



# Monthly Newsletter

PUBLIC WORKS ♦ November

WHITE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CENTER FOOD DONATIONS

## 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.

In November staff got into the spirit of giving and helped unloaded pallets of food donations at the White Mountain Community Center.

Public Works also welcomed two new members this month. Cole Berlin, who will join Special Projects and Tanner Fellows, who will join Facilities.

In terms of projects, Facilities and Parks staff have been busy decorating the Town with lights and holiday decorations.

Fleet staff is keeping all of our equipment running smoothly, Special Projects staff are assisting with the electrical installations at the Police Department, and Streets staff have been up all-night crack sealing the Town. And the Collection Center is keeping our Town clean diverting tons of waste from the landfill each month.

Enjoy this month's newsletter.

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# PUBLIC WORKS STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

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## Special Projects

We want to welcome Cole Berlin to Public Works and the Special Projects team. Special Projects staff David Halverson, Trevor Stafford, and Cole Berlin helped facilities install the new electrical for the light poles at the Pinetop-Lakeside Police Department.



## Facilities

Facilities staff Buddy Miller is pictured here trenching for the new electrical that will power the light poles at the Pinetop-Lakeside Police Department. Facilities staff were busy this month preparing Town Hall, Pinetop-Lakeside Police Department, and the library for winter.



## Collection Center

The Collection Center ran 17 loads in November and diverted a total of 42.36 tons of recycling from the landfill. The early snow on November 1st may have contributed to the slowdown in collection totals, but it is as expected. However, total fees collected exceeded last year's for the month of November coming in at \$18,443.



## Streets

Streets staff have been busy crack sealing sections of the pavement in Town. Crack sealing prevents moisture from getting underneath the road surface. It is an effective maintenance strategy that extends the service life of our roads. Streets staff apply 45,000 pounds of crack seal to our roads each year.



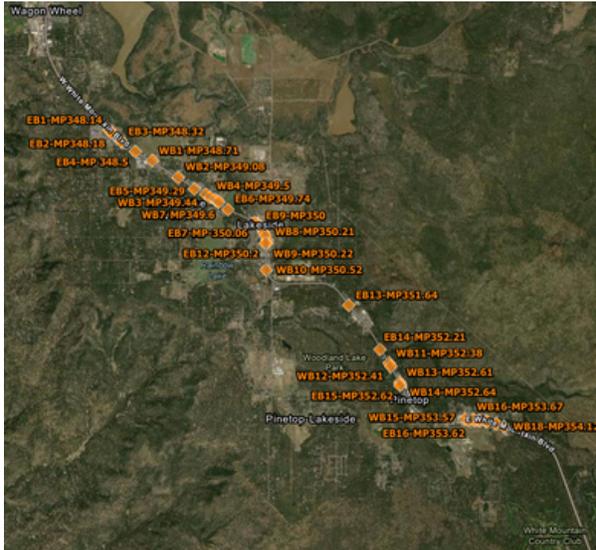
## Fleet

Public Works recently acquired a new CAT HM418 which is a high flow hydraulic mulcher. This piece of equipment is essential for managing our parks and allows Public Works staff to complete routine park maintenance. The machine is fully equipped and able to take down and mulch and entire tree with one operator. Staff is in the process of training for maximum operation safety.



## Parks

The Department of Forestry and Fire Management (DFFM) completed a Bark Beetle Assessment of both Woodland Lake Park and Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex in November. Both parks did not have any active Bark Beetles to report. The DFFM arborist recommended thinning to a basal area of 40-50% to keep our parks healthy and Bark Beetle-free.



## ADOT Unused Driveway Removal Along SR260

The Arizona State Transportation Board has approved a full pavement rehabilitation project for SR 260 between Knottingham Lane and State Route 73 (mileposts 347-358). ADOT will remove unused driveways along the 260 as part of the project, set to take place in 2027. Pinetop-Lakeside business owners are encouraged to learn more and contact Public Works with any questions or concerns. For more information [click here](#).



## Town's Employee Thanksgiving Lunch

**Wednesday November 20th**  
**St Mary's of the Angels Parish**

Public Works helped host the Town's employee Thanksgiving lunch. Connor Stephenson baked the fresh rolls for the event on our traveling trailer grill.



## Veterans Day Flag Ceremony

**Monday November 11th**  
**Town Hall 11AM**

Public Works staff helped install flags for the Veterans Day Remembrance Flag Ceremony.

## PROJECT SPOTLIGHT



# Holiday Decorations

Spreading Joy for All to See

Pinetop-Lakeside is ready to celebrate this holiday season! Public Works staff installed the illuminated road banner, the decorative tree-streetlights along the 260, the gingerbread houses at Woodland Lake Park, and the amazing holiday light display and tree at Jack Barker Park. Pictured below is Public Works staff Rose Jones, Mike Mettie, David Halverson, and Luis Gonzalez.



## Meet the team!

Luis Gonzalez is part of our Facilities staff and had been with Public Works since July 2023. Luis has worked in Streets, Special Projects and now Facilities. He likes operating the excavator and driving the belling dump truck. In his free time, Luis likes to go jogging and target shoot. Thank you for all your hard work, Luis!



## Proposed New Community Pickleball Courts

The proposed new community pickleball courts include 8 courts, bathrooms and an outdoor picnic pavilion. The courts are set to face north-south along Church Lane in Lakeside adjacent to the old gym. The site design has room for future expansions to include a park with a playground and addition street parking. The project is made possible through support and funds from the Pinetop-Lakeside Pickleball Club. The Club has already raised \$35,000 in membership registration fees to initiate the plans and design. The Town will apply for additional grant funding to match the in-kind dollars for the project.



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