

Show Low Monthly News



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Project Clean Sweep celebrates 11th year

The 11th annual Project Clean Sweep, Show Low's annual beautification program, moves into high gear in June. The program has given our residents the opportunity to discard unwanted items and earn money while making their properties more attractive and fire-safe.

To participate in the program, you must provide proof of residency within the City of Show Low by presenting a current utility statement. Construction materials will not be accepted. For questions or more information, call Cari Bilbie at 532-4100.

Free excess garbage collection

Waste Management provided free excess trash collection, a quarterly service, May 25 through 28. The next collections are September 7 through 10 and November 16 through 19. Only residents billed for City water and/or sewer services are eligible.

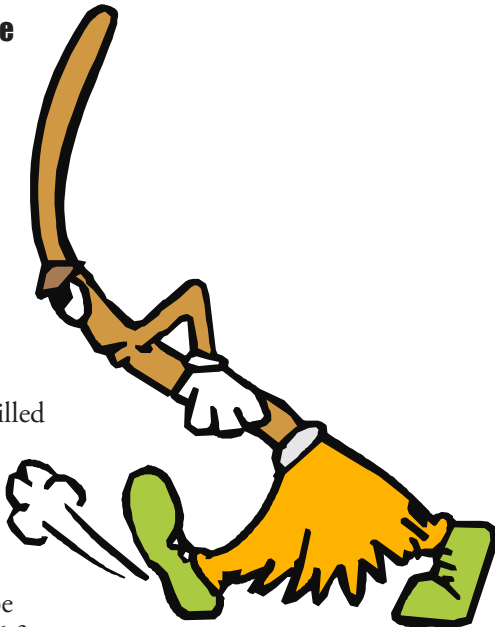
Cash for Trash

Cash for Trash will be held Saturday, June 6 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Only items on the Cash for Trash list will be accepted (*see page 4*) at the public works yard, 1281 E. Thornton. All other items will be turned away. Residents will be asked to provide proof of Show Low residency so bring a current utility statement.

Automobile tires with rims will be accepted for \$1 per tire. Automobile tires without rims will also be accepted but no cash will be given. Batteries will also be accepted for \$1 per battery.

Free bulky item pickup

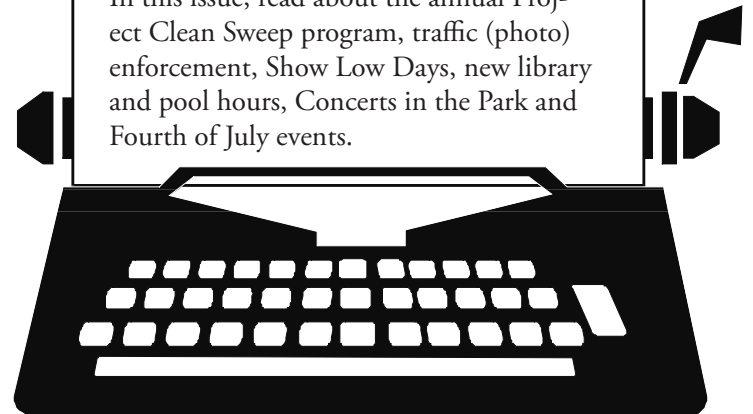
City employees will collect bulky items on your normally scheduled pickup day from Monday, June 8, through Thursday, June



Notice to our readers

Beginning with the July 2009 issue, the Show Low Monthly News will no longer be mailed to our customers. The newsletter will be available online at showlowaz.gov by the 25th of every month. For those without Internet access, our library has computers for free public use. If you prefer a hard copy, we will have them available at city hall, library and family aquatic center. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

In this issue, read about the annual Project Clean Sweep program, traffic (photo) enforcement, Show Low Days, new library and pool hours, Concerts in the Park and Fourth of July events.



Show Low Days: classic cars, arts & crafts & fun!

Join in the fun at the sixth annual Show Low Days, scheduled for June 5, 6 and 7 at Show Low City Park, 1100 W. Deuce of Clubs, with the Still Cruizin' car show and Mountain Festival. This is the largest, free admission, arts, crafts and car show in Show Low, attracting over 10,000 attendees every year. A companion event is a pancake breakfast and fly-in at the Show Low Regional Airport, east of town on US60, on June 6.

Classic-car and festival lovers

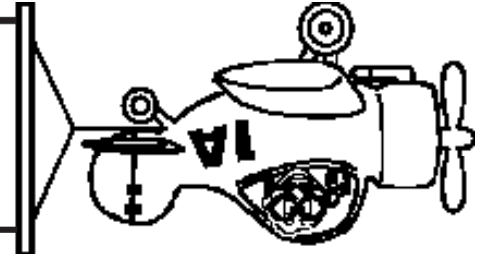
Show Low Days, sponsored by the Show Low Chamber of Commerce, runs Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A highlight of the three-day event is a parade of classic cars on Friday, June 5, at 5:30 p.m.

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Calendar of Events

Go to showlowaz.gov for summer activities for kids and adults, including healthy hikes, teen events, photography, arts and crafts, sports (pickleball, softball, volleyball, tennis, wrestling), dog obedience, dance, diet and nutrition, exercise, water-based fitness classes and martial arts.



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

- 06/01** **Summer Play Days** (ages 5-12) begin (weekly drop-in/drop-out program with sports, crafts, swimming, field trips); **Swimming Lessons** (session 1) begin, Aquatic Center
- 06/01** Registration continues for August 15's **Tri in the Pines** (ages 14+) and **Youth Tri in the Pines** (ages 5-14); registration begins for **Fall Coed Softball** (ages 15+)
- 06/02** **7 p.m.**, Council Chambers, **City Council Meeting**
- 06/05-** **Show Low Days**, City Park, featuring classic cars,
06/07 arts & crafts, vendors, food booths (call Chamber at 537-2326 for more information)
- 06/06** **7–11 a.m.**, Show Low Regional Airport
Fly-In Pancake Breakfast (\$5 adults, \$3 for 12 and under, free to men and women in military uniform)
- 06/08** Registration begins for **Swimming Lessons** (session 2)
- 06/08** **5–8 p.m.**, Show Low Historical Society Museum
Night at the Museum featuring descendants of Show Low's founders and local heroes meeting, greeting and tellin' stories
- 06/09** **7 p.m.**, Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**
- 06/11** **10 a.m.**, Public Library (public welcome)
Show Low Library Friends meeting
- 06/13** **2–3 p.m.**, Public Library
Summer Reading Program kickoff party
- 06/15** **Swimming Lessons** (session 2), Aquatic Center; **Peewee T-Ball** begins (ages 4-6)
- 06/16** **6–9 p.m.**, City Campus Cafeteria
Teen Event: Guitar Hero Tournament (ages 13-18)
- 06/16** **7 p.m.**, Council Chambers, **City Council Meeting**
- 06/17** **1:30 p.m.**, Public Library
Book Discussion Group (book: The Pickup)
- 06/18** **7 p.m.**, Show Low Historical Society Museum
Show Low Historical Society Meeting ("White Mountain Apaches" by Rev. Arthur Guenther)
- 06/20** **FREE Concert in the Park**, City Park, Senior Field
5:30 p.m., Aurora; 7 p.m., Keaton Simons (theme is Knock the Blues Out of Hunger—bring canned/dry goods for collection boxes)
- 06/22** Registration begins for **Women's Volleyball** (ages 15+) and **Swimming Lessons** (session 3)
- 06/22** **Healthy Hikes** (meet at Senior Center, 301 E. McNeil at 7:30 a.m. or at trailhead for Blue Ridge to Springer Mountain Lookout at 7:45 a.m.)
- 06/23** **7 p.m.**, Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**
- 06/27** **Firecracker Coed Softball Tournament** (ages 15+) City Park, Ponderosa and Senior Fields

Fourth of July events

Planning by the city's Parks and Recreation department and several community organizations has begun to celebrate our nation's birthday. Festivities include the June 27 Firecracker Coed Softball Tournament; July 1 Red, White and Blue (patriotic fun with a tropical twist); July 3 Deuces Wild Rodeo at the Vacation Village Arena; and lots of July 4 activities for everyone. There's the Show Low Historical Society's biscuits and gravy breakfast, the parade along the Deuce of Clubs, Duel on the Deuce (arm wrestling tournament), and FreedomFest concerts and festival, culminating in the spectacular fireworks display.

The city is accepting applications until June 19 for parade entrants. This year's theme is "American Summer." The parade begins at 9 a.m. from City Park. Call 532-4140 for more information and a registration packet.

Read more about these family-friendly, fun-filled events in next month's newsletter, available June 25 at showlowaz.gov.

New library and pool hours

The Show Low Public Library, 180 N. 9th Street, now opens at 9 a.m. instead of 8 a.m. during weekdays. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. The building, however, will open at 8 a.m. for citizens wishing to pay their utility bills. The city has created a payment center downstairs.

Get wet at the pool! In time for summer, the Show Low Family Aquatic Center at 1100 W. Deuce of Clubs expanded its hours on May 26. The pool is open Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. for lap swimming, with additional lap swimming times on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

And, the pool offers its popular Splash n' Play parties, where parents can host birthday parties with pool staff assisting. Splash n' Play starts at \$95 for a two-hour reservation and open swim for all guests. General admission is \$1.50 for children, \$3 for adults and \$2 for seniors 55+. Seasonal passes start at \$18.

Traffic safety and enforcement program

Like many American communities, Show Low has both a perceived and demonstrated traffic problem. The Show Low Police Department's goal in the coming year is to increase its focus on improving traffic safety and use technology to make it safer for drivers and pedestrians.

Show Low saw three traffic fatalities within its boundaries between January and December 2008. Each fatality occurred on a state highway. This is a 300% increase over the average over the preceding eight years, when it was 1.25 fatalities annually.

There are approximately 160 roadway miles within the city. Of that total, 22 miles are state highways, 96 miles are city-maintained public roadways and 41 miles are private streets. Looking at the percentages, state highways account for 13.6% of the roadways within the city. In 2008, there were 314 collisions and 217 of them occurred on state highways. In other words, 13.6% of the roadways account for 69% of our collisions. Since the Arizona Department of Public Safety does not regularly conduct enforcement on the highways within Show Low and will not take these collision reports, it is imperative that we proactively reduce the number of collisions on these roadways.

There are many dynamic issues related to traffic safety, including collision rates, fatality rates, speed surveys to study the frequency and severity of violations, and traffic count studies that show how roadway miles could increase with population changes.

While the high accident rates can be attributed to high traffic volumes, they are also the result of higher speeds. As speeds increase, the likelihood of a collision increases. So does the severity of those collisions. For instance, the level of injury for each vehicle's occupants will be much more severe for a car hit broadside at 50 mph compared to a 35 mph broadside hit. As enforcement efforts take hold, expect to see reductions in the average speeds and collisions on all of our roadways.

For example, when Ventura, CA installed 17 red light cameras, crashes at intersections decreased by 80% and crashes throughout the city decreased by 29%. In Washington, DC, the number of speeders went from 1 in 3 down to 1 in 55 over a five-year period. Closer to home, communities such as Prescott Valley, Chandler, Tempe and Scottsdale have all achieved significant reductions in collisions and speed violations after implementing photo enforcement operations.

The Show Low City Council approved a contract with Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc. in November 2008. The parent company is in Australia, but the U.S.-based operation is headquartered in Phoenix. Redflex employs thousands of people around the county and has hired local residents to assist operating photo enforcement in Show Low. Redflex's actions as an employer will continue to boost our economy as we reap the benefits of increased traffic safety.

The contract with Redflex limits the city's exposure to cost overruns. We will not pay any out-of-pocket costs to construct or install any of the enforcement sites. Redflex bears all of these costs and will be paid through a funding formula using only

"paid" citations. We will not pay any general fund (taxpayer) dollars to Redflex to operate or maintain a photo enforcement program because it is entirely funded by violator-paid fines. This means that only the speeders and red-light runners are paying for this system.

In May 2009, the city began a trial implementation of the photo enforcement system using a mobile van. The contract with Redflex had approved up to ten sites, which could include mobile speed vans. The police department identified about 30 different parking locations for the van. The van is typically deployed for three to six hours per location, but could possibly stay at any location for up to 24

hours. Arizona Revised Statutes Section 28-654 requires that warning signs be placed approximately 300 feet in front of the van on roadways with posted speeds above 40 mph. Most of the in-city van locations have speeds between 25 to 35 mph. Warning signs will not be posted in these locations.

On May 19, the Council approved an agreement with the Arizona Department of Transportation allowing construction of the fixed sites. We have applied for construction permits at four locations, with a fifth site pending. Redflex has estimated a two-to four-week construction timeline for each site, depending on weather conditions or other delays.

As each site is implemented, drivers will be allowed a 30-day warning period. The same warning period is being used for speeding citations issued by the mobile van. During this warning period, serious violations and excessive numbers of violations will still be enforced by officers.

Direct questions about the "Focus on Safety" photo enforcement program or traffic safety in general to Sgt. Shawn Roby, Traffic Sergeant, at 537-5091, ext. 255.



City hosts online auction

The City of Show Low is hosting a **public auction of vehicles and surplus items**, including computers, tools and office equipment, beginning 9:00 a.m. June 1, at showlowaz.gov/auction. The auction will close June 17 at 7:00 p.m. Items are available for viewing at the city's public works yard, 1281 E. Thornton, and online. Call Dan Gibson at 532-4111 for more information.

Show Low Days...*continued from cover page*

Called Cruizin' the Deuce, the cars will leave City Park and travel along the Deuce of Clubs to the auto mall (intersection of SR77 and US60), then turn around and return to the parking lot fronting the Chamber of Commerce office.

Classic car enthusiasts will enjoy strolling among the 30 different car classes on view at City Park at the Still Cruizin' car show. Up to 200 cars will be on display, with awards for first and second places in each class. Arts and crafts lovers can choose from a wide array of handmade crafts, fine arts, vendors and food booths at the Mountain Festival.

Kids will enjoy the petting zoo and amusement area. A live disc jockey will play "oldies" all weekend. Donate blood to help others in need. There will be raffle drawings, with an assortment of prizes to please everyone.

Aircraft enthusiasts

The Show Low Regional Airport and EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) Chapter 586 will host the annual Pancake Breakfast and Fly-In on Saturday, June 6, from 7 to 11 a.m. The fly-in is open to the public at no charge. Breakfast will be served for \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 12 years of age and under, and free to men and women in military uniform. Free transportation to and from City Park will be provided.

AvGas (aviation fuel) will be discounted 15 cents a gallon for those who buy breakfast. Proceeds go toward promoting general aviation.

Offer your child the experience of a lifetime by taking an orientation flight around the airport and the city. EAA members will offer free airplane rides to children, 8 to 17 years of age, as part of the Young Eagles Program. Flights are flown by licensed, experienced EAA pilots.

Popular outdoor concerts begin in June

The ever-popular—and FREE—Concerts in the Park series kicks off June 20 at Show Low City Park, 1100 W. Deuce of Clubs, featuring CBS recording artist Keaton Simons. Simons will perform a mixture of rhythm and blues along with several rocking blues covers. Local band, Aurora, takes the stage at 5:30 p.m. with Simons scheduled for 7 p.m. The June 20 concert supports local food banks as we Knock the Blues Out of Hunger. Please bring canned and dry goods to leave in the collection boxes.

Come out and enjoy the cool evening concerts on the Senior Field grass under the stars. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets. No glass containers or dogs are allowed.



Project Clean Sweep...*continued from cover page*

11, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Unlike past years, you are NOT required to schedule a pickup. Place your bulky items next to your polycart on your usual collection day by 7 a.m. City staff will follow the Waste Management route schedule. Large appliances, furniture, tires, etc. will be accepted, but no hazardous materials (liquid paints, oils, pesticides, herbicides, household cleaning products) nor any building materials will be accepted. Unlike "Cash for Trash," you will not be paid for these items.

Free dumping at transfer station

Take your items to the Lone Pine Transfer Station at no charge from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., June 8 (Monday) through June 13 (Saturday). Bring a current City of Show Low utility statement as proof of residency; otherwise, you will be charged dumping fees.

Free dumping does NOT apply to debris and materials from construction sites or commercial refuse, although the transfer station will accept them for a fee. However, the transfer station will not accept hazardous materials including pesticides, herbicides, oils, liquid paints and household cleaning products nor automobile batteries and tires with rims.

Abandoned vehicles

Residents who submitted the required forms by May 29 will have their inoperable vehicles towed by a towing company contracted by the City. Inoperable vehicles with or without a title will be accepted for \$50 per vehicle.

We encourage every citizen to participate in these free programs. The work you do today can lead to a more fire-safe, defensible property and increase its value.

"Cash for Trash" Schedule of Prices

Only items shown below will be accepted. Proof of Show Low residency required (bring a current utility statement).

Appliances

Dishwasher.....	\$3	Microwave.....	\$1
Refrigerator.....	\$5	Stove/range.....	\$3
Television.....	\$2	Washer/dryer.....	\$3
Water heater.....	\$2		

Auto Tires, with rims..... \$1 each

Auto Tires, without rims..... drop-off only; no payment

Vehicle Batteries..... \$1 each

Carpeting (maximum \$10 per customer)

6' x 9' or larger.....	\$4	Less than 6' x 9'.....	\$2
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Furniture

Bed.....	\$3	Bookcase.....	\$3
Chair.....	\$2	Chest of drawers.....	\$3
Couch.....	\$5	Dining table.....	\$5
Lawn furniture.....	\$2		

Motor Vehicles (towed free; call 532-4100 to schedule pickup)

Plumbing Fixtures

Bathtub.....	\$5	Sink.....	\$2
Toilet.....	\$3		

Miscellaneous

Bicycle.....	\$2	Camper shell.....	\$5
Dog house.....	\$2	Swing set.....	\$5