

Monthly Newsletter

PUBLIC WORKS AUGUST 2025

“TO EVERYTHING THERE
IS A SEASON.”
PETE SEEGER



Tanner Fellows assisting with the shirt launcher at NNO. “Think Tanner is enjoying this just as much as the littles”



August 8, 2025, NNO - After the tent came down.

MONTHLY UPDATES

Top of the Woods: The team will be paving Pinon Ln, Sequoia Ln, Antler Ln, Pine Spruce Ln, Pine Fir Ln and Pine Village Ln, October 1st - 17th.

Culvert & Drainage: Streets is addressing clogged culverts and ditches and repairing the fence lines along Penrod Rd.

Shop: In addition to preventative maintenance on the Town’s fleet the Mechanics have been hard at work replacing the engines in the Roll Off Truck and Kenworth Haul truck.

MMRC Water Tank: The Tank Installation started August 24th.

Community Challenge Tree Grant: Parks continued planting another 19 Fruit Trees that will surround the ADA Path at MMRC.

Collection Center: To date 351 Resident Cards have been issues and 51 Subscriptions (monthly and annual).

Parks Reservations: 35 Ramada, 56 Pickleball, 4 Field/Volleyball

**HIGHWAY 260 &
JOHNSON LANE
WQARF SITE**

Last month, we reported on the July 22nd, ADEQ meeting that Director Patterson attended. The Sampling Results at Highway 260 and Johnson Lane was presented. Attached are the Progress Meeting Minutes.

WIRELESS IRRIGATION CONTROLLERS AT MMRC



Buddy Miller (Projects) installing the Wireless Irrigation System and Marcus Ramos (Parks) programming the system. “Great Team work guys!”

PUBLIC WORKS HIGHLIGHTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT



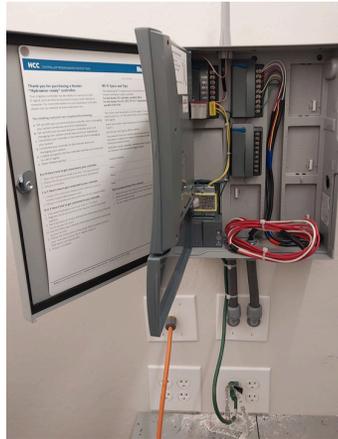
COLLECTION CENTER

The Collection Center is a staffed drop-off center for residents and non-residents to conveniently recycle as well as dispose of household waste for a nominal fee. The Collection Center is open 7 days a week and accepts 8 commodities sorted into 40-yard roll-off containers. We do not have a scale; everything is priced by volume.

All commodities and their respective material processors have been sourced and negotiated by the Collection Center. The table below organizes each commodity to its respective broker.

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- Solid Waste - Blue Hills Enviro
- Green Waste - Novo Power
- Cardboard - Vista Paper
- Scrap Metal - S & D Auto
- Glass - Strategic Materials
- Plastic - Vista Paper
- Aluminum Cans - Amercian Metals



Mounted and wired irrigation clock and flooring at the Police Department



In addition to his day job, Eric De La Garza, Interim CC Manager, subs as floor installer. "Looks great Eric"



Kudos to Rose (Parks) and Department Dog Whisperer! Rose helped detain two loose dogs at WLP. The pups kept Rose company until Animal Control could take over. "Your animal loving spirit is a joy Rose"

STREETS AND A CULVERT INSTALLATION ON COUGAR COURT AND JUNIPER AVENUE



"Looking good Streets. Keep up the great work!"

PUBLIC WORKS HIGHLIGHTS



"Parks is rocking it!"

Parks installing conduit for electric and irrigation main line for the fruit trees at MMRC



COMMERCIAL DRIVING LICENSE TRAINING

August is the month for CDL Theory Training

PW conducted its first class in January 2023, all eight driver trainees successfully passed the CDL skills test; and its second class in August 2024, all four driver trainees successfully passed the CDL skills test.



COMMERCIAL DRIVING LICENSE TRAINING

The Federal ELDT (entry-level driver training) regulations establish a Federal standard for training CDL applicants. Applicants must successfully complete this training with a registered training provider before they will be permitted to take the CDL skills test. The Federal ELDT regulations, which cover both classroom and behind-the-wheel instruction, implement minimum uniform training standards that ensure new drivers have both the knowledge and skills to operate safely.

The cost to obtain a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) in 2024 varies by state, CDL type, and training program. On average, the CDL license cost ranges from \$1,500 to \$8,000, covering training fees, written and skills test fees, and licensing fees. Additional costs include medical exams and specific vehicle endorsements. Covering the training cost for Public Works employees in this manner was not fiscally responsible; therefore, the Public Works Director registered in the Training Provider Registry. There is many Requirements to hold this type of License some examples below.

- (1) Follow a curriculum that meets the federal guidelines.
- (2) Facilities must have Training rooms and space to demonstrate the driver can safely operate a CMV in all aspects
- (3) CMV's that meet or exceed the federal standards
- (4) Driver training instructors that is Licensed
- (5) Allow FMCSA or its authorized representative to audit or investigate the training provider's operations to ensure that the provider meets the criteria. ***We have been through two successful audits.***
- (7) Electronically transmit an Entry-Level Driver Training Provider Registration

As an approved FMCSA Training Provider, the Provider is responsible for teaching CDL Curricula in a classroom setting and providing Behind-The-Wheel (BTW) training.

THEORY TRAINING

- Lectures, demonstrations, computer-based, online learning, etc. May use a simulator
- No minimum number of hours; must score at least 80% on assessment
- Training topics include: Basic Operation, Safe Operating Procedures, Advanced Operation Procedures
- Vehicle Systems and Reporting Malfunctions
- Non-Driving Activities (e.g., Hours of Service)

BEHIND THE WHEEL

- Actual operation of a CMV
- Takes place on a range or public road
- May not use a simulator to meet requirements
- No minimum number of hours, training provider will determine driver's proficiency
- Basic vehicle control skills and mastery of basic maneuvers



CDL CLASS OF 2026

Trainer:
Matt Patterson, PW Director.

Driver Trainees:
Tanner Fellows, Parks
Eric De La Garza, Interim CC
Manager
Brandon Deatherage, Streets

“Study hard, we are all pulling for you!”



TANK INSTALLATION AT MMRC



Hollis Harvey erecting the banner announcing the Future Home of Mountain Meadow Inclusive Playground. “Hollis, we appreciate you!”

The presentation of an *Inclusive Playground* went before the Town Council on September 5, 2024. This project is being spearheaded by Andrea Woolridge the Pediatric Physical Therapist for Blue Ridge, Navajo & Apache Counties and Director & Treasurer of the Blue Ridge Student Foundation. On Tuesday August 26th the Project Team met with the PW Director, Matt Patterson, Asst. to the PW Director, Malaina Spillman and Mayor Irwin to discuss the next steps.

The 9/5/24 the Presentation may be viewed:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zSZ-5Dr-UjQ&t=1368s>

*Starting at 26:46



"COMING TOGETHER IS A BEGINING. KEEPING TOGETHER IS
PROGRESS; WORKING TOGETHER IS SUCCESS."
HENRY FORD



*To Date the PW
Team has lost
a cumulative of
131 Pounds.
"Proud of you all!"*

In April the 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.

The Pack-Test is a 3 mile walk with a 45-pound pack in 46 minutes or less. This test motivated the PW Team to get into physical and mental shape, and several staff members joined the Gym and started walking before and after work. The team is continuing its fitness efforts with a 3 mile walk twice a month.

PW CONDUCTS WEEKLY SAFETY MEETINGS

Staff members rotate presenting on various safety topics.

In addition to safety topics, the team also conducts Pre and Post Event meeting. Preplanning and preparation prior to the Event and After-action meetings, in which minutes are taken, detailing processes that worked great and concerns that need to be addressed prior to the next event.



*This week Ben Mendez (Parks) presented on PPE with an assist from Luis Gonzalez (Facilities).
"All smiles, so infectious."*

Meet a Member of the Team

Ben Mendez works in the Parks Division of PW and will celebrate his 5th year with the Town in March 2026. Ben previously worked 10 seasons at the White Mountain County Club. Ben has been with his girlfriend Mary Castillo for 15 years. *Do we hear wedding bells?* Ben enjoys walking his dogs Shakira and Cooper and playing golf. Ben always has a smile on his face and is a pleasure to work with.

