

# Show Low Quarterly



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## The city's year in review and a look ahead to 2020

The upward trend for growth in Show Low continues, reflected by the city's stable economy. Although growth has not been robust, projections are that Show Low's growth will match the overall Arizona economy—slow but steady. Year-end results show that the city saw increased sales tax revenues and increasing construction activity in the residential sector. Nevertheless, to ensure continued fiscal responsibility, the Show Low City Council and staff consistently maintain a conservative approach to add an extra layer of protection in case of an emergency.

Our conservatism has allowed us to continue delivering full public safety (police) and public works services, including water and sewer maintenance, road maintenance and snow plowing. We strive to provide innovative and varied community programs, such as family activities, holiday-themed events and sports tournaments. We want to ensure that Show Low is a leader in our region, in providing excellent services and resources to our citizens.

The following recaps the year, with a list of major projects, business and construction activity, events and programs.

### Major Projects

- ❖ **Subdivision upgrades.** In our continuing quest to maintain vital infrastructure, we upgraded water lines in the Fairway Park subdivision from Mogollon to Cooley and on W. Reidhead in the Sierra Vista subdivision, one of the city's oldest subdivisions. In addition, the roadways in Sierra Vista were repaved.
- ❖ **East Thornton Road.** We extended E. Thornton Road from Central Avenue to 16th Avenue to create an alternative access.
- ❖ **Water and wastewater system upgrades.** We upgraded water lines in E. McNeil from Central Avenue to 5th Place. Crews are installing new sewer mains along 24th Drive. The 12-inch sewer main on the west side of S. White Mountain Road was extended from Fawn Brook to the signal light at Park Pineway Plaza.
- ❖ **City parks.** We installed field lighting at Nikolaus Homestead Park, added ramadas at the Little League field and dog park and made improvements to the Old Pavilion at City Park.
- ❖ **Evergreen Lane turn lane.** We completed a turn-lane project off of S. White Mountain Road onto Evergreen Lane to improve traffic flow near the new Culver's restaurant.
- ❖ **Other projects.** We completed rehabilitating runway 06/24 at the airport, a grant-funded project. New concrete curbing, gutters, and sidewalks were added on the west side of Cen-



tral from E. McNeil to Pine Haven and on the north side of E. McNeil behind the shopping center where C-A-L Ranch is located. We made pavement improvements on N. 16th Avenue and N. 27th Avenue.

### Notable Highlights

- ❖ **Recreational upgrades.** At Show Low City Park along Owens, a new double zip line was added to our existing state-of-the-art playground structures, which feature climbing and spinning features, slides, swings, seesaws and a zip line. In addition, parking lot improvements were made at Frontier Field.
- ❖ **Adams' family cabin.** To preserve a piece of Show Low's heritage, the old Adams' family cabin was moved from its former site, on the east side of Show Low Creek, to the southeast corner of the city hall property.
- ❖ **Hospital expansion.** We welcomed the completion of Summit Healthcare Regional Medical Center's major expansion project, with three new buildings to house medical offices, an ambulatory surgery center, retail pharmacy, and administrative offices.

### Community Events

- ❖ **Show Low's 66th anniversary and BBQ Throwdown.** This combined event, created in May 2013 when Show Low celebrated its 61st year of incorporation, has become a popular daylong signature event with a sanctioned barbecue competition, BBQ samplings, entertainment and kids' activities.
- ❖ **Recreational and community activities.** Recreation staff work tirelessly to provide programs for every age to enjoy. Annual activities include the Daddy Daughter Dance, Tri in the Pines, sports leagues and tournaments (outdoor and indoor,

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# Calendar of Events (January – March 2020)

Family Aquatic Center: (928) 532-4130 Recreation: (928) 532-4140 Public Library: (928) 532-4070

**SPECIAL LIBRARY EVENTS & CLUBS**

**Adult DIY (do-it-yourself) craft activity:** 01/10, 02/14, 03/10; 6-8 p.m.

**Code Explorers** (ages 8-13): Every Monday; 4-5 p.m.

**Together Toddler Time** (ages 0-5): Every Tuesday; 10-11 a.m.

**Afterschool Universe** (ages 10-13): Every Thursday; 4-5 p.m.

**Gardening Class** (adults): 01/22, 02/26, 03/25, 04/22; 6-7 p.m.

**ONGOING SPECIAL EVENT: Kid's Night Out** on 01/17, 02/14, 03/13; 6-9 p.m., Teen Center (620 E. McNeil), ages 5-11, \$10 per child per night

- 12/30- 8 a.m. – noon, Teen Center, 620 E. McNeil, **Winter Play**
- 01/03 **Days** (grades K-6, \$45/week or \$12/day)
- 01/01 **New Year's Day** (City offices CLOSED)
- 01/07 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **City Council Regular Meeting**
- 01/14 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**
- 01/20 **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** (City offices CLOSED); **aquatic center holiday hours:** 9 a.m. – noon, lap swim; noon – 5 p.m., open swim
- 01/21 Council Chambers, 6 p.m., **City Council Budget Study Session**; 7 p.m., **City Council Regular Meeting**
- 01/23 6 p.m., Council Chambers, **Town Hall Budget Meeting** (for citizen input)
- 01/25 **Youth Basketball** games begin (grades 1-6)
- 01/28 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**
- 02/02- 8 a.m. – noon, Public Library, **NASA@ My Library**,
- 02/06 NASA Mini Camp for Engineering Week
- 02/03 **Spring One-Pitch Coed Softball** registration begins
- 02/03 **Spring Swim Lessons** registration begins
- 02/04 6-8 p.m., Public Library, **Harry Potter Book Night**
- 02/04 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **City Council Regular Meeting**
- 02/07 6-8 p.m., City Campus gym, 620 E. McNeil, **Daddy Daughter Dance**; call (928) 532-4141 for more information

- 02/11 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**
- 02/17 **Presidents' Day** (City offices CLOSED); **aquatic center holiday hours:** 9 a.m. – noon, lap swim; noon – 5 p.m., open swim
- 02/18 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **City Council Regular Meeting**
- 02/25 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**
- 03/02 **Bunny Dash** registration begins (ages 0-10)
- 03/02 **Summer Coed Softball** registration begins
- 03/02 **Grass Volleyball** registration begins; games begin 04/13
- 03/02 **Spring Swim Lessons** begin
- 03/03 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **City Council Regular Meeting**
- 03/04 **Spring One-Pitch Coed Softball** registration ends; games begin 03/09



- 03/10 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**
- 03/16- 8 a.m. – noon, Teen Center, 620 E. McNeil, **Spring**
- 03/19 **Play Days** (grades K-6, \$45/week or \$12/day)
- 03/16- 1-4 p.m., Aquatic Center, **Spring Break** (open swim
- 03/20 all week)
- 03/17 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **City Council Regular Meeting**
- 03/24 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

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depending on the season), aquatic programs, Movie in the Park and Music in the Park series, kiddie fun runs, community yard sales and holiday-themed events. Our Fourth of July parade and FreedomFest draw participants from around the region.

- ❖ **Library events.** Our library continues providing unique events and programs (e.g., Robotics and Lego clubs, parenting classes, specialty book clubs, crafting events and Adulting 101 for teens) to promote literacy, cultivate creativity and provide rich opportunities for continuing education. NASA events are funded by a NASA@ My Library grant, with Show Low the only library in Arizona to receive this prestigious award.
- ❖ **Community Fast.** We participated in the seventh annual Community Fast to help our fellow community members in need during the holidays. The proceeds from businesses and residents who fasted and donated the cost of the meals were distributed to local organizations who help individuals and families. We sincerely thank everyone who contributed so generously to help others.
- ❖ **Holiday events.** Christmas lights and decorations ushered in the season with our annual signature event, Show Low Shines for the Holidays, at city hall, library and Festival Marketplace, and along the Deuce of Clubs streetscape. Festivities included the Christmas Light Parade, tree-lighting in front of the library and *Polar Express* readings. We ushered in the new year on December 31 with our award-winning Deuce of Clubs Drop at midnight.

### Business and Construction Activity

- ❖ **Business upgrades and expansions.** Two new businesses broke ground along White Mountain Road—Circle K, which opened in December on the corner of S. White Mountain Road and Cub Lake Road, and a Culver's restaurant, scheduled to open in January 2020 at Evergreen Lane and S. White Mountain Road.

### Beautification and Recycling

- ❖ **Project Clean Sweep.** We sponsored the 21st annual Project Clean Sweep citywide beautification and cleanup program, free to residents. Citizens cleaned their properties and took advantage of bulky item pickup and free drop-offs at the Lone Pine transfer station and Dirty Deeds Green Waste.
- ❖ **Electronic waste collection event.** Along with Navajo County and the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside, we co-sponsored the annual, region-wide residential electronic waste and used tires collection event in August. Over the past 11 years, we have collected 626,461 pounds of e-waste for recycling.
- ❖ **Christmas tree recycling.** We provided a drop-off site next to Frontier Park on N. 9th Place for our annual Christmas tree-cycling. The trees were hauled to Novo Power in Snowflake to be ground up and recycled as biomass fuel.

### A Look Ahead to 2020

- ❖ **Annual budget.** We will continue to budget conservatively while still completing some capital projects, such as road and

sidewalk improvements, new or upgraded water lines and replacing sewer lines needing repair. We begin our budget process in January (see the related article on page 4).

- ❖ **Major projects.** 2020's projects include roadway improvements to 6th Street and Cooley Street from Central to 4th Avenue; installing sidewalk along N. 16th Avenue from W. McNeil to Old Linden Road; replacing water lines in W. Cooley from N. 8th Avenue to Central Avenue; partnering with the Arizona Department of Transportation for the design of intersection improvements at S. White Mountain Road, Show Low Lake Road, and Cub Lake Road; replacing sewer mains in W. Cooley between Central and 8th Avenue and in W. McNeil between 4th and 8th Avenues; rehabilitating the south apron at the airport using grant funds, installing newly designed entryway signs welcoming visitors to Show Low; and using Community Development Block Grant funds to revitalize the downtown along E. Hall between N. 11th Street and S. White Mountain Road.
- ❖ **Community clean-up.** Monday, January 20, is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, an annual holiday for community projects all across the U.S. The city observes this Day of Service when weather is less inclement. The date in 2020 is Saturday, April 25. We would love to have you and your family participate (see related article on page 4).
- ❖ **City elections.** The city will hold elections in fall 2020 to fill three Council seats and the Mayor's seat for four-year terms.



## Census 2020

By law a Census of all individuals living within the United States is conducted every ten years. The 2020 Census is rapidly approaching and will be conducted beginning April 2020. This will be an historic Census, with online forms being the primary tool for responses. The traditional Census approach of knocking on individual doors will only occur if a resident has not responded online.

Population figures are used for a number of different purposes, including allocation of Congressional representation and federal and state funding for local communities. This funding is used by your local government to help provide services and amenities such as the dog park, the new pickleball courts, and new playground equipment at City Park. Each individual resident counted in the Census helps add to the available funding for these types of projects.

Our part-time residents are also invited to participate as a Show Low resident in the 2020 Census. Simply list your Show Low residence as your primary residence on the Census form to be counted as a Show Low resident. The city will have kiosks set up at both city hall as well as the library for those residents who do not have access to a computer.

*Remember, you count!*

# Annual budget process begins in January

Like every successful business or household, the City of Show Low operates by living within its means. A major tool is our annual budget, built on a foundation of fiscal responsibility to our taxpayers, residents and customers.

Our fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. The Show Low City Council and staff will begin discussing the fiscal year 2021 (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021) budget on January 21 with a 6:00 p.m. study session in Council Chambers, 181 N. 9th Street. At this meeting, which is open to the public, the Council's goals and priorities will be reviewed, early revenue estimates as determined by staff will be presented and all major budget assumptions will be reviewed.

To ensure the city's budget meets needs of our residents, the Council wants as much citizen input as possible. A citizen request form is available online at [www.showlowaz.gov](http://www.showlowaz.gov), at city hall

and the library, or by calling (928) 532-4024. Any citizen can present an idea for budget consideration, such as increased or decreased services, improvements or anything you feel the city should address in the budget.

To meet our goal to obtain as much citizen participation as possible, two budget town halls are scheduled for public comment. The first will be held January 23, early in the budget process to give you a chance to voice your concerns, opinions and service desires. The

second will be on April 16, a meeting at which staff will present the recommended budget for citizen feedback prior to presenting it to the Council for discussion.

Beginning in April, the Council also will hold several study sessions to review the city manager's recommended budget in detail. This overview will focus on revenues and a department-by-department review of requested and recommended expenditures. All meetings are open to the public and held in Council Chambers. It is anticipated the Council will adopt the final fiscal year 2020 budget in June. The budget calendar is also available online at [www.showlowaz.gov](http://www.showlowaz.gov):

- ❖ Tuesday, January 21, 6 p.m., budget study session
- ❖ Thursday, January 23, 6 p.m., town hall budget meeting for citizen input
- ❖ Tuesday, April 7, 6:30 p.m., presentation of recommended budget at budget study session
- ❖ Thursday, April 16, 6 p.m., town hall for citizen input, followed by budget study session
- ❖ Thursday, April 23, 6 p.m., budget study session (if needed)
- ❖ Thursday, April 30, 6 p.m., budget study session (if needed)
- ❖ Tuesday, May 19, 7 p.m., tentative budget overview
- ❖ Tuesday, June 2, 7 p.m., Council consideration and adoption of tentative budget
- ❖ Tuesday, June 16, 7 p.m., public hearing and Council consideration and adoption of final budget
- ❖ Tuesday, July 21, 7 p.m., Council consideration and adoption of secondary property tax levy

Let your voice be heard in our annual budget process. Questions may be directed to Deputy City Manager Justin Johnson at (928) 532-4024.



## MLK Day of Service in April

Every year since 2009, the City of Show Low honors Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by organizing a service project and invites all citizens to volunteer. In 1994, Congress transformed the annual King holiday into a national day of service to honor the civil rights leader's legacy to strengthen communities and achieve common goals through volunteerism.



Although the holiday is held in January, the city has moved our MLK Day of Service to mid-spring to accommodate possible weather issues. This year's community project will be on Saturday, April 25, at Nikolaus Homestead Elementary with everyone working in the morning followed by a city-provided lunch at the same location. Staff is

working on the details of the service project. Participants are encouraged to wear closed-toe shoes and bring a hat and gloves for a memorable community service opportunity. More information about the Day of Service project will be posted to the city website as April approaches.

## Trash and recycling news

The city contracts with Waste Management to provide trash and recycling services, with six excess collections a year. Excess trash must be bagged, boxed or bundled; is limited to normal household items; should not exceed 50 pounds per single item; and is limited to the equivalent of one pickup load (4x4x8 feet) or about 20 bags. Place items at curbside by 6 a.m. on your regularly scheduled collection day. 2020 excess trash dates are January 6 to 9, March 2 to 5, May 4 to 7, July 6 to 9, September 7 to 10 and November 2 to 5. Waste Management observes three holidays—New Year's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas—with pickup moved to the next day.

Convenient curbside recycling pickup is provided, with one large bin for recyclables. **ACCEPTABLE items include magazines; paper; brown paper bags; newspapers; cardboard; dairy and juice containers; phone books; plastic bottles and containers (nos. 1-7); aluminum foil and cans; tin or steel cans. Items NOT ACCEPTED are plastic bags, plastic wrap, shredded paper, foam cups/containers, glass, food waste, green waste, films and food-soiled cardboard or paper goods.**

For questions, call (928) 532-4000.