

Show Low News



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Free or low-cost resources to help citizens

We are all feeling the effects of our nation's economic woes in our pocketbooks. This month's newsletter provides information to help you, either directly (as city services) or indirectly (through other resources).

online city services

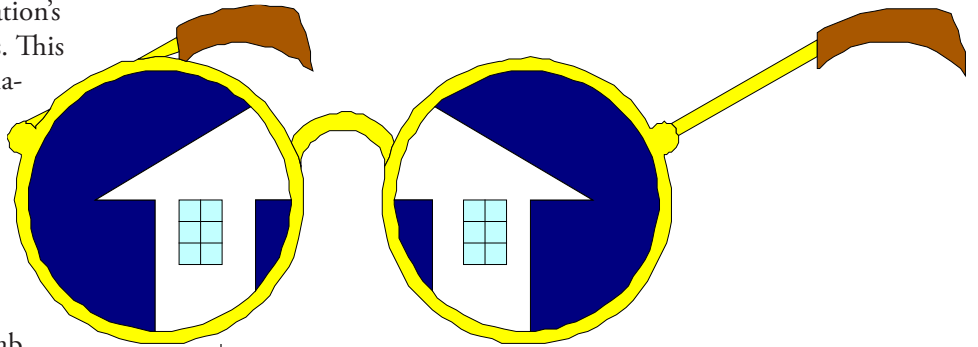
The Internet provides a vast window through which you can access a variety of services and resources. If you do not have a computer or Internet access, our public library's computer lab at 180 N. 9th Street has computers for free public use. At our city's website at showlowaz.gov, you can:

- ❖ Save the cost of a postage stamp by paying your utility bill online. The "Utility Payment" link lets you set up your account using your customer number and name as it appears on the utility bill. Make a one-time payment or automatically charge the balance to a credit card every billing cycle a balance is due. You can also select the day of the month your account is charged.
- ❖ Watch the City Council or Planning and Zoning Commission in action. City 4 Television (use the "City 4 TV Online" link) provides live video streaming of the meetings. You can watch past meetings, too.
- ❖ Find out what the City Council will be discussing at the next meeting by subscribing to an automatic e-mail. Use the "Public Information" tab and follow the instructions.

tree-thinning grant funds

Grant funds are available to reimburse a portion of what it costs you to thin your private property based on the lot's size and area thinned. You will be reimbursed for 50% of your costs up to \$500 per parcel or, on larger tracts, at a rate of 50% of your costs, not to exceed \$500 per acre. Grant administration and reimbursement are handled by the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, Navajo County office. To begin, contact Jan Mathis at 434-0577 (cell) or 367-4588 to conduct an assessment of your property prior to any thinning. She will explain the necessary steps in the process.

Additional grant funds have been secured to help low- to moderate-income property owners thin their properties. Show Low Fire Department personnel will do the thinning work after you are income-qualified. More information on this new program will appear in an upcoming newsletter.



affordable housing

The following apartments in Show Low provide low-cost housing, with some providing subsidies for those who income-qualify. Call for more information.

- ❖ Elk Ridge Apartments
1901 W. Deuce of Clubs, Show Low, (928) 537-2620
- ❖ Grantree Apartments
90 W. Old Linden Rd., Show Low, (928) 537-4080
- ❖ Mountain Oaks Housing for the Elderly
150 N. 5th St., Show Low, (928) 537-1576
- ❖ Mountain Park Townhomes
3060 E. Show Low Lake Rd., Show Low, (928) 532-6300
- ❖ Mountain Village Senior Apartments
301 E. McNeil, Show Low, (928) 532-0646
- ❖ Mountaintop Village Apartments
4850 S. White Mountain Rd., Show Low, (928) 537-3200
- ❖ Ponderosa Meadow Apartments
250 N. 16th Ave., Show Low, (928) 537-5292
- ❖ Ponderosa Park Apartments
981 W. McNeil, Show Low, (928) 537-1022
- ❖ Show Low Apartments
1451 W. McNeil, Show Low, (928) 537-7020
- ❖ Summer's Place Apartments
691 E. Deuce of Clubs, Show Low, (928) 537-9000
- ❖ Timberstone Apartments
200 W. Cooley, Show Low, (928) 537-3983 or 532-0257

foreclosure assistance

The following federal and state agencies and nonprofit organizations have developed free or low-cost foreclosure prevention programs, open to eligible homeowners.

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Calendar of Events

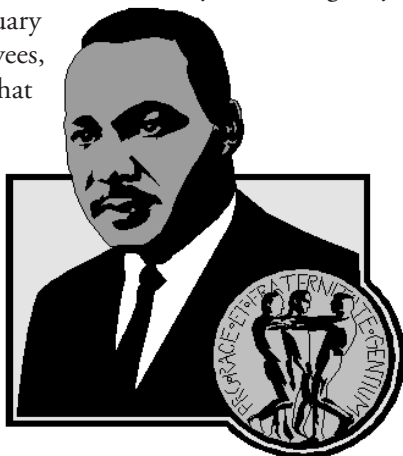
Family Aquatic Center and Recreation: 532-4140
Public Library: 532-4070

- 02/03 7 p.m.**, Council Chambers
City Council Regular Meeting
- 02/06 Men's 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament** registration ends (ages 15+)
- 02/09** Registration begins for **Spring Swim Lessons**
- 02/10 7 p.m.**, Council Chambers
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 02/12 10 a.m.**, Public Library (public welcome), **Show Low Library Friends meeting**
- 02/13 7-9 p.m.**, City Campus Cafeteria
Teen Event—Junior High Dance
- 02/16 Presidents' Day** (City offices CLOSED)
- 02/16 Noon to 5 p.m.**, Aquatic Center (holiday hours)
- 02/17 7 p.m.**, Council Chambers
City Council Regular Meeting
- 02/18 1:30 p.m.**, Public Library (book: The Elephant Man)
Book Discussion Group
- 02/19 3:30-4:30 p.m.**, Public Library
Cool Kids Book Discussion Group (ages 8+) (bring book about friendship)
- 02/20 7-9 p.m.**, Aquatic Center
Mardi Gras (swimming, games, snack bar)
- 02/21 Time TBA**, Show Low Intermediate School Gym
Men's 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
- 02/24 7 p.m.**, Council Chambers
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting

Check out City 4 TV and showlowaz.gov for more information

King Day of Service

The City of Show Low sponsored a community-wide King Day of Service on Monday, January 19. Thank you to the 90 employees, Council members and citizens that met at Show Low Lake to clean the area. We collected 3,000 pounds (100 cubic yards) of trash and debris. Initiated by Congress in 1994, King Day of Service transforms this federal holiday into a national day of community service. It honors civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy to strengthen communities and achieve common goals through volunteerism. The day's motto is "Make it a day on... not a day off!" The city plans to make it an annual event.



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- ❖ U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds free housing counseling services and resources to avoid foreclosure. Call 800-569-4287 or go to hud.gov for counseling agencies and/or foreclosure information.
- ❖ The Arizona Attorney's General Office can help homeowners who suspect they may be victims of fraud, misleading information or deceptive practices by lenders and mortgage originators. Call 800-352-8431 or go to azag.gov.
- ❖ The Arizona Department of Housing and Arizona Housing Finance Authority administer a wide range of affordable housing and community development programs. Contact them at housingaz.com.
- ❖ NeighborWorks is a national network of more than 240 community-based nonprofit organizations in 50 states created by Congress to provide financial support, technical assistance and training for community revitalization efforts. HOPE for Homeowners is a toll-free national hotline that offers free foreclosure prevention and counseling advice (call 888-995-HOPE). Go to nw.org to find a HUD-certified NeighborWorks organization or foreclosure information.
- ❖ NCRC (National Community Reinvestment Coalition) is a national coalition of more than 800 nonprofit organizations that seek to increase the flow of private capital into underserved communities. NCRC's Consumer Rescue Fund (CRF) works with victims of predatory lending to provide mediation, refinancing or renegotiation of mortgages. Call 202-628-8866 or contact CRF online at fairlending.com.
- ❖ NCLR (National Council of LaRaza) is the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in America. NCLR's network provides home ownership counseling and intervention. Call 202-785-1670 or go to nclr.org.
- ❖ NACA (Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America) is a national nonprofit advocacy and homeownership group. Its Refinance Program offers new loans and its Home Save program provides counseling and financial assistance to eligible homeowners. Call 888-302-NACA or go to naca.com.

Trash pickup policy & dates

The City of Show Low contracts with Waste Management to provide trash collection Mondays through Thursdays. During a severe snowstorm, Waste Management relies on its route drivers to determine whether the roads are accessible. If they are impassable, trash collection is generally moved to the following day.

Excess trash collection dates for 2009 are March 2 through 5, May 25 through 28, September 7 through 10, and November 16 through 19.