

# Show Low Quarterly



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## The city's year in review and a look ahead to 2019

**T**he upward trend for growth in Show Low continues, reflected by the city's stable economy. Although growth has not been robust, projections are that Show Low's growth will match the overall Arizona economy—slow but steady. Year-end results show that the city saw increased sales tax revenues and growing 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 extra 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 are able to provide community programs, such as family activities, holiday-themed events and sports tournaments. We want to ensure that Show Low is a leader in our region, known for 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

- ❖ **Consolidated dispatching services.** To enhance citizen safety and improve calls for emergency services in southern Navajo County, the Show Low police department expanded its dispatching services. We now answer 911 calls for two police jurisdictions (Show Low and Pinetop-Lakeside), five fire agencies (Timber Mesa, Pinetop, Clay Springs, Heber-Overgaard and White Mountain Lake) and one ambulance company (Show Low EMS).
- ❖ **City elections.** At the August 28 primary election, voters chose to retain incumbent Council members Mike Allsop, Brent Hatch and John Leech, Jr. They were sworn in at the December 4 Council meeting. Voters also overwhelmingly approved a proposition for the 2018 General Plan, which outlines the vision of the community and describes the relationship between land use, transportation, environmental quality and compatible development.
- ❖ **Recreational upgrades.** At Show Low City Park along Owens, two state-of-the-art playground structures with climbing and spinning features, slides, swings, seesaws and a zip line were installed. Landscaping improvements were made west of the Little League field. The parking lot at the dog park was reconfigured and paved. We built four pickleball outdoor courts at the city campus on East McNeil to meet growing demand. Opened for play in October, the new courts supplement the indoor courts at the city campus gym.



- ❖ **Hospital expansion.** Summit Healthcare Regional Medical Center continues constructing three new buildings north of the existing hospital that will house medical offices, an ambulatory surgery center, a retail pharmacy and administrative offices. The facilities are scheduled to open by summer 2019.
- ❖ **Historic jail.** To preserve a piece of Show Low's heritage, the old jail was moved from its former site, which was hidden from view, along White Mountain Road to the southeast corner of the city hall property.

### Major Projects

- ❖ **Subdivision upgrades.** Sewer lines in Sierra Vista, one of the city's oldest subdivisions, were replaced. Sewer improvements were also made in Westwood, another older subdivision. Roadway improvements on East Thornton and in Westwood were completed.
- ❖ **South 8th Street.** Improvements were completed on South 8th Street, including extending a water line, extending the roadway to connect East Whipple and Woolford Road and adding concrete curbing, gutter and sidewalk.
- ❖ **North 8th Street and East McNeil.** We received a Community Development Block Grant to construct roadway and pedestrian improvements along North 8th Street and East McNeil, including new concrete curbing, gutters and sidewalks.
- ❖ **Water and wastewater system upgrades.** We upgraded water lines citywide, including West McNeil from Fox Canyon to the Deuce of Clubs and East McNeil. Crews worked on a number of sewer extension and replacement projects, including extending the sewer main on the east side of South White Mountain Road from Hidden Way to Ellsworth Road.

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# Calendar of Events (January – March 2019)

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

## SPECIAL LIBRARY EVENTS & CLUBS

**Adult DIY (do-it-yourself) craft activity:** 01/01, 02/05, 03/05; 11 a.m.

**White Mountain Poetry Circle** (ages 18+): 01/05, 02/02, 03/02; 11 a.m.

**Cook the Books** (ages 18+): 01/28, 02/25, 3/25; 10 a.m.

**Adulting 101** (monthly workshop for high schoolers): 01/22, 02/26, 03/26; 4–5 p.m.

**Show Low Library Friends** meeting (public welcome): 01/11, 02/08, 03/08; 10 a.m.

**Roblox Club** (ages 8–18): 01/04, 02/01, 03/01; 4 p.m.

**Itsy Bitsy Storytime** (ages 0-2), Wednesdays, 10–10:30 a.m.; **Family Storytime**, Thursdays, 10–10:30 a.m.

**ONGOING SPECIAL EVENT: Kid's Night Out** on 01/18, 02/15, 03/15; 6–9 p.m., Teen Center (620 E. McNeil), ages 5-12, \$10 per child per night

12/31- 8 a.m.–noon, Teen Center, 620 E. McNeil, **Winter Play**

01/04 **Days** (grades K-6, \$40/week or \$12/day)

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

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

01/08 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

01/12 **Spring Coed Volleyball** registration ends; games begin 02/05

01/15 Council Chambers, 6 p.m., **City Council Budget Study Session**; 7 p.m., **City Council Regular Meeting**

01/24 6 p.m., Council Chambers, **Town Hall Budget Meeting** (for citizen input)

01/21 **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** (City offices CLOSED); **aquatic center holiday hours:** 9 a.m.–noon, lap swim; noon–5 p.m., open swim

01/22 6:30–8:30 p.m., Public Library, **Songs of Peace with Sagit Zilberman** (jazz/world-music performer sings and plays special instruments to create unique sound)

01/22 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

01/26 **Youth Basketball** games begin (grades 1-6)

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

02/01 6–8 p.m., City Campus gym, 620 E. McNeil, **Daddy Daughter Valentine's Day Dance**; call (928) 532-4141 for more information

02/04 **Spring Swim Lessons** registration begins

02/05 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **City Council Regular Meeting**

02/12 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

02/18 **Presidents' Day** (City offices CLOSED); **aquatic center holiday hours:** 9 a.m.–noon, lap swim; noon–5 p.m., open swim

02/19 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **City Council Regular Meeting**

02/26 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

03/01 **Spring One-Pitch Coed Softball** registration ends; games begin 03/04

03/01 **Summer Coed Softball** registration begins

03/04 **Spring Swim Lessons** begin

03/05 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **City Council Regular Meeting**

03/11 **Bunny Dash** registration begins (ages 0-10)



03/11- 8 a.m.–noon, Teen Center, 620 E. McNeil, **Spring**

03/14 **Play Days** (grades K-6, \$40/week or \$12/day)

03/11- 1–4 p.m., Aquatic Center, **Spring Break** (open swim all week)

03/12 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

03/19 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **City Council Regular Meeting**

03/26 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

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- ❖ **Other projects.** We began rehabilitating runway 6/24 at the airport, a grant-funded project, which will be completed by early 2019. The city partnered with Show Low Main Street to erect way finder signs at key intersections to advertise downtown businesses. The Arizona Department of Transportation completed widening US60 (Deuce of Clubs) near the intersection with SR77 and creating turn lanes.

## Community Events

- ❖ **Show Low's 65th anniversary and BBQ Throwdown.** This combined event, created in May 2013 when Show Low celebrated its 60th year of incorporation, has become a popular daylong signature event with a sanctioned barbecue competition, BBQ samplings, entertainment and kids' activities.
- ❖ **Recreational and community activities.** Recreation staff work tirelessly to provide programs for every age to enjoy. Annual activities include the Daddy Daughter Dance, Tri in the Pines, sports leagues and tournaments (outdoor and indoor, depending on the season), aquatic programs, Movie in the Park and concert series, kiddie fun runs, community yard sales and holiday-themed events. Our Fourth of July parade and FreedomFest draw participants from around the region.
- ❖ **Library events.** Our library continues introducing unique events and programs (e.g., Robotics and Lego clubs, parenting classes, specialty book clubs, crafting events and Adulting 101 for teens) to promote literacy, cultivate creativity and provide rich opportunities for continuing education. A new specially designed van, purchased with grant funds, is used for outreach. NASA events are funded by a NASA@ My Library grant, with Show Low the only library in Arizona to receive this prestigious award. An interactive children's playground, also grant-funded, was added.
- ❖ **Community Fast.** We participated in the sixth 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. New holiday lights were added along the Deuce of Clubs streetscape. Festivities included the Christmas Light Parade, tree-lighting ceremony in front of city hall and *Polar Express* readings. 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.** Two new businesses opened along White Mountain Road—Goodwill in a newly constructed building and a stand-alone Starbucks. Culver's restaurant will soon break ground at Evergreen and South White Mountain Road. Boutique Air signed a new four-year contract with the federal government to provide commuter air service between Show Low and Phoenix.

## Beautification and Recycling

- ❖ **Project Clean Sweep.** We sponsored the 20th 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 nine sponsors of the annual, region-wide electronic waste collection event in August with 265 vehicles dropping off 21,075 pounds of e-waste and 250 tires. New this year was the addition of household hazardous waste, with 189 vehicles participating. Over the past ten years, we have collected 601,000 pounds of e-waste for recycling. The city received a "Recycling Excellence Special Recognition" award in October from the Arizona Recycling Coalition and was recognized for coordinating the regional event for ten consecutive years.
- ❖ **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 Power in Snowflake to be ground up and recycled as biomass fuel.

## A Look Ahead to 2019

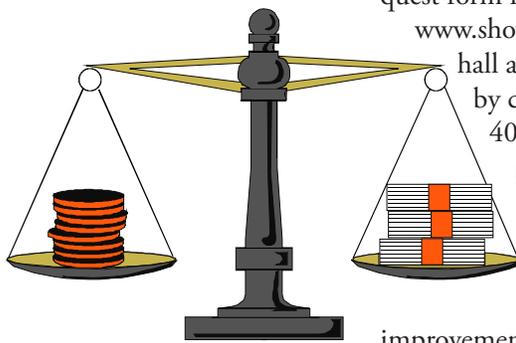
- ❖ **Annual budget.** We will continue to budget conservatively while still completing some capital projects, such as road and sidewalk improvements, new or upgraded water lines and replacing sewer lines needing repair. We begin our budget process in January (see the related article on page 4).
- ❖ **Major projects.** 2019's projects include sewer improvements in the Camptown area on McNeil; extending a sewer main on the west side of White Mountain Road from Fawn Brook to the signal light at Park Pineway Plaza; replacing a sewer main on West Cooley between Central and 8th Avenue; replacing a sewer main on West McNeil between 4th and 8th Avenues; phase 4 of the Fairway Park water improvement project to replace water lines and hydrants from Mogollon to Cooley; adding a sidewalk on the north side of East McNeil behind C-A-L Ranch and adding a sidewalk on the west side of Central from East McNeil to Pine Haven; and extending Thornton from Central to 6th Street, which will create a new access. Show Low Bluff's developer is planning to build a bridge across Show Low Creek in a phased project to extend Woolford east to eventually connect with Show Low Bluff. Other projects include installing field lighting at Nikolaus Homestead Park, adding ramadas at the Little League field and dog park, and erecting new entryway signs. The animal control facility, managed by Pet Allies, will relocate to a new location in the industrial park. The city is researching the feasibility of constructing a convention/events/sports facility, although this is a long-term concept.
- ❖ **Community clean-up.** Monday, January 21, is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, an annual holiday for community projects all across the U.S. The city observes this Day of Service when weather is less inclement. The date in 2019 is Saturday, April 27. We would love to have you and your family participate (see page 4 for more information).

# 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, 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 2020 (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020) budget on January 15 with a 6:00 p.m. study session in Council Chambers, 181 North 9th Street. At this meeting, which is open to the public, the Council's goals and priorities will be reviewed, early revenue estimates as determined by staff will be presented and all major budget assumptions will be reviewed.

To ensure the city's budget meets needs of our residents, 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. Any citizen can present an idea for budget consideration, such as increased or decreased services, improvements or anything you



feel the city should address in the budget.

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 24, early in the budget process to give you a chance to voice your concerns, opinions

and service desires. The second will be on April 4, a meeting at which staff will present the recommended budget for citizen feedback prior to presenting it to the Council for discussion.

Beginning in April, the Council also will hold several study sessions to review the city manager's recommended budget in detail. This overview will focus on revenues and a department-by-department review of requested and recommended expenditures. All meetings are open to the public and held in Council Chambers. It is anticipated the Council will adopt the final fiscal year 2020 budget in June. The budget calendar is also available online at [www.showlowaz.gov](http://www.showlowaz.gov):

- ❖ Tuesday, January 15, 6 p.m., budget study session
- ❖ Thursday, January 24, 6 p.m., town hall budget meeting for citizen input
- ❖ Tuesday, April 2, 6:30 p.m., presentation of recommended budget at budget study session
- ❖ Thursday, April 4, 6 p.m., town hall for citizen input, followed by budget study session
- ❖ Thursday, April 18, 6 p.m., budget study session
- ❖ Thursday, April 25, 6 p.m., budget study session (if needed)
- ❖ Tuesday, May 21, 7 p.m., tentative budget overview
- ❖ Tuesday, June 4, 7 p.m., Council consideration and adoption of tentative budget
- ❖ Tuesday, June 18, 7 p.m., public hearing and Council consideration and adoption of final budget
- ❖ Tuesday, July 16, 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.

## MLK Day of Service in April

**E**very year since 2009, the City of Show Low honors Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by organizing a service project and invites all citizens to volunteer. In 1994, Congress transformed the annual King holiday into a national day of service to honor the civil rights leader's legacy to strengthen communities and achieve common goals through volunteerism.



Although the holiday is held in January, the city has moved our MLK Day of Service to mid-spring to accommodate possible weather issues. This year's community project will be on Saturday, April 27, with everyone working in the morning followed by a city-provided lunch at the Old Pavilion in Show Low City Park. Staff is working on the details of the service project. Participants are encouraged to wear closed-toe shoes and bring a hat and gloves for a memorable community service opportunity.

More information about the Day of Service project will be posted to the city website as April approaches.

## Trash and recycling news

**T**he city contracts with Waste Management to provide trash and recycling services, with six 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 pickup load (4x4x8 feet) or about 20 bags. Place items at curbside by 6 a.m. on your regularly scheduled collection day. 2019 excess trash dates are January 7 to 10, March 4 to 7, May 6 to 9, July 8 to 11, September 9 to 12 and November 4 to 7. Waste Management observes three holidays—New Year's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas—with pickup moved to the next day.

Convenient curbside recycling pickup is provided, with one large bin for recyclables. **ACCEPTABLE items 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 are plastic bags, plastic wrap, shredded paper, foam cups/containers, glass, food waste, green waste, films and food-soiled cardboard or paper goods.**

For questions, call (928) 532-4000.