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Wet or dry? It's your choice on the Fourth

The annual Fourth of July parade begins at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, July 4, from Show Low City Park along the Deuce of Clubs to the intersection of White Mountain Road. Organizers anticipate another exciting parade this year, with lots of original entries illustrating the theme, "Let Freedom Ring."

Spectators will have a choice to get wet or remain dry along the parade route. There will be three specially designated "wet zones" on each side of the Deuce of Clubs (see box to the right). These areas will be marked with signs affixed to both sides of the barricades indicating the appropriate zones. The signs will say either, "Wet Zone – You will get soaked if you are on this side of the barricade," or "Dry Zone – You may get wet if you are near this barricade." In addition, police officers will patrol the parade route letting people know they are located in a wet zone.

Please note that fire department vehicles and personnel are the *only authorized targets* in the wet zones. There will be at least five fire departments participating in the parade. Spectators should not spray water on any other floats, parade participants, fellow spectators, police officers, etc.

Show Low Mayor Rick Fernau will be on one of the fire trucks, wearing a white shirt with a target on his back. You are welcome to spray the mayor liberally with water, but he asks that citizens respect the desires of those who wish to remain dry.

Other Fourth of July activities include the popular biscuits and gravy breakfast from 7 to 9 a.m. at the Festival Marketplace and entertainment and family events at Show Low High School (gates open at 1:30 p.m.). The *Colgate Country Showdown* kicks

off at 2 p.m.; a watermelon eating contest, games and relay races start at 3 p.m.; the *Young Country* concert is from 7 to 9 p.m.; and the largest fireworks display in the White Mountains begins at 9 p.m. Come enjoy a day of fun on the Fourth!

Parade "wet zones" along the Deuce of Clubs:

- 1) Arby's to west edge of Maxwell Hair Shop (north side); east edge of Horne Auto to Native New Yorker (south).
- 2) Precision Lumber to east edge of Dairy Queen (north); 100 feet east of Chamber of Commerce to Checker Auto (south).
- 3) Bill's Bar to west edge of National Bank (north); east edge of Southwest Transmission to Dr. Gullett's office (south).

New library opens in July

The much-heralded opening of the Show Low Public Library at its new location at 180 North 9th Street (formerly the Frontier communications building) is scheduled for 9 a.m., Tuesday, July 5. In addition to a beautifully renovated facility, patrons will be treated to separate reading and study areas plus an enlarged reference section and computer lab. The grand opening will be held on Thursday, July 21, from 4 to 6 p.m., with a ribbon-cutting at 5:30 p.m. Come meet invited dignitaries and enjoy refreshments. The Friends of the Library will be raffling Diamondbacks tickets at the grand opening. Direct questions to 532-4070.

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.

Calendar of Events

Family Aquatic Center & Recreation: 532-4140

❖ Public Library: 532-4070

- 07/01** 6–9 p.m., Aquatic Center
Red, White & Bluau (Polynesian luau with games, food, swimming, prizes & entertainment)
- 07/02** 9 a.m.–3 p.m., Aspen Pond, 5408 W. White Mountain Blvd.; **Senior Expo** (health seminars & screenings)
- 07/02, 07/04** **Men's ASA National Qualifier Softball Tournament**
- 07/04** **Fourth of July** (City offices closed)
- 07/04** 7–9 a.m., Festival Marketplace
Historical Society's Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast
- 07/04** 9:30–11:30 a.m., along the Deuce of Clubs
Annual Fourth of July Parade ("Let Freedom Ring")
- 07/04** Fourth of July events at Show Low High School (gates open at 1:30 p.m.):
2 p.m., **Colgate Country Showdown** (talent contest)
2:30 p.m., **Arm Wrestling** contests
3 p.m., **Family fun!** (contests, games, races)
6 p.m., **DJ entertainment** (musical variety)
7 p.m., **Young Country** concert
9 p.m., **Fireworks Show**
- 07/05** 1–5 p.m., Aquatic Center & City Campus
Summer Play Days (session 2) begin (ages 6-12)
- 07/05** 7 p.m., Council Chambers
City Council Regular Meeting
- 07/07** 3:30–4 p.m., Public Library (all ages)
The Marvelous Magical Menagerie (puppet theater)
- 07/08** Noon–8 p.m., Festival Marketplace
Cooley Avenue of the Arts (juried art, entertainment)
- 07/08** 2–4 p.m., Aquatic Center
Fun Friday (swimming, games, prizes, crafts, snacks)
- 07/09** **Youth Flag Football** games begin (grades 1-6)
- 07/11** 7:30 a.m., **Senior Healthy Hike**, meet at Senior Ctr.
- 07/11** **Swimming Lessons** (session 3) begin, Aquatic Center
- 07/11–** 1–3 p.m., daily at various City locations
- 07/15** **Sports for Life** (enjoy frisbee golf, basketball, swimming & other leisure activities)
- 07/11** 10 a.m.–noon, Aquatic Center (4-session class)
"Tale of Me" (autobiographical scrapbooking)
- 07/11** **Women's Fall Volleyball** registration begins (ages 15+); play begins 08/15
- 07/12** 7 p.m., Council Chambers
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 07/13** 1:30 p.m., Public Library (book: Howard's End)
Arizona Humanities Book Discussion Group
- 07/15** 2–4 p.m., Aquatic Center
Fun Friday (swimming, games, prizes, crafts, snacks)
- 07/15** 6–10 p.m., Show Low City Park (ages 13-18)
Blow Out (party with Show Low Dare and Scare Challenge, music, contests & food)
- 07/16** **FREE Concert in the Park**, City Park
5:30 p.m., *The Roys*; 7 p.m., *Sistah Blues*
- 07/18** 7:30 a.m., **Senior Healthy Hike**, meet at Senior Ctr.
- 07/18** Registration begins for **Swimming Lessons** (session 4); lessons begin 07/25
- 07/18** 10–11:30 a.m., Show Low Senior Center
Quilt making with Sharon
- 07/19** 10:15–11:15 a.m., Show Low Senior Center
Newcomers' & Residents' Social
- 07/19** **Coed Fall Softball** games begin (ages 15+)
- 07/19** 7 p.m., Council Chambers
City Council Regular Meeting
- 07/20** **Men's Flag Football** games begin (ages 15+)
- 07/21** 7 p.m., Council Chambers
Show Low Historical Society meeting (Dr. Charlotte Hunter: "Pictographs found in White Mountains")
- 07/22** Noon–8 p.m., Festival Marketplace
Cooley Avenue of the Arts (juried art, entertainment)
- 07/22** 2–4 p.m., Aquatic Center
Fun Friday (swimming, games, prizes, crafts, snacks)
- 07/25** 7:30 a.m., **Senior Healthy Hike**, meet at Senior Ctr.
- 07/25** **Swimming Lessons** (session 4) begin, Aquatic Center
- 07/25** Last day for **Summer Reading Program** prizes
- 07/26** 7 p.m., Council Chambers
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 07/28** 3:30 p.m., Public Library (book: favorite historical)
Cool Kids' Book Discussion (ages 8-12)
- 07/29** 2–4 p.m., Aquatic Center
Fun Friday (swimming, games, prizes, crafts, snacks)
- 07/30** **FREE Concert in the Park**, City Park
5:30 p.m., *Local Legends Show Off* (featuring favorite local opening bands)

Airport passenger screening

Great Lakes Airlines is scheduled tentatively to begin passenger screenings by the Transportation Security Administration at the Show Low Regional Airport on July 15. The screening process in Show Low should take ten to 20 minutes, while screening at (Phoenix) Sky Harbor International Airport can take up to two hours.

Great Lakes flies in and out of Terminal 2 at Sky Harbor. A passenger connecting to a flight originating from Terminal 2 (United, Frontier, American or Continental) will not have to be rescreened. A passenger boarding a flight from Terminals 3 or 4 will have to be rescreened; however, his luggage will not have to be rescreened.

The same security restrictions apply as those found at other airports. No weapons, fingernail clippers, lighters, knitting needles, etc. are allowed.