

# Show Low Monthly News



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## The library at your service

An event that Show Low Public Library patrons, staff, and volunteers have been anticipating eagerly will happen before the end of the year. The library will be moving to a new City Complex at 180 North 9th Street in downtown Show Low. The City Council approved the purchase of the former Frontier building in September.

The bottom floor will house the new library, while the upper floor will be used as City offices. The new library, at 13,000 square feet, will be over three times larger than the existing cramped quarters of 4,000 square feet. Staff will keep the public informed as plans for the move continue. In the meantime, patrons can still visit the existing library and computer lab at 20 North 6th Street.

### Library statistics

Kudos to the library staff and volunteers for the exceptional services they provide to the public. This is perhaps the most heavily used City facility, with use increasing by double-digit percentages every year. Between July 1, 2003 and June 30, 2004, almost 81,000 people used the library and over 18,000 used the computer lab (17% more visitors than the previous year). There are now over 10,000 registered borrowers, a 16% increase over the prior year. Checkouts increased 20%, with a total over 93,000 for the year. There are over 32,000 items in the library's collection of books, tapes, and other materials for people to enjoy.



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## October activities for all to enjoy

Show Low Main Street is presenting three events this October, two with a Halloween theme. The first is a fund-raising golf tournament, with celebrity host Danny White, on October 15 and 16, 2004, at Torreon Golf Club. Registration information is available by calling Main Street at 537-8181.

The second fun-filled event is **Scaryoke** on Wednesday, October 20, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Festival Marketplace, 1027 East Deuce of Clubs. Come share a favorite Halloween-themed karaoke tune. During Scaryoke, judges will choose ten finalists who will compete live, two per day, on Power 95.7 the week leading up to Halloween. Radio listeners will call in and vote for their favorite singer. The top two winners will sing at **Trunk or Treat**, set for Saturday, October 30, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Festival Marketplace.

The annual Trunk or Treat is a safe—and free—way for kids and their families to enjoy Halloween. This always-popular event drew over 2,000 children last year. Local merchants and representatives of various organizations will hand out treats from the trunks of their vehicles. Enjoy food, game booths, a costume contest for children and grown-ups, prizes, and loads of fun!

To register for Scaryoke or to sign up your business or organization for Trunk or Treat, call 537-8181.



## Election precincts in Show Low

The General Election for federal, state, and county offices is Tuesday, November 2, 2004. There are four polling places in Show Low, and where you vote depends on where you reside. (Spring elections, in March and May, are reserved for municipal elections. The only polling place for a city election is the Show Low City Council Chambers.)

Check your sample General Election ballot for your polling place. "Show Low 1" is the high school auditorium, 500 West Old Linden Road. "Show Low 2" is the fire station at 60 North 6th Street. "Show Low 3" is the Council Chambers, 200 West Cooley. "Show Low 4" is the Navajo County Health Department (west corridor) at 251 North Penrod.

Questions may be directed to the Navajo County Elections Department at (800) 668-3867.

## Grant funds available to thin properties

Wildfires in heavily treed communities like the White Mountains are inevitable. The key to preventing devastating losses from the ravages of wildfires are education and community-wide mitigation efforts. Preparation is most effective when everyone participates, but, at the least, neighborhood participation is imperative.

Thanks to the hard work of private property owners, over a thousand acres in Show Low have been thinned. These owners have participated in the grant reimbursement program offered by the City of Show Low.

Funds still are available to private property owners. First, your property is assessed. Then, thinning is done to a prescribed standard. If you hire someone to do the work, keep all receipts. To determine your property's eligibility, contact Community Foresters Jan Mathis at 532-6139 or Lloyd Wilmes at 521-3243.

# Calendar of Events

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

- 10/02 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Show Low Fire and Police on N. 6th Street  
**Public Safety Open House** (FREE to the public; enjoy refreshments, tours, discount pet vaccinations)
- 10/05 6 p.m., Council Chambers  
**City Council Meeting**
- 10/06 1:30 p.m., Public Library (book: Women of Brewster Place)  
**Book Discussion Group**
- 10/06 5:30–6:30 p.m., Show Low Senior Center, 301 E. McNeil  
**Belly Dancing Basics** (ages 14+)
- 10/12 5 p.m., Council Chambers  
**Joint Study Session (City Council and P&Z Commission)**
- 10/12 7 p.m., Council Chambers  
**Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting**
- 10/13 3:30–4:30 p.m., Public Library (theme: scary books)  
**Cool Kids Book Discussion Group** (ages 8-12)
- 10/13 5:30–6:30 p.m. (registration ends 10/05)  
**Start Smart Basketball** begins (ages 3-5)
- 10/14 Noon–1:30 p.m., RT's Black Bull (open to the public)  
**Show Low Library Friends** meeting
- 10/18 **Fall Swim Lessons** begin, Aquatic Center (registration ends 10/15)
- 10/19 6 p.m., Council Chambers  
**City Council Meeting**
- 10/20 4–7 p.m., Festival Marketplace  
**Scaryoke** (karaoke fun with Halloween-themed tunes)
- 10/21 **Pumpkin Carving Contest** (all ages)  
Begin dropping off carved pumpkins at the Public Library until 1 p.m., 10/28 (judging held prior to 10/28 party)
- 10/21 7 p.m., Council Chambers (guest speaker: Lorie Marchant)  
**Show Low Historical Society Meeting**
- 10/22 7–9 p.m., Aquatic Center (all ages)  
**Haunted Halloween Bash** (food, games, friends, and fun!)
- 10/23 9 a.m., **Candy Scramble** (ages 10 & under), Centennial Park
- 10/23 2 p.m., Aquatic Center  
**Underwater Pumpkin Hunt** (ages 11-17)
- 10/26 5 p.m., Council Chambers  
**City Council Study Session**
- 10/26 7 p.m., Council Chambers  
**Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting**
- 10/28 5–6 p.m., Public Library  
**Not So Scary Halloween Party** (all ages)
- 10/30 6–8 p.m., Festival Marketplace  
**Trunk or Treat** (for all ages)

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- Summer reading program
- Over 240 children participated in the annual summer reading program. This year's theme was "Plant a Seed—Read!"
- Activities centered around gardening and growing. In addition to reading, the program included creating craft projects, storytelling, and puppet shows.
- Calling all mechanics
- Looking for answers on how to repair your vehicle? The library and computer lab provide free Internet access to the **Mitchell Vehicle Repair** database. Other database resources are available for public use. Just ask library staff for assistance.

## Web sites for legal help

Two Web sites produced by the state provide legal assistance. The first, the Elder Law Hotline at [www.supreme.state.az.us/selfserv/elderlaw.htm](http://www.supreme.state.az.us/selfserv/elderlaw.htm), is available for Arizona residents 60 years or older. Legal questions are answered by an attorney who is required to deal directly with the senior for whom services are provided. The hotline is not available to third parties, such as adult children, guardians, friends, etc.

The second site at [www.azlawhelp.org](http://www.azlawhelp.org) provides information about civil legal issues, names of organizations that provide free legal aid to low-income clients, and other resources for people who cannot afford an attorney. Self-help instructions and downloadable forms are available.

## Housing plan hearing

The Arizona Department of Housing requests input on the draft FY2005-2009 State of Arizona Consolidated Plan.

The draft, which applies to non-metropolitan and rural areas, describes strategies related to housing, including public housing and Section 8, special needs (including HIV/AIDS), homeless, community development, lead-based paint, antipoverty, and fair housing. The draft includes an annual action plan, methods of distribution, and geographic funding objectives for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. A hearing for public comment is scheduled for Thursday, October 21, 2004, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Show Low City Council Chambers, 200 West Cooley.

## Help your fellow neighbors

Since last year, members of the Marine Corps League (an organization of active and retired Marines) have been helping the elderly and handicapped clean and thin their properties. These selfless volunteers use personal funds to buy tools and gasoline to service those in need. Working about four hours a day, they rake, mow lawns, trim limbs, use weed whackers, and haul away green waste. If you would like to volunteer your services or make a financial donation to assist them in their efforts, please call City Clerk Ann Kurasaki at 532-4061.



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