## ASH FORK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

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# **ASH FORK WATER SERVICE**

WATER NEWS



# By Lewis Hume, Manager

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# 2 Arsenic Treatment Plant comes On-Line

<sup>3</sup> Great news here at the Ash Fork Water Service, the Arsenic Treatment Plant is now in service. You are drinking Arsenic reduced water from Ash Fork Well
 <sup>4</sup> #2.

<sup>5</sup> Its been a couple years in the works but all the efforts appear to be worth it.  $_{6}$ 

<sup>6</sup> Testing shows that the Arsenic level has been reduced to below 5-PPB. This is

down from the 10-PPB range of Arsenic prior to the Plant being installed.

Remember 10-PPB is the Maximum allowable level in drinking water.

The Treatment process that was installed consists of splitting the stream of water coming in from the well, sending 60-GPM through the treatment process

9 while the other 60-GPM (untreated) continues down the line. These 2-streams are then combined back into one. The single stream then is mixed with an inline, static type mixer, then continuing up to the storage facilities.

The water is Chlorinated (as it has always been) prior to the treatment process, with gas chlorine injection.

ADEQ describes the system as an: Adsorptive Media, Blend/Bypass System.

The Adsorptive Media is designed to attract and hold on to the Arsenic particles as they pass through the process. When the Adsorptive Media bed becomes saturated with Arsenic, it is removed and replaced with a new batch. This spent media can be disposed of as a non-hazardous material (proper landfill).

With the completion of the Arsenic Treatment Plant at Ash Fork #2, this will now become our primary operational well. Ash Fork #1 will be classified as a back-up well. It is expected that Ash Fork #2 will produce approx. 80% of the required water, while AF #1 will produce the remaindering 20%.

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On a different but related note, the 2016 Rate case allowed for Ash Fork Water Service to recover the cost of the Treatment Plant through a Rate Sur-Charge mechanism. I will be filling the necessary paperwork soon to get this surcharge activated. Total cost of the project was approx. \$130,000. The project was financed through Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona (WIFA). Through WIFA's evaluation of our system, we received a 50% forgiveness of loan. This means, customers of Ash Fork Water Service will be paying back the

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**Tour buses make a stop at Oasis Lounge in Ash Fork...** An unusual site—tour buses at the Oasis Lounge. Well, Wickenburg Chamber of Commerce group were on a weekend outing. Someone in the group knew about the teak Elephant Head that Al and Christine Reed had just recently became owners of and had a special place in the Lounge for it. They had extended an invitation to everyone to stop in.

When the buses were leaving Prescott, a call Al and Christine was to expect, stating that about 70 people would be arriving for a stop at the Lounge for a view of the new attractive conversation piece. It's not every day you see this in Ash Fork.

The Wickenburg group came up Highway 89 and got on Route 66 West and would end up in Laughlin.

Al Reed, the proprietor of the Oasis Lounge, by the outside sign, invites all to stop in.

Another attraction for the day was Al driving his beautiful yellow classic Model A into work. It's an eye-catcher and slows some down to take a look too.



Ash Fork Community Calendar Fundraiser.... Thank you for your support. Proceeds go back into the community, mostly earmarked for youth programs.

There are some extra calendars if you failed to order yours. Check at the Water Office. Calendars are \$6.00 each.







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## ASH FORK MUSEUM/TOURIST CENTER

Ash Fork Museum/Tourist Center is experiencing a very busy summer. June and July more than 1600 visitors were greeted by our faithful volunteers and August is following suit. We are not open a full 40 hours per week due to lack of available volunteers to fill in when someone has a previous schedule or an emergency.

Anyone who has been thinking they would like to start volunteering, call to see a about filling in a couple of hours to see if it would be something you like. It's great work. We share history, direct visitors on their route with brochures and information. We meet people from all over the world, being the Grand Canyon State which everyone want to see, as well as being on the popular Historic Route 66 too, we are in a good spot,

Our volunteer list presently includes: Linda Cowing, Carole Popp, Fayrene Hume, Debbie Hunt and Floyd Martin. They are worth more than we can afford. No room for boredom in Ash Fork.

This summer we were fortunate to have Ashley Horn, an Ash Fork School student and resident of Kaibab Estates West to help out during school break. She is getting a head start on getting the required volunteer hours needed for graduation. Ashley was a very willing volunteer and has been missed since returning to school.



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loan, through the surcharge mechanism, of approx. \$65,000.

With the completion of this important project Ash Fork Water Service (Ash Fork Development Association, Inc.) is hosting an Open House at the project site.

So come on down and join us on September 17, 2019 at Ash Fork Well #2 from 10:00 A.M. to Noon. You can view the site and ask any questions related to the water we deliver.

Drinking water, coffee and donuts will available for your enjoyment.

We hope to see you there!

Directions, from I-40 exit 144 take the Frontage Road east to Bixler Trail (3/4 mile), turn south on Bixler Trail and continue down it approx. 1.5-mile, blue roof across the creek. We will have signs and balloons marking the route.

At the recent Water Training Conference at Bucky's in Prescott, water staff completed some training classes and took some practice Operator Certification Exams. ADEQ was also there to present information on their programs and new processes. Excellent opportunity and close by.

As part of the fun side of the conference each year they ask water systems to bring their water in and compete on the Best Tasting Water in AZ competition. Ash Fork Water along with several other water systems brought their goods.

As the judges savored each drop of Arizona water the announcer moved to the podium. The results were in. No, Ash Fork was not the winner, but we turned in a respectful second. Not bad. **Ash Fork Development Association, Inc.???** Seems there are still some residents that don't know what Ash Fork Development Association does, even though we have had several articles regarding same over the past 20 or so years in this publication.

Our community is made up of many important parts, i.e. school, churches, fire department, American Legion, medical, post office, businesses, just to name a few. Ash Fork Development Association (AFDA) is an integral part also. We are the corporate entity for the Ash Fork Water Service. After taking care of the water for the community, we strive for the betterment of our community.

Since 1966 when AFDA was formed, the main purpose was to have a water source to serve the community as the railroad was planning to get out of the water hauling business and they were the supplier for Ash Fork. After a nine year struggle Ash Fork's first water well came on line in 1976. There would be a long span before the board members could move to other things that they could see the community needed, such as a medical clinic, library, community center, and a community park. The question was where would we get the money for these projects and where would they be located? Our accomplishments so far include:

- Centennial Park—1982: The Centennial Committee came together by putting up the fence and purchasing a slide and a twirler. 2017-2018 AFDA was able, through a grant, community donations, water service employees and volunteers to add new playground equipment and canopy. AFDA pays for the maintenance, repairs and insurance for this. Aluminum can donations help with some of these costs. Thanks for your donations.
- Stone Dam Lake: Yes, this was a gift to us, the first Adopt-A-Lake Program. We were very grateful, but there
  again funds are expended for maintenance and repairs, insurance, taxes, yearly dam inspections, fish stocking,
  port-a-potty costs, and trash. Both Centennial Park and Stone Dam Lake recreational area serve everyone at no
  cost to those who use them. To get this far has taken patience, effort, time and money (always seeking grants).
  AFDA asks you to respect the properties and see that others do also.
- AFDA was also responsible for getting the medical clinic, library and Head Start Program.
- Recently the board moved to check with our Williams neighbors on who does their holiday decorations. Since
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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 \$10.50/hr. up to 35 hrs./wk., sick pay

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# ASH FORK & WILLIAMS HEAD START ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS NOW!

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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!



## **ASH FORK UNIFIED PUBLIC** SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

#### Seth Staples

Welcome to the first quarter of the 2020 School Year! We are currently in week five projects of school and the first quarter will be over Building the end of September! We have had an exceptional start of the school year. Having so many veteran staff members return always makes the school year run better and we are so grateful to have such a strong group of committed employees.

We hope you were able to visit us for our open house, enjoy a good dinner, and connity members at this annual festival show- students. casing our curriculum and opportunities We will be notified on September 15th if here at Ash Fork Schools.

Degree Students that have made it to their senior year and are now attending Yavapai College fulltime on the Yavapai College campus in Prescott. These Ash Fork School students will be the first to complete a twoyear college degree while attending Ash Fork High School. Our associate degree Education seeks out and celebrates great program is setting the standard of what can American schools, schools demonstrating be accomplished at a small and rural school that all students can achieve to high levels. district.

Ash Fork Schools is growing! Ash Fork School Board approved recommendations from administration to set stricter caps on open enrollment. Caps limit the number of students that come to our district from outside the district boundaries. High school and middle school had the strictest caps. We ended the 2019 school year with 264 students we welcomed 270 students this year, even with a reduction in open enrollment. It is great to see our community growing and we want to ensure the best educational opportunities for our residents.

A quick update on some capital projects that will be occurring here on our campus. The wall permits for the re-construction of the baseball field retaining wall were submitted to the county for approval and we are hoping to begin excavating mid-September. We will be receiving two new HVAC units

for the gym and kitchen paid for by a grant from Arizona Schools Facility Board (SFB). Currently we are completing the design process to have the building re-roofed and re-painted. These are also Renewal Grants with SFB.

We took possession of our new school route bus, a 2020 -77 passenger Interna-

possible by an award from the VW Bus bonfire and Burger Burn sponsored by the grant program. We also are working in High School Student Council. Saturday verse with our teachers and staff. The atten- updating our aging white fleet and have September 21st come out and cheer on the dance at this event was amazing and we are replaced one of our older Suburban's with a Spartans as we take on Grand Canvon. Socglad to have so many parents and commu- newer, lower mileage vehicle to transport cer starts at 3pm and Volleyball at 5pm.

Ash Fork Elementary will be recognized as I would like to congratulate our Associate a National Blue Ribbon School. The Na- Have a fantastic day! tional Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes public and private elementary, middle, and high schools based on their overall academic excellence or their progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups. Every year the U. S. Department of More than 8,500 schools across the country have been presented with this coveted award. The National Blue Ribbon School award affirms the hard work of students, educators, families, and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging content. The National Blue Ribbon School flag gracing an entry or flying overhead is a widely recognized symbol of exemplary teaching and learning. If selected Ash Fork Schools will send representatives to Washington D.C. to accept the award.

> I would like to wish our High School Soccer Team, Middle School Soccer Team, and High school Volleyball team best of luck as they begin the 2019 season. Mark your calendar for Homecoming festivities September 20th & 21st. Come out Friday September 20<sup>th</sup> as our Homecoming light parade starts at 6pm throughout downtown.



tional last week! This purchase was made Follow us back to the school for the annual The homecoming dance will be that night from 8pm to 11pm. Sports schedules are posted on the school's website and app.

#### 100 Mile Club by Carrie Sotelo

We officially kicked off our 100 Mile Club for the 2019/2020 School year on Friday, August 16, 2019. The goal of the 100 Mile Club is to encourage our students to be more active. We do this through offering students prizes for miles walked! Students have punch cards to help them log laps around our track. Every morning before school (weather permitting) we take the students outside so that they can walk or run the track.

As a part of our 100 Mile Club, we will hold a Walk-a-thon every couple of weeks. At the Walk-a-thon students will have 2 hours to get as many laps as they can. All participants are stopped every minutes for a prize drawing. Prizes are items to help students stay active, such as water bottles and balls.

With the help of two high school volunteers (Devin Coman and Karson Johnson) Ms. Tasha hosted our first Walk-athon! We had approximately 15 students

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**Interstate 40 Grand Canyon RV Park**...Kathie Sprague-Kennedy, owner of the RV Park wants you to know that the pool is up and running. The Park is located at 783 S. Old Route 66 right across from the Museum. Charges for daily use are as follows: Adults \$5 per day, children under 14 \$2.50 per day. (Bring you own towel and show up clean!)

They have hired an "events manager". She is excited and ready to go. You will soon see her flyers all over town, inviting you to come out to the "Old KOA" and do something fun with your neighbors and friends. Their first event was a Taco Bar & Pool Party which was held on August 10th. Hope you saw the flyers and were able to attend.

Did you know that not only do they rent to travelers, we rent year-round and will rent to anyone that needs a place to stay, that owns an RV. They also have 5 cabins that can be rented nightly, weekly or monthly. Also available are 13 tent sites and 2 sites that area considered "family" sites that will hold two tents each, instead of one and is less expensive than renting two sites. It its been awhile since you've been there, please come by for a visit and lets get to know one another.

### **ELECTIONS—Ash Fork Development Association, Inc.**



The annual elections for the Ash Fork Development Association board was held on August 5, 2019. The Board consists of Fayrene Hume, President; Frank Cedillo, Vice President; David Cox, Treasurer; Carole Popp, Secretary; David Payne and Carrie Sotelo board members. Carrie Sotelo, our newest board member was read the duties of an AFDA member by President Hume and officially sworn in.

# Make a difference in your community! By Fayrene Hume

Have you thought about it? You Can Do It!! Anyone Can!! Have a desire to see changes, things looking better. It's your community and you count. Sometimes we look at properties with junk and more junk. Trash thrown along the roadways. Stop and think, it isn't brought in and dumped here, it comes from us.

Ash Fork is fortunate to have some volunteers, some summer youth jobs, community service workers, some from the court and some schools require community service hours to graduate and some just give their time to make-a-difference.

The past few months you may have witnessed Peter Hester with a trash bag and grabber several days each week collecting trash. He may be on the back streets or on main street. He is bound to find trash. Why is he doing it? The success makes him feel better and it's exercise, too. Peter spent part of his youth growing up in Ash Fork. He has deep roots here; a fourth-generation that dates back to Ash Fork's beginning. His great-grandfather, Thomas Cooper Lewis, his grandmother Anna Lewis Hume, mother Kathryn were born here. (They would be proud of Pete caring about the health of the community.) About ten years ago Peter came back to Ash Fork planning to live his remaining years here. He appreciates the comments from the members of the community. His motto: "Have respect and pride where you live!"

Take a step up. Declare war on those plastic bags stuck in the fence and trees. Don't forget the plastic water bottles, pick them up too. Ash Fork has it's share of properties that can use an uplift, shabby and/or abandoned for some time. Recently, a property down the street was in that category, really bad and unhealthy. Some good citizens wanting to see a change came together, bagged up trash and took advantage of Yavapai County Free Dump Day in Paulden. Several pick-ups and trailer loads went to the Paulden Station. Even with all that, it's still not a finished job. Thanks everyone.

We salute and express our appreciation to everyone in the community for your efforts to make our community better and also for encouraging others. That is the main ingredient to Make-A-Difference.



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they are an incorporated town, the town does some (if you shop in Williams you know about the 10% tax) and a professional decorator does some. So at AFDA's last meeting the board stuck their neck out and contacted a professional Christmas decorator. Dustin Mast, president of Holiday Décor came to Ash Fork to see what we had in mind to do for outdoor holiday decorations. He came back with great designs and a hefty price. After cutting to the bare minimum the vote was, "let's go for it", do a fund raiser, accept donations and see if we can make it happen. This year we will concentrate on the East Entrance and see how the community responds. The



lights will be on by Thanksgiving. Below are pictures of the proposed decorations.



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participate. We had approximately 15 students participate. Mr. Martin came to run with the students, and he even offered a special cash prize for the top walkers. Mr. Martin donated \$20 for first place, \$10 for second place, and \$5 for third place. Students had a lot of fun being active.

The second Walk-a-thon of the year was held on Friday, Au-



MARK YOUR CALENDARS TOWN HALL MEETING WITH YAVAPAI COUNTY SEPTEMBER 30TH 6:00 PM 450 LEWIS AVE. (ESCALANTE ROOM)

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**ADOT Roads Update**...In the interest of keeping the community informed as to any improvements to our roads, Alvin Stump, ADOT NW District Engineer has informed us that in the fall they plan to spot repair the large cracks in the road and then begin doing micro surfacing work on Business Route 40 (B40) (Route 66) in the next fiscal year. Micro surfacing is a thin pavement treatment that will improve the smoothness of the road. They may not be able to micro surface all of B40 in one year, but if not, they will look to complete the rest in the next fiscal year.

With regard to SR 89 roadwork, they were able to do a micro seal project between Chino Valley and Paulden in July. Their maintenance crews have also been skin patching on the north end of SR 89. This is a temporary repair until a long term paving project can be programmed.

The Census 2020 is coming... On August 22, Gov. Doug Ducey announced the formation of the Arizona Complete Count Committee, a 23-member panel charged with ensuring that Arizona's census count "is as complete and accurate as possible." Local efforts are also underway to ensure a complete tally in the various Yavapai County communities. The committee will guide the activities of our region through the 2020 decennial census.

The census numbers are regularly used in the creation of congressional districts, as well as districting at the state level.

In addition, the census numbers determine amounts of federal and state funding, along with the amount of state-shared revenues to communities. Those currently amount to about \$400 per citizen across our state per year.

For the first time in history, residents will be able to respond to the census online, and the Prescott Public Library will be on hand to aid in the online process. The library will have the computer capabilities to allow residents to reply to the census through the online method.

The official census day is April 1, 2020. Over the next several months the Complete Count Committee will conduct a series of meetings to continue to create strategies for a complete count.

The goal after April 1, 2020 is to complete that process and provide the count data to the president of the United States by December 31, 2020. They will also have another micro seal project in the next fiscal year that will resurface SR 89 between Paulden and Hell Canyon.

The district received the rankings for Statewide safety projects. Their application for centerline rumble strip on SR 89 between Paulden and Ash Fork will be programmed. In addition, they will also get funding for passing lanes between Chino Valley and Paulden, along with a left turn lane at Little Ranch Road (near Paulden). The District also submitted for passing lanes north of Paulden in their Planning to Program Process, but they will not know the outcome until next year. Also, in an effort to help raise awareness on the corridor, last week, ADOT installed signage requiring daytime headlight usage between Paulden and Ash Fork.

Advertising for the census is expected to begin in early 2020, followed by public response (online, phone or mail).

**Santa's Workshop...** Fairly new to the community is Ms. Randi Pitts. She would like to bring a vision she has to the community and ask others to become involved. Ms. Pitts will be attending the next meeting of AFDA, scheduled for September 18th at 7:00 PM in the Escalante Room. At this time Ms. Pitts will share her vision and ask for the possible use of the Community Center.

A real *Santa's Workshop*, how does that sound? The goal is to bring the community together and put a spark in our young people. She loves being a *kindergarten* artist.

Hope to have a good turn-out to hear her proposal.





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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: SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 OCTOBER 16, 2019 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 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Operated by Volunteers Ash Fork Historical Society

# **School Calendar**

Sept. 2, 2019	No School in observance of Labor Day	
Sept. 10, 2019	Half Day-All students, K thru 12 will be	
	released at 1:30 pm	
Sept. 26, 2019	End of 1st Quarter	
Oct. 2 to Oct. 10	Fall Break	
Oct. 21	College Application Campaign 9 am—11 am	
Oct. 23	College Goal FAFSA 5pm—7 pm	

#### **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