

Show Low News



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Come and check out the NEW public library

After much planning and anticipation, the Show Low Public Library moved to its new location at 180 North 9th Street (formerly the Frontier communications building). Doors opened July 5, and the official unveiling was held July 21, featuring local dignitaries, raffle prizes and books galore!

The new facility provides lots of opportunities for patrons to sit and read or thumb through magazines. A new feature is the Teen



area, with a sitting "room" and spaces for studying and displaying artwork. The Show Low Library Friends, the library's dedicated

volunteers, have designed a special reading area, dubbed the "Garden of Readin,'" with a varied selection of books. The children's section is larger, with more space for arts and craft classes. The facility's makeover continues almost daily. Newly released books will be showcased. A display area will provide information about special events. The reference section will be enlarged. The computer lab will have 24 computers plus wireless stations.

Wireless access for laptops with wireless capabilities will be available throughout the library. With education in mind, study carrels may be used for self-study or for tutoring, and the Adult Basic Education collection will be expanded.

During library hours, community groups may reserve meeting rooms. Parking is plentiful, offering three times the number of spaces as the previous library.

Since opening, the library has averaged more than 500 visitors a day plus 500 checkouts. Staff registered 92 new patrons in the first week. The first puppet show in the new facility entertained 107 parents and children, a library record.

Library hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, noon to 8 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 532-4070.

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City deeded rights to Show Low Lake

In an unprecedented move, the City of Show Low is now the proud owner of Show Low Lake and the adjacent park and campgrounds, which are maintained and operated by Navajo County. This transaction, orchestrated by City staff, outside legal counsel and the City Council, virtually guarantees that the City will never run out of water. As many citizens are aware, squabbles over water rights erupt almost constantly throughout Arizona and the Southwest.

The previous owner, Phelps Dodge Corporation, abandoned its water rights to the lake and deeded the lake and related property to the City in late June. Show Low Lake was constructed in 1953 by Phelps Dodge, one of the world's leading producers of copper and molybdenum. Phelps Dodge pumped water from the lake over the Mogollon Rim into the Salt River basin for its mining operations in Morenci.



A picturesque view of Show Low Lake, a popular destination for campers, boaters and fishing enthusiasts.

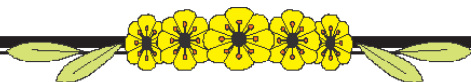
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Calendar of Events

Family Aquatic Center & Recreation: 532-4140

Public Library: 532-4070

- 08/02** Council Chambers
6 p.m., City Council Study Session
7 p.m., City Council Regular Meeting
- 08/05** 2–4 p.m., Aquatic Center (all ages)
Fun Friday (swimming, games, prizes, crafts, snacks)
- 08/06** 10 a.m. – noon, City Park, Senior Field (ages 6 & under)
Itty Bitty Olympics (games & prizes)
- 08/06** 1–4 p.m., City Park, Ponderosa Field
Dog Days of Summer (disc competition for dogs)
- 08/06** Registration ends for **Women's Fall Volleyball** (ages 15+); play begins 08/15
- 08/09** 7 p.m., Council Chambers
Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting
- 08/10** 6:30–9 p.m., Aquatic Center
Back to School Bash (all ages)
- 08/11** Noon, Public Library (public welcome)
Show Low Library Friends monthly meeting
- 08/16** 7 p.m., Council Chambers
City Council Regular Meeting
- 08/17** 1:30 p.m., Public Library (book: *The Milagro Beanfield*)
Arizona Humanities Book Discussion Group



08/18 7 p.m., Licano's Mexican Food & Steakhouse,
 573 W. Deuce of Clubs

Show Low Historical Society presents a celebration of the original Paint Pony Lodge, built by Eric and Mary Marks in the late 1930s. The lodge was known throughout the Southwest for Mary Marks' excellent cooking. Some of her favorite secret recipes will be shared with all who attend. Share your memories. Call 532-7115.

- 08/20** 8:30–10 a.m., City Park, Ponderosa Field
Dog Obedience/Puppy Training classes begin
- 08/20** 10 a.m.–3 p.m. (live TV auction via City 4 TV)
Lions Club Auction for Charities
- 08/23** 7 p.m., Council Chambers
Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting
- 08/24** **Fall Coed Volleyball** registration begins (ages 15+); play begins 10/3
- 08/25** 3:30 p.m., Public Library (favorite adventure book)
Cool Kids' Book Discussion (ages 8-12)
- 08/27** 10th Annual **Tri in the Pines** (ages 15+)
 Register through 08/20 at Recreation office
- 08/27** **Youth Tri in the Pines** (held in conjunction with Tri in the Pines for ages 14 & under)
- 08/30** 6 p.m., Council Chambers
Joint Study Session with City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission

Funds available for thinning private property

As a private property owner, have you taken advantage of the money available to help you pay to thin your property? The City of Show Low has secured grant funds for thinning and mitigation treatments. Funds are reimbursed to private property owners based on the lot's size and the area thinned.

Since the program began in late 2003, over 1,100 acres of an estimated 5,700 acres of forested private property in Show Low has been thinned. All private property within the city limits are eligible. Each grant, however, has an expiration date. It is imperative to do the work soon to ensure funds are obtainable. The grant pipeline eventually will be rerouted to other heavily forested areas hit by destructive wildfires.

To ensure your reimbursement, follow these steps:

- 1) Contact Program Grant Manager Lloyd Wilmes at 521-3243 or Community Forester Jan Mathis at 532-6139 to make an appointment to determine your property's eligibility.
- 2) Wilmes or Mathis will visit your property to do an assessment. You will be given a list of forest health contractors, a checklist of suggestions when hiring a contractor and a copy of the thinning standards.
- 3) You may do the work yourself or hire someone to do it. Document the time you spend and any expenses you incur (equipment rental fees; chainsaw sharpening; gasoline, mixing oil and bar oil to operate the chainsaw, etc.). Keep all receipts.
- 4) After the work is done, Wilmes or Mathis will do a follow-up inspection to see that thinning was done to prescribed standards.
- 5) The grant reimbursement will be processed for payment. Take advantage of this financial assistance to protect your valuable investment by calling 521-3243 or 532-6139 today.



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Mayor Rick Fernau commented after the transaction that the City "has received an invaluable management tool to address our long-term municipal and domestic water needs. In addition, Show Low Lake and the adjacent park facilities will continue to provide recreational activities for local families and visitors."

The water in Show Low Lake will be jointly claimed and managed by the City and the Show Low/Pinetop-Woodland Irrigation Company. The water will meet municipal, domestic, irrigation, stock watering, wildlife and recreational needs.

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