

Show Low Monthly News

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City plans survey and community roundtable

The Show Low City Council and staff want to hear from our citizens about what they need and want in the way of City-provided services.

In late December and early January, the City will begin conducting customer surveys. Some citizens will receive the survey in the mail, while others will be asked to participate via a telephone call. Individuals will be chosen at random representing all areas of the City.

Questions will focus on a range of services, including police and public safety, parks, recreation, aquatic center, road conditions, public library and utilities. All responses will be kept strictly confidential.

Continuing declines in the national economy may have an eventual effect on Show Low's revenues. Rather than waiting

to tighten its fiscal belt, the City is looking to provide services more efficiently and cost-effectively.

In addition, on January 23, 2002, the City will be holding a community roundtable in the City Hall Council Chambers, 200 West Cooley, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Citizens are invited to attend and participate in discussions about City policies, direction, goals, services, etc. The meeting will be broadcast live on City 4 Television (cable channel 4). Citizens who cannot attend may watch the meeting and call in their questions and comments to 532-4180, 532-4081 or 532-4084. Based on the input and interest shown, future community roundtables may be held.

We look forward to your participation and ideas to help us build a better Show Low.



Understanding Islam, Arab-Americans and civil liberties

Beginning next month, the Show Low Public Library, Arizona Humanities and Northland Pioneer College present "**September 11 Community Conversations.**"

The first program is an "*Overview of Islam in Modern Afghanistan and Pakistan*," presented by David Damrel on February 23 at 11 a.m. at Northland Pioneer College, White Mountain Campus. This program describes the basic ritual practices (the five pillars) and beliefs (called *iman*) of Sunni Islam, stressing Islam as an Abrahamic tradition and its similarities and differences with both Judaism and Christianity.

The second program is "*American Arabs in the Aftermath of the Terrorist Attacks*,"

presented by Elizabeth Larson-Keagy on March 28, 7 p.m., at Northland Pioneer College, White Mountain Campus. This program explores American Arabs, where they come from, and the cultural diversity and complexity of what it means to be Arab-American.

The third program is "*The Balance Between National Security and Civil Liberties*," presented by Michael Rubinoff on March 17, 7:30 p.m., at Northland Pioneer College, White Mountain Campus. This presentation looks at how Americans have handled national security measures when the country has been at war, evaluates the treatment of dissenters and alien residents, and analyzes the judgment of history regarding these events.

Mail Ballot Election coming in March 2002

Are you a registered voter in Show Low? Is your address current? This year, the City of Show Low is conducting its first Mail Ballot Election for the March 12 Primary Election and, if necessary, the May 21 General Election.

Voters will not go to a polling place to cast their votes. Instead, all registered voters will receive their ballot in the mail about three weeks before the election. If you moved since registering to vote or your address has changed, the ballot will not be forwarded to you and will be returned to the City. Check your voter registration today to make sure we have your correct mailing address. Contact the City Clerk's Office at 532-4060 or 532-4061. Some changes may be handled over the telephone but others may require that you re-register, which will take only a few minutes.

If you haven't registered to vote and wish to do so, the registration form must be post-marked no later than February 11, 2002. Voter registration forms are available at City Hall, 200 West Cooley.

Three City Council seats are up for election and 10 candidates are running. In addition to incumbents Vice Mayor Gene Kelley, Councilman Kent McQuillan and Mayor Gerry Whipple, seven others will be on the ballot—James Breeden, Virginia Evans, Bill Haltom, Dennis Koenig, Keith Skillin, Anne Staffnik and William Thomas.

Also on the ballot, voters will be asked to choose whether they want a "direct election of mayor." Currently, the sitting Council members elect and vote for the positions of mayor and vice mayor every two years at their first Council meeting in June.



Calendar of Events

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



- 01/01** New Year's Day
(City offices closed)
- 01/02** 8 a.m., City Hall Conference Room
City Council Study Session
- 01/02** Council Chambers
5 p.m., **City Council Special Policy Meeting**
7 p.m., **City Council Regular Meeting**
- 01/04** **Youth Basketball League** registration deadline
Play begins 01/19 (open to boys & girls in grades 1-6)
- 01/05** 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Safeway (Show Low)
Meet Councilman Sanguigni (public welcome)
- 01/07** 6 – 7 p.m., location to be announced
Dog Obedience classes begin (for dogs 4 months+)
- 01/08** 7 p.m., Council Chambers
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 01/10** 4 – 4:45 p.m., Public Library
Storytelling by Bear, a local storyteller (all ages)
- 01/12** 3 p.m., Family Aquatic Center
Balloon Squat
- 01/14** 8 a.m., City Hall Conference Room
City Council Study Session
- 01/15** Family Aquatic Center (ages 16+)
Co-ed Inner Tube Water Polo League begins
- 01/15** Council Chambers
5 p.m., **City Council Special Policy Meeting**
7 p.m., **City Council Regular Meeting**
- 01/19** 3 p.m., Family Aquatic Center
Wet T-Shirt Relay
- 01/21** 2:45 p.m., Recreation conference room
Snowflake Box craft class (grade 3-6)
- 01/22** 7 p.m., Council Chambers
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 01/28** **Men's Basketball League** registration begins
Play begins 03/05, Show Low Jr. High School (ages 16+)

✓ **out City 4 Television and the City's Web site at**
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City employees help others in need

Helping others have a happier holiday season is just one of the ways City of Show Low employees give back to the community. In addition to their regular duties—snow plowing, building inspections, keeping your family and City streets safe, teaching children to make Christmas crafts, holding puppet shows and holiday parties—employees give in other ways.

The City-sponsored Employee Relations Committee oversees a very special program whose success depends on employee generosity. It's called the Needy Family Program. Every year, the committee chooses at least one family (some years it's been as many as four) who is struggling financially and faces the prospect of a bleak Christmas. The family can be related to an employee or Show Low residents. Money collected by the Employee Relations Committee buys gifts for the families that, over the years, have included clothing (especially coats, shoes and gloves), blankets, bedding, food and firewood for the stove. This year, employees also collected nonperishable food items that went into food baskets for the needy families.

Want to teach?

Are you skilled in *tai chi*, a talented painter, an experienced knitter, a financial wizard, a graceful dancer or just have an interest in teaching a self-improvement course? You could put your talents to work by teaching part-time! Show Low's Recreation department offers a variety of special interest classes every summer, some even year-round. We are currently planning our summer programming. Interested in sharing your talents? Call Cathy Solomon or Renee Higginbotham in the Recreation department at 532-4140.

Aquatic Center happenings

Ready to act on your New Year's resolutions to be healthier? The Family Aquatic Center offers a variety of fitness classes. "Weight Loss Management" provides motivation and group support for weight management, including keeping an eating and exercise diary. "Twinges in the Hinges" is an exercise class geared for those with arthritis. "Balloon Squat" is a relay with participants swimming the length of the pool with a water balloon, then sitting or squatting on the balloon to burst it. In "Wet T-Shirt Relay," teammates exchange a t-shirt after swimming the length of the pool. If team activities leave you yawning, you can enjoy lap or open swimming.

And now for some fun. The Aquatic Center is available for birthday parties, planned and hosted by pool staff. Three packages are available for \$50, \$60 and \$75, with prizes, balloons, refreshments and swimming. To make your reservations, call the Aquatic Center at 532-4130.