



AFDA NEWSLETTER

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THE STAFF OF CONGRESSMAN PAUL GOSAR

WILL BE HOLDING

OFFICE HOURS

IN

ASH FORK, AZ

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2019

1:00—3:00 PM

ESCALANTE ROOM

450 W LEWIS AVE, ASH FORK

PLEASE CALL TO SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT

Meet with Rep. Gosar's Staff

- Raise any concern you may have about federal and state topics
- Get to know the Congressman's staff

Receive Help with Federal Agencies

- Social Security Administration
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- U.S. Forest Service
- Internal Revenue Service and more!

For more information: Call
(928) 445-1683

ASH FORK WATER SERVICE

WATER NEWS



Ad Edge Water Technologies has set a May 20, 2019 date to come out and ready the treatment vessels and put the Arsenic treatment plant in service. Everything has checked out good on the installation portion of the project. The system has passed the pressure testing phase.

When Ad Edge personnel arrive, they will inspect the installation, load the treatment vessels with the E-33 media, disinfect the complete system, direct the water operation personnel in proper operation and maintenance procedures and ready the system to be placed into

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(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1) WATER service.

This will be a great day here at the water service and to commemorate the occasion, an Open House will be held so interested customers can look over the plant and where our water comes from.

Open House Ash Fork #2 Well Site, June 20, 2019 from 9-11 A.M.

Water personnel will be on site for tours and to answer your questions.

From I-40 Exit 144, take Frontage Road East to Bixler Trail, then South on Bixler Trail Approx. 1.5 mile, (blue roof, across the creek), look for the balloons. I hope to see you there!!

OTHER NEWS

Office hours will be extended for the Summer season.

Starting May 1, 2019, Ash Fork Water Service office will be open Monday thru Thursday 8am to 5pm. With Friday remaining at the 8am to 4pm schedule. Remember we keep the office open thru the lunch hour, for business as usual. This is going in on a trial basis. It is planned now to extend these hours through September and then go back to an 8am to 4pm Winter hours schedule. Let us know if it works for you.

Ash Fork Water Service has once again applied for 3-summer jobs through NACOG of Yavapai County. If our application is accepted the potential applicants will have to be between the ages of 16 to 24, and meet some income requirements. Stay tuned for more info.

I'm excited about a new wireless internet provider working toward getting us an option to Century link service. Stay tuned we could have a live signal as early as mid-Summer. Initial coverage area proposed is line-of-sight from the down-town water tower.

Stone Dam

The Stocking Schedule for Stone Dam has been released. Stone Dam is set to receive 2- stockings of Catfish this Spring. The week of May 20-24 and June 3-7 have been set. Typically, we get 500lbs. of Channel Catfish in each load. Most fish are in the 2-4lb range, but I have witnessed catfish in excess of 7-lbs being released.

We are in the 5th year of our agreement with AZ Game & Fish Dept. on the "Community Fishing Program" and new agreements are being drafted. The AZ G&FD has expressed concern over the road condition down to the water for stocking. Stocking costs will rise to \$1400. An-

nually starting FY 2020. The port-a-potty service has been reestablished.

Planned Summer maintenance to the site include, Trail maintenance (Fay's Trail), trash pick-up, Community Fishing Program Signs, improve a spot for tent camping, (level, bring in some sand) and road improvements on Rte. 66.

Remember this is our nice little spot for recreation.

Let's all pitch in to keep it clean and safe!

Report any issues or concerns to the Ash Fork Water office.

Check us out on our new Web-Site. Go to WWW. Ashforkwaterservice.com - Don't search for us. It will bring you to some wild options. Note: we do not accept credit card payments over the computer.

Here you can find our Consumer Confidence Reports, (CCR), sign up for alerts, view new water projects, read Company newsletter, send us e-mails on a concern or question and find other useful information about your water and water system.

We are excited about this new tool and during the process of gathering the information we are in the process of upgrading our water contracts and are proposing a new policy on high-use adjustment (needs Board approval), for 1-time unexplained high-water use (leak, theft etc.).

We are working on the History aspect of our site. Stay tuned. We hope this can help you stay better in touch with what is happening at your water service.

Don't forget Ash Fork Pioneer Days. May 11, 2019. Great food. Great Fun.

Ash Fork Water Service staff will be hosting a water information booth at the event.

We will have information on our water and company, types of water systems, regulations etc.

We'll have our water bottles for sale, lap-top computers to show off our new Web-Site, a free raffle (\$75. Value) and while supplies last a refreshing drink of Ash Fork Water filtered through our water vending machines then chilled. AWE!

We hope to see you there. Bring any ??s you may have.

Quenching Your Thirst - Ash Fork Water Service

FREE SLASH DROP-OFF

Chairman Craig Brown is pleased to announce the continuation of the annual free slash drop-off program at county transfer stations for two months **beginning April 1, and continuing until June 1, 2019.** County transfer stations are located in Black Canyon City, Camp Verde, Congress, Mayer, Paulden, Seligman, and Skull Valley. Free slash drop off will be held during normal operating hours.

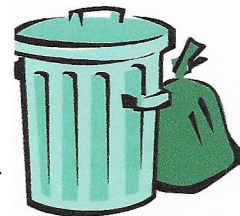
This free slash drop-off program will assist residents in developing necessary defensible space around their homes and other structures that could fuel fires. Keeping fuels managed is absolutely necessary to help avoid uncontrolled fires that can become extremely damaging.

The following items only will be accepted: brush, branches, grass. Leaves and yard trimmings. Items not accepted are: lumber, stumps, roots, cactus, metal and garbage. All slash must be removed from plastic bags.

This program is for residential use only. Commercial loads will not be accepted.

For additional information, please contact the Yavapai County Public Works Department at (928) 771-3183.

PAULDEN COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP



A community clean up has been scheduled for Paulden at the Paulden Transfer Station located at 23750 N. Marblehead Ave. The cleanup will be **open to all Yavapai County residents** at no charge on May 2, 3, 4; May 9, 10, 11; May 16, 17, 18 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Accepted items: household appliances, bagged trash, auto batteries, tires, furniture, and yard trimmings.

Transfer Station will remain open on Tuesday and Wednesday with normal hours and fees.

CREATE DEFENSIBLE SPACE—ALL YARD WASTE ACCEPTED!

Items **not** accepted: loose trash, liquids, hazardous materials, junk cars, Ni Cad batteries, dead animals and no commercial dumping.

For additional information, please contact the Yavapai County Public Works Department at : 928.771.3183.



23RD ANNUAL ASH FORK PIONEER DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019

10:00 AM—3:00 P.M.

ASH FORK MUSEUM—901 W. OLD RTE. 66

EVENTS

10:00 A.M. Parade Line-up, Chili Entries Due for Judging

10:30 A.M. Parade Send Off & Chili Cook-off Judging

10:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M. Booths Open

11:30 A.M. Chili and Homemade pies for sale.

Forms for the various activities can be obtained at the Ash Fork Water Service, Ash Fork Public Library and Ash Fork Museum. Deadline for forms is Friday, May 10, 2019 Bring them to the Museum.

Our local ambassador Floyd Martin will be spinning your favorite oldies but goodies. Don't miss out.

This yearly event is a way to bring the communities together and share what the Ash Fork Historical Museum offers of Ash Fork's history and see the results of our volunteers' efforts, as well as, a fundraiser for the museum.

For further information contact: Fay Hume ((928)-637-2413 / 928-637-8629 or come by the Museum. Hours are 8 am—4 pm Monday thru Friday.

ASH FORK SANITATION DISTRICT

On Friday, April 12, 2019 the Ash Fork Sanitation District held their first meeting since May 26, 2018. It was held in Centennial Park at 1:00 pm.

AGENDA: It was stated that the Budget for fiscal year 2019– 2020 would be the same as last year, however, that amount was not revealed. There was no “Call to Public” for questions, concerns or comments from the attendees.

The Sanitation District currently has \$62,114.72 of taxpayer money in its’ bank account. Eugene Morley, Clerk/Treasurer of the District, stated there would be up-coming expenses for an attorney and para-legal. There are questions from the Attorney General that must be responded to.

There was nothing to report on any plans for future sanitary sewer problems since the last meeting in May.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m. Even though the weather was not conducive to hold a meeting out-of-doors (rain, ice and cold), several interested concerned citizens were in attendance.

When asked if there would be any scheduled meetings for the future, Chairman Richard Pederson replied, “they were going to pick up with future meetings, but no schedule as to when or where they would be held yet.”

Ash Fork Sanitation District is one of the Special Districts on your tax bill. Usually the tax payer reaps a service for their tax money, such as: Education from the School District; Fire Protection from the Fire District; Street Lights from the Street Light District; Library Service, etc. But the Sanitation District—what do we reap?

Community Action Network (C.A.N.) held their monthly meeting on April 27th at the Community Center. There were some new volunteers that have come forward to be on the board. The board now consists of: Dale Rhodes; Chairman, Linda Radmann, Secretary; Scott Radmann, Treasurer; Board Members Lowell Joslin, Steve Edgar and Marie Edgar.

C.A.N.s’ mission is to help with road maintenance on Juniperwood Ranch. At the present time Richard Ferris is the primary grader for Bullock Road and Floyd Surber assists as necessary. C.A.N. also has an outreach program—finding help for those people that need it throughout the community.

Donations are gladly accepted.



FRIENDS OF THE ASH FORK PUBLIC LIBRARY

As has been reported here for the last two Newsletters the Summer Reading Program will be held every Friday in June from 10:30 am until noon. This is for children pre-school to 5th grade. Call the library for additional information (928)637 2442.

Many thanks for all those who came out and participated in our recent book sale. As successes go, this was just OK. More books remain than were sold.

On May 14th the Lions Club will be at the Library for free eye exams and free glasses. You must sign up prior to the date of exam. The first 20 people will be accepted. For more details contact the Library (928)637 2442.

Charlotte Hamilton will be starting two classes at the Library beginning in May. The Embroidery Class for boys and girls ages 7 to 16 will begin on May 3rd from 1—3 pm.

Her second class is called “Stitch & Stuff”. This class will start May 8th from 12—3 PM. Bring your OWN crocheting, embroidery, sewing, quilting or any other craft project.

Do you have any overdue items from the Library??? Please return them so others may check them out.

Many thanks,

Library Personnel



Legionnaire Barry Sharp with Olivia Johnson and Teacher Natalie Broehm making a donation to the Ash Fork Middle School Canoe Program.

Local American Legion Post #57 of Ash Fork makes a contribution to help with local children and youth needs. Contributions were made to:

1. Ash Fork Public Library: Summer Reading Program.
2. Ash Fork Little League: For uniforms, balls, bats, etc.
3. Ash Fork Head Start: For supplies and needs.
4. Ash Fork Development Board: Children's Programs
5. Ash Fork Middle School: For Youth Canoe Program

In honor of the American Legion Centennial.

HELP WANTED

NORTHERN ARIZONA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

119 N. ASPEN AVE. FLAGSTAFF, AZ 86001

928.774.1895

www.nacog.org HR@nacog.org

NACOG Head Start is currently recruiting for Substitute II (Teacher) positions, and Substitute I (Aide) positions in the Williams and Ash Fork areas

These are "as needed" positions with the potential for full-time employment.

Benefits include: Substitute II \$14.77/hr. up to 35 hrs./wk., sick pay

Substitute I \$10.50/hr. up to 35 hrs./wk., sick pay

Visit nacog.org to complete an employment application.

Questions: HR@nacog.org

Or 928.213.5234

Equal opportunity employer and committed to workplace diversity.

ASH FORK & WILLIAMS HEAD START

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS NOW!

We have a Center based program serving 3-5 year old's, a Home-based program for 3-5 year old's and an Early Head Start Home-based program serving Prenatal Moms and Children 0-3.

- *Family support service
- *Age appropriate activities
- *Training for Parents
- *Nutritious meals & snacks
- *Assistance with medical & dental services
- *Transportation referrals
- *Services for children with different abilities
- *Professionally trained/licensed Early Childhood Staff
- *All services are FREE

**Ash Fork Head Start 450 W. Lewis Ave., Ash Fork 86320
(928)637-1027**

**Williams Head Start 310 W. Sherman Williams, AZ 86046
(928)635-4273**

Please stop by today to enroll your child!

ASH FORK UNIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

Seth Staples

Spring has finally sprung and we couldn't be happier here at Ash Fork Schools! The school year is coming to a close and it always amazes me how fast these nine months go by. The end of the year is always the busiest and 2019 hasn't disappointed us.

The ongoing issues between Transwestern and the Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) is an issue that has been in the forefront for administration. Transwestern has won their second lawsuit against the state requiring many rural school districts to pay back funds received due to an incorrect assessment by the ADOR for years 2016 and 2017. The portion that Ash Fork Schools is responsible for came in at \$620,000. Working with our Rural Arizona School Consortium (RASC) lobbyist, Gretchen Jacobs, and State Senator, Sylvia Allen, we were able to create two bills that would hold schools harmless and require the state to pay the revenue difference. Though the bills did pass the Senate, the legislatures decided to instead add narrative to the budget that would hold schools harmless for the amount owed to Transwestern. I feel this does have some hope for our schools to keep this revenue, but I am not totally convinced that this might not still come back to haunt us. We will keep our fingers crossed and hopes high, but time will tell how the outcomes will affect us.

Keep an eye out for new construction happening on the retaining wall that separates the upper softball field from the lower baseball field. The wall has

had structural issues ever since its construction and the district was awarded a large settlement to fix the issue. We have finally received engineered plans to ensure that we have a safe long lasting wall for our athletes and sports patrons. The new wall will include an updated

drainage system, moisture barriers, better fencing structure, an actual footer, and will only impact the baseball field by 12 inches. The school board will approve final proposals in the May board meeting.

AZ MERIT is officially over and we can finally get our schools back on a regular schedule for a while. The state mandated testing takes up nearly three weeks of our school year. We are looking at ways to minimize the testing window in the future. Thanks to all the parents, students, and staff that made this process bearable.

Ash Fork Elementary has submitted their application for the National Blue Ribbon Schools Award. Ash Fork Elementary was nominated by the Arizona Department of Education to apply for this national award. The criteria is based mainly on sequential test scores that are significantly above state average and excelling in our demographics. If we are awarded as a National Blue Ribbon School staff members will be flown to Washington D.C. to accept their reward.

Ash Fork Schools would like to begin a parent organization to make our schools better and more effective. The district has gone without a parent organization for a long time. Recent events where several families have stepped up to help the school deal



with difficult issues has prompted administration to begin gaining opinions on creating a viable parent organization. I want to thank the families in Ash Fork that focus on effective solutions for our schools and believe that a parent organization would empower our families to have a greater voice at our schools. If you are interested in pioneering a new parent organization please let our office know.

Have a great day, and thank you for supporting our schools.



Ash Fork Cemetery Clean-Up Day

May 25, 2019

Work begins @8:00 am until work is done. Rakes, shovels, weed whackers, gloves, are some of the things needed to clean grave sites. Empty trash barrels, haul trash—there is work for everyone.

The appearance of our Cemetery reflects a caring community which we can be proud of.

Everyone is busy—if you can only work an hour, do that, it counts. How much we get done on this day depends on you. Mowing will be done prior, so we don't have the dust. Thank you!



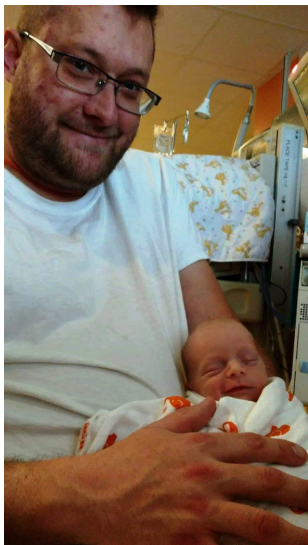
Remembering the “Old Days”.. 50's and 60's

Yes, Ash Fork did have a theatre. Yavapai Theatre was located on the corner of 3rd St. & Lewis Ave. Ticket price \$.25



The west side of Ash Fork, Pichacho Mountain in the background. Old Trails Highway (road on right) and to the left is the old Whiting Bros. Station. Today the site is the home of StoneWorld Inc.

In 1960 TV receiver off Bill Williams Mountain became available, if you were in line with your antenna.



Ash Fork Fire Department would like to Thank Everyone for their prayers, cards, and donations to Ash Fork Fire Department “Boot” for a fireman/EMT in need. His name is Kyle Hanze. His wife Danielle gave birth to their first child on March 23 in Flagstaff Medical Center. He was born over 5-weeks premature and weighed less than 4 pounds. He and his mother had to be separated as he was flown to St. Joseph's NICU in Phoenix. Their son named Levi was released from the hospital April 7 but has had to go back to the hospital twice since then. He is currently doing well and saw his pediatrician April 29 and now weighs over 5 pounds. We are keeping them in our prayers and thoughts and would ask you to do the same. A Special Thanks all of you who gave your donations.



Ash Fork little league 2019 is on its way. The team has been working hard and has a current record of 2-2 and looking to keep improving.

It's Calendar time again: The Community Calendars have been an important item in our households since 1962. All proceeds from the calendar go back into the community, mostly for our youth.

Business ads: Small ads will be \$50.00; a double ad is \$100.00; cost of calendar is \$6.00. Please support our local businesses that advertise on the calendar.

If you are new to the calendar, you may list birthdays, anniversaries and memorials for those that live within your household. Community organizations list their meetings and events. What a convenient way to keep abreast of what is happening in your community. A table will be set up at the Museum during Pioneer Day. Please sign up then or at the Water Service Office.

HELP WANTED: AccentCare located in Prescott Valley is looking for reliable caregivers for the Ash Fork, Seligman, Williams, Paulden and Chino Valley areas. AccentCare provides comprehensive care, guidance and support for a wide variety of needs, including short-term complex and chronic conditions.

Applicants must be willing to work flexible hours, have a reliable car, and a clear driving license. Must also pass a background check.

Offering \$11.00/hour with a 401K.

Interested applicants should call Anita Farnie (928) 637 8564 any time, day or night. If no answer, please leave a message.

**ASH FORK DEVELOPMENT
ASSOCIATION, INC.**

P.O. Box 293
Ash Fork, AZ 86320-0293

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THE ASH FORK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION WAS INCORPORATED THE 4TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1966. THE GENERAL NATURE OF BUSINESS IS THE TRANSPORTATION, DELIVERY AND SALE OF WATER. IN ADDITION THE ASSOCIATION WILL RENDER CONSTRUCTIVE CIVIC SERVICES FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY AND OF THE CITIZENS OF ASH FORK, AZ, TO INCULCATE CIVIC CONSCIOUSNESS BY MEANS OF ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN CONSTRUCTIVE PROJECTS WHICH WILL IMPROVE THE COMMUNITY, STATE AND NATION.

**ASH FORK DEVELOPMENT
ASSOCIATION, INC.**

MEETING DATES:

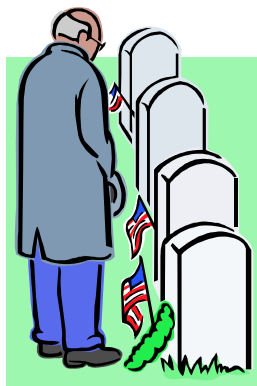
MAY 15, 2019

JUNE 19, 2019

7:00 PM GENERAL MEETING

**ESCALANTE MEETING ROOM @LLC BUILDING
LEWIS AVE. & 5TH STREET (BY THE MARQUEE)**

**Ash Fork Tourist Center
And Museum
Open
Monday thru Friday
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Operated by Volunteers
Ash Fork Historical Society**



**MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES
MONDAY, MAY 27, 2019
10:00 AM
ASH FORK CEMETERY
SPONSORED BY
ASH FORK AMERICAN LEGION
POST 57**

Community Church Schedules:

Ash Fork Baptist Church Lewis Ave. & 1st St.

Pathway Chapel Double A Ranch Rd.

St. Anne Catholic Church 7th St.

Gospel of Faith Church Bullock Rd. @ Cattle Guard

Emmanuel Trinity Church 47423 N. 4th St.

Sunday Services 11:00 AM

Sunday Services 10:30 AM and 6:30 PM

Wed. & Sat.: Rosary 3:30 p.m. Mass 4:00 PM

Sunday Services 11:00 AM

Sunday (Bi-lingual) 10 AM Wed. Bible Study 6 PM
Information call Pastor Robert (928) 853-1122