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AFDA NEWSLETTER

Action Plan Team concludes Process.

Action Plan vision statement:

“Ash Fork, the Flagstone Capital of the U.S.A., located along the travel corridor of the early railroads, Route 66 and Interstate 40. A location for true country living where you can develop your own ranch, work from home or enjoy a scenic commute to other opportunities.

Ash Fork’s focus is to improve infrastructure , encourage new services, work towards a vibrant community while anticipating the needs of the residents through planning and implementing with all working together to maintain the quality of a small town.”

With the manipulation of important words and phrases collected from the several months of work, the above “Vision Statement” concluded the Action teams work of “Brain Storming” on the Actions of the Community that are going well, as well as those areas we felt needed attention.

Here’s a summary.

Communication, it’s a good thing-

- The monthly meeting of the Ash Fork Development Association (AFDA). These meetings are regularly attended by Yavapai County Supervisor, Craig Browns office where updates and new information are freely shared. At most meetings the Lieutenant or other representative from Yavapai County Sheriff office is also present and gives updates on items of importance to the Community.

Other regular organizations sharing information are Az Public Service.

1. Try and open better communications with Az Dept. of Transportation and US Forest Service officials. Inform them of the area’s needs, renew working partnerships in common areas.
2. Community should develop and maintain a “needs list” to share with election candidates. An important issue to our group was the establishment of a solid waste transfer station. Maybe the 2-Counties could partner together, to serve all communities.

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3. Great place to meet with Yavapai County Sheriff office and ask about prevention or education programs for the community. The strong relationship with local law enforcement was something we were proud of, but also noted it was something that always needed to be worked on.
 4. The Action Team also felt learning about County building codes that affect falling or dilapidated buildings within the town was important. These types of properties affect safety and property values within the town.
 5. Better use of Facebook or Website to disburse community information.
- It was also agreed that any historic issue or idea would best be served by the Ash Fork Historical Society. It was also agreed that the Az Tourist Center/Historical Society would investigate possible signage on Hwy 89, identifying the location of the Tourist Center/Museum. This would potentially bring a few more travelers into and through town. Maybe through the Museum/Tourist Center a renewed relationship can be reestablished with the Forest Service.

Housing-

- I think, more accurate, the Lack of housing. There was much discussion on encouraging the development of currently undeveloped lots in Ash Fork into residential housing. It was also talked about maybe the dilapidated properties could be cleaned up and used for new housing. Temporary housing, a new RV Park, maybe take advantage of Yavapai County development program, "A Home Of My Own".

All great ideas. Enter wastewater compliance.

1. Many or most of the currently undeveloped properties within Ash Fork, proper, are because of underlying rock conditions, making digging very difficult and alternative disposal systems costly.
2. Maybe the properties underneath the dilapidated buildings are the same? unknown
3. No properties have been identified that could accommodate a "housing development" possibly utilizing federal monies for low-income housing. Federal lands and Zoning restrictions are some of the limiting factors.

For this the Ash Fork Sanitary district applied for and received some federal dollars to complete a Preliminary Engineering Report that will investigate the current wastewater disposal situation in Ash Fork, including the Railroad antiquated system. The report will provide a detailed report for the community to use in evaluating improvements in this area. Recommendations, alternatives, and strategies are expected from this report. A copy will be prepared for every property owner within the district boundaries.

This was identified as a high priority for the Action Team. Bids are going out soon for the completion of this report. Updates will be published in the bi-monthly AFDA newsletter. The report is scheduled to be completed by the year's end.

- The short-term housing solution is- individual houses built on individual lots in the subdivisions.

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- For Ash Fork a Centralized wastewater collection/Treatment plant for mainly commercial development and existing commercial establishments would be something to look very positive at. Some residential properties would could also be effected.

Youth-

- Develop a partnership with Ash Fork Schools for more community involvement.
- Plan and hold outdoor youth events, i.e., Stone Dam fishing derby, Scavenger hunts, capture the flag, etc. **(leadership needed)**
- Locate a community leader or group that would coordinate Community Clean Up Days
- Seek student contribution, participation from Ash Fork Schools in AFDA community newsletter.
- Distribute critical community information through our student to home process.

Some other noteworthy ideas or projects

- Community input on Best location for new marquee sign board. (Replace at existing location, move to water office, by the Museum), or other?
- Complete the Vietnam War Memorial
- Encourage property owners to make “best use” of vacant property. Ash Fork needs housing.
- Consider adding “Letter to the “Editor” section in AFDA newsletter.
- Encourage an increase in healthcare services by our Provider.
- Have a suggestion box for community ideas or comments.
- Continue with Centennial Park improvements.
- Confirm Inter-net improvements possibly coming to the area.
- With the new Post Office coming in, contract with a planning group to work on some ideas for adjacent property. Retail space, demonstration area, public bathrooms, locate caboos or train car for a coffee shop?

As you can see many ideas were formulated in the evening’s discussion.

I’m glad to have been a part of this process again. I saw a few new faces in the room. Really great!

I’m glad to have made your acquaintance.

A big thank you is due to Carole Popp and Rosemary Hume for their additional contributions to the group and process. Modern technology and a great note taker are essential contributions to any planning effort. Thank you.

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I'm sure we missed a few ideas. What do you have? I'm hoping to have a good discussion on one or more of these topics. See you at the monthly AFDA meeting, July 19, 7:00 P.M. August meeting is on the 7th, 8:00 P.M. I hope to see you there!

By Lewis Hume



SOMETHING ABOUT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT



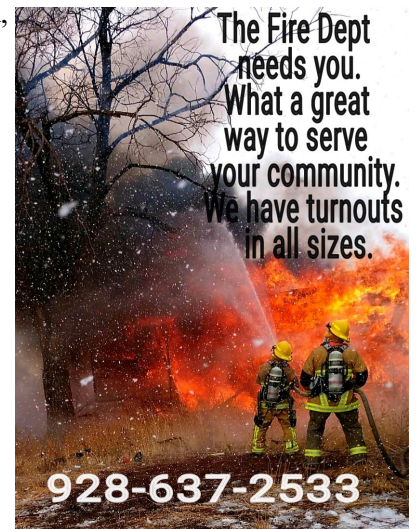
I was asked to write something about the Fire Department. I thought long and hard about what to write and came up empty, so I figured I would write about my personal experience with the Ash Fork Fire Department. It started at a community meeting during which the Fire Chief at the time, Joe Fairchild, explained that most of the firefighters had full time jobs making it difficult to respond to calls for service on weekdays. My wife stood up and stated, "my husband is retired and could respond at any time." I tugged on her sleeve and very respectfully said, "**SIT BACK DOWN.**" At that moment volunteering for the Fire Department was the last thing on my mind. Later I thought to myself, how much time could volunteering really involve anyway. After all, how many fires could there possibly be in Ash Fork. You probably see where this is going. I'm an idiot

My life has always involved service to my country and my community, so I filled out an application. I soon learned that your Fire Department does much more than fight fires. Your firefighters respond to requests for medical aid, traffic collisions on the 40 freeway as well as State Route 89, they attend community events, parades, and provide fire safety information any time an opportunity presents itself. These are just a few examples of how your Fire Department serves the community. In the last month alone we responded to 27 calls for service (11 traffic collisions, 5 medical aid calls, and 10 fire calls). Last month involved an unusually large number of fire calls, but fewer than normal medical aid calls and traffic collisions. Overall, it was a fairly typical month.

The AFFD hopes to increase our commitment and involvement in the community. We hope to invite citizens to many of our training sessions, attend more community events/meetings, and provide more fire safety information to the community. Ah, maybe you already see where I'm going with this. To provide more service to the community, we need more firefighters.

We recently took on 3 new members to the Department. One lives out of the area, but vowed to give us one day each week. He intends to be at the station and roll to calls when needed. In between calls he plans to inspect equipment and perform much needed maintenance on our equipment and the fire station facility. Another, Karson Nutter, has already assisted at the scene of a fatal traffic collision and at least three fires. He has also spent a great deal of time at the station assisting with vehicle maintenance and other station details. Kenneth Garcia, a former combat medic, responded to a major structure fire on the same day he turned in his application. He hadn't even been issued turnouts yet, but he stood by us and went to work. Now these volunteers are great news for the Ash Fork Fire Department and our community, but we still need more help.

If you have an interest in serving your community in an exciting way, and a desire to feel the camaraderie that only firefighters know, consider volunteering for your Ash Fork Fire Department. You can call and ask to talk to Wynn Simon or Mike Zigmund if you have any questions about volunteering or the Ash Fork Fire Department. Just leave a message and we will call you back. For the most part no experience necessary, just a desire to help your neighbors during their worse moments. **What could be more noble?**





ASH FORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS by Director Fayrene Hume



Ash Fork Annual Pioneer Day was a great day to celebrate #25. The parade was a little on the short side (disappointing) but our neighboring communities were celebrating also, so they couldn't be in two parades at the same time.

The winners of the Chili Contest were Juanita Cason, Steve Langford, and Roy Hume.



Juanita Cason & Roy Hume



Ash Fork Museum continues to grow with new-old things. A Speeder, donated by George L. Wallace arrived a few weeks ago and is sure to catch your eye.

Our latest "Sharing Our History" presentation was entitled "Shades of Route 66 Celebrating Diversity along Arizona's Historic Route 66. Presenters were Peter Runge and Dean Evans, NAU Cline Library Archivists. The project's intention was to honor communities that have historically been overshadowed by the dominant perspective. There is more to come. The presentation was enjoyed by a good number of folks, some from Williams and Chino Valley.

The number of daily visitors is on the rise at the Museum. New residents who have made their way to visit the Museum find it worth bringing in families when they come to visit.

Ash Fork Development Association receives another gift....Donors of Memorandum of Gift are John F. Long's family. The gift of 453.09 acres of land to be connected to the gift in 2003 of Stone Dam and 105 acres. Property referred to as "Ash Fork Stone Dam" was graciously accepted for the community of Ash Fork by Ash Fork Development Association, Inc. Board of Directors.

How special it is to be considered to receive such a gift. Mr. Long made the choice in 2003, now twenty years later his heirs, son Jacob, daughters Manya and Shirley, chose us again.



President of AFDA Fay Hume signing agreement at general meeting on June 21, 2023.

Ash Fork Cemetery Annual Community Clean-Up Day May 20th.

Thanks to all who came out to work. Also those who spent many hours mowing, trimming, choosing a plot or two to clean and doing the trash barrels.

It's never finished as in a short time it needs to be done again. Caring for our cemetery show we are a caring community. It was now ready for Memorial Day.



Memorial Day Ceremony—May 29th, 2023.... According to our local American Legion there are approximately 78 Veterans buried in the Ash Fork Cemetery.

It was a beautiful day and the ceremony was well attended by those wishing to pay tribute to our fallen for their service for our freedom.

Guest speakers included Deputy Jesse Hubble, US Navy Veteran, Dominick Sarno, Justice of the Peace for Ash Fork and Seligman, and Roger Ely, US Marine, Past State Commander American Legion with prayers by Fayrene Hume, President Ash Fork Development Association, Inc.

After the speeches Commander Robert Curley Flanagan presented plaques to Daniel Bustamante of Danny B's Automotive and Murphy's Towing for their service to

those in need.

Our local American Legion Post is named for Second Lt. Robert J. Fulton. He was 21 years of age and a US Army Pilot when he was killed in action over Burma on August 13, 1945. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren R. Fulton were residents of Ash Fork. Lt. Fulton attended Ash Fork High School. He enlisted in the military in January of 1942.

Lt. Fulton was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with four oak leaf Clusters

The Robert Fulton Post 57 is located at 47006 South Third Street in Ash Fork.



'Tis the season to be busy! And Ash Fork is seeing that in every direction. You see work going on constructing new businesses, street work, school bus barn, water line jobs, you name it. Our County streets were being chip sealed in town, with Double A Ranch Road to the north and Bullock Road to the south included. Earth Resources Corp with Yavapai County Public Works Department were in charge of the project and in between the firemen were kept busy with unexpected serious fires, one on 3rd St. and Railroad Ave., a residential, and then the Mobil Quick Lube Station on Lewis Ave. When these emergencies arise neighbors come together.

Thanks to KEW Fire Department, Seligman Fire Department and Ash Fork Fire Department and all lay people who pitched in together with Yavapai and Coconino County Sheriff's Departments. The worth of a good neighbor during these times can be more than you could expect. Those effected by the fires safely escaped. One known fireman came up with an arm injury. One business plus employment for several was lost from the fire.

Been thinking about being a fireman, let it be known and check out Ash Fork Volunteer Fire Department for information.



AFDA's Annual Spaghetti Dinner and 50/50 Raffle will be held on Friday, September 1, 2023 at 5:30 pm at the Ash Fork Fire Station. Drawing for the 50/50 Raffle will take place at 6:30 pm.

This event is in support of Small Town Christmas Lighting, which has been rewarding these past three years Thanks to all of you.

This year may be somewhat different but we'll still have something. Working around some changes with construction going on. Bear with us as we work through the planning and asking you to take part when these plans have been solidified. The lighting event is planned for November 17, 2023. Stay tuned.



St. Anne Catholic Church Festival—Saturday, July 22, 2023

This festival begins with Mass @4:00pm, We honor our Patroness, St. Anne, the grandmother of Jesus Christ. The activities begin @ 5:00 pm—8:00 pm in the Courtyard behind the Parish Hall. All are invited and its F R E E. The Knights of Columbus will handle the grills with hot dogs and hamburgers and more. Lots of good food, Bouncy House, games, Bean Bag Toss, Pop Toss—fun for all ages—music and fellowship!

Fr. Thielo Ramirez looks forward to seeing everyone and welcoming new people also.

ATTENTION: Ash Fork Development Association, Inc. will be taking nominations for their Board of Directors at the July 19th meeting. There are two seats to be filled from the water franchise area and one seat each from Juniperwood Ranch and Kaibab Estates West. Those being nominated must be at this meeting to accept or decline the nomination as well as the election meeting August 7, 2023, all to be held in the Escalante Room in the LLC Building on Lewis Ave.

Nominees for the franchise area must be a resident of that area and have had a water meter in their name for at least 6 months and be in good standing.

These are volunteer positions and require at least 10 hours of service per month as well as attend our monthly meetings.

Take an interest in your community and volunteer. Some say it's good for the heart.

Girls Softball 1A Regional Honors ...

Gracie Staples and Jessie Prosser were selected for the second team 1A All-Regional.

1A North Region Coach of the year was awarded to **Lauren Hume**—Ash Fork Girls Softball Coach.

Congratulations to all.



Daniel Knight MSN, MSHM, FNP-BC

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2023 Summer Update

Wow, what a challenging year it has been so far!

New Staffing! New Patients! New ideas about how to build a healthcare system here in rural Northern Arizona.

Being the lone Healthcare Provider between Williams and Kingman, Peach Springs and Chino Valley is no small task and it's certainly not cheap. We are constantly limited by the high cost of providing healthcare. We are in talks with *corporate investors* who want to help us expand services! We are hoping to come to an agreement very soon that will bring additional providers and staff, part of a "walk-in" clinic model, as opposed to the strictly by-appointment model that we need now to support one provider. Where this would not be "urgent care," it would be considered "convenient care" most likely with expanded hours. We see this as a good thing!

Home Health Care in Ash Fork and a few surrounding areas just got better! About two years ago we had but 2 home health companies to serve this area. Services have been limited only to skilled nursing in the home. **Angel's Care Home Health** now has a licensed Physical Therapist that can assist patients in the home. Yes, here in Ash Fork too! We are so proud of **Angel's Care** for helping us over this hurdle in getting our patients the care they need in their rural or semi off-grid home.

Insurance Plan Coverage –

Medications: We are pleased to announce that we are contracted with all accepted insurances for prescriptions in-house. We hope this will relieve the burden of so many who are unable to travel to get their medications.

Women's Health: Earlier this year we announced Women's Health services would be available. Insurance contracting may finally be complete, and we hope to resume those appointments as soon as possible. We currently have a waiting list and will begin scheduling from that list first.

Massage Therapy: Many insurance plans at Alchemy will now cover Massage Therapy services with Bethany Brandt, LMT. A small number of plans will not cover those services at all. Ask our front desk if your insurance is a "go" for massage! We know this will improve the options of many **AHCCCS** recipients. We are still waiting on VA approval to book Veterans for massage. Otherwise, these services are still available at an affordable cash pay rate.

VFC Vaccines to meet school mandates. We do provide Vaccines For Children (Arizona State Program) at Alchemy for school start or anytime your child needs to catch up on vaccinations. Please make an appointment for your child, bring yourself and your identification, and any insurance card that covers the child.

Happy Summer!

Recent Stone Dam Stocking



Jhovonny Vazquez Jr. is pictured with a "big cat" at the Spring stocking at Stone Dam.

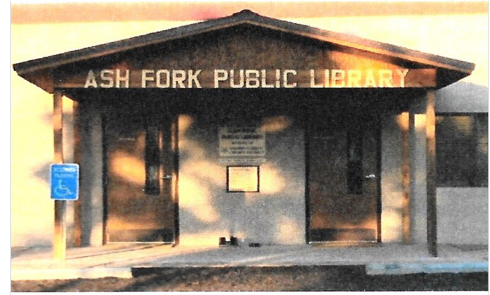
As a part of our agreement, Arizona Game and Fish Department arrived with 1000 lbs. of Arkansas Channel Catfish on the last day of May to help the success rate for fishing men and women at Stone Dam.

The Catfish were in good shape and varied in size.

Upon arrival the Game Ranger measures the Ph and Dissolved Oxygen content of the lake water. While all was good with the Dissolved Oxygen the Ph was a little high. The fish tank was treated with a solution prior to their release. The fish reacted normally upon release.

An algae bloom was present near the surface of the lake. This is the most likely cause of the higher Ph.

If you happen to notice any dead fish, vandalism or issues needing attention at Stone Dam please call and report to the Ash Fork Water Service at 928.637.2774. Thank you.



ASH FORK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Ash Fork Library's 2023 Summer Reading Program and foam party was a huge success! We had fifty people come out to the foam party and over 200 total visitors for summer reading. We hope all of the community enjoyed the events and will continue to come annually. We also would like to thank all of the amazing donors that contributed to these events. Without their generous donations/contributions none of this would have been possible- Cowper Garage, The Coral (Shell), Old West Properties, Grand Canyon RV Park, Murphy's Shell, R&J Crafts (Stone World), Ash Fork Museum, Ash Fork School, Blood Works, Ranch House Café, Williams Lions Club, The Hoskins Family, The Ash Fork Fire Department, Safeway (Chino Valley and Williams, and McDonalds (Williams).



Be sure to come in and check out our clubs as well. We have an adult and kid's art class every two weeks instructed by Tina Melhus as well as a kid's club that meets every Friday. Times vary so it's best to come in and get the info!

We've also recently purchased two children's STEM tablets available for in library use and a large amount of new books and DVD's, many of which are children's books. Come see the new inventory!



Andrew Tucker
 Library Coordinator
 928-637-2442

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER....

Summer Time!!!

It's surprising how busy summertime can be for school districts. This summer has been no exception. It seems the school year just ended and we are already getting ready for staff to return. Summertime is a great opportunity for our maintenance staff to complete projects that are nearly impossible with students being on campus. We were fortunate to have four students employed through North Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG) here all summer to help get the campus ready for another year. These four students have been diligent workers, learn quickly, and are getting great experience for future employment.

Summer is also a time for the governing board to finalize budgets and make plans for future projects and needs of the district. The governing board also reviews school data concerning student growth from state mandated testing results. To view our 2023 Test Scores please visit our website at afjUSD.org. Official numbers and letter grade will be available in November.

Our administrative team, that includes lead teachers and the superintendent, also take advantage of summer break to make plans that will help the district move forward. These plans could include an array of topics from team building to curriculum.

Districts do the majority of hiring for new employees during summer months. This can be a very difficult task in our current economy especially for teachers and bus drivers. We have been fortunate here at Ash Fork Schools to be able to maintain most of our employees throughout the years. Low employee turnover is one factor that has helped our student achievement stay high compared to peer districts.

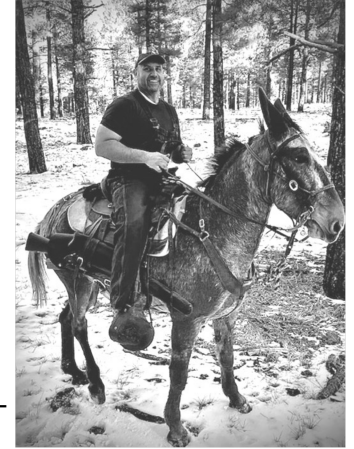
The shell for the bus barn is getting closer to being completed. The new structure will house the district's fleet of yellow buses. The district would like to convert the bus barn for student use with an automotive course. This will require voter approval come November to begin a second phase of construction that will include two auto lifts among other requirements for the program. The good news for voters is that the district will not need to raise taxes to complete the shop. It's a win win for everyone.

Maybe by the time you read this the monsoons will be back making everything green again and starting us off on a great school year!

Seth Staples

Superintendent

Ash Fork Schools



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 19, 2023 Ash Fork Development Association Meeting 7 pm– Escalante Room

July 22, 2023 St. Anne Catholic Church Festival—5 pm to 8 pm—St. Anne Church

September 1, 2023 Spaghetti Dinner & 50/50 Raffle—Ash Fork Fire Station—6:00 pm

Ash Fork Development Association—Turkey Shoot

The May 2023 Spring Turkey Shoot was held in the normal fashion, but with a mall twist. The twist being, the Turkey Shoot was sponsored by the Ash Fork Development Association (AFDA) with all proceeds going to the maintenance and operation of “Stone Dam”.

The shoot was held in the same fashion \$3.00 per shot or an all-day rate of \$60.00. Closest to the “bulls eye” wins the turkey The most common type of shoot is the 100-yard Bench Shoot. We had 2 pistol shoots and 1 offhand shoot. Ten turkeys and 10 gift cards were given as prizes for the winners.

Along with a great day of shooting we had a fine selection for lunch. Burritos, Chile Dogs, cookies, chips, sodas, etc. A big thank you goes out to the AFDA group for organizing a great lunch for all that were hungry. A full belly makes for a steady shooter.

I look forward to the next shoot— October this year. It’s a great time. I met some new folks at the May shoot and we hope to see some new faces at the next shoot.

Thank you to all that sponsored and participated :)

Lewis Hume



Oscar Muenks with his winning target. Competing in the regular shoot Oscar came up with the “shot of the day”.

Good shot Oscar!

He chose a Turkey for his prize.

****Volunteerism ****

Volunteerism plays a vital role in the growth and well-being of small towns, especially in Ash Fork, an incorporated community. Through volunteer work, community members can actively contribute to the development of their town and make a positive impact on the lives of others.

One of the significant benefits of volunteerism is the strengthening of social bonds. By volunteering, individuals can engage with their community, fostering relationships and building trust among one another. This creates a supportive network that helps overcome challenges and enhances the quality of life for everyone.

Volunteerism also has economic benefits. By relying on the help of volunteers, local organizations and initiatives can minimize costs, allowing them to allocate their limited resources more efficiently. Instead of hiring professional services, volunteers can contribute their time and expertise, providing valuable support to various community projects. This cost-effective approach helps make the most of their available resources, enabling them to focus their funds on critical areas such as infrastructure development or community services.

Furthermore, volunteerism fosters a sense of civic engagement and empowerment among the residents. Through volunteering, individuals become active participants in shaping the future of their community. They have the opportunity to voice their concerns, propose initiatives, and actively contribute to decision-making processes. This participatory approach strengthens the democratic fabric of small town societies, empowering citizens and instilling a sense of collective responsibility.

In conclusion, volunteerism in small towns is a powerful mechanism for fostering community development, enhancing social bonds, addressing local needs, and promoting civic engagement. By actively participating in volunteer work, individuals can make a significant difference in their communities. It not only benefits the immediate recipients of their assistance but also contributes to the overall growth and well-being of the town as a whole. Therefore, encouraging and supporting volunteerism is crucial for building strong, resilient, and thriving communities. Interested, please step forward. Email: afdevelopmentassoc@gmail.com THANKS

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

MEETING DATES:

July 19 2023— General Meeting—7:00 P.M.

August 7, 2023—Elections—8:00 PM

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

Ash Fork Tourist Center and Museum

Open Monday thru Friday

9 am-3pm

Operated by Volunteers

Ash Fork Historical Society

“Few will have the greatness to bend history itself, but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all those acts will be written the history of this generation.” ~ Bobby Kennedy

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 11:00 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

2022 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report For

Ash Fork Water Service

Public Water System Number: AZ04 -13-008



Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua usted bebe.
Tradúscalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

We are pleased to present to you this year's water quality report. Our constant goal is to provide you with a **safe and dependable** supply of drinking water. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality.

You may contact the Ash Fork Water Service Manager, **Lewis Hume** at (928) 637-2774 to learn more about what you can do to help protect your drinking water sources, any questions about the annual drinking water quality report, to learn more about our system, or to attend scheduled public meetings. We want you, **Our Valued Customers**, to be informed about the services we provide and the quality water we deliver to you every day.

Regular meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the LLC Building, Escalante Rm., 450 West Lewis Ave. Ash Fork, AZ. There is no meeting in December and the August meeting is held on the first Monday at 8:00 PM, as this is the Annual Meeting and Election of the Board of Directors.'

"Some account holders may have voting rights."

We have a new website, go to www.ashforkwaterservice.co for all your water service information.

Look for Meeting Agendas and important Community Information on our Facebook Page.

General Information About Drinking Water

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.


Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV-AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk of infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

For more information about contaminants and potential health effects, or to receive a copy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and microbiological contaminants call the **EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791**.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in

source water include:

<p>Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife</p> <p>Pesticides and herbicides that may come from a variety of sources, such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.</p> <p>Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also may come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.</p>	<p>Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.</p> <p>Radioactive contaminants, that can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.</p>
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In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our Water Source(s)

Ash Fork Water Service maintains 2-groundwater wells, located approx. 1.5 miles south of Ash Fork. This ground water is drawn from a regional aquifer comprised of the Tapeats Sandstone and in some cases the Martin Limestone. This water bearing strata is at a depth of 960' to 1270' below land surface and produces a calcium-sodium bicarbonate water type.

Source Water Assessment

Based on the information currently available on the hydrogeologic settings of and the adjacent land uses that are in the specified proximity of the drinking water source(s) of this public water system, the department has given a low risk designation for the degree to which this public water system drinking water source(s) are protected. A low risk designation indicates that most source water protection measures are either already implemented, or the hydrogeology is such that the source water protection measures will have little impact on protection.

Further source water assessment documentation can be obtained by contacting ADEQ.

Definitions

<p>Treatment Technique (T): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water</p> <p>Level 1 Assessment: A study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria was present</p> <p>Level 2 Assessment: A very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an <i>E. coli</i> MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria was present</p> <p>Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment, or other requirements</p> <p>Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water</p> <p>Maximum Contaminant Level Goal MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health</p> <p>Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The level of disinfectant added for water treatment that may not be exceeded at the consumer's tap</p> <p>Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of disinfectant added for treatment at which no known or anticipated adverse effect on health of persons would occur</p> <p>ppm= mg/l</p>	<p>Minimum Reporting Limit (MRL): The smallest measured concentration of a substance that can be reliably measured by a given analytical method</p> <p>Millirems per year (MREM): A measure of radiation absorbed by the body</p> <p>Not Applicable (NA): Sampling was not completed by regulation or was not required</p> <p>Not Detected (ND or <): Not detectable at reporting limit</p> <p>Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU): A measure of water clarity</p> <p>Million fibers per liter (MFL)</p> <p>Picocuries per liter (pCi/L): Measure of the radioactivity in water</p> <p>ppm: Parts per million or Milligrams per liter (mg/L)</p> <p>ppb: Parts per billion or Micrograms per liter (µg/L)</p> <p>ppt: Parts per trillion or Nanograms per liter (ng/L)</p> <p>ppq: Parts per quadrillion or Picograms per liter (pg/L)</p> <p>ppm x 1000 = ppb</p> <p>ppb x 1000 = ppt</p> <p>ppt x 1000 = ppq</p>
<p>Lead Informational Statement: Lead, in drinking water, is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Ash Fork Water Service is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.</p>	

Water Quality Data

We routinely monitor for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The State of Arizona requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. Some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old.

These tables show the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2022 unless otherwise noted.

The Monitoring Assistance Program (MAP) provided by ADEQ of AZ. Sampled & Tested both Ash Fork Wells for : Inorganic chemicals, Volatile Organic Chemicals, Synthetic Organic Chemicals, Radionuclides and Aroclor in 2022.

Water Quality Data – Regulated Contaminants

<u>Microbiological (RTCR)</u>	TT Violation Y or N	Number of Positive Samples	Positive Sample(s) Month &	MCL	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination	
E. Coli	N	0		0	0	Human and animal fecal waste	
Fecal Indicator (From GWR source) (coliphage, enterococci)	N	0		0	0	Human and animal fecal waste	
<u>Disinfectants</u>	MCL Violation Y or N	Running Annual Average (RAA)	Range of All Samples (Low-High)	MRDL	MRDLG	Sample Month & Year	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine/Chloramine (ppm)	N	0.31	0.20- 0.45	4.0	0	2022	Water additive used to control microbes
<u>Disinfection By-Products</u>	MCL Violation Y or N	Running Annual Average (RAA) OR Highest Level Detected	Range of All Samples (Low-High)	MCL	MCLG	Sample Month & Year	Likely Source of Contamination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	N	1.2		60	N/A	9/2021	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) (ppb)	N	5.7		80	N/A	9/2021	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
<u>Lead & Copper</u>	MCL Violation Y or N	90 th Percentile	Number of Samples Exceeds AL	AL	ALG	Sample Month & Year	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper (ppm)	N	0.053	0	1.3	0	9/2021	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Lead (ppb)	N	No Detect	0	15	0	9/2021	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of
<u>Radionuclides</u>	MCL Violation Y or N	Running Annual Average (RAA) OR Highest Level	Range of All Samples (Low-High)	MCL	MCLG	Sample Month & Year	Likely Source of Contamination
Beta/Photon Emitters (mrem/yr.)	N/A			4	0		Decay of natural and man-made deposits
Alpha Emitters (pCi/L) (This is Gross Alpha 4000)	NO	4.69		15	0	8/2022	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium-226 & -228 (pCi/L)	NO	< 1		5	0	8/2022	Erosion of natural deposits
Uranium (ug/L)	N/A	N/A		30	0		Erosion of natural deposits
<u>Inorganic Chemicals (IOC)</u>	MCL Violation Y or N	Running Annual Average (RAA) OR Highest Level Detected	Range of All Samples	MCL	MCLG	Sample Month & Year	Likely Source of Contamination
Antimony (ppb)	NO	<0.001		6	6	8/2022	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics, electronics and solder
Arsenic ¹ (ppb) AF # 1 AF # 2	NO	7.3 6.4 R.A.A.		10	0	8/2022 12/2022	Erosion of natural deposits, runoff from orchards, runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Asbestos (MFL)	NO	<0.2		7	7	11/2020	Decay of asbestos cement water mains

Other Useful Data

Contaminant	Secondary Standard	Units	Level Detected/ Range	Violation (Yes or No)	Sample Date	Likely Source
Calcium		ppm	50	N/A	1/2021	
Chloride		ppm	28.6	N/A	1/2021	
Potassium		ppm	1.42	N/A	1/2021	
Hardness total		ppm	210 168 212 200	N/A	9/2001 11/2007 10/2008 1/2021	Water hardness is caused by the polyvalent metallic ions dissolved in water (principally Calcium & Magnesium) 0-75 Soft 75-150 Moderately Hard 150-300 Hard
Iron	0.3	ppm	ND	N/A	1/2021	
Magnesium		ppm	18.4	N/A	1/2021	
Manganese	0.05		0.01	N/A	1/2021	
pH	6.5 – 8.5	ppm	7.76	N/A	1/2021	
Sulfate	250	mg/l	83.5	N/A	1/2021	Levels in excess of 250 mg/L may have a laxative effect on user.
Total Dissolved Solids	500	mg/l	338 322	N/A	10/2008 1/2021	Water in excess of 500 mg/l may have an unpalatable salty taste.
Zinc	5	ppm	0.0544	N/A	1/2021	

Violations Summary


Calendar year 2022

Violation Type	Explanation, Health Effects	Time Period	Corrective Actions
Failure to conduct routine monitoring for TTHM and HAA5 at the proper frequency.	NONE	2022 Monitoring Period	Proper sampling in 2023

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