



# Monthly Newsletter

PUBLIC WORKS

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**PINETOP-LAKESIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
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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.

In April, Public Works staff made progress on several on-going projects. One project being the ADA path at Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex, the shoulders of the path were finished, and irrigation lines were relocated. Drainage

along the southside of the park was improved, staff widened the existing drainage and lined the banks with large boulders. And a new 18<sup>th</sup> hole will feature an island basket for the disc golf course. Last, boulders were installed along Woodland Road to discourage anyone from driving on the new path.

Staff worked on the Police Department remodel, more details on the status of the project are on page 3.

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# PUBLIC WORKS STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

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## Special Projects

Special Projects staff were busy in April constructing a new 18<sup>th</sup> hole for the disc golf course at Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex. The new hole will feature an island basket along the newly constructed drainage path.



## Facilities

Facilities staff were busy putting the final touches on the new police department building. Facilities supervisor Eric De La Garza and staff Mike Mettie pictured in their PPE preparing to epoxy the floors in the new building.



## Collection Center

The Collection Center staff were very busy in April with the FREE green waste event. The event was successful in promoting residents to clean up the ladder fuels around homes and Firewise the Town for this year's fire season. In April, 34 tons of green waste were hauled to Novo Power.



## Streets

In April, Streets staff worked on several projects at Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex including the new ADA path, shaping the new drainage around the park, in addition to building the new 18<sup>th</sup> hole on the disc golf course. Streets staff also striped the parking at the police department.



## Fleet

Pictured above is Fleet staff Clay Reidhead cutting a new plate for mounting the mobile GPS base station. In April, Fleet staff Ryan Church repaired the sweeper bucket and replaced the leaf spring on the Mack dump truck.



## Parks

Parks staff are busy installing irrigation at the Police Department and Woodland Lake Park for the new landscape and trees that will be planted in May. Pictured above are two beautiful statues of children playing donated by Frank Smith Realty, that will be installed at Jack Barker Memorial Park.

# PUBLIC WORKS PLANNING & EVENTS

“Plans are nothing; Planning is everything” Dwight D. Eisenhower



## Wildfire Preparedness - Be Prepared Now

Pinetop-Lakeside Public Works staff completed Red Card training at the Timber Mesa Fire and Medical District in April. The course included 40 hours of classroom materials on fire behavior, incident command systems, a field day, and pack-test. In the event of a wildfire Public Works staff are considered essential personnel and are required to stay during an evacuation. Our Public Works staff are prepared to assist first responders and form an incident response team to coordinate resources for the Town between other agencies during an emergency. On behalf of the Town, we would like to give a big thank you to Timber Mesa course instructors Dennis Stern and Marc Rova for sharing their knowledge and experience. And thank you to the Timber Mesa crew who performed a fire extinguisher demonstration. See a video on the left of the fire extinguisher demonstration, where different fire extinguishers were used to illustrate the effectiveness of each. Public Works staff in Red Card training on the right.



## Traffic Control Training

In April Public Works staff completed a training course provided by the American Traffic Safety Services Association. The 8-hour course was in the classroom and designed to teach temporary traffic control zones. Public Works staff use temporary traffic control zones during Town events, routine road maintenance, and in emergency situations.



## Pinetop-Lakeside Police Department

In April, Public Works staff were busy completing construction projects at the Pinetop-Lakeside Police Department. Streets and Special Project staff prepared final grade and installed the new curb and asphalt for the police department driveway and yard. Click on the video in the top left to see the progress.

Facilities staff also finished epoxy on the building's interior, Parks staff installed irrigation for the landscape along the entrance to the building and Streets staff painted the parking stalls along the roadside.



## Meet the team!

Tanner Fellows started at Public Works at the end of 2024 and before working for the Town he worked at the ER at Summit as a tech. Tanner works in facilities and his favorite piece of equipment to operate is the skip loader. Tanner is from the mountain and in his free time Tanner likes to fish, kayak and disc golf with his family.



## Woodland Lake Water Quality & Treatment

The water quality at Woodland Lake Park is an on-going project with an ever-evolving solution. The herbicide treatments in 2024 were successful in controlling the invasive aquatic weeds and algae bloom. The treatments did not completely eradicate the Eurasian Water Milfoil, which is an exotic aquatic species, the treatments were designed to control it. Now we see it growing around the dock and along the east bank, but it no longer covers 30% of the lake surface. In April the water quality was stable, allowing Arizona Game and Fish to stock on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. However, with lake levels dropping and temperature rising the water quality is anticipated to decline until we receive more precipitation. Fortunately, thinning the forest around the park is actually allowing more water to infiltrate the ground, leading to better groundwater recharge and more stream flow. In addition, the Forest Service did a major thinning project on the headwaters of Billy Creek and Thompson Creek that will improve the situation further. In April, AZ Game and Fish conducted an electrofishing survey at Woodland Lake. Preliminary results of the survey suggest a decrease in Green Sunfish with a good mix of Largemouth Bass and Bluegill. Click on the video above to see the ducks at the lake.

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