

COMMUNITY SERVICES



DECEMBER 2024 ACTIVITY
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EVENTS: MAYOR'S TREE LIGHTING, COOKIES & COCOA WITH SANTA, MENORAH LIGHTING CEREMONY

After a brief break from events in November, the Community Services Department was back at it in December with three events and three other Holiday activities.

Mayor's Tree Lighting and Christmas Fair, December 6 – Hundreds of people turned out at Jack Barker Memorial Park to enjoy live music, Christmas Carols, food, hot beverages, craft making, pictures with Santa, a surprise visit by The Grinch, and of course the lighting of the Town's Christmas Tree by Mayor Stephanie Irwin.

Cookies and Cocoa with Santa,

December 14 – Santa made an appearance for more pictures at Woodland Lake Park, while families gathered to enjoy cookies and cocoa and took part in Christmas activities. Frank M. Smith Realty and Pioneer Title partnered with us to put on this event.

EVENTS CONT...

Menorah Lighting Ceremony, December 30 – For the first time, the Town had a Menorah on display at Jack Barker Memorial Park as part of its Christmas display. The Town was asked by Rabbi Yaakov Cahnman to consider adding a Menorah as a sign of religious diversity and inclusion. On Monday, December 30, the Town hosted a traditional Jewish Menorah Lighting Ceremony with a good size gathering at this first-time event.



MEETINGS HIGHLIGHTS FOR NOVEMBER.

WHITE MOUNTAIN NATURE CENTER BOARD MEETING

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR PINETOP-LAKESIDE MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND BOARD MEETINGS

REAL AZ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING

LUNCH SERVICE AT THE WHITE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CENTER

ROTARY CLUB MEETINGS

TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND ZONING

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Santa's Shop Local Passport – This program is designed to encourage Holiday shopping at our local retail establishments. About 20 shops participated by stamping Santa's Passport when someone presented in after buying items in their shop. This is the second year the Community Services Department has organized this activity.

The Town distributed free Christmas lights to more than 25 local businesses to decorate for the Holidays.

Members of the Town Council and staff from the Community Services Department judged local businesses on their Christmas decorations. The top three businesses – The Lions' Den, In Bloom Nursery, and The Antler Attic – were selected that the top three businesses.

Community Services assisted with stuffing 80 stocking for Council to hand out at the Community Center Holiday Lunch.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TOPICS OF INTEREST

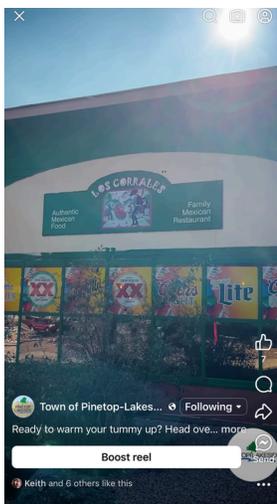
The Town hosted Coffee with Council on December 10 with Mayor Stephanie Irwin and Council Member Jeff Phillips.

The Town showed its support for two important Veterans events in December, a flag ceremony on Pearl Harbor Day on December 7 and Wreaths Across America on December 14. Following the Wreath Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial at Town Hall, volunteers dispersed to lay wreaths on the graves of Veterans at the Lakeside and Pinetop cemeteries.

The Community Services Department once again supported Sirens and Sleigh Bells, and event where children from disadvantaged backgrounds have an opportunity to shop with law enforcement personnel. The event took place on December 11 at the Show Low Wal-Mart.

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LIVE BROADCAST

In order to help the community stay informed on government happenings, we broadcast every Town Council and Planning and Zoning meeting. You can watch these on our Facebook and Youtube channels.



12-5-24 Town of Pinetop-Lakeside Town Council Meeting



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Community Services continues to work on our annual events and community engagement events. Please be sure to mark your calendars and join us.

PINETOP/LAKESIDE

Please Join Us!
Meet with Town Council representatives to discuss important community topics. This casual meeting will allow you to ask questions, give feedback, and get to know the people elected to make decisions for Pinetop-Lakeside.

Coffee with Council

TUESDAY | JAN 7TH | 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

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