

# Show Low Quarterly



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## Fall and holiday events for the entire family

### SPOOKTACULAR FESTIVAL - Saturday, Oct. 27

The ninth annual *Spooktacular Festival* is Saturday, October 27, noon to 8 p.m. in downtown Show Low. This free family event features Halloween-themed contests, games, the traditional *Trunk or Treat*, car bash, haunted house, hay rides, pony rides, food vendors and live entertainment with Thunderhorse from 4 to 7 p.m. and Power 95.7's *Scaryoke*. Presented by Show Low Main Street and City of Show Low. Call (928) 532-4124 for information.

### SHOW LOW SHINES FOR THE HOLIDAYS - Friday, Nov. 23 — Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019

Kick off the holidays on Friday, November 23, when the city begins to sparkle with the annual, season-long *Show Low Shines for the Holidays*. This signature event features holiday lights illuminating Festival Marketplace, city hall, aquatic center, public library and the Deuce of Clubs streetscape through January 2, 2019.

Shopping and fun awaits on Saturday, November 24, at the fourth annual *Small Business Saturday Downtown Show Low Merchant Poker Run*, presented by Show Low Main Street. Visit the retail shops downtown during regular business hours and join in an interactive poker run. You have a chance to win a variety of prizes from participating merchants. Call (928) 532-2680 for information.

Enjoy four days of holiday shopping when *Santa and the Shoppes on Gingerbread Lane* returns for two weekends at the

City Campus Gym, 620 E. McNeil, on November 9 and 10 and December 7 and 8. Friday hours are noon to 6 p.m., Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Santa will visit with the kids and be available for photos. For information, call (928) 532-4124 or visit [www.showlowmainstreet.org/theshoppes](http://www.showlowmainstreet.org/theshoppes).

Saturday evening, December 1, brings the popular *Christmas Light Parade* at 6 p.m. along the Deuce of Clubs. Enjoy the floats of local businesses, families and community organizations with their beautiful light displays depicting the theme of "Wild



West Christmas." Parade entrants compete for cash prizes. Call (928) 532-4141 to register.

The parade is followed by Show Low Main Street's *Christmas*

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## Incumbents retain seats in city election

Election results of the August 28 primary election were canvassed by the Show Low City Council on September 4. The ballot included three Council seats and one proposition.

Results show that the three incumbent Council members—Mike Allsop, Brent Hatch and John Leech, Jr.—retained their seats. They were elected at the primary with 1,590, 1,303 and 1,429 votes, respectively. Newcomer Kevin Weaver received 1,299 votes. Although all four candidates exceeded the 937 votes

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## Prescribed burning helps us and the environment

Living in a forested area is an enviable asset, but it comes with risks. Fire has always been part of the environment and plays a vital role in maintaining certain ecosystems. However, excessive amounts of trees, brush and shrubs increase the risk and danger of wildfires to both the natural environment and humans.

To encourage healthy vegetative growth, maintain plant and animal habits, decrease risk and increase safety, government agencies use prescribed burning to help restore the ecosystem. A crew of fire experts control the application of fire under specified weather conditions to reduce combustible fuels.

Prescribed burns do and will produce smoke. This is not a

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# Public works staff plan for winter weather

Given weather's unpredictability and knowing that heavy snowfall can disrupt daily living, city employees prepare a snow management plan every year, well before storms arrive. The plan is posted to the city's website in November. Here is an overview of our operations.

## Snow removal operations

When snow is removed from the road, snow plow operators have to pile it as far off the shoulder as possible to protect the road surface and make room for traffic and more snow, creating 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. Do not shovel the snow back into the street.

The city is authorized to remove snow from public rights-of-way, using large dump trucks to continuously plow collector streets, while other drivers remove snow from minor roads and neighborhoods. Call (928) 532-4100 to advise your operator of any problems on your route. Areas **not** serviced under the plan include state highways, county roads, private streets, private parking lots and private driveways. The city maintains sidewalks at city facilities, along city streets, and those covered by contractual agreements with the Arizona Department of Transportation.

**The city provides courtesy snow berm removal after snow plowing commitments have been met for those who cannot physically shovel snow and reside alone (or live with no other physically able person). The disability must be verified in writing by a physician. A fillable form to register or to retain your eligibility is available at [showlowaz.gov](http://showlowaz.gov) or call (928) 532-4100.**

### How you can help!

Our crews do their best to minimize any inconvenience and, if needed, work around the clock. You, too, can help keep everyone safe.

### Primary election results...continued from cover page

needed, the three receiving the greatest number of votes are declared elected. The three will be sworn in at the December 4 meeting and will serve four years until 2022.

The ballot measure (Proposition 416), which asked voters to approve an updated General Plan, passed overwhelmingly, with 1,802 voting yes (72.96%) and 668 voting no (27.04%). The General Plan serves as a policy guide to pair land use decisions with compatible development, resulting in responsible and controlled growth. The plan enunciates the city's expectations and serves as a reference guide for the city's decision-makers and prospective developers.

As required by state law, Arizona municipalities must update their General Plan every ten years. It must be approved by the city's voters before it is implemented.

Since the ballot measure passed and the three Council seats were filled, there will be no city general election on November 6.

- ❖ Keep all city roadways clear of vehicles and polycarts during plowing operations. City Code section 18-3-1 authorizes police to cite and tow away vehicles (at the owner's expense).
- ❖ Keep driving to a minimum during a snowstorm unless it is absolutely necessary.



- ❖ Protect landscaping located near or in the right-of-way next to your home. Occasionally, a mailbox or post may be damaged during snow plowing operations. The mailbox damage policy explains what steps a homeowner can take to report any damage.
- ❖ Do not shovel snow from your driveway until the street has been completely plowed back to the edge of the road to prevent you from having to shovel the driveway twice.

## Mailbox Damage Policy

Occasionally, operators may damage mailboxes while plowing. If you think your mailbox or post has been damaged, submit a *Notice of Claim* (available at [showlowaz.gov](http://showlowaz.gov) or at city hall). An investigation will be conducted to see if you are eligible for reimbursement. If the city is deemed responsible, arrangements for repairs will be made with the claimant. Claims may be denied if preexisting conditions exist, such as weak or rotten posts or improperly mounted mailboxes. The complete policy is available on the city's website. For information, call (928) 532-4100.

### Prescribed burning...continued from cover page

pleasant side effect but one that comes with the area we live in and with managing the forests that surround us. Smoke is a by-product of a healthy forest and there is a limit on how much smoke or how many acres can be burned on any given day. The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality gives the final approval on the number of acres and on what days prescribed burning can be done.

According to Assistant Fire Manager Officer for the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, Johnny Whatley, "We live in the largest ponderosa pine forest in the world...which puts us in the middle of one of the largest continuous fire-based forest ecosystems. Every summer we get hundreds of lightning fires across this pine forest, and when we put them all out it only postpones burning the vegetation that piles up year after year. The human-caused Wallow and Rodeo-Chediski fires [prove] that putting out every lightning fire just postpones the inevitable."

This fall as the weather becomes favorable prescribed burns will be ignited. It is one of the nuisances that comes from living in the beautiful White Mountains. Find notices of upcoming prescribed burns by visiting [info311.net](http://info311.net) or by calling 311.

# Calendar of Events (October–December 2018)

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

**Special series: USA/BMX races** on 10/06, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27 (Halloween race); call (928) 532-4140 for information

- 10/01 **Swimming Lessons** begin, Aquatic Center
- 10/02 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **City Council Meeting**
- 10/05 7 p.m., Ponderosa Field, Show Low City Park, **Movie in the Park** (*Star Wars: The Last Jedi*)
- 10/08-10/11 8 a.m.–noon, Teen Center, **Fall Play Days** (ages 5-12); drop-in/drop-out program
- 10/08-10/12 1–5 p.m., Aquatic Center, **Fall Break** (open swim)
- 10/09 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**
- 10/11-10/14 **Show Low Film Festival** (inaugural event with movie showings); visit [www.showlowfilmfestival.com](http://www.showlowfilmfestival.com) for info
- 10/12 10 a.m., Public Library (public welcome), **Show Low Library Friends** meeting
- 10/16 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **City Council Meeting**
- 10/19 7 p.m., Ponderosa Field, Show Low City Park, **Movie in the Park** (*A Quiet Place*)
- 10/20 6 p.m., Public Library, **National Observe the Moon Night** (observe the moon through telescopes; NASA's moon rocks and meteorites available for viewing)
- 10/23 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**
- 10/25 6 p.m., Senior Field, Show Low City Park, **Trick or Treat Trail** (ages 0-10), \$3 advance tickets, \$5 at event
- 10/25 7 p.m., Senior Field, Show Low City Park, **Terror Trail**, ages 11-17, \$3 advance tickets, \$5 at event
- 10/26 6:15–8 p.m., Public Library, family-friendly **Halloween Carnival** (games, treats, prizes, fun!)
- 10/27 Noon–8 p.m., Festival Marketplace, **Spooktacular Festival** (see article on cover page for information)
- 10/30 9 a.m., Public Safety Building, **City Council Retreat**
- 11/02 6 p.m., City Campus Gym, **Monster Madness** (ages 0-12), \$3 per participant (advance registration required by 10/26)
- 11/05 Registration begins for **Youth Basketball** (grades 1-6) (ends 12/22)
- 11/06 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **City Council Meeting**
- 11/09 10 a.m., Public Library (public welcome), **Show Low Library Friends** meeting
- 11/09-11/10 Noon–6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Saturday, City Campus Gym, **Santa & the Shoppes on Gingerbread Lane** (vendors, refreshments, Santa for the kids)
- 11/11-11/17 **Community Fast of Compassion Week** (sixth annual event to fast, donate cost of meal to help those in need)
- 11/12 **Veterans Day holiday** (City offices closed); **Aquatic Center hours**: 9 a.m.–noon, lap swim; noon–5 p.m., open swim; veterans swim free with military ID
- 11/13 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**
- 11/16 6–9 p.m., Teen Center, **Kid's Night Out** (ages 5-12), \$10 per child with dinner, games, movie
- 11/18 6 p.m., Show Low School District Auditorium, **Community Fast Celebration**
- 11/19 6–8 p.m., Aquatic Center, **National Family Night free swim**
- 11/20 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **City Council Meeting**
- 11/22-12/09 Aquatic Center closed for annual maintenance
- 11/22-23 **Thanksgiving holiday** (City offices closed)
- 11/23 **Show Low Shines** holiday lights turn on through 01/02
- 11/24 **4th Annual Small Business Saturday Downtown Show Low Merchant Poker Run** (interactive poker run with prizes from downtown merchants)
- 11/26 9 a.m.–6 p.m., Public Library, **Mars Lander Party**
- 11/27 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**
- 11/29-12/01 7 p.m., Whipple Ranch Elementary School, **Feaste of Carols** (Renaissance dinner show); 11/29 is dessert only; call (928) 537-6200 for information
- 12/01 6 p.m., along Deuce of Clubs, **Christmas Light Parade** (theme: "Wild West Christmas"); 7 p.m., City Hall, **Show Low Main Street Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony**
- 12/04 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **City Council Meeting**
- 12/07-12/08 Noon–6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Saturday, City Campus Gym, **Santa & the Shoppes on Gingerbread Lane** (vendors, refreshments, Santa for the kids)
- 12/10 Registration begins for **Spring Coed Volleyball** (ages 15+)
- 12/11 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**
- 12/12 5 p.m., Old Pavilion, Show Low City Park, **Candy Cane Hunt** (ages 0-12), \$5 advance tickets, \$10 at event
- 12/14 10 a.m., Public Library (public welcome), **Show Low Library Friends** meeting
- 12/14 6–9 p.m., Teen Center, **Kid's Night Out** (ages 5-12), \$10 per child with dinner, games, movie
- 12/21 6–8 p.m., Public Library, **Annual Polar Express Night** (with "The Polar Express" reading, hot cocoa, cookies)
- 12/24 Aquatic Center closes at noon
- 12/25 **Christmas holiday** (City offices closed)
- 12/31 11 p.m.–midnight, Festival Marketplace, **Deuce of Clubs Drop** (New Year's Eve with music and fireworks)
- 01/01 **New Year's Day holiday** (City offices closed)

# Citizens invited to submit capital project requests



Every year, the City of Show Low reviews future capital improvements program (CIP) projects for prioritization and funding. Capital projects ensure that clean water, proper waste disposal, safe streets and recreational resources (parks and community centers) are available to all citizens. These types of projects are expensive so the CIP identifies the need, evaluates requested projects based on available funding and develops a fiscal plan to fulfill them. The result is a five-year plan, with specific projects scheduled for a given year.

Planning for next year's budget begins soon, including reviewing future CIP projects. If you think a project should be considered, submit a project request worksheet and mail or drop it off at City Hall, 180 N. 9th Street, by Friday, November 2.

Capital projects cost 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.

A committee of Council members, staff and citizens evaluates and prioritizes the projects based on their technical, operational, social and economic development merits. 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.

### Fall and holiday events...continued from cover page

**Tree Lighting Ceremony** at 7 p.m. in front of Show Low City Hall, 180 N. 9th Street. Ornaments handcrafted by Show Low elementary school children will be displayed. The tree will be part of a dancing holiday-light display synchronized to music. Following the parade, the floats will be staged around city hall for public viewing. Call (928) 532-4124 for information.

Merchants in downtown Show Low are invited to decorate their storefronts with holiday decorations and lights and enter the holiday decorating contest. The decorative displays must be in place by 5 p.m., Wednesday, December 5, and must contain holiday lights that are visible

from the street. Sponsored by Show Low Main Street. Direct questions to (928) 532-4124.

The season finale is the sixth annual **Deuce of Clubs Drop** on Sunday, December 31, from 11 p.m. to midnight at Festival Marketplace. This award-winning event ushers in the New Year with music, refreshments, dancing and fireworks.



## City of Show Low, Arizona Fiscal Years 2020-2024 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (work): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (home): \_\_\_\_\_

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

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT FORM IS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2018**

Mail or deliver completed form to:

**City of Show Low  
Public Works Administration  
180 N. 9th Street, Show Low, AZ 85901**

Questions? E-mail Linda Haynes at [lhaynes@showlowaz.gov](mailto:lhaynes@showlowaz.gov) or call (928) 532-4040

## Floodplain Information

The City of 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. Download floodplain status request forms at [www.showlowaz.gov](http://www.showlowaz.gov). Direct questions to City Engineer Shane Hemesath at 180 North 9th Street, Show Low, AZ 85901 or call (928) 532-4090.

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