



Community Connection

News and events for citizens of Sedona

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An Update from Mayor Sandy Moriarty

Summer has rolled around again, bringing with it summer flowers, vegetable gardens, fresh fruit from local trees, and lots of summer activities in Sedona. Inside, you can read about what we've been doing at the City since the last update, and there is always plenty going on. To find out how to stay cool at the pool, look for the schedule on our Parks and Recreation web page, www.SedonaAZ.gov/Parks, and be sure to read about what the Parks and Recreation Department has planned for this summer.

We recently celebrated our fabulous City volunteers at our annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, where we gave out several awards, so I thought I would give a special shout-out to those recipients. The Commitment Award went to **Judy Huggins**, a volunteer in the Park Rangers program since its inception; the Consensus Builder Award went to **Marty Losoff**, the Chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission; the Heart Award went to **Jane Grams**, a Historic Preservation Commissioner with a passion for preservation; the Initiative Award went to **Mike Yarbrough**, who founded and has worked tirelessly on the Sedona Airport Noise Abatement Work Group; the Leadership Award went to **Stephanie Giesbrecht**, for her work as Chair of the Small Grants Work Group; the Objectivity Award went to **Kathy Levin**, a Planning and Zoning Commission member; and last but not least the Police Department Volunteer of the Year Award went to **Barbara Cadwell**. Our volunteers are so valuable to us, putting in countless hours of service to our community, and we couldn't function without them.

The construction contract for completion of the Pavilion in Barbara Antonsen Park has been approved, and construction is underway at last! The Hub at the Posse Grounds Park, formerly known as the Teen Center, is now



functioning as a small indoor performing arts center, with a diverse range of activities being offered. Close by, the Posse Grounds Bike Skills Park is also under construction, and of course the sports fields play host to a variety of activities for kids and adults alike, as well as many festivals. The new viewing deck at the Wetlands Preserve will facilitate close-up viewing of the birds and waterfowl which abound there. The Sugarloaf Trailhead Parking Lot is being improved and expanded, and may be open by the time you read this, with the Cathedral Rock Trailhead Parking Lot expansion not far behind, likely toward summer's end.

The major improvements to our drainage system are continuing to work their way uphill and our Uptown

improvements, including access from the free municipal Uptown Parking Lot to Main Street, are well underway, as is our Transportation Master Plan Update. The first two of our Community Focus Area plans should be complete by press time, with two more in the works. Watch for opportunities to participate as these plans unfold, via public meetings and the Citizen Engagement Program, see details inside.

The last of our Art in the Roundabouts installations took place in mid-November 2015, so I hope you've had a chance to enjoy it by now. It is a beautiful piece in a very appropriate spot, The Open Gate, created by Reagan Word, at the Schnebly Hill Roundabout, as you enter the heart of Sedona. And be sure to see our regular exhibition of local artists at the City Hall campus, they help us to live up to our goal of being a city animated by the arts. Our campus is enriched and enhanced by the presence of art, and we're grateful for all the contributing artists who share their work with us.

It is a joy to live in this beautiful community, and truly a privilege to serve as Mayor. I hope you enjoy your summer in Sedona.

The mission of the City of Sedona government is to provide exemplary municipal services that are consistent with our values, history, culture and unique beauty.

City Clerk



Important Election Information

In 2014, the elections for Sedona City Council changed to comply with the consolidated election law passed by the Arizona State Legislature in 2013. This law consolidated some municipal elections with State and Federal

elections. Prior to 2014, Sedona City Council elections were held in the spring of even numbered years with the Primary Election in March and the General Election in May. With the new law, Sedona's City Council elections are now held in the fall of even numbered years with the Primary Election in August and the General Election in November.

What does this mean to you as a voter?

First and foremost, Sedona elections for City Council are no longer all vote-by-mail elections. Since the State and Federal Primary and General Elections are polling place or vote center elections, Sedona's City Council election must be held in the same format. If you are on the Permanent Early Voter List, you can still vote by mail but may have to go through additional steps to receive a ballot by mail. This also means that Yavapai County no longer handles Sedona elections for both Yavapai and Coconino Counties. Each county handles their portion of Sedona voters separately. Please watch your mail for specific information and instructions to voters from your County Recorder.

Secondly, "Independents" or those not registered to the main parties listed below can vote in the Primary; however, you need to tell your County Recorder which ballot you want to vote. If you are an "Independent" and are on the Permanent Early Voter List (PEVL), you should receive a tear-off card to send back to your County Recorder with your ballot choice. The ballots available to choose from will be party ballots from the Democratic, Green, and Republican Parties or a municipal only ballot. These ballots will include all the party races and the City races/issues. Independents will need to choose one ballot from the three choices shown. Please make sure that you return your tear-off card to your County Recorder in time for them to mail a ballot to you.

You can also vote in person on Election Day. Sedona voters

residing in Yavapai County can vote at any vote center in the County. The Yavapai County Vote Center in Sedona is located at the Elks Lodge #2291, 110 Airport Road. There are numerous other vote centers throughout Yavapai County which can be found by visiting their website, www.yavapai.us. Sedona voters residing in Coconino County can vote at their precinct polling place. Precinct 82, Sedona North, is located at Wayside Chapel Community Church, Jordan Hall, 401 North State Route 89A in Sedona. Precinct 83, Sedona South, is located at Christ Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall, 25 Chapel Road in Sedona. Please refer to your voter registration card to determine your precinct number.

If you are going to be out of town during voting, please contact your County Recorder to ensure that a ballot is sent to an address where you can receive it. Please note that ballots cannot be forwarded by the United States Postal Service and will be returned to the county. For information on early or absentee voting, please contact your County Recorder's office.

During the August 30, 2016 Primary Election, Sedona voters will be voting for Mayor and one Councilor for two-year terms, and for three Councilors for four-year terms. The two-year Council seat is to fill the remainder of the term for Councilor Angela LeFevre who resigned effective January 8, 2016. Tom Lamkin was appointed by City Council to fill this seat in March; however, his appointment is only effective until a new Council is elected following the 2016 election cycle.

A voter must be a qualified elector of the City of Sedona. A qualified elector of the City is defined as a person, eighteen years or older, whose name appears on the Coconino or Yavapai County voter registration lists for the City of Sedona, twenty-nine (29) days prior to the date of the election. The deadline for voter registration for the August 30, 2016 Primary Election is August 1, 2016. For more information, please contact the Sedona City Clerk's Office at 928-282-3113.

Remember that local races are often determined in the Primary Election; so make sure you VOTE!

Citizens Connect

In 2014, the City of Sedona launched a smartphone application called Sedona Citizens Connect which allows Sedona residents to help improve their neighborhoods and the City by reporting non-emergency civic issues, such as potholes, flooding, abandoned vehicles, and loose animals. The mobile app is free for iPhone, Android, and Windows smartphone devices. To download the App, search for "Sedona Citizens Connect".

Sedona Citizens Connect allows a user to capture a photo, video, or audio of the issue. The user then uploads the media, along with GPS location information pulled from the device, and submits a report directly to the City. Feedback is available to the user based on the action taken by the

appropriate department handling the report.

In addition, if you do not have a smartphone, you can report an issue via the City's website at www.SedonaAZ.gov, and look for the "Report It!" button. Service requests may also be tracked on the website.

This mobile and online reporting platform is an incredible collaborative opportunity between the citizens of Sedona and the City government. In addition, it will improve how the City delivers services to its neighborhoods. Using Sedona Citizens Connect allows the City to use technology to save both time and money while improving accountability and responsiveness.

Parks & Recreation

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

Let your local Parks and Recreation Department bring you some summer fun opportunities!

On the Fourth of July two great daytime activities are offered. Join Parks and Recreation for the free Fourth of July Laser Light Show,



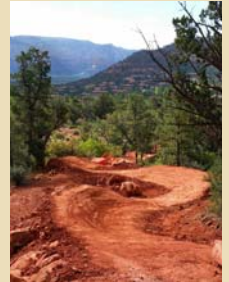
held indoors at the Sedona Performing Arts Center. There are four great opportunities to view this show at 12 p.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Each show is 25 minutes long. Arrive 15 minutes early to get seating. If the outdoors and water is more your style, check out the free Fourth of July Wet Fest. We open up the Sedona Community Pool from 1 to 4 p.m. on July 4 and fill the surrounding area with fun water slides, slip and slides, music, and food for sale. No alcohol or dogs are allowed at either event. Special thanks to Diamond Resorts International for sponsoring the Fourth of July Laser Light Show.

July is warm, but this department is hotter! We just keep cranking out the fun. Celebrate National Parks and Recreation Month every Wednesday in July. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the grass field of Sunset Park, participants can enjoy taking their turn on the duel lane, 30 foot long inflatable slip and slide or playing in the Splash Park. Enjoy the sunshine, playground, and lounging around with your friends at this relaxing community event. If that isn't enough water to satisfy you, take a trip to the Sedona Community

Pool, open six days a week until the kids are back in school.

The Sedona Community Pool has a variety of programming and family friendly special events to keep almost everyone satisfied. Swim laps, participate in an aerobics class, learn how to swim or just goof around during Open Swim, it's your choice. Heated to a comfortable 83 degrees, the pool offers eight lap lanes, both deep and shallow water for play, a water slide, lounge chairs on deck, and locker room facilities with showers.

Enough with the water, let's get dusty! Ride the new Sedona Bike Skills Park located within Posse Grounds Park. This new park amenity currently includes a Pump Park, Flow Trail and Tech Flow Trail. The Sedona Bike Skills Park is open during daylight hours.



It's not just kids and adults that enjoy the parks. Every Thursday from 8 to 9 a.m. it's all about the dogs! Bring your K-9 friends to Yappy Hour at Posse Grounds Park on the multi-use field. This once a week event provides pups and their owners with off-leash playtime and socialization on the cool grass field. Owners are responsible for the safety and behavior of their dogs.

Summer is here and we hope you join us for our diverse recreation offerings in Sedona. In addition, look to us all year long for creative, outdoor activities. For details and pictures of all of these events, amenities and more, we invite you to check out the Parks and Recreation photo/video albums and event pages at www.SedonaAZ.gov/Parks. See you in the park!

Community Development

City staff is excited to report that the second phase of park planning for the historic Ranger Station is now underway. One of Sedona's historic landmarks is the old Ranger Station on Brewer Road, featuring Sedona's oldest house (1917) and the Civilian Conservation Corps era barn (1934). To preserve this landmark, the City of



Sedona acquired the property in 2014. The goal was to create a city park in the original heart of Sedona that would provide a much needed community gathering space that will showcase the historic buildings. The park planning process began in 2015 by collecting ideas on how the park should be used and what amenities and activities should occur at the park.

The feedback was overwhelmingly in favor of a park for the community – inclusive of a diversity of community

activities, events, and organizations. There was also a strong desire to respect the authenticity of the buildings and to create a park that reflects both the natural and cultural history of Sedona. The first phase of park planning was to consolidate all of the ideas into a conceptual proposal.

City Council considered the conceptual proposal in January 2016 and recommended the proposal as the basis

for developing a park master plan, which is now being developed. The plan will take an in-depth look at what will fit into the park and the estimated cost of the elements being considered. Once complete, the draft plan will be made available for public comment and Council review which is anticipated this fall. Council will make the final decision on what activities and amenities will be included in the final park master plan. The approved plan will then be used to guide future budgeting, design, renovations, construction, and use of the property.

Citizen Engagement Program

Now in its stride, the Citizen Engagement Program has had over 150 people volunteer in one of the many work groups we've created in the last couple years. These work groups act as advisory boards, working alongside staff to address issues the City needs input on. They are wide-ranging, covering diverse topics like land-use planning, arts and culture, and health and safety.

The second half of 2016 will continue to offer more opportunities to volunteer including:

- Future focus groups on topics where the City needs targeted, quick feedback
- Land use planning work groups as the Community Development Department continues its Community Focus Area planning
- A budget work group to look at the City's long-range capital needs

To be placed on a work group or focus group, sign up online via the Citizen Engagement icon at www.SedonaAZ.gov, and look for the Volunteer Questionnaire.

If you don't have time to participate in the Citizen



Engagement Program in person, you can always give feedback on a variety of posted issues concerning residents at Engage Sedona, an interactive online tool at www.EngageSedona.MySidewalk.com.

And don't forget to follow the Citizen Engagement Program on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, which you can access through the icons on the bottom right of the Citizen Engagement Program web page. For more information, contact Lauren Browne, Citizen Engagement Coordinator, at LBrowne@SedonaAZ.gov, call 928-203-5068, or text 928-821-6958.

Finance

On May 27, 2014, City Council approved adjustments to the wastewater rates. The City's long-term goal is to ensure the wastewater system is financially sustainable and self-supporting. Currently, the City subsidizes the wastewater system with sales tax dollars, which represent approximately 40 percent of the total wastewater system income. The City Council has opted to implement lower increases to the wastewater rates over several years to gradually achieve the financially sustainable and self-supporting goal.

The wastewater rates will be increasing effective July 1, 2016 and will be reflected in the August 2016 billing statements. The impact to residential customers is as follows:

	Current Monthly Rate	Monthly Increase	New Monthly Rate
Standard Residential	\$56.50	\$2.26	\$58.76
Discount Programs:			
Residential Low-Flow Rate	\$43.94	\$1.76	\$45.70
Low-Income Residential Rate	\$29.74	\$1.19	\$30.93
Stand-by Rate	\$28.25	\$1.13	\$29.38
Environmental Penalty Fee	\$113.00	\$4.52	\$117.52

The City has two discount programs available for residential customers.

- The residential low-flow rate is available to qualifying residential customers. All toilets in the residence must be low-flow toilets (not to exceed 1.6 gallons per flush.)

- The discounted low-income residential rate is available to qualifying residential customers. These customers must meet the program's low-income requirements annually.

Property owners of vacant land with sewer availability are subject to the stand-by rate. This charge is based on the City's costs for maintenance and depreciation of the facilities built and available to serve parcels that have delayed development. Owners of developed property who have not connected to the sewer system when required are subject to the environmental penalty fee. Once property owners have connected to the sewer system, the monthly rates apply. For more information on connecting to the sewer system, please contact the Community Development Department at 928-282-1154.

The entire list of fees (including commercial rates) and additional information on the discount programs can be found on the City's website at www.SedonaAZ.gov/Sewer.

For customers using automatic payments, please remember to update your payment amount to ensure the correct amount is paid starting with the August 2016 billing statements to avoid any penalties or late fees.

If you have any questions about the wastewater rates or programs, please contact Billing@SedonaAZ.gov or 928-204-7185.

Public Works

The City of Sedona strives to protect Oak Creek through our codes and ordinances. In addition, the City has a General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4 Permit). This permit is issued through the Arizona Department of

Environmental Quality as authorized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under the Clean Water Act. A key intent of the Clean Water Act is to manage stormwater runoff from urbanized areas in a manner that protects surface waters from pollutants.

A three-dimensional display map of the City, which was commissioned by the City and the Oak Creek Watershed Council, was recently created. The 3-D map helps the City meet two of the requirements of the MS4 Permit; Public Participation and Involvement, and Public Outreach and Education. The map provides a great starting point for interaction with the public, residents, and visitors of all ages, as it has a natural draw due to the colors, aerial



picture, and interactive tactile nature of the map.

The map provides valuable information which gives the opportunity for education of the public including specific interpretation of stormwater basins, and how they interact and dispense flow to Oak Creek. This is vital to open discussion regarding pollution migration from any location in a basin

and how it will eventually reach Oak Creek. In addition, the map provides overview to the situational awareness of people as they put themselves on the map (e.g., where the person lives, works, and recreates).

It is expected that the City will continue to work closely with the Oak Creek Watershed Council in using this 3-D map for public outreach and education. The Oak Creek Watershed Council, while representing the City, will share the map during public outreach and education efforts at local events.

This 3-D map can be viewed by the public at City Hall in the Public Works Department building .

Arts & Culture

Thoreau once said, “The world is but a canvas to our imagination.” What a spectacular canvas we are surrounded by and how fortunate a large number of our residents are artists. Whether artistic expression is visual, performing, musical, literary, or culinary, Sedona is enriched by an abundance of creative energy. Part of the City’s vision statement is “to be a city that is animated by the arts.”

Following are some of the ways the City strives to live up to this notion through arts and culture.

The City has an annual small grants program where in the last three years, 62.5% of funding went to art organizations alone. For our younger population the City has funded the Artist in the Classroom Program. This program has successfully grown to employ 30 seasoned artists and this year alone has reached over 2,000 students from K through 12th grade.

Once a month local artists perform a Moment of Art at the beginning of the City Council meetings. These moments have included work by musicians, actors, poets, photographers and a mask maker (*see photo*). The Street Performer’s Program offers performers the opportunity to practice their craft in 1 out of 9 locations in Uptown Sedona. Activities can include musical, theatrical, aesthetic or artistic expression.



The City contracted with Red Earth Theatre, which transformed the old Teen Center building into The Hub. This affordable performing arts center is now a gathering space for artists to teach, rehearse and perform.

On a grander scale, the City’s 1.6 million dollar project, Posse Grounds Pavilion, is currently being built and scheduled to open this fall. This new community gathering place will attract live talent and be a special place for music and theatrical performances.

Our Mayor’s Arts Awards will be held in November at the Mary D. Fisher Theatre. This event promises to be an evening of creative entertainment and honoring local artists who have made a significant improvement to our community through the arts.

Last November the sculpture “The Open Gate,” created by artist Reagan Word, was installed and unveiled in the Schnebly Hill Roundabout. There was a wonderful turnout to celebrate this sculpture, which bears symbols indigenous to Sedona and now welcomes travelers driving our scenic highway as they enter central Sedona.

If you are interested in any of these programs, please contact Nancy Lattanzi, Arts & Culture Coordinator, at NLattanzi@SedonaAZ.gov, or call 928-203-5078.

Sedona City Council

Sedona City Council holds their regular meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 102 Roadrunner Drive. The meetings are broadcast live on the City's website at www.SedonaAZ.gov and on Suddenlink cable Channel 4. In addition, the City Council holds numerous work sessions and special meetings. For more information on meeting dates and times, please refer to the City's website.

Your City Council wants to hear from you.

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