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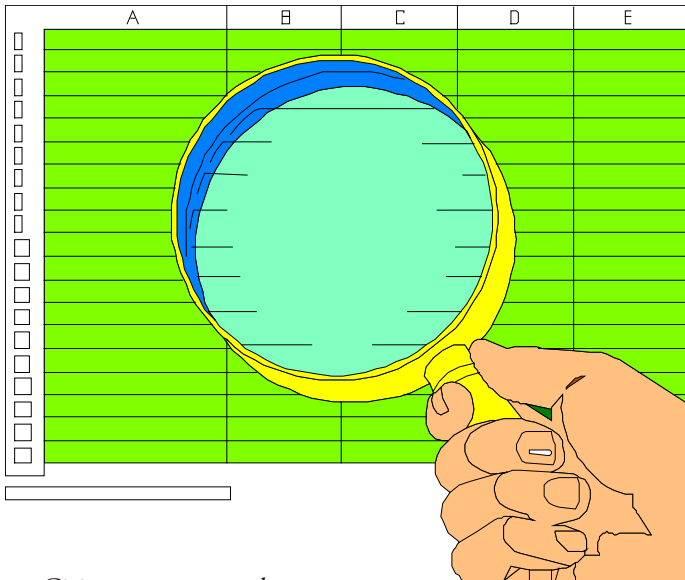
Editor's note: Beginning with this issue, Show Low's newsletters will be published online on a quarterly basis. Please direct any comments about the newsletter to the city clerk's office at (928) 532-4060 or (928) 532-4061.

Participate in Show Low's budget process

Show Low's fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30, and planning for the 2011-12 budget year has begun. An important facet of the planning process is preparing an annual budget.

The budget projects estimated revenues and expenditures and provides the financial framework to serve our citizens. Revenue comes from sales taxes (paid by everyone who shops at our local stores); state-shared funds, based on our population; federal and state grants; development fees; utility payments and charges for airport and aquatic center programs; special revenue funds (state and county money from gasoline and property taxes, lottery proceeds, etc.); fees for building and business permits and dog licenses; interest earned on our investments; and fines collected from violators cited in magistrate court and overdue library books. There is no property tax in Show Low, although homeowners pay property taxes to Navajo County for schools, fire services, street lighting district, etc. The money we collect is spent on projects, community programs, public safety, partnerships for economic development, and the cost of providing services by city employees.

We welcome community input in the planning process. Citizens may attend any or all of the proposed City Council budget meetings, all of which are held in Council Chambers at 181 N. 9th Street. Two Town Halls are geared specifically for public comments, and you can submit suggestions for a program, project or activity you wish the Council to consider and perhaps include in the budget. For



2011 excess trash dates

Through a contract with Waste Management, the City of Show Low provided free excess trash pick-ups four times a year. Beginning in 2011, trash pick-up dates are now increased to six times year—still free of charge. Show Low residents billed for City water and/or sewer services are eligible for this service.

The dates in 2011 are **January 3 through 6, March 7 through 10, May 2 through 5, July 4 through 7, September 5 through 8 and November 7 through 10**. Excess trash must be bagged, boxed or bundled. In addition, each garbage bag should weigh no more than 50 pounds and items should be no longer than four feet long (bound if there is more than one item). Place the garbage bags and items in the right-of-way next to your polycart on your regular trash pick-up day. Anyone with questions may call (928) 532-4005 during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

more information, call Finance Director Doug Sandstrom at (928) 532-4024. Our scheduled meeting dates are as follows:

- Tuesday, January 18, 6 p.m., budget study session
- Thursday, January 27, 6 p.m., Town Hall (budget meeting for citizen input)
- Tuesday, April 5, 6 p.m., brief budget review meeting
- Thursday, April 7, 6 p.m., Town Hall and budget study session
- Thursday, April 21, 6 p.m., budget study session
- Thursday, April 28, 6 p.m., budget study session (if needed)
- Tuesday, May 17, 7 p.m., regular meeting at which the Council will hear an overview of the tentative budget
- Tuesday, June 7, 7 p.m., regular meeting at which the Council will hold a public hearing and consider adopting the tentative budget
- Tuesday, June 21, 7 p.m., regular meeting at which the Council will hold a public hearing and consider adopting the final budget
- Tuesday, July 19, 7 p.m., regular meeting at which the Council will consider adopting the secondary property tax levy (for street lighting district)

In other news...

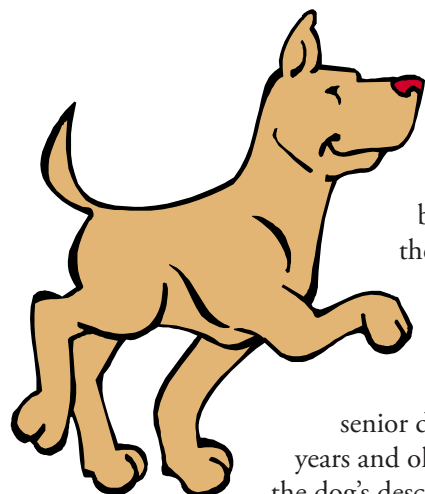
❑ **NEW CITY HALL** — You may have heard that our former public library at 180 N. 9th Street is being renovated into a new city hall. The renovation is anticipated to be completed in late February and all the departments currently located on 9th Place will relocate in March. Our contact numbers are expected to remain the same, so you can still call us at (928) 532-4000. We will be located directly across the street from the new library and Council Chambers at 181 N. 9th Street.

❑ **CALENDAR OF EVENTS** — Visit the City of Show Low's website at showlowaz.gov for event information or call the Family Aquatic Center and Recreation department at (928) 532-4140 or the Show Low Public Library at (928) 532-4070.

❑ **CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS** — Regularly scheduled Council meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays of every month (except for the first meeting in July and second meeting in December) at 7 p.m. in the Show Low City Council Chambers at 181 N. 9th Place. Meeting dates for this quarter are January 4, January 18, February 1, February 15, March 1 and March 15. Additional meetings are scheduled as needed. Meetings are broadcast live on City 4 Television (cable channel 4) or online at showlowtv.com. Please see our budget meeting calendar dates, which are held in addition to those listed above.

❑ **PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEETINGS** — Regularly scheduled Commission meetings are usually held the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at 7 p.m. in the Show Low City Council Chambers at 181 N. 9th Place, but may be canceled if there is no business to be heard. Tentative meeting dates for this quarter are January 11, January 25, February 8, February 22, March 8 and March 22. Meetings are broadcast live on City 4 Television (cable channel 4) or online at showlowtv.com.

New dog tags now on sale



Dogs four months and older living within the city limits must be registered annually. Dog tags, valid January through December 2011, are available at the current city hall at 550 N. 9th Place. Tags are \$5 for a spayed/neutered dog or \$15 for a non-spayed/non-neutered dog. We offer a

senior discount for dog owners 65 years and older for \$3 per tag. Present the dog's description, dates of vaccination and revaccination, and a current rabies vac-

cination certificate with a name and address when you purchase your dog's tag.

City partners with APS on economic strategic plan

As we begin to emerge from the current recession and a new era of economic development begins, the need for the community to work smarter toward its economic goals is even more imperative. The City of Show Low is working with Arizona Public Service Company (APS) to develop a five-year strategic economic development plan for the community through the APS-sponsored Focused Future II program. This yearlong process, which began in June 2010, engages three nationally known consulting groups and a dynamic action team of approximately 30 local community leaders, citizens and City officials. Show Low is one of nine communities in Arizona selected to participate in a similar planning process.

The Focused Future II process:

❑ Is a proactive, grass-roots, cutting-edge planning process to help Show Low reach its future economic goals.

❑ Utilizes a critical assessment and examination of successes and challenges, issues and trends.

❑ Consists of directed and guided conversations to help identify and direct what will work in Show Low.

❑ Is a yearlong process, with the action team meeting once a month for three hours and holding eight to 10 meetings with opportunities along the way for additional community input.

❑ Consists of approximately 30 community-member action team representative of the broader community.

❑ Results in an economic development plan that contains broad input and consensus. The final draft will be rolled out to the community through an open-to-the-public event for review and comments. The completed plan will be accepted and approved by the Show Low City Council.

Implementation of the final plan will be by community organizations all headed in a similar direction for the betterment of Show Low. The plan's success will be measured through economic and "quality of life" indicators.

For more information about the Focused Future II process, please visit the city's website at showlowaz.gov. Past meeting notes and handouts are also provided via our website.

