

Show Low News



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Gov. Brewer visits Navajo County

On March 10, Arizona's new Governor, Jan Brewer, visited Show Low to meet with elected officials, government staff and the media from around Navajo County. Joining her were two of our region's state legislators, Senator Sylvia Allen and Representative Bill Konopnicki. After Show Low Mayor Rick Fernau and County Supervisor Jerry Brownlow welcomed the governor, she unveiled her ambitious five-point plan to reduce the looming state budget deficit, projected to reach \$3 billion by 2012 if drastic steps are not taken:

- 1) Reform the budget process with focus on longer-term needs and resources.
- 2) Improve Proposition 105, the Voter Protection Act.
- 3) Further spending cuts and reduce the general fund by \$1 billion.
- 4) Provide tax reform to attract business and more jobs to Arizona.
- 5) Institute a temporary tax increase to generate \$1 billion in revenue to bridge the gap in our state's budget shortfall.

Following her speech, elected officials from Holbrook, Pinetop-Lakeside, Show Low, Snowflake, Taylor and Winslow apprised Gov. Brewer of key issues facing each community.



Survey results reveal citizens' attitudes

The City of Show Low conducted a survey of citizens randomly selected from voter registration rolls. Some received it through the mail, while others were contacted by telephone. A total of 365 responses were received, with 72% of the respondents over 45 years old, 50% with an annual income greater than \$40,000, and the average length of Show Low residency was 15 years. Here are highlights of the responses:

- ❖ 71% rated the quality of life in Show Low as "high" or "very high" and 65% rated the quality of their neighborhoods as "high" to "very high."
- ❖ 54% felt city government met their expectations either "well" or "very well," 27% said the city did "neither well nor poor" in meeting expectations, and 17% said the city did a "very poor" job of meeting their expectations.
- ❖ 77% rated the quality of police protection in Show Low as "good" to "very good" and 87% felt Show Low is a "good" or "very good" place to live and raise their children.
- ❖ 94% felt the quality of our public library is "good" to "very good" and 83% felt the quality of our parks and recreation facilities and programs are "good" to "very good."
- ❖ 66% rated public information efforts as "good" to "very good."
- ❖ 74% felt the quality of the cemetery is "good" or "very good" and 87% indicated that airline service and the airport facility were "important" or "very important."

- ❖ 85% said Show Low's transit system is "somewhat important" or "very important" and 55% rated the system as "good" or "very good."
- ❖ 89% indicated that recycling is "somewhat important" or "very important" and 85% said they would be willing to pay \$5 to \$10 per month for citywide curbside recycling.
- ❖ 51% indicated they would support a bond issue or tax increase to improve streets, while 67% said they would not support a bond issue or tax increase to build new police or recreational facilities.
- ❖ The things people liked most about living in Show Low—"small town atmosphere," "climate and weather," "friendly people," and "safety/low crime rate."
- ❖ The major issues respondents felt the City would face within the next five years are "growth and economic stability," "jobs," "traffic," "affordable housing," and "crime."

Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey. Like you, we live, work and play here because of the climate, trees and friendly people. We want to maintain this lifestyle for all our citizens. Our challenge is to manage quality growth while maintaining our small town character. Everyone wants the benefits larger cities offer but they bring increased population and the loss of undeveloped land. There is no easy answer but we continue to weigh both sides of the equation before making any significant decision that will affect our city and our citizens.

Calendar of Events

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

- 04/01 **Start Smart Baseball** registration begins (ends 04/30)
- 04/03 7–9 p.m., Aquatic Center
Underwater Easter Egg Hunt (ages 13-18)
- 04/04 9:30 a.m., City Park, Senior Field
Wal-Mart Hare Raising Easter Celebration (ages 0-10); register at 9:30, egg hunt at 10
- 04/06 **Memorial Day Softball Tournament** registration begins
- 04/07 Council Chambers
6 p.m., **City Council budget review**
7 p.m., **City Council Regular Meeting**
- 04/09 10 a.m., Public Library (public welcome),
Show Low Library Friends meeting
- 04/09 5:30 p.m., Public Library, Conference Room B, **Budget town hall** for citizen input followed by **Council budget study session**
- 04/10 **Coed Summer Softball** registration ends
- 04/11 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Public Library
Screening of PBS Series, "We Shall Remain"
- 04/13-04/18 **National Library Week** (enter free drawing at library)
- 04/14 7 p.m., Council Chambers
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 04/15 1:30 p.m., Public Library
OneBookAZ book discussion (*Capirotada*)
- 04/16 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Public Library
OneBookAZ Kids discussion (*Hip Hip Hooray, it's Monsoon Day!*)
- 04/16 5:30 p.m., Council Chambers
City Council budget session
- 04/16 7 p.m., Show Low Historical Society Museum
Show Low Historical Society Meeting ("Bison" by Miles Gilbert)
- 04/17-04/18 **Aquatic Center closed** (prom event)
- 04/21 7 p.m., Council Chambers
City Council Regular Meeting
- 04/23 5:30 p.m., Council Chambers
City Council budget session
- 04/28 7 p.m., Council Chambers
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 04/30 5:30 p.m., Council Chambers
City Council budget session (if needed)



Check out City 4 TV and showlowaz.gov for more information

11th annual Project Clean Sweep

The 11th annual Project Clean Sweep will be held in June. Proof of residency is required to participate in Project Clean Sweep by presenting a current City of Show Low utility statement. We offer the following five programs:

- ❖ In *Cash for Trash*, residents will be paid cash for delivering large, unwanted items to a city facility on June 6 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ❖ *Free excess garbage collection* by Waste Management will be held the week of May 25 through 28.
- ❖ City employees provide *free bulky item pickup service* on your normal trash day the week of June 8 to 11.
- ❖ Dump your trash for free June 8 through 13 at the Lone Pine transfer station.
- ❖ Sign up to have your *abandoned vehicle picked up* and towed away June 8 through 12.

Detailed information will be included in the May 2009 newsletter.

Police offer tools to fight crime

The Show Low Police Department is committed to providing our citizens with a safe, secure environment. We do "crime analysis" to evaluate crime trends and focus our enforcement efforts on high-crime locations. We use automated crime mapping (visit www.crimereports.com to see how it works in Show Low) and detailed detective reviews of crime reports filed by citizens.

Unfortunately, we often find ourselves dealing with only part of the picture. Some citizens will not report a crime when they have been a victim because they may not want to "bother" the police department. Or, they may be embarrassed or not have time to wait around to make the report.

We invite every citizen to take the time to make a police report in every circumstance. Having the full picture of all the crimes in a given area allows us to proactively address these trends, allocate our resources on patrol, and, hopefully, arrest the perpetrators. If time is a concern, tell the dispatcher what the issue is and we will do our best to work around your schedule. Sometimes, we can even take the report over the phone if that saves you time. And, we are always available to conduct a home or business security survey *before* you are the victim of a crime.

If you are the victim of a crime, call the police immediately. Do not enter the residence, business or vehicle. Allow the police to inspect the location first to ensure your safety. Do not touch or move anything on the chance we can obtain quality fingerprints.

Another crime-fighting tool was launched in March by Navajo County and area police agencies. It is a toll-free, totally anonymous tip hotline, called WeTip. If you have information about a crime that has been committed or a planned crime, call (800) 78-CRIME. The hotline is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by bilingual (English and Spanish) operators. You will never be asked to reveal your identity. The service is funded by the Navajo County Coalition Against Drug Abuse to support local law enforcement.

If you have additional questions, call the police department at (928) 537-5091.