

# Monthly Newsletter

PUBLIC WORKS

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June

**WOODLAND LAKE PARK  
INVASIVE EURASIAN MILFOIL  
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## Here's what has happened in the last month and what's to come!

Welcome to our Public Works newsletter! We are thrilled to share with you the latest developments in planning, projects, and our on-going commitment to serve our community.

First, we would like to express our gratitude to all of our staff and volunteers who have continued to work hard during the busy and challenging schedule of summer projects and events. Your dedication and progress have allowed us to keep our projects running smoothly and effectively.

In terms of our recent activities, we have successfully completed 75% of the Top of the Woods Drainage construction, a \$2 million project after the 2019 rain event. By completing the project in house the Town has saved a significant amount. To date the Town has only spent roughly \$115,000 on

materials. Remaining work includes spillway construction, backfill, grading, paving and project clean up.

We are also excited to announce that we will be breaking ground on a new paved path at Mountain Meadows Recreation Complex next month. The path will be a 1-mile continuous loop around the property.

As for the progress on the Police Department, the new building is live and furnished and the demolition of the old building is complete. Next up is the staff parking lot, which will be paved and striped.

Finally, Porter Mountain Road Improvements are 50% complete. Work in the roadway will be complete by the end of July, just in time for school to begin.

Enjoy this month's newsletter!

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you can expect:

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# ADOT 5-Year Construction Program 2025-2029



The State Transportation Board has approved the 2025-2029 Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program.

It allocates \$780 million for projects that widen highways or improve interchanges across greater Arizona, including:

- Widening the last two-lane section of State Route 260 in the Lion Springs area between Payson and Heber-Overgaard. This will complete a four-lane divided highway along the SR 260 corridor to the top of the Mogollon Rim.

The \$8.2 billion program puts a major emphasis on improving highway pavement and bridge infrastructure throughout greater Arizona. The plan provides more than \$2.5 billion for these high-priority improvements during the next five years. This amounts to an average investment of approximately \$500 million per year to preserve, rehabilitate and replace pavement and bridges. The final 2025-2029 Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program is available for review at <https://azdot.gov/planning/transportation-programming/five-year-program>



## Senior Softball

In June we hosted three softball tournaments including a men's softball tournament, a youth softball tournament, and a senior softball tournament.

The senior softball tournament took place at Woodland Lake Park. It was a wonderful turnout with a total of 19 teams playing in the tournament. Teams came from New Mexico, Tucson, Phoenix, and El Paso Texas.



## Event News

The Pinetop-Lakeside Balloon Festival was another great event. We had all hands-on deck, public works staff directed traffic into and out of the park, as well as parked spectators. Additional staff tended to needs in the festival grounds, including trash collections and ensure clean stocked restrooms .

Car Counts:

- Friday: 972
- Saturday: 937



# Top of the Woods Drainage Project

At the Top of the Woods where Pinewood Lane meets Cloud Lane, a drainage detention basin will hold storm water and prevent flooding in heavy rain events like the one in 2019.

The project that began this April is nearing completion. The storm manhole has been installed and all the culverts are in place. The walls are all poured, and we will be working on backfill and grading once we finish the electric relocation.



## Meet the team!

Madison Olsen started working for Public Works in February this year. She primarily works on planning, grants, and land surveying. The Olsen's moved to Pinetop in 2019 to start their family and open Pinetop Bike Shop. Madison is not a PE but brings 7 years of experience in electrical engineer consulting and degrees in economics and GIS. Madison also has her Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Associate with the US Green Building Council and enjoys continuing her education. In her free time, she likes to bike, boat, and camp with her family.

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# Project Highlights

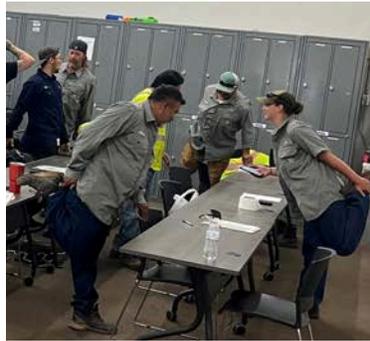
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## Woodland Lake

The first round of treatment started in June at Woodland Lake to rid the lake of an invasive aquatic species called Eurasian Milfoil.

The next round of treatment will begin in July. The goal is a healthy pond that can be stocked with fish year round.



## Staff Stretch

Each week Public Works staff participate in a safety training meeting. Rose led the team in stretching, everyone is taking time to get a good quad stretch in.

Stretching regularly can promote circulation and prevent injury out on the job.



## Federal Funds

- Congressionally Directed Spending for the Pinetop-Lakeside Wildfire Evacuation Route has received initial approval.
- The route would provide an alternative fire escape route across Billy Creek.
- This is an important first step in securing federal funding for the project, but please note this does not guarantee funding. The Senate Appropriations Committee will engage in weeks of bipartisan, negotiations to determine which projects will be funded in the final appropriations bills.
- They must then pass both the House and the Senate and be signed into law by the President.



## Jack Barker Park

The fountain at Jack Barker Park was cleaned and fixed.

Here we see Marcus cleaning the fountain. He successfully installed a new pump and float.

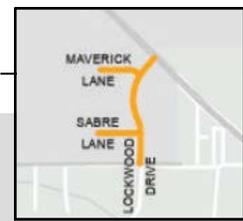
Stop by Jack Barker Park, next to the library to see the fountain running.



## Collection Center

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality completed a routine Solid Waste Inspection on June 24th.

In summary, the Collection Center processes 40 cubic yards each day on average and passed with no reported deficiency.



## Chip Seal & Routine Pavement Preservation

Chip seal is part of our annual pavement preservation plan, where each year a portion of the roads in town are resurfaced. This year the route for chip seal is highlighted in orange on the map above.

Chip seal begins with a door hanger communication to the affected businesses and residents. Once the oil is laid a thick layer of the chips are spread so that travel on the route can continue business-as-usual and routes are disrupted for the least amount of time as possible.

Chip seal began in June and will be completed in July. The oil and chips have been spread, what remains is the sweeping and clearing of the excess chips.



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