

Show Low Monthly News



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Meet our newly elected council members

The City of Show Low's newly elected council members took their seats at the June 1, 2004 meeting. What made the transition so momentous was the fact that this was the first time Show Low's voters directly elected their mayor.

At the meeting, newly elected Mayor Rick Fernau (*photo, right*) took the gavel from outgoing Mayor Gene Kelley. The council maintains the practice of electing a vice mayor from its ranks, and Gene Kelley will be completing the balance of his term, expiring June 2006, as Vice Mayor.

Mayor Fernau was elected a councilman in May 2002 in a special recall election before his mayoral bid in 2004. He and wife Kim have lived in Show Low since 1978. A former businessman, retired Mayor Fernau is focused on Show Low's future growth. He "wants to help the local businesses create a downtown that is not only vibrant and energetic, but is pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly." He supports more youth-oriented activities. An avid pilot,



he wants to visibly market Show Low's airport to attract businesses to the area.

Joining Mayor Fernau is newcomer Gordon Kearl (*photo, left*), who moved to Show Low with his wife almost two years ago. Although retired, he now operates a personal and business planning company. Councilman Kearl says, "Show Low's political leaders



need to make a stronger effort at unity and cooperation," and stresses the importance of listening to all sides. He feels the City should play a stronger leadership role in the region.

Councilman Daryl Seymore (*photo, right*) was born and raised in Show Low, but left for about 10 years working as a builder in Utah. He owns two businesses—an insurance company and one that designs and installs kitchen cabinets. His biggest concern is employment and feels the City needs to more aggressively recruit higher-paying jobs to the area. He thinks new developments should install better infrastructure to meet future demands for service.



A familiar face is Councilman Gerry Whipple (*photo, left*), who served 12 years as Mayor before his reign ended in 2002. He was born and raised in Show Low, only leaving to attend college. He has owned an electrical contracting firm since 1985. He and wife Marcia have 16 children, four of whom were Russian orphans and one they are planning to adopt. Although he has visited many other locales, his roots remain in Show Low. He wants to attract more businesses, bringing quality employment, and believes in well-planned growth.



The four council members, whose terms expire June 2008, join incumbents Gene Kelley, Virginia Evans, and Anne Staffnik.

Incident Command System ready to deal with emergencies

What would you do in an emergency? Most of us think first about ourselves and our families—is everyone safe? what do we do now? We are so focused on our own lives, we sometimes forget about the safety and well-being of the broader community.

Rest assured that there is an army of highly skilled individuals, trained to deal immediately with any potential emergency. Whether it is a fire, hostage situation, hazardous chemical spill, or natural disaster, the Incident Command System (ICS) stands ready. The ICS is a nationally recognized model, developed in the mid-1980s, to deal with emergency situations.

Chief Ben Owens of the Show Low Fire District, in a joint effort with Chief James Griffith of the Show Low Police Department, recently explained the system to key government employees in a general briefing. As Chief Owens says, "Safety is our no. 1 priority." He means the safety of both potential victims and responders. These men understand the critical need for maintaining order out of chaos. They know that any loss of life is too high

a price to pay.

Every ICS has five elements—command, operations, planning, logistics, and finance. The Incident Commander directs the activity leaders below him. If the situation involves local, county, state, and/or federal law enforcement and emergency agencies, a group of individuals may serve as unified commanders. (This was the case with 2002's Rodeo-Chediski Fire, a region-wide emergency that drew experts from all around the U.S. Chief Owens and retired police chief John Corder of the Show Low Police Department played significant roles during this crisis.)

Of course, not every incident becomes an emergency. But, when there is immediate danger to life and health, an ICS is established. Once the first element, an Incident Commander, is assigned, then the other four elements come into play. Operations deals with controlling the immediate danger. Planning enlists the assistance of other organizations to support the needs of the responders and the general public (such as man-

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Calendar of Events

Family Aquatic Center & Recreation: 532-4130

★ Public Library: 532-4070

Check out City 4 Television and the City's Web site at www.ci.show-low.az.us for more information.

Parents! Sign up for your child (ages 6-12) for **Summer Play Days**, a weekly drop-in recreation program, Monday through Friday, 1–5 p.m., Show Low City Campus. Program ends 07/30.

- 07/02** Registration begins for **Monsoon Madness Softball Tournament** (ages 16+; play 08/13 & 08/14)
- 07/02 & 07/03** **Firecracker Softball Tournament**, City Park
- 07/03** **Annual 4th of July events:**
7 a.m., Show Low Chamber of Commerce
Dignitary Breakfast (come meet our elected officials)
7–9 a.m., Festival Marketplace
Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast (museum fundraiser)
10 a.m., **Annual 4th of July Parade** along the Deuce of Clubs (theme: "Our Troops, The Real American Idols")
4–10 p.m., Show Low High School
Carnival and Vendors (games, food, & fun!)
6–8 p.m., Show Low High School
Colgate Country Showdown (musical showdown with winner announced at about 8:30 p.m.)
9 p.m., Show Low High School football field
Fireworks Display (depending on fire conditions)
- 07/05** **City offices CLOSED** for 4th of July holiday
- 07/05** **9–9:45 a.m.**, **Tai Chi** class begins, Aquatic Center
- 07/05** **10–10:45 a.m.**, Aquatic Center
Seated Exercise Class begins
- 07/06** Registration ends for **Coed & Men's Fall Softball Leagues** (ages 16+; play begins 07/19)
- 07/06** Council Chambers
5 p.m., **City Council Special Meeting**
6 p.m., **City Council Regular Meeting**
- 07/07** Registration ends for **Men's Flag Football League** (ages 16+; play begins 07/21)
- 07/07** Registration ends for **Women's Fall Volleyball League** (ages 15+; play begins 07/21)
- 07/07** **3–3:30 p.m. & 4–4:30 p.m.**, Public Library
Butterfly Stick Plant decoration (all ages)
- 07/08** **Noon–1:30 p.m.**, Asia Garden Restaurant
Show Low Library Friends meeting (open to the public)
- 07/10** **Youth Flag Football League** begins, Frontier Park (boys & girls, grades 1-6)
- 07/12** **7:30 a.m.**, **Senior Healthy Hike**, meet at Senior Center
- 07/12** **Swimming Lessons** (Session 3) begin, Aquatic Center
- 07/13** **6–8 p.m.**, Recreation conference room
3-session **Pine Needle Basketry** class begins
- 07/13** **7 p.m.**, Council Chambers
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 07/14** **7:30 a.m.**, **Senior Healthy Hike**, meet at Aquatic Center

- 07/14** **1:30 p.m.**, Public Library (book: Habit of the Heart)
Arizona Humanities Book Discussion Group
- 07/14** **3–3:30 p.m.**, Public Library
Venus Flytrap Puppet craft (ages 5+)
- 07/15** **3:30–4 p.m.**, Public Library
Plants & Seeds & Bugs Puppet Show (all ages)
- 07/17** **8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.**, Council Chambers
Show Low Historical Society's Oral History Workshop
- 07/17** **FREE Concert in the Park**, City Park
5:30 p.m., *James Smith & Caroline Thomas*
7 p.m., *The Mike & T Band* (country & rock)
- 07/20** Council Chambers
6 p.m., **City Council Regular Meeting**
- 07/21** **3–3:30 p.m. & 4–4:30 p.m.**, Public Library
Pinecone Tree craft (ages 5+)
- 07/26** Last day to sign up **Summer Reading Program** at Public Library
- 07/26** **Swimming Lessons** (Session 4) begin, Aquatic Center
- 07/26** **7:30 a.m.**, **Senior Healthy Hike**, meet at Senior Center
- 07/27–** **9 a.m. – noon**, City Park (learn historical games & crafts)
07/29 **History in the Park** (for kids 6-12 years old)
- 07/27** **7 p.m.**, Council Chambers
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
- 07/31** **FREE Concert in the Park**, City Park
5:30 p.m., to be announced
7 p.m., *James Kole* (Americana & blues)

Drop-in recreation programs are available at Show Low City Campus (call 532-4130). For ages 7-15: kickball, wiffleball practice, wiffleball games, floor hockey, activity/tournament hour; for ages 5-10 & ages 11-15: arts & crafts.

Tumbling and dance classes (tap, ballet, jazz) for kids (3 to 12 years old) are being offered in July at The Dance Academy in Wagon Wheel. Call 532-4130 for more information.

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power, supplies, food, housing, hygiene, etc.). Logistics secures what the planners want, keeping track of inventory and seeking replacement crews. Finance handles all the paperwork involved, paying for equipment, payroll, maintenance and repairs, etc. Other key components of the ICS include a safety officer, whose primary responsibility is the safety of the responders; a liaison officer who deals with non-emergency helpers; and a public information officer who conveys information from the Incident Command center to the world at large.

Next time you hear about an emergency anywhere in the U.S., you will know that somewhere behind the scenes, an Incident Commander is overseeing the entire operation.

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