

Show Low News



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Franchise renewals on November ballot

A special franchise election for the City of Show Low is on the November 7, 2006 General Election ballot. Voters will be asked if they favor renewing agreements with Arizona Public Service and Navopache Electric Cooperative. Both electrical franchise agreements would be valid for another 25 years if approved. They allow the utility companies to use the City's streets and rights-of-way to provide electricity to its citizens for a 2% franchise fee.

The first question will ask, "Shall a franchise be granted to Arizona Public Service Company to maintain and operate an electric utility system in the City of Show Low?" The second question is the same, except specifies "Navopache Electric Cooperative, Inc." Voters will indicate whether they are "For" or "Against" the franchise renewal. A copy of each agreement will be published in full in the White Mountain Independent beginning early October.

State statutes prohibit the City from granting a franchise for a public utility unless it authorized by a majority vote of the City's qualified electors. Because the election is administered by Navajo County, the two questions will appear at the end of the ballot, after federal, state and county races and propositions.

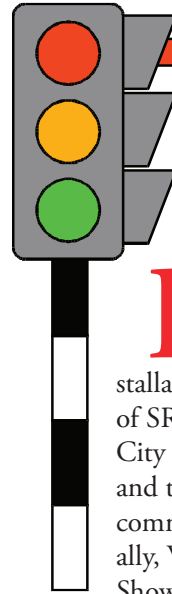
The General Election is not a ballot-by-mail election. Registered voters must vote at their designated polling places or may request an early ballot be mailed directly to their current ad-

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Halloween treats

Show Low Main Street presents the annual *Scaryoke* on Wednesday, October 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Show Low Elks Lodge, 805 E. Whipple. Come share your favorite karaoke tune. Judges will choose ten finalists who will compete live, two per day, on Power 95.7 the week leading up to Halloween. Radio listeners can vote for their favorite singer. The top two winners will perform live on Power 95.7 at *Trunk or Treat*, set for Tuesday, October 31, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Festival Marketplace. First place receives \$150. Call 537-8181 to register.

The annual *Trunk or Treat* on October 31 is a safe—and free—way for kids and families to enjoy Halloween. This popular event drew over 6,000 children, parents and friends last year. Local merchants and various organizations hand out treats from the trunks of their vehicles. There will be vendors, games, prizes for best costumes and loads of fun! Call 537-8181 to sign up your business or organization for *Trunk or Treat*.



Changes ahead for Show Low

Beginning October, Show Low citizens will see changes resulting in more safety and convenience. One of the most welcome is the installation of traffic signal lights at the busy intersection of SR260 (White Mountain Road) and Woolford Road. City crews are re-landscaping the west side of SR260 and the east side will provide access to a forthcoming commercial development and motel complex. Eventually, Woolford will be extended further east to access the Show Low Bluff development and Penrod Road. The project is jointly funded by the City, the Arizona Department of Transportation and private developers.

The 200 W. Cooley facility (former city hall) will be demolished in November to make way for workforce housing. A new council chambers will be built upstairs at the public library, 180 N. 9th Street. To accommodate the move, no November meetings will be televised, including City Council, Planning and Zoning Commission and school district. In addition, the November 21 Council and November 28 Commission meetings are canceled. The Council will meet in its new facility on December 5.

Also relocating from 200 W. Cooley are the Navajo County justice court, City magistrate court, Navajo County planning and zoning department and part-time offices for the county assessor and board supervisors. They are moving to the former north junior high school campus at the corner of E. McNeil and N. 8th Street, with access through the E. McNeil driveway. The facility also will house a sheriff's substation. Renovations prior to opening in mid-November are under way, including interior remodeling, overlaying the parking area and driveway with asphalt, and erecting a chain-link fence between the county portion and Head Start and the Teen Center. As an added convenience to southern Navajo County citizens, future plans include creating offices for representatives of all county departments in Show Low.

A project especially helpful for those driving into Show Low from the north or east that must access the hospital quickly is the extension of Scott Ranch Road. Thanks to the efforts of Congressman Rick Renzi, Show Low will receive \$750,000 for the road that will eventually connect SR260 to Penrod Road. This funding is in addition to the \$1 million Congressman Renzi secured for this project in 2005. Project design will begin in 2007.



Calendar of Events

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

- 10/02** *Fall Swimming Lessons* begin
- 10/03** **7 p.m.**, Council Chambers
City Council Regular Meeting
- 10/04** **1:30 p.m.**, Public Library
Arizona Humanities Book Discussion Group
(book: Lost in Translation)
- 10/09** *Fall Coed Volleyball* games begin
- 10/10** **7 p.m.**, Council Chambers
Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting
- 10/11** **5:30 p.m.**, City Campus Gym (730 E. McNeil)
Smart Start Basketball begins (ages 3-5)
- 10/12** **10 a.m.**, Public Library (public welcome)
Show Low Library Friends monthly meeting
- 10/17** **7 p.m.**, Council Chambers
City Council Regular Meeting
- 10/19** **7 p.m.**, Public Library
Show Low Historical Society meeting (Lee Sweetman, "My Work at the Smithsonian")
- 10/21** **2 p.m.**, City Park, Old Pavilion (family fun)
3rd Saturday's "*Caramel Apple Treats*"
- 10/24** Public Library
Pumpkin Carving Contest (first day to drop off decorated pumpkins)
- 10/24** **7 p.m.**, Council Chambers
Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting
- 10/26** **3:30 p.m.**, Public Library (favorite Halloween book)
Cool Kids' Book Discussion (ages 8-12)
- 10/27** **7-9 p.m.**, Aquatic Center
Halloween Bash (carnival games, food, swimming and fun for all ages; \$3/person or \$7/family)
- 10/28** **10 a.m.-noon**, City Park
FREE Candy Scramble (infants-10 years)
- 10/28** **2-3 p.m.**, Aquatic Center
Underwater Pumpkin Hunt (ages 11-17)
- 10/30** **5-6 p.m.**, Public Library
Halloween Party (costumes, treats, pumpkin carving/judging)

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dress. Voters who enjoy the convenience of a ballot-by-mail election may request an early ballot no later than 5 p.m. October 27 by calling 532-4060, 532-4061 or (928) 524-4192. Voted early ballots must be received no later than 7 p.m. November 7.

Show Low has four polling places: High Country Church of Christ (3201 E. Deuce of Clubs), Show Low Fire Department (60 N. 6th Street), Show Low School District auditorium (500 W. Old Linden Road) and Show Low Public Library (180 N. 9th Street). Polling places are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election day. Touch screen voting machines are available for those requiring special ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accommodations.

Proposition 200, adopted in November 2004, requires voters 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 include: valid Arizona driver license or nonoperating identification; tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification; valid U.S. federal, state or local government issued identification; or another form of identification with voter's photograph, name and address that election officials deem equally reliable.

An identification is "valid" unless it can be determined it has expired. Acceptable forms of identification without a photograph that bear the voter's name and address (two required) include: utility bill of the voter dated within 90 days of the election date (for electric, gas, water, solid waste, sewer, telephone, cellular phone or cable television); bank or credit union statement dated within 90 days of the date of the election; valid Arizona vehicle registration; property tax statement of the elector's residence; 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; any "Official Election Mail" material bearing voter's name and address; or another form of identification with voter's name and address that election officials deem equally reliable.

Direct questions about ID requirements to the County Elections Department at (928) 524-4062.

Recreation department highlights

The 11th annual Tri in the Pines triathlon broke attendance records, with 208 individuals, 25 youth and five relay teams.

The Deuce of Dogs Bark Park, open to dog lovers and their pets, is located at City Park between the Old Pavilion and Senior Field. The fenced park features grasses designed to withstand heavy wear and usage, a fenced area for smaller dogs and a doggie drinking fountain.

The Arizona Parks and Recreation Association recognized outstanding City employees. The first was the 2006 Media Award presented to City 4 Television for its support of recreational and cultural opportunities. The second was the Outstanding New Facility Award for Populations Under 25,000 for the new dog park. Congratulations to City 4 and the parks employees who made these awards possible.

The new "Williams Family Field," named in honor of former Diamondbacks third-baseman Matt Williams, was dedicated in August. The renovated Little League field features state-of-the-art lighting, fencing, sod and sprinkler system, bullpens and an overhauled infield and outfield. All work and materials were donated.