

# Show Low Monthly News



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## Show Low responds to economic downturn

**W**e wrote about the City of Show Low's budget process in January 2009. However, with the ever-increasing media coverage about economic conditions statewide and throughout our country, we feel it is time for reassurance. Show Low is alive and well! Even though we at the City have made cuts to our current fiscal year's operating budget, which runs July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, our financial condition remains fiscally sound.

Yes, we are facing some lean times—and leaner times when the new fiscal year begins July 1, 2009. But it is the responsibility of the City Council and staff to present to you, our citizens, a balanced budget. As part of the alternative expenditure limitation option (also known as “home rule”), we keep a solid reserve to cover us in times of extreme emergency. We

have never had to dip into these funds. To continue to conserve and protect

your taxpayer dollars, we reduced every department's operating expenses, as recently as December. These reductions partially offset the downturn in construction and building activity and sales tax revenues.

We continue to move forward with key capital projects. Some are funded by federal or state grants or bonds (loans), which are strictly earmarked and cannot be used for other purposes. One example is the Whipple Road project (*see article to right*).

We continue to provide full public safety and public works services, such as snow plowing, water and sewer maintenance, pothole repairs, etc. We also plan to continue our community programs, including the Show Low DEAL (after-school) program, teen center and library activities, aquatics programs, City 4 Television broadcasts, recreational events and sports leagues.

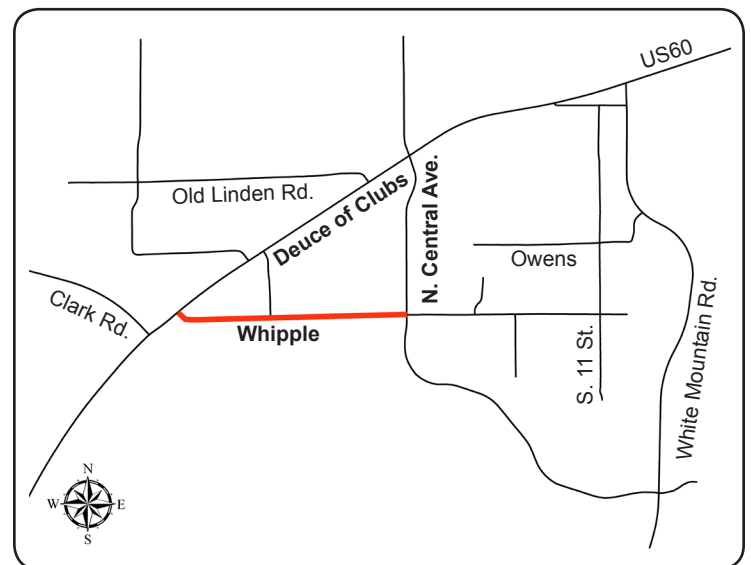
We welcome your participation and want to hear your ideas, which is why we conducted a random survey of our citizens. We

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## Whipple Road to be rebuilt

**A**bout a mile of Whipple Road from the Deuce of Clubs to N. Central Avenue is being rebuilt (*see map below*). Similar to the reconstruction of Old Linden Road, Whipple will have new curbs and sidewalks. Bicycle lanes will be constructed on both sides.

Sewer, water, electric, telephone and cable utilities have been moved in preparation of the road improvement project. Road construction will start in March. For about six months, portions of Whipple will be closed except to local residents. Motorists should seek alternative routes until late September.

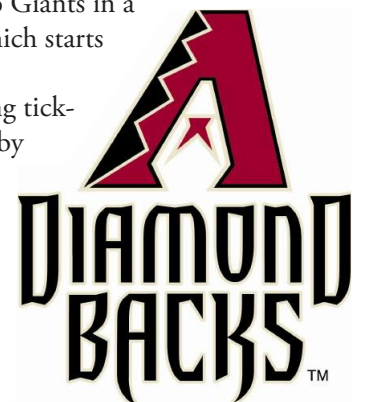


## April 25 is “Show Low Night”

**T**he Arizona Diamondbacks have designated Saturday, April 25, as “Show Low Night” at Chase Field, located at 401 E. Jefferson Street in Phoenix. The Diamondbacks will host the San Francisco Giants in a Major League Baseball game, which starts at 5:10 p.m.

The City of Show Low is selling tickets to the game in areas selected by the Diamondbacks. Tickets are available for \$27.50 each (valued at \$30) in the all-you-can-eat sections and \$10 each in the upper deck. The all-you-can-eat tickets entitle you to hot dogs,

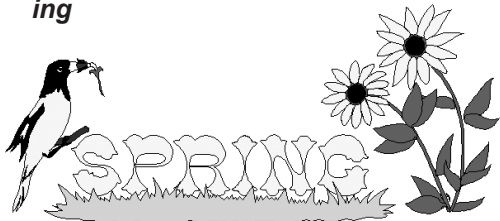
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# Calendar of Events

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

- 03/02- Excess refuse pickup week**
- 03/05** (place excess next to polycart on regular pickup day)
- 03/02 Spring Swim Lessons** begin
- 03/03 7 p.m.**, Council Chambers  
**City Council Regular Meeting**
- 03/09 Coed Summer Softball** registration begins (ages 15+)
- 03/10 7 p.m.**, Council Chambers  
**Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**
- 03/12 10 a.m.**, Public Library (public welcome)  
**Show Low Library Friends** meeting
- 03/17 7 p.m.**, Council Chambers  
**City Council Regular Meeting**
- 03/18 1:30 p.m.**, Public Library (book: La Maravilla)  
**Book Discussion Group**
- 03/19 3:30-4:30 p.m.**, Public Library  
**Cool Kids Book Discussion Group** (ages 8+) (bring favorite book about leprechauns or magical creatures)
- 03/19 7 p.m.**, Show Low Historical Society Museum  
**Show Low Historical Society Meeting** ("History of the English Language," James Jaramillo)
- 03/23- 2-4 p.m.**, Aquatic Center
- 03/26 Spring Breaker** (enjoy crafts, games and fun!)
- 03/24 7 p.m.**, Council Chambers  
**Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**
- 03/31 6 p.m.**, Council Chambers  
**City Council/P&Z Commission Joint Meeting**



Check out City 4 TV and [showlowaz.gov](http://showlowaz.gov) for more information

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popcorn, peanuts, chips, soda and water. Purchase tickets at city hall, 550 N. 9th Place, or the family aquatic center, 1100 W. Deuce of Clubs, while supplies last. You need not be a Show Low resident to participate.

Come cheer on the Diamondbacks to a win, enjoy the camaraderie of your friends and family in a ballpark setting, and have fun. You may even get a few autographs of your favorite ballplayers and appear on television as a Diamondbacks fan!

# Transit system expands in April

The rural transit bus system is being expanded between southern Navajo County and Holbrook. Currently, the buses serve the communities of Show Low and Pinetop-Lakeside, with the southernmost terminus at Hon-Dah Resort, Casino and Conference Center.

The Transit Advisory Committee, comprised of representatives from throughout the region, is discussing and developing the route the buses will travel and the location of bus stops. The expanded route is anticipated to start April 6 and run Monday through Friday.

To help citizens save on fuel costs, the buses will be timed so workers who live in southern Navajo County can travel to communities to the north and be at work by 8:00 a.m. The return route in the late afternoon will drive workers back to their home communities. A midday run is also planned for citizens who need to travel, especially, to medical appointments at Summit Healthcare Regional Medical Center, clinics and area physicians.

Grant monies from the Arizona Department of Transportation are funding the expansion. Participating communities (Show Low, Pinetop-Lakeside, Taylor, Snowflake and Holbrook), Navajo County and Northland Pioneer College will supplement the grant funding to provide service between southern Navajo County and Holbrook. The buses will stop at Safeway in Pinetop-Lakeside, the Department of Economic Security office in Show Low, and in Taylor, Snowflake, the county complex just south of Holbrook, and Holbrook.

Ridership continues to grow in the current system, in place since 1997. In the last year of service, ridership was over 130,000 passengers.

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will share the results of our survey in a future newsletter so you, too, can discover what your friends and neighbors think about our services, programs, projects and activities. And, we will use your comments to help prioritize what needs to be funded.

We also invite you to share in our annual budget process, which has already begun. Every year, we estimate expenses and revenues to fund services and programs. We continue our proactive and conservative approach to keep expenses down as we prepare the 2009-10 budget.

Attend any or all of the budget meetings, held in council chambers at 180 N. 9th Street unless otherwise noted. We held the first of two town hall-style meetings, which are specifically for public input, in January. The last meeting in April and first meeting in May may be canceled if budget discussions are completed. Check meeting dates online at [showlowaz.gov](http://showlowaz.gov) under "public information."

- ❖ Tues., Apr. 7, 6 p.m., budget review at study session
- ❖ Thurs., Apr. 9, 5:30 p.m., town hall for citizen input followed by budget study session (held in library's conference room B)
- ❖ Thurs., Apr. 16, 5:30 p.m., budget study session
- ❖ Thurs., Apr. 23, 5:30 p.m., budget study session
- ❖ Thurs., April 30, 5:30 p.m., budget study session
- ❖ Thurs., May 7, 5:30 p.m., budget study session
- ❖ Tues., May 19, 7 p.m., council consideration of tentative budget
- ❖ Tues., June 16, 7 p.m., council consideration of final budget