

Show Low Monthly News



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City welcomes new manager

Accountability.
Public trust.
Reorganization.
To the ordinary citizen, these words may carry a heavy burden but to Michael Maag, Show Low's new City Manager, they spell "challenge." And a challenge is something he relishes.

Mike, as he likes to be called, describes himself as a "player's coach." He believes in capitalizing on each

employee's strengths, streamlining procedures for the most efficient use of resources. He also believes strongly in team-building. In his view, employees are the no. 1 resource of any organization. It doesn't mean he's soft, though. He's a proponent of hard work and won't tolerate poor performance.

His trek to Show Low from Colorado took a circuitous detour through South Dakota. He spent 11 years as County Manager for Douglas County, Colorado, the nation's fastest-growing county since the late 1980s. Prior to that he worked for Loveland, Colorado, the second-fastest growing city in the state. Over his seven years there, Loveland averaged an annual growth rate of 12 to 14%. He left Colorado after 26 years and returned to South Dakota, where he was born and raised,



before moving to Show Low.

If you ask him what attracted him to Show Low, he'll tell you he's always enjoyed living and working in small towns. Quality of life is important to him, so is good weather and friendly people—characteristics Show Low has in abundance.

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Project Clean Sweep continues

It's the perfect time to clean your property, home or business. Take advantage of Project Clean Sweep as the program continues in June. Sponsored by the City of Show Low, the community-wide beautification program is free to residents. Proof of residency in Show Low is required by showing a current utility statement or a valid driver's license listing a street address.

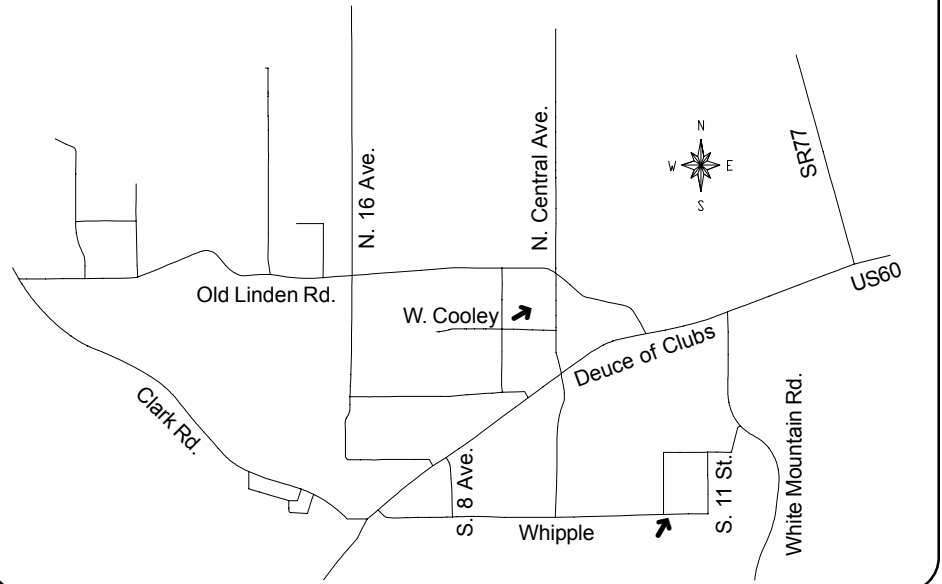
Free Excess Garbage Collection

Waste Management will provide free, excess trash collection from **June 2 through June 6**. This is a quarterly service provided annually and contracted by the City with Waste Management. Only residents who are billed for City water and/or sewer services are eligible for this benefit. On a resident's normally scheduled pickup day, Waste Management will collect excess trash bags under 50 pounds each and items up to four feet long (which must be bound if there's more than one item) that are placed next to the

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Dumpster Locations (June 12 through June 14, 2003)

- ◆ 200 W. Cooley (City Hall)
- ◆ 850 E. Whipple (Elks Lodge)



New City Manager...*continued from cover page*

Obviously, rapid growth is something he's experienced first-hand. Mike earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of South Dakota as a double major in Government and Criminology. His background gives him the necessary planning and negotiating skills to help the City Council steer Show Low's growth in a positive direction. He wants to revitalize the downtown area, tying in design concepts, pocket parks and parking areas to give it its own unique identity. The City's plans to create a civic center complex (using the old intermediate school property the City purchased) next to the downtown area will provide a strong anchor.

When not busy planning, directing, delegating or negotiating, Mike turns to golf, his favorite hobby. He's a 9 handicapper, looking to refine his skills on our local courses. He is also an art lover, with a special eye for bronze sculptures. Mike began his college career as an art major but changed after realizing his talent lay more in appreciating than creating it. He brought his love of art to Loveland, developing a program for acquiring and placing art – mainly sculpture – in public places.

You'll see him at Council meetings and City functions. And we're sure you'll be hearing much more from him in the months and years to come.

Project Clean Sweep...*continued from cover page*

polycarts. The next two collection weeks for Show Low residents are September 8 through September 12 and December 29, 2003 through January 3, 2004.

Free Bulky Item Pickup

From **June 9 through June 14**, City employees and volunteers will collect bulky items from residents who have arranged a pickup. Any large, unwanted appliances, furniture, tires, etc. will be accepted. The City, however, will not accept any hazardous materials, including liquid paints, oils, pesticides, herbicides and household cleaning products. Unlike the "Cash for Trash" program held in mid-May, residents will not be paid for these items.

Any bulky items left for collection and disposal by Waste Management will be charged \$20 per item, so **residents wanting to use the City's free service must contact Jon Olson at 532-4051 no later than 5 p.m., June 6**. If he's not available, leave a message with your name, physical address and home telephone number, requesting a pickup. You must place all items for pickup next to the curb in front of your residence.

Free Dumpster Use

The City has contracted with Waste Management to place large dumpsters at two locations, City Hall and the Elks Lodge, from **June 12 through June 14**. The dumpsters are for Show Low residents' use only so please bring a current utility statement or a valid driver's license listing a street address.

Debris and materials from construction sites and other commercial refuse will not be allowed. Hazardous materials, including pesticides, herbicides, oils, liquid paints and household cleaning products, are prohibited. Automobile tires and old car batteries may be placed beside, not in, the dumpsters for disposal. The dumpsters will be monitored by City employees to ensure compliance and to arrange for them to be emptied as necessary.

Here's your opportunity to clean your property of excess trash and yard debris. Let's work together to keep Show Low a beautiful place to live and visit.

Fire restrictions announced

Due to the extremely dry conditions in the forest, fire restrictions have been initiated in Navajo County and the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. Everyone is urged to exercise extreme caution and follow correct fire safety procedures. Preparation is the most important step to protect you and your family from wildfire.

Do NOT build, maintain, or use an open outdoor fire, campfire, bonfire (for burning rubbish) or charcoal-burning device on any property within the Navajo County area. (Petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns or heating devices are permitted.)

If you're a smoker, please use extreme caution. Completely and properly extinguish all cigarettes, cigars and ashes—and dispose of everything in your vehicle's ashtray. Do NOT throw anything onto the roadway or out of your vehicle. You should smoke only within an *enclosed* vehicle or building, residential yard, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of flammable materials.

Take advantage of the City's free Project Clean Sweep services in June to clean your property. Create a minimum safety zone of 30 feet around your home although homes built among the pine forest should have a minimum zone of 100 feet. Remove pine needles, dead tree limbs, leaves and other debris. Clean your home's roof and gutters, too. In these dry conditions, it's a good idea to water your yard, trees and plants frequently.

Explain the dangers of fire to your children. Create a simple, easy-to-follow family disaster plan. Post emergency telephone numbers (police, fire and ambulance) next to every telephone. Make arrangements with a relative or friend who lives outside the area to be a family contact. Every family member should know the contact's name, address and telephone number.

Prepare a disaster supply kit and keep everything in an easy-to-carry container (like a backpack or trash container). At a minimum, the kit should include enough supplies for three days.

- ✓ Drinking water and non-perishable food
- ✓ Prescription medications
- ✓ A battery-powered radio, flashlight and extra batteries
- ✓ Credit cards, cash or traveler's checks
- ✓ First aid supplies
- ✓ An area map and telephone numbers of places you could go
- ✓ Matches in a waterproof container
- ✓ Personal hygiene items
- ✓ One change of clothing and footwear per person
- ✓ One blanket or sleeping bag per person
- ✓ An extra set of car keys
- ✓ Special items for infants, the elderly or disabled family members

Plan several escape routes from your home in case you are asked to evacuate. Drive around your neighborhood and learn all the ways in and out of your area. Remember to keep your vehicle's gas tank at least half full.

Disaster can strike suddenly, when we least expect it. Being prepared and staying calm are the best defenses in any emergency.

Happy 50th anniversary, Show Low!

Show Low, the city "named by the turn of a card," commemorated its 50th year of incorporation during a two-day celebration on May 2 and 3, 2003. Literally thousands of revelers from Show Low and surrounding communities in the White Mountains turned out to say "Happy Birthday!"

For our newcomers, Show Low's history dates back to the 1800s. Legend has it that Marion Clark and Corydon E. Cooley, a famous Indian Scout, were partners and homesteaded their land in 1870, fencing off some 100,000 acres with barbed wire. (Part of their ranch is the present site of Show Low.) Some years later, the two partners had a disagreement and decided to dissolve their partnership with a game of cards called "Seven Up." The winner would buy out the loser. The partners played all night. On the last hand, Cooley

needed just one point to win. At that moment, Clark is reported to have said, "You 'show low' and you win!" Cooley cut the deck and came up with the Deuce of Clubs, thus winning the game and town, providing the name for our future town of Show Low. Appropriately, the main street is called the Deuce of Clubs.

In the early 1950s, Show Low residents decided it was time to get organized and a five-member council was formed. They held their first official meeting on May 4, 1953. As a fitting tribute, the 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee picked "Remember the Past, Look to the Future" as the anniversary's theme. Committee members included descendants of founding families, representatives from the local chamber and school district, and City of Show Low employees.

Over a year was spent planning the celebratory events, which were all free and open to the public. On May 2, a time capsule was buried in front of the Show Low Police Department. Filled with items to remind future residents of what our city was like in 2003, it will be unearthed 50 years from now. A talent show featuring



Some brave souls at the pickle-eating contest.

homegrown singers, dancers, and comedians was held that evening at the school auditorium. Who would have thought a small town like Show Low could have so many talented performers! It was followed by an ice cream social and street dance, featuring a live band, at the high school.

May 3 was kicked off by a parade along the Deuce of Clubs, with long-time families, businesses and organizations honoring Show Low's past. More than 50 entries participated. Festivities moved to City Park with an old-fashioned barbecue and games for the entire family. If you couldn't make it, you missed out on some delicious barbecued beef, beans and cole slaw. The weekend's celebration ended with an evening program, saluting all the mayors and council members who have served this venerable city since 1953.

Thank you to our sponsors and volunteers for your generosity and hours of labor to make this celebration possible.



Getting ready for the hungry crowds at the barbecue.

Sewer problems?

Here's what to do before reporting a sewer problem. Check to see if you have a cleanout on your property line. A "cleanout" is a four-inch diameter plastic pipe, level with the ground and topped by a white plastic cap. It is the access point to your sewer service line at your property line. You need to remove the cap and check the cleanout. If the cap is threaded, use pliers to turn and remove it. If it's not threaded, the cap can be pulled off.

- ✓ If the cleanout **is full of water**, it is the **City's problem**. Call the City's Public Works Department and we will send someone to fix the problem. If you're calling Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m., dial 532-4100. If you're calling after hours or on weekends or holidays, call the Show Low Police Department at 537-4365. The dispatcher will contact the Public Works Department for you.

- ✓ If the cleanout **has no water**, it is the **homeowner's problem**. Contact a plumber to come and fix the problem.

If you're not sure if you have a sewer cleanout or don't know how to make a determination, contact the Public Works Department and we will be happy to assist you. Please note that the City's reimbursement policy states that if you contact a plumber before contacting the Public Works Department and the problem is the City's responsibility, you may not be eligible for reimbursement for the work performed.

Again, should you have any questions, please contact 532-4100 during business hours for assistance.

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For general information, call 532-4000. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Calendar of Events

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

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

Pre-registration required for all library craft classes. Register online for aquatics programs under "recreational facilities."

- 06/02 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., Open Spaces (Wagon Wheel Plaza)
Introduction to Yoga begins (2 sessions)
- 06/02 **Summer Tennis League** play begins
City Park Tennis Courts (doubles & mixed doubles)
- 06/02 6–7 p.m., Show Low Junior High North Field
Dog Obedience classes begin (for dogs 4 months+)
- 06/03 Council Chambers
4 p.m., **City Council Special Meeting**
7 p.m., **City Council Regular Meeting**
- 06/04 6–7:30 p.m., Open Spaces (Wagon Wheel Plaza)
Power Yoga classes begin (6 sessions)
- 06/05 2 p.m., Aquatic Center
Treasure Hunt
- 06/05 Aquatic Center (ages 16+)
Inner-Tube Water Polo League play begins
- 06/06 6–8 p.m., Open Spaces (Wagon Wheel Plaza)
Introduction to Yoga begins (2 sessions)
- 06/07 7–11 a.m., Show Low Municipal Airport
Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Fly-in and Pancake Breakfast (in the big tan hangar). Enjoy pancakes while your kids get a free airplane ride.
- 06/07 8 a.m.+ , Woodland Lake Park
National Trails Day celebration
- 06/07 **FREE Concert in the Park**, Show Low City Park
5 p.m., *Coleproject* (alternative rock)
7 p.m., *Marshall Trimble, Arizona State Historian*
- 06/09 **Swimming Lessons** (Session 1) begin, Aquatic Center
- 06/09 **Peewee T-ball** registration begins (ages 4-6)
Play begins 07/14, Little League Field, City Park
- 06/09 9 a.m.–noon (camp runs for 2 weeks)
Camp Extreme/Junior Lifeguard Training begins
- 06/10 7 p.m., Council Chambers
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 06/11 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Council Chambers
"Life Care Planning Workshop for Seniors" presented by the Attorney General's Elder Affairs Program. This FREE seminar will help you make decisions now about financial matters and health care decisions. Topics include durable power of attorney for health care and financial matters, living wills and pre-hospital medical directives.
- 06/11 3 p.m., Aquatic Center
Penny Carnival (all ages)
- 06/14 noon–6 p.m., Aquatic Center
Father's Day Free Swim (open to all fathers)
- 06/14 2–3 p.m., Public Library (pick up incentives from 06/23)
Summer Reading Program begins (all ages)
- 06/16 1–5 p.m., Aquatic Center & City Park (ages 6-12)
Summer Play Days begin (sports, crafts, fun!)
- 06/17 2 p.m., Aquatic Center
Treasure Hunt
- 06/17 Council Chambers
4 p.m., **City Council Special Meeting**
7 p.m., **City Council Regular Meeting**
- 06/18 1:30 p.m., Public Library (book: *Age of Innocence*)
Arizona Humanities Book Discussion Group
- 06/18 3–3:30 p.m. & 4–4:30 p.m., Public Library
Movie Star Sunglasses craft (all ages)
- 06/19 3–3:30 p.m., Public Library
Magic Wand craft (all ages)
- 06/19 7 p.m., Council Chambers
Show Low Historial Society meeting
guest speaker: Max Perkins
- 06/20 Last day to register for **Youth Flag Football League**
(grades 1-6) (play begins 07/12)
- 06/20 5–9 p.m., Aquatic Center (food, games, fun!)
Luau (open to the public)
- 06/21 **FREE Concert in the Park**, Show Low City Park
7 p.m., *AZZ IZZ* (fusion of pop, reggae, R&B, Latin, jazz)
- 06/24 9–10:30 a.m., Open Spaces (Wagon Wheel Plaza)
Gentle Yoga classes begin (6 or 12 sessions)
- 06/24 7 p.m., Council Chambers
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 06/29 7 p.m., Show Low School District auditorium
Rodeo-Chediski Fire Memorial Service is FREE to the public. The City of Show Low is sponsoring a short program to commemorate what all of us lived through last year.
- 06/26 3 p.m., Aquatic Center
Water Balloon Volleyball
- 06/28 **FREE Concert in the Park**, Show Low City Park
5 p.m., *Dead End Society*
7 p.m., *Dolan Ellis, Arizona State Balladeer*
- 06/30 **Swimming Lessons** (Session 2) begin, Aquatic Center

