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New immigration law takes effect July 29

Arizona Governor Jan Brewer signed a new immigration bill, Senate Bill 1070, into law in late April. The new law requires officials and agencies of the state and political subdivisions to fully comply with and assist in enforcing federal immigration laws and gives county attorneys subpoena power in certain investigations of employers. The law establishes crimes involving trespassing by illegal aliens, stopping to hire or soliciting work under specified circumstances, and transporting, harboring or concealing unlawful aliens, and their respective penalties. It requires that a reasonable attempt be made to determine the immigration status of a person, verified with the federal government, during any legitimate contact made by an official or agency of the state or a county, city, town or political subdivision if reasonable suspicion exists that the person is an alien who is unlawfully present in the U.S.

SB 1070 goes into effect July 29, unless there are changes based on litigation in the court system. A concern that has raised much debate and controversy among the general public is the

issue of racial profiling, especially toward those of Hispanic descent. Show Low Police Chief Jeffrey Smythe has held several forums to discuss this new law and answer questions from concerned individuals.

Chief Smythe says, "The Show Low Police Department is committed to the fair treatment of everyone. We have crafted a detailed policy and will be modifying it continually to stay abreast of all legal challenges and judicial rulings. We have provided extra training to our officers to address the law's requirements. Chiefs of police throughout Navajo County have met to agree on standard practices, using the same basic policy and enforcing the new laws in essentially the same manner. As a group, we feel the citizens deserve to know our enforcement practices to comfortably move between our communities without

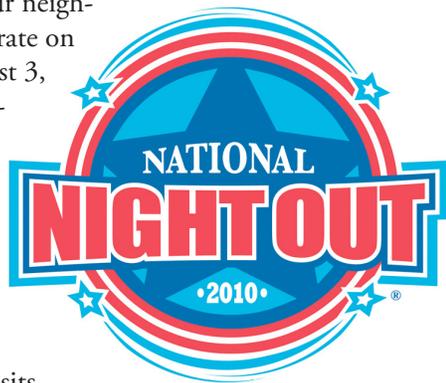
any adverse effects." An online link to the policy is available at showlowaz.gov on the police page.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Chief Smythe at jsmythe@showlowaz.gov or call 537-0884.



August 3's National Night Out heightens crime awareness

Get to know your neighbors and celebrate on Tuesday, August 3, for the 27th annual National Night Out, a campaign to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness. Neighborhoods and apartment complexes have organized events, such as block parties, visits from the local police department, public safety presentations, flashlight walks and youth events. You can celebrate the traditional way by turning on your



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Online service relays information via text messages or e-mail

Using the Nixle Community Information Service, residents can receive important messages, such as traffic safety updates, missing children, violent crimes, school closures for safety issues and other community events, *instantly* via cell phone text messages and/or e-mails. Notifications can also be accessed online at nixle.com. The service is reliable and free for citizens to use, although standard text messaging rates apply. Register at nixle.com.

The messages can be sent specifically to residents registered within a quarter-mile radius so you can receive trustworthy information specific to your neighborhood. Residents decide from which local agencies they want to receive information. Subscrib-



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Calendar of Events

Family Aquatic Center & Recreation: 532-4140

Public Library: 532-4070

- 08/03 7 p.m., **new** Council Chambers at 181 N. 9th Street
City Council Regular Meeting
- 08/04 5:30 p.m., City Campus Gym
Start Smart Soccer (ages 3-5)
- 08/07 10 a.m., City Park, Senior Field
Itty Bitty Olympics (ages 0-6), registration at 9:30
- 08/10 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 181 N. 9th Street
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 08/12 10 a.m., Public Library (public welcome)
Show Low Library Friends meeting
- 08/14 **Aquatic Center** closed for annual Tri in the Pines
- 08/14 9 a.m. – noon, **Flat Water Kayaking**, session 3 (three-class session) (ages 12+)
- 08/14 15th Annual **Tri in the Pines** (ages 14+) and **Youth Tri in the Pines** (ages 14 & under)
- 08/16 **Fall swimming lessons** registration begins
- 08/17 6 p.m., **Grand Opening and Ribbon-cutting** of **new** Council Chambers at 181 N. 9th Street
7 p.m., **City Council Regular Meeting**
- 08/19 3 p.m., Show Low Historical Society Museum
Book signing for Mary Stuever's "Forester's Log, Musings from the Woods" and 6 p.m. **potluck** followed by **Show Low Historical Society Meeting** ("Apache Sitgreaves Forest," presented by Mary Stuever)
- 08/23 **Fall Coed Volleyball** registration begins (ages 15+)
- 08/24 6 a.m.–7 p.m., **Primary Election for federal, state, county seats**
- 08/24 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 181 N. 9th Street
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 08/28 8 a.m.–1 p.m., Walmart Supercenter site
Electronic Waste Recycling Event
- 08/30 **Start Smart Basketball** registration begins (ages 3-5)

A second annual FREE region-wide **ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING EVENT** will be held Saturday, August 28, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the former fueling station site at Show Low's Walmart Supercenter. Drop off discarded TVs, computers, monitors, printers, cell phones, small appliances, etc. No large appliances (washers, dryers, refrigerators, etc.) will be accepted. There will be drop-off bins for paper, cardboard, aluminum cans and plastics 1, 2 and 3. Call 532-4124 for information.



4th of July parade winners

Residents and visitors turned out in droves to enjoy the many floats and displays that showcased this year's Fourth of July parade theme, "The American Dream." The parade featured 138 entries, with five Grand Marshals leading the way. The five were former members of the U.S. armed forces, each serving in WWII in various capacities: Lou Bridda, Willie Jolly, Dorothy Tharp, Conrad Powell and Lou Reynolds.

Some floats were clearly crowd favorites, judging by the cheers of the spectators. And the "wet" zone was a welcome relief for many, especially the many children who frolicked in the cooling showers.

With all the inventive ways of showcasing this year's theme, judges had a difficult time selecting the best representations in six parade categories. Congratulations to the following winners:

Most Patriotic – Silver Lakes Estates

Best Theme – U.S. Forest Service, Fort Apache

Commercial – Venture In RV Park

Non-Profit – Operation Christmas Child

Family – Captain America (Rik Broughton)

Equestrian – Show Low Deuces Wild Rodeo Queens

The city thanks all the city employees, volunteers, public safety agencies and organizations that made this annual parade a resounding success.

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outside lights and holding front porch vigils.

Send a clear message that your neighborhood is organized and fighting back against crime. Interact with your neighbors and build support for local anti-crime programs. Strengthen police-neighborhood partnerships for a stronger, safer community. Contact Sgt. Shawn Roby, Show Low Police Department, at 537-5091, ext. 255, or sroby@showlowaz.gov for more information.

Last year's National Night Out campaign involved over 36 million people in 14,625 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide.

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ers can choose the way in which alerts are received, whether by e-mail, text message or over the Web. There is no spam or hidden costs.

Nixle builds on the foundations of other public-to-public communication services, such as Twitter, Facebook and MySpace, but adds a security component. The messages, generated by the Show Low Police Department via Nixle, are reliable and can be trusted.

"Nixle is a first-of-its-kind tool for communities that need to provide critical information to their residents," said Craig Mitnick, founder and CEO. "In today's world, you have to trust the source of your information. Residents of Show Low can rest easy that the local messages they receive are authentic."