



FREE—TAKE ONE

AFDA NEWSLETTER

Ash Fork Water Service News

By Lewis Hume

2025 saw increases to the Ash Fork Water Service sales.

One 9 was operational for the whole year, and One 9 housing was up and going.

TA Travel Center opened up.

With these additions water sales were up 9 million gallons, or 18%.

While the Park Street Standpipe (coin op) sales were up 20%, or 720,000 gallons, other hauled water categories were down slightly.

Annual electric costs were up 30% to \$65,000 annually.

Water testing costs increased 40%.

Unaccounted for water was at 6% for 2025. This was an improvement over 2024

Projects for 2026

Complete security camera installation at our water facilities.

Continue with the service line inventory project that is within the revised Lead/Copper program.

Full loop at line in the Sixth St. and Cedar Ave. area to increase low flow.

Inspect interior of both water storage facilities.

Service AF #1, pump is weak.

Trim tree at Centennial Park.

Maybe you have seen us working in the Seventh St. and Eldorita Ave. area (on the school route). We've been working to repair a leak. The main obstacle in this repair, was the 3-road crossings required. Last year the Ash Fork Development Association agreed to allow the purchase of a horizontal boring tool (Grundo Tool). With this tool we have been able to complete 2 and 1/2 of the crossings, without opening the roadway.

We are still in the area working to complete the project. The current main line was found to be just 3/4 inch in size. LOL

Along with the repair of the leak, we are trenching back to where we have a 2" mainline and installing a new 2" line from that point on. I look for noticeable increased water flow in the area when the project is completed.

In the past year, Ash Fork Water Service has completed several major projects that complement our water system.

New Pump House building @ Ash Fork #1 well site, with new electrical and water controls.

A new Arsenic Treatment Plant installed at Ash Fork #1 well site.

New ground water well, Ash Fork #3.

With these new facilities, we want to show them off, so we are planning to host an:

Open House at our New Water Facilities

We invite you to join us for an open house on Friday April 17th, 2026, from 10:00 A.M. till noon.

The Open House will start at Ash Fork #1 ground water site with coffee and donuts, sharply at 10:00 AM. This is approximately 1.5 miles South on Hwy 89, then west on Forest Road 210 for 1/4 mile.

Look for the balloons.

Ceremony and dedication will include the AFDA Board, Water Manager, and Yavapai County Supervisor Kuknyo. The tour will then move to our new well site (AF#3) about 2 miles away on Bixler Trail.

We hope to see you there!!

Look for Open House Flyers as the time gets closer.

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AFDA News

We have quite a number of activities going on the next two months and more coming up as we look toward Summer. Our clinic is sharing fresh produce with anyone who comes by on Fridays. They are busy adding new services and looking forward to the opening of the pharmacy. The pharmacy area is being totally renovated and should be ready to open soon.

We have free dump days coming up, and they should be in time for sprucing up the community before the celebrations of 100 years of Route 66 and 250 years as a nation. The flyer for those dates is on page 6.

Our local Head Start had to shut down this last month and moved all their activities to Williams. We are hoping to find a new use for that space in the next few months. NACOG was gracious to donate many of the furnishings to AFDA. If we get a day care that wants to come in, they could have access to those items.

We had to repair the roof of the library in January. And now it should be fully prepared for a good monsoon season.

3D Mammograms

onsite mobile screening event



March 13, 2026 • 8am - 4pm

Early Detection Saves Lives!

All major insurances accepted, no referral needed for annual mammogram screening. All results are sent to patient PCP and patient. Please bring picture ID and insurance card to your appointment. A woman is eligible for a digital mammogram screening if she:

- is at least 40 years of age
- has not had a previous mammogram in the past year
- has no current breast problems or complaints

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER OF
YAVAPAI-ASH FORK
112 PARK AVENUE
ASH FORK AZ 86320



SCHEDULE ONLINE
Call 888-204-9214 to
schedule an appt



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FREE Car seat SAFETY CHECK

9:30 AM TO
12:30 PM

LAST CAR TAKEN
AT 12 PM (NOON)



JOIN US FOR
FREE GIVEAWAYS,
DIAPERS, AND
RAFFLE ITEMS!

FRIDAY MARCH
13TH, 2026

ASH FORK LIBRARY

450 W LEWIS AVE, ASH FORK, AZ 86320

Join Chicanos por la Causa Parenting Arizona, Arizona Health Start, and Yavapai County Community Health Services for a free car seat safety check with a certified car seat technician! To ensure proper car seat fit, please try and have the child present!



¡La detección temprana salva vidas!

Se aceptan todos los seguros principales, no se necesita derivación para el examen de mamografía anual. Todos los resultados se envían al paciente PCP y al paciente. Traiga identificación con foto y tarjeta de seguro a su cita.

Una mujer es elegible para un examen de mamografía digital si ella:

Tiene al menos 40 años de edad

No se ha hecho una mamografía previa en el último año

No tiene problemas o quejas actuales en los senos

**Llame al 888-204-9214
para programar una cita**



ASH FORK WASTEWATER PROJECT COMMUNITY MEETING

Be a part of Ash Fork's wastewater solution planning



March 25, 2026
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM



Ash Fork Public Library
450 Lewis Ave



Engage in community discussion.



Hear updates on potential wastewater solutions for Ash Fork.



Share your input and priorities.



QUESTIONS?
Contact:

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This community meeting is hosted by the Ash Fork Sanitary District in collaboration with partners from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Closing America's Wastewater Access Gap Initiative and Yavapai County Environmental Health Unit.

This meeting follows a previous session held on April 24, 2025.

Superintendent's Corner

Seth Staples, Superintendent

Ash Fork Schools

Ash Fork School District Celebrates a Strong Start to Spring

As Ash Fork School District moves into the spring season, there are many exciting updates and important reminders for students, families, and community members.

Spring Break will begin on **March 16**, offering students and staff a well-deserved opportunity to rest and recharge. The district hopes all families enjoy a safe and relaxing break and looks forward to welcoming everyone back ready to finish the school year strong.

Shortly after Spring Break, students will begin **state testing**, which starts at the end of March and continues through April. These assessments provide students the opportunity to demonstrate the growth and learning they have achieved throughout the year. Families are encouraged to support their children during this time by ensuring they get plenty of rest, eat a healthy breakfast, arrive at school on time, and maintain consistent attendance during testing weeks.

In addition to academic milestones, exciting facility improvements are underway. **New lights are being installed on the soccer field**, a project that will enhance the district's athletic programs and allow for improved evening practices and events. During construction, community members and students are reminded to stay off the soccer field and surrounding areas to ensure everyone's safety. The district appreciates the community's patience as this upgrade is completed.

Ash Fork School District would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the **PTO** for hosting a successful **Book Fair**. Events like these help promote literacy and support valuable school programs. Special recognition



goes to the **Junior Class**, whose students volunteered their time and energy to assist with the event. Their leadership and service are greatly appreciated.

Finally, the district proudly celebrates a historic achievement in athletics. The **Girls High School Basketball Team** made school history by advancing to the **Final Four at the State Playoffs**. Their hard work, determination, and teamwork have brought pride and excitement to the entire Ash Fork community.

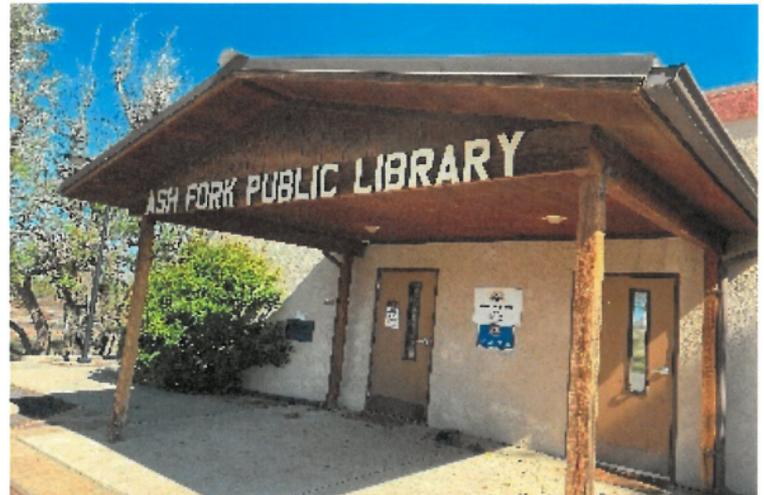
As the school year progresses, Ash Fork School District remains grateful for the continued support of its families and community. Together, we look forward to a successful and strong finish to the year.

Cara Eden, Library Coordinator
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Ash Fork, AZ 86320
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March is Read Across America Month!

Celebrate with the Yavapai Library District as we embrace the joy and magic of reading all month long. Sign up for a library card and unlock access to our districtwide collection of books, e-books, audiobooks, and more. It's the perfect time to discover new stories, explore new ideas, and enjoy endless entertainment while connecting with your community through books, learning, and discovery.

Check out our online learning databases, browse our calendar of events, and explore our online catalog to see everything your library has to offer.



YAVAPAI FREE LIBRARY DISTRICT

ASH FORK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wrap & Shine

Beginner Wire-Wrap Jewelry Class at the Library!

First & Third Monday 10 am - 12 pm

450 W. Lewis Avenue
Ash Fork, AZ 86320 0295
Phone: 928-637-2442

Ash Fork Public Library

KIDS CLUB

12-2pm
Every Friday

450 W. Lewis Avenue Ash Fork, AZ 86320
928-637-2442

Ages 5-11

YAVAPAI WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

ASH FORK LIBRARY
Presents

Sewing Classes

First and third Friday of every month
9:30 AM-11:30 AM

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!

YAVAPAI LIBRARY DISTRICT

YAVAPAI COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

Little Architects LEGO Club

2nd and 4th Friday of Every Month
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Ash Fork Public Library
450 W. Lewis Avenue Ash Fork, AZ 86320-0295 Phone: 928-637-2442

YAVAPAI COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ANNOUNCES THE 2026 SELIGMAN COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

The community clean-up is open to all Yavapai County residents to dispose of waste at no charge.

Where: Seligman Transfer Station
55799 N. Seligman Landfill Road
When: April 17, 18, 24, & 25, 2026
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**NO EARLY
OR LATE
DUMPING!**

PLEASE BE PREPARED TO UNLOAD YOUR OWN VEHICLE

Accepted Items:
Bagged Trash ONLY
Tires
Auto Batteries
Furniture
Yard Trimmings
Household Appliances



ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED:

- Loose household trash will be refused. Household trash must be in bags.
- Commercial Dumping
- Cars or Dead Animals
- Liquids or Hazardous Materials
- Ni-CAD Batteries

Now is a great time to create defensible space around your home, yard waste will be accepted.

The Transfer Station will remain open on Tuesday and Wednesday with normal hours and fees.



For more information contact
Yavapai County Public Works
at 928-771-3183

Ash Fork/Seligman Community Clean Up

The Yavapai County Board of Supervisors, working with the Public Works Department, is pleased to announce a community cleanup in Ash Fork and Seligman.

The cleanup will be at the Seligman Transfer Station, 55799 N. Seligman Landfill Road.

The cleanup will be open to Yavapai County residents for no charge on **April 17th, 18th, 24th, and 25th, 2026 from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

Accepted items: Household appliances, **BAGGED household trash**, automotive batteries, tires, furniture, and yard trimmings.

Items that will **not** be accepted: **Loose trash**, liquids, hazardous materials, cars, Ni Cad batteries and dead animals.

Wildfires are never out of season and now is the time to create defensible space around your home. Cut away vegetation 5 to 30 feet from all structures. Remove all debris and dead vegetation from roofs, decks, and the ground around your home. Please remember to be cautious of sparks as you are cutting and trimming. All yard trimmings will be accepted at the cleanup.

**This program is for residential use only.
Commercial loads will not be accepted.**

For additional information, please contact the Yavapai County Public Works Department at (928) 771-3183.



Produce case at the Ash Fork Clinic with free produce every Friday

**ASH FORK DEVELOPMENT
ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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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.

We're On The Web:

www.AshForkWaterService.com

**ASH FORK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.
GENERAL MEETING DATES:
March 18 at 7:00 PM
April 15 at 7:00 PM
After the 5:00 Sanitary District Meeting
ESCALANTE MEETING ROOM @LLC BUILDING
LEWIS AVE. & 5TH STREET (BY THE MARQUEE)**

**Ash Fork Tourist Center and Museum
Open Monday-Saturday
10am-4pm
Operated by Volunteers
Ash Fork Historical Society**

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 11:15 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