

Show Low Monthly News

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Don't forget to vote on March 9!

The City's Primary Election is Tuesday, March 9, 2004. 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, three Council seats and the alternative expenditure limitation. Please note you must have registered to vote by February 9 to vote in the Primary Election.

Candidates

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

John Corder Bob Delzer Rick Fernau

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

Michael Aroner Gordon Kearl 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. (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, 2004 to vote in the General Election.)

Polling procedures

Registered Democrats who voted in February's Presidential Preference Election noticed the new procedures for voting and processing ballots. The same procedures will be used for the City's Primary Election.

Federal legislators in 2002 decertified punch cards as ballots. Consequently, ballots are now optically scanned. Voters must 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. Based on the responses at the Presidential Preference Election, the new process is simple to use. For those who have not used the new system, 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 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.

Get ready for spring cleaning

City staff is getting ready to kick off the sixth annual Project Clean Sweep in April. This City-sponsored program assists property and business owners with cleanup and beautification with a variety of services through June.

Now is the time to start sorting through your household items to see what you don't want to keep. Maybe you can make some quick cash through the "Cash for Trash" program. It is also the perfect time to trim limbs, rake the yard, and gather your green waste and debris.

In April, City crews will remove weeds and 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" is scheduled for May 15, 2004. Residents will be paid cash for delivering large, unwanted items to a City facility. The May newsletter will list the acceptable items and prices. However, no commercial waste items will be accepted.

From June 7 through 11, 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 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.

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

Forthcoming monthly newsletters will provide more details. For further information about Project Clean Sweep, contact David Franson at 532-4042. Let's keep Show Low beautiful!



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Calendar of Events

Public Library: 532-4070

Family Aquatic Center & Recreation: 532-4140

Family Swim Nights – Every Monday night in March from 7 to 9 p.m. (parents get in FREE when accompanying a paying child at the Family Aquatic Center)

- 03/02** Council Chambers
6 p.m., City Council Special Meeting
- 03/03** 4 p.m., Family Aquatic Center
After-school Steering Committee Meeting (come help us organize an after-school program for Show Low's youth)
- 03/09** Council Chambers (polls open 6 AM to 7 PM)
City of Show Low PRIMARY ELECTION
- 03/10** 1:30 p.m., Public Library
Book Discussion Group
- 03/10** 5 p.m., Council Chambers
City Council Study Session
- 03/10** 7 p.m., Council Chambers
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 03/11** Noon, RT's Black Bull (new members welcome)
Show Low Library Friends monthly meeting
- 03/12-** 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Public Library
- 03/13** Show Low Library Friends' **Mystery Book Sale**
- 03/16** Council Chambers
6 p.m., City Council Regular Meeting
- 03/17** 4 p.m., Family Aquatic Center
After-school Steering Committee Meeting (come help us organize an after-school program for Show Low's youth)
- 03/17** 2:45 p.m., Recreation Conference Room (grades 2-6)
Handmade Kites craft class (fly your kite on 03/27)
- 03/22** Registration begins for **Spring Co-ed and Men's Softball Leagues** (ages 16+); play begins 04/26
- 03/23** 7 p.m., Council Chambers
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 03/27** 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Frontier Park (off the Deuce of Clubs on North 9th Place)
Kite Fly'n @ Frontier Park (family fun event)
- 03/30** 6 p.m., Council Chambers
City Council/Planning & Zoning Commission Joint Meeting
- 03/31** Registration begins for **Start Smart Baseball** (a baseball skills program for ages 3-5); play begins 05/05
- 03/31** 4 p.m., Family Aquatic Center
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The White Mountain Chocolate Experience

Ready to indulge your wildest chocolate fantasies? On Saturday, March 13, 2004, the City of Show Low is sponsoring the White Mountain Chocolate Experience from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Festival Marketplace, 1000 East Deuce of Clubs. Vendors will sell edible chocolate products and other chocolate-related items. Check out the kids' play area and enjoy local talent performing throughout the afternoon. Come help us celebrate this inaugural event in the White Mountains.

Come join the Senior Patrol

The Senior Patrol, an award-winning volunteer program for the Show Low Police Department, is accepting applications from candidates meeting the following qualifications:

- 1) 55 years of age or older, retired, male or female.
- 2) In good physical condition, with a valid Arizona driver's license.
- 3) Full-time resident of the White Mountains.
- 4) Willing to work four to five days a month. Patrol shift hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- 5) Able to pass background screening and fingerprinting.

Senior Patrol officers do not carry firearms. Training is provided and uniforms are furnished through donated funds. Contact Lt. Jerry Hix at 532-8094, Lt. Frank Armano at 537-0415 or Debbie Sturdy at 537-5091 to apply.



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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.