

Show Low Monthly News

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City moves ahead on forest management projects

You may have seen crews thinning City Park or removing dead trees from City-owned properties since last year. The City of Show Low is taking an active role in promoting a healthy community forest environment, ensuring its safety for all citizens. Many proactive measures were begun even before the devastating Rodeo-Chediski Fire last summer.

On June 4, 2002, the Show Low City Council adopted guidelines for a community-wide tree policy. The Council voted to work hand-in-hand with Pinetop-Lakeside and Navajo County to develop a consistent strategy for maintaining and conserving the urban forest. In addition, guidelines for tree management and public education were outlined.

Continuing drought has created a dire situation in the White Mountains. Trees, especially the much-loved ponderosa pine, have become especially susceptible to disease and infestation. You can see diseased and dying trees around many areas of the community, many from bark beetle infestation. Since last fall, the City has been removing dead trees from the 58-acre City Park, and has thinned 15 acres so far. Thinning allows healthy trees to have more access to sunlight, nutrients and moisture by removing competition. This gives healthy trees the opportunity to grow and develop to their fullest potential.

Five acres of City property in the Sierra Pines subdivision, targeted as a future park site, was thinned and dead trees removed. Dead trees were also removed from the 20-acre Pearce property off of West McNeil. The City plans to thin three City-owned lots in Fairway Park sometime later this year. Another 30 acres west of Fairway Park are also in the planning stages for thinning.

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Happy 50th birthday, Show Low!

The banners hang proudly around town, reminding us that Show Low is set to celebrate its 50th birthday in May 2003. A committee has been actively planning festivities since last year—most of them FREE to the public—to honor our city. Photographs from the 1950s, leading up to the present, are being developed into posters for displays in local businesses

and retail establishments. Commemorative items, featuring the 50th anniversary logo, will be available for sale beginning later this month.

To commemorate the momentous day, May 4, 1953, the City, private individuals, local businesses and other organizations are sponsoring a variety of events. Here's what's planned for May 2 and 3, 2003:

Friday, May 2:

- 2 p.m. Time capsule burial ceremony, Police Department building
- 7 p.m. Talent show, School District auditorium
- 8:30 p.m. Ice cream social/street dance, School District parking lot

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Remember the Past - Look to the Future

Come to a master planning workshop

Are you a Show Low resident? Or a member of the business community? The City of Show Low is in the process of soliciting input from individuals and businesses for a proposed City Facilities Campus at the former intermediate school property. A consultant has been hired to prepare a master plan for the site. A one-and-a-half day workshop has been scheduled for everyone to share his or her ideas. Drop by for an hour or all day, if you wish, to work with the Design Team. There will be refreshments and prizes. Children, too, are welcome and encouraged to participate. Questions may be directed to Annabelle Montoya at 532-4084.

What:

Master planning workshop for Show Low's City Facilities Campus

When:

- Thursday, March 20, 2003 from 12:00 noon to 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, March 21, 2003 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Where:

City of Show Low Council Chambers, 200 West Cooley

Celebrate OneBookAZ

Show Low Public Library, in conjunction with the Arizona State Library, is presenting OneBookAZ2003, a celebration of community and reading. The book for adults this year is "Plainsong" by Kent Haruf, with a book discussion on Wednesday, April 9, 2003, at the Show Low Public Library. In addition, youth can join in by reading "Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key" by Jack Gantos. There will be more fun with a puppet show on Thursday, April 10, at 4:00 p.m. Watch City 4 Television (cable channel 4) or check out the City's Web site at www.ci.show-low.az.us for additional information. Join us in celebrating reading and being a part of Arizona.



Calendar of Events

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



- 03/03** 7 a.m., Council Chambers
City Council Study Session
- 03/04** Council Chambers
5:00 p.m., **City Council Special Policy Meeting**
7 p.m., **City Council Regular Meeting**
- 03/10** **Spring Co-ed Volleyball League** play begins
(ages 16+), Show Low Junior High School gymnasium
- 03/11** 7 p.m., Council Chambers
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 03/12** 2:45–3:45 p.m., Recreation conference room
St. Patrick's Day craft class, including open swim
(grades 2-6)
- 03/13** noon, R&R Pizza
Show Low Library Friends monthly meeting
(open to the public)
- 03/14,** 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Public Library
- 03/15** Show Low Library Friends' **Mystery Book Sale**
(your purchase of a used paperback or hardback
mystery supports the new library's building project fund,
projected to open by summer 2004)
- 03/17** 5 a.m.–9 p.m., Family Aquatic Center
(if there's green in your bathing suit, swim for half price!)
St. Patrick's Day Celebration
- 03/17** 7 a.m., City Hall Conference Room
City Council Study Session
- 03/18** Council Chambers
7 p.m., **City Council Regular Meeting**
- 03/19** 1:30 p.m., Public Library (pick up book at library)
Book discussion group
- 03/25** 7 p.m., Council Chambers
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting



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

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On February 18, 2003, the Show Low City Council adopted a fire-safe community forest management policy. This policy recognizes that the responsibility for structural and landscape protection begins with the individual property or business owner. The City will develop a long-term strategic plan that will lead to a safe and secure community forest. The City will eliminate any current policies within City government that limit any property owner from removing vegetation without incurring sanctions. The City will also implement a permitting process to monitor and map all work conducted on private property within the community.

The Show Low City Council and staff are committed to keeping our community safe and beautiful for everyone to enjoy.

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Saturday, May 3:

- 7 a.m. Lions Club breakfast, Festival Marketplace
- 10 a.m. Parade along the Deuce of Clubs
(theme: "Remember the Past - Look to the Future")
- 11 a.m. Barbecue, City Park
to 3 p.m. (featuring games for the kids, music and other entertainment)
- 5:30 p.m. Dignitary reception honoring past and present Council members (by invitation only), Intermediate School multipurpose room
- 7 p.m. Formal event, School District auditorium
(featuring historical skits, music, storytellers and recognition of past and present Council members)

Descendents of founding families and families that have been here since the 1950s are encouraged to compete against each other during the Talent Show and/or the parade. A special parade award will be given for the best family float.

The planning committee is seeking community volunteers interested in helping with these events. If you would like to help in planning or with logistics at the event, contact Ann Kurasaki at 532-4061 or via e-mail at akurasaki@ci.show-low.az.us.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available for individuals, organizations or businesses. A sponsor may donate to the entire series of celebratory events or sponsor a specific event. To make a pledge today or for more information, contact Joel Weeks at 532-4014 or via e-mail at jweeks@ci.show-low.az.us.

The City will provide more information about its 50th anniversary in upcoming newsletters, via the web site and on City 4 Television. Stay tuned for more exciting news.

Arborist training begins March 10

The Arizona Community Tree Council and the Navajo County Cooperative Extension office are sponsoring an arborist training and certification program from March 10 through 14, 2003 at the City of Show Low Council Chambers, 200 West Cooley. The weeklong training is open to individuals working in industries that impact trees and forests. Classes include tree biology, plant identification and selection, tree-to-soil relationships, pruning, safety and climbing techniques, construction management, etc. The certification test will be given on Saturday, March 15. Course fees will be charged. To register or for more information, contact Jan Mathis at 532-6139.