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New firefighting capabilities at airport

Passengers and pilots can breathe easier with a new safety feature at the airport. With funding assistance from the Federal Aviation Administration and the Aeronautics Division of the Arizona Department of Transportation, the Show Low Regional Airport acquired a new aircraft rescue firefighting truck. Construction has begun on a building to house the new truck and store snow removal equipment at the airport.

Chief Ben Owens of the Show Low Fire Department and Airport Manager Dennis Wiss traveled to Dallas (TX) to inspect the new truck and learned how to use the truck's systems and components. The truck, fully self-contained, holds two fire suppression tanks. One tank holds 450 gallons of fire-retardant



foam and the other contains 100 gallons of water with a 5% mixture of aqueous firefighting foam. The products are specially designed to fight an aircraft fire and assist in rescuing anyone onboard the aircraft. During the training, the system dispersed firefighting material onto an aircraft fuselage over 100 feet from the

fire truck. In addition to the truck, four "silver suits" (suits specially designed to withstand the extreme heat of aircraft fires) and other rescue and extrication equipment were purchased. The truck and equipment cost slightly less than \$155,000, with the City contributing about \$6,900. The new fire truck will be manned by Show Low Fire District personnel specially trained to operate it.

In July 2003, the Show Low City Council adopted a resolution to change the airport's name. It's now known as the Show Low Regional Airport. The recommendation was presented by members of the Aviation Advisory Committee. The members were appointed to discuss and make recommendations to the Council about airport-related issues.

Parvovirus – your dog may be at risk!

Is your dog vaccinated against the deadly parvovirus? Even a dog living in a fenced yard may fall ill to the disease if he is in contact with an infected dog. The virus is so contagious that even touching noses through a chain-link fence can infect an unvaccinated dog.

The disease attacks a dog's intestinal tract, white blood cells and, in some cases, the heart muscle. It's similar to influenza among humans, where the very young and the weakest are the most susceptible. Puppies are the most common victims. The parvovirus can remain undetected up to 14 days after exposure although symptoms usually appear within five to seven days. The first signs of infection are depression or listlessness, loss of

appetite, vomiting and severe diarrhea. Dehydration is the most life-threatening aspect of parvovirus, and most deaths occur within 48 to 72 hours following the onset of clinical symptoms. However, fatalities may be avoided if treatment begins immediately. Consult your veterinarian as soon as possible if you think your dog has contracted parvovirus. (Distemper, another potentially fatal disease in dogs, has similar symptoms to parvovirus.) Even if a dog recovers, it still may be contagious for up to three weeks and infect other dogs.

One of Show Low's animal control officers, Doug Brinkerhoff, says they pick up an average of 50 animals a month, 70% of

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Calendar of Events

Family Aquatic Center: 532-4130

• Recreation: 532-4140

• Public Library: 532-4070

- 08/02** 9 a.m., City Park, Senior Field
Itty Bitty Olympics (boys & girls, 6 years & under)
- 08/04** **Swimming Lessons** (Session 4) begin, Aquatic Center
- 08/04** 6–7 p.m., Show Low Junior High North Field
Dog Obedience classes begin (for dogs 4 months+)
- 08/05** 9:15–10 a.m., Recreation conference room
Seated Exercise Class begins
- 08/05** 10:15–11 a.m., City Park, Old Pavilion
Beginning Tai Chi classes begin
- 08/05** Council Chambers
5 p.m., **City Council Study Session**
7 p.m., **City Council Regular Meeting**
- 08/07** 2 p.m., **Treasure Hunt**, Aquatic Center
- 08/09** **FREE Concert in the Park**, City Park
5:30 p.m., *High Country Barbershop Quartet*
7 p.m., *The Desert Sons* (traditional Western)
- 08/11** 7:30 a.m., **Senior Healthy Hike**, meet at Aquatic Center
- 08/12** City Park Ballfields (register through 08/05)
Fall Ball Coed Softball League begins
- 08/12** 6:30 p.m., The Chalet Restaurant
Joint Meeting between Show Low City Council and Pinetop-Lakeside Town Council
- 08/12** 7 p.m., Council Chambers
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 08/13** Show Low Junior High School (register through 08/06)
Women's Fall Volleyball League begins (15 years & over)
- 08/13** City Park, Senior Field (register through 08/06)
Men's Flag Football League begins (8-man teams)
- 08/13** 1:30 p.m., Public Library (book: [Going Back to Bisbee](#))
Arizona Humanities Book Discussion Group
- 08/13** 2 p.m., **Fishing for Gold**, Aquatic Center
- 08/14** Noon–1:30 p.m., Pat's Place
Show Low Library Friends meeting (open to the public)
- 08/14** City Park Ballfields (register through 08/05)
Fall Ball Men's "A" Softball League begins
- 08/15** 5–9 p.m., Aquatic Center (food, games, prizes and fun!)
Back to School Bonanza (open to the public)
- 08/16** 5 p.m., Show Low Intermediate School
Show Low Historical Society fundraising dinner followed by a special presentation by **Jim Paxon** in the School District auditorium (call 532-7115 to purchase tickets)
- 08/18** 6–8 p.m., Recreation conference room
Pine Needle Basketry class begins
- 08/19** 2 p.m., **Treasure Hunt**, Aquatic Center
- 08/19** Council Chambers
5 p.m., **City Council Study Session**
7 p.m., **City Council Regular Meeting**
- 08/21** 7 p.m., Council Chambers
Show Low Historical Society meeting
guest speaker: Julian Castillo
- 08/23** 8th Annual **Tri In the Pines** (15 years & over)
Register through 08/06 at Recreation office
- 08/25** 7:30 a.m., **Senior Healthy Hike**, meet at Aquatic Center
- 08/26** 7 p.m., Council Chambers
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 08/28** 6–9 p.m., location to be announced
5-week **Beginning Woodcarving** begins (ages 18+)
- 08/30** 9 a.m.–dusk, City Park, Senior Field
White Mountain Storytelling Festival & Wild West Fest (storytellers, 10K run/walk, chili cook-off, music, fun!)

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which are dogs. Over half of these dogs are infected with the parvovirus. The virus is resistant to extremes in environmental conditions, can survive for many months and may be present in fecal material of infected dogs. It is readily transmitted on the hair or feet of infected dogs or through contaminated cages, shoes or other objects. The virus poses no harm to humans or other types of animals, but they can carry it to your dog. Consequently, it's extremely important to properly clean and disinfect cages, kennels and other areas where infected dogs are kept to control the spread of the virus. A mixture of one part household bleach to 30 parts water is an effective disinfectant.

Do not let your dog come in contact with the fecal waste of other dogs when walking in a park, playground or along streets. This is especially important if your dog is less than six months old. Prompt and proper disposal of fecal material is always advisable.

Dogs of all ages should be vaccinated against parvovirus, distemper, rabies and other viruses. See your veterinarian about vaccinations, duration of immunity and a recommended schedule for inoculation.

Forest health grant awarded

The City of Show Low recently received word that \$318,000 in grant funds is forthcoming from the Arizona State Land Department. The money will be used to thin approximately 1,000 acres of private property between US60 and SR260 (Clark Road), south of Whipple. This mitigation project is another step to protect Show Low and the White Mountains from the threat of wildfires. It also is aimed at restoring the forest to a less dense, healthier state. The extremely dry conditions over the last several years have weakened many trees, leaving them susceptible to disease, infestation and wildland fires. A comprehensive plan between the City and private property owners will be developed very shortly.

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