

Show Low News



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City prepares for Project Clean Sweep

The City of Show Low is pleased to announce the eighth annual **Project Clean Sweep**, the highly successful, community-wide cleanup and beautification program. Proof of residency within the City of Show Low is required through presenting a current utility statement or a valid driver's license listing a street address. The five components of the program, scheduled for June 2006, include:

- ❖ **Cash for Trash** on Saturday, June 3, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Earn cash for delivering large, unwanted items to a City facility.
 - ❖ **Free Excess Garbage Collection** during the week of June 26 through 30. The City contracts with Waste Management to pick up excess trash—at no charge to residents—four times a year. Normally, residents would pay \$50 to have Waste Management haul away excess trash.
 - ❖ **Free Bulky Item Pickup** from June 5 through 10. Citizens must sign up for this free service provided by City employees.
 - ❖ **Free Dumpster Drop** from June 5 through 10. Citizens may deliver and dump acceptable items at no charge. The list of acceptable items and the dumpster location will be announced in the May newsletter.
 - ❖ **Abandoned Vehicle Pickup** from June 5 through 10. Citizens who sign up for this service can have their abandoned vehicles removed by a contracted business.
- Detailed information will be included in the May and June newsletters. If you have questions, call Cari Bilbie at 532-4100.

Little Leaguers rejoice!

On March 21, 2006, the City Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Arizona Diamondbacks and Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation for the complete renovation of the Little League Field in City Park. The Diamondbacks Foundation will fund the project through charitable donations. An architect has agreed to donate his time to design the project and Summit Builders will donate its profit and overhead costs as general contractor. The City of Show Low is not contributing any money toward the project's completion, but will be responsible for maintaining the field. Renovations include a new, state-of-the-art lighting system; new fencing; bullpens; new sod; a new sprinkler system; and a complete overhaul of the infield and outfield. Construction will begin after the 4th of July when the Little League season concludes.

Primary Election results

The results of the March 14, 2006 Primary Election were officially canvassed by the Show Low City Council on March 21. The ballot asked voters to select three out of six candidates to fill three Council seats, which terms expire June 2006. Incumbent Gene Kelley and current Planning and Zoning Commissioner Rennie Crittenden were elected outright because each received more than 50% of the total ballots cast. Incumbents Virginia Evans and Anne Staffnik received the next greatest number of votes, and the two will vie for the remaining third seat at the May 16, 2006 General Election. Newcomers Melody Judd and Sherrene Caley placed fifth and sixth, respectively. Official election results are posted on the City's website at www.ci.show-low.az.us.

Like the Primary, the General will be conducted as a "vote by mail" election. A ballot will be mailed to every active registered voter beginning April 13. Voters will be asked to select one candidate to fill the open Council seat. Please note that if you moved or your mailing address changed since the Primary Election, you must re-register to vote. By law, ballots cannot be forwarded so they will be returned as undeliverable. The last day to register or re-register to vote in the General Election is April 17, 2006.

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Kids' coloring contest

The City of Show Low and the Show Low Regional Airport are sponsoring an Airport Coloring Contest for kids in kindergarten through 6th grade. Local artist Jim England has created an original design for coloring by local students. Prizes range from airport logo T-shirts and ball caps to balsa wood planes. The contest closes June 1, 2006. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each grade level. All participants will receive a certificate of participation and an activity book. Pick up an entry form at the Interim City Hall, 550 North 9th Place, or the Show Low Public Library, 180 North 9th Street. For more information, contact Mary Atteberry at 532-4080.



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- ❖ "Red flag" weather conditions and fires
- ❖ New police program to stem crime in multi-housing rentals



Calendar of Events

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

- 04/02– **National Library Week**, Public Library
04/08 Get a special bookmark & add your name for prizes!
- 04/04 7 p.m., Council Chambers
City Council Regular Meeting
- 04/07 7–9 p.m., Aquatic Center
Underwater Easter Egg Hunt, ages 11-17
- 04/08 9 a.m., City Park, Senior Field
Wal-Mart Hare Raising Fun Egg Hunt (ages 0-10)
- 04/11 7 p.m., Council Chambers
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 04/13 10 a.m., Public Library (public welcome)
Show Low Library Friends meeting
- 04/14 1–5 p.m., Aquatic Center
Open Swim (no school)
- 04/17 **Spring Swim Lessons** begin (register as of 04/03)
- 04/18 7 p.m., Council Chambers
City Council Regular Meeting
- 04/19 1:30 p.m., Public Library
Book Discussion Group (book: *An Unfinished Life*)
- 04/19 **Memorial Day Softball Tournament** registration begins
- 04/20 3:30–4:30 p.m., Public Library (ages 8+)
Cool Kids Book Discussion Group (book: *Everything on a Waffle*)
- 04/20 7 p.m., Council Chambers
Show Low Historical Society Meeting (board member biennial election)
- 04/22 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Frontier Park
Kite Fly'n (April's Family Fun Event)
- 04/24 **Spring Coed Softball** games begin
- 04/28 7 p.m., Show Low School District Auditorium
& 29 **Beauty and the Beast** (live theater production)

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Voter registration forms are available at the Interim City Hall, 550 North 9th Place. If you are uncertain about your status, call the City Clerk's office at 532-4060 or 532-4061 or the Navajo County Recorder's office at (928) 524-4192.

As in the Primary, **a voted ballot must be inserted into the return envelope and the envelope must be signed by the voter.** Ballots returned in unsigned envelopes will not be counted, as provided by state statute. Voted ballots may be mailed or dropped in the ballot box at the Interim City Hall. They must be received no later than 7 p.m., May 16, 2006.

Direct election questions to 532-4060 or 532-4061.

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City Council adopts "red flag conditions" ordinance

As a forested community, Show Low annually faces the threat of wildfire. On March 7, 2006, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2006-09, which adds emergency fire restrictions to Chapter 10, Offenses, of the Show Low City Code. The change states that when the National Weather Service issues a "Red Flag Alert," the restrictions on open burning and smoking will automatically go into effect in the City.

It means that no open outdoor fires, campfires, charcoal fires or outdoor smoking are permitted on either public or private property within the City. However, outdoor cooking on stoves or grills, which use only propane, butane or other gases, is not prohibited.

In addition, smoking within enclosed buildings and inside vehicles is allowed. Smoking may also be allowed in or on porches, carports, garages, parking lots and other areas or properties cleared of all combustible materials as long as the smoking does not create a substantial risk of fire. Throwing or discarding lit cigarettes, cigars or other smoking materials from a vehicle or from one's possession out of doors is prohibited when emergency fire restrictions are in place.

Violations that do not create a substantial risk of fire are civil, resulting in a fine. Violations that create a substantial risk of fire, or if anyone refuses to comply if ordered by a police officer, are class one misdemeanors, resulting in a fine and/or jail time.

The City plans to use the following methods to communicate whenever "red flag conditions" are in effect: (1) the electronic message board at the intersection of the Deuce of Clubs and Central Avenue, (2) the City's website, (3) notices on City 4 Television, (4) local radio announcements and (5) by dialing "593" on your telephone for fire and fire weather information.

Police department launches crime-free program

Are you a manager or resident of a multi-housing rental facility, like an apartment or townhouse development? Want to learn how to recognize and reduce possible illegal activity? The Show Low Police Department has implemented a free program specifically designed for multi-housing unit dwellers. The intent is to keep drugs and illegal activity out of rental properties, creating a more stable resident base and improving personal safety.

The three-phased program for owners, managers, residents, and operations and maintenance people will explain how to: screen applicants, strengthen rental agreements, create and maintain a safe residential environment, resolve crises, react if you discover illegal activity, go through the eviction process, etc. Phase One is an eight-hour seminar presented by the police and fire departments. Phase Two includes a site assessment to scrutinize security requirements. Phase Three is a crime prevention meeting for residents.

The first eight-hour seminar, targeted for apartment complexes, will be held April 13, 2006. Another session will begin in May for mobile home parks. Future sessions will include hotels and motels. For more information, contact Debbie Sturdy at 537-5091.