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City's holds elections in spring 2012

The City of Show Low will conduct ballot-by-mail elections for the March 13, 2012, Primary Election and May 15, 2012, General Election, if one is needed. All active registered voters will receive a ballot in the mail and not

go to the polls to vote. A ballot box will be available at city hall, 180 N. 9th Street, for voters wishing to drop off their ballots in person. If you moved since registering or your mailing address has changed, per state law, the ballot will not be forwarded. To check your address, call 800-668-3867.

The mayor's seat, three council seats and one proposition will be on the March 13 Primary Election ballot. Five candidates wishing to serve on the council submitted their nomination papers by the deadline. There is only one candidate



Daryl Seymore



Gerry Whipple



Brent Hatch

for the mayor's seat, Daryl Seymore, the current vice mayor. Incumbent council members Jack Latham and Gerry Whipple are joined in the race for three council seats by Rennie Crittenden, Brent Hatch and Connie Kakavas. Any candidate receiving a majority of all votes cast at the Primary Election will be declared



Jack Latham



Rennie Crittenden



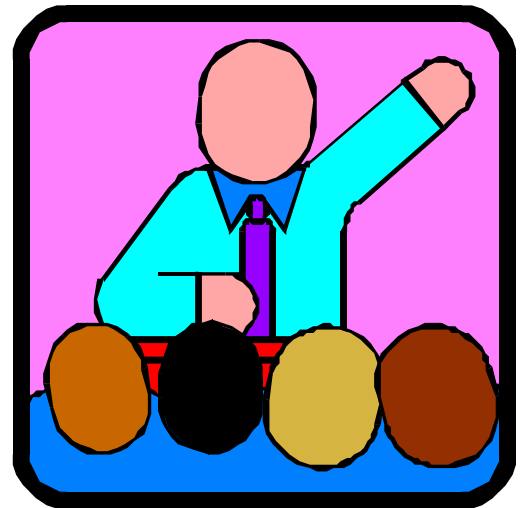
Connie Kakavas

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Join us for fiscal year 2013 budget meetings

Show Low's fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30, and planning for the 2012-13 budget year has begun. An important facet of the process is preparing an annual budget.

The budget projects estimated revenues and expenditures and provides the financial framework to serve our citizens. Revenue comes from sales taxes (paid by everyone who shops at our local stores); state-shared funds, based on our population; federal and state grants; capacity fees; utility payments and charges for airport and aquatic center programs; special revenue funds (state and county money from gasoline and property taxes, lottery proceeds, etc.);



fees for building and business permits, dog licenses, and user fees for the aquatic center and recreation programs; interest earned on our investments; and fines collected from violators cited in magistrate court and overdue library books. There is no property tax in Show Low, although homeowners pay property taxes to Navajo County for schools, fire services, street lighting district, etc. The money we collect is spent on projects, community programs, public safety, partnerships for economic development, and the cost of providing services by city employees.

We welcome community input in the planning process. Citizens may attend any or all of the proposed City Council budget meetings, all of which are held in Council Chambers at 181 N. 9th Street. Two Town Halls are geared specifically for public comments, and you can submit suggestions for a program, project or activity you wish the Council to consider and perhaps include in the budget. If you prefer, the budget request worksheet is available online at http://ci.show-low.az.us/calendar/postings/Citizen_Budget_Request_Form.pdf. You may

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Learn about law enforcement at Citizens Academy

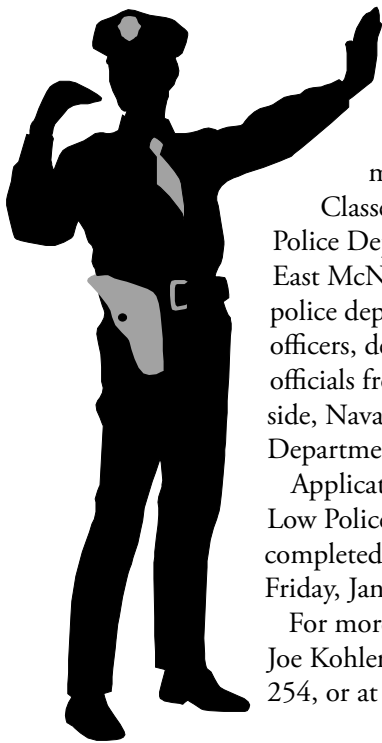
The Show Low Police Department is offering its Citizens Academy, free of charge, beginning Wednesday, February 1, 2012. The ten-week course, held every Wednesday night from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. through April 11, teaches citizens about law enforcement. Students will learn criminal

enforcement, traffic enforcement, crime scene investigations, illicit drug and alcohol abuse, gangs, domestic violence, victims' rights and much more.

Classes are held at the Show Low Police Department training room at 620 East McNeil (across the street from the police department). Classes are taught by officers, detectives and law enforcement officials from Show Low, Pinetop-Lakeside, Navajo County and the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

Applications are available at the Show Low Police Department and must be completed and returned no later than Friday, January 20.

For more information, contact Sgt. Joe Kohler at (928) 537-5091, extension 254, or at jkohler@showlow.az.gov.



2012 excess trash dates

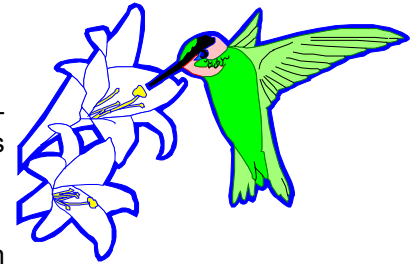
Through a contract with Waste Management, the City of Show Low provides free excess trash pick-ups six times a year. Show Low residents billed for city water and/or sewer services are eligible for this service.

The dates in 2012 are **January 2 through 5, March 5 through 8, May 7 through 10, July 2 through 5, September 3 through 6 and November 5 through 8.** Excess trash must be bagged, boxed or bundled. In addition, each garbage bag should weigh no more than 50 pounds and items should be no longer than four feet long (bound if there is more than one item). Place the garbage bags and items in the right-of-way next to your polycart on your regular trash pick-up day. Anyone with questions may call (928) 532-4005 during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.).



Calendar of Events

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



- 01/02 New Year's Day** observed (City offices CLOSED)
- 01/09 Spring Swim Lessons** registration begins (classes run 02/27 through 03/08)
- 01/12 10 a.m.**, Public Library
Show Low Library Friends meeting (public welcome)
- 01/16 Martin Luther King Day** (City offices CLOSED)
- 01/16 11 a.m.–2 p.m.**, Pinetop-Lakeside Sanitary District
Identity Theft Protection "Shredathon" & Prescription Drug takeback (free document/prescription drug destruction); call (928) 368-8696 for information
- 01/16 White Mountain Youth Leadership** day trip (activity to be determined)
- 01/18 1 p.m.**, Public Library
Book Discussion Group
- 01/18 Youth Basketball Registration** deadline (for grades 1 through 8); games begin 02/04
- 02/01 6–10 p.m.**, Show Low Police Department training room
Citizens Academy 2012 (free 10-week course where students learn about law enforcement); see story (left)
- 02/08 3–5 p.m.**, Aquatic Center
Valentine's Craft-a-POOL-ooza, craft/swim (\$5)
- 02/09 10 a.m.**, Public Library
Show Low Library Friends meeting (public welcome)
- 02/11 7 p.m.**, City Campus Cafeteria
Daddy/Daughter Dance
- 02/15 1 p.m.**, Public Library
Book Discussion Group
- 02/20 Presidents' Day** (City offices CLOSED)
- 02/20 White Mountain Youth Leadership** day trip (activity to be determined)
- 03/08 10 a.m.**, Public Library
Show Low Library Friends meeting (public welcome)
- 03/14 3–5 p.m.**, Aquatic Center
St. Patrick's Day Craft-a-POOL-ooza, craft/swim (\$5)
- 03/17 9 a.m.**, Nikolaus Homestead Park
St. Patrick's Day Fun Run, 4K run & kid's fun run (registration begins at 7:30 a.m.) (\$15 adults, \$7 kids)
- 03/21 1 p.m.**, Public Library
Book Discussion Group
- 03/26-30** Spring break pool hours (open swim 1–5 p.m.)
- 03/31 10 a.m.**, City Park
Hare Raising Fun Easter Egg Hunt

Citizen attitudes reflected in online survey

The City of Show Low conducted an online citizen survey in late 2011. A total of 178 responses were received, with results showing that 89% of the respondents were over 36 years old and almost 60% had an annual income greater than \$61,000. This uneven curve towards an older, more financially established population may be because this was a survey geared more toward computer users and/or owners. The majority of the respondents live in Show Low year-round in single-family homes as their primary residence and have lived here eleven years or more. There was a fairly equal proportion of male and female respondents.

Here is a summary of the responses:

- ❖ 65% rate the quality of life in Show Low and in their neighborhoods as “high” or “very high.”
- ❖ 53% feel city government meets their expectations either “very well” or “well,” while 14% say the city does “poorly” and 6% say “very poorly” to meet their expectations.
- ❖ Over 80% rate the quality of police services in Show Low as “very good” (40%) or “good” (43%); 90% feel Show Low is a “safe” (62%) or “very safe” (28%) place to live.
- ❖ Other services rated “very good” or “good” are, in descending order, the public library, which earns 79%; fire department, 79%; ease of travel by car, 74%; parks in the city/recreation facilities, 72%; trash collection, 69%; snow removal, 68%; street cleaning, 58%; airport, 58%; street lighting, 56%; recreation programs, 54%; animal control, 49%; street repair, 46%; ease of pedestrian travel, 39%; photo enforcement, 37%; city cemetery, 36%; senior/youth services, 32%; and ease of travel by bicycle, 26%.
- ❖ In terms of the importance of various city services or functions, respondents see police services as the most important (100%), followed by street repair (99%), snow removal (99%), job growth and new business recruitment (97%), ease of travel by car (96%), parks in the city/recreation facilities (96%), the fire department (96%), street lighting (96%), trash collection (95%), recreation programs (91%) and the public library (90%). Other important services and functions are public information efforts, affordable housing and recycling.
- ❖ 65% feel that Show Low’s education system is “very good” or “good”; 60% visited a city park, 54% used our public library, 51% participated in a city recreation program and 39% used our aquatic facility in the past 12 months.
- ❖ 53% rate public information efforts as “very good” to “good”

and 64% have watched City 4 Television programs via the Internet or cable television over the past 12 months.

- ❖ When asked what they like most about living in Show Low, the following were the responses most often provided— “quality of life,” “small town atmosphere,” “climate and environment (including trees),” and “friendly people.”

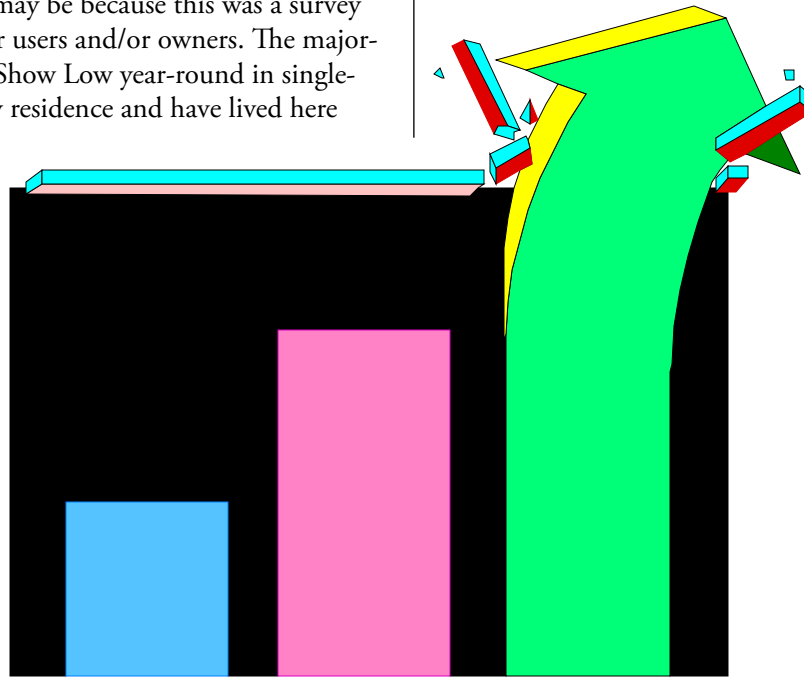
- ❖ The major issues respondents feel the City will be facing within the next five years are “jobs,” “growth (business and population),” “economy” and “crime.”

Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey. The City Council and city employees also appreciate our quality of life. We live, work and play in this beautiful location because of the climate, trees and friendly people. We want to maintain this lifestyle for all our citizens.

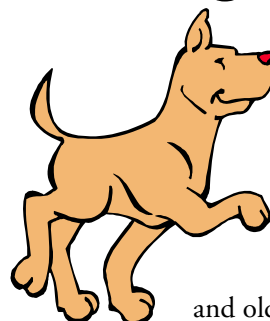
The challenge before us is

to manage quality growth while maintaining our small town character. Our residents want more choices in employment opportunities, shopping and other benefits larger cities offer. With this goal in mind, we continue our efforts to market Show Low to attract new businesses that will bring jobs and additional amenities to our citizens. The newest national chains into our market are CVS/pharmacy, Discount Tire and PetSense.

A previous survey was conducted in January and February 2009. We at the city plan to conduct another citizen survey later this year (in 2012), possibly distributing it via the utility bills, to reach a broader audience. Your input will help us prioritize services and continue to move forward in the right direction.



2012 dog tags available



Dogs four months and older living within the city limits must be registered annually. Dog tags, valid January through December 2012, are available at city hall at 180 N. 9th Street. Tags are \$5 for a spayed/neutered dog or \$15 for a non-spayed/non-neutered dog. Dog owners 65 years and older get a senior discount of \$3 per tag.

Present the dog’s description, dates of vaccination and revaccination, and a current rabies vaccination certificate with a name and address when you purchase your dog’s tag.

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elected without running in the General Election.

Regarding the ballot question, it will ask voters to consider the alternative expenditure limitation - home rule option for four years, from July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2016. The voters of the City of Show Low in 1996

adopted an alternative expenditure limitation - home rule option,

pursuant to the Arizona State Constitution. The

proposition is for the reauthorized use of the alternative expenditure limitation for the next

four years. The home rule option allows the city to

use the expenditure authority for all local budgetary purposes including general operating expenses, capital expenditures and debt service versus using the state-imposed limitation. The home rule option is adopted as part of the annual budget process, requires a \$1,000,000 cash reserve fund and requires all tax increases to be approved by a 75% majority vote of the council.

Remember, voting is a privilege we Americans enjoy and 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.

La Ciudad de Show Low conducirá las elecciones de balota-por-correo para la elección Primaria del 13 de Marzo de 2012 y la elección General del 15 de Mayo de 2012, si una es necesaria. Todos los votantes registrados y activos recibirán una balota en el correo y no tendrán que ir a las encuestas a votar. Una urna estará disponible en las oficinas del 180 N. 9th Street, para los votantes que deseen depositar su papeleta en persona. Si se movió desde el pasado registro o su dirección de correo ha cambiado, por la ley del estado las boletas no serán transferidas. Para comprobar si su dirección esta correcta, por favor de llamar al 800-668-3867.

La posición de un alcalde nuevo junto con tres puestos de consejeros y dos propuestas estarán en la papeleta electoral el 13 de Marzo. Cinco candidatos deseando prestar sus servicios de consejeros presentaron sus documentos de nominación que fue la fecha final de sumisión. No hay un solo candidato para el cargo de alcalde, Daryl Seymore, el teniente de alcalde actual. Los consejeros actuales Jack Latham y Gerry Whipple son unidos en la carrera con tres puestos de consejeros de Rennie Crittenden, Brent Hatch y Connie Kakavas. Cualquier candidato que reciba una mayoría de todos los votos emitidos en las Elecciones Primarias serán declarados electos sin correr en la Elección General.

En cuanto a las preguntas, se le preguntará a los votantes considerar la limitación de gastos alternativa - opción de autonomía durante cuatro años, del 1 de julio de 2012, a través de 30 de junio 2016. Los votantes de la Ciudad de Show Low en el 1996 aprobaron una alternativa de limitación de los



gastos - de opción de la regla de origen, de conformidad con la Constitución del Estado de Arizona. La segunda propuesta se refiere a la reautorización de uso de la alternativa de limitación de los gastos para los próximos cuatro años. La regla de origen opción permite que la ciudad para utilice la autorización de gastos para todos los locales a efectos presupuestarios incluidos los gastos generales de funcionamiento, gastos de capital, y el servicio de la deuda contra la limitación impuesto por el Estado. La regla de origen opción es aprobado como parte del presupuesto anual del proceso, requiere un \$1,000,000 efectivo el fondo de la reserva y exige que todos los aumentos de impuestos deben ser aprobados por un 75% voto de la mayoría del consejo.

Recordar, la votación es un privilegio que nosotros los americanos gozamos y es una oportunidad para que ejercitar nuestra libertad y opinión. Continúe su involucramiento y participe en el proceso democrático. Los individuos que usted elige harán las decisiones que nos afectarán a nuestra familia y nuestro futuro.

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download it, complete it and return it by February 10, 2012, to Administrative Services Director Doug Sandstrom. If you need more information, call Doug at (928) 532-4024.

Our scheduled meeting dates for 2012 are shown below:

- ❖ Tuesday, January 17, 6 p.m., budget study session
- ❖ Thursday, January 26, 6 p.m., Town Hall (budget meeting for citizen input)
- ❖ Tuesday, April 3, 6 p.m., brief budget review meeting
- ❖ Thursday, April 5, 6 p.m., Town Hall, followed by budget study session
- ❖ Thursday, April 19, 6 p.m., budget study session
- ❖ Thursday, April 26, 6 p.m., budget study session
- ❖ Tuesday, May 15, 7 p.m., regular meeting at which the Council will hear an overview of the tentative budget
- ❖ Tuesday, June 5, 7 p.m., regular meeting at which the Council will hold a public hearing and consider adopting the tentative budget
- ❖ Tuesday, June 19, 7 p.m., regular meeting at which the Council will hold a public hearing and consider adopting the final budget
- ❖ Tuesday, July 17, 7 p.m., regular meeting at which the Council will consider adopting the secondary property tax levy (for the street lighting district)

