

ASH FORK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

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# AFDA NEWSLETTER

### **ASH FORK WATER SERVICE**

#### From the Water Desk

by: Lewis Hume, Water Manager

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•	4	Water Spots of Interest Water Projects	Nov. 23,2022 and complete proposals are due by 2:00P.M. on Dec. 12, 2022. Bids will be opened immediately after the 2:00 P.M. sub-
	2	Advertisement for a Water Resource Consult- ant and Civil Engineering Professional to complete project plans and specifications for	mittal deadline. Complete bid advertisement can be viewed
	7	a new ground water well and approx. 2500' of new water main will be advertised in the October 23rd and 25 <sup>th</sup> editions of the Prescott	on our website ashforkwaterservice.com, un- der News and Notices.
	_	Courier. Bid period will remain open a total of 45-days. Filing a "Registration of Intent to	

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bid" must be received by

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As this is the last edition of the Ash Fork Development Association Newsletter for 2022 the

AFDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS WELL AS ASH FORK WATER SERVICE EMPLOYEES WISH EVERYONE A HEALTHY THANKSGIVING AND A MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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These projects are funded through a successful grant application to Yavapai County American Recovery Plan Act.	Arsenic .0073 mg/l	.0056 mg/l		
	Nitrates 2.9 mg/l	3.0 mg/l		
Timeline				
January 2023, select consultants to develop plans specs	These Arsenic results show how the treatment Plant is $1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 1 + 1 +$			
6-months to complete plans	lowering levels in AF #2.			
Bid the project, select contractor s, 3-months	The Nitrate levels are very consistent with previous years testing.			
6-months complete work	C			
Projects completed July 2024				

#### **Fortunate Events**

Ash Fork Water Service wants to extend a big thank you for the recent donation of tools to our collection. Its great you thought of us for its next life. We have found a home for it in the shop. Any maintenance worker or craftsman will tell you, the more tools the better.

Thanks again

Ash Fork Water Service

#### Monitoring Assistance Program MAP

The MAP program is the State program for providing water sampling and testing to all water systems in the State. This program satisfies approx. 95% of all required water testing for community water systems.

This was recently completed at Ash Fork Water Service. Sampling and testing for Synthetic Organic Chemicals, Volatile Organic Chemicals, PCB's, Radionuclides and Inorganic Chemical compounds were complete in August 2022. I'm very happy to report all analysis results were below the Maximum Contamination Level for all samples.

A few I will highlight.

November 4, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. volunteers will gather at the west end median to decorate for Christmas. This includes setting up the Nativity Scene and placing lights on trees and shrubs. Thanks to Linda and Scott Radmann for donating additional exterior extension cords and all volunteers for lending a hand.

If you can lend a hand please come out!



#### Thank you!

Because of extenuating circumstances, the street light at Centennial Park was turned off. Quick action by Marlyn Van Keuren, Supervisor Brown's assistant, in coordination with Janet Dean of APS, we have light at the park again.







A sh Fork welcomes Andrew Tucker, who is the new Library Coordinator for Yavapai County Free Library at Ash Fork. He recently took over for Mary Rigby so she could retire again, However, she is on the list to fill in from

time to time if needed.

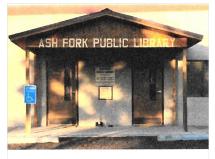
Andrew joins Marilyn Wallace for a full schedule to serve the community.

He has lived in Ash Fork (KEW) three years, glad to make his home here . Andrew likes his job and as an avid hiker has been exploring. He found Johnson Canyon history quite interesting on his hiking trips.

Andrew grew up in Phoenix. After college he taught English in Chino where he had 230 students each week. Furthering his education, he is now a student in biology and wildlife research.

Being a big fan of the Phoenix Suns, Cardinals, and Diamond Backs, he doesn't pass up any opportunity to catch a game in person of whoever happens to be playing.

Andrew states he is happy to assist anyone he can at the library with computer or research. Come in and meet the new Library Coordinator. He likes to be busy.



ASH FORK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Ash Fork library is open at its regular hours of 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday We have many new books and movies coming in the last few months of 2022, so make sure to come check out the new inventory! We also have many new programs that we are developing for the new year, including classes on how to enroll in college at little to no cost, programs about local bugs and wildlife, arts and crafts, and information on space events. Please visit the Ash Fork library for more information or to join these programs. As a reminder, we are here to assist you in printing, faxing, copying, and notaries! We hope you all have a great holiday season.

#### **Andrew Tucker**

Library Coordinator 928-637-2442

#### Ash Fork Welcomes New Owner and Manager of Grand Canyon View Park (former I-40 Grand Canyon RV Park).

Henry Forest Family became the new owners at the end of August and immediately began with many repairs and improvements. Some improvements were required to open more spaces to serve year-round campers. Other plans are in the making to be more attractive and improve quality-comfort-living for the many who are at home in the park.

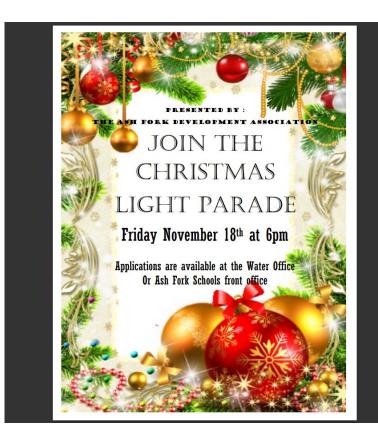
Melva Michaels, the new manager, is known to the community and very helpful for her new boss and she likes her job too.

Henry and his family share residences fall and spring in Chandler, Arizona and the rest of the year at home in Maryland. He states he is very pleased to be part of Ash Fork now.



Maintenance personnel Dave and Jerry flank Manager Melva Michaels in front of the Park office.

Since Fall is in the air, we many be seeing Henry and his family more in Ash Fork.



Christmas spirit will fill the streets of Ash Fork November 18<sup>th</sup> for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Small Town Christmas Light Parade presented by the Ash Fork Development Association, Inc.

With a total of 14 entries in last year's parade it was one of the largest parades Ash Fork has seen in a while! We are hoping to top that number from last year! Come be a part of the light parade and help spread some holiday cheer. Parade applications are available at the Ash Fork Water Company office and at the Ash Fork School District office. Trophy's will be awarded for the best decorated, best holiday spirit and most original. Parade line-up will start at 5pm at Ted's Truck Stop parking lot.

The parade will commence after the median lighting on the east end of town. (across from Lulu Belles Restaurant). For the best seat, join us at the viewing area for the lighting and parade that will be set up in the old Ted's Truck stop parking lot. Volunteers from the Ash Fork Development Association and Ash Fork Historical Society will be providing hot chocolate and homemade cookies while you watch all the festivities. Mark and Colleen Circle will portray Santa and Mrs. Claus this year. Watch for them in the parade.

Once again sponsored by the Ash Fork Development Association, we invite the community to come out and take part in our small town Christmas.

#### Spaghetti Dinner - 50/50 Fundraiser 2022

For the past two years Ash Fork Development Association has put on a spaghetti dinner and a 50/50 Raffle to raise funds for the Christmas Lights that are displayed at the east end of town. This has been a successful event so we decided to do it again. This year brought out the largest crowd. 120 people were served in a vey short time. By 6:30 p.m. the food was sold out and refunds were made to those who had tickets but couldn't be served. Our sincere apologies. We appreciate your support.

The winner of the 50/50 Raffle was Cory Gardner taking home \$1,270. Congratulations!!! There was also a raffle table chaired by Kurtis Keele having received donations from several businesses and individuals.

To all who made this event possible THANK YOU!



The cooks Rosie and Debbie, doing what they do best.



In the foreground: Kurtis Keels, Renee Feldman, Linda Cowing & Linda Radmann selling tickets.





#### ASH FORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS.....

As a way of thanking our community for their support we ask that you join us for our Annual Open House at the Museum, December 3, 2022 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Artists and crafters will display their wares to help you with any last minute Christmas gifts or even something from our Gift Shop. In addition we will have a special performance by children from Ash Fork School.

Refreshments will be provided by our volunteer staff. There is no admission fee, however, donations are appreciated.

Exhibitor forms may be picked up at the Ash Fork Water Company or the Museum. Must return entry by November 20, 2022. For more information call the Museum at 928-637-0204.

#### Time to update the Action Plan for Ash Fork.....

Since 1997 Ash Fork Development Association, Inc. has taken the lead in putting together an Action Plan for the community. This is a process whereby we determine the current situation and prioritize some critical issues facing the community. An Action Plan is a very important tool to receive grants for more and better services. This plan has helped us in obtaining a Medical Facility, Library, Park Playground, Sidewalks, Infrastructure, Preserving Our History, and more. Within the first five years our efforts won an award from Arizona Planning Association for Best Plan Implementation.

This plan has not been updated since 2017. We are extending an invitation to the community to come forward with their ideas for the betterment of Ash Fork. Please share your written comments and send them to AFDA, P.O, Box 293, Ash Fork, AZ 86320-0293 or by attending AFDA's next meeting on November 16, 2022 at 7 p.m. in the Escalante Room. What is better than one great idea, is to have five.

#### It's shoebox time again!

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, is once again collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts to be delivered to children in need around the world.

Since 1993, more than 198 million children in over 170 countries and territories have received a shoebox gift.



Things like toothbrushes, school supplies, and hygiene items may seem small and commonplace to us, but to children affected by war, poverty, famine, and disease, they can be a life-changing treasure. These carefully packed shoeboxes may contain the first gifts these children have ever received, a demonstration of God's love in a tangible way that reminds them they are not alone and not forgotten.

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

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

Enthusiasm for this project has grown in Ash Fork every year, and the generosity of our local donors is much appreciated. 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 14 - 21. Our local Drop-off Center is located at the First Southern Baptist Church (at the corner of  $1^{st}$  and Lewis) and will be open at the following times:

Monday, Nov. 14: 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15: 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16: 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17: 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18: 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20: 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 21: 10 a.m. – Noon

We look forward to seeing you during National Collection Week!



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#### 2022 Fall/Winter Update

**Happy Birthday Alchemy!** As of November 1<sup>st</sup>, Alchemy is officially 2 years old. This is a huge milestone for your Alchemy Team. So many challenges in our first 2 years, so many amazing Patients that make every challenge worth facing and beating head-on. You may have met our **New Front Ops** Team. <u>Brittney and Tonya</u> joined us in September and have become "tactical ops" for us. They are dedicated to patient centered care and making everyone around them smile - every-day. **Bethany LMT** is back! She is scheduling Therapeutic Massage twice monthly with more to come. **Home Health** is expanding in Ash Fork and Seligman. We now have access to **Palliative Care** services in the home. Ask us for details.

**VFC Vaccines are finally here.** Alchemy's Vaccines For Children Program is now up and running. All state mandated childhood vaccines are now available at the clinic. <u>Flu Shots are part of this program</u>. We will do all VFC vaccinations by appointment only and coordinate Shot Clinics as needed. Covid-19 Primary and Bivalent Booster shots are also available for those under 19 years old.

**Virus Season.** All reports say this will be a tough one. Alchemy is ramping up to be ready for it. Covid-19, Influenza and RSV are the top culprits this time and they do not play nice with the human body. Yavapai County Public Health Nurses will be at our Second Annual Fall Health Fair to bring you a Flu Shot clinic on Friday October 28<sup>th</sup>. Flu and Covid shots will be available for all ages at the Fair. The county is providing this service.

**Flu Shots and Rapid Testing.** Alchemy has not been able to stock (non-VFC) Flu Shots at this point due to backordering and supply chain issues. We will keep you posted as more become available. Also, pending supply chain, Alchemy will have RAPID TESTING in-house for Covid-19, Flu A and B and Strep Throat. There is no RSV rapid test at this time.

**Covid-19 Shots.** The new Covid-19 Moderna and Pfizer Bivalent Booster Shots are now available at Alchemy for all ages. Call to schedule during our next Shot Clinic.

Please, as with any viral season, continue to wash hands thoroughly and often – especially the kiddos. Ask your Provider if you have special health concerns, discuss any options you may have for preventing or reducing symptoms. We can "Winterize" more than just our vehicles!





# Varsity Volleyball 2022

The HS Volleyball Lady Spartans regular season is over. Their overall record was 21-10, however, 7-4 in the Canyon Section standings. The athletes finishing stats are;

\*Paola Acosta (Sr) with 551 assists.

\*Olivia Johnson (Sr) with 217 kills.

\*Gracie Staples (Fr) with 79 aces.

\*Aura Mendez (Fr) with 590 digs.

\*Crystal Nixon (Fr) with 35 blocks.

The girls play in regionals Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm, if they win they play on Saturday at 2:30pm at home.

They also are currently ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in 1A and will play in the first round of state November 1<sup>st</sup>.



# Junior Varsity Volleyball



The JV Spartans Volleyball team played amazing all year and only lost 1 match this season.

- \* Violeta and Jordyn are the setters.
- \* Miranda and Andrea are the outside hitters.
- \* Reese, Isabella, and Jessica are the opposite hitters.
- \* Pamela is the Libero.

\* Tori, Lesly, Nevaeh, and Mia are defensive specialists.



All mistakes teach us something, so there are, in reality, no mistakes.

Nikki Giovanni

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER....

I'd like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season! It is generally one of the busiest times of the year for families and schools. This time of year also marks the conclusion of the Fall Semester. It's always so hard to believe how fast time is flying by every school year.

There is a lot to talk about when it comes to Ash Fork Schools, but I'll do my best to hit just some that may be of interest to you as a community member.

Ash Fork Schools has finally completed the new weight room that will serve both middle and high school students. The new weight room is nearly six times larger than the old weight room and will be more accessible to our female students than the original weight that was located in the boy's locker room. Student athletes are increasing their strength, but we are glad to see a large percentage of attendees that are not involved in school sports increase their health in the new facility. Bob Broehm has designed an orientation class that must be attended before any person can use the equipment and is available after school to help students stay safe, use proper technique, and design workout plans. We are so pleased that the new fitness center has already become a great way for Ash Fork Students to feel better and learn a skill set that will benefit them throughout life.

The next big capital project for the district is a bus barn that will protect district vehicles. The Barn will be located in the Northwest parking lot and be nearly 9,000 square feet in size. The metal building has been delivered to the campus, and the school board approved SJ Anderson to complete the project. SJ Anderson is the same contracting company that completed the wall rebuild on the baseball fields. We are hoping that both the weather and Yavapai County Development Services cooperate in getting the slab poured before winter really hits.

A big congratulation to our Middle School Soccer Team that took the I-40 League Championship for the second year in a row. Great work middle school athletes and Coach Jose Acosta!

All Arizona Public Schools took several state tests for the first time this year. Arizona Department of Education has changed the test vendor three times in three years. A new test mixed with residuals of Covid has led to a state and nationwide decline in student proficiency. Ash Fork is not immune to these trends though we seemed a little more resilient than our peers. Ash Fork Elementary has held an "A" Rating for nearly ten years missed the mark by only 1.76 points out of 100 to receive a "B." Ash Fork Middle School seemed to deal with these new challenges unscathed and was actually five points above the required cut score to receive another "A" Rating. Ash Fork High School took the ACT for all Juniors and ACT Aspire for all Freshmen. Using these two tests Ash Fork High School remained a "B" rating. It is worth noting that a large percentage of our juniors scored in the top ninety percentile for writing. For a more detailed report on all of our scores please visit our website and look for 2022 State Testing Data in the documents page.

One goal the School Board gave to district administration is to establish a Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) here at Ash Fork Schools. It has been a long time since Ash Fork has had anything resembling a Parent Teacher Organization. I'm happy to say that some individuals have stepped up to form a functioning PTO. Below is a list of the purposes of the Ash Fork PTO taken from their By-laws.

A. To provide support for the students and staff at Ash Fork School for the advancement of education.

B. To foster a closer relationship between home and school so that parents, administrators, and teachers may cooperate in the education of the students.

C. To facilitate and encourage parent and public involvement in our schools and community.

D. To keep abreast of local district objectives

and to be better informed regarding state and local school issues.

Current PTO Officers are Angela and Kurtis Keele as Co-Presidents, Stacy Benavides Vice President, Lori Yobst Secretary, and Felicia Santoyo Treasurer. The Ash Fork PTO is already making a difference at our schools. They have helped fund field trips, improved the schools calendar to help notify parents of upcoming events, and organized a Trunk or Treat at the School's Halloween Carnival. If you would like to participate or join the Ash Fork PTO contact Kurtis Keele at ashforkpto@gmail.com.

In conclusion the 2023 School year is off to a great start. We are glad to be part of such a great community that cares about kids and helping them reach their goals.

Seth Staples, Superintendent Ash Fork Schools



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We're On The Web: www.AshForkWaterService.com THE ASH FORK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION WAS IN-CORPORATED THE 4TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1966. THE GENERAL NATURE OF BUSINESS IS THE TREANSPORTA-TION, DELIVERY AND SALE OF WATER. IN ADDITION THE ASSOCIATION WILL RENDER CONSTRUCTIVE CIVIC SER-VICES 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: November 16, 2022 7:00 P.M. ESCALANTE MEEETING ROOM @LLC BUILDING LEWIS AVE. & 5TH STREET (BY THE MARQUEE) THERE IS <u>NO</u>MEETING IN DECEMBER

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

**Community Church Schedules:** 

Ash Fork Baptist Church Pathway Chapel St. Anne Catholic Church Gospel of Faith Church Emmanuel Trinity Church Lewis Ave. & 1st St. Double A Ranch Rd. 7th St. Bullock Rd, @Cattle Guard 47423 N. 4th St.

"The point is not to pay back kindness but to pass it on," ~ Julia Alvarez

"Our real blessings often appear to us in the shape of pains, losses, and disappointments, ~ Joseph Addison

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

#### NOTICE

## BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE RAILROAD DOUBLE A RANCH ROAD CLOSURE

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad is scheduling closing Double A Ranch Road on November 13, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., which was determined as a date/time that would least impact the public. They plan to install variable message boards either Friday, October 28 or early next week to inform the public of the upcoming closure.

They will do their best to release the crossing to traffic early, but will not guarantee that. There will also probably be a follow-up lane closure (one lane at a time) to finalize the pavement replacement at the crossing if it (likely) cannot be completed during the closure.

Their hope is to improve the ride quality of the crossing for both trains and the traveling public.