

JUNE 29, 2024

WEEKLY UPDATE

Miranda Fisher, Town Manager

REGISTER TO VOTE!

Voter Registration Deadline: July 1, 2024, is the final day to register to vote for the upcoming election on July 30, 2024. Ensure your registration is complete by this date to participate in the election.

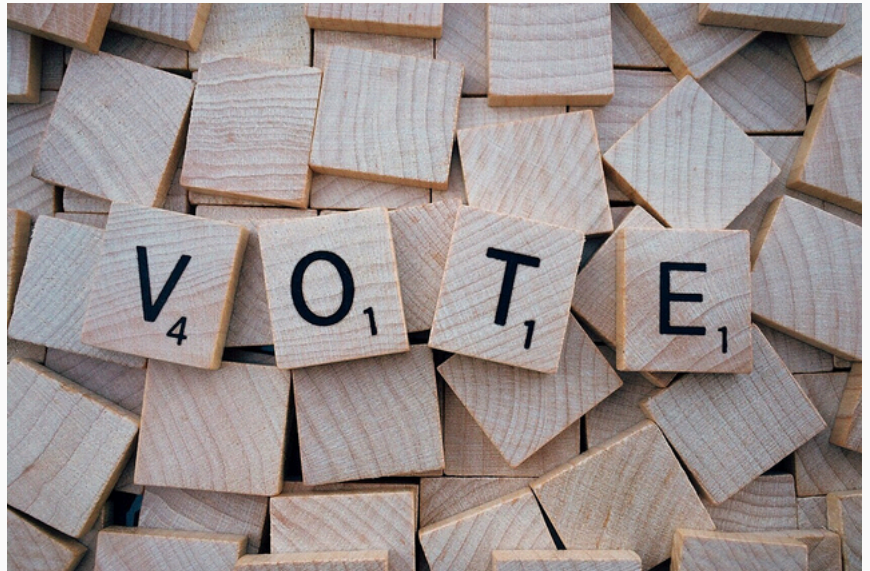
Early Voting Information: Early ballots will be distributed by the County beginning on July 3, 2024. Be sure to check your mail and follow the provided instructions to cast your vote early.

Updating Voter Information:

If you have moved, changed your name, or wish to change your party affiliation, you must re-register to vote.

Voter Roll Maintenance:

Did you know that your name could be removed from the Voter Registration Rolls if you have not voted in the last two consecutive federal elections? Contact Yavapai County Voter Registration at 639-8100 to confirm your registration status.



Voter Registration Forms: Voter registration forms are available at Town Hall, the Camp Verde Library, and the Post Office. You can also register and/or make changes to your voter information online.

CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

In addition to preparing for the upcoming election, Virginia Jones, Acting Town Clerk, attended the YavapaCounty Elections Logic and Accuracy Test in Prescott on June 25, 2024.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Building Department

UPS was issued a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for their new building on George Rothrock. Wee Hollow received its first Certificate of Occupancy for a small two-story home off Nichols.

Planning

On June 26, 2024, the Planning Commission held a joint session with the Council to discuss the General Plan update process as well as roles and responsibilities for the Commission and Council. On June 27, 2024, the Planning Commission held a hearing related to updating the Planned Area Development (PAD) Ordinance.

Other long-range planning projects continue to move forward including updates to the Livestock Ordinance, OHV (or Motocross) use standards, and RV Park standards.

Meet & Greet

The Community Development Department is holding a “Meet and Greet” for the candidates on Tuesday, July 2, 2024 from 4 pm to 6 pm in the Town Council Chambers. Please join us if you would like to learn more about what’s going on in the Community Development. We would also encourage candidates to submit questions in writing before the meeting. We can provide written responses and share these with all the candidates. Please e-mail John Knight at John.Knight@CampVerde.AZ.gov.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

FrameTec & Arizona Commerce Association

On June 25, 2024, Dave Meyers and Crisi Clark hosted Jamie Kerr from the Arizona Commerce Authority. They talked about opportunities for business development in Camp Verde and checked in on FrameTec’s progress. FrameTec is currently installing, and quality testing their finger-jointer and other machinery. FrameTec currently has approximately 20 team members hired and continues to ramp up to be fully operational later this year.



Digital Equity Summit

Molly Davies and Dave Meyers attended the Yavapai County’s first ever Digital Equity Summit hosted by the Regional Economic Development Center (REDC) and the Yavapai County Broadband Initiative. Panelists included Dr. Erin Carr-Jordan, CEO of the Digital Equity Institute, Erin Lorandos from the Arizona State Broadband Office, and Nicole Umayam from National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). We discussed the value of Digital Equity, the idea that all should have access to the internet, and devices, to participate in society – education, job opportunities, telehealth, civic engagement and more. Additionally, we covered the Arizona State Digital Equity Plan development and started to think about how to leverage the \$16M of federal funding allocated for Arizona.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Cont.)

2023 Arizona Wine Tourism Industry Impact Study

The attached 2023 Arizona Wine Tourism Industry Impact Study, conducted for the Arizona Office of Tourism by the Economic Policy Institute at Northern Arizona University, outlines the economic impacts of Arizona wine tourism, including its effects on economic output, employment, key industries, and taxation. Additionally, it provides insights into consumer behavior probabilities at wine festivals, tasting rooms, vineyards, and wineries. You'll see that there has been a 611% increase in wine-experience driven visitor spending. The state's overall wine producers (totaling 156) represent a 200% increase since 2011 when there were 52. Among the three main wine-producing regions in Arizona, visitors spend the most in the Verde Valley (\$109 per night), followed by approximately \$70 per night in the other two, Willcox and Sonoita.

PUBLIC WORKS

Ken Krebbs, Public Works Director, attended a special meeting with Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG) to approve the Verde Valley Master Transportation Plan, followed by a meeting to discuss the drainage plans for the Conoco Project, and concluded with attending the Verde Valley Transportation Planning Organization meeting.

Maintenance & Grounds

The Maintenance & Grounds Department accomplished several tasks, including replacing a leaking expansion tank at CVMO, conducting pool cleaning and training, and preparing reports for Bridgeway Solutions. They also worked on the green building remodel, ensuring materials were ordered before July 1, 2024 and maintained equipment for fertilizer spraying at Sports Complex Park. The department passed the yearly kitchen Ansel inspection, sprayed fertilizer at the Sports Complex, and prepared baseball infields for games. They collaborated on remodeling costs, installed a new drain at the skate park, and managed the HVAC installation on Holloman St. Other activities included updating the marquee, installing metal plates on grills for the no-burn season, performing weed control at Verde Lakes Ponds, and addressing a roof leak in the 300 building.

Ezra Collins' last day was June 27, 2024. Ezra resigned to pursue a new career, and we wish him the best in his future endeavors.

Streets

The Streets Department continued trimming trees along Montezuma Castle Highway. They discovered one pecan tree was diseased and will inform the owner accordingly.

Engineering

Activities of the Engineering Department encompassed reviewing Conoco proposals, lift station and reclamation proposals, organizing red-line comments for Jackpot Ranch, rescanning Highview Well red-lines, and working on the Tunnell Elevation Certificate. Additional tasks involved reviewing and writing a letter for MSP Drywall Pond, corresponding with the ADEQ Ombudsman, and handling electrical over-the-counter flood issues for 931 Buffalo Trail and White Birch EC. Further reviews were conducted for Powers grading for crops, Mobile on Sparkling, and Camp Verde RV Resort. The Lost River review was finalized, and culvert inspections were completed for Ortego, Willis, and Lago.

Troy Odell has resigned from the Town, and we wish him the best in retirement. Bruce Connelly is the interim Town Engineer effective immediately.

PUBLIC WORKS (Cont.)

Capital Improvement Projects

- The Court Addition project received its building permit June 17, 2024 and will be put out for bid this week. For Wayfinding Signage, the consultant is developing concepts for staff to review, with a presentation scheduled for the council on September 4, 2024.
- The Finnie Flats / MCH Roadway Improvements project has a tentatively approved consultant's scope and fee with ADOT, and the consultant is revising the scope as needed.
- The 7th Street CDBG Sidewalk Project has had its bid package sent for approval to the AZ Department of Housing and is expected to go out for bid by the end of the month, with APS relocation and easement acquisitions underway (4 of 11 obtained).
- At the Sports Complex – TVB, staff is finalizing the punch list items and reviewing the placement of multiuse field lighting. For the Sports Complex Waterline Installation, all permits are secured, and construction will begin by mid-July. A bid award recommendation for the Sports Complex Concession Stand/Restrooms will be made at the July 17, 2024 council meeting, with the concrete walkway bid to follow. Regarding Sports Complex Concession Stand/Restrooms Electrical Service, a \$72K quote from Star Solar was received, but electrical requirements are being reassessed, and a bid will be required. The Sports Complex Lift Station, Force Main, and Irrigation Line Installation projects will present bids and seek material purchase approvals at the July 17, 2024 council meeting, with labor provided by town forces and specific excavation work to be bid out.
- Champion Trail Reconstruction has had NACOG funds appropriated for improvements between Highway 260 and Cowboy Trail, with survey and design processes beginning.
- The Main Street Reconstruction Project is awaiting Engineering Department review of 90% plans. For the Parson's Riverfront Preserve Parking Lot, a topographic survey and preliminary design are in progress.
- The Community Center Park Rain Catchment project is on hold pending TAC decisions on challenges, with Community Development advised to delay the building permit review.
- For the Pool Shade Structure, staff is updating design calculations for wind loads, clarifying code requirements, and seeking shade sail recommendations.
- Two projects were submitted for NACOG's Regional Priority Project List: Main Street Improvement and Montezuma Castle Highway Improvement.
- Lastly, a recommendation for the FY25 Pavement Preservation bid award will be presented at the July 17, 2024 council meeting, with work planned to start in mid-August, while Right-of-Way Permits are being addressed as applications come in.
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PARKS & RECREATION

Mike Marshall, Parks & Recreation Manager, has announced his retirement, with his final day on the job being July 20, 2024 at Corn Fest. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Mike on this well-deserved second retirement and wish him all the best as he embarks on this new chapter of his life. Thank you, Mike, for your years of dedicated service and contributions!

See attached flyer for programming summer camp programming happening in Week 6.

UTILITIES

Jessica Clark, Utilities Clerk, mailed out certified letters regarding sewer liens being issued to the largest wastewater services users that are over \$1,000 delinquent on their wastewater billing (33 accounts). Letters will be mailed out weekly to all delinquent accounts with balances over \$500. From what has been mailed out so far, staff has recovered \$24,627.48. Two accounts are now current and payment arrangements have been made for three additional accounts. Jessica has taken on the project despite her busy schedule at the front counter.

WATER DIVISION

Lead & Copper Service Line Inventory

Staff will be starting the lead copper service inventory for the larger water system and should be digging up and recording service lines in the vicinity of General Cook Trail, 4th Street, 3rd Street, and Main Street.

Tunlii Water Service Area

The Tunlii area is being serviced water due to leaks within their system. Their system is currently using 56,880 gallons per day.

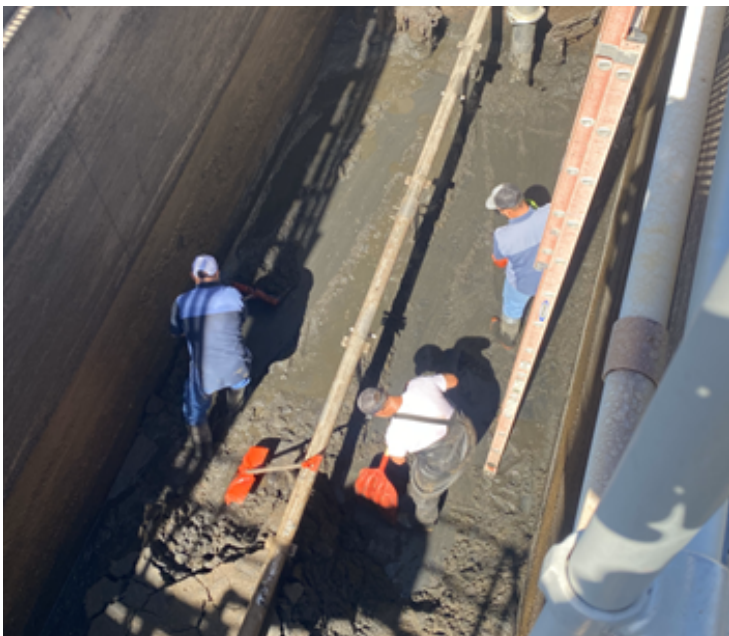
WASTEWATER DIVISION

North Aeration Basin

Wastewater Operators are cleaning out the hauler station collector basin. The grit and solids cleaned out every 6 to 9 months.

STORMWATER DIVISION

On Tuesday later afternoon, the Town received a significant monsoon storm where over an inch of rain fell in the Downtown area. Stormwater staff complete stormwater sampling at 4 compliance point locations throughout the Town during the event. To remain complaint with our Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) ADEQ permit, the Town is required to monitor and sample rainwater runoff at the beginning of a storm event, several times a year. Staff also inspected best management practices as active construction sites.



MARSHAL'S OFFICE

Thank You, Deputy Jenkins!

A big thank you to Deputy Jenkins for taking Town Manager Miranda Fisher on a ride-along on June 28, 2024. I spent a full shift with Deputy Jenkins, gaining a first-hand look at CVMO operations. I appreciate Deputy Jenkins for taking the time to show me the day-to-day work of our officers and helping build a stronger connection between our departments. Thanks again, Deputy Jenkins!

Congratulations, Sergeant Wantland!

Congratulations to Ty Wantland on your well-deserved promotion to Sergeant! Your dedication, hard work, and unwavering commitment to serving our community have truly paid off. We are incredibly proud of your achievements and excited to see you excel in this new role. Here's to many more milestones and successes ahead!

