

Show Low News



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Voting is a privilege we Americans enjoy. Our soldiers are now fighting valiantly to preserve the freedoms we sometimes take for granted. Show Low's spring 2006 elections are an opportunity for you to exercise your freedom of choice. Get involved and participate in the democratic process. The individuals you elect will make decisions that affect you, your family and your future.

Ballot-by-mail election

In 2006, the City of Show Low will conduct a ballot-by-mail election for the March 14 Primary Election and, if necessary, the May 16 General Election.

In a ballot-by-mail election, all registered voters of Show Low will receive their ballot in the mail about

three weeks before the election. To accommodate busy lives and increase voter turnout, voters may cast their ballots at their convenience rather than at the polling place.

Voters may remember that the ballot-by-mail method was used during the 2002 election cycle. The Show Low City Council

voted in favor of using this method again in 2006. More and more cities across the country use the ballot-by-mail method with very successful results.

Voters will mark their ballots and return them by mail. If you prefer, ballots may be dropped off at the Interim City Hall, 550 North 9th Place. A voting machine will be available at the Interim City Hall through Election Day for those who prefer to vote in person, but you **MUST** bring your mail ballot with you to vote.



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What's on the ballot

The Primary Election ballot will ask voters to choose from six candidates for three City Council seats. The terms of three Council members—Vice Mayor Gene Kelley and Councilwomen Virginia Evans and Anne Staffnik—will expire in June 2006. All three incumbents are running for re-election in March, plus three additional candidates: Sherrene Caley, Rennie Crittenden (currently serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission) and Melody Judd. The three who are elected will serve through June 2010.

Any candidate who receives a majority of all votes cast at the Primary Election will be declared elected without running in the General Election. If a General Election is necessary, it will be held May 16, 2006, again as a ballot-by-mail election.

Voter registration

Are you a registered voter in Show Low? Navajo County maintains all voter registration information and will assist in mailing the 2006 ballots. Does the county have your current address? If you moved since registering to vote or your address has changed, the ballot will **NOT** be forwarded to you and will be returned to the county. Any voter who wants to check his or her information must contact the City Clerk's Office at 532-4060 or 532-4061. Or, contact the county directly by calling (928) 524-4192.

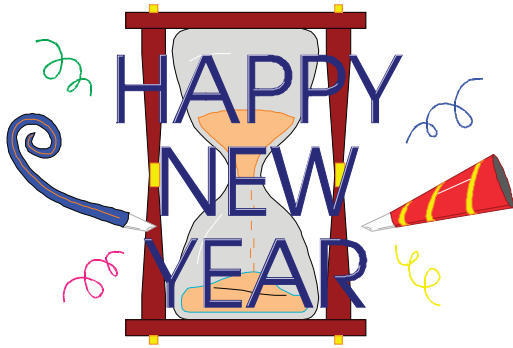
Some changes may be handled over the telephone, but other changes—moving to a new residence, changing your name or changing party designation—requires that the voter fill out a new form. Voter registration forms are available at the Interim City Hall. The last day to register or make changes to vote in the Primary Election is February 13, 2006.

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Interim City Hall now open for business

As announced in the December newsletter, the majority of departments housed in the old City Hall facility have moved to 550 North 9th Place (see photo, right). (Enter off the Deuce of Clubs via 9th Place between Allstate and State Farm insurance companies, across the street from Pat's Place.) Dubbed the "Interim City Hall," the site houses Administration (City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk and Human Resources), Community Development (planning, building safety, code enforcement, grant coordination), Public Works Administration, Engineering (City Engineer and engineering inspectors) and GIS (geographic information systems). **Building permits now will be issued at the Interim City Hall.** All direct telephone numbers remain the same, including the main number at 532-4000.





Calendar of Events

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

- 01/02** **New Year's Day Holiday** (City offices closed)
- 01/03** **7 p.m., Council Chambers**
City Council Regular Meeting
- 01/09** **Winter swimming lessons** registration begins (classes begin 01/23)
- 01/09** **Show Low DEAL Session 3** begins (session runs 01/09–02/24)
- 01/10** **7 p.m., Council Chambers**
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 01/12** **Noon, Public Library**
Show Low Library Friends meeting (public welcome)
- 01/16** **Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday** (City offices closed)
- 01/16** **1–5 p.m., Aquatic Center**
Open Swim for Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday
- 01/17** **7 p.m., Council Chambers**
City Council Regular Meeting
- 01/18** **Youth Basketball League** registration ends (play begins 02/11)
- 01/18** **1:30 p.m., Public Library**
Book Discussion Group (book: *Crazy Weather*)
- 01/19** **3:30–4:30 p.m., Public Library**
Cool Kids Book Discussion Group (ages 8+ years; bring your favorite funny story)
- 01/21** **2 p.m., City Park, Old Pavillion**
"Ice Brrr" Ice Cream Social
- 01/24** **7 p.m., Council Chambers**
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 01/28** **Coed Volleyball** registration ends (play begins week of 02/07)

Check out City 4 Television and the City's website at www.ci.show-low.az.us

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School District election

The Show Low Unified School District is also holding an election in March 2006. However, this election is NOT affiliated with the City's election. It is a traditional election, meaning that voters must go to the polling place on March 14 to cast their ballots. The scheduled polling places are as follows:

- Show Low #1-#4: Show Low Public Library, second floor
- Clay Springs: Clay Springs Library
- Linden: Linden Fire Station
- Pinedale: Pinedale Elementary School gymnasium
- White Mountain Lake - Community Building

School district voters will be required to present valid identification, as outlined in Proposition 200. In November 2004, the voters passed into law Proposition 200, which requires voters who vote at the polls to present **one** form of identification that bears the name, address and photograph of the voter OR **two** different forms of identification that bear the name and address of the elector before receiving a ballot.

Acceptable forms of identification with photograph, name and address of the elector include:

- Valid Arizona driver license
- Valid Arizona nonoperating identification license
- Tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification
- Valid U.S. federal, state or local government issued identification

An identification is "valid" unless it can be determined it has expired. Acceptable forms of identification without a photograph that bear the elector's name and address (two required) include:

- Utility bill of the elector that is dated within 90 days of the date of the election (the bill may be for electric, gas, water, solid waste, sewer, telephone, cellular phone or cable television)
- Bank or credit union statement that is dated within 90 days of the date of the election
- Valid Arizona vehicle registration
- Indian census card
- Property tax statement of the elector's residence
- Tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification
- Vehicle insurance card
- Recorder's Certificate
- Valid U.S. federal, state or local government issued identification, including a voter registration card issued by the county recorder

Other forms of identification not on this list must be deemed acceptable by the county election official in charge of elections and must establish the identity of the elector.

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The Administrative Services department remains at the 200 West Cooley address, which means that **payments for City utility and Arizona Public Service invoices continue to be accepted at the Cooley address.** Customers will continue to use the West Cooley site to sign up for utility services, request and pay for business and dog licenses and make utility payments. Utility questions should be directed to 532-4005.

Next February, the Magistrate Court will move into the old City Hall's ground floor and use the Council Chambers during the day. City Council, Planning and Zoning Commission and Show Low Unified School District Board meetings will continue to be held in the Council Chambers at 200 West Cooley. The meetings will continue to be televised live via City 4 Television (cable channel 4).

If you have questions, want more information or need directions, please call 532-4000.