

Show Low News



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Mail Ballot Election coming next spring

Check your voter registration today!

The City of Show Low will be conducting its first ever Mail Ballot Election for the March 12, 2002 Primary Election and May 21, 2002 General Election, if one is needed.

What is a Mail Ballot Election?

A Mail Ballot Election means that all registered voters of Show Low will be receiving their ballot in the mail. You will not have to go to the polls to cast your vote. Ballots will be mailed to voters approximately three weeks before the election to the address indicated on Navajo County's voter registration list.

Voters will mark their ballots and return them to the City by mail. If you prefer, ballots may be dropped off at City Hall, 200 West Cooley. In addition, a voting machine will be available at City Hall if you prefer to bring in your ballot to vote, up through Election Day.

Why are we having a Mail Ballot Election?

The City is trying to accommodate our fast-paced lives and increase voter turnout by making voting more convenient. Many cities and towns across Arizona and the U.S. have used this method, with very successful results.

What do I need to do?

Be sure that the County's voter registration list has your most recent mailing address. If you have moved since registering or your address has changed, your ballot will NOT be forwarded to you. It will be returned to the City. To be sure the information is current, contact the City Clerk's Office at 532-4060 or 532-4061. Some changes may be made over the telephone, while others may require that you re-register, which will take only a few minutes.

Be prepared to cast your votes in the 2002 elections. Update your voter registration mailing address today.

City to take APS payments

Beginning in early December, the City of Show Low will be accepting APS (Arizona Public Service) payments. The local APS office is closing and City Hall, 200 West Cooley, will be the only place in Show Low to pay bills. Payments will be accepted during regular business hours Monday through Friday from



8 a.m. to 5 p.m. A telephone line is being installed at City Hall for customers with billing and other questions to contact APS directly in Phoenix.

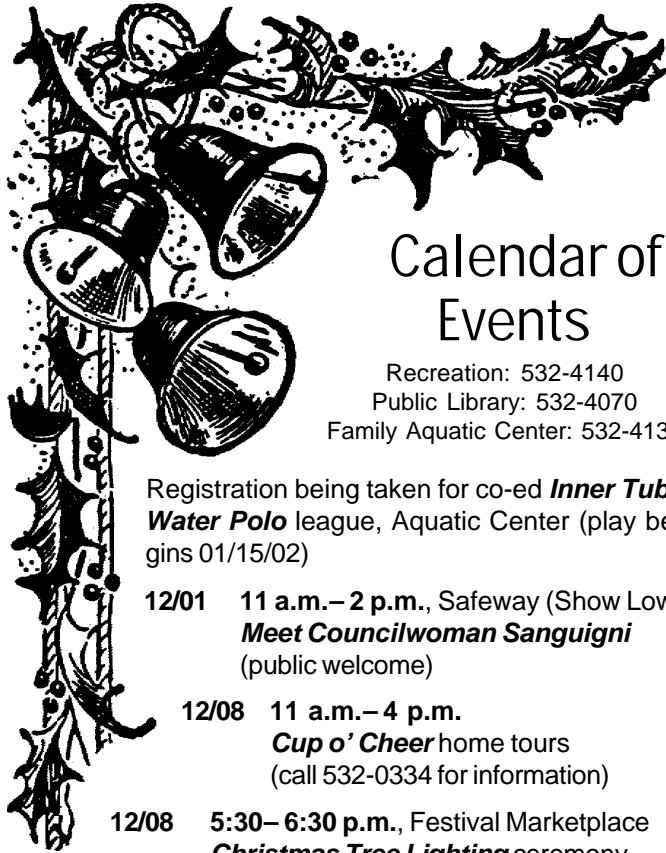
Council candidate packets

Show Low City Council candidate packets are now available at City Hall (200 West Cooley). Three seats are up for election next spring. To be a candidate, you must meet the following requirements at the time of the Primary Election (March 12, 2002):

- ★ At least 18 years old
- ★ A registered voter
- ★ Reside within the City of Show Low continuously from at least one year preceding

Each packet contains documents that must be properly executed and submitted to the City Clerk's office for official filing no later than 5 p.m. on December 12, 2001. For more information, call 532-4061.





Calendar of Events

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

Registration being taken for co-ed **Inner Tube Water Polo** league, Aquatic Center (play begins 01/15/02)

12/01 11 a.m.–2 p.m., Safeway (Show Low)
Meet Councilwoman Sanguigni
(public welcome)

12/08 11 a.m.–4 p.m.
Cup o' Cheer home tours
(call 532-0334 for information)

12/08 5:30–6:30 p.m., Festival Marketplace
Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony
(purchase a tree ornament from the Make-A-Wish Foundation; call 537-0375, ext. 270)

12/08 7 p.m. down the Deuce of Clubs
Electric Light Parade (Christmas Around the World)

12/10 Registration begins for **Youth Basketball League**
(grades 1-6), Family Aquatic Center
Season runs 01/19 - 03/09/2002

12/11 5:15 p.m., City Hall Conference Room
City Council Special Meeting

12/11 7 p.m., Council Chambers
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting

12/17 8 a.m., City Hall Conference Room
City Council Study Session

12/18 Council Chambers
5:00 p.m., **City Council Special Meeting**
7 p.m., **City Council Meeting**

12/19 2:45–3:45 p.m., Recreation conference room
Christmas ornament craft class (grades 3-6)

12/20 3–3:30 p.m., Public Library
Ivy wreath craft (all ages); registration required

12/20 4–5 p.m., Public Library (refreshments & stories)
Puppet show & holiday party (all ages welcome)

12/21 6–9 p.m., Aquatic Center (all ages)
Santa's Polar Party (talk to Santa and enjoy cookies, hot cocoa, prizes and polar games in the pool)

12/25 Merry Christmas! (City offices closed)

Check out City 4 Television and the City's Web site at www.ci.show-low.az.us for more information

City Council Profile: Kent McQuillan

Kent McQuillan is a prime example of "what you see isn't always what you get." He was born, raised and lives in the White Mountains but is an ocean lover and certified scuba diver. He's an organized, complex thinker who enjoys simple things, like an evening with his family. He envisions tremendous growth in Show Low, but in a controlled, systematic way.

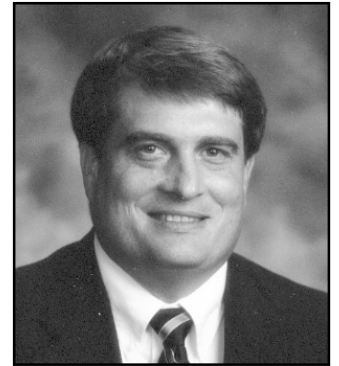
Born in McNary, where his father worked for the sawmill, the McQuillans moved to Pinetop when he was four. His father went into the construction business, working mainly on roads and power plants.

After graduating from Blue Ridge High School, his fascination with computers and electronics blossomed into a career. He took classes in computer programming and repaired arcade and video machines on the side. He later started his own business selling and repairing telephones, computer equipment and satellite dishes.

He has spent the last four-and-a-half years working for Navapache Regional Medical Center as its Director of Information Services. He and the nine employees he oversees are responsible for maintaining 225+ in-house computers. With the hospital's 500 employees and 60,000 customers, his days—and nights—are busy troubleshooting and fixing problems. As he sees it, "We don't put band-aids on things. We fix them." He learned as a business owner that it takes time and costs money to fix the same problem more than once.

In spite of his hectic schedule, he has managed to serve on the City's Planning and Zoning Commission for three years before being elected to the Council in June 1998. He credits his wife of 20 years, Stephanie, for her support that allowed him to also serve as a volunteer firefighter for 10 years. In addition to their two children, he and Stephanie have taken in two others to raise. They believe children need rules and structure, teaching them strong values and to strive for higher goals.

As a Council member, he is dedicated to keeping Show Low a place people want to come to and live. He doesn't want it patterned after any other city. He believes the City's philosophy of managed growth has helped maintain Show Low's uniqueness. His vote has always been based on what was fair for the 8,000 citizens and community as a whole, not the few dissident voices. He would love to see more citizens involved in the public process to better the community and believes that solving problems is much more important than merely voicing them. He sees Show Low's future as a bright beacon for the White Mountains.



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City to begin customer surveys

Beginning late December 2001 or early January 2002, the City of Show Low will begin a customer survey campaign. The focus of the survey is to allow citizens the opportunity to voice their opinions and help prioritize essential City services, such as the police, library, Aquatic Center, recreation, road conditions and utilities.

A random sampling of residents representing all areas of the City will be chosen, with some receiving a questionnaire by mail and others contacted via telephone. As part of the survey, participants will be asked to come up with three City functions important to them. All responses will be kept strictly confidential.

The purpose of this program is to assess citizens' needs and help staff improve City services for everyone. We look forward to hearing your comments and suggestions.

Show Low receives tree award



On November 26, the City of Show Low received an award from the Arizona Community Tree Council for its educational tree signage at Show Low City Park. Each sign, located at various points along the path, describes a particular tree species, benefits of trees and facts about trees in the environment. Recreation Director Renee Higginbotham and Engineering Technician Gaylon Hazelwood received the award for the City. Both employees were instrumental in developing the signage. Funding for the signs came from the Arizona State Land Department and the City of Show Low.

Shop With A Cop program

Once again, the Show Low and Pinetop-Lakeside police departments are helping to bring cheer to needy children this Christmas through the **Shop With A Cop** program.

Through generous donations from local citizens, Wal-Mart Supercenter and area merchants, each needy child selected receives up to \$100 for personal clothing, gifts and a few toys. Every citizen can participate in this holiday project by purchasing a \$2 decorative mitten at any Wal-Mart cash register, available now. The money collected will go directly to this worthy program.

One child will be selected for every \$100 raised, so please be generous. The more money raised ensures that more children can participate in the program. This is a wonderful opportunity to capture the true spirit of giving and help the less fortunate children of our area have a Merry Christmas.

Together we can make a difference!

Development Update

The Planning and Zoning department provides monthly information on conditional use permits (CUPs), subdivisions, zoning requests and major projects within the City of Show Low.

Conditional Use Permits

- ✓ Mission of Grace (Love Kitchen) – The CUP to relocate this existing thrift store to 4050 South White Mountain Road was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission on November 13.
- ✓ Salvation Army – The CUP to operate a secondhand sales outlet at 161 East Deuce of Clubs (in the Show Low Plaza) was brought before the Planning and Zoning Commission in late November.

Major Projects

- ✓ Pizza Hut – Construction is almost done on a new Pizza Hut on White Mountain Road, expected to open in early December.
- ✓ R&R Pizza – Remodeling nears completion for this new pizza restaurant in Show Low Plaza at 161 East Deuce of Clubs.
- ✓ Show Low Business Plaza – This commercial office building off of Penrod Road will be completed in early December.
- ✓ White Mountain Helping Hand – This thrift store completed its renovation and has moved into new quarters at 101 South White Mountain Road.
- ✓ Word of Life Ministries – The church was issued a building permit for a new Fellowship Hall to replace the former building that was destroyed by an arson attack earlier this year.

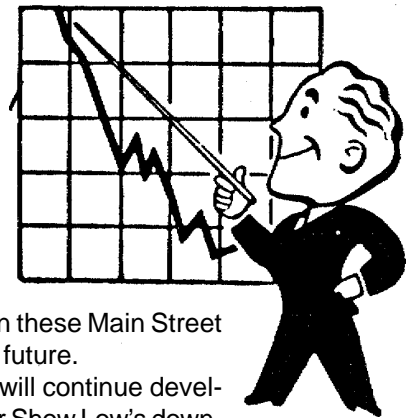
Main Street hosts December 12 meeting

Show Low Main Street is hosting a city-wide business meeting on December 12, 2001 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 200 West Cooley. Participants will discuss downtown enhancement and new business recruitment.

This is the third public meeting sponsored by Main Street to define Show Low's character, identify goals for future development and/or redevelopment activity, and create a strategic plan. Representatives from local businesses and organizations as well as City Council and staff members have been participating in these Main Street sessions to plan for the City's future.

The December 12 meeting will continue developing a comprehensive plan for Show Low's downtown business area (the corridor from the Victorian building to Wal-Mart Supercenter). The attendees will be broken into four committees for discussion: 1) Design, 2) Promotion, 3) Economic Structuring and 4) Organization.

Interested individuals, businesses and organizations are welcome to participate in this important process. We all want a thriving, vibrant City! For more information, contact Show Low Main Street at 537-8181.



City employees participate in the community in a variety of ways...

at Linden School

City 4 TV employees Mel West, Billy Martin and Dustin Willis were invited by teacher Roger Smith to Linden Elementary School in mid-November to give students a hands-on lesson in producing a live video production. On the heels of Nickelodeon's Slime Time Live's visit to the school, Mr. Smith wanted the 6th grade students to see firsthand how it all came together. Six groups of students performed skits in front of the cameras and 16 others were behind the cameras, directing, doing the camera work, handling the sound and cue cards, and creating graphics.



(photos top to bottom)
TV monitors show simultaneously what's being taped; a live taping with cue cards; students create graphics on a computer; another group of students tape a skit.

at the Underwater Pumpkin Hunt

On October 27, teens ranging in age from 11 to 17 joined together to dive for plastic pumpkins at the Family Aquatic Center. The pumpkins were filled with varying amounts of pennies, allowing some to float and others to sink. Special ones were marked with prize numbers, and the lucky winners received movies on video, CDs, candy, electronic games and personal CD players. The grand prize winner took home a stereo system. The annual event was produced and funded by the Aquatic Center.

at Trunk or Treat

Show Low Main Street sponsored its annual Trunk or Treat on Halloween, October 31, from 6 to 9 p.m. in and around the Festival Marketplace. Local merchants and representatives from a variety of organizations were costumed in Halloween outfits, handing out treats from the trunks of their vehicles. Employee Cari Bilbie manned the City of Show Low's vehicle, giving away a little over 2,000 goodie bags filled with candy and toys. City 4 TV employees were also on hand, videotaping and interviewing kids and parents, and the tape was broadcast later in the week. Many parents and adults picked up on the festive mood and dressed up this year along with the kids.

during Teen Read Week

Teen Read Week, October 14 to 20, was sponsored by the Show Low Public Library with the theme, "Make Reading a Hobbit." Ballots and bookmarks were distributed to area schools and homeschoolers, and students were asked to vote on their favorite book or books. When they dropped off their ballots at the Library, they were given a goodie bag and their names entered in a drawing for prizes. Students ranging in ages from 10 to 18 participated. Prizes included book sets and videos. Grand prize winner Megan Crossley won two tickets to *The Lord of the Rings* movie premiering in December. *The Hobbit* won the most votes as favorite book title, with the *Harry Potter* series proving a popular second.

at the Candy Scramble

It was a scene of organized chaos as 50 to 70 primary schoolchildren scampered across Centennial Park on October 27. Dressed in their Halloween costumes, the students were gathered into five age groups to grab handfuls of candy. Some candy wrappers were marked with prize numbers, and the lucky recipients won stuffed animals, children's videos, electronic learning games, sports equipment, card games and other goodies. The Candy Scramble was sponsored and coordinated by the City's Recreation department. It was a mad dash but everyone agreed it was a lot of fun!