

Show Low News



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Remember to vote in March

In February, a ballot was mailed to every **active registered voter** in the City of Show Low for the March 14 Primary Election. Voters will cast votes for three City Council seats out of six candidates. Complete the ballot at your convenience and mail it back in the enclosed envelope. If you prefer, ballots may be dropped off at the Interim City Hall, 550 North 9th Place, until 7 p.m., March 14, 2006. If you spoil or damage your ballot, replacement ballots are available at the Interim City Hall.

Cast your ballot for 3 Council seats

The terms of three Council members—Gene Kelley, Virginia Evans and Anne Staffnik—will expire in June 2006. All three incumbents are running for re-election. The other three candidates are Sherrene Caley, Rennie Crittenden (currently a Planning and Zoning Commissioner) and Melody Judd. The three who are elected will serve through June 2010.

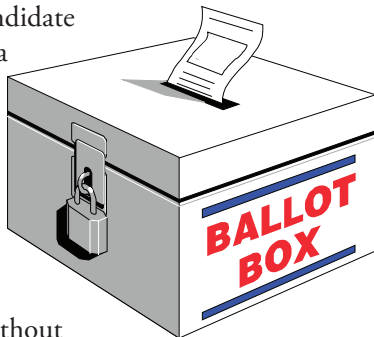
Any candidate receiving a majority of all votes cast at the Primary will be declared elected without running in the General.

The General Election, if one is needed, will be May 16 and a “vote by mail” election.

Need to re-register for the General?

Navajo County maintains voter information and assists with the elections. If you

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Two steps to preserving your property

Everyone has noticed the scarcity of precipitation this winter. And, no doubt, thoughts and conversations turn to the possibility of wildfire and devastation of our much-loved trees. It is imperative that we, as homeowners and residents, take active steps now to prevent major landscape losses in our own backyard.

Let us pay you to thin your property

The first step is to thin your property. Too much competition for resources like water and sunlight weakens all vegetation in the landscape. The City of Show Low has grant funds available to any private property owner, regardless of need, that will reimburse a homeowner for thinning and mitigation treatments. Contact the City's Forest Health Grant Program Manager Jerry Beddow at (928) 434-0577.

How to deep-water your trees

The second step is to deep-water your trees, especially the larger trees. A 50-foot tall ponderosa pine needs up to 75,000 gallons of water a year to thrive or about 16 inches of moisture annually. Obviously, the White Mountains has not had nearly the amount of moisture needed for our trees to thrive.

Water your most valuable trees two to three feet deep during dry periods. The general rule is to water in May or June and October or

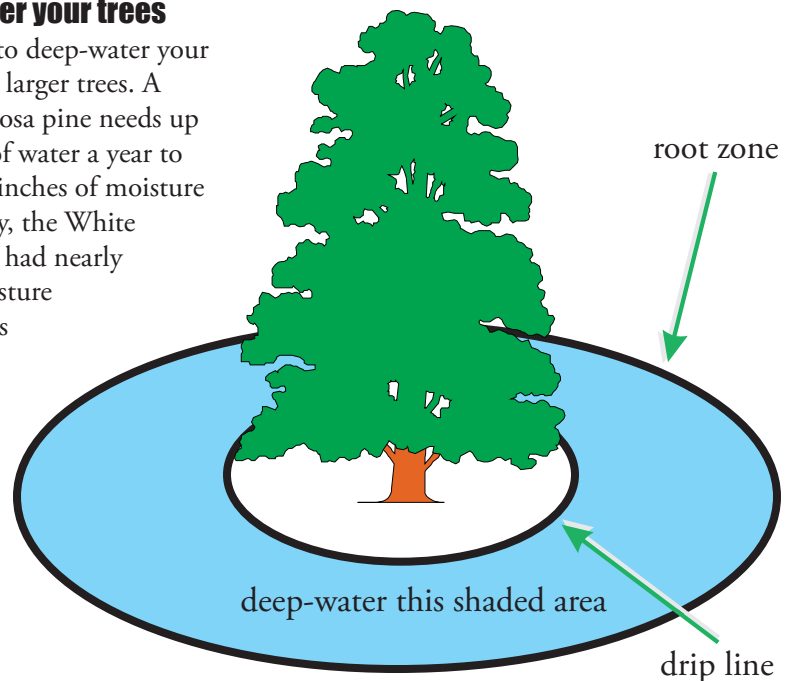
November. In times like this dry winter, also deep-water in February or March. Deep-watering will supplement what little precipitation has fallen.

Focus the watering in the root zone. The root zone begins at the drip line (which is where rainfall would naturally cascade off the ends of the tree branches) and continues outward to roughly the equivalent of the tree's height (see diagram below).

If you use a soaker hose, encircle the tree with the hose beginning at the drip line. Add a circle of soaker hose every two feet outward from the drip line throughout the root zone.

Another method of irrigation is to use a sprinkler on the end of a hose and measure the amount of water applied using vegetable or fruit cans. Water the same area

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Calendar of Events

Family Aquatic Center & Recreation: 532-4140

Public Library: 532-4070

- 03/02** 5:30 p.m., Show Low Intermediate School
Show Low DEAL After-School Extravaganza
- 03/06** *Show Low DEAL Session 4* begins
- 03/07** 7 p.m., Council Chambers
City Council Regular Meeting
- 03/09** 10 a.m., Public Library (public welcome)
Show Low Library Friends meeting
- 03/10** 9:30–11 a.m., Public Library
Family Place meeting (parent/child workshop)
- 03/14** 7 p.m., Council Chambers
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 03/15** 1:30 p.m., Public Library
Book Discussion Group (book: *Buffalo Girls*)
- 03/16** 3:30–4:30 p.m., Public Library
Cool Kids Book Discussion Group (ages 8+ years; bring your favorite magical creature book)
- 03/18** 2 p.m., City Park, Old Pavillion
"S'mores at the Old Pavillion" (3rd Saturday Family Fun Event, \$.50)
- 03/20** *Spring Coed Softball* registration begins (play begins 04/24 for ages 15+)
- 03/21** 7 p.m., Council Chambers
City Council Regular Meeting
- 03/27** 2–3 p.m., Aquatic Center
- to 03/30** *Spring Break Fun Maker* (activities & fun at the pool for ages 5-12)
- 03/28** 7 p.m., Council Chambers
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting

Show Low wins finance award

For the fifth year in a row, the City of Show Low was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for its comprehensive annual financial report. This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting, representing a significant accomplishment by the City's accounting staff.

Floodplain information

The City of Show Low participates in the National Flood Information Program. The City's Engineering Department, the program's local administrator, can provide private property owners with information about building within a Federal Emergency Management Agency floodplain. A floodplain status request form is available at www.ci.show-low.az.us under Departments, Public Works, Public Information. Direct questions to City Engineer Bill Kopp at 532-4081.

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moved or your address has changed since the March Primary, the ballot will not be forwarded to you. You must re-register to vote. Voter registration forms are available at the Interim City Hall. The last day to register or make changes to vote in the General Election is April 17, 2006.

School District election

The Show Low Unified School District also is holding a Primary Election on March 14, not affiliated with the City's election. It is a traditional election, which means voters go to the polling place to cast their ballots. Because of Proposition 200, passed into law by Arizona voters in 2004, all voters at the polls must present valid identification to receive a ballot. One photo ID or two other forms of identification, such as a utility bill or bank statement showing your name and current address, are acceptable.

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that you would with a soaker hose. When you have three to four inches of water in the cans, move the sprinkler to another area.

Irrigation should be equal to three or four inches of water on the ground, which will wet the soil to a depth of 24 to 30 inches. This will provide adequate moisture for a period of two to three months.

Take preventive steps now!

No one can predict when a wildfire will strike, but we can take a proactive approach to protecting our property. Take advantage now of the financial opportunity to offset the cost of thinning your property. Keep your trees and vegetation healthy and thriving through a regimen of deep-watering. Let's protect ourselves, our community and each other.

City recognized for collaborative effort

The City of Show Low, Town of Pinetop-Lakeside and Navajo and Coconino Counties were named winners of the 2005 National Fire Plan Award in the category of Excellence in Collaboration. The highly prestigious, annual award was bestowed for the entities' submission of the Sitgreaves Community Wildfire Protection Plan, motivated by the 2002 Rodeo-Chediski Fire. The National Fire Plan (NFP) was developed in August 2000 following a landmark wildland fire season to actively respond to severe wildfires and their impacts to communities. The NFP addresses firefighting, rehabilitation, hazardous fuels reduction, community assistance and accountability and is jointly administered by the U.S. Departments of Agriculture and Interior.

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