

Show Low News



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General Election set for May 18

Congratulations to everyone who voted in the City's Primary Election on March 9, 2004. Because no candidate received more than one-half of the total votes cast, the top two vote-getters per open seat will run in the May 18, 2004 General Election. Again, the designated polling place is the Show Low City Council Chambers at 200 West Cooley. The polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election day.

Voters will cast their ballots for the Mayor's seat and three Council seats. Any citizen not currently registered to vote or who must re-register because of a name change, change in party designation, or change of physical residence must register by April 19 to vote in the General Election. Also, early mail ballots may be requested by May 7. A ballot will be mailed to the address you specify. Call 532-4060 or 1-800-668-3867 for more information.

Candidates

Mayor (you will be asked to vote for one of the following candidates):

John Corder Rick Fernau

City Council (you will be asked to vote for no more than three of the following candidates):

Michael Aroner Gordon Kearl Darrell Purcell
Daryl Seymore Michael Sipes Gerry Whipple

Alternative expenditure limitation

This proposition was on the Primary Election ballot and was passed by a majority of the voters. The reauthorization of the alternative expenditure limitation – home rule option is valid for another four years. Two conditions were placed by the City Council on the home rule option to protect our citizens. The first requires the City to keep a \$1 million cash reserve. The second is that the City Council cannot increase any taxes unless 75% of the Council members vote for the increase.



Polling procedures

Anyone who voted in the March Primary Election experienced firsthand the new procedures for voting and processing ballots. The same equipment will be used in the General Election. When federal legislators in 2002 decertified punch cards as ballots, Navajo County purchased optical scanning equipment. Voters color in the appropriate oval to cast a vote, put their voted ballot into a secrecy envelope, and insert the ballot into a tallying machine. Those unaccustomed to the new system will receive training from the poll workers as needed.

Conditions signal severe fire season ahead

Continuing long-term drought, warmer and drier-than-normal conditions, rapidly decreasing late winter snowpack, and significant insect damage point to a dangerous fire season ahead. Fire and climatological experts predict critical conditions beginning in May and extending into July. These are only predictions, but it's important to begin preparations before the need arises.

As the Rodeo-Chediski Fire taught us, an emergency can develop almost overnight. None of us like the thought of being forced from our homes, but danger can strike at any time. Do you have an evacuation kit prepared for you and your family? Do you have a family emergency plan, with contact names and strategies mapped out? Have you thought of a place to stay in case you have to leave your home? Are you thinning and clearing your property according to fire-safe defensible landscaping guidelines? Have you created a "safety zone" around your home

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Project Clean Sweep

Do you have any unwanted household items to throw out? You could turn your junk into dollars through the "Cash for Trash" program. Now is the perfect time to rake your yard, trim tree limbs, bag your green waste and debris, rid yourself of unwanted furniture, and bundle limbs and branches.

The sixth annual Project Clean Sweep kicks off this month.



This City-sponsored program helps property and business owners clean and beautify their properties through a variety of services. Project Clean Sweep is offered to City of Show Low residents only. Proof of residency is required by showing either a current utility statement or a valid driver's license listing a street address.

In April, City crews will remove weeds and

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Calendar of Events

Public Library: 532-4070

Family Aquatic Center & Recreation: 532-4140

Family Storytime, Thursdays, 10 a.m., Public Library
Chess Club, Tuesdays, 4 p.m. (call 532-4070 for location)

- 04/06** Council Chambers
6 p.m., City Council Special Meeting
- 04/08** Noon, Licano's (new members welcome)
Show Low Library Friends monthly meeting
- 04/10** 9:30 a.m., City Park, Senior Field
Wal-Mart Hare Raising Fun Easter Celebration (ages 10 and under), with food booths, games, prizes, Easter egg hunt
- 04/10** 2 p.m., Aquatic Center
Underwater Easter Egg Hunt (ages 11-17)
- 04/12** **Swim Lessons** begin (register by 4/09), Aquatic Center
- 04/12** 6–8 p.m., Aquatic Center
 Two-week **Lifeguard Training** classes (ages 15+)
- 04/13** 7 p.m., Council Chambers
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 04/14** 1:30 p.m., Public Library
Book Discussion Group (book: [Life of Pi](#))
- 04/16** **Summer Men's and Co-ed Softball Leagues** registration ends; play begins 04/27 (ages 16+)
- 04/20** Council Chambers
6 p.m., City Council Regular Meeting
- 04/21** 2:45 p.m., Recreation conference room
Rainsticks Craft Class (grades 2-6)
- 04/21** 3:30–4:30 p.m., Public Library (ages 8+)
Book Discussion Group for kids (book: [The Warm Place](#))
- 04/23** **Memorial Day Men's Softball Tournament** registration begins (ages 16+); play 05/29 & 05/31
- 04/24** Show Low Junior High North Field (6-week training)
8–9 a.m., Puppy Training (dogs 4-10 months old)
9:30–10:30 a.m., Dog Obedience (dogs 4 months+)
- 04/24** 2–4 p.m., **Show Low Family Aquatic Center's 10-Year Anniversary Celebration** (games, swimming, music, refreshments = family fun!)
- 04/27** 7 p.m., Council Chambers
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 04/28** **Start Smart Baseball** registration ends (baseball skills program for ages 3-5); play begins 05/05
- 04/30** 1 p.m., Show Low Intermediate School
Arbor Day Celebration



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operate street-sweeping equipment along the Deuce of Clubs and in the downtown area. City employees 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," scheduled for May 15, is a program in which residents receive cash for delivering large, unwanted items to a City facility. The May newsletter will list acceptable items and prices. No commercial waste items will be accepted.

Waste Management will provide free excess garbage collection from June 7 through 11. Residents who are billed for City water and/or sewer services receive this benefit. From June 14 through 18, City employees will visit households that have requested free bulky item pickup. From June 17 through 19, the City will place dumpsters at City Hall and the Elks Lodge for use by residents.

For further information about Project Clean Sweep, contact David Franson at 532-4042 or Carson Harris at 532-4051. We can work together to keep Show Low clean, safe, and beautiful!

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to reduce potential exposure to flames and radiant heat? Are you deep-watering your trees regularly, especially as dry conditions continue? Have you cleaned your roof and gutters of debris? If you answered no to any of the above questions, now is the time to prepare.

A disaster supply kit can be assembled fairly easily, but it requires some advance planning. The kit should contain emergency supplies for at least three days, including a battery-operated flashlight and radio, matches in a waterproof container, extra batteries, non-perishable food, drinking water (one gallon per person per day), an extra change of clothing and footwear per family member, personal hygiene items, blankets or sleeping bags, a first-aid kit (including prescription medications), cash or traveler's checks, an area map, and a list of important telephone numbers and addresses. Put everything in something portable, like a couple of backpacks or rugged plastic containers with handles.

Take advantage of the City's Project Clean Sweep program, free to any Show Low resident. Although the City does not have the manpower to help you clean your property, we can haul away your green waste, trash, and other debris. Through our "Cash for Trash" program, we pay you when you deliver items to a City facility.

The City was awarded grant funding to reimburse owners for thinning their properties. The grant covers mainly the southern portions of Show Low, so you need to verify that your property is included. Contact Lloyd Wilmes, Grant Program Manager, at 521-3243 to determine your eligibility. City staff has submitted additional applications to secure grant funding to cover other areas within the city.

Is your house number affixed to or painted on your home? Section 7-15-6 of the City Code requires that the number be conspicuously placed within one foot of the front door (if it faces the street) or six feet above the ground on the building nearest the street. This number is critical if emergency personnel are called to the scene.

Wildfires are unpredictable. It's only a matter of time before history repeats itself. Let's not get caught with our guard down.

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