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Candidates file papers to run in 2004 elections

The Spring 2004 elections are approaching quickly. The March 9, 2004 Primary Election ballot will ask voters to choose from three candidates for the Mayor's seat and 10 candidates for three Council seats. The ballot also will include the alternative expenditure limitation - home rule option.

This is the first election in which voters will directly elect Show Low's Mayor. Below is a list of the candidates:

Mayor (voters may vote for one of the following candidates):

John Corder, Bob Delzer, Rick Fernau

City Council (voters may vote for three of the following candidates):

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

The terms for Vice Mayor Delzer and Council members Rick Fernau, Ken King and William Thomas expire in June 2004. Three of these incumbents have chosen to

run for re-election. Current Mayor Gene Kelley will serve as Mayor until June 2004, when the newly elected Mayor takes office. Mayor Kelley will then serve as a City Councilman through June 2006.

Any candidate who receives 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

Because this election is not combined with state elections, the only designated polling place is the Show Low Council Chambers, 200 West Cooley. It will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election day. Unlike 2002, this is not a ballot-by-mail election. However, voters may request that an early ballot be mailed to them. Call 532-4061 for information.



On election day, voters will notice new equipment for voting and processing ballots. Federal legislators in late 2002 banned the use of punch cards. As a result, Navajo County (with whom the City contracts to administer elections) purchased optical scanning equipment. The ballots will look similar to test answer cards, with the voter coloring in the appropriate "bubble" to cast a vote. Poll workers will provide training as needed.

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Burn permit notice

As of December 2003, the Show Low Fire Department will issue burn permits, not the police department. Permit applications may be submitted directly to the fire department Monday through Thursday between 9 and 11 a.m. Contact Jack Babb, Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal, with questions about burn permits at 537-5100.

Bare-root planting season is here

Bare-root plants are dormant perennial plants that are dug up and stored without any soil around their roots. The types of plants you will likely buy "bare-root" are fruit trees, ornamental trees and shrubs, strawberries, raspberries, roses, asparagus and perennials.

The ideal time to plant trees and shrubs is during the dormant season in the fall after leaves drop off the trees or early spring before buds form. If your bare-root plant has a soil level mark that would be a darker color than the trunk, this is the level at which the plant should be planted to ensure continued growth. If your plant does not have a mark, the best level for the crown (the area where the rootstock roots originate) is at ground level or even two to three inches above the ground.

Dig a shallow, broad planting hole as much as three times the diameter of the root, but only as deep as the roots. A wide hole provides room for the roots to push through the surrounding soil

to get established. Spread the roots out evenly. Did you know that the majority of the root on the newly planted tree will develop in the top 12 inches of soil?

Make sure the tree is straight, then fill the hole gently but firmly. Water the plant thoroughly, making sure the soil around the roots is moist. It's best not to 't apply fertilizer at the time of planting. Studies show that trees will establish more quickly and develop stronger trunks and root systems if they are not staked at the time of planting. If staking is required for protection from lawn mower damage, vandalism or wind, remove support staking and ties after the first year of growth.

A two-inch layer of mulch such as leaf litter, pine straw, shredded bark, peat moss or wood chips should be applied at the base of the newly planted tree. This will act as a blanket to hold moisture, moderate temperature extremes and reduce

See back page for a list of recommended trees and shrubs for Show Low's elevation (6,300 feet).

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Calendar of Events

Public Library: 532-4070
Recreation & Family
Aquatic Center: 532-4140

- * Every Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. is **Family Night at the Aquatic Center**. Parents swim for free with a paying child.
- * The **Chess Club** (open to all ages) meets Tuesdays from 4 to 7 p.m. Call the library at 532-4070 for the location.

- 01/01 New Year's Day**
(City offices closed)
- 01/04 Youth Basketball League** registration deadline
Play begins 01/18 (open to boys & girls in grades 1-6)
- 01/06 Council Chambers**
6 p.m., City Council Regular Meeting
- 01/07 Men's Basketball League** registration ends
Play begins 01/20 at jr. high campus gym (ages 15+)
- 01/07 4 p.m., Family Aquatic Center**
After School Steering Committee Meeting
(help plan and organize an after school youth program)
- 01/07 Start Smart Basketball** begins until 02/18 (ages 3-5)
Wednesdays, 5:30–6:30 p.m., at primary school gym
- 01/08 Noon, Asia Garden** (new members welcome)
Show Low Library Friends Monthly Meeting
- 01/13 7 p.m., Council Chambers**
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 01/14 1:30 p.m., Public Library** (book: Funeral Maker)
Book Discussion Group
- 01/17 6–8:30 p.m., City campus gym** (760 E. McNeil)
Iceberg Ice Cream Social (family fun!)
- 01/20 Council Chambers**
6 p.m., City Council Regular Meeting
- 01/21 2:45 p.m., Recreation conference room**
"Chinese New Year" craft class (grades 2-6)
- 01/24 Youth Basketball League** registration ends
Play begins 02/07 (grades 1-6)
- 01/27 7 p.m., Council Chambers**
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 01/28 Spring Coed Volleyball** registration ends
Play begins 02/09 from 6–8:30 p.m. (ages 15+)

Check out **City 4 Television** and the **City's Web site** at www.ci.show-low.az.us for more information

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Voter registration

Navajo County maintains all voter registration information. If you moved since registering to vote, changed your name or want to change party designation, you must re-register to vote. If you're not sure of your status, call the City Clerk's office at 532-4061 and we'll check Navajo County's voter registration rolls for you. Or, you may contact the county directly by calling (928) 524-4192. Voter registration forms are available at City Hall. The last day to register or make changes to vote in the Primary Election is February 9, 2004.

Alternative expenditure limitation

In 1996, Show Low's voters approved an 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, hopefully, 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.

Bare-root planting...*continued from front page*

competition from grass and weeds. A mulch-free area, one to two inches wide at the tree's base, is recommended to prevent bark decay.

At this point, minor pruning of branches damaged during the planting process may be done. Otherwise, it is best to wait until after a full season of growth before doing any corrective pruning. Routine care and favorable weather conditions will ensure that your new tree or shrub will grow and thrive. If you have questions about the care of your trees, contact the Navajo County Cooperative Extension office at 532-6139 or (928) 524-6271.

Recommended TREES for Show Low's elevation:

Rocky Mountain maple, big-tooth maple, amur maple, Boxelder, thin leaf alder, water birch, northern catalpa, netleaf hackberry, eastern redbud, western redbud, purple smoketree, English hawthorn, New Mexican olive, green ash, velvet ash, honeylocust, Arizona walnut, crabapple, sycamore or London planetree, Arizona sycamore, lanceleaf cottonwood, narrow-leaf cottonwood, Fremont cottonwood, quaking aspen, American wild plum, western chokecherry, flowering plum, Mayday tree, New Mexico locust, black locust and New Mexico elder.

Recommended SHRUBS for Show Low's elevation:

Mescal, Saskatoon alder-leaf/serviceberry, Utah serviceberry, false indigo, indigobush, kinnikinnick, bearberry, four-wing saltbrush, algerita, buckbush, dwarf mountain mahogany, mountain mahogany, rabbitbrush, red osier dogwood, Apache plume, cliff fendlerbush, ocean spray/rock cliff/rock spirea, creeping grapeholly, beargrass, cholla and prickly pear cactus, sand penstemon, mountain ninebark, shrubby cinquefoil, golden currant, Wood's wild rose, silver buffaloberry, snowberry, common lilac, banana yucca, Great Plains yucca and soaptree yucca.