

Show Low Quarterly



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City gearing up for special and holiday events

PUBLIC SAFETY OPEN HOUSE - Saturday, Oct. 5

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 5, 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. 26

The 4th annual *Spooktacular Festival* is Saturday, October 26, noon to 9 p.m. in downtown Show Low. This fun, safe family event is free to the public and features Halloween-themed contests, games,

Halloween

the traditional *Trunk or Treat*, a car bash, haunted house, hay rides, costume contests, food vendors, 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 - Friday, Nov. 29 – Thursday, Jan. 2, 2014

The city will begin to sparkle on Friday, November 29, when the annual, season-long *Show Low Shines for the Holidays* kicks off. Holiday lights will illuminate Show Low City Park, Festival Marketplace, city hall, the aquatic center and public library through January 2, 2014.

Show Low Main Street invites merchants located within the Show Low Downtown Redevelopment District to decorate their storefronts with holiday decorations and lights and enter the 2013 Show Low Main Street *downtown merchant holiday decorating contest*.

The decorative displays must be completed and installed and entry forms submitted by 5 p.m., December 6. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorations. Direct questions to (928) 532-4124.

Festivities continue with Show Low Main Street's annual *Christmas tree lighting ceremony* on

Saturday, December 7, at 5:30 p.m. in front of Show Low city hall at 180 N. 9th Street. The community tree will be decorated again this year with ornaments handcrafted by Show Low elementary school children. The tree will be part of a dancing holiday-light display synchronized to music. For more information, call (928) 532-4124.

The tree lighting will be followed by the *Christmas Light Parade* at 6:30 p.m. along the Deuce of Clubs. This year's parade theme is "Show Low's Small Town Christmas." Come enjoy the floats (representing local businesses, families and community groups) with their beautiful light displays. Cash prizes will be awarded to parade winners. Call (928) 532-4141 for registration information.

The second annual Santa and the Shoppes on Gingerbread Lane will be held Saturday, December 14, from noon to 8 p.m. at Show Low city hall and public library. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the holidays while you do your holiday shopping and the kids visit with Santa Claus and other holiday characters. Area merchants will have tables offering holiday gifts for sale. Stroll city hall and the library as you enjoy live entertainment and food vendors. For information, call (928) 532-4124 or go to www.showlow-mainstreet.org/santa--the-shoppes-on-gingerbread-lane.html.

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



Calendar of Events (October–December 2013)

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

- 10/01 7 p.m., Council Chambers
City Council Regular Meeting
- 10/05 10 a.m.–1 p.m., police/fire stations & city campus
Public Safety Open House
- 10/05 10 a.m., Nikolaus Homestead Park (weather permitting)
& 12 **BMX races** (register at 10 a.m., race at 11 a.m.)
- 10/08 7 p.m., Council Chambers
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 10/11 10 a.m., Public Library (public welcome)
Show Low Library Friends meeting
- 10/15 7 p.m., Council Chambers
City Council Regular Meeting
- 10/16 1:30 p.m., Public Library
Book Discussion Group
- 10/22 7 p.m., Council Chambers
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 10/26 Noon–9 p.m., Festival Marketplace
Spooktacular Festival (Trunk or Treat, Scaryoke, contests & games, car bash, entertainment, haunted house)
- 11/05 7 p.m., Council Chambers
City Council Regular Meeting
- 11/15 10 a.m., Public Library (public welcome)
Show Low Library Friends meeting
- 11/12 7 p.m., Council Chambers
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 11/19 7 p.m., Council Chambers
City Council Regular Meeting
- 11/20 1:30 p.m., Public Library
Book Discussion Group
- 11/26 7 p.m., Council Chambers
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 11/28-29 **Thanksgiving holiday** (City offices closed)

- 12/03 7 p.m., Council Chambers
City Council Regular Meeting
 - 12/10 7 p.m., Council Chambers
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
 - 12/18 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:**
- 11/29 Holiday lights turn on at City Park, Festival Marketplace, aquatic center, city hall and library through 1/2/14
 - 12/06 **Show Low Main Street downtown merchant holiday decorating contest** begins
 - 12/07 5:30 p.m., City Hall,
Show Low Main Street Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
 - 12/07 6:30 p.m., along the Deuce of Clubs,
Christmas Light Parade (theme: "Show Low's Small Town Christmas")
 - 12/14 Noon–8 p.m., City Hall & Public Library
Santa and the Shoppes on Gingerbread Lane (with Santa, entertainment, refreshments)
 - 12/31 10 p.m.–midnight, Festival Marketplace
Drop the Deuce of Clubs (New Year's Eve party with music, food, dancing & fireworks)



Excess trash and recycling rewards

Excess trash collection is offered to all sanitation customers the first week of every other month (January, March, May, July, September, November) as part of your regular sanitation service. Our provider will pick up only items that meet ALL three of the following requirements:

- 1) Items are bagged, boxed or bundled
- 2) Individual items must weigh less than 50 pounds
- 3) Each item must be under 4 feet in both length and width

Direct questions to city hall at (928) 532-4000.

You can still sign up for the **Recyclebank recycling rewards program**. Collect points by reporting your recycling activity and earn gift cards, merchandise coupons and discounts. Sign up at recyclebank.com or call toll-free (888) 727-2978. The rewards program ends June 30, 2014.

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. Floodplain status request forms may be downloaded at www.showlowaz.gov. If you have questions, contact City Engineer Shane Hemesath at 180 North 9th Street, Show Low, AZ 85901 or call (928) 532-4090.

The city's quarterly newsletters (Jan-Mar, Apr-Jun, Jul-Sep, Oct-Dec) are produced by the City of Show Low, 180 N. 9th Street, Show Low, AZ 85901 and distributed with the utility statements. Direct comments to the City Clerk's office at (928) 532-4061.

Planning for winter weather

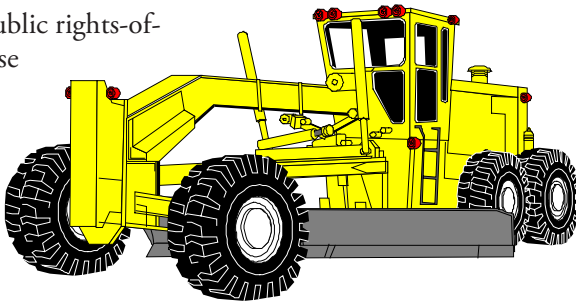
Although signs of autumn are all around us, city staff has begun planning for severe winter storms. Given weather's unpredictability, we prepare a snow management plan every year well before storms arrive. The majority of Show Low's storms result in eight inches or less of snow, with snow management efforts gauged by storms of this magnitude.

Snow removal operations

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.

On request, the City provides courtesy snow berm removal for physically or medically infirm individuals whose disability is verified in writing by a physician. This service is provided after the snowstorm ends and after the operator has completed other snow plowing commitments. Call (928) 532-4100 to register.

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. 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.

How you can help!

Heavy snowfall disrupts daily living. Dealing with it can be frustrating for everyone. City crews will do their best to minimize any inconvenience and, if necessary, plowing crews will work around the clock. What you can do to help:

- ❖ Do not park your motor vehicles in the roadway. The city is authorized to tow away and cite the owners of the vehicles.
- ❖ For your safety, keep driving to a minimum during a snowstorm unless necessary.
- ❖ Protect any landscaping located near or in the right-of-way adjacent to your residence.
- ❖ 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 shoveling the driveway twice.

The snow plan is posted in November on the city's website or may be requested by calling (928) 532-4100.

City's water system serves nearly 100% of Show Low

In May 2011, the City of Show Low purchased the privately owned Pineview Water Company at the south end of the city. Then, in November 2012, the city purchased the privately owned Park Valley/Fools Hollow Water Companies. These purchases added over 2,100 new customers to the city's water system, increasing our total number of customers to over 7,200. The purchases also added over 2.5-million gallons of water storage and 7 production wells to the system. The addition of this storage and production greatly increases the reliability of the city's water supply. The city is now the water purveyor for close to 100% of our residents.

The purchases were followed by city projects for system improvements and upgrades, including replacing water lines and meters and installing additional fire hydrants. An intertie project that connects the Pineview system (now called Show Low South) with the City of Show Low system currently is being constructed along White Mountain Road. City crews also recently completed a project that connected the Park Valley/Fools Hollow system to the main city system. Both projects will improve the water supply and production available to all of our customers.

The City of Show water department employs a number of highly trained and certified operators. These operators are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to respond to customer needs and emergencies. Most of our facilities are electronically monitored so our staff can quickly respond to situations day or night.

If you need to report a water problem, call (928) 532-4100 during business hours (Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.) or (928) 537-4365 after hours and on weekends and holidays.

City co-hosts state's first disc golf tournament

The City of Show Low and Town of Pinetop-Lakeside co-hosted the first annual Arizona Disc Golf Association state championship tournament September 21 and 22. Seventy-two disc golf professionals and 72 amateurs competed on the 18-hole courses in Show Low City Park, along the Show Low Bluff trail, and at the Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex in Pinetop-Lakeside. On Saturday, spectators enjoyed watching the amateurs play the Show Low City Park course in the morning, followed by the pros in the afternoon, while the pros played the Mountain Meadow course in the morning, followed by the amateurs in the afternoon. All 144 players played the newly built course along the Show Low Bluff trail on Sunday. If you want to learn more about the Arizona Disc Golf Association or want to become a member, call President Manny Duran at (928) 242-6935.



City seeks capital project requests

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 Friday, November 1, 2013.

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.

Trend of successful e-waste recycling continues

The fifth annual free region-wide electronic waste recycling event held in Show Low August 31 was another great success. In five hours, 345 vehicles from across northeastern Arizona dropped off 34,937 pounds of electronic waste. Over the past five years, this event has been the most popular of its kind statewide with a cumulative total of 416,477 pounds of electronic waste collected from 1,648 vehicles.

"We are pleased with the continued support of all of the communities of northeastern Arizona that help make this event one of the most successful of its kind in the entire state," said City of Show Low Mayor Daryl Seymore. This annual event is produced through a partnership of the City of Show Low, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Town of Pinetop-Lakeside, White Mountain Apache Tribe Environmental Protection Office, Northland Pioneer College, Larson Waste, Navajo County, Little Colorado River Plateau Resource Conservation & Development Area, Inc. and E-Waste Harvesters of Phoenix.

If you missed it, next year's event is scheduled for Saturday, August 30, 2014.

City of Show Low, Arizona

Fiscal Year 2015-2019 CIP (Capital Improvements Program)

Project Request Worksheet

Description of Project/Item Proposed

Estimated Cost _____

Funding Source (if known) _____

Benefit to Community _____

please print
Submitted by: _____

Address: _____

Telephone (work): _____

Telephone (home): _____

e-mail: _____

Date: _____

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT FORM IS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2013

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 or call (928) 532-4040**