

Show Low ^{Monthly} News



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Countdown to the 50th!

After a year of planning, the City of Show Low will celebrate its 50th year of incorporation, with events scheduled for May 2 and 3, 2003. Come out and celebrate the City's 50th birthday with us.

Banners wave proudly in the wind announcing this once-in-a-lifetime event. People have shared their photographs of Show Low from the 1950s to the present. These photographs were scanned and mounted, and are on display in various businesses and organizations.



Remember the Past - Look to the Future

Promotional items are available for sale at City Hall, Family Aquatic Center, Airport, Chamber of Commerce and the Historical Society Museum during business hours. Why not buy extras as mementos for family and friends who won't be here to join in the celebration?

Organizers and sponsors have lots in store for everyone to enjoy. Most of the events are free of charge and open to the public, except for Saturday's dignitary reception, at which past and present Mayors and Council members will be honored. Activities held on school property fall under the state's policy of no alcohol, no tobacco and no drug use.

Friday, May 2:

- 2 p.m. Time capsule burial ceremony, Show Low Police Department building
- 7 p.m. Talent show, Show Low School District auditorium
- 8:30 p.m. Ice cream social and street dance, Show Low High School

Saturday, May 3:

- 7 a.m. Lions Club fundraising breakfast, Festival Marketplace
- 10 a.m. Parade along the Deuce of Clubs, west from White Mountain Road to Central Avenue (theme: "Remember the Past - Look to the Future")
- 11 a.m. Barbecue, Show Low City Park (featuring games for the kids, music and other entertainment) to 3 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Dignitary reception honoring past and present Council members (by invitation only), Show Low Intermediate School multipurpose room
- 7 p.m. Formal event, Show Low School District auditorium (featuring a video presentation, music and recognition of past and present Council members)

Event organizers are putting the final pieces into place. As a business owner, do you have something you'd like to add to the time capsule, which will be unearthed and opened 50 years from now? Would you like to participate as a sponsor through a monetary donation or supplying a product? If so, contact Joel Weeks at 532-4014. Want to serve as a volunteer at an event? Contact Ann Kurasaki at 532-4061.

Parade entries are still available at the Chamber of Commerce and will be accepted until April 30, 2003. There is no entry fee. Descendants of founding families and families and businesses that have been here since the 1950s are encouraged to compete against each other. Questions may be directed to the Chamber at 537-2326.

This celebration will be truly memorable! Come join the fun on May 2 and 3.

Learning about law enforcement

Have you ever wondered what dangers police officers face every day? Now's your chance to learn firsthand how local law enforcement agencies operate. The Show Low Police Department and the Arizona Department of Public Safety are offering the fifth annual Citizens Police Academy, set to begin April 3. The ten-week program meets every Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m.

The sleuth in you will get to meet local law enforcement officers. You'll experience what split-second decisions are all about. Put your investigative skills to work and help solve a real-life problem.

Pick up an application at the Show Low Police Department. There is no cost to enroll. Participants must be 16 years of age or older. A background records check will be conducted on all applicants. Space is limited and will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

Project Clean Sweep set for another year

The City is gearing up for the fifth annual Project Clean Sweep, a program designed to assist property and business owners with cleanup and beautification. The program includes a variety of services in April, May and June.

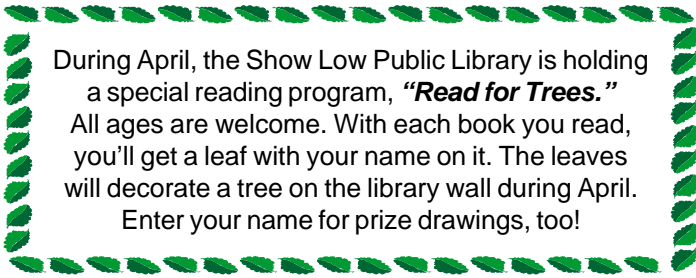
In April, City crews will remove weeds and operate street-sweeping equipment along the Deuce of Clubs and in the downtown area. Also in April, City employees and City Council members will collect trash and debris from the Deuce of Clubs from SR260 (Clark Road) to SR77 (at the east end of town).

"Cash for Trash," where residents are paid cash for delivering large, unwanted items to a City facility, is scheduled for

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Calendar of Events

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



During April, the Show Low Public Library is holding a special reading program, **"Read for Trees."** All ages are welcome. With each book you read, you'll get a leaf with your name on it. The leaves will decorate a tree on the library wall during April. Enter your name for prize drawings, too!

- 03/31 7 a.m., Council Chambers
City Council Study Session
- 04/01 **Coed & Men's Softball** registration begins (ages 16+)
- 04/01 Council Chambers
7 p.m., **City Council Regular Meeting**
- 04/02 **Hunter Safety Training Class** pre-registration (for certification, must be ages 10+)
- 04/07 **Spring Fling Memorial Day Men's Softball Tournament** registration begins (ages 16+)
- 04/08 7 p.m., Council Chambers
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 04/07 to 04/12 — Celebrate **National Library Week**
(Get a free bookmark at the library and enter your name in a drawing for a prize. All ages welcome)
- 04/09 1:30 p.m., Public Library
Book Discussion Group (*Plainsong* by Kent Haruf)
- 04/10 10-11 a.m., Public Library
Family Storytime (the pig from the book, *If You Give a Pig a Pancake*, will lead the Storytime session)
- 04/10 4 p.m., Public Library
The Big Pig Attack Puppet Show (all ages welcome plus door prizes will be given out)
- 04/12 2 p.m., Aquatic Center
Underwater Easter Egg Hunt (ages 11-17)
- 04/14 **Swim Lessons** begin (register by 4/11), Aquatic Center
- 04/14 7 a.m., Council Chambers
City Council Study Session
- 04/15 Council Chambers
7 p.m., **City Council Regular Meeting**
- 04/16 2:45 p.m., Recreation conference room
Easter Craft Class (grades 2-6)
- 04/17 1-3 p.m., Show Low Intermediate School
Arbor Day Celebration
- 04/19 9:30 a.m., City Park, Senior Field
Easter In the Park Celebration (ages 10 and under) (featuring food booths, games, Easter egg hunt, prizes)
- 04/22 7 p.m., Council Chambers
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 04/28 5-8 p.m., Aquatic Center
Two-week **Lifeguard Training** classes (ages 15+)

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May 17, 2003. Next month's newsletter will list the acceptable items and prices. Please note that no commercial waste items will be accepted.

From June 2 through 6, Waste Management will provide free excess garbage collection. Only residents who are billed for City water and/or sewer services receive this benefit. From June 9 through 14, City employees will visit those households that have requested free bulky item pickup. And, from June 12 through 14, the City will place dumpsters at City Hall and the Elks Lodge for use by residents.

Project Clean Sweep is offered to City of Show Low residents only. Proof of Show Low residency will be required by showing either a current utility statement or a valid driver's license listing a street address.

For further information about Project Clean Sweep, contact Jon Olson at 532-4051.

Protect your home and property from fire

Local homeowners need to know if their homes and property are safe from the threat of wildfire. When the fire department conducts triage in a community, it classifies property as "defensible," "non-defensible" or "defensible under certain conditions." The same is true of neighborhoods and developments. There are many neighborhoods and developments in Show Low considered non-defensible. Priorities for emergency service personnel will be to get people out and set fire lines where vegetation and construction materials are conducive to fighting the fire. It may mean a non-defensible area will be sacrificed.

Individual homeowners and governing boards are responsible for making the area defensible, not fire district personnel who provide advice and coordination. Communities and property owners can take steps now to reduce the threat.

- * Reduce the density of the pine stands to roughly eight to 15 trees per quarter-acre homesite.
- * Remove all heavy fuels on the ground.
- * Brush, junipers, spruce and other woody ornamentals can be fire ladders and heat sources, leading to structural loss. These plants need to be kept away from any structures and isolated so that fire cannot spread from one group of plants to another.
- * Wood fences, decks and steps should have bare soil around them to prevent ground fire from bridging into the home and destroying it.
- * All structural materials used in the home must be consistent with fire department or fire prevention recommendations.

For more information, contact Community Forester Jan Mathis at 532-6139 or Steve Campbell at (928) 524-6271 of the University of Arizona, Cooperative Extension Service.

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In service to the community

Detective Jason Spear, DARE Officer

Unlike the hard-nosed cops made famous by Hollywood, Detective Jason Spear is a soft-spoken, unassuming gentleman. He is the School Resource Officer, assigned to Show Low students from kindergarten through eighth grade. He's involved if there's an incident of criminal activity and provides student counseling as needed.

Jason wears a variety of law enforcement hats. He is a teacher, radio personality and, in his words, a "bridge-builder." He's known as the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education)



officer. He's also assigned to the department's investigations unit and tactical team, comprised of officers who are specially trained to enter high-risk situations.

He teaches a 17-week drug awareness program to about 100 sixth graders every year. Courses include the dangers of drugs, resistance techniques, coping strategies for stress, self-esteem, alternative activities and recognizing inappropriate behavior. He develops relationships with the children by being a positive role model. He works hard at building bridges so they feel safe in the presence of a police officer. He recalls one sixth grader who searched him out after school at the police department and insisted she would speak only to him. He was off-duty but he went to meet her. She admitted that she had been being sexually abused by a family relative for quite some time. Her disclosure would never have come had she not seen Jason as a supportive person, not an object to be feared.

As Show Low's DARE officer, he co-hosts a weekly live radio show with the Pinetop-Lakeside and Navajo County DARE officers. They recap course lessons and field questions from callers. They invite teachers to talk about how the DARE program influences kids. The half-hour program airs on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. on 92.5 KTHQ. The program is also videotaped by City 4 Television and is broadcast as "DARE on the Air."

The national DARE program was started in 1983 by the Los Angeles School District. It is now found in all 50 states and 71 countries, and began in Show Low in 1989. Jason proudly recalls that his younger brother was in the first graduating class. The program, excluding his salary, is funded entirely by corporate and individual donations.

Jason is totally committed to his work in law enforcement. His demeanor and the passion with which he speaks are proof that Show Low's youth are in safe hands.

City Council Profile: Bill Thomas

It may surprise you to know that Show Low's newest Council member, Bill Thomas, is an avid collector. His eyes light up as he recounts some of his "finds." His passion for the last four years has been Hot Wheels. These miniature replicas are lovingly separated into categories – hot rods, trucks, styles, and sometimes by color – and line the hallway of his home.



It's a passion not shared by Carol, his wife of 36 years, so he dutifully does his share of the dusting. It can be an expensive hobby but he's careful about his spending. A recent check of the Internet showed that one of the original Volkswagen surfer buses carrying two surfboards can fetch \$125,000.

It seems anything involving speed catches his fancy. In addition to being a long-time car buff, he's fascinated by airplanes, trains and boats. He recalls a trip he and Carol took to San Diego, where they signed up for a dinner cruise. After dinner, he wandered upstairs to check out the wheel house. While chatting with the helmsman about the ship, he was asked to take over the steering while the helmsman went in search of a shipmate. What's not known is whether the helmsman knew he had never steered a ship in his life. Nevertheless, it was an exhilarating, and memorable, half an hour.

He fondly remembers his first vehicle, a well-used '51 Mercury his parents bought for \$300 when he was 16. He later sold it for \$400 but if he had kept it, it'd be worth over \$30,000 today. He started tinkering with car engines as a teen, changing his first fuel pump armed only with a straight screwdriver, crescent wrench, and pliers. He's come a long way since then and has overhauled several engines, including an antique fire truck.

As a founding member of the Rusty Bucket Volunteer Fire Company in Tucson, Bill owned four antique fire trucks. His first, a 1949 Seagrave convertible, sat in his yard for three years, inoperable with flat tires and torn upholstery. A visit by two strangers led to the truck's complete restoration and the Rusty Bucket company. In four years, it boasted 100 members and 300 fire trucks. The trucks were driven in parades, served as hearses for firefighters' funerals, and transported wedding parties.

Bill has been a grocer for over 40 years and was also a part-time firefighter for 15 years in Tucson. His background includes stints as a military police officer in the Air Force and reserves.

He sees Show Low facing phenomenal growth. There are infrastructure issues to handle, but he believes the City can grow in the right direction given the right leadership.

Outstanding employees and volunteers honored for their values, dedication and service

Every year, the City of Show Low says thank you to all the employees and volunteers who selflessly provide public service to the citizens of Show Low. Exemplary employees and volunteers are singled out for special recognition. Last year, a new policy was instituted wherein employees were asked to nominate their peers who exemplified the eight values adopted by City employees. After the nominations were compiled, employees voted on the employee who best adhered to each value, with one overall winner who embraced all eight values. The winners were announced at the annual banquet in early March. Please join us in applauding these exceptional individuals.

“Value the individual” Terri Renner
Finance Supervisor Terri Renner is known for her patience and taking time to listen to people, hearing what’s needed and offering to help in any way she can. One comes away feeling important and valued after dealing with her.

“Risk, create, innovate and celebrate” Mel West
City 4 Television Station Manager Mel West has been instrumental in ushering Show Low into the information age by providing innovative programming for people from all walks of life. He creates touching, humorous, and often dramatic presentations that celebrate our accomplishments.

“Promotes pride, purpose and personal growth throughout our organization and community” Jim England
As a professional, Jim England (Public Works’ Water and Sewer Department) approaches work with the best interests of the City and its citizens in mind. His willingness to represent staff and work with the City Council to reconcile any differences is commendable.

“Conduct ourselves with integrity, professionalism and fairness” Ray Ballesteros
Commander Ray Ballesteros of the Police Department was placed in a very challenging position this year, dealing with personnel changes within his department. He treats everyone fairly in accordance with their actions. He is resolute in adhering

to the standards and ethics appropriate for law enforcement. He serves as a great example to others.

“Adapt while maintaining quality of life” Ken Patterson
Public Works Superintendent Ken Patterson adapts to life’s upheavals and difficult situations with zealous enthusiasm and encourages others to do the same.

“Encourage civil dialogue and open communication” Ray Ballesteros
Commander Ray Ballesteros was chosen for being a pillar of strength, even when under great stress. He is true to his beliefs and conducts himself with civility, professionalism and openness.

“Foster an enjoyable workplace environment” Gaylon Hazelwood
Engineering Technician Gaylon Hazelwood is always smiling and makes it a point to get others to smile, too. Employees like Gaylon bring cheer to the workplace.

“Embraces teamwork and collaboration” Connie Kakavas
Administrative Services Director Connie Kakavas worked tirelessly to feed and emotionally support her coworkers during the Rodeo-Chediski Fire. She made a difficult situation tolerable and even fun. Her dedication to the employees was foremost.

All Values Ed Muder
Community Development Director and Interim City Manager Ed Muder embraces all eight values. With all the responsibility placed on him this past year, he has never wavered from these values. He always has the best interests of Show Low’s citizens at heart and professionally represents the City at all times.

In addition, the following departments paid tribute to the following employees and volunteers for their exemplary service.

* Police Department
Officer of the Year – Police Officer Robert Rothrock
Civilian Employee of the Year – Dispatcher Karen Steinke
Volunteer of the Year – Randal Frantz

* Community Services Department
Volunteer of the Year – Carol Fogle
Part-time Employee of the Year – Becca Allsop
Employee of the Year – Phil Heikkinen
* Public Works/Engineering Department
Public Works Employee of the Year – Jim England
* Community Development Department
Employee of the Year – Jon Wilhelm
* Finance Department
Employee of the Year – Millie Phillip
* Administrative Services Department
Employee of the Year – Stephanie McQuillan



These award-winning employees were honored in March for their excellent service and dedication to serving all members of the community.

Congratulations to all the winners! Their dedication and commitment to serve the citizens of Show Low are typical of every City employee and volunteer.