

Monthly Newsletter

PUBLIC WORKS

February



THE COLLECTION CENTER ROLL-OFF TRUCK WITH A NEW AMERICAN FLAG AUTOMATIC TARPING SYSTEM

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 February, the Director of Public Works, Matt Patterson completed Genasys Evacuation Software Training. The software system improves safety with real-time, zone-based evacuation management, allowing the staff at Public Works to make informed decisions,

communicate effectively and enhance emergency response with data-driven intelligence. [Click Here](#) to download the Genasys mobile app and create an account to be informed of emergencies in your area.

Also, in February the [Inclusive Playground Project](#) was awarded \$10,000 from the White Mountain Association of Realtors Foundation. Follow the link to learn more about the project.

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Special Projects

Special Projects staff worked on the detention pond in The Woods subdivision. Staff welded the handrail around the perimeter of the detention pond. In addition, Public Works submitted a grant for additional funding to hydroseed the detention pond and plant native vegetation that will provide erosion control for the area.



Facilities

Facilities staff Mike Mettie drove the loader with the forklift attachment to help the Nature Center install the newest addition to their nativity scene. (More on Page 3) Facilities staff also installed the new flagpoles and lighting at the Pinetop-Lakeside Police Department (picture on page 3).



Collection Center

The Collection Center Staff diverted 22.39 tons of recycling in February. Of the total tons diverted, 12 tons were cardboard, 5.49 tons were green waste, 3.40 tons were metal, and 1.5 tons were plastic. 34.66 tons of solid waste were collected and transferred to the Blue Hills Landfill in Eager, Arizona. Also, in February our long-time employee David Layba retired. Thank you for your service, David!



Streets

Streets staff were busy in February as they continued to crack seal the roads. In addition, the Streets staff replaced culverts on Beaver Trail and Eagle Loop. The old culverts were smashed, and the new culverts installed will improve the flow of water in both areas. Pictured above is Sean Nusbaum operating the roller.



Fleet

Fleet mechanics Clay Reidhead and Ryan Church are pictured above changing out the headlamps on one of the snowplows. Both mechanics have been busy rebuilding an engine on a police unit, tuning up the roll-off truck and installing the new automatic tarping system (pictured on the cover page).



Parks

Parks staff were busy in February thinning at Woodland Lake Park. Staff have completed the southside and have moved to the northside of the lake. For more information & DFFM prescription [click here](#). Also, in February Parks staff have been working on improvements to the disc golf course at Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex.



Pinetop-Lakeside Police Department

The Pinetop-Lakeside Police Department remodel is in the final stages of completion. In February three flagpoles and lighting were installed at the entrance of the new building. The parking lot stripping and landscape around the building will be completed next month. The official completion date for the project is April 2025.



Humane Society Dog Food Donations

Public Works Streets supervisor Connor Stephenson and staff Russel Scoggin loaded and delivered the dog food donation from the Purina Plant in Flagstaff to the [Humane Society in Lakeside](#), pictured on the flatbed truck above.



Nature Center Partnerships

Public Works Facilities supervisor Eric De La Garza and staff Mike Mettie helped the White Mountain Nature Center display a new black bear for their nature scene. [Click Here](#) to learn more about the White Mountain Nature Center.

Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex



The next phase of the Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex ADA path is underway. The next section of the path will connect at the crosswalk at the entrance of the park and run along the north side of the entrance road adjacent to the parking lot and basketball court. The path turns north at the soccer fields and will run along the west perimeter connecting to the finished section of the path at the north soccer field parking lot. The work includes paving both parking lots, ADA ramps, pedestrian crossings, and digging a detention pond for diverting drainage. In addition, a new access road will be built adjacent to the west soccer field that will provide access to the new parking lot at the north end of the soccer fields. The project is on schedule to be completed in quarter three of 2025.



Meet the team!

Cody Evans is our newest employee. Cody started in February and works at the Collection Center. Cody comes to us from the City of Mesa Solid Waste Department and has experience in Parks and Streets as well. Cody has his commercial driver's license and will be hauling recycled materials for the Collection Center. In his free time Cody likes to spend time with his son and builds model cars.



Lakeside Cemetery GPS Station & Interactive Map

In February, Facilities staff built and installed a new GPS base station at the Lakeside Cemetery. The base station provides Public Works staff the precision needed when operating equipment, digging and preparing each gravesite. Each plot is mapped 4 feet by 9 feet with 1 foot spacing between each plot. Using GPS equipment, our staff can accurately locate a plot within a tenth of an inch, leaving adjacent plots undisturbed. All plots can be located on our interactive Lakeside Cemetery Map. [Click Here](#) to view the online map and any public records for the Lakeside Cemetery.



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