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Ash Fork Water Service News

Ash Fork well #3- currently pumping- Project nears completion

The new well project is 98% completed with the well (AF #3) currently pumping to waste to allow for it to clean out sediment. The fence around the new well is nearing completion and only a small amount of work at the well head is left to call the project complete. The installation of a Transducer down the well will help us monitor pumping levels and recovery times.

We will be pumping the well on and off to waste over the next 30 to 60 days to get it to clean up sufficiently to run into the system. It may be that we do not require the extra production that the new well gives us, until the higher demand months of late Spring and Summer.

Current production rates for our Groundwater wells

AF #1 (Our Back-up well) 95-GPM

AF #2 (Our Primary production well) 124-GPM

AF #3 (Our newest well) 44-GPM est.

When water demand increases, the plan will be to run AF #2 & #3 simultaneously, thus our primary production rate will be 168 GPM. A very nice position.

Ash Fork Water Service just completed its on-site inspection from ADEQ. This inspection is completed every 3-years. We updated our emergency operations plan, re-filed our Lead and Copper report for 2024 and passed all the other review except, *the inspector felt we had too much soil and rock outside the foundation ring on our 2 water-storage tanks and that 1/2 of the ring should be exposed.*

. The rings have been in that condition since I came to work here over 30 years ago. The current situation provides for positive drainage away from the tanks.

All annual Backflow testing was completed in October this year.

Winter is around the corner. Winterize your water system now. Plug in your heat tapes. Cover your outside hose bibs. **Plan ahead!**

AFDA News

We have been busy this last month with the purchase of 32 acres north of town for the Sanitary waste station and potential AFDA community projects. This is a joint project between AFDA and the Sanitary District. It was Fayrene's hope that someday we would be able to build a ball field for Little League to use. We are discussing that possibility along with some other uses for our part of the property.

We had a great time at our Turkey Shoot at the end of September, even if we couldn't find any turkeys to award as prizes. The winners were given gift cards to Sportsmen's Warehouse. Many of our former residents returned, and it was like a reunion catching up with how their families are growing.



Ash Fork Sanitary District News

Are you concerned about your failing septic system or cesspool?

Yavapai County is offering grant funding to help homeowners replace failing septic systems or cesspools through the Yavapai County Home Repair Program. This program provides eligible homeowners with a new, legally permissible septic system at no cost.

About the Funding

Yavapai County received funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to assist low- and moderate- income homeowners in replacing failing septic systems and cesspools to ensure they are safe for people, animals, and the environment.

How to Apply

Yavapai County is receiving applications starting soon. You may join the waitlist now by contacting the Yavapai County Environmental Unit by phone: (928)771-3214, or email: Enviro.Services@yavapaiaz.gov. Funding is limited, so we encourage you to join the waitlist as soon as possible.

We may ask you the following questions to help determine your eligibility:

- Are you a resident of Yavapai County and a legal resident of the U.S.?
- Have you occupied the home full-time, year-round, for at least 12 months?
- Do you certify that you plan to occupy the property as your principal and only residence for at least five years?
- Are all your property taxes paid up to date?
- Is the home currently insured/insurable?
- Do you, as homeowner, have Fee Simple title to the property?

If you are unsure about your answers to any of the questions above, please reach out to Yavapai County Environmental Unit to help clarify. If you do not qualify, Yavapai County will not investigate or cite you for the current conditions of your wastewater system.

Yavapai County Home Repair Program Information and Application Workshop

Yavapai County and Ash Fork Sanitary District will be hosting an informational session to provide Ash Fork residents with additional information and assist with filling out applications on Wednesday, November 19, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Escalante Room by the Library. We look forward to seeing you there and helping you through the application process!

American Legion Robert Fulton Post 57

We invite you to join us for upcoming events.

11 Nov 5:00 pm Veterans eat Free. Come and spend time with us!! Stay for Bingo!

22 Nov 11:00 am Free Community Thanksgiving meal open to the public.

31 Dec 5:00 pm New Year's Eve party

Toys for Tots boxes are coming soon!

Every Tuesday at 6:00 pm Bingo is open to the public

Open Tuesday - Saturday

4:00 pm to ???

**All Veterans and Families
are welcome!**

**Follow us on Facebook at
American Legion Post 57
for more information**



**December
6th
6PM**

Christmas Light Parade

presented by:

The Ash Fork Development Association Inc.

COME & JOIN US!

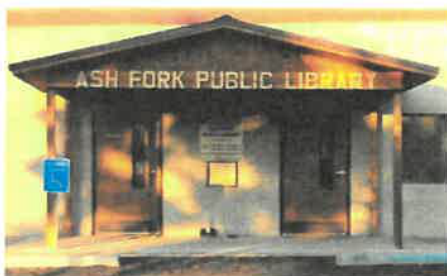
We Invite you to celebrate the most beautiful time of the year with us!
Come and enjoy music, homemade cookies, hot chocolate,
pictures with Santa and plenty of holiday cheer.

**PARADE APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE
AT THE SCHOOL OR WATER OFFICE**

**TROPHY'S FOR: BEST DECORATED
BEST HOLIDAY SPIRIT
MOST ORIGINAL**

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ASH FORK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Our Little Architects Program

Young builders can explore their creativity and problem-solving skills through hands-on LEGO projects. Meeting every second and fourth Friday from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, this fun and engaging group encourages imagination, teamwork, and early engineering skills.

Hello, Ash Fork Community!

As we turn the page on September and October, we want to thank everyone who helped make this month full of connection, creativity, and wellness at the library. Here's a look back at what's been happening.

Weekly Chair Yoga Club

Our Chair Yoga Club begins November 11 at 11:00 am. A relaxing and uplifting way to start the week! Each Tuesday morning, community members will gather for gentle stretches, breathing exercises, and mindful movement.

Interested in trying a session? Bring a mat or towel and come as you are!

Sewing Classes—First Friday and Third Friday of Every Month

September's Sewing Class was a success! Our tables were full of fabric, laughter, and creativity as participants worked on both beginner and intermediate projects. From hand stitching to machine techniques, everyone walked away with new skills—and in some cases, finished pieces!

If you missed it, don't worry! Our next class meets in the first Friday of next month. Supplies are provided, but feel free to bring your own projects!

Kids Club

Kids Club meets every Friday at 12:00—2:00 pm. Bring the kids for crafts, games, and educational fun!



Each session offers new building challenges and plenty of time for free play, making it the perfect space for curious minds to design, build, and dream big!

Book Club Highlights: September and October

This September, our book club enjoyed *A Walk in the Park*, a heartwarming story of second chances, unexpected friendships, and the healing power of nature. In October, we turned the pages of *The Monkey's Raincoat*, a gripping and witty mystery that will keep you guessing until the very end. Join us for engaging discussions, friendly conversations, and the joy of sharing great books with fellow readers—whether you finish the book or are just getting started, everyone is welcome!

Superintendent's Corner

Seth Staples, Superintendent

Ash Fork Schools

I hope everyone had a fun and safe Halloween. It was a great Halloween Carnival in the new bus barn. No need to truck over generators and lights to set up and enjoy the booths. A big thanks to everyone that participated and helped our students earn money for many activities and projects for the current year.

This year's Homecoming Bon-Fire was also hosted in the bus barn parking lot and made a great space to serve food and enjoy the evening. A huge thanks to our Ash Fork Fire Department for keeping the fire under control and ensuring everyone's safety. The bus barn is proving its worth as an amazing venue for community events and of course protecting our busses from the effects of weather.

As we continue the Fall Semester we conducted a survey of our high school students. The survey asked basic questions about the new goal of making our high school more relevant to their futures. During a parent/student survey conducted last school year it was evident that we needed more real life lessons in our curriculum.

We were happy to see that almost all high school students noticed a change in the right direction. This was most evident in the area of personal finance.

Some more good news for our district is the county's approval of a permanent student drop off and pick up plan. School administration has been working with Yavapai County Traffic Department to approve a safe and effective student drop off and pick up. The new plan has made everyone's lives a little easier and is definitely safer for our students. A big thanks to our staff and especially our parents in making this plan a success.

Letter grades will be out soon and of course we are hoping for A ratings for our schools. There was a great increase this year from last year, especially in the areas of growth. We will have a full grade break down when all the data is finalized.

Once again, thanks for all you do.

Seth Staples



Yavapai Health Clinic

The clinic has been slowly growing in serving our community. If you haven't stopped in to visit or make an appointment, they are very friendly and ready to assist any way they can. They are currently open every Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Until the paperwork catches up with our clinic, the doctors are utilizing tele-health to meet with patients, but hopes are that by the first of the year, doctors will be on site and may expand to 2 or 3 days a week as demand grows.

Work is in progress to add a pharmacy where your prescriptions can be filled here in town instead of having to travel 20 to 25 miles to the nearest pharmacy.

Every Friday they have some items of fresh vegetables or other food to give away to anyone who would like to take some.



It's shoebox season again!

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, is collecting shoebox gifts—filled with school supplies, hygiene items, and fun toys—to be delivered to children in need around the world in order to demonstrate God's love for them in a tangible way. For many of these children, these carefully packed shoeboxes are the first gifts they have ever received, and can be a treasure that lets them know they are not alone and not forgotten.

Since 1993, more than 232 million children in over 170 countries and territories have received a shoebox gift... and hundreds of those boxes have come through the generosity of donors right here in Ash Fork.

This year, 12 million more children will receive shoebox gifts, and you can be a part of that! Things like toothbrushes, school supplies, hygiene items, and small toys may seem commonplace to us, but to children affected by war, poverty, famine, and disease, they can life-changing.

Some suggested items to pack would be: "Wow" items (stuffed animals, dolls, clothing), personal care items (combs, toothbrushes, washcloths), school supplies (pencils, pens, notebooks, scissors, erasers, sharpeners), toys (balls, yo-yos, hacky sacks, Etch A Sketch).

Some items that **cannot** be included are: candy, gum, toothpaste, soap, used or damaged items, war-related items, or anything liquid or breakable.

If you're interested in participating and need shoeboxes, tips on how to pack a box, or further information on how you can help bring joy and hope into a hurting child's life, contact Carol Cox at: 928-606-3437.

National Collection Week this year will be November 17 – 24. Our local Drop-off Center is located at the First Southern Baptist Church (at the corner of 1st and Lewis) and will be open at the following times:

Monday, Nov. 17: 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 18: 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 19: 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 20: 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 21: 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 22: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 23: 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 24: 10 a.m. – Noon

We look forward to seeing you during National Collection Week!



The Ash Fork Development Association and the Ash Fork Water Service employees wish everyone a very happy holiday season

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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.

We're On The Web:

www.AshForkWaterService.com

ASH FORK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

GENERAL MEETING DATE:

November 19 at 7:00 PM

After the 5:00 Sanitary District Meeting

No AFDA Meeting in December

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

Ash Fork Tourist Center and Museum

Open Monday, Wednesday-Friday

and Saturday

10am-4pm

Operated by Volunteers

Ash Fork Historical Society

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 11:15 AM

Sunday Services 10:30 AM and 6:30 PM

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

Sunday Services 11:00 AM

Sunday (Bi-lingual) 10 AM Wed. Bible Study 6PM

Information call Pastor Robert (928)853-1122