

# Show Low News



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## City seeks input for CIP projects

The City of Show Low is beginning the 2004-2005 fiscal year budget process. Planning for future funding Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) projects is done in conjunction with this process.

The CIP was introduced in Show Low in 1993 to prioritize major capital projects and provide the financing mechanisms to ensure projects were funded and completed. Before the CIP was established, major projects like the 1987 transportation plan did not get funded because they were considered "too large" to fit into the budget. Under the CIP, resources are allocated to capital projects before the remainder of the budget is developed. These resources become a priority in the budget process.

The overall goal of the CIP is to provide a framework to identify capital needs or projects, evaluate the requested projects and develop a fiscal plan to fulfill them. To implement the CIP, a five-year plan is created and projects are scheduled for a given year. The projects requested now will be programmed in fiscal year 2009 (July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009). Any citizen who feels a specific project should be considered may submit the project's name using the Project Request Worksheet (see back page).

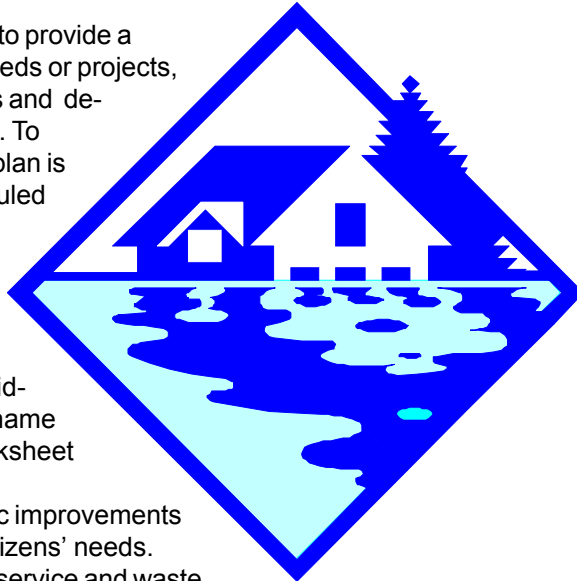
As a community grows, public improvements must be considered to meet citizens' needs. These needs range from water service and waste disposal to recreational resources, such as parks and community centers. Needs include replacing or improving deteriorated infrastructure, facilities and equipment.

After the capital projects are identified, they are evaluated by a committee consisting of City Council members and staff on their technical, operational, social and economic development merits. Safety concerns and citizens' support constitute over one-third of the points allocated in the evaluation. Each member of the committee ranks the projects, and the total of all members' ratings results in a recommended project prioritization submitted to the Council.

The Mayor and Council are ultimately responsible for project prioritization and approving the CIP. Staff members will provide background information to the Council on how this year's CIP was developed. Comments received from the public also will be presented, with the differences between the recommended prioritization and public opinion noted. Based on this information, the Mayor and Council will set and finalize the five-year capital improvements program by motion.

Capital projects are defined as projects totaling more than \$50,000. Since citizens may not be aware of specific costs for a particular project, all requests should be submitted, regardless of cost. If the project totals less than \$50,000, the request may be considered through the regular budget process.

Citizens are invited to submit projects for consideration by February 27, 2004. Contact Public Works Director Kevin Heberle at 532-4091 if you have questions.



## Counting down to the March Primary

Ready to vote in the March 9, 2004 Primary Election? Voters will cast their ballots for the Mayor's seat, three Council seats and the alternative expenditure limitation. The designated polling place is the Show Low City Council Chambers, 200 West Cooley. It will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election day.

As a reminder, the last day to register or make changes to vote in the Primary Election is February 9, 2004. If you moved since registering to vote, changed your name or want to change party designation, you must re-register. Voter registration forms are available at City Hall.

Any registered voter may request that an early ballot be mailed to them. The deadline to request an early ballot is February 27, 2004. Call 532-4060 to request one.

### Candidates

#### Mayor (select one):

John Corder, Bob Delzer, Rick Fernau

#### City Council (select no more than three):

Michael Aroner, Gordon Kearn, Gregory Kozakiewicz, Darrell Purcell, Shirley Mae Sanguigni, Daryl Seymore, Michael Sipes, Keith Skillin, William Thomas, Gerry Whipple

Any candidate receiving a majority of all votes cast at the Primary Election will be declared elected without running in the General Election. If a General Election is necessary, it will be held May 18, 2004.

### Polling procedures

Voters will notice new procedures for voting and processing ballots. Federal legislators in 2002 decertified punch cards as ballots. Instead, the ballots will now be optically scanned. Voters will be asked to color in the appropriate "bubble" to cast a vote, put their voted ballot into a secrecy envelope, then insert the ballot into a tallying machine. The new process is simple to use but poll workers will provide training as needed.

### Alternative expenditure limitation

This proposition will be on the Primary Election ballot. In 1996, Show Low's voters approved an

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# Calendar of Events

Public Library: 532-4070

Family Aquatic Center & Recreation: 532-4140

- 02/03 6 a.m.–7 p.m., Council Chambers  
**Presidential Preference Election** (Democrats only)
- 02/04 Council Chambers  
5 p.m., **Board of Adjustment Special Meeting**  
6 p.m., **City Council Special Meeting**
- 02/05 7–10 p.m., Council Chambers  
**City Council Candidates Forum** (LIVE broadcast)
- 02/07 **Youth Basketball League** play begins (grades 1-6)
- 02/09 6–10 p.m. (ages 15+)  
**Spring Coed Volleyball** play begins
- 02/10 7 p.m., Council Chambers  
**Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**
- 02/11 1:30 p.m., Public Library (book: Cold Mountain)  
**Book Discussion Group**
- 02/12 noon, Pizza Hut (new members welcome)  
**Show Low Library Friends** monthly meeting
- 02/13 7–9 p.m., Family Aquatic Center  
**Freaky Friday** (drop off your children for fun and games)
- 02/14 **Valentine Romance Book Sale**, Public Library
- 02/16 **Presidents' Day** (City offices closed)
- 02/17 Council Chambers  
6 p.m., **City Council Regular Meeting**
- 02/18 2:45 p.m., Recreation Conference Room  
**Mardi Gras Mask** craft class (grades 2-6)
- 02/21 6:30–9 p.m., Family Aquatic Center  
**Mardi Gras, Show Low Style** (family fun event)
- 02/24 5–5:30 p.m., Public Library (all ages)  
**Dr. Seuss Party** (celebrate with cake and door prizes)
- 02/24 5 p.m., meet at Public Library  
**City Council/Ad Hoc Library Committee Meeting**
- 02/24 7 p.m., Council Chambers  
**Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**
- 02/24 7–9 p.m., Family Aquatic Center  
**Teen Night Challenge** (games, activities and refreshments)

City of Show Low, Arizona

## Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Budget

# Project Request Worksheet

### Description of Project/Item Proposed

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Estimated Cost \_\_\_\_\_

### Benefit to Community

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Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone (work): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (home): \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline to submit form to City Hall is February 27, 2004**

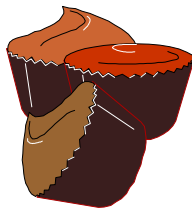
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alternative expenditure limitation and reauthorized it in 2000 for another four years. (The state-imposed expenditure limitation was approved by Arizona voters in 1980 to control the growth of government spending and keep tax increases under control. Cities were allowed to spend what they spent in 1979, increased only by inflation and increases in each city's permanent population.) The state's expenditure limitation rules do not allow expenditures to increase to offset the impact of people coming to Show Low to shop, visit or live for part of the year.

The state-imposed expenditure limitation is subject to exclusions. One of these is the issuing of debt. The City could access the restricted cash in its bank account by issuing debt but would incur substantial financing charges. To reduce the City's need to go into debt, the Council is proposing reauthorizing the alternative expenditure limitation, with two conditions: (1) A \$1 million cash reserve is required and (2) the Council cannot increase tax rates unless 75% of the Council votes for the increase.

## Calling all chocoholics!

The White Mountain Chocolate Experience is coming! Get set to indulge your wildest chocolate fantasies on March 13, 2004 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Festival Marketplace. Vendors will sell edible chocolate products as well as other chocolate-related items. Mark your calendars now.



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