

# Monthly Newsletter

PUBLIC WORKS

September



**CONSTRUCTION ON THE NEW  
ADA PATH AT MMRC  
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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.

September was a busy month! Public Woks helped with the setup of employee BBQ at Town Hall for Run on the Pines and coordinated the Fall Festival Parade. In addition to a number of on-going projects that we will highlight in the following pages.

In terms of new activities, R. Blume Underground Inc. bored two new conduits, one for future relocation of the overhead electrical line and the second for communications at the Public Works yard. Due to the heavy equipment used at the Collection Center as well as the Public Works yard on a daily basis, the overhead electrical line running through the Public Works yard poses a safety hazard. The lines have been hit in the past by oversize loads on Woodland Road, falling near citizens and Public Works staff.

In this newsletter you can expect:

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# PUBLIC WORKS STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

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## Special Projects

Special Projects staff David Halverson and Luis Gonzalez have been working hard carving out the new ADA Path at Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex.

Here we see their team work in action as they ready the location for three new box culverts.



## Facilities

Facilities crew sealed the concrete sidewalks at Town Hall and the Library in September. The crew also soldered copper fittings for maintenance at the Town Courts, and spot welded the backhoe's bucket.

Facilities staff began holiday light decorating at Town Hall and the Library.



## Collection Center

The Collection Center had another great month! September 2024 brought in a total of \$25,339. That is \$5,999 more than September 2023.

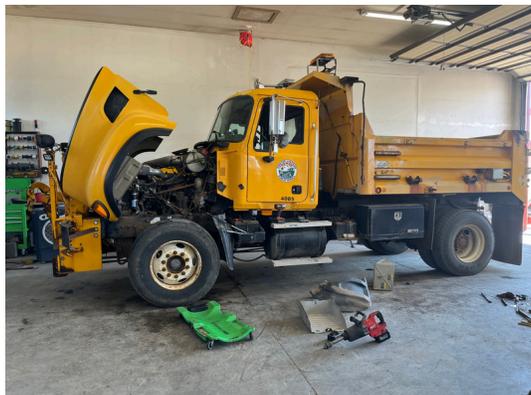
The Collection Center crew ran 21 total loads in September with 135.27 total tons.



## Streets

Streets staff have been busy cleaning ditches on Walnut Creek Loop and patching on Jackson Lane in September. The Streets crew uses our vac truck to power wash the debris free and then use the high-powered vacuum to clear the area.

Vacuum trucks are quickly becoming one of the most sought out pieces of equipment on any construction site due to their ability to do nondestructive excavations around underground assets.



## Fleet

Fleet staff Ryan Church and Clay Reidhead are busy working on vehicles and tuning equipment keeping each one running smoothly.

Next month the Fleet crew will begin their winter preparedness, readying the trucks for plowing snow and the winter weather.



## Parks

Parks staff Frank Naranjo and Marcus Ramos are pictured here replacing the irrigation mains on the soccer field at Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex.

We appreciate their hard work and dedication to the beautiful soccer fields.



## Woodland Lake Stocked in September

Woodland Lake is rebounding great after three herbicide treatments. So well in fact, that we were able to stock 500 Rainbow Trout (1.3 fish per pound and ~13 inches in length) in Woodland Lake from Arizona Game and Fish in September. The water quality is better than most lakes in the area and as a result, Game and Fish plans to stock another ~200 fish that average 4 pounds and likely some more catchable sized trout as well in early November.



## Run of the Pines

**Friday - Sunday 9/27 - 9/29**

**Pinetop Lakes Golf & Country Club**

Public Works helped with the employee BBQ at Town Hall on Friday September 27th for Town staff and their families. Staff and their families enjoyed hamburgers and hotdogs on the lawn while the cavalcade of cars made their way from Show Low to the Pinetop Lakes Golf and Country Club where they showcase for the weekend.



## Fall Festival Parade

**Saturday September 28th**

**Road closure & parade at 10AM**

54 float entries including horses, the Blue Ridge High School marching band, and the Town's float featuring a birthday cake to celebrate the Town's 40th anniversary.

Public Works staff coordinated the road closure with Pinetop-Lakeside PD, volunteers from Show Low and the Navajo County Sheriff's Department. Thank you to everyone for another successful event.

# PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

## Path Construction

at Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex

Public Works staff are working hard to complete the new ADA path before this winter. The southern section of the trail includes installing three culvert boxes that will control drainage and run-off for the area of the trail.

Pictured is Daniel Rawlings running the grader, Matt Patterson in the scraper, Luis Gonzalez on the roller, and David Halverson operating the excavator.



## Meet the team!

Marcus Ramos is our Lead Parks staff employee. Marcus knows his way around and has been with Public Works for the last 10 years going on 11! Marcus is pictured here driving a load in the dump truck but his favorite piece of equipment to operate is the backhoe. When Marcus is not working, he is enjoying his time off shooting.



## Arizona State Parks & Trails

The new path at Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex will be accessible by wheelchair including a section that meanders through the top wooded area of the park. Public Works staff use Trimble GPS to navigate the excavator through the area disturbing the least number of trees.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards require maintaining a slope of less than 5% throughout the entire trail. These design standards are managed with a sophisticated machine control that is accurate up to a tenth of an inch.

The new trail is funded through a grant awarded to the Town from Arizona State Parks and Trails.



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