



# Community Connection

## News from the city of Sedona

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### Summer and service: Two more reasons to love Sedona

#### Mayor Sandy Moriarty

Sedona is beautiful any time of the year but for some reason summer adds an extra element of joy as we get together with distant family and friends, get busy in the garden, or just get away for the simple pleasure of a nap on the patio.

So many Sedona residents have earned their summer break after contributing their labor, time and unique perspectives to the tasks, big and small, that make and keep our city a special place to live. Let's start with this year's Volunteer Award winners.



Ron Budnick, Dedication Award; Randy Barcus, Preparedness Award; (Councilor) Tom Lamkin, Commitment Award; Allyson Holmes, Heart Award; Ray Schwartz, Police Department Volunteer of the Year.

I also want to recognize one of our hard-working city executives. Each year the Arizona City/County Management Association recognizes the top city/county manager, assistant manager and department head in the state. This year's Catherine F. Connolly Outstanding Assistant City/County Manager award winner is Sedona Assistant City Manager Karen Osburn. Karen's leadership, work ethic and always professional conduct have made her an integral part of our team, and no one could be more deserving.

A very special thanks goes to the volunteers who have worked so hard and very patiently over 16 years as the Friends of the Posse Grounds to bring the Barbara Antonsen Memorial Pavilion at the Posse Grounds Park to fruition. If you haven't seen this beautiful little gem of an amphitheater, please go up and take a look at it, attend an event there, or rent it. For more information about the facility and all it has to offer, visit [sedonaaz.gov/pavilion](http://sedonaaz.gov/pavilion).

To every one of you reading this who volunteered, participated in a citizen work group, came to a public meeting to listen or express your opinion, called or emailed to share your knowledge and concern, reported a city code issue, or stopped to scoop up a piece of litter – thank you! Thank you for making and taking time to contribute to Sedona's incredible quality of life.

In this newsletter, you'll read about the progress we've made on the projects, improvements and amenities that you helped our city council and staff members prioritize and plan. The list includes:

- reductions in our already-low crime rate
- flood safety improvements
- new park amenities and programs
- continued development of transportation, land development, signage and infrastructure plans
- recognition of talented artists and the display of their creative works

It is my pleasure and privilege to serve as the mayor of Sedona. I know our council members join me in wishing you a wonderful summer and in encouraging you to be actively engaged in the civic and cultural life of our beautiful community.

#### Sedona City Council

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Sedona Asst. City Manager Karen Osburn receives the ACMA award. L to R: ACMA President Mike Townsend, Osburn, Cathy Connolly.



At the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon (L to R): Karen Osburn, Ron Budnick, Randy Barcus, Sandy Moriarty, Tom Lamkin, Audree Juhlin, Harry Gold, Warren Campbell, Ali Baxter, David McGill.

## Sedona Police Department Partners for safety

The Sedona Police Department, in partnership with citizens and visitors, provides professional law enforcement and public safety throughout the community. Personnel are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week in our communications center and in the field responding to emergency calls. Special recognition goes to Officer of the Year Jonathan Reed and Civilian of the Year Jamie Rivero, records clerk. Volunteer of the Year is Ray Schwartz.

### 2017 accomplishments

- 52 percent reduction in vehicle burglaries, 15% reduction in vehicle collisions, 13% reduction in identity thefts and, nine percent reduction in stolen vehicles.
- Hired and trained six officers, achieving full staffing.
- Promoted a patrol sergeant and communication specialist supervisor from within the department.
- Police volunteers donated more than 2,115 hours of services to the community.

### 2018 objectives

- Upgrade Sedona's 911 system from Viper to Vesta/Airbus through Centurylink Management Services.
- Continued leadership training for new patrol sergeants.
- Reorganization that includes hiring of a new patrol commander.
- Redesign and deploy new field officer uniforms to strengthen and enhance our image as a professional, modern police organization.

## Citizen Engagement Make your voice heard

From tackling budget to land use issues – and everything in between – the Citizen Engagement Program continues its success with more than 70 participants plugged in to volunteer opportunities in the past year.

- The Revenue Forecast Work Group is reviewing and testing revenue forecasts.
- The Police Chief Interview Panel Work Group helped select our new Police Chief.
- The Off Highway Vehicles Work Group 2.0 is assessing noise mitigation strategies and assisting with a U.S. Forest Service grant.
- The Mayor's Arts Awards Work Group gave input on this year's awardees.
- The Small Grants Work Group helped assess and recommend 2017 Small Grants Program awardees.



*The OHV Work Group 2.0 pares down potential noise mitigation strategies.*

Your expertise is welcome and valued. Sign up for a future work group at [sedonaaz.gov/citizenengagement](http://sedonaaz.gov/citizenengagement).

## HR makes gains in 2017

The city's Human Resources Department is key to finding and retaining the professionals who provide services to residents. Our major accomplishments this year include:

- The recruitment and hiring of a new police chief and police commander, communications manager and wastewater director.
- Increased use of no-cost recruitment strategies.
- Increased safety awareness resulting in a 34 percent decrease in workers compensation costs from fiscal year 2016 to FY2017.

Our goals for 2018 include further reductions in workers compensation costs, more use of digital recruitment tools and increased opportunities for employees to test and implement ideas for greater productivity and employee retention.



## Recycling success for City Clerk

Sedona residents made our March 2017 electronics recycling event a big success. Stay tuned for the date of the March 2018 event. The City Clerk's Office collected 11,599 pounds of equipment such as old computers, TVs, appliances and batteries. Together, we kept these materials out of landfills and put them back into the manufacturing loop. That results in:

- 16,168 fewer pounds of greenhouse gases in the environment
- 334 fewer pounds of toxic metals and other substances such as lead, cadmium and arsenic in the environment
- 3,917 pounds of metals as steel, aluminum, copper and other precious metals available for reuse.



## Start or grow your Sedona business

The Sedona Economic Development Department exists to help businesses create and keep jobs in our community.

For information on revolving loans, education and other business support resources contact Sedona Economic Development Director Molly Spangler at (928) 203-5117 or [mspangler@sedonaaz.gov](mailto:mspangler@sedonaaz.gov).



## Parks and Recreation Get outside!

As Laura Ingalls Wilder said: "Some old fashioned things like fresh air and sunshine are hard to beat."



### Upcoming events

- Fourth of July. Wet Fest, a great daytime activity for the whole family. We open the Sedona Community Pool from noon to 4 p.m. and fill the surrounding area with water slides, slip n' slides, music and food for sale.
- July 15. A Dog's Day Out in the Park, a time to pamper your pooch and socialize with other dog owners. From 7-9 a.m. dogs run free on the green grass and enjoy baths, nail trimming and more.
- Oct. 21. Pumpkin Splash, the best and only pumpkin patch in the water. From 1-3 p.m. families swim for pumpkins and play plenty of games on deck.

The Sedona Community Pool offers lap swim, water aerobics, swim lessons and Open Swim. Our pool is heated to 83 degrees and offers eight lap lanes, deep and shallow water, slide, lounge chairs and locker rooms with showers. See the summer schedule and fees at [sedonaaz.gov/pool](http://sedonaaz.gov/pool).

The Sedona Bike Skills Park within Posse Grounds Park includes a pump park, flow trail, tech flow trail and new dual slalom course. Open daylight hours.

We appreciate our wonderful Volunteer Park Rangers who assist with community events, and greet visitors and answer their questions every day of the year! The next time you see them, please let them know you appreciate them, too.



*The new Posse Grounds Pavilion at Barbara Antonsen Park*

## City Hall arts rotation



*Linda Goldenstein of Goldenstein Gallery, left, and Arts and Culture Coordinator Nancy Lattanzi pose by James Muir's sculpture "Caduceus" in the City Hall plaza.*

The city features three different local artists every three months for our City Hall Art Rotation program. The public is invited to visit our sculpture garden thanks to the generosity of Linda Goldenstein. Members of the public can view all works in the plaza and are welcome to make an appointment to view indoor exhibits by contacting Arts and Culture Coordinator Nancy Lattanzi at (928) 203-5078 or [nlattanzi@sedonaaz.gov](mailto:nlattanzi@sedonaaz.gov).

## Mayor's Arts Awards

Four talented Sedona artists are the recipients of the 6th Mayor's Arts Awards. The awards comprise four categories for exceptional contributions in the development and success of the arts in our community.

Honorees recognized at the ceremony at the Mary D. Fisher Theater:

- Joe McNeill, Individual, author of "Arizona's Little Hollywood," for preserving stories and facts about more than 60 films shot in Sedona.
- Red Rock Arts Council, Business/Organization, for dedication to public art through numerous initiatives.
- Dennis Ott, Education, for his service as leading arts educator, creating outreach, scholarship and fundraising programs.
- Peggy Lanning, Lifetime Achievement, founder of Turquoise Tortoise and Lanning Galleries, Sedona Gallery Association and First Fridays.

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## Capital improvement projects beautify, protect Sedona

The Public Works Department has completed a number of significant capital improvement projects this year to protect homes and businesses from flood damage, save money and increase capacity for wastewater management, maintain safe streets, and provide upgraded and new amenities at city parks. The department is responsible for project design, planning, budgeting and management.

### 2016-17 completed projects

- Wastewater Reclamation Plant upgrades and two injection wells to allow treatment and disposal of up to 1.63 million gallons of wastewater per day. Total FY17 budget \$2.5 million.
- Posse Grounds Pavilion, an outdoor performance venue. \$1.7 million.
- Posse Grounds Park Fitness Trail, renovating six fitness stations. \$90,000.
- Historic Ranger Station improvements for a future community site. Demolition \$100,000.
- Posse Grounds Dog Park upgrades, resurfacing and water stations. \$201,000. \* See note below.
- Flood control mitigation at Tlaquepaque, Brewer Road and Coffee Pot Drive. Total \$8.1 million.
- Uptown pedestrian access improvements. \$862,500.



Crews work on the Coffee Pot Drive drainage improvement project.

### 2017 in progress or upcoming

- Historic Ranger Station improvements for a future community site. Budget \$605,000.
- Wetlands Preserve viewing piers, in partnership with the Northern Arizona Audubon Society. Budget \$30,000.
- Uptown parking pay stations to encourage traffic turnover to support Main Street merchants. Budget \$301,000.
- Wastewater Master Plan update. Budget \$150,000.
- Transportation Master Plan update. Budget \$250,000.



### Traffic / Road work

Visit [sedonaaz.gov/councilmeetings](http://sedonaaz.gov/councilmeetings) to see agendas. City Council will consider the Transportation Master Plan this summer. Visit [sedonaaz.gov/traffic](http://sedonaaz.gov/traffic) for the latest list of Public Works projects affecting streets and sign up for email updates.



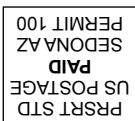
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