

# Show Low Quarterly



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## The city's year in review and a look ahead to 2017

The City of Show Low continued a slow economic recovery in 2016, although there were a few bright spots with the completion of a new wastewater treatment plant, the start of a major renovation project for a new public safety building, new businesses opening and slight gains in residential and commercial construction activity. Nevertheless, to add an additional layer of protection in the event of an emergency, the Show Low City Council and staff continue to embrace a fiscally conservative approach.

This cautious stance means we are able to deliver full public safety (police) and public works services, such as water and sewer maintenance, snow plowing and road maintenance. We strive to provide innovative and varied community programs, such as sports tournaments, library activities, family-friendly events and holiday-themed occasions. We want to ensure that Show Low is a leader in our region in providing excellent services and resources to our citizens.

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

### Major Projects

❖ **Regional emergency communications.** In a regional effort

### In memory of Ofc. Darrin Reed

The City of Show Low pays tribute to one of our police officers, Darrin Reed, who fell victim to a senseless, violent crime. His death in early November cast a pall over the entire White Mountain community, but we were buoyed by the overwhelming outpouring of love and assistance from individuals, organizations and businesses far and wide. The family of Officer Reed, Show Low Police Department, Show Low City Council and city staff send a heartfelt thank you to everyone for their caring and generous support.



to improve emergency response, a consortium of officials from municipal and county governments and public safety agencies from across Navajo County discussed the feasibility of a regional dispatch center. The concept was introduced about five years ago. This year, the Northeastern Arizona Regional Dispatch Center (NARDC) board was formed to facilitate forming the center and bringing the idea to fruition.

### ❖ **New public safety facility.**

Construction of a new public safety complex on the Deuce of Clubs began in summer 2016. The facility will house the Show Low Police Department and a substation for the Navajo County Sheriff's Office. Its accessibility and high visibility along the city's main thoroughfare will enhance the attractive downtown streetscape. Project completion is forecast for spring 2017. In preparation for this

project to further beautify the streetscape, the city contracted with Arizona Public Service to move the power lines underground along the Deuce of Clubs from N. 5th Street east to Old Linden Road.

- ❖ **Wastewater treatment plant upgrade.** Completed upgrading the city's wastewater (sewer) treatment plant. The new plant meets higher environmental standards and guarantees future usage and capacity needs. The project came in under budget, saving taxpayer dollars.
- ❖ **Fairway Park.** Completed the third phase of major water line improvements in Fairway Park by replacing additional water lines and fire hydrants in the subdivision.
- ❖ **Sidewalk projects.** We began connecting portions of several sidewalks around the city for greater pedestrian access: 1) along the Deuce of Clubs on the north side from the City Park entrance west to Clark Road (SR260), 2) along the Deuce of Clubs on the south side from Whipple Road to the first west entrance to Northland Pioneer College, 3) along Cooley between 4th Street and Central and 4) along Central from N. Paloma to N. Thornton.
- ❖ **Water and wastewater system upgrades.** In our continuing quest to maintain vital infrastructure, we upgraded water lines in various areas and worked on a number of sewer projects throughout the city.



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# Calendar of Events (January – March 2017)

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



## Special library event series:

**DIY (do-it-yourself) adult craft activity** – 01/03, 02/07, 03/07; 11 a.m., Public Library

**Adult Book Discussions** – 01/18, 02/15, 03/15; 1:30 p.m., Public Library

**Movie Night** – 01/19, 02/16, 03/16; 6:15 p.m., Public Library

**01/02 New Year's Day Holiday** (City offices CLOSED)

**01/03- 8 a.m.–noon**, Teen Center, 620 E. McNeil

**01/06 Winter Play Days** (grades K-6, \$35/week or \$10/day)

**01/03 7 p.m.**, Council Chambers

**City Council Regular Meeting**

**01/07 Youth Basketball** registration ends (grades 1-6); games begin 01/28

**01/13 10 a.m.**, Public Library

**Show Low Library Friends meeting** (public welcome)

**01/10 7 p.m.**, Council Chambers

**Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

**01/14 Spring Coed Volleyball** registration ends (for ages 15+); games begin 02/02

**01/16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** (City offices CLOSED); **aquatic center holiday hours:** 9 a.m.–noon, lap swim; noon–5 p.m., open swim

**01/17 Council Chambers**

**6 p.m., City Council Budget Study Session**

**7 p.m., City Council Regular Meeting**

**01/19 6 p.m.**, Council Chambers

**Town Hall Budget Meeting** (for citizen input)

**01/20 6–9 p.m.**, Teen Center, 620 E. McNeil

**Kid's Night Out** (grades K-5, \$10 per child)

**01/25 5:30–7 p.m.**, Teen Center, 620 E. McNeil

**Pin Up Club** (ages 10+, \$10 per person)

**02/01 Spring Coed One-Pitch** registration begins (for ages 15+); registration ends 02/28, games begin 03/06

**02/03 6–8 p.m.**, City Campus gym, 620 E. McNeil

**Daddy Daughter Valentine's Day Dance** (532-4140 for info)

**02/06 Spring Swim Lessons** registration begins; lessons begin 03/06

**02/07 7 p.m.**, Council Chambers

**City Council Regular Meeting**

**02/10 10 a.m.**, Public Library

**Show Low Library Friends meeting** (public welcome)

**02/14 7 p.m.**, Council Chambers

**Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

**02/17 6–9 p.m.**, Teen Center, 620 E. McNeil  
**Kid's Night Out** (grades K-5, \$10 per child)

**02/20 Presidents' Day** (City offices CLOSED); **aquatic center holiday hours:** 9 a.m.–12 p.m., lap swim; 12–5 p.m., open swim

**02/21 7 p.m.**, Council Chambers

**City Council Regular Meeting**

**02/28 7 p.m.**, Council Chambers

**Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

**03/01 Summer Coed Softball** registration begins (for ages 15+); games begin 05/03

**03/01 Bunny Dash** registration begins (for ages 0-10)

**03/06 Spring Swim Lessons** begin (through 03/29)

**03/07 7 p.m.**, Council Chambers

**City Council Regular Meeting**

**03/08 5:30–7 p.m.**, Teen Center, 620 E. McNeil

**Pin Up Club** (ages 10+, \$10 per person)

**03/10 10 a.m.**, Public Library

**Show Low Library Friends meeting** (public welcome)

**03/10 6–9 p.m.**, Teen Center, 620 E. McNeil

**Kid's Night Out** (grades K-5, \$10 per child)

**03/13- 8 a.m.–noon**, Teen Center, 620 E. McNeil

**03/16 Spring Play Days** (grades K-6, \$35/week or \$10/day)

**03/13- 1–5 p.m.**, Aquatic Center

**03/17 Spring Breaker** (open swim all week)

**03/14 7 p.m.**, Council Chambers

**Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

**03/21 7 p.m.**, Council Chambers

**City Council Regular Meeting**

**03/24 6–9 p.m.**, Teen Center, 620 E. McNeil

**Kid's Night Out** (grades K-5, \$10 per child)

**03/28 7 p.m.**, Council Chambers

**Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

## 2017 excess trash dates

The city contracts with Waste Management to provide free excess trash pick-ups six times a year. Residents billed for garbage are eligible for this service. **Some of the 2017 dates reflect the need for Waste Management to adjust for increases in visitors and traffic around holidays.** The adjusted dates are **January 9–12, March 6–9, May 1–4, July 10–13, September 11–14 and November 6–9.** Excess trash must be bagged, boxed or bundled. Each garbage bag cannot weigh more than 50 pounds. Items should not exceed four feet in length (bound if there is more than one item). Place excess trash next to your polycart in the public right-of-way on your regular trash pick-up day. Calendars showing trash and recycling collection weeks are available at city hall and on the city's website. Direct questions to (928) 532-4005 during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.).

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- ❖ **Downtown beautification.** We continued beautifying the downtown area using grant funds. Parking and landscaping were added along N. 9th Street from E. Huning south to McNeil and on the south side of Hall between 8th and 9th Streets. City crews also realigned a sewer main on E. Huning in preparation for a box culvert replacement project at 11th Street and Huning, constructed and paid for by the Arizona Department of Transportation.

## Notable Highlights

- ❖ **Route 66 White Mountain GeoTour.** Show Low was one of nine communities in Apache and Navajo Counties participating in a new regional tourism initiative, the Route 66 White Mountain GeoTour. This outdoor “treasure hunt” attracted geocachers from across the U.S. to find specially hidden caches using GPS coordinates. The participating communities will be meeting to discuss whether to continue the regional geocaching event.
- ❖ **City elections.** At the August 30 primary election, voters chose to retain four incumbent Council members—Mayor Daryl Seymore plus Rennie Crittenden, Connie Kakavas and Gene Kelley—and they were sworn in at the December 6 Council meeting. Voters also overwhelmingly approved a permanent adjustment to the state-imposed spending limit. Like the Home Rule option, this adjustment allows the Council to retain local control over the city’s budget, which must be balanced per state law. The Council also imposed two restrictions to maintain a minimum \$1 million in reserves and require a majority vote of the sitting Council to approve any tax increase.
- ❖ **Commuter airlines.** In August 2015, Boutique Air became Show Low’s new commuter air service carrier, with daily flights between Show Low Regional Airport and Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport. Boutique Air passengers express satisfaction with the airlines’ consistency, judging by the steady growth in passenger use.

## Community Events

- ❖ **Show Low’s 63rd anniversary/BBQ Throwdown.** This combined event, created in May 2013 when Show Low celebrated its 60th year of incorporation, is a popular annual daylong event with a sanctioned barbecue competition, food tastings, entertainment and kids’ activities.
- ❖ **Community Fast.** We participated in the fourth annual Community Fast to help local individuals and families in need during the holidays. The proceeds from those who fasted and donated the cost of the meals were given to local organizations to distribute. We sincerely thank everyone who contributed so generously to help others.
- ❖ **Holiday events.** We kicked off our annual signature event, Show Low Shines for the Holidays, the day after Thanksgiving when the holiday lights were turned on. This annual showcase event included the Christmas Light Parade along the Deuce of Clubs, the 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 Deuce of Clubs Drop at midnight.

## Business and Construction Activity

- ❖ **New businesses.** We welcomed several nationally-recognized businesses, including Sportsman’s Warehouse, Harbor Freight, Firehouse Subs, Supercuts and Nationwide Vision Center. In addition, Summit Healthcare Regional Medical Center now boasts an upgraded surgical facility. In early December, the hospital announced a collaborative partnership with Mayo Clinic that allows physicians connected with Summit to consult with specialists for assistance with challenging medical cases—at no additional cost to the patient.

## Beautification and Recycling

- ❖ **Project Clean Sweep.** We celebrated Project Clean Sweep’s 18th year for the city’s free annual beautification and cleanup program. Citizens were able to clean their properties and homes through our free bulky item pickup and drop-offs at the Lone Pine transfer station and Dirty Deeds Green Waste.
- ❖ **Electronic waste collection event.** We were one of the sponsors again of the annual, region-wide electronic waste collection event in August. The event drew nearly 300 vehicles, with residents dropping off over 34,000 pounds of electronic waste.
- ❖ **Christmas tree recycling.** We again offered a Christmas tree drop-off site next to Frontier Park on North 9th Place, with the trees recycled for use as biomass fuel for NOVO Power.

## A Look Ahead to 2017

- ❖ **Annual budget.** As is our practice, we will continue to budget conservatively in the upcoming year, while still completing some capital projects, such as the public safety facility, road improvements, new or upgraded water lines and replacing sewer lines in need of repair. We begin our budget process in January, with two town halls specifically designed for citizen input. See the companion article on page 4 for all budget meeting dates. All meetings are open to the public.
- ❖ **Major projects.** Additional projects we will pursue in 2017 include rebuilding the sewer collection system in Westwood subdivision (located behind Ace Hardware), upsizing a water main from six to 12 inches on the south side of the Deuce of Clubs from Central to S. 8th Street, and milling and overlaying 19th Avenue and Whipple in the Park Valley subdivision.
- ❖ **Community clean-up.** The City Council will issue an annual proclamation for January 16’s Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, an annual holiday designated by Congress as a day for community projects all across the United States. Because of our unpredictable winter weather, we moved the program in 2015 to May. This year, we’ll hold our annual community clean-up on Saturday, May 13 (see page 4 for information).

City newsletters are produced by the City of Show Low, 180 N. 9th Street, Show Low, AZ 85901. Quarterly newsletters (Jan-Mar, Apr-June, July-Sept, Oct-Dec) are distributed in the utility statements. Direct comments to the City Clerk’s office at (928) 532-4061.

# Annual budget process begins in January

**L**ike every business or household, the City of Show Low operates successfully 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 preparing for the fiscal year 2018 (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018) budget on January 19 with a 6:00 p.m. study session in Council Chambers, 181 N. 9th Street (across from city hall). At this budget meeting, which is open to the public, the Council's goals and priorities will be reviewed, early

revenue estimates will be presented and all major budget assumptions will be reviewed.

To ensure that the city's budget meets the needs of our residents,

the Council has asked for as much

citizen participation 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 consideration in the budget process. Ideas may include 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 input as possible, two budget town halls are scheduled for public comment. The first, on January 19, is early in the budget process to give you a chance to voice your concerns, opinions and service desires. The

second will be in April, at which staff will present the recommended budget for citizen feedback prior to presenting it to the Council for discussion.

Also, beginning in April, the Council 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 all requested and recommended expenditures. All meetings are open to the public and held in Council Chambers. It is anticipated that the Council will adopt the final fiscal year 2018 budget in June. The budget calendar (shown below) is available online at [www.showlowaz.gov](http://www.showlowaz.gov).

- ❖ Tuesday, January 17, 6:00 p.m., budget study session
- ❖ Thursday, January 19, 6:00 p.m., town hall budget meeting for citizen input
- ❖ Tuesday, April 4, 6:00 p.m., presentation of recommended budget at budget study session
- ❖ Thursday, April 6, 6:00 p.m., town hall for citizen input followed by budget study session
- ❖ Thursday, April 20, 6:00 p.m., budget study session
- ❖ Thursday, April 27, 6:00 p.m., budget study session (if needed)
- ❖ Tuesday, May 16, 6:00 p.m., tentative budget overview at budget study session
- ❖ Tuesday, June 6, 7:00 p.m., public hearing and Council consideration and adoption of tentative budget
- ❖ Tuesday, June 20, 7:00 p.m., public hearing and Council consideration and adoption of final budget
- ❖ Tuesday, July 18, 7:00 p.m., Council consideration and adoption of secondary property tax levy

Let your voice be heard in our annual budget process through any of the means listed above or by contacting Administrative Services Director Justin Johnson at (928) 532-4024.



## Join us in May for MLK Day of Service



**F**rom 2009 through 2014, the City of Show Low had set aside January's 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 for citizens to join together to help the larger community. The event 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.

In 2015, given our inability to predict winter weather conditions, the city rescheduled the annual MLK Day of Service project to a Saturday in May. This year's date is May 13. Citizens are encouraged to join us in voluntary service to our community.

As we have done in the past, we will meet about 9 a.m., work until noon and then share in a city-provided lunch. More detailed information about the project will be posted to the city website as May approaches.

