



ASH FORK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.



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# AFDA NEWSLETTER

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## From the Water Desk

by: Lewis Hume, Water Manager

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**Water System Capacity-Operational Procedures** 

Ash Fork Water Service system is comprised of 2ground water wells. Ash

Fork #1 and

Ash Fork #2. We typically pump in the 40-Millions gallons per-year range, total.

Operationally AF #2 is our primary production well. Currently it produces water at a rate of

150- Gallons per-minute (GPM). This is equivalent to 216,000 gallons in a 24hour period or

6.48 Million gallons per month (30-days).

AF #1 is our back-up well. It currently produces at a

ate of 118 GPM. 170,000 gallons per 24-hour period. 5.1 Million gallons per month (MGPM).

So, to proceed we are saying AF Water Service has a production capacity of 6.5 MGPM.

Using 2021 water production data we see that June had the highest amount with a total water produced at 4.78 MG for the month.

Some simple subtraction on the 2-numbers tell us we have 1.72 MGPM remaining capacity.

In my opinion these numbers are well within our current capacity and capabilities.

In June of 2020 while a I-40 construction job was ongoing we utilized our Back-up well to meet production demand. The total pumped for that month was 6.56 MG.

So our Back-up well serves us in a couple ways; we rely on it to produce water when the main production well equipment fails and, or to increase our Production Capacity temporarily, to meet Peak demand requirements.

While utilizing back-up production capacity to meet higher temporary or seasonal demands can be achieved with limited concern, I would caution about utilizing back-up production capacity to meet daily demands.

While neither TA of America or Pilot has provided any estimated water consumption data for their proposed operation, we are somewhat protected by the cost, area required and complexity of commercial

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son-site wastewater disposal. With that in mind I esti- Washington DC National conference competition. mate the following:

TA of America and Pilot -water use Peak 750,000 gallons per month. \$5,500.00 in revenue.

## Other Damp News

Contract for Engineering Service was recently signed for the new pumphouse project at Ash Fork #1 site. Civiltee Engineering out of Prescott will be preparing the project for us. The project is funded through a Community Development Block Grant awarded by Yavapai County Board of Supervisors.

The Safe Drinking Water Act has seen some revisions, specifically to the lead/copper rule. Lead pipes and galvanized pipes down stream of a lead pipe are the focus of the revisions. I have not located any lead pipes within our system. To comply with the rule Ash Fork Water Service will be inventorying the types of service line materials in use in the system. In conjunction with this inventory of service line material types we will be installing new meters in some locations. Meters planned for replacement are in excess of 25-years old. These are mostly residential meters.

Ash Fork Water Service personnel will be attending the annual Rural Water conference in Prescott in May. It is a 2-day conference with training sessions and vendor demonstrations. We will also be submitting our water into the Best Tasting Water Contest. Stay tuned. We'll let you know how our water did. The winner from the Prescott conference goes on to Washington DC National conference competition.

The ARPA Grant selection committee has released some initial information on the process, with the awards to be announced sometime in May. Ash Fork Water Service applied for substantial funds from this program for improvements to the water system.

It was agreed to apply to Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Az (WIFA) for system improvement funds. First, for anticipated shortfalls in the pumphouse project, (adding Arsenic treatment and the high cost of products). Second, add in projects that were not funded through the ARPA Program. We could also include the new Standpipe facility we have started talking about. Storage tank/pressure system/new process equipment/new location.

WIFA is responsible for administering the water and wastewater Infrastructure improvement monies from the Fed's.

Remember to stop by or call the water office with any water related questions or concerns.

You can't expect our friends downtown to know all the answers.

928-637-2774

Ashforkwaterservice.com

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

PIONEER DAY MAY 7, 2022

MOTHER'S DAY MAY 8, 2022

FATHER'S DAY JUNE 19, 2022

SUMMER BEGINS JUNE 21, 2022

# ASH FORK CEMETERY CLEAN UP



Saturday, May 21, 2022 beginning at 8 AM will be Cemetery Clean Up Day. Work until you get tired or everything is clean. Trimming, raking, dumping trash barrels, sprucing up plots for Memorial Day Services. There is work for everyone.

Students who need community service hours, this is the time—you are needed!



We are happy to announce that Ash Fork has a new 4H Club; The Ash Fork Sunsets! The club offers: Cloverbees (4 years old), Cloverbuds (5-7 years old and for 8-18 years of age they offer archery, crochet, table setting, photography, swine, rabbit, cavy, equine, poultry. goat, sheep, lamb and beef. The main mandatory meeting is always on the first Friday of every month at 3:00 pm located at the Ash Fork Community Center.

Please contact the club leader, Raina Marshall, at (928) 310-4391 for additional information.

#### ASH FORK SCHOOL NEWS



Ash Fork Superintendent Seth Staples signs a check for a student who rated highly proficient on the AZ Merit test. APS donated \$50 per high achieving student at the school, with a total of \$1,600 donated to the students.

In other news, Ash Fork Elementary School students participated in a Walk-A-Thon at the school on April 8. This is just one of several Walk-A-Thons held throughout the school year and is part of the students wellness plan. Prizes were awarded based on the number of laps completed by students. Prizes included bicycles, pedometers and a



portable basketball hoop, among other items. The 25 participating students on April 8 walked a total of 160 miles.



## ASH FORK DEVELOPMENT NEWS

The regular April business meeting of AFDA brought together many people showing an interest for first-hand information on proposals slated for Ash Fork.

Special guests included Supervisor Craig Brown. The BOS is beginning their budget negotiations. He also reminded us of the Free Slash Program currently in effect until June 1st. You are able to take your tree trimmings and yard work to dump free at the Seligman or Paulden Transfer Stations. Mr. Brown is also working on a Community Clean-up Day slated for sometime in September in cooperation with Coconino County. More information to follow.

Jeremy Dye, newly appointed Director of Yavapai County Development Services spoke about the Comprehensive Plan. They need our input for Ash Fork and what types of development we foresee for the next 10 years. Add your comments by going to their web site: https:// planningyayapai2032.org. He also talked about their program 'A Home of My Own!' This program has been in existence since 2021 and have issued 18 building permits with more pending. This innovative program works by offering the community a complete set of plans to build their home within Yavapai County's jurisdiction. The house plans have been drawn by a registered architect and customers can choose from one, two, or three-bedroom floor plans. And the best part is....the plans are FREE! To see the different floor plans go to: https://www.yavpai.gov/ devser/A-Home-of-My-Own, or contact the Prescott office with questions at (928)771-3214. Of course, of interest to us all is the proposal by Pilot Truck Stop to construct a facility at the Old Ted's Truck Stop on the east end of town. A meeting was planned with Pilot for the week of April 25th.

Sgt. Scott Joy was in attendance after a long absence due to an injury. We currently have four deputies for our area and hope to increase that to six by June.

Guy Medmen, Principal with LB Petroleum (via Zoom) brought us up-to-date on the proposed TA Truck Stop for the west end of Ash Fork. After dealing with ADOT for the past year they hope to have building plans and permits approved by June 29th and begin excavation on July 1st.

Donna Goldsmith, Realtor with Old West Properties reported there was no forward movement on Post Office at this time.

Unable to be present were Janet Dean from APS and Patrice Horstman, Coconino County Supervisor due to the

fire in Flagstaff. Mr. Ross Shevor from Pilot Truck Stops was not in attendance also.

Little League scholarships were approved and a check was presented to Stacie Benavides, Ash Fork's Little League liaison.

AFDA awarded College Scholarships to two Ash Fork School seniors. Kamryn Reardon-Hoaglund and McKendy Benson were the lucky recipients. Congratulations!

The Ash Fork Water Service is very busy with repairs to properties, making additional parking spaces by water service building and hopeful that they are one of the lucky recipients for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant as well as applying for additional funds for the pump house project. Looks like a very busy summer. Speaking of which we will apply again for summer youth workers though the NACOG program.

#### **ATTENTION**

ADOT will be sweeping Park and Lewis Aves. the first week in May. Your help is needed to do a good clean sweep. They can't sweep where vehicles are parked, so please remove all vehicles for this time frame. The gutters are full. Traffic lanes were painted on April 28th. Thanks!



**T-BALL PRACTICE 2022** 



# 24th Ash Fork Pioneer Day Saturday, May 7, 2022

## ASH FORK MUSEUM 901 W. OLD ROUTE. 66, ASH FORK, ARIZONA

## **Come Join Us For Family Fun**

Cash	9:00	Parade Line-Up at Museum
Prizes for	10:00	Parade and Chili Entries Due for Judging
Best chili!	10:30	Chili Judging
	11:00	Serving Food
	10:00 a.m.–	-3:00 p.m. Booths Open

## **Highlights of Pioneer Day:**

# Parade, Antique Autos, Demonstration Booths, Crafts, Homemade Pies and Chili.

Parade, Booth and Chili Cook-Off entry forms can be found at Ash Fork Water Service, Ash Fork Library or Ash Fork Historical Museum. Contact Fay Hume (928) 637-2413 for more entry and festivity information.

This yearly event is a way to bring the community together and share what the Ash Fork Historical Museum offers of Ash Fork's history and see the results of our volunteers' efforts, as well as a fundraiser for the Museum.

## **DO YOU NEED EYECARE?**

THE LIONS OF YAVAPAI WANT TO HELP YOU!

Requests for eyecare, including eye exams and glasses will be taken by the LIONS.

Where: Ash Fork Public Library

928-637-2442

When: Wednesday, May 18, 2022

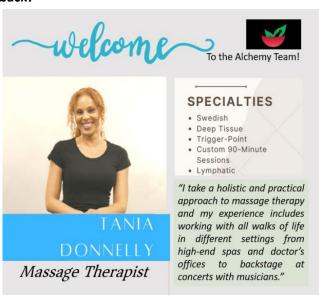
Contact: Ash Fork Library

928-637-2442

APPOINTMENT REQUIRED

## Daniel Knight FNP 855-277-5901

# THE BIGGEST NEWS AT ALCHEMY - Massage Therapy is back!



Tania Donnelly LMT has joined the Alchemy Team. We are getting rave reviews from Patients about Tania's skill and expertise. Tania customizes her therapy sessions to each patient, mindful of their medical issues and sensitivities. We are particularly proud to have a therapist who practices Lymphatic Massage. Many patients suffer from severe swelling in their arms or legs following cancer treatment, and need to wear compression sleeves. Lymphatic massage has many benefits, but reducing swelling over the long term is a huge benefit. These skills are hard to find in Northern Arizona, and we intend to keep her! Tania is scheduling appointments every Tuesday and Thursday between 10 and 4. Please call for rates and scheduling.

Important Updates on Covid-19 Testing, Treatment and Vaccinations. Covid-19 News is a mixed bag, so to speak. We have seen a significant drop in Covid-19 symptoms. We have also seen an uptick in vaccinations. The community seems to be doing what it can to keep this virus away. The Pandemic Emergency, however, has been officially extended by HHS another 3 months. Mainly, this measure is to maintain funding for some public services related to Covid-19, and as a precaution in case there is another

wave of infections across the country in the coming months. Infections are spiking in other areas of the country, but we seem to be holding our own right now. That's always a good thing.

The Cares Act, which was funding Covid-19 related testing, vaccinations and treatment for uninsured patients is no longer funded. Covid-19 related testing, vaccinations and treatment will still be covered by insurance, but cash pay patients will be expected to pay for those services up front. Sonora Quest stated they can process the PCR test (3-5 day result) for \$125.00. Patients will need an order and their sample collected at their doctor's office or other facility that performs the testing and sends it to the lab. The lab will not perform the testing for you. If you are a cash pay patient and plan to go to a pharmacy or a doctor's office for a vaccine, you should call ahead to see what they are currently offering, and pricing information.

New guidelines for Providers make masks optional indoors. With that, we are able to relax a little, and just hope that those who can - will wear them. We are still practicing social distancing and scheduling patients to suit that rule, protecting our most vulnerable. Influenza A and the stomach flu being the most prevalent right now. Disinfecting surfaces at home can reduce the spread of infection that comes in from school, work, the grocery store, etc.

Dental Hygiene students from NAU have completed their supervised clinical time at Alchemy for the Spring Semester of 2022. Their next scheduled rotation at Alchemy will be the Summer Semester, July 5 through the 15th, 2022. They will be scheduling each weekday during that time. Each patient will be scheduled for an extended time slot, with 4 patients scheduled per day. Slots will fill quickly, so don't hesitate to make your appointment now. Price is still \$65 for patients 14 and over, \$45 for patients 13 and under. So, take advantage of it if you can. Funds collected go to support the program.

FYI, for those needing Dental care and are unable to pay for those services, **Arizona Dental Mission of Mercy** Patient Clinic dates are June 17 & 18 at Fort Tuthill in Flagstaff. First come first serve. All volunteer.

### FIRST THINGS FIRST

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## Putting positive parenting into action with young children

Raising a young child comes with both joys and challenges, and no parent is perfect.

To help families do their best in guiding their children's healthy development, Arizona's early childhood agency, First Things First (FTF) has partnered with the national early childhood organization, ZERO TO THREE, to promote Positive Parenting, an approach that focuses on building loving relationships with children through everyday moments — even when those parenting moments aren't easy.

"Parenting is a forever learning process, and all parents want to do the best they can," said Kat Willard, FTF's senior director for family support and literacy. "The latest research tells us that when parents make time to connect with their child through everyday moments it helps the child learn how important and cherished they are."

Research also shows that today's moms and dads turn to online content, especially videos, when looking for guidance on parenting. That's why FTF collaborated with ZERO TO THREE on a series of videos and online content that highlight nine elements of Positive Parenting, which include being able to imagine your child's point of view; providing consistent, age-appropriate guidelines and limits; and recognizing and regulating your own feelings before responding to your child.

Parents and caregivers who visit FTF's <u>Positive Parenting</u> page at <u>FirstThingsFirst.org/resources/positive-parenting/</u> will find short videos, parent interviews and other information that will engage and encourage parents of babies, toddlers and preschoolers.

For example, one music video reminds parents that a child's perspective is a lot different so it's important for parents to try to imagine their child's point of view, especially during tough moments.

Willard encourages families to find time to connect and delight in the little moments with their child, like during diaper changing or a meal time.

"One of my favorite things to do at meal times with my children is talk about the favorite parts of their day, as well as a part of our day they didn't like," she said. "It provides me with the opportunity to respond to my children with interest and sensitivity and to expand on their ideas or thoughts."

Parents should come to the realization that positive parenting isn't about being perfect," said Rebecca Parlakian, ZE-RO TO THREE's senior director of programs.

"It's about building loving connections with our children through everyday routines," she said. "When we make mistakes, as every parent does, it's important that we take the time to reconnect with our child and learn from those moments. The power of being a parent is that we get to choose how we build our own family — which patterns to continue from our own childhood and which to leave behind."

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**About First Things First** — As Arizona's early childhood agency, First Things First funds early learning, family support and children's 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.

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The Ash Fork & Seligman Homegrown Exchange and Pronghorn Barter invite you to

# Ash Fork Village Homestead Harvest







Sat, May 2\ 9am-2pm

Ranch NetworkingPlants & Seed Exchange

**Worm Farm Demo** 

4H mini demonstrations

**Custom Jewelry** 

Eggs

Handcrafted Soaps Home-Canned stores

Homemade Yummys



## **ASH FORK VOLUNTEER**



**SUNDAY— MAY 1, 2022** 

10:00 AM UNTIL DARK

COME JOIN US AT COUNTY LINE PIT EXIT 148 N.1/2 MILE

CLOSEST TO BULL'S EYE
WINS THE TURKEY
OR GIFT CARD \$2.00 A SHOT



SHOOTS AVAILABLE:

100 YD. Bench Off Hand Pistol Kids Shoot

FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE BURRITOS AND SODA POP

GOOD COMPETITION, GREAT FUN AND GREAT FOOD



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THE ASH FORK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION WAS INCORPORATED THE 4TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1966. THE GENERAL NATURE OF BUSINESS IS THE TREANSPORTATION, 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 ANDNATION.

## ASH FORK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

**MEETING DATES:** 

May 18, 2022 June 15, 2022

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

7:00 PM

Ash Fork Tourist Center and Museum
Open Monday thru Friday
9 am-3pm
Operated by Volunteers
Ash Fork Historical Society

"All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us." ~ J.R.R. Tolkien

"The earth is the mother of all people, and all people should have equal rights upon it." ~ Chief Joseph

#### **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

47423 N. 4th St.

**Emmanuel Trinity Church** 

**Sunday Services 11:00 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