

JULY 5, 2024

WEEKLY UPDATE

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INDEPENDENCE DAY

Independence Day is a time to honor the values of freedom, unity, and perseverance that our forefathers fought so hard to achieve. Even without formal town festivities, I know many of you found ways to mark this important day, whether through small gatherings, quiet reflections, or simply enjoying the day with family and friends.

As we move forward, let's carry the spirit of Independence Day with us. Let us continue to embody the principles of democracy, equality, and mutual respect in our daily lives. Our community thrives when we work together towards common goals, and I am proud of the cooperative spirit that defines our town.

I also want to take a moment to recognize and honor the men and women who have served and continue to serve our country, ensuring our freedom and security. Their sacrifices allow us to enjoy the freedoms we celebrated yesterday.

Thank you for making this Independence Day meaningful in your own ways. Let's continue to work together to make our town a wonderful place to live, work, and celebrate.



CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

Open Records Requests

The Clerk's Office prepared a report of all the Open Records Requests received from July 2023 – June 2024 (see attached). The Clerk's Office did not receive any Records Request this week.

Election

Primary Ballots were mailed out on Wednesday, July 3, 2024. All ballot boxes in Yavapai County are open.

Several people have asked how many candidates will move to the General Election. The easy answer is "it all depends on what happens in the Primary". Arizona Revised Statutes guides us in ARS 9-821.01.

For the purposes of this subsection, the majority of votes cast is determined by:

1. Calculating the total number of actual votes cast for all candidates for an office whose names were lawfully on the ballot for that office.
2. Dividing the sum reached pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subsection by the number of seats to be filled for the office.
3. Dividing the number reached pursuant to paragraph 2 of this subsection by two and rounding that number to the highest whole number.
4. If more candidates receive a majority of votes cast than there are seats to be filled for the office pursuant to subsection D of this section, from among those candidates who receive a majority of votes cast, the candidates who receive the highest number of votes equal to the number of seats to be filled for the office is declared elected to that office.
5. If at the primary election no candidate receives the majority of the votes cast or the number of seats to be filled for the office is more than the number of candidates who receive a majority of votes cast, of the candidates who did not receive a majority of votes cast, the number of candidates who advance to the general or runoff election is equal in number to twice the number of seats to be filled for the office and the candidates who received the highest number of votes for the office are the only candidates at the general or runoff election.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

AZ Daily Mix Summer Sizzle Series

On July 3, 2024, Crisi Clark was interviewed by Teresa Strasser for the AZ Daily Mix Summer Sizzle Series. Camp Verde's Visitor's Center and Museum are featured along with the Historic Downtown area. They discussed the warmth and welcoming nature of our small town along with the restaurants and vintage shops located on Main Street. They also gave a shoutout to our events and outdoor recreation in Camp Verde. Teresa interviewed Matt Guebard at Montezuma's Castle and will be interviewing our state parks for this segment as well. You will be able to watch this episode of the Daily Mix on CW7 later this month.

APS Substation Update

APS has started installing some breakers and electrical equipment. The rebuild of some power lines has not been started yet. They still need to acquire a few easements but plan to energize overhead lines. They are still targeting project completion for the first quarter of 2025.

*** Fun fact***: This substation will bring 40 megawatts of electricity to the area. A typical Walmart uses three megawatts of power, so this substation will produce enough power to equip more than 13 Walmart stores.

PARKS & RECREATION

Christmas in July

Next week the summer campers will be celebrating Christmas in July. Christmas in July is going to be a lot of fun and we are looking forward to Santa Claus making a surprise visit!

Summer Camp Newsletter

Week 7
July 8 - 11, 2024



Christmas in July!



WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

SUMMER SPLASH AT HERITAGE POOL

Tuesday & Thursday

Group 305 - Leave at 12 noon
Return at 2:20

Group 204 - Leave at 1:30
Return at 3:20

Group 305

Reading with
Ms. Leddy



EXCITING EVENTS!


MONDAY
Operation Christmas Child
Shoebbox Packing Event!



TUESDAY
Mystery Guest

WEDNESDAY
Field Trip to Bearizona!

IMPORTANT INFO

-  The bus will be leaving for Williams at 8:45.
-  Please apply sunscreen prior to camp.
-  WATER BOTTLES ARE REQUIRED!
-  Please add ice pack to lunches as we will be eating at Bearizona.
-  DO NOT send money with your camper!
-  We will return by 3:45.

THURSDAY
Ms. Patty's Water Adventure Class

SUMMER CAMP SURVEY



We ask that you please take the time to fill out and return our survey before the end of camp on July 18th. This helps us to plan for next year. Surveys will be available beginning July 8th.

Funny Magic for Kids





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Next Week's Theme

Tropical Week!

PARKS & RECREATION (Cont.)

Other Summer Camp Fun

In addition to Christmas in July, the kids involved in summer camp have had a lot of fun with activities such as Fun in Foam and a Magic Show, both in cooperation with the Community Library Summer Reading program. We also had a visit from Horses with Hearts, a horse rescue organization who brought four mini-horses and a mini-donkey.



PARKS & RECREATION (Cont.)

- The pool season continues; however, monsoon weather has started, resulting in a couple of closures due to lightning.
- Planning for Corn Fest and Fort Verde Days is ongoing, with SRP agreeing to sponsor our three signature events at the Platinum level, starting with Corn Fest.
- The new football scoreboard for Butler Park has been delivered, and volunteers will be installing it soon.

LIBRARY

Candidate Meet & Greet

Library Director, Kathy Hellman and Library Manager, Nicole Metz-Andrews invite candidates and Council members to a Meet & Greet at the Library on Wednesday, July 10, 2024 from 7:00a to 8:30a in the 1st-Floor Terracotta Room. A tour of the library will commence at 7:15a followed by a Q&A in the meeting room. Coffee, tea, and light breakfast snacks will be provided.

E-Rate Services

At the end of June, the Library Director signed a 3-year agreement with the Yavapai County School Superintendent's office for consulting about and assistance with e-rate services. We have been using these services since 2016 at the same annual rate of \$1500, which has saved the library 70-85% off the cost of monthly internet access, security cameras, wireless access points, servers, and switches. Here are two examples: 1) In 2023 we received a quote of \$15,427 to upgrade 16 wireless access points and 4 switches at the library. We paid \$3,085 after the e-rate discount of \$12,342. 2) We pay less than \$300/month for ISP services. Our current discount is 74%, saving the Town \$823/month or about \$10,000/year.



A big THANK YOU to Library staff for spending the extra time needed to help a group of about a dozen girls from a local girl's boarding school get library cards and checkout books on June 29, 2024. The group came in 20 minutes before closing and it took 15 minutes past closing to get them what they needed and send them happily on their way. This is a great example of upholding our customer service standards and the Town Council's strategic vision. Kathy Hellman, Library Director, overheard a patron telling the group that they should leave and come back on another day when we are open later but that is not how WE do things. We are welcoming and willingly help those who come in minutes before we close with the same kindness as we exhibit when they come in minutes after we've opened.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement served its first set of Notice of Hearings and Complaints requiring those residents for non-compliance to appear in front of the Administrative Hearing Office scheduled for July 31, 2024, at 1:30 pm located at the Camp Verde Municipal Court.

Building

Building Official, Roxanne Jasman, and Plan Reviewer, Chris Biggs, attended the AZBO (Arizona Building Officials) Annual Chapter Education Day. The subject of this year's training focused on significant changes to the IBC (International Building Code) between 2018 and 2024, for those interested in adopting the new 2024 code. They each earned .7 CEU's for their 7 hours of training.

Planning

Next week, on Thursday, July 11, 2024, the Planning and Zoning Commission will consider two separate use permits for RV Parks. One is new and located at the end of Road Ranger Lane and the other is an existing park located on Arena del Loma called Green Valley Mobile Home Park. This will be a continued public hearing and the public is invited to attend and comment during the hearing. A copy of the meeting agenda and staff reports can be found on the P&Z page here: <https://www.campverde.az.gov/departments/boards-commissions/planning-zoning-commission>

Community Development

The build-out on our new portal, permitting, planning, and code enforcement software has finally begun, and Roxanne Jasman is working closely with the GovWell team to make the roll out as easy and smooth as possible. We are excited about the enhanced transparency, tracking, workflow, notification, and plan review features that this software will provide our department and the citizens of Camp Verde.

The Department held a "Meet and Greet" with council and mayor candidates on Tuesday, July 2, 2024. This was well attended by the candidates and allowed the candidates the opportunity to ask questions and better understand what's going on in the Dept. Staff shared a variety of resources at the meeting, which are attached.

UTILITIES

Bacteria of the Month

Just what you have been waiting for: [The Bacteria of the Month](#) has finally arrived. This is a new series from the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Each month we will be featuring a new bacteria and explaining why they are so amazing. This month is the Tardigrade and is my very favorite of all the bacteria, it's pretty amazing: it's been exposed to outer space atmosphere and has also been shot out of a gun and still survived, can you do that?

Please click on the link and check it out.



PUBLIC WORKS

This week, Ken Krebbs held meetings with the Community Development team on service improvements, attended a town safety meeting, and participated in Sports Complex/Public Works and directors meetings. At the NACOG session, TIP funding and the Year 26 project were discussed.

Maintenance & Grounds

This week, essential tasks included a safety meeting, cleaning gutters on the 300 building, checking emergency lights during a power outage, cleaning Main Street, tree trimming, ordering materials for the Green Building remodel, picking up materials for the new museum sign, managing storm damage, and placing mats in the gym.

Streets

This week included trimming trees on Salt Mine Road. Additionally, pit holes were repaired on N. Oasis, Horseshoe Bend, and at the senior center.

Engineering

This week included meetings on retention/detention plans, the Middle Verde Diversion, Sports Complex/Public Works, and Highview Plat 4. WIFA reimbursement paperwork was processed, and reviews for Feldmeier, Southwest Barricade, and Copper Canyon Venture were conducted.

Capital Improvement Projects

Current Projects and Updates

- Court Addition: Out for bid; prebid conference on July 9, 2024; bids due August 1, 2024.
- Wayfinding Signage: Consultant developing concepts; council presentation on September 4, 2024.
- Finnie Flats/MCH Roadway Improvements: Consultant's scope and fee tentatively approved; revisions pending.
- 7th Street CDBG Sidewalk Project: Out for bid; bids due July 23, 2024.
- APS Relocation Work: Commencing soon; 10 of 14 easements acquired.

Sports Complex Projects

- Final Punch List: Working with contractor; addressing multiuse field lighting issues.
- Waterline Installation: Permits obtained; construction starts July 16, 2024; ends September 13, 2024.
- Concession Stand/Restrooms: Bid recommendation on July 17, 2024; concrete walkway bid to follow.
- Electrical Service: \$72K quote from Pur Solar; reevaluation needed.
- Lift Station and Force Main: Material purchase approval on July 17, 2024 Council agenda.
- Irrigation Line Installation: Material purchase approval on July 17, 2024 Council agenda.

Other Projects

- Champion Trail Reconstruction: Not TIP funded; seeking alternate projects.
- Main Street Reconstruction: Awaiting 90% plan comments.
- Parson's Riverfront Preserve Parking Lot: Survey and preliminary design phase.
- Pool Shade Structure: Updating wind load calculations and code requirements.
- NACOG Regional Priority Projects: Two projects submitted; review in progress.
- FY25 Pavement Preservation: Bid recommendation on July 17, 2024 Council agenda; work starts mid-August.
- Standard Details for Award of Bid: Recommendation on July 17, 2024 Council agenda.
- Right-of-Way Permits: Addressing as received.