

Show Low Quarterly



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Signature events in April, May and June

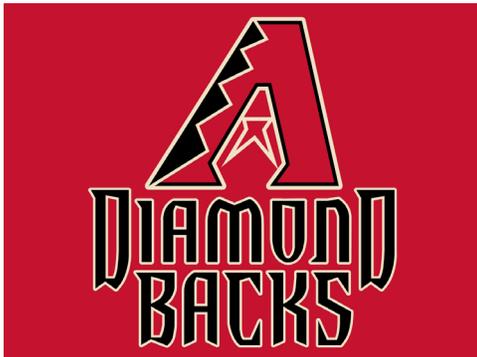
With warmer weather approaching, the slate of fun-filled events and activities for young and old heats up. Here are highlights for April, May and June, with more programs and events shown on the calendar (*see next page*).

Show Low Night at Chase Field (Saturday, April 25)

The 7th annual Show Low Night at Chase Field is Saturday, April 25, at 401 E. Jefferson Street in Phoenix. The Arizona Diamondbacks play the Pittsburgh Pirates at 5:10 p.m. (gates open at 3:00 p.m.). Purchase tickets in the all-you-can-eat (hot dogs, chips, peanuts, popcorn, soda and water) sections 221, 222 and 223, Diamond Level, for \$38 while supplies last, available at city hall, 180 N. 9th Street. You need not be a Show Low resi-

dent to purchase tickets, and everyone who buys a ticket is eligible for a prize pack.

On game day, enjoy the Outdoor Recreation Street Festival on Diamondbacks Way (in front of the main doors). An added bonus is a Paul Goldschmidt cap, free to the first 20,000 who enter the gates. Come cheer on the Diamondbacks and enjoy the fun with your family and friends! Call 532-4140 for tickets and information.



City of Show Low 62nd Anniversary Celebration and BBQ Throwdown (Saturday, May 2)

Enjoy old-fashioned family fun with games, entertainment and BBQ at Show Low's 62nd birthday celebration on Saturday, May 2, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Field at City Park, 1100 W. Deuce of Clubs. The day-long party includes the 3rd annual BBQ Throwdown, plus a free kids' zone, arm wrestling tournament, food vendors and live music. The BBQ Throwdown, a barbecue contest for master BBQ competitors, offers cash prizes and tastings at 1:00 p.m. People's Choice tastings are \$2 per ticket (for a two-ounce sample.) New this year is a 5-hour BBQ cooking class on Thursday,

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Seeking volunteers for Day of Service on May 9

Typically, the City of Show Low sets aside the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday (observed in January) as a day of community service. This year, it was decided to move the annual King Day of Service to May, when the weather is warmer and more predictable.

Everyone is welcome to join city employees and volunteers in Show Low's King Day of Service on Saturday, May 9. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Old Pavilion at Show Low City Park, 1100 W. Deuce of Clubs, for assignments. (The Old Pavilion is the one closest to the

aquatic center.) Lunch follows at noon in the same location.

Volunteers should bring gloves and the city will provide other equipment.

Go to www.justserve.org for information or to register. Type in zip code 85901, and select City of Show Low Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. However, a volunteer does not need to register to participate in our community project. Direct questions to Jay Brimhall at 532-4014 or jbrimhall@showlowaz.gov.

The King Day of Service was initiated by Congress in 1994 to honor King's legacy of service to strengthen communities and achieve common goals through volunteerism. The aim is to bring together people of all ages and backgrounds to improve lives and bridge social barriers.



Plans set for 17th annual Project Clean Sweep

Now is the perfect time to start cleaning your home and property to take advantage of the 17th annual **Project Clean Sweep**, the free citywide beautification program. This year's program begins in late May and continues into June. Participation in the program is free to those presenting proof of residency—**either a City of Show Low utility bill showing current refuse service or a valid driver's license listing a physical address within the city limits**. Commercial businesses are excluded from

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Calendar of Events (April – June 2015)

Family Aquatic Center: 532-4130 Recreation: 532-4140 Public Library: 532-4070

Show Low Main Street farmers' market & art walk every Saturday from May 23 to September 26, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Festival Marketplace with local produce growers, food product producers, artisans and craftspeople, live entertainment.

- 04/01 **Men's Memorial Day Softball Tournament** registration begins (ages 15+); call 532-4140 to register
- 04/06 **5:30 p.m.**, Aquatic Center, **Lifeguard Training** begins (7 classes for \$90)
- 04/07 Council Chambers
6 p.m., **City Council Budget Study Session**
7 p.m., **City Council Regular Meeting**
- 04/08 **Summer Coed Softball** registration ends (league play begins 05/06)

- 04/10 **10 a.m.**, Public Library, **Show Low Library Friends meeting** (public welcome)

- 04/14 **7 p.m.**, Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

- 04/15 **1:30 p.m.**, Public Library, **Book Discussion group** (book title to be determined)

- 04/16 **6 p.m.**, Council Chambers, **Town Hall Budget Meeting (for citizen input) and City Council Budget Study Session**

- 04/18 **1–3 p.m.**, Aquatic Center, **April Pool's Day (FREE!)** (games and swimming)

- 04/21 **7 p.m.**, Council Chambers, **City Council Regular Meeting**

- 04/23 **6 p.m.**, Council Chambers, **City Council Budget Study Session**

- 04/28 **7 p.m.**, Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

- 04/30 **6 p.m.**, Council Chambers, **City Council Budget Study Session** (if needed)

- 04/25 **Show Low Night at Chase Field**, with Arizona Diamondbacks hosting the Pittsburgh Pirates (5:10 p.m. game time); tickets are \$38 in all-you-can-eat sections (see related article on cover page)

- 05/01 **Pee Wee T-ball** registration begins (ages 3 to 5)

- 05/02 **11 a.m.–7 p.m.**, Show Low City Park, Senior Field **City of Show Low 62nd Anniversary Celebration**

and BBQ Throwdown (food vendors, kids' games, live music plus BBQ contest with cash prizes and tastings for \$2)

- 05/04 **Swimming Lessons** (Session 1) and **Summer Swim Team** registration begins

- 05/04- **Excess refuse pick-up** (items must weigh no more than 100 pounds and not exceed more than a pickup load)

- 05/05 **7 p.m.**, Council Chambers, **City Council Regular Meeting**

- 05/06 **Summer Coed Softball** league play begins

- 05/08 **10 a.m.**, Public Library, **Show Low Library Friends meeting** (public welcome)



- 05/09 **9 a.m.**, City Park, **King Day of Service** (see related story)

- 05/12 **7 p.m.**, Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

Show Low BBQ Throw Down

- 05/13 **Men's Memorial Day Softball Tournament** registration ends

- 05/15- **Lifeguard Bootcamp**, Aquatic Center, pool closes 05/16 at 5 p.m. on 05/15 and reopens 05/18

- 05/19 **7 p.m.**, Council Chambers, **City Council Regular Meeting**

- 05/20 **1:30 p.m.**, Public Library, **Book Discussion group** (book title to be determined)

- 05/23 **Men's Memorial Day Softball Tournament** (for ages 15+) at Senior and Ponderosa fields (Show Low), Woodland Lake fields (Pinetop-Lakeside); call 532-4140 to register

- 05/25 **Memorial Day** (City offices CLOSED); **Aquatic Center holiday hours:** 9 a.m.–noon, lap swim; noon–5:30 p.m., open swim

- 05/26 **7 p.m.**, Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

Calendar of events...continued

- 05/30** 8 a.m. – noon, City Park, **Community Yard Sale** (\$10 for 10x10 booth); call 532-4140 for information
- 05/26-** 17th annual **Project Clean Sweep** (citywide beautification program) (see related story for program highlights)
- 06/13**
- 05/30** **Pee Wee T-ball** registration ends
- 06/01** **Summer pool schedule starts** at Aquatic Center
- 06/01** **Swimming lessons** (Session 1) and **Summer Swim Team** begin
- 06/01** **Mini Mudder** registration begins (for ages 2 to 8); race day is 07/18
- 06/01** **20th Annual Tri in the Pines** (ages 14+) and **Youth Tri in the Pines** (ages 13 & under) registration begins (for 08/08 Tri in the Pines)
- 06/02** 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Public Library, **Summer Reading Program Kickoff** (sign up for annual program); earn rewards for reading!
- 06/02** 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **City Council Regular Meeting**
- 06/06** Aquatic Center CLOSED for Show Low Days
- 06/05-** **2015 Cruz'n the Rim Car Show**, classic car show with
- 06/06** Rim Country Cruisers Car Club at Frontier Fields on N. 9th Place (proceeds benefit White Mountain charities); go to showlowdays.com for information or to register
- 06/05-** **Show Low Days 2015** at Show Low City Park and other
- 06/06** Show Low venues (Western-themed festival with arts and crafts vendors, kids' zone, food court, soap box derby, stick-horse parade, beer garden, live entertainment); companion event is roping competition (see related article on cover page); go to showlowdays.com for information or to register
- 06/08** **Swimming Lessons registration** (Session 2) begins
- 06/09** 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**
- 06/12** 10 a.m., Public Library, **Show Low Library Friends meeting** (public welcome)
- 06/12-** 6 p.m. – 6 a.m., Show Low High School, **Relay for Life**
- 06/13** **of the White Mountains** (overnight fund-raising activity to fight cancer and celebrate survivorship)
- 06/15** **Swimming Lessons** (Session 2) begin
- 06/16** 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **City Council Regular Meeting**
- 06/17** 1:30 p.m., Public Library, **Book Discussion group** (book title to be determined)
- 06/22** **Swimming Lessons registration** (Session 3) begins
- 06/23** 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**
- 06/26** 7–9 p.m., Aquatic Center, **Red-White-Bluuu** (\$3 per person or \$10 per family)
- 06/29** **Swimming Lessons** (Session 3) begin

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April 30, for \$170. Go to www.lnb-bbq.com to register for the class. For more information about the event, call 532-4140.

Show Low Days (June 5-6)

The popular, Western-themed Show Low Days celebrates its 12th year, with festivities kicking off on Friday, June 5, at noon at Show Low City Park, 1100 W. Deuce of Clubs, and at venues in the Show Low area. Friday evening's revelry ends at 10:00 p.m., and begins again on Saturday, June 6, at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at 10:00 p.m. Admission is \$1 per person (ages 9 and under are free).

The Show Low Chamber of Commerce, host of this signature event, promises fun for the entire family with something for everyone—arts and crafts vendors, kids' zone, live entertainment, Boy Scouts' Scout-O-Rama, food court, beer garden, the always-popular old-fashioned stick horse rodeo (a treat for the kids) and the crowd-pleasing Derby Down The Deuce (a soapbox derby featuring individually designed vehicles).

New this year is the first annual Running of the Wieners, a dog race featuring dachshunds (affectionately known as "wiener dogs"). Companion events to Show Low Days are the Cruz'n the Rim Car Show (classic car show) at the Frontier Fields on N. 9th Place and the Verl Gillespie Memorial Roping Competition at Village Arena, 4481 S. White Mountain Road.

For more information about all these events, go online to showlowdays.com or call the Chamber of Commerce at 537-2326.



Citizens can post photos of city cemetery headstones

The City of Show Low is comprised of many departments, one of which is GIS (Geographic Information Systems). GIS is a technology used to view and analyze data from a geographic perspective, linking location to information (such as people to addresses, buildings to parcels, or streets within a network) and layers that information to give you a better understanding of how it all interrelates.

The city's website at showlowaz.gov includes an extensive mapping system that our GIS employees manage and maintain. One of the maps is an aerial view of our city cemetery, with an overlay of all cemetery plots. A new feature includes instructions on how you can post a photo of a cemetery headstone to the website's map. Doing so allows others searching for a loved one to see a picture and the wording of a particular headstone. Need help? Call GIS Manager Rob Jones at 532-4057.

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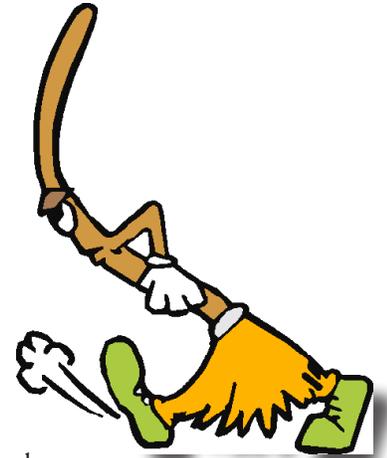
participating in this program. Construction materials and hazardous materials (liquid paints, oils, pesticides, herbicides and household cleaning products) are strictly prohibited.

As was done last year, **Project Clean Sweep** is split into different weeks. Here is the schedule:

- ❖ **May 26–May 30 and June 1–June 6** for **Green Waste Dumping**, which allows you to drop off pine needles, tree limbs, grass clippings, etc. (you can keep them in the plastic bags) for free at Dirty Deeds Green Waste, 890 Cinder Pit Road behind Perkins Cinders. Do not mix in garbage, plastic, rocks, dirt, glass, or other trash with the green waste.
- ❖ **June 8–June 11** for **Bulky Item Pickup**, with city employees picking up any large unwanted appliances, furniture, tires, etc. Place the items in front of your residence by 7:00 a.m. on your *regularly scheduled trash collection day*. For green waste, we strongly encourage you to take advantage of free dumping at Dirty Deeds. If you do put out green waste, *branches and limbs must be less than 4 feet long and bundled*. You may save electronic equipment for drop-off at the free region-wide electronic waste recycling event, scheduled for

August 27, 2015.

- ❖ **June 8–June 13** for **Free Dumping at Lone Pine Transfer Station** (off SR77). The transfer station will *not* accept hazardous materials including pesticides, herbicides, oils, liquid paints, and household cleaning products; automobile batteries; and tires with or without rims.
- ❖ For **abandoned vehicles**, contact any of the local salvage companies directly to make arrangements.

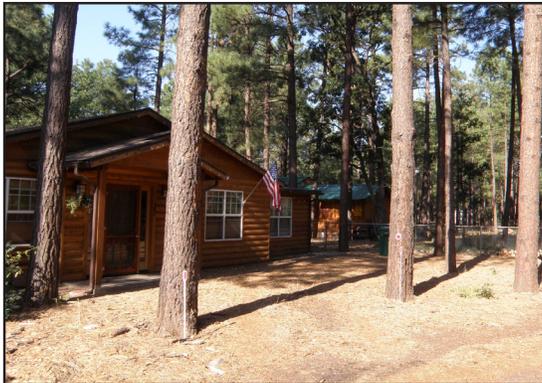


More detailed information will be included with the May utility bill and posted to the city website at showlowaz.gov.

Let's all do our part to keep Show Low beautiful! For more information, call 532-4100.

Ready, Set, Go! designed to help us prepare for wildfires

The White Mountains is known for being an outdoor paradise, with breathtaking scenery, spectacular wildlife, clean air and picture-postcard vistas. Despite our beautiful surroundings, wildfires are an inevitable act of nature given the area's topography, tree densities and high-desert weather conditions. Wildfires are indiscriminate, burning whatever lies within their path. Consequently, it is important for those of us who live here to take whatever steps we can to reduce fire danger and to protect ourselves in the event of an emergency.



The Timber Mesa Fire and Medical District has taken the lead, continuing a program launched in 2012 called Ready, Set, Go! (RSG). Ready, Set, Go! is designed to educate us on how to live in the wildland-urban interface and protect our homes and families. The “ready” concept teaches us to prepare our homes and properties well in advance of a wildland fire. The “set” concept elevates a family's situational awareness—when fire weather occurs or when wildland fires are burning—to monitor

the environment and to be ready to evacuate. The “go” concept alerts us to implement a family disaster plan immediately, by leaving well before the fire arrives.

One facet of the RSG program is a property assessment. District personnel go door-to-door visiting homeowners, answering questions and conducting an assessment of the property to determine fire danger. Another program component includes valuable information to assist individuals and families with emergency planning, which includes tips on creating an emergency kit (with essentials



such as non-perishable food, water, medicine, clothing, hygiene items, etc.) and a step-by-step evacuation plan (should one ever be needed). In addition, District staff make presentations to homeowners' associations, neighborhood groups, community organizations and govern-

ment entities, offering the same helpful advice and tools.

As we have learned from past experience, wildfires are potentially an extremely serious threat in the White Mountains. It is everyone's responsibility to protect one's homes and families by making the necessary preparations. In the long run, it is less expensive to prevent wildfires than it is to deal with wildfires and the devastation that follows them.

For more information or to schedule a community presentation, call Community Risk Manager Kirk Webb at 368-6112.

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