



## 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, events, and our on-going commitment to serve our community.

First, a brief update on some of our on-going projects. The Porter Mountain Road Improvements will be completed in August. The new turning lanes are complete, and focus is now on the walking path to support pick-up and drop-off safety for Blue Ridge families.

The Police Department remodel is progressing well, next up is paving the employee parking lot and finalizing the retention pond.

Last, but not least, the Top of the Woods Drainage project is closer to completion. All that is left is paving the retention pond and removal of the excess material.

Enjoy this month's newsletter!

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## 17th Annual Arizona Rural Policy Forum

Public Works Director Matt Patterson has been asked to attend and present at the 17th Annual Arizona Rural Policy Forum in Cottonwood. Matt will be presenting on the successful Town owned and operated Collection Center, rural recycling program, and transfer station.

Arizona's Rural Policy Forum connects rural and tribal economic development professionals, community leaders, business owners, nonprofits, and other stakeholders and advocates interested in sustaining rural and tribal communities.

Hear strategies from national experts and learn about success stories from around Arizona that will give our rural and tribal community leaders the tools, resources, and relationships they need to face current challenges.

Arizona's Rural Policy Forum provides skills-building, networking, relationship development, and sharing of best practices and lessons learned relevant to the needs and services in Arizona's rural and tribal communities.



Activities include capacity-building sessions, networking receptions, and focused breakouts, such as the funders' roundtable, where communities and nonprofits can connect their visionary projects and local needs to grant-makers who are potential future partners.



### MMRC ADA Path

In July, Matt Patterson and Madison Olsen worked on the design for a new 1-mile ADA path at Mountain Meadows Recreation Complex. The 1-mile walking path will follow the perimeter of the ballfields, cross over the drainage, meander around the disk gold course, and connect to the existing sidewalk on Woodland Road. Construction of the path will begin next month with an estimated completion date this fall.



### Safety First

Safety is our mission at Public Works. That's why we installed a new handrail on the walking bridge at Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex.

Daniel Rawlings did a very nice job welding the new handrails installed on the bridge with help from Marcus Ramos.



## New Paver & A New Path

This new piece of equipment is going to make things run a lot smoother. We put it straight to work on a new ADA path at Woodland Lake Park.

Streets staff and town council member Lynn Krigbaum paved the new ADA path at Woodland Lake Park. The new ADA path provides access to the fishing dock.



## Meet the team!

Frank Naranjo is our Parks Manager and has been a dedicated Public Works employee for 17 years this December. He is responsible for all of our amazingly manicured green-grass-lawns and ballfields. Frank loves to golf and is looking to adopt a second mini poodle. Thank you for all your hard work, Frank!

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## Project Highlights

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### Woodland Lake

On July 31st the second round of treatment for the aquatic weeds in Woodland Lake took place.

The final round of treatment will begin in August. The goal is a healthy lake that can be stocked with fish year round.



### MMRC Parking

The new parking lot on the north end of Mountain Meadows Recreation Complex is almost complete.

Staff laid the curb in July and will complete the sidewalk and ramps in August.



### Bark Beetles

Bark beetles are back at Woodland Lake Park. Staff are preparing to submit for another round of grant funding to help manage the pests.

Public Works applied for the Western Bark Beetle Initiative Grant in 2021, and the Town received \$58,500 in assistance to remove trees at Woodland Lake Park.



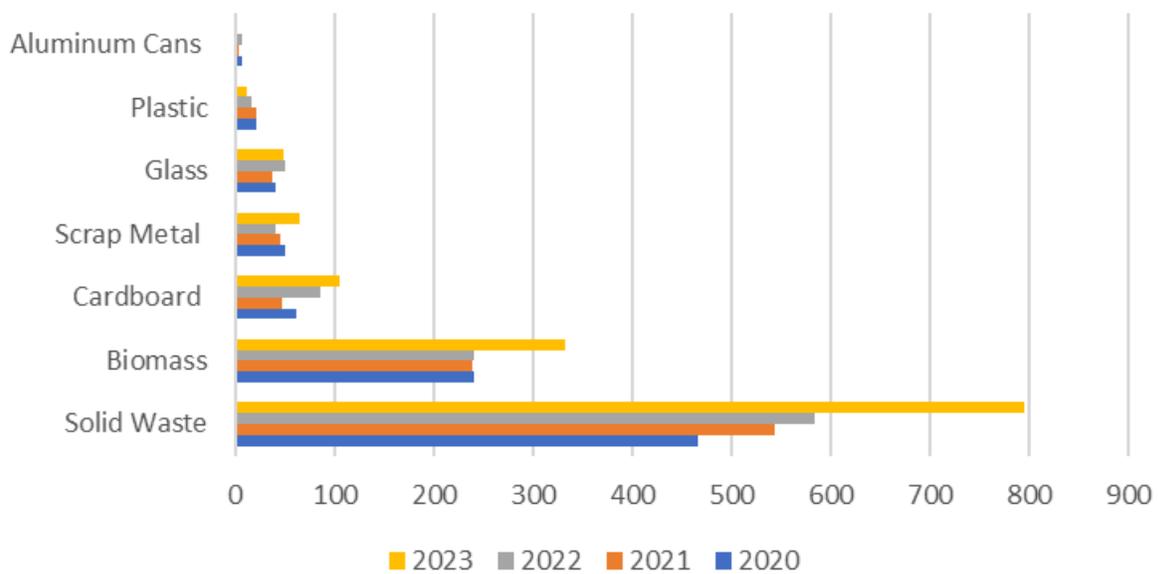
### Data Collection

Frank Naranjo and Marcus Ramos install the SitePro Geotech Environmental Equipment at Woodland Lake next to the covered bridge. The telemetry unit will provide the Town information on water flowing into the lake from the creek above. Once it is operational the data will be posted on the Town's web page. The data will be used to monitor the fish habitat.

### Federal Funds

- The Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management provides assistance to individual homeowners and HOAs through the Bark Beetle Reduction Cost Sharing Program.
- This program aims to help individual homeowners and HOA's remove bark beetle infested trees and pay for half the cost of the removal. This program opens in October, but folks can sign up any time.
- We have flyers at the Public Work's office for your reference.
- The program requires an assessment and 50/50 cost sharing match.

## Pinetop-Lakeside Collection Center Tonnage



## Collection Center Tonnage

July 2024 was another record-breaking month at the Collection Center. For the first time ever we brought in over \$30,000 from Collection Center Fees. \$30,252.20 to be exact! That is \$3,357.20 more than last month, and \$2,245.35 more than July 2023 record month. We hope 2024 is the first year the Collection Center will “break-even.”

The Collection Center has reported annual tonnage numbers for 2023. The total tonnage for 2023 comes in at 1,359 tons. That is 334 tons more than last year or 33% more. Of that total 41% was recycled or 564 tons. That is 123 more tons recycled than last year or 28% more. The most significant increase we see at the Collection Center from 2022 to 2023 is solid waste collection and biomass.

A big thanks to the Collection Center staff and thank you to everyone in the community for participating in recycling and this priceless community service.



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