



## PUBLIC WORKS

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August

**BEN MENDEZ WALKS THE LINE  
STIPING THE SOCCER FIELDS**

# Monthly Newsletter

## 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 up in projects is the new ADA paved path around Mountain Meadows Recreation Complex. The path will be completed this fall and connect to the existing sidewalk on South Woodland Road. The path is funded by a grant from Arizona State Parks and Trails.

In recent activities, Public Works Director Matt Patterson conducted Commercial Driver's License (CDL) training for six staff members. The theory portion is taught in a classroom setting and includes 29 written tests. All trainees passed with 91% or higher. Behind-the-Wheel training will continue through the month and into September.

The drainage project at the Top of the Woods is making good progress the timeline for 100% completion is two years. We started summer 2024 and anticipate completion in summer of 2026. The detention pond is 90% complete. We are waiting on the electric line to be relocated and we will be able to finish the detention pond. Once the detention pond is complete, we plan to hydro seed the slopes for erosion control. The concrete channel is 90% complete, needing only some clean up, rip rap, and completion of the service road. The culvert on Pine Spruce is finished but needs rip rap and clean up at the beginning. Overall, we made great progress in the first summer. Unfortunately, it seems the monsoons are here and we will most likely not finish until spring.

Enjoy this month's newsletter!

### In this newsletter you can expect:

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Public Events

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Current Projects

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On-going Projects

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Funding & Policy Update

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Staff Profile Highlights

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# Pinetop-Lakeside Police Department Remodel Phase 2

The Police Department remodel is in its second phase now. The footers for the new building are in, and the walls are going up. Next in the construction will be connecting the plumbing and utilities.

Facilities staff also completed the steel walkway installation over the landscaping drainage. Ashante Holman, left, is working on the steel plate, Michael Mettie is pictured with Michael VanDyke on the right installing the braces.



## Soccer at MMRC

August kicked-off this year's soccer season. Frank, Marcus, and Ben prepared the soccer fields at Mountain Meadows Recreation Complex, setting up goals and stripping the fields.

The fields are busy all week long with practice scheduled during the week and games on the weekend for Blue Ridge High School teams, as well as the White Mountain Striker Soccer teams.



## Public Works

Each month Public Works staff participate in a team breakfast, where each department takes a turn preparing the meal.

In August the Parks department hosted, they delivered an amazing spread including Frank Naranjo's roasted green chiles!

Thank you to all the Parks Staff!

# New 1 Mile ADA Path at Mountain Meadows Recreation Complex

Construction of the new ADA path at Mountain Meadows Recreation Complex is underway. A 12-foot-wide paved path will follow the perimeter of the park and meander around the east side of the disc golf course, connecting with the existing sidewalk along South Woodland Road. The north section of the path along the soccer fields has been paved at the north parking lot. The culverts for crossing the drainage have been installed and will connect the next section of the path to be paved along the east side of the park.



## Meet the team!

Damien Zachman is our Collection Center Supervisor and has been with Public Works since January of 2023. Before that he worked for the City of Mesa as an Operator II in the Solid Waste Department since 2017. He has experience dealing with waste on a large scale, as well as the unique challenges a rural community like Pinetop-Lakeside faces. When Damien isn't managing the center, he is enjoying time shooting, snowboarding, and spending time with family.



## Special Projects

Special Projects staff David Halverson and Luis Gonzalez assisted the Parks crew installing new drainage culverts that extended the current drainage. The new culverts will divert flow away from the ramada next to the playground at Mountain Meadows Recreation Complex.



## Facilities

Facilities staff installed, wired and powered the parking lot lighting at the Police Department employee parking lot. Outlets were added to each pole for jump-starting vehicles and airing up tires.



## Streets

This monsoon season kept our Streets crew very busy, clearing culverts and installing new ones!

Streets staff also removed the old bus stop on West Jackson Lane and replaced it with a new concrete pad and installed a new bus stop bench and stall.



## Fleet

Behind-the-Wheel training started in August for staff in the Commercial Driver's License (CDL) course. Five staff members, left to right, Sean Nusbaum, Rose Jones, Michael VanDyke, Ryan Church, and Latrell Bedoni (Not pictured) will pass 19 driving tests before they apply for their official license at the MVD.

## Collection Center

Update! The Collection Center is now accepting E-Waste.

Six waste categories are included under the umbrella term of "e-waste:"

1. Temperature exchange equipment (like heating/cooling devices),
2. screens and monitors,
3. lamps,
4. large equipment (like washing machines, dishwashers, copying and printing machines),
5. small equipment (vacuum cleaners, microwaves, electronic toys and tools, radios), and
6. small IT and telecommunication equipment (cell phones, GPSs, personal computers).



## Woodland Lake Park Aquatic Weed Control

In June 2024 water samples were sent to SePRO Lab for analysis. These water quality parameters are essential to document the condition of the water body and design custom treatment prescriptions to achieve desired management objectives.

The lab results indicated a mesotrophic system meaning Woodland Lake has higher than normal levels of Total Phosphorus. The excess phosphorus is food for the weeds in the lake, specifically Eurasian water milfoil.

Consequently, the weed population exploded. The weeds compound the water quality problem by producing more nutrients, like nitrogen that can enhance the growth of algae. Overall, excess nutrients create a hostile environment for the fish in the lake.

As a result, professionals from Arizona Lake and Pond Management have completed three rounds of herbicide treatment targeting the weeds. The video, provided by AZ Game & Fish, shows the application of the third treatment on August 28th.



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