



Monthly Newsletter

PUBLIC WORKS ♦ January

STREETS SUPERVISOR CONNOR STEPHENSON OPERATING THE FRONT LOADER BUILDING THE CROSSWALK AT MOUNTAIN MEADOW RECREATION COMPLEX MORE ON PAGE 5

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.

Based on the NOAA report for our region, we are on course for an extended and significant wildfire season. Public Works is taking action to prevent wildfires in Town limits. Our Parks staff have been busy reducing fuels in our public spaces. The removal of dead, dying and bark beetle infested trees at Woodland Lake Park

started in January and is based on a prescription from the Department of Forestry and Fire Management (DFFM). A DFFM ISA certified arborist inspected our parks last November 2024 and advised a 40-50 basal area for the 107-acre park. Which will increase water and nutrient availability to the ponderosa pine forest.

In addition, Public Works administration applied and was awarded two different grants from the DFFM and as a result Public Works staff will be planting over 100 trees in our Town parks this summer.

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PUBLIC WORKS STAFF HIGHLIGHTS



Special Projects

Special Projects staff are working on the new detention pond at Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex. The new detention pond is designed to retain stormwater and any surface runoff on the west side of the park. Once complete, the new paved parking lot will connect the basketball court and ADA walking path.



Facilities

Facilities Staff Luis Gonzalez is pictured above routing data cable through the new construction on phase two at the Police Department. The Facilities staff also maintain the Lakeside Cemetery. In January they were busy maintaining the grounds and preparing plots for burials.



Collection Center

The Collection Center Staff were busy in January diverting 34.4 tons of recycling from the landfill. Of the total 34.4 tons, 9 tons were cardboard delivered to Vista Paper in Tempe, 1.5 tons were plastic delivered to Vista Paper in Tempe, 3.94 tons were scrap metal delivered to S & D Auto Wrecking in Show Low, and 19.96 tons were green waste delivered to Biomass Energy in Snowflake.



Streets

Streets staff have been assisting with the new crosswalk at Mountain Meadow, in addition to crack sealing Woodland Lake Road, in preparation for the 2025 Chip Seal. When moisture seeps into cracks on the road surface, it freezes and causes the road to expand. When ice thaws, the cracks are left empty and combined with frequent or heavy traffic over the crack, the asphalt deteriorates. Timely maintenance is imperative.



Fleet

In January, Fleet mechanics Ryan Church is in the field servicing the CAT 299, pictured above. Fleet mechanic Clay Reidhead changed out the injectors and wiring harness on one of our dump trucks. In addition to being exceptionally busy working on police units and other public works equipment, ensuring other departments are back on the road and safe.



Parks

Parks staff have been working on smoothing the shoulders of the new walking path at Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex. Pictured above is Park staff installing conduit, irrigation lines and new drainage outlets across the newly designed crosswalk. Also, in January Parks staff started work on removing the dead, dying and infested bark beetle trees at Woodland Lake Park.



The Porter Mountain Road Project

The Porter Mountain Road Project is in the final stages of completion. The new walking path is lit dusk till dawn for students traveling to and from school. Final work includes installing the flashing lights and buttons for the crosswalk.



Snow Report January 2025

Pictured above is the snowy shoreline at Woodland Lake Park. Public Works staff snow plowed Town streets and facility parking lots after receiving scattered snow showers on January 9th, 17th, and 29th.

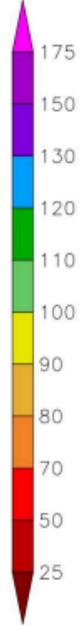
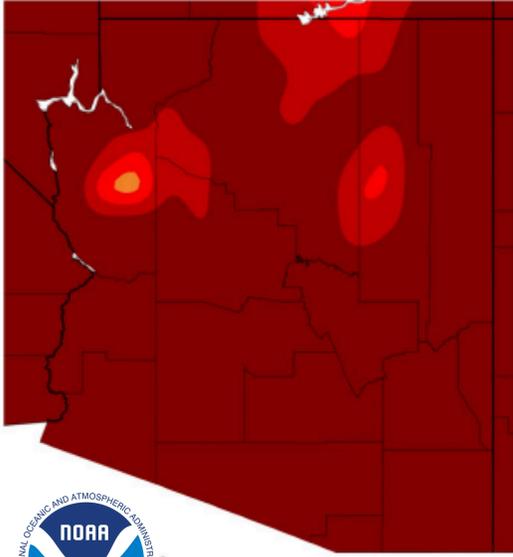


TRACKS Connector Trail

Public Works staff helped TRACKS build a new connector trail connecting Mountain Meadow to Hitching Post Loop in the Woodland Lake Tract. For more information about TRACKS and how to get involved [click here](#).

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Percent of Normal Precipitation (%)
1/1/2025 – 1/30/2025



Firewise Initiative

Be Prepared check for fire restrictions [Here](#)

Our region is experiencing historically dry conditions. The outlook for the February, March and April continues to show increased odds for drier and warmer than normal temperatures. This means we will have an increased potential for an extended and significant wildfire season. Public Works staff are preparing our public spaces at Woodland Lake Park, clearing dead, dying, and bark-beetle-infested-trees will increase water and nutrient availability for the remaining trees in the stand. Public Works staff have **handouts** in the park to inform residents of the work.



Meet the team!

Mike Mettie is our most senior personal! Mike started his career with Public Works 16 years ago, and in his time here he has worked in Streets, Parks, Fleet and Facilities. His favorite piece of equipment to operate is the excavator. Mike recently had shoulder/bicep surgery and is recovering well with help from physical therapy. Mike likes to walk his Pitbull Romo and enjoys cowboy movies in his free time.



Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex Walking Path Update

The ADA walking path at Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex is in the next phase of construction. Public Works staff are installing a new crosswalk, at the main entrance of the park, where the path crosses the road. The crosswalk will include an automatic flashing light signal when pedestrians are entering and exiting the roadway for maximum safety. The next phase of construction will continue the path around the basketball court and along the west side of the soccer fields, connecting to the finished segment at the north parking lot. Proper drainage is a large part of the new construction, a new detention pond along Woodland Road will hold stormwater, diverting any surface runoff away from the parking lot and path. Lastly, please be safe and respectful of the public works staff as they operate equipment in the park. We advise everyone to keep a safe distance from the segment still under construction. Thank you for your patients while we complete the remaining path and drainage work.



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