



AFDA NEWSLETTER

ASH FORK WATER SERVICE

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2019 IN REVIEW



By Lewis Hume, Manager

Arsenic Treatment System received the bulk of the attention this past year. This Plant took two and one-half years to complete: from financial approval to financial application, project design/specifications, bidding, construction, testing, training, commissioning to certifying. It was a project that had some delays, high water in the creek and several challenges, but it is a project that turned out A+. The Treatment System adequately removes arsenic to below the acceptable standard. It is a system that is easily understandable in its operation and maintenance procedures.

A great Open House Event was held to commemorate the Treatment Plant commissioning. Locals from the community enjoyed a tour of the plant along with donuts and coffee. We then journeyed to the Community Center for some of Jose's famous tacos and a nice lunch.

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Message from AFDA President Fayrene Hume: HAPPY NEW YEAR! Ash Fork Development Association, Inc. was formed in September, 1966. Their mission is working for the betterment of our community. The Chronology list of assignments and accomplishments is something all can be proud of and there is more to come.

Please accept this invite to attend the regular monthly business meeting January 15, 2020 @7:00 pm to be held in the Escalante Room, next to the Marquee Sign, across from the Ash Fork Fire Station. In the hour you give attending you will garner first hand information regarding water reports, up-coming projects, Yavapai County Sheriff's Department up-to-date information on the happenings in our community, Yavapai County District 4 Supervisor's assistant shares things from the county, which are interesting and beneficial to us. Also, the bi-monthly AFDA Newsletter is made available to everyone with up-to-date information and events of the community. Who knows, you could become interested and consider serving yourself.

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The financing approval received from the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) allowed for the collection of a Debt Surcharge for the life of the application to pay back the loan and a reserve surcharge for a period of 5 years to set aside for any maintenance procedures required. Customers will be paying back a sum of \$65,000 in the loan debt surcharge.

Ash Fork Water utilizes this well and Treatment Plant to produce approximately 75% of our total water. Recent arsenic test show <7PPB arsenic level. 10PPB is the maximum allowable level in drinking water, Ash Fork Water must monitor the arsenic levels at this plant every quarter. The Running Annual Average of the last four quarters tested, (average of the four results) is how the level will be reported in the Consumer Confidence Report.



New Web Site Launched: ashforkwaterservice.com

We are happy to have a website to post important water related information. We can alert customers to possible water outages or construction projects that could affect your service. We always have our current Consumer Confidence Report posted. This is a report on the water you drink and any violations the company may have received from the Environmental Quality Group (ADEQ). I have had several customers find us online and print out our contract and communicate with an email. Works good. Check it out!

The Coin Op received an up-graded lane. A new mechanism was installed on the south lane of the coin operated facility in early summer. This upgrade allows for the use of both quarters and dollar bills. Many customers like the new machine (we see some fives and

tens also) while some others stick to the quarter only side. All good. I'm budgeting for the north side up-grade by 2021.

When we added the new coin-op mechanism, that left us with the old mechanism and it was installed on the west side of the water building. This spot was in service previously on the honor system. Now we advertise it as our RV/Water bottle fill, and it collects at the same rate as the coin-op facility.



2019 was the year Ash Fork Water placed second in the best tasting water in the State Competition. While we were attending our training conference, we decided to enter our filtered water into the competition. With nothing to lose it was entered. Professional testers from all over the state sat down to taste. When the glasses settled, Ash Fork was second. Missing first by one-point. With the new arsenic plant online, maybe first is in our future.

Stone Dam received a considerable amount of road work this past summer. Ash Fork Development Association (AFDA) and Arizona Game and Fish Landowners Cooperative Group contributed monies to the road improvements, road gravel and a new tent spot. Catfish stockings are scheduled for twice per season at approximately 500 lbs. per stocking. Fish stockings cost approximately \$1,500 per year. AFDA also pays for the port-a-potty at the site. Thanks to all of those who help out with picking up a little extra trash. This is our spot, lets all pitch in to keep it clean!

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Changes coming to the way MVD issues plates, tabs and documents....

Beginning in January 2020 customers will receive license plates, registration tabs and many documents such as vehicle titles through the US Mail. Customers will no longer be able to obtain them at an MVD or authorized third-party office. Customers should make sure their address is current and complete with the U.S. Postal Service and MVD.

All registration documents and license plate tabs, including those issued today at MVD self-service kiosks will be mailed. When customers renew, their record is updated instantly and a receipt will be proof of registration.

For customers getting a license plate, the change will also mean the plate number will be entered into the customer's service file and the

temporary plate issued at the office will have the same number as the permanent plate being mailed.

Customers who purchase Off-Highway Vehicle decals the same day they plan to use them at a recreational area will not receive the decal at the office, but will get a receipt that should be kept with them to prove the decals have been purchased.

In the future, more vehicle titles will transition to an electronic process.

Currently, a limited number of title transfers such as one-owner to one-owner transfers of Arizona-registered-vehicles can already be done entirely online through AZ MVD Now, which is available through ServiceArizona.com. More information at azdot.gov/mvd

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of **Richard and Elizabeth Alexander**. According to the Yavapai County Medical Examiner, "The pair may have succumbed to weather-related conditions," according to Dwight D'Evelyn, Yavapai County Sheriff's Office spokesperson.

They were residents of Juniperwood Ranch, north-west of Ash Fork.

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THANKS for all the aluminum can donations recently. Can donations have doubled since the installation of the new playground set and canopy. It's nice and I see the kids still enjoying their time.





ASH FORK MUSEUM/TOURIST CENTER

Ash Fork Historical Society Annual Open House Luncheon/Craft Fair went on as scheduled, in spite of the storm damage to the heating system at the Museum. A good turn-out, good food and socializing. Guests came from Prescott, Chino Valley and Seligman, some who make the trip each year. Thank you!

Please accept our apologies if you came to visit the Museum and found it closed. Some days our volunteers went home early due to the extremely cold conditions inside. Things are repaired and back to normal. We will reopen on January 6th after a holiday break. Our winter hours are 9:00 am until 3:00 pm Monday thru Friday.

The Society is looking forward to a busy New Year. We will soon have an additional twelve plaques to add to our History Walk. They have been ordered and are expected soon. We will also be putting together additional "Sharing Our History" presentations. If you have some local history to share and want to make a presentation, please come forward and let us know.



Small Town, Big Hearts!

In November, local donors contributed a record 470 shoeboxes to Operation Christmas Child, sending joy to needy children around the world.

This is the fifth year Ash Fork has served as an official drop-off location for this project, and enthusiasm among our community members continues to grow with each passing year.

Community Sharing

Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner held at the American Legion Post on November 23rd served 97 dinners. That included deliveries made to known shut-ins in the Tri-Communities. This dinner is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary with community donations. Their hope is everyone will have a warm Thanksgiving Dinner and some will have the opportunity to come and socialize.

In that same theme, a Christmas Community Lunch was served at St. Anne's Church on December 21st. This was a first and approximately 65 took part and carry-outs were delivered, some to people working and others who could not come out.

The lunch was sponsored by St Anne's Church and St. Vincent de Paul. Carolers sang Christmas carols while everyone enjoyed lunch. The singers included Mrs. Bush, James, Cruzita Vasquez and Juanita Quintanar. Thanks for sharing.

Clothing give-a-way at St. Vincent de Paul was well received, as were the toys. Thanks to everyone who participated and who donated for the reason. Fr. Ramirez enjoyed the opportunity to meet people from the communities.

Special Note: Things are getting close when St. Anne's will be celebrating the completion of a new front to the church. It has been 65 years since the Military Base Hospital was converted into St. Anne's Catholic Church. A little up-date was needed.

The simple items packed in these boxes—things like toothbrushes, school supplies and small toys—seem like small gifts to us, but they have enormous impact on the lives of the children who receive them, as well as their families and communities.

Whether you packed shoeboxes, donated gift items, volunteered during Collection Week, or helped spread the word about this project, many thanks to everyone who participated in Operation Christmas Child this year. Your contributions matters. What a wonderful example of the things that can be accomplished by a community with generous, caring hearts!

Wishing all of you a joyful year in 2020!

Arizona Education Tax Credit Program

ARS 43-1089 allows dollar for dollar tax credit for contributions made to Arizona Public Schools for supporting extracurricular activities.

This program allows individual Arizona taxpayers to receive a tax credit up to \$200 and married couples filing jointly up to \$400 for contributions in support of extracurricular activities, sports, educational field trips and character building programs.

Donating is easy. Call Sue Atkinson 928-637-2561 at the school or E-mail: satkinson@afjUSD.org to receive a School donation form. Return it by April 15 along with your check and the school will send you a tax credit receipt. Then apply the tax credit using Form 322 on your AZ income tax return.

Ash Fork Joint Unified School District #31

PO Box 247

Ash Fork, AZ 86320

ARIZONA SCHOOL TAX DONATION

PLEASE INCLUDE THIS FORM WITH YOUR DONATION

Taxpayers Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number (____) _____

Please apply my donation of \$ _____

Towards (circle one):

◇ Extracurricular activities

◇ Sports

◇ Canoe Project

Instructions:

1. Make your checks payable to: Ash Fork Joint Unified School District #31

2. Deliver or mail your check and this form to the school by April 15

3. The school will send you a tax credit receipt in the mail.

4. Apply the tax credit using Form 322 on your AZ income tax return (and possibly as a charitable deduction on your federal tax return—ask your tax advisor)

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 \$11.00/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!

First Small Town Christmas Lighting Ceremony for Ash Fork.....



This event took place on Nov. 22nd. What a great time. So many ventured out to brave the cold. There were many living in the country (dirt roads, etc.) that had their plans changed because of the rain. Making the trip up from Prescott were Supervisor Brown, Mrs. Brown and Mary Conner, assistant to Supervisor Brown. Some people have shared great comments in person as well as on Facebook. Ash Fork Development Association took this project on for the beautification of the town. We need to know from the community if this is something you would like to see each Christmas and are willing to support it with your donations. Organizations such as Ash Fork Historical Society and the American Legion have donated as well as some in-

dividuals both within the community as well as afar. This gives us hope that the fundraisers in the future will be supported by the community.

This being the very first time for such an event, we were not well prepared. Thanks go to Carrie and Eddie Sotelo and their family for being in charge of the sound system and Christmas music, a real plus for the event. Thanks to Randy for giving his permission to use his property as a set up point, Ash Fork Fire Department and K.E.W Fire Department for traffic control, Ash Fork Water Service for making sure everything was in order for the switch ON, AFDA Board Members for the cookies and hot cocoa, Floyd Martin for the use of his car lights so we could see and to Dustin Mast, Flag Landscaping Inc. for their incredible lighting scheme. There were an estimated 90—100 people in attendance. What a festive entrance to our town.

Winter storm hits Ash Fork...The winter storm that hit Ash Fork the day after Thanksgiving will not be forgotten anytime soon. Interstate 40 as well as State Route 89 were closed for some time. Then the power outage that went off at 3:00 am Friday until 2:00 am Sunday, 47 hours, and parts of KEW was even longer. It was an event that makes you think we need to be better prepared.

Of course the storm brought much needed moisture, which then made for muddy roads and broken tree limbs, not to mention the spoiled food from no refrigeration, and what do we do without the TV and computer games? The businesses suffered greatly with no power which left travelers without services, not to mention the repair personnel trying to find and fix the electrical damage.

Winter has just begun, so more storms can be expected as we experienced at Christmas. Damage from the Thanksgiving storm was big and clean up takes time. It's times like these when neighbor helps neighbor, dropping off firewood, pitching in to help remove snow so businesses and services could be open and available to those of the communities and visitors. Your kindness and giving of your time did not go unnoticed, Thank you—a good example of a caring community.

The damage done by the wet snow and blustery winds played havoc with our trees. Limbs broke everywhere in large quantities. This was a job too big for individuals. Thanks to Yavapai County for the offer of free dumping of tree limbs at Seligman and Paulden Transfer Stations from Dec. 3rd to Dec. 14th. Then another offer came down from the County for Dec. 14th. A chipper and a volunteer crew were coming to help with the tree limbs. Word was put out to place limbs near the street for the chipper, the vision being this would speed the chipping process. People took notice. There was a mountain of tree limbs throughout town. The chipper and crew arrived and began work on Railroad Ave., but then it was time to return to Prescott. Railroad Ave. looked great, but there was no time for the other streets. But good news. They were scheduled to be back Dec. 28th and 29th. Rest assured there would be lots of work.

In the meantime, wondering if this schedule would be enough for such a large task, on Monday morning, Lewis and

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Ash Fork Volunteer Appreciation Dinner...

It's the season when we look at what has been accomplished and give thanks for the gift of giving to benefit others. That brings Ash Fork Development Association Volunteers and Ash Fork Water Service to join Ash Fork Fire Department, First Responders and guests to get together for an Appreciation Dinner. We say thanks to families who, on a minutes notice, can have their plans turned up-side-down.

Good food, good company and the anticipation of having your number called to pick a gift from the tree. A reward

for all of us is to look at the great work accomplished and a happy smile.



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Water Service crew began putting their heads together which resulted in considering renting a chipper. After polling the AFDA Board Members for their opinion and approval a chipper was rented for one week duration knowing that the staff would be doing this between water business duties. They worked tirelessly for four days trying to get as much done as possible. Also Yavapai County crews and volunteers came on the 18th and 19th and chipped for a portion of their work day. It was noticeable how much they accomplished, but still much more to be done. Another reason for Ash Fork to step up was Ash Fork Fire Department and other emergency services were at risk, dodging tree limbs and in some areas access was blocked from fallen trees.

Some recognized the gift of those working to help clean up, which was beyond their regular job. The praise and thank you does help. Fuel was brought (donated) to keep the chipper running. Refreshments were brought and a volunteer hand at times. The praise and thank you helps overshadow some of the complaining and criticizing. While the county crews had equipment connected with the chipper to collect chips which were then dumped at a convenient location, the Ash Fork's crew's rental did not, which resulted in small piles of chips here and there. Look at it this way, it makes good mulch and it's free. The rental chipper did not do well with the small brush like branches either, which resulted in breakdowns.

Thanks to Yavapai County Public Works Director Dan Cherry, Kevin Larimore and Earl Percy, Roads Supervisor and Board of Supervisors. Yavapai County is big and everyone was hit with the storm. We'd like to be first for the fix but so would everyone else. Patience and "wait your turn" is a must for the crews to be scheduled. ADOT was also called and came to remove limbs from the sidewalks on Park and Lewis Avenues. As for Ash Fork, who does not have a budget for this, bit the bullet and went to work.



County crews at work

Ash Fork Water Crew at work.





FIRST THINGS FIRST

Do you have a child aged birth to five in your life? If so, this presentation is for you!

Whether you are a parent, grandparent, caregiver or friend, come learn how playing, sharing books and having back-and-forth conversations—even before they can talk—helps young children learn words and language. Quality time with you is also the best thing for your child's healthy development.

Teen Mothers come learn about resources especially for you!

WHERE: Ash Fork Public Library: 450 W. Lewis Ave., Ash Fork, AZ

WHEN: Friday, January 24, 2020 @ 10:00 AM

All children birth to five will receive a free book they can take home to keep. Refreshments will be served and a number of fun video resources shared to help parents and caregivers understand why the early years matter. **90% of a child's brain develops before age five.** Come learn how you can help your baby or toddler develop the important brain connections they need to be ready for kindergarten and set for life.

About First Things First - First Things First is a voter-created, statewide organization that funds early learning, family support and children preventive health services to help kids be successful once they enter kindergarten. Decisions about how those funds are spent are made by local councils staffed by community volunteers. **To learn more, visit FirstThingsFirst.org**

ART SHOW AT THE LIBRARY

WHEN: April 1st to April 30th
WHERE: Ash Fork Public Library
WHO: Artists, 15 years old and up
WHY: For fun

CRITERIA:

1. Unframed or framed
2. Not signed, will be numbered
3. Size: Not to exceed 18" x 24"
4. Two (2) entries per artist
5. Will be judged:
 - Patron's Choice (1)
 - Best of Show (1)
6. No entry fee. Donations are welcome.

SIGN UP AT THE LIBRARY BY MARCH 15, 2020



More pictures of the clean-up in Ash Fork

County personnel making small work of all the downed branches.

County working their way thru the huge pile.



Lewis, Joe and Jose getting the job done.



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**ASH FORK DEVELOPMENT
ASSOCIATION, INC.
MEETING DATES:
JANUARY 15, 2020
FEBRUARY 19, 2020
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
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Operated by Volunteers
Ash Fork Historical Society**

Ash Fork School Schedule

Jan. 20, 2020	No School-Observance-Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Feb. 17, 2020	No School-Observance of President's Day
March 5, 2020	End of 3rd Quarter
March 9-19, 2020	Spring Break

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