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ASH FORK WATER SERVICE

From the Water Desk By Lewis Hume, Water Manager



o attempt to comply with the recent health directives issued by Health officials and Governor Ducey, Ash Fork Water has instituted the following measures:

Reduction in office hours open to the public- we have committed to Mondays and Fridays 8-4 pm (billing weeks will vary from this)

We encourage our customers to limit the need to come into the office. You can pay your bill over the phone with a credit card. Drop your payment in the drop box located near the front office door. Call to talk over the issue before scheduling a meeting.

All touch surfaces (knobs, coin slots etc.) office door and front counter, drop slot etc., are being disinfected a

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couple times per-week.

All quarters coming through the filter machines or coin operated standpipe receive a disinfection bath. Can't do that with the \$ bills.

Other information and helpful tips:

You can download a contract from the web site, complete, and drop it off with a check and schedule over the phone for a turn on, or a new hauling account.

Construction water has been large so far this year. Fisher construction is back working on I-40 near Seligman. Sema Construction has finished their portion of the railroad project. Now Fann Construction is coming in to work over an additional 2-miles of RR grade.

The Centennial Park has been temporary closed. As soon as government officials give the go ahead we have planned a through disinfection of the play facilities and a reopening.

We have placed a spray bottle and paper towel roll in the water office should any customer think the fill hose needs cleaned up.

Please use only this solution.

Ash Fork schools is interested in the idea of Spartan support logo on the water storage tanks. This is coinciding with our need to repaint the exterior of the storage facilities. Go Spartans

Working out the details on a main line extension in the Murphy Shell Station area.

A new Flagpole has been ordered for the LLC Building (Library/Learning Center)

Remember: Call us first, Pay over the phone w/credit card, if you can, limit your time in the office. Thank you.

Got a question give us a call. 637-2774

Not all is in despair. The trees, tulips and dandelions are looking great. It's a lilac bloom year and my yard has a new smell. Wow!! Nice





Top: Flowering Plum in front of Water Co.

Pictures of trees and shrubs in East Median



Elections 2020..... The Primary Election is scheduled for Tuesday, August 4, 2020 with the General Election being Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

Our District 4 Board of Supervisors in Yavapai County-has three candidates. They are:

Jane Anderson, a Republican from Paulden; Rand Armstrong, a Libertarian from Prescott and Craig Brown, incumbent, a Republican from Prescott.

Make your voice heard, get out and VOTE!



ASH FORK CEMETERY CLEAN-UP DAY—MAY 16, 2020

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!



Ash Fork Vietnam Memorial Monument

Lonnie Courtney has had in his heart for sometime to see a memorial for his comrades who served in Vietnam, especially to honor his fellow soldiers who gave their life on the battle front. This memorial is on it's way to being real.

Lonnie was close friends with Gilbert Reyes and Scott Brown, all remembered from Ash Fork High School days. He brought his idea to the community of Ash Fork and specifically to the Ash Fork Development Association, who offered a site in the heart of town—The Historical Monument. Lonnie's idea was to have the new monument be similar to the State Centennial Monument.

David Reyes, contractor and brother of Gilbert, Leslie Dunbar, Dunbar Stone have all offered labor and donation of stone.

Mr. Tiedeman and his welding class of Ash Fork High School have done a beautiful plaque for the insert.

Though Courtney had some bumps in the road, the project is coming together and he is now anxious to see it in place.

For those who served their country, the community says thank and look forward to the date of the unveiling of the Memorial.



ASH FORK MUSEUM/TOURIST CENTER

The Museum/Tourist Center has been closed during this pandemic. We will reopen when it is deemed safe to do so.

Also Pioneer Day 2020 has been canceled.

2020 Census... Have you been counted???

You received in the mail a notice that read "Census 2020 is here". Your participation directly impacts federal resources for our communities. This means more funding for roads, health care, water services, education and more.

Please take a moment, if you have not already done so, and be counted. It has been reported only 47% in Yavapai County have participated. Step up and be counted. Questions are brief. Those with computers: iCount2020.info or by Phone: 1-844-330-2020

EARTH DAY 2020... Earth Day was April 22nd which was the 50th Anniversary of this event. Though this year Ash Fork was not in a position to do a planned project for our community, we can look around at much of the beauty of spring blossoms and be proud as many are the results of past Earth Day projects. Next year we hope to make up for it. Even though the day has passed, we can still do something. Our earth is very important. Pick a corner that could use some TLC (tender loving care) and give a hand.. Take a before and after picture and share it. A pair of gloves to pull weeds, a rake and trash bag and you can make a difference.



Community Calendars..... Ash Fork Development Association, Inc. again will be doing the Community Birthday Calendar, our 59th Issue. The calendar starts in August 2020 and your continued support is greatly appreciated. Proceeds from the calendar project go back to the community, mostly for youth programs and activities and where needed most for the community (Little League, Community Park, Stone Dam Recreation, etc.).

Businesses—Thank You. The calendars serve as a Phone Directory for those who list their businesses. Those businesses that are listed on the current calendar will be asked if they wish to renew first. If there are any vacant spots new ads are added.

Business ads are \$50.00 for a small ad and a double ad is \$100. Families can list birthdays, anniversaries, and memorials and the cost of the calendar is \$6.00 each.

Sign up sheets will be at the Water Company and at the School. Contact Fay: 637-2413 or 637-8629

To help out with disposal of yard debris Yavapai County is currently offering a **SLASH PRO-GRAM** until June 1, 2020. You can dump branches, brush, grass, leaves and yard trimmings at the local transfer stations. Not acceptable are: lumber, stumps, roots, cactus, metal and garbage. All slash must be removed from plastic bags. Commercial loads will not be accepted.

Paulden Transfer Station: 928-925-3249 Open 8-4 Tuesday, Wed., Thurs., Friday & Sat.

Seligman Transfer Station: 928-713-9769 Open 8-4 Wednesday, Friday & Sat.

a second time.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY! We have HOPE that things will level out and somewhat back to normal by summer. AFDA was proud of last years "Small Town Christmas Lighting Event" for the first time and have hopes of there being

What we are faced with at this time is the planning for the fund raising—how will it go? Will the economy be up and can our plans work out? Donations could be on the light side.

We don't have a sure thing so we'll chance it and start planning and see if it works or not. What are your thoughts?

Stay Home—Stay Healthy—Stay Connected.. This has been the norm during the COVID 19 pandemic. However there has been connection during this period. Ash Fork School Board meetings have been held via ZOOM.

Ash Fork Development Association, Inc. held their April 15th meeting via ZOOM. Board member Carrie Sotelo organized the seating space and computer. Some of the board members decided to attend physically while others joined in from home.

First time for everything.

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

Visit nacog.org to complete an employment application.

Questions: <u>HR@nacog.org</u>

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!



Photo: Rachel Mills and Seth Paget as they delivered the Red Bags.

St. Vincent de Paul-Ash Fork Help Center/Food Pantry has been very busy. It was open each week on Thursday's, however, that had to change. The new schedule is now every other week. The food supply is not enough to get through from one food pick up to the next.

Since the Coronavirus Pandemic volun-

teer workers fill the bags. A table is set up outside for you to sign in and take the pen with you, it is your's to keep, then grab a bag of food. We also must help keep

everyone safe, so you are reminded to keep the distance, even if you don't like the guidelines.

Donations are accepted: Checks and cash for St. Vincent de Paul can be dropped into the donation bucket at the Pantry or mailed to: St. Vincent de Paul, St. Joseph's Conference, P.O. Box 392, Williams, AZ 86046. Many are struggling at this time, so help is needed.

Yavapai County Community Health Service has reached out to Ash Fork. Rachel Mills and Seth Paget, Health Educators pictured above, delivered bags of toiletry goods which were given out April 16th and April 30th when the Pantry was open. Their helping hands have been greatly appreciated. Their committee received support from private individuals and business people of the Prescott area. They were able to fill forty bags. Oh, yes, there was toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels, soap, shampoo, location, etc., plus health care information. These gift bags were a big plus for those who are in need and use the Food Pantry.

THANK YOU—Yavapai County Community Health Service. Your helping hand to Ash Fork is greatly appreciated. Rachel Mills and Seth Paget organized a coworker food drive at their Prescott office and on April 29th delivered the boxes of food to St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

Also a big thanks to Juniperwood Food Bank who shared their excess food with St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

The St. Vincent de Paul Ash Fork's Help Center/Food Pantry will be open May 14th and May 28th. This twice a month schedule will stay in place for the near future to help those in need.

We also wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office who also brought food.

COMMUNITY HELPING HANDS





#FIRST THINGS FIRST

Lynda Bennett 480-493-6566 lbennett@firstthingsfirst.org

Providing resources to support families of young kids at home and beyond

These are challenging times for families, especially those with young children, who are especially sensitive to situations causing stress in their environments and among their adult caregivers.

First Things First, Arizona's early childhood agency, is committed to providing parents and caregivers with information and resources to support families with young children as our communities continue to be impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19).

As families spend more time at home, FTF has rounded up some resources that remind parents that everyday moments matter most when it comes to young children's development. These include:

- Helping your child learn through play https://www.firstthingsfirst.org/resources/learnthroughplay/
- Boosting learning through active, outdoor play https://www.firstthingsfirst.org/first-things/active-outdoor-play-boosts-learning/
- Building a love of math and science early https://www.firstthingsfirst.org/first-things/build-love-of-math-science-early/
- Developing language and literacy skills https://www.firstthingsfirst.org/resources/language-and-literacy/

In addition, below are some resources to help you support your toddler or preschooler during the coronavirus health crisis. A top tip when talking with young children about any difficult situation? Keep it simple and age-appropriate. For example, "We're taking a break from playing with others so we can all stay healthy."

Birth to Five Helpline

The Birth to Five Helpline is a program of Southwest Human Development and is partially funded by First Things First. It is a free service available to all Arizona families and caregivers of young children.

Having someone to talk with or lend an empathetic ear is more important than ever, and the helpline's early childhood experts are available by phone, text or email to answer any parenting questions, from basic health and nutrition to how to handle challenging behaviors and more. Helpline specialists can also help you think about how to talk with children in an appropriate way about what is going on in our world and all you are doing to keep them and their families safe. Birth to Five Helpline specialists are available by phone/text at 877-705-KIDS (5437) Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., or you can send a message online.

Talking to young kids about coronavirus

Our partners at ZERO TO THREE offer several excellent resources and tips for families, including age-appropriate responses to common questions and activities for young children while social distancing. https://www.zerotothree.org/resources/3210-tips-for-families-coronavirus

Sesame Street: Caring for Each Other

The early learning experts at Sesame Street know that children thrive with structure in their lives and learn best through play. This site provides content, resources and ideas to offer comfort and spark playful learning moments. https://www.sesamestreet.org/caring

PBS Kids for Parents

PBS Kids offers a wealth of helpful articles and videos, including, how to talk to your kids about coronavirus: (https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/how-to-talk-to-your-kids-about-coronavirus) and how you and your kids can de-stress during coronavirus: https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/how-you-and-your-kids-can-de-stress-during-coronavirus.

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About First Things First –First Things First is a voter-created, statewide agency that funds early learning, family support and children's preventive health services for children birth to age 5. Decisions about how those funds are spent are made by local councils staffed by community volunteers. To learn more, visit FirstThingsFirst.org.

ASH FORK UNIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

Seth Staples

hope this article finds you and your family healthy and safe. It is an understatement to say that things have changed dramatically since our last AFDA Newsletter. The 2020 School Year will definitely be one for all of us to remember. I am very proud of all the employees, parents and students that have stepped up to the plate and are making the best of the current situation. I hope this letter can an-

swer some questions about Ash Fork Schools that you may have.



First, we are still moving forward with academics via an online platform for most students. For a detailed summary for each grade level, please visit the school's website. The district has distributed fifty hotspots to help families receive the internet required to accomplish instructional assignments. Many families have also received devices to accomplish schoolwork as well. A big shout out to Mrs. Carrie Sotelo-Ayala for successfully tackling this difficult task. If you are a family that attends Ash fork Schools and still need help with on-line schooling please reach out to us and we will do our best to help. We understand the added strain that is created on families when campus is closed and much of the responsibility that now falls on parents to ensure students are learning. We also believe that it is impossible to simulate the classroom environment at home, but hope that students are able to review and stay sharp before the summer recess.

Second, we are planning to have high school graduation on May 21st. The graduation will take place on the soccer field and all CDC guidelines will be followed. Mr. Martin is working hard to make this a great graduation and will have more details soon. We are not having a Kindergarten Graduation, and are still not decided on middle school promotion, but are probably leaning towards not having it at this time due to the circumstances.

The last question I usually hear is "when will school reopen?" I really wish I knew the answer. I am expecting us to begin the school year July 22nd like our calendar states. Obviously, we are under the restrictions of the state and federal government. When we get information, we will get it out to families as soon as possible.

The kitchen staff is working very hard to get food out to students on a regular basis. This has taken coordination between government agencies, transportation department, and of course the food service department here at Ash Fork Schools. Thank you so much Michelle Coffey for all your great meals and dedication.

We have been taking advantage of this closed campus to take care of much needed building projects. The new gym floor is scheduled to go in the next couple of weeks and the gym is currently being re-stained and painted. The new floor and paint will also be accompanied with new bleachers. The staff is also painting classrooms and walls during this time, and new carpet and tile are on the radar.

Once again, stay healthy and safe. Things will get back to normal eventually and we will look back on the close of the 2020 school as one to be remembered and hopefully not repeated.

Survey to gauge interest in county transportation

Northern Arizona County of Governments (NACOG) is conducting a survey to gauge Yavapai County residents' interest in learning more about your experiences with and thoughts on passenger transportation in the county.

Passenger transportation means transportation provided by a public or private service. This type of transportation includes: public buses traveling on an established route and schedule; nonprofit service providers offering rides for medical appointments, shopping and other regular needs; shared-ride services, such as taxis, Lyft or Uber; and carpools or vanpools for work.

Nonprofit service providers are those that provide disability, social and health care services, while also offering transportation services to their clients. This survey takes five to 10 minutes to complete and is accessible online at:

surveymonkey.com/r/NACOGTransportationSurvey.

If you are interested in filling out the survey, you are tentatively being asked to turn it in by May 31, 2020.

The results of this survey will be posted on the NACOG website later this spring at <u>nacog.org</u> and included in a report on passenger transportation services in Yavapai County this fall.

If you have any questions, call Pedro Rodriguez, NACOG Yavapai County Mobility Manager, at 928-778-1422 or send an e-mail to him at: prodriguez@nacog.org.

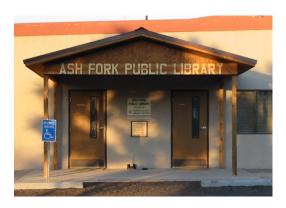
Information provided by NACOG

Ash Fork Public Library http://ycfld.org

library.district@yavapai.us

928-771-3192

Ash Fork Public Library is currently closed to the public. Reference available by phone or email. WI-FI available outside library. Book Drop is open.



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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 20, 2020
JUNE 17, 2020
7:00 PM GENERAL MEETING
ESCALANTE MEETING ROOM @LLC BUILDING
LEWIS AVE. & 5TH STREET (BY THE MARQUEE)

Ash Fork Tourist Center
And Museum
Currently Closed
Date to be determined for reopening!
Operated by Volunteers

Operated by Volunteers
Ash Fork Historical Society

Thoughts:

- "Your problem isn't the problem. Your reaction is the problem."
- "Give every day a chance to be the most beautiful day of your life."
- "Snails do not despair for having short legs, but rejoice for being able to travel long distances in spite of them."

Community Church Schedules:

Ash Fork Baptist Church Lewis Ave. & 1st St. Sunday Services 11:00 AM

Pathway Chapel Double A Ranch Rd. Sunday Services 10:30 AM and 6:30 PM

St. Anne Catholic Church 7th St. Wed. & Sat.: Rosary 3:30 p.m. Mass 4:00 PM

Gospel of Faith Church Bullock Rd. @ Cattle Guard Sunday Services 11:00 AM

Emmanuel Trinity Church 47423 N. 4th St.

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