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# WEEKLY UPDATE

Miranda Fisher, Town Manager



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FORT VERDE DAYS!

The Parks and Recreation Division is pleased to announce that the 68th Annual Fort Verde Days is taking place Saturday, October 12th through Sunday, October 13th in downtown Camp Verde! This two-day event has over 90 food and craft vendors, live music, a kid's adventure zone, pony rides and ax throwing. A new attraction, the Ninja Nation Obstacle Course, will be available on Saturday!

The 3rd annual Chili Contest, co-sponsored with the Fort Verde State Historical Park will take place on Sunday at 1:00 pm.

The Fort Verde Days parade starts at 10:00 am on Saturday and this year's theme is: "Celebrating our Pioneer Spirit!" led by Grand Marshal Tony Gioia.

The Parks and Recreation Division counts on volunteers to make this event a success. "It takes many volunteers to put on an event this size and we couldn't do it without them." says Shawna Figy, Parks and Recreation Acting Division Manager. "We have over 50 positions to fill and are asking the people of this great town to volunteer." Help is needed with the parade for announcers and judges, line up assistants and a parade pacer. Gatekeepers count the visitors who attend and ensure that alcoholic beverages do not leave the premises. People are needed to help set up on Saturday morning and tear down on Sunday afternoon. Most volunteer positions are set up in a two-hour increment.

If interested, please go to the Town's Parks & Recreation homepage on [www.campverde.az.gov](http://www.campverde.az.gov) and click on the blue "Volunteer With Us" button.

For more information, contact the Camp Verde Parks & Recreation Division via email at [parcs@campverde.az.gov](mailto:parcs@campverde.az.gov) or call (928) 554-0820 Option 3.



# VOLUNTEER

# **PARKS & RECREATION**

## **Fort Verde Days Parade**

Registration for the 68th annual Fort Verde Days Parade is open. This year's theme is "Celebrating Our Pioneer Spirit." The entry fee is \$10. Interested groups can register online under Community Events at [Camp Verde Sportsites](#).

## **Camp Verde Youth Football Jamboree**

This past weekend, Camp Verde Youth Football hosted the Northern Arizona Youth Football Jamboree at the Sports Complex. The event saw 34 teams from across Northern Arizona participate, drawing approximately 5,000 attendees throughout the day.

## **Grasshopper Basketball Program**

Registration is now open for our 1st-4th grade Grasshopper Basketball program. Sign up by September 25th at [Camp Verde Sportsites](#). We are actively recruiting coaches for the season. If you are interested in coaching, please contact Parks and Recreation staff at 928-554-0820 (Option 3).

## **Little Britches/Little Petticoats Contest**

The Little Britches/Little Petticoats contest will be held on Saturday, October 5th, at Fort Verde State Historic Park, alongside the Colonel's Daughter contest. Register by October 2nd at [Camp Verde Sportsites](#).

## **Community Feedback**

Parks and Recreation has been delighted to receive positive feedback this week:

- Adult Co-ed Softball: Participants have praised the officials and highlighted the enjoyable experience of the league.
- Pool: Many have expressed appreciation for the pool's cleanliness, the attentive staff, and the convenient lane reservations for lap swimming and aerobics.
- Front Desk Staff: The exceptional assistance provided by our front desk team has been specifically noted for their helpfulness and friendly service.

# **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

## **New Business Outreach**

Our economic development team has reached out to three new key businesses: Montezuma Burger Haus, Baan Baan Thai Express, and Sage Country Boutique. Through proactive engagement, we welcomed these businesses into the Camp Verde community and underscored the Town's commitment to supporting business development. We encouraged them to sign up for our Business Resource & Innovation Center (BRIC) newsletter and connected them with the Small Business Development Center (SBDC), the Camp Verde Business & Chamber Alliance, and the Greater Verde Valley Chamber of Commerce. David Meyers, of course, was excited to taste some of the new food. Dave brought a Montezuma Burger Haus burger back to the office causing coworker, Crisi Clark, to have food envy. Crisi stated, "It was the best burger I never got to eat!"

## **Arizona Office of Tourism Rural Co-Op Program**

The Town of Camp Verde applied for Arizona Rural Co-Op program through the Arizona Office of Tourism (AOT) in July. We learned this week that our request was approved. This program is offered to qualifying Destination Marketing Organizations (DMO) throughout Arizona and will match up to \$50,000 in tourism expenses. Funding is intended to be used for tourism marketing strategic planning, marketing support, and economic impacts information.

# MARSHAL'S OFFICE

## Law Enforcement Training

Commander Jacobs, Lt. Reay, Sgt. Collins, Sgt. Van Horn, Sgt. Wantland, and K-9 Deputy Zeid participated in a comprehensive 3-day training session hosted by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for the 2024 Law Enforcement & Prosecutors Training.

## Senior Outreach

Staff delivered Narcan, courtesy of MatForce, and provided training on its use to seniors at Verde View Senior Apartments. Additionally, Copper Canyon's Fire Marshal shared valuable fire safety tips with the residents.

## Coffee with a Cop

The event saw strong attendance, with Animal Control Officers introduced to the community. They discussed their roles, responsibilities, and engaged with attendees during a Q&A session.

## American Legion Luncheon

Marshal Rowley represented the department at the annual American Legion district Luncheon held at the pavilion on Camp Lincoln Road.



### Monthly Report (July 2024)

#### CAMP VERDE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

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	July 2024	July 2023
<b>Total Incidents</b>	1019	661
<b>Traffic</b>		
-Traffic Stops	429	161
-Collisions	12	19
-DUI	14	4
<b>Arrest</b>	64	
-Warrant Arrest	6	7
-Narcotic Arrest	13	7
<b>Property Crimes</b>		
-Burglaries	8	1
-Thefts	7	13
<b>Other</b>		
Domestic Violence	19	26
Deaths	3	4

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## Thank you, John Knight!

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the resignation of John Knight, who has served as our Community Development Director since October 2021. John has been instrumental in guiding our Town through significant milestones and developments, and his efforts have greatly enriched our community.

In preparation for John's last day on September 13th, we want to take this opportunity to reflect on the positive changes he has championed and the solid foundation he has helped build for our future. His expertise, dedication, and passion for our community have been deeply valued by everyone who has had the pleasure of working with him.

Over the next few weeks, we will focus on ensuring a smooth transition. Miranda Fisher, Town Manager, will step in as Acting Community Development Director until a new director is identified.

We are sincerely grateful to John for everything he has done for our community. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors and know that he will continue to make a positive impact wherever he goes.

## Livestock Ordinance

The Planning & Zoning Commission is set to hold a hearing on the livestock ordinance on September 5th. To ensure your input is considered, please submit written comments by Monday, August 26th, as they will be included in the packet for the Commission's review.

You can access the ordinance here: <https://www.campverde.az.gov/departments/community-development/planning-zoning>. Please send your comments to [AnimalOrdinance@CampVerde.AZ.Gov](mailto:AnimalOrdinance@CampVerde.AZ.Gov)

# UTILITIES

## Arizona Water Users Group GIS Meeting .

Jeff Low, Utilities Director and Tim Gardner, Water Works Engineering gave a 30 minute presentation to the Arizona Water Users GIS Group in Flagstaff on the Town of Camp Verde's GIS System for Utilities. The presentation is linked below as a GIS Story Board Presentation without the Talking Points. The Utilities Director will provide a similar presentation to Town Council on September 11th, to update Council on the Town's GIS Projects.



## Water Division

The water level probe went out at Verde River Estates. Staff overnighed a new probe, installed the probe and got the new device hooked into our SCADA monitoring system. While the probe was out staff had to manually inspect the tank water levels several times a day to run the water system.

Staff fixed four leaks during the week, Hitching Post, 3rd Street Alley, Horseshoe Bend, Stagecoach and Camp Verde Mobile Village.



# **PUBLIC WORKS**

## **Maintenance & Grounds**

- Pool Maintenance: Obtaining quotes to repair the pump and filtration system.
- Green Building Renovation: Walls moved, framework completed, drywall installed, and prepped for painting.
- Storm Cleanup: Cleared mud and silt from heavy rains, cleaned drains, and repaired culverts at the Sports Complex.
- Handicapped Parking Improvements: Painted and prepared a new handicapped parking space on Holloman Street near Mascots.
- Sports Complex Maintenance: Mowed main field; demonstrated a robotic field striping machine; trimmed weeds around the multi-use field, Champion Road, upper ADA parking lot, baseball field, entrances, and pathways. Striped parking lots and conducted trash cleanup in preparation for the Football Jamboree on September 17th.
- General Maintenance: Repaired irrigation leaks on Main Street. Retrieved an Exmark mower from Phoenix and repaired the Toro lawn mower.

## **Equipment Status**

- Toro lawn mower – 80% repaired.
- Exmark mower – Electrical damage, currently being repaired in Phoenix.
- Dump trailer – Hydraulic motor fixed.
- CVT 411 utility truck – Major engine issues, repair estimate at \$6,700 as of August 6th.
- Manlift – Glow plug failure, awaiting mobile mechanic.
- Janitorial washing machine – Non-functional, awaiting repair.
- HVAC Installation – Scheduled for next week at CVMO by Fiscor Heating and Cooling.

## **Above and Beyond**

Despite being understaffed, the maintenance team effectively prepared for an event at the Sports Complex, managed ongoing park and facility upkeep, addressed work orders, and continued renovation efforts at the Green Building.

## **Streets**

The team cleaned and repaired ditches and shoulders at the Sports Complex and used a VAC truck to flush out culverts with help from the wastewater department. They responded to an after-hours callout to replace a downed stop sign at CVMO and pumped floodwater from Howard's Road due to monsoon runoff. Additionally, they removed stormwater sediment and cleaned ditches on Moonrise Drive, hauling approximately 75 tons of sediment to the street yard.

## **Engineering**

The High View Mini-Storage project received approval, while ongoing reviews are being conducted for Sycamore Villa and the associated 12-inch waterline, The Preserves at Clear Creek, and the Verde Ditch Pipe Project near Sycamore Villas.

## **Capital Improvement Projects**

- FY25 Pavement Preservation: The FY25 chip seal program is complete.
- Court Addition: Staff is pursuing bids for the court addition through the JOC program.
- Wayfinding Signage: The consultant is developing concepts for staff consideration. Staff and the consultant will present the conceptual signage design to the council on September 4th.

# **PUBLIC WORKS (Cont.)**

## **Capital Improvement Projects**

- Finnie Flats / MCH Roadway Improvements: Kimley-Horn is gathering information to begin the project design.
- 7th Street CDBG Sidewalk Project: On August 21st, Council approved awarding the project to McDonald Bros. for the base bid. APS relocation work should be completed by the end of August, and staff is in the process of obtaining the necessary easements, with 13 of 14 already acquired.
- Sports Complex:
  - Lighting: Staff met with MUSCO on the evening of August 21st to measure lumen levels for dark sky compliance.
  - Waterline Installation: In its sixth week of construction, the majority of the waterline was installed this week, with subsequent work on service connections, electrical boxes, blowoffs, and testing. The project is scheduled for completion by September 19th.
  - Concession Stand/Restrooms:
    - Staff is working with the vendor on building specifics and needs to submit a quote request for building pad preparation. The concrete walkway will be bid after the concession stand is in place.
    - The Town of Camp Verde is seeking your input. The new concession/restroom building for the sports complex is in final design and preparing for production. We would like your help in picking out the colors for exterior of the building. You can click on the link below to go to a short survey where you can select your favorite color combination. Please provide your input by September 12th. Survey: <https://forms.office.com/r/JP305pNVs0>
  - Electrical Service: A quote of \$72,000 was obtained from Pur Solar for wiring installation, but a re-evaluation of electrical needs for the alternative concession building is necessary. This will eventually go out for bid.
  - Lift Station and Force Main: Staff is ordering materials, with labor provided by Town forces. An area requiring hand-dug excavation through the treatment plant will be bid out through the Town's JOC contractors.
  - Irrigation Line Installation: Irrigation pumps have been ordered, and Town forces will provide labor for installation. Similar to the force main, hand-dug excavation through the treatment plant will be handled by JOC contractors.
  - Website: A dedicated page for updates and information on sports complex construction is being developed. Anticipated launch date is the end of August.
- NACOG TIP Funding: Staff identified two potential projects suitable for TIP funding during a meeting with NACOG on July 22nd. Preliminary cost estimates will be prepared, and NACOG will be advised on which option to pursue.
- Main Street Reconstruction Project: Staff is reviewing the 90% submitted plans.
- Parson's Riverfront Preserve Parking Lot: A topographic survey is being arranged, and preliminary design work is underway.
- Community Center Park Rain Catchment: The Tree Advisory Committee will install the tank and piping on September 23rd, with the building permit already approved.
- Pool Shade Structure: Staff will consult with the design consultant for updated calculations reflecting appropriate wind loads and seek clarification from Community Development on code requirements. Additionally, staff will reach out to shade sail manufacturers for product recommendations.
- NACOG Regional Priority Project List: NACOG is recommending a \$7.7 million award for the Montezuma Castle Highway Improvements project.