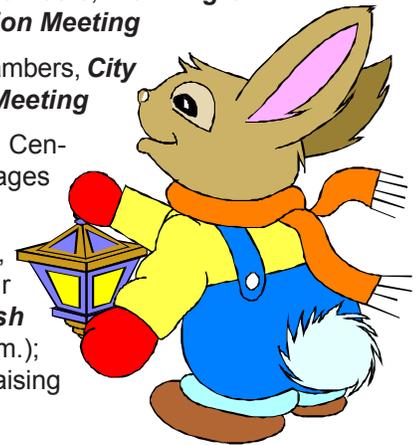
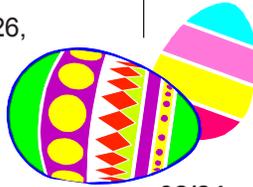
03/20 **7 p.m.**, Council Chambers, **City Council Regular Meeting**

03/23 **7–9 p.m.**, Aquatic Center, **Easter event** (ages 11 and older)

03/24 **9 a.m.**, City Park, meet on Senior Field, **Bunny Dash** (check in at 8:30 a.m.); followed by Hare Raising Candy Scramble

03/24 **10 a.m.**, City Park, Senior Field, **Hare Raising Candy Scramble** (check in at 9:30 a.m.; set up by age groups); call (928) 532-4140 for more information

03/27 **7 p.m.**, Council Chambers **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**



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- ❖ **Other projects.** At the Show Low Bluff trail, the parking lot was extended, doubling parking capacity. New restrooms were built at the Show Low Lake campground.

## Community Events

- ❖ **Show Low's 64th anniversary and BBQ Throwdown.** This combined event, created in May 2013 when Show Low celebrated its 60th year of incorporation, has become a popular annual daylong event with a sanctioned barbecue competition, food tastings, entertainment and kids' activities.
- ❖ **Recreational and community activities.** Recreation staff work tirelessly to provide ongoing, updated or new activities for every age to enjoy. Many of these popular activities are held annually, such as the Daddy Daughter Dance, Tri in the Pines, sports leagues and tournaments (outdoor and indoor, depending on the season), aquatic programs, community yard sales, kiddie fun runs, Movie in the Park and concert series, BMX racing and Easter- and Halloween-themed events. Our Fourth of July events consistently draw participants from around the region to enjoy the parade and FreedomFest, with a spectacular fireworks show capping off the evening.
- ❖ **Library events.** Our library continues to present innovative, one-of-a-kind events and activities. Programs run the gamut from encouraging early literacy to cultivating creativity and a love of reading in teens and young adults to providing rich opportunities for seniors to broaden their horizons. The computer lab is a popular daytime stop for young and old alike.
- ❖ **Community Fast.** We participated in the fifth annual Community Fast to help our fellow community members in need during the holidays. The proceeds from residents who fasted and donated the cost of the meals were distributed to local organizations who help individuals and families. We sincerely thank everyone who contributed so generously to help others.
- ❖ **Holiday events.** Christmas lights and decorations ushered in the season with our annual signature event, Show Low Shines for the Holidays, at city hall, library, City Park and Festival Marketplace. Included in the festivities were the Christmas Light Parade along the Deuce of Clubs, tree-lighting ceremony in front of city hall and Santa and the Shoppes on Gingerbread Lane. We ushered in the new year on December 31 with our award-winning Deuce of Clubs Drop at midnight.

## Business and Construction Activity

- ❖ **Business upgrades and expansions.** A new UPS Store opened in the commercial complex fronting The Home Depot, Show Low Storage opened on the Deuce of Clubs east of the airport and a seven-plex apartment building was constructed on 4th Drive. Summit Healthcare Regional Medical Center broke ground in the fall to construct a new medical office building, an ambulatory surgery center and an administrative services building north of the existing hospital.

## Beautification and Recycling

- ❖ **Project Clean Sweep.** We sponsored the 19th annual Project Clean Sweep citywide beautification and cleanup program,

free to residents. Citizens cleaned their properties and took advantage of bulky item pickup and free drop-offs at the Lone Pine transfer station and Dirty Deeds Green Waste.

- ❖ **Electronic waste collection event.** We were one of the sponsors of the annual, region-wide electronic waste collection event in August with waste tires also accepted this year. This popular event drew more than 300 vehicles from across northeastern Arizona dropping off 23,500 pounds of e-waste and 250 tires. Over the past nine years, 580,000 pounds of electronic waste were collected from 3,000 vehicles.
- ❖ **Christmas tree recycling.** We provided a drop-off site next to Frontier Park on North 9th Place for our annual Christmas tree-cycling. The trees were hauled to Novo BioPower in Snowflake to be ground up and recycled as biomass fuel.

## A Look Ahead to 2018

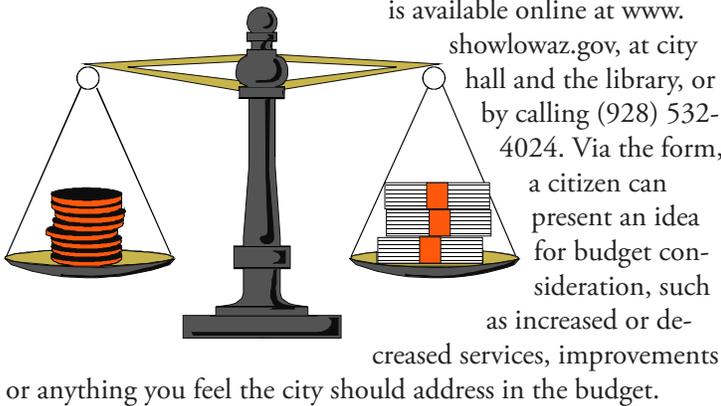
- ❖ **Annual budget.** We will continue to budget conservatively while still completing some capital projects, such as road and sidewalk improvements, new or upgraded water lines and replacing sewer lines needing repair. We begin our budget process in January (see the related article on page 4).
- ❖ **Major projects.** 2018's projects include sewer improvements in the Camptown area on McNeil, extending a sewer main on the east side of White Mountain Road from Hidden Way to Ellsworth Road, replacing a water line in West McNeil from Fox Canyon to the Deuce of Clubs, water line and road improvements along 8th Street to connect Whipple and Woolford, and sewer improvements in three older subdivisions (Parkview, Park Plaza and Sierra Vista). In the downtown area, grant money will pay for new sidewalks on East McNeil between 8th and 9th Streets and the sidewalk on 8th Street from East McNeil to the Deuce of Clubs will be replaced.
- ❖ **Recreational upgrades.** In the spring, the children's playground in City Park along Owens will receive a major facelift with the installation of two sets of playground structures—a single story for ages 2 to 5 years and a double-decker for five to 12 years—with climbing and spinning features, slides, swings, seesaws and zip line. Additional work consists of landscaping improvements west of the Little League field and reconfiguring the parking area plus adding curbs at the dog park. Four outdoor pickleball courts will be constructed, possibly in late spring, at the city campus on East McNeil.
- ❖ **Community clean-up.** The mayor will issue an annual proclamation for January 15's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, an annual holiday designated as a day for community projects all across the United States. This year's community clean-up is Saturday, May 12 (see page 4 for information).
- ❖ **City elections.** The city will hold elections in fall 2018 to fill three Council seats. We anticipate the primary election ballot will include a proposition to approve a new General Plan, required by state law to be presented to the voters every ten years. Staff spent the latter half of the year reviewing and updating the existing General Plan, which will be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council before being placed on the ballot.

# Annual budget process begins in January

**L**ike every successful business or household, the City of Show Low operates by living within its means. A major tool is our annual budget which is built on a foundation of fiscal responsibility to our taxpayers, residents and customers.

Our fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. The Show Low City Council and staff will begin discussing the fiscal year 2019 (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019) budget in January. As part of the process, the Council reviews its goals and priorities, looks at early revenue estimates as determined by staff and reviews major budget assumptions.

To ensure the city's budget meets residents' needs, the Council wants as much citizen input as possible. A citizen request form is available online at [www.showlowaz.gov](http://www.showlowaz.gov), at city hall and the library, or by calling (928) 532-4024. Via the form, a citizen can present an idea for budget consideration, such as increased or decreased services, improvements



To meet our goal to obtain as much citizen participation as possible, two budget town halls are scheduled for public comment. The first will be held January 18, early in the budget process to give you a chance to voice your concerns, opinions and service desires. The second will be on April 5, a meeting at which staff will present the recommended budget for citizen

feedback prior to presenting it to the Council for discussion.

The Council also will hold several study sessions to review the city manager's recommended budget in detail. The meetings focus on revenues and a department-by-department review of requested and recommended expenditures. All meetings are held in Council Chambers at 181 N. 9th Street and are open to the public. The Council will adopt the final fiscal year 2019 budget in June. The budget calendar (shown below) is also available online at [www.showlowaz.gov](http://www.showlowaz.gov):

- ❖ Tuesday, January 16, 6 p.m., budget study session
- ❖ Thursday, January 18, 6 p.m., town hall budget meeting for citizen input
- ❖ Tuesday, April 3, 6 p.m., presentation of recommended budget at budget study session
- ❖ Thursday, April 5, 6 p.m., town hall for citizen input, followed by budget study session
- ❖ Thursday, April 19, 6 p.m., budget study session
- ❖ Thursday, April 26, 6 p.m., budget study session (if needed)
- ❖ Tuesday, May 15, 7 p.m., tentative budget overview
- ❖ Tuesday, June 5, 7 p.m., Council consideration and adoption of tentative budget
- ❖ Tuesday, June 19, 7 p.m., public hearing and Council consideration and adoption of final budget
- ❖ Tuesday, July 17, 7 p.m., Council consideration and adoption of secondary property tax levy

Let your voice be heard in our annual budget process. Questions may be directed to Administrative Services Director Justin Johnson at (928) 532-4024.

## Trash and recycling news

**T**he city contracts with Waste Management to provide trash and recycling services, including six free excess collections a year. Excess trash must be bagged, boxed or bundled; is limited to normal household items; should not exceed 50 pounds per single item; and is limited to the equivalent of one pick-up load (4x4x8 feet) or about 20 bags. Items must be placed at the curbside by 6 a.m. on your regularly scheduled collection day. 2018 dates for excess collection are January 8 to 11, March 5 through 8, May 7 to 10, July 9 to 12, September 10 to 13 and November 5 to 8.

Convenient curbside recycling pickup is also provided, with one large bin for recyclables. Acceptable items for recycling include magazines; paper; brown paper bags; newspapers; cardboard; dairy and juice containers; phone books; plastic bottles and containers (nos. 1-7); aluminum foil and cans; tin or steel cans. Items NOT accepted for recycling are plastic bags, plastic wrap, shredded paper, foam cups/containers, glass, food waste, green waste, films and food-soiled cardboard or paper goods.

Direct questions to Jennifer Faurot at (928) 532-4000 during business hours (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

## MLK Day of Service in May

**T**he City of Show Low sets aside the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday as a day of community service. Initiated by Congress in 1994, King Day of Service transforms this federal holiday into a national day of service. It honors civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy to strengthen communities and achieve common goals through volunteerism. City employees and volunteers have donated their time and efforts annually since 2009.

Given our inability to predict winter weather conditions, we moved our MLK Day of Service project to May. This year's will be held on Saturday, May 12, with everyone working in the morning followed by a city-provided lunch. More information about the project will be posted to the city website as May approaches.

