



Monthly Newsletter

PUBLIC WORKS June 2025

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, MATT PATTERSON OPERATING THE 320 EXCAVATOR SPECIAL PROJECTS MAINTENANCE WORKER, DAVID HALVERSON OPERATING THE SCRAPER AS THEY REMOVE DIRT FOR THE TANK FOUNDATION, SEE BELOW FOR MORE DETAILS

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 June, the Public Works completed the site preparation for the Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex Water Storage Tank Foundation. The Town received a \$250,000.00 grant from Arizona Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) for purchase and installation of a 100,000 gallon water storage tank to replace the irrigation pond at

MMRC. The irrigation pond was leaking and losing over 1 million gallons of water annually. Adding the water storage tank the Town will conserve water and also provide a truck fill station for our local Fire Departments and Forest Service to fill tankers during an emergency.

The Public Works staff excavated 12 feet of material and backfilled with engineered fill material. Over 4,000 feet of rebar were installed, and 84 cubic yards of concrete were poured to finish the foundation for our new tank.

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PUBLIC WORKS STAFF HIGHLIGHTS



Special Projects

Special Projects staff have been working on the concrete foundation for the water storage tank at Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex. The Special Projects staff is still working on the ADA Path, retention pond and parking lots at MMRC. As well as assisting the Streets Division with the pavement preparations for Top of the Woods.



Facilities

The Facilities Department saw a number of changes in June. The division was restructured to assist in balancing the budget. Luis and Mike are dedicated to janitorial work, Tanner has moved to Parks and Eric will now be the Collection Center Supervisor. In the midst of the changes Facilities assisted with the landscaping at the Police Department.



Collection Center

The busy season for the Collection Center Staff is in full swing. In June 69.7 tons of recycling were diverted from the landfill. Of the total 34.4 tons, 8 tons were cardboard delivered to Vista Paper in Tempe, 1.5 tons were plastic delivered to Vista Paper in Tempe, 8.58 tons were scrap metal delivered to S & D Auto Wrecking in Show Low, and 51.58 tons were green waste delivered to Biomass Energy.



Streets

The Streets staff worked with Asphalt Busters to mill 7 roads, 6 in the Top of the Woods and a portion of Springer Mountain Dr. They have been working with Special Projects staff on installing the remaining culverts and preparing the subgrade for paving 6 roads in the Top of the Woods subdivision. Streets staff has been cleaning drainage, installing culverts and filling potholes in addition to the major projects.



Fleet

In June, Fleet mechanics Ryan and Clay were very busy. Among many other tasks Ryan replaced a turbo on one of the PD's Expeditions. Fleet mechanic Clay removed and replaced the clutch on one of our dump trucks. Additionally, they both assisted the other divisions with repairs and daily maintenance. Clay and Ryan will be working together to replace the engine on our Kenworth roll off truck.



Parks

The summer months are the busiest for parks staff. 9 acres of athletic turf are mowed 2 to 3 times per week, weed eating, playground inspections every week, cleaning ramadas and restrooms daily as well as picking up and emptying trash at all the parks daily. In addition to daily maintenance Parks staff have been installing irrigation at along the path at MMRC preparing for planting over 100 fruit trees for a Community Challenge Grant that the Town received.



Recreation, Leagues and Reservations

Park amenities saw a lot of activity in June. Little League All Stars continued into June at Woodland and Blue Ridge Soccer hosted their annual soccer camp at MMRC, Phoenix Fire Bombers Softball Club hosted their annual girl's tournament with over 30 teams using fields at MMRC, WLP and Blue Ridge. Arizona Old School Softball held their Annual June tournament at WLP. New this summer at MMRC was youth Flag Football brought to us by AZ Turf Warz. We had 28 ramada reservations, 2 volleyball court reservations and 45 tennis/pickleball court reservations.



CPR, AED and First Aid Training

Prevention Captain Lucas Guy from Timber Mesa Fire and Medical District conducted two CPR, AED and First Aid Training classes. Staff from Public Works, the Library, Police Department and Community Development participated in the training. Most attendees received their recertification, and some received their first certification!



Pinetop-Lakeside Summer Nights

The Public Works Department assisted with the setup of the stage and ensuring the generators were ready to go. During the event Staff oversaw the parking. Friday night we parked 577 cars and Saturday night 984 cars. In addition, staff was busy keeping the trash picked up and amenities clean and sparkling.

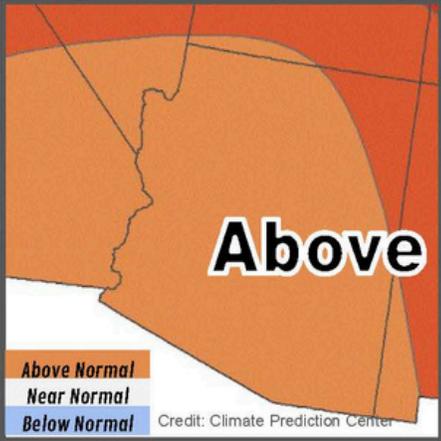
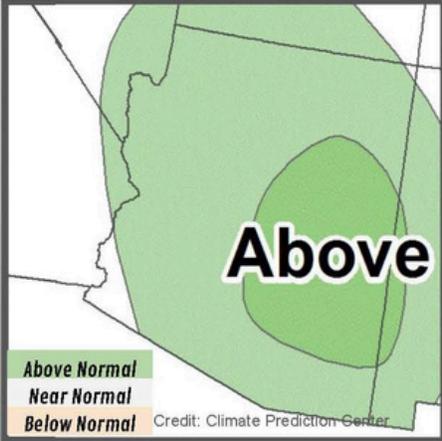
Monsoon Outlook

Be Prepared check for fire restrictions

[Here](#)

Our region is experiencing historically dry conditions and fire restrictions are still in effect. However, according to the National Weather Service the 2025 monsoon outlook for our area is predicted to above normal. With the monsoons there is an increased risk of flash floods and flooding, the Public Works Department does have sandbags available for Town residents if the need arises. Please call the Public Works Department to inquire about availability and to arrange pick up. The National Weather Service has released a 2025 ARizona Monsoon Outlook Video for public viewing, [click here to view video](#).

2025 Arizona Monsoon Outlook: Jun 15 - Sep 30

Temperatures (Jul-Sep)	Precipitation (Jul-Sep)	Average Monsoon Rainfall (1991-2020)
		Flagstaff: 7.63" Kingman: 2.69" Phoenix: 2.43" Tucson: 5.69" Yuma: 0.97"

- There is a 33-50% chance for above normal precipitation except for the Yuma area
- Best chance for above normal rainfall is across east central Arizona
- Very dry winter resulted in severe drought which often leads to a wetter Monsoon



Meet the team!

Matt Patterson and his bride, Savannah grew up in the White Mountains and decided it was a great place to raise their boys, Eli and Ben. Matt has served the community as the Public Works Director for the past 10 years. Over the course of ten years, Matt has successfully secured over \$6 million dollars in Grant Funding. (Flood of 2019, CDBG, Parks, Streets, Adjacent ways, WIFA, and many others), all leading to the success and growth of Public Works.

THE TRUTH IS THAT TEAMWORK IS AT THE HEART OF GREAT ACHIEVEMENT.
JOHN C. MAXWELL



Porter Mountain Road Safety Improvements Project

The Porter Mountain Road Pedestrian Safety Improvements project was awarded in April 2024 and has been completed. The Blue Ridge Elementary School is located at 3050 Porter Mountain Road in Lakeside, AZ, the school is on the East side of Porter Mountain Road with all residential South of the school on the West side of Porter Mountain Road. There were no crosswalks or sidewalks near the residential area. This project was designed and constructed to improve the existing pedestrian/bike path on the East side of the road, to construct additional pedestrian/bike path from the school north tying into the residential neighborhood north of the school and add lighting to the path. Two pedestrian refuge islands with Rapid Flashing Beacons were constructed and sidewalk installed on the West side of Porter Mountain road South of Blue Ridge Elementary School. This project has been completed and has drastically improved the pedestrian safety for children, parents and residents of the area to cross safely. Additionally, the reconstruction of the existing path improved the connectivity to SR 260 and utilizing the pedestrian bridge across Billy Creek that was completed in 2020.



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