

Show Low News



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City seeking requests for capital projects

Every year, the City of Show Low reviews future capital improvements program (CIP) projects for prioritization and funding. The CIP identifies capital needs, evaluates requested projects based on available funding and develops a fiscal plan to fulfill them. A five-year plan is created, with specific projects scheduled for a given year.

The projects requested now will be programmed in fiscal year 2015, which runs July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Any citizen who feels a project should be considered may submit a Project Request Worksheet (see page 4). **Complete the form and mail or drop it off at City Hall, 550 North 9th Place, by Thursday, November 5, 2009.**

Capital projects total more than \$50,000. Since you may not know specific costs, all requests should be submitted regardless of cost. A project less than \$50,000 may be considered through the regular budget process if funds allow. All projects, large or small, are budgeted based on available funding.

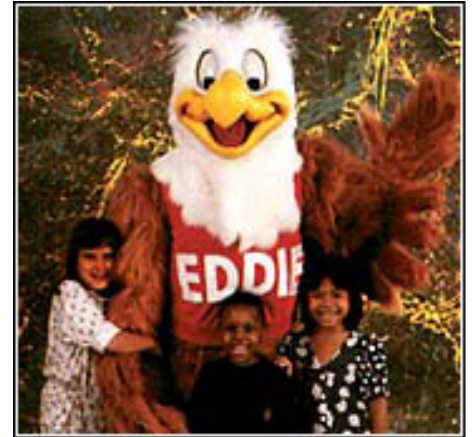
Although only three months have elapsed since the fiscal year began, planning for the next budget year will begin shortly, which includes reviewing future CIP projects.

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Public safety open house

Show Low's police and fire departments are hosting the 7th annual Public Safety Open House on Saturday, October 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the 100 block of North 6th Street. This family-friendly event features hands-on activities, free food, games, a fire safety program for kids, free gun locks, a child seat safety inspection program and the "Beer Goggle Driving Course." Meet Eddie Eagle and McGruff and their friends and enjoy equipment and personnel demonstrations.

Get your VIN (vehicle identification number) etched on every window in your vehicle to help deter theft. Bring the entire family and enjoy some public safety fun!



Halloween treats for a ghoulish good time

October ushers in four Halloween-related family fun events. The first is the *Haunted Halloween Bash* on Thursday, October 22, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Show Low Family Aquatic Center, 1100 West Deuce of Clubs. Individuals of all ages can enjoy food, games and spooky splashin' fun all evening! The cost is general admission (\$1.50 for ages 0 to 17, \$3 for ages 18 to 54 and \$2 for ages 55+) plus \$2 for a wristband if you want to play some spooky splashin' carnival games. Wear your favorite costume and receive half off the general admission price. You could even win a prize for your efforts.

The annual *Underwater Pumpkin Hunt* for teens, ages 11 to 17, will be held Saturday, October 24, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Family Aquatic Center. Jump in the 144,000-gallon pool and collect as many pumpkins as you can. Specially marked pumpkins will earn you a prize. Admission is \$3 per teen.

On Saturday, October 31, Show Low Main Street and the City of Show Low present the annual *Trunk or Treat* from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Festival Marketplace, along the Deuce of Clubs,

and Cooley Street. The popular event is a safe, free way for kids and families to enjoy Halloween. Merchants and organizations hand out treats from the trunks of their vehicles. Call (928) 532-4141 to sign up your business, family or organization to be a "trunk."

Come dressed in your favorite costume and enjoy vendors, games, prizes for costumes and a live radio remote! For more information about this year's event, call (928) 532-4140.

A companion event is the sixth annual *Scaryoke*, sponsored in

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Calendar of Events

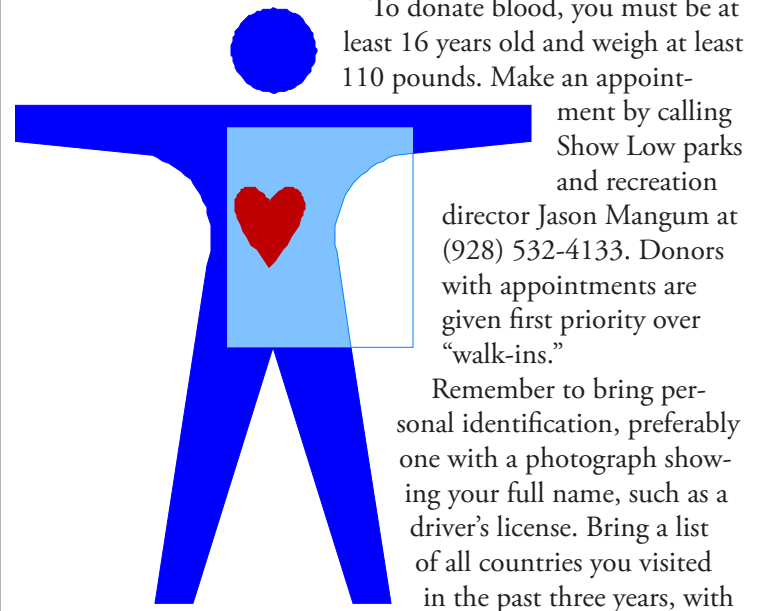
Family Aquatic Center & Recreation: 532-4140
Public Library: 532-4070

- 10/03 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**, 100 block of North 6th Street
Public Safety Open House, with games, free food, fire safety program, equipment demonstrations, giveaways
- 10/05 Fall Swimming Lessons** begin, Aquatic Center
- 10/06 7 p.m.**, Council Chambers
City Council Regular Meeting
- 10/07 5:30–6:30**, City Campus Gymnasium
Start Smart Basketball begins (ages 3 to 5)
- 10/08 10 a.m.**, Public Library (public welcome)
Show Low Library Friends meeting
- 10/13 7 p.m.**, Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**
- 10/20 7 p.m.**, Council Chambers, **City Council Regular Meeting**
- 10/22 6–8 p.m.**, Aquatic Center, **Haunted Halloween Bash** (all ages)
- 10/24 10 a.m.**, Show Low High School Gymnasium
Dribble Dish and Swish Competition (ages 7 to 12)
Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.
- 10/24 7–9 p.m.**, Aquatic Center
Underwater Pumpkin Hunt (grades 6 to 12)
- 10/27 7 p.m.**, Council Chambers
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 10/31 6–8 p.m.**, Festival Marketplace and Cooley Street
Show Low Main Street's **Trunk or Treat** and **Scaryoke** (for all ages)



Donate blood on Nov. 5 and help save a life

United Blood Services is hosting a blood drive in Show Low on Thursday, November 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the city campus gymnasium, 700 West McNeil Street.



To donate blood, you must be at least 16 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds. Make an appointment by calling

Show Low parks and recreation director Jason Mangum at (928) 532-4133. Donors with appointments are given first priority over “walk-ins.”

Remember to bring personal identification, preferably one with a photograph showing your full name, such as a driver's license. Bring a list of all countries you visited in the past three years, with

the dates of your visits, and do the same for all European countries you visited or lived in since 1980. Wear a top with loose-fitting sleeves, preferably short sleeves.

Did you know? Every two seconds, someone needs blood. Thirty-eight percent of the population is eligible to give blood, but only five percent does. Blood is separated into components to benefit several patients from one blood donation. One out of every five hospital patients needs blood. The average red blood cell transfusion is 3.4 pints. An automobile accident victim can use up to 50 pints of blood or more. On average, Arizona hospital patients require 700 donors from United Blood Services each day.

Scott Tipton, a former Tempe police officer who now resides in the Show Low area, needed 27 transfusions after being shot. The transfusions saved his life.

Donate blood to help save a life. For more information, log on to www.UnitedBloodServices.org.

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conjunction with Power 95.7 KWKM. Share a favorite Halloween-themed karaoke tune during the open contest in mid-October where judges will choose ten finalists. The ten finalists will compete live, two per day, on Power 95.7 the week leading up to Halloween. Radio listeners can call and vote for their favorite singer. The top two winners will win prizes and perform live on Power 95.7 at October 31st's **Trunk or Treat**. Keep your radio tuned to Power 95.7 FM for more details on how you can enter and perform your favorite song. Or call (928) 532-2949 for more information.

Floodplain information

Show Low participates in the National Flood Information Program. The city's engineering department, the local program administrator, is available to provide property owners with information about building in a Federal Emergency Management Agency floodplain. A floodplain status request form is available online at www.showlowaz.gov. For more information, contact Public Works Engineering Director Bill Kopp at 550 North 9th Place, Show Low, AZ 85901 or call (928) 532-4000.

Created wetlands celebrate 30th anniversary

The City of Show Low joined with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, Arizona Game and Fish department, Pinetop-Lakeside Sanitary District and citizens in September to celebrate 30 years of innovative wastewater (sewer) recycling. The year 2009 marks the 30-year anniversary of the created wetlands of the White Mountains.

Created wetlands are environmentally friendly. They use natural processes to treat wastewater, are economical due to low power demands, leave a low carbon footprint, put reclaimed water back into the environment, provide a habitat for migratory waterfowl including threatened species and provide a natural, year-round habitat for wildlife. And because these created wetlands are beneficial to the environment, people from around the world have traveled here specifically to see them to learn how they can be duplicated in other locales. They admire our beautiful wetlands and the wild animals that thrive

here, but they also marvel at the partnership behind this massive effort to recycle wastewater.

The familiar names of Jacques Marsh and Pintail Lake are just two of the several wetlands created using treated wastewater from our local communities. Field tours of the wetlands were conducted for the public, and then a forum was held to discuss the created wetlands and future opportunities.



Aerial photos of some of Show Low's system of created wetlands, all north of the city proper, that process our wastewater. The top photo shows Ned Lake (foreground), Telephone Lake and the polishing ponds looking easterly. The photo at left is Redhead Marsh at the far west end of the system. The bottom photo shows Pintail Lake, a popular tour stop for local schoolchildren.



Requests for capital improvements...continued from cover page

It is imperative that public improvements meet our citizens' needs. These needs range from water service and waste disposal to recreational resources, such as parks and community centers, and include replacing or improving deteriorated streets, water and wastewater (sewer) facilities and equipment.

The capital projects are identified, then evaluated on their technical, operational, social and economic development merits by a committee of Council members, staff and citizens. Safety concerns and citizens' support comprise over one-third of the points allocated in the evaluation. Each committee member ranks the projects, and the total of all members' ratings results in a recommended project prioritization submitted to the Council.

Staff and public comments are presented to the Council, with differences between the recommended prioritization and public opinion noted. The Council is ultimately responsible for prioritizing and approving CIP projects, finalizing the CIP plan by motion.

City seeks and secures grant funding for projects

As mentioned in the September 2009 issue regarding the city's budget, our staff works diligently to seek grants to supplement funding a variety of projects.

One grant that had been awarded in a previous year by the Arizona State Parks department for improving Nikolaus Homestead Park was temporarily rescinded in May, but the funds were reinstated in late September. The project had been put on indefinite hold, but we are now moving forward with our plans to install an irrigation system, replace the topsoil, develop six acres for a sports field complex and add restroom facilities.

In terms of forest health, we received word that we will be awarded \$500,000 from the Arizona State Forestry department for thinning and fuel mitigation efforts on private property. This grant will continue our efforts to make our community as safe from wildfires as we possibly can.

Sometimes, we partner with other governmental agencies on joint-use projects or those with regional significance. For example, we recently received the following three grants from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security: \$70,000 for communications purposes, which includes \$40,000 to connect our police database to Pinetop-Lakeside's police department; \$96,900 for laptop computers and data modems for Show Low Fire, Linden Fire, Arizona State Parks and our own police department; and \$59,575 for equipment (body armor, tactical gear, communications gear and night vision devices) for our special response team. We also teamed with Navajo County and the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside to submit an application for federal funds to extend Scott Ranch Road from White Mountain Road (SR260) east to Penrod Road (including a bridge to span Show Low Creek), widen and improve Penrod Road to four lanes from US60 (in Show Low) to SR260 (at Billy Creek in Pinetop-Lakeside), and improve two bridges at Billy Creek and Porter Creek.

City of Show Low, Arizona
**Fiscal Year 2010-2015 CIP
(Capital Improvements Program)
Project Request Worksheet**

Description of Project/Item Proposed

Estimated Cost _____

Funding Source (if known) _____

Benefit to Community _____

please print
Submitted by: _____

Address: _____

Telephone (work): _____

Telephone (home): _____

e-mail: _____

Date: _____

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT FORM IS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2009

Mail or deliver completed form to:

**City of Show Low
Public Works Administration
550 N. 9th Place, Show Low, AZ 85901**

**Questions? Send e-mail to Public Works Engineering
Director Bill Kopp at bkopp@showlowaz.gov or call
(928) 532-4040**