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Dear Coconino County residents,

Happy springtime and welcome to the latest Report to Citizens! As we celebrate surviving this winter's El Nino without too much excitement, we turn our attention to a safe and enjoyable summer ahead.

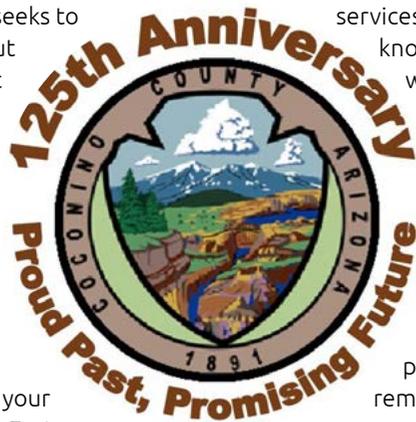
In this issue we bring you the new Wildfire Defense Ordinance, which we, as the Board of Supervisors, approved last summer. The ordinance seeks to eliminate confusion about what you can and cannot do during a stage of fire restriction by aligning our rules with those of the City of Flagstaff, Arizona State Forestry Division and the U.S. Forest Service.

Also, this issue includes information on how to make the best of your summer with activities at Fort Tuthill, frequently asked questions about serving as a juror, an update on zoning changes, and a guide to the numerous resident programs we offer through our Community Services department. In addition, we are given a glimpse into "a day in the life of a Sheriff's Deputy," and we are reminded of some spring and summer safety tips from the Coconino County Public Health Services District.

Finally, we would be remiss if we did not

say "Happy Birthday Coconino County!" This year, Coconino County celebrates 125 years. While we are always focused on the betterment of our community with an eye toward the future, it is important to note how far we have come in 125 years — from our infrastructure to the size of our population and the growth of our services. For instance, did you know that Coconino County was officially created 21 years before Arizona even became a state? The pressing issues of the day in 1891 were the regulation of drinking and gambling, and the need for water. While the supply and preservation of water remains an ever-present concern, we now focus on the maintenance of our roads and the delivery of services in the most efficient ways possible. We are proud of not only the ways we, as a county, have grown, but also the work we and our employees put into keeping this a safe, beautiful place to live. Here's to another 125 successful years!

Sincerely,
The Coconino County Board of Supervisors and County Manager



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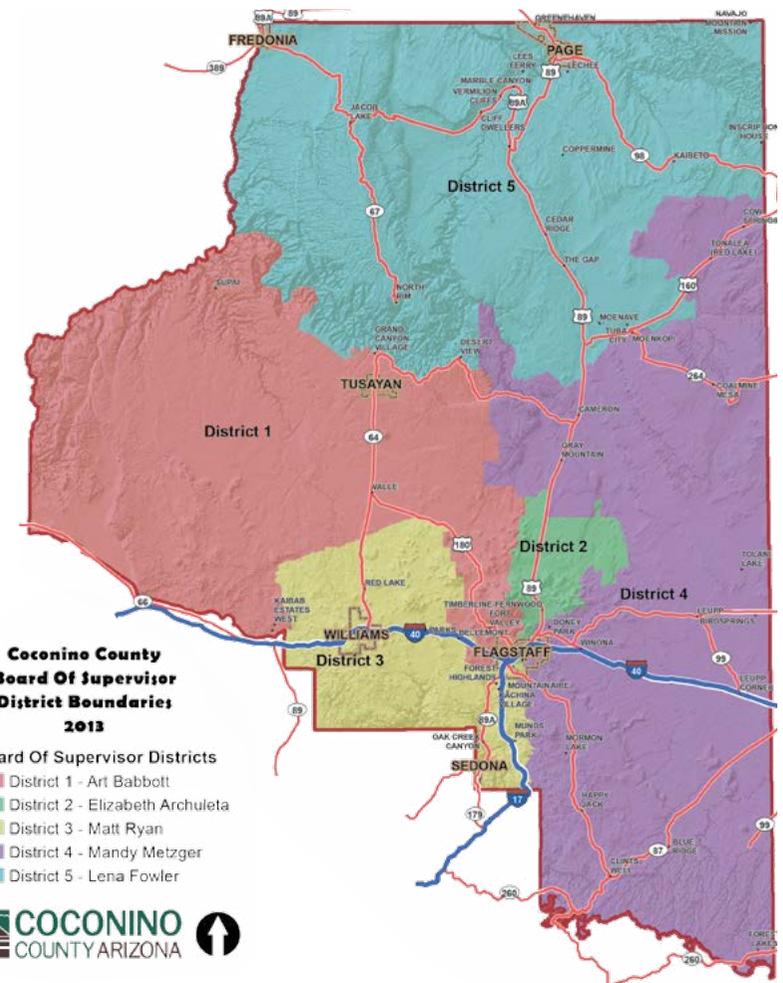
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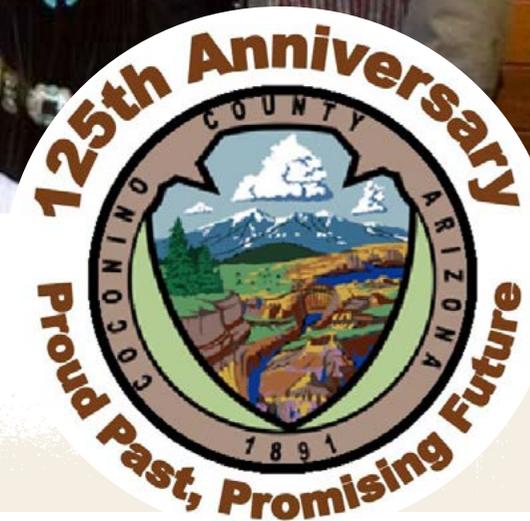


On the Cover: "Indian Garden" - off of Bright Angel Trail. Photo by Robert Engberg/Flickr.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, COCONINO!



Prior to the March 1 regular meeting, the Board of Supervisors and the County Manager's Office held a short celebration to honor the history and heritage of Coconino County. The Supervisors and County Manager took turns reading highlights from the County's history and some shared personal stories of their connection to the County, complete with period clothing and family photos. Coconino County was founded on February 19, 1891 and the first meeting of a Board of Supervisors was held April 1, 1891.



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Public Meeting Schedule

Meetings take place in the Board of Supervisors Chambers on the first floor of the Coconino County Administrative Building at 219 E. Cherry Ave. in Flagstaff:

- May 10:**
Budget work session, 10 a.m. (tentative)
- June 7:**
Regular session, 10 a.m.
- June 14:**
Work session, 10 a.m. (tentative)
- June 21:**
Evening meeting, 6 p.m.
- August 9:**
Regular session, 10 a.m.
- August 23:**
Evening meeting, 6 p.m.
- September 13:**
Regular session, 10 a.m.
- September 20:**
Work session, 10 a.m. (tentative)
- September 27:**
Evening meeting, 6 p.m.

This schedule is subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, visit www.coconino.gov or call (928) 679-7120. Agendas are available at www.coconino.gov/agendacenter on the Friday before each meeting.

GET INVOLVED! Serve on a Board or Commission

Public participation on boards or commissions plays an important part in helping the County address issues and create policies that directly affect our residents, such as health services, land use, and open space. Members of the public are selected by the Coconino County Board of Supervisors to serve set terms. The Board strives to maintain ethnic, cultural, geographic and educational diversity by drawing upon valuable expertise when appointing

citizens to these voluntary positions. For information on the County's Boards and commissions, and how to serve, visit www.coconino.gov/boardsandcommissions.

Diversity Councils Seek Members

Do you have an interest in promoting cultural understanding? Coconino County's Inter-Tribal, African American and Hispanic Advisory Councils invite members of the public from all backgrounds to attend a meeting and apply to be a member.

Established in 2001 by the Coconino County Board of Supervisors, the Inter-Tribal Advisory Council (ITAC), the African American Advisory Council (AAAC), and the Hispanic Advisory Council (CHAC) act as official liaisons and communication links between their respective constituents and the County. The Councils each consist of up to 15 volunteer members and meet on a monthly basis at the administration building in Flagstaff. Membership and meetings are open to the public, and members who live out of town can attend the meetings by phone or video conference.

Anyone interested in joining is encour-

aged to attend a future meeting in person to find out more. For more information, visit www.coconino.gov, click on the "Government" tab and "Boards and Commissions" or contact:

AAAC: LINDSAY DALEY
LDALEY@COCONINO.AZ.GOV
OR CALL (928) 679-7163

CHAC: THERESA THOMAS
TTHOMAS@COCONINO.AZ.GOV
OR CALL (928) 679-7162

ITAC: SUSIE GARRETSON
SGARRETSON@COCONINO.AZ.GOV
OR CALL (928) 679-7164



Jason Christelman, Director

NEWS FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Coconino County is currently revising its Zoning Ordinance with the goal of enabling good development, streamlining processes, and bringing the Zoning Ordinance in alignment with the County's Comprehensive Plan. This effort is led by the Community Development Department with participation from a wide variety of community stakeholders.

The revision has been underway for the past year and is expected to take a total of 18 months. Recent modifications have included a new section for the establishment of vacation rentals, the re-establishment of utilization of accessory dwelling structures, the simplification of measuring projections into yards (setbacks) and general formatting for ease of use.

In addition, I'd like to highlight that perhaps the most profound improvement to date is the creation of a new Community Agriculture section. This section provides standards for animal keeping, including the keeping of bees for honey production and agriculturally-related uses.

On a larger scale, the Community Development Department is seeking input from stakeholders who are affected by the ordinance. Additionally, the Community Development Advisory Group (CDAG) has formed to offer expertise in developing the draft ordinance. The CDAG is a citizen-based group open to the public. All drafts will be heard and approved by both the Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Supervisors at public hearings.

One strategy the County is exploring is to increase the number of permitted uses based on comprehensive performance standards, including, but not limited

to: parking, landscaping, setbacks, and fencing. By creating performance standards for customers to follow, the County hopes to provide more assurance and predictability in the development process, without sacrificing good development. Those projects not meeting or exceeding performance standards would still be allowed to apply for Conditional Use Permits and be publically heard before the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Other objectives to be achieved with the revision of the Zoning Ordinance will be creating incentives for better development, removing unnecessary or overly burdensome barriers, making the ordinance more user-friendly and implementing goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan.

Overall, it is expected that the majority of changes will occur in the General Residential Zone (G) and Commercial (General and Heavy) and Industrial Zones. The G Zone comprises approximately 92% of the lands under County jurisdiction for development. They are typically very rural large lots and are frequently considered for Conditional Use Permits for uses other than residential. The proposed revision would enable many of these uses to be approved administratively, as long as the application meets the comprehensive performance standards. Additionally, in the Commercial and Industrial Zones, the list of permitted uses would be expanded.

Community Development looks forward to adopting a more responsive Zoning Ordinance. We welcome your input and feedback throughout the revision process.

▶▶▶ More information is available at www.coconino.gov/communitydevelopment



www.coconino.gov/sustainablebuilding

Coconino County would like to congratulate and thank these community participants who received this year's Sustainable Building Awards:

~2016 Sustainable Building Awardees~

- * **Northern Arizona University's International Pavilion** ~RSP Architects, Ltd. ~Kinney Construction Services, Inc.
- * **Hahn Net Zero Energy Residence** ~Smith Architects, Inc. ~Hope Construction ~E3 Energy ~Corinne Finney Interiors
- * **Four Square Historic Project** ~Alphabet Trees, LLC ~Architectural Design Studio ~Good Oak Enterprises, Inc.
 - * **Pine Project Remodel** ~Carl's Drafting ~Evolution Construction
 - * **Newton Addition** ~Jesse Newton
- * **Homestead Off-Grid Residence** ~Green Mountain Construction
 - * **Dunn Residence Greenmodel** ~Dunn Family
- * **Rose St. Cottages** ~Phebe Paine & Jeff Knorr ~JKC Inc.
- * **Cabin Haus** ~Serena & Tom Elsass ~Ezra Builders, LLC
- * **Carlile Residence** ~Architectural Design Studio ~ Building Energy Performance ~Harmony Builders, Inc.
- * **Habitat for Humanity of Williams** ~Habitat for Humanity and numerous community volunteers
- * **Koch Field Passive Solar Residence** ~Bill Porter & Tim Whiteside
- * **Kiowa Passive Solar Cottage** ~Travis & Joanna Estes ~HME Home Builders
- * **Herkenhoff Residence** ~Paul Overman Design Studio ~Harmony Builders, Inc.
- * **Garage Grows Up** ~Joan & David McKee ~Kohl Design and Construction
- * **Double Efficiency** ~Green Mountain Construction & Jirsa Construction
- * **Passive Solar House on Ash** ~LightVox Studio ~Jirsa Construction
- * **Deadwood Ranch** ~SolarTerra Design, LLC ~Property Plus, LLC.

Coconino County Community Services



Janet K. Regner, Director

Coconino County Community Services, a designated Community Action Agency (CAA), is dedicated to providing support and opportunities to people of all ages within Coconino County. Our mission, "Working together; Improving lives; Creating solutions with Coconino Communities," is paramount to everything we do. The goal at Community Services is for individuals to enjoy a more satisfying and economically stable life.

WHAT DOES COMMUNITY SERVICES DO?

We provide services to maintain and acquire housing, transportation, elderly home care, case management and nutrition, economic empowerment, case management services integrated with financial coaching, micro-entrepreneurship training, and asset building programs.

FIND US

We are located on the 2nd floor, at 2625 N. King Street, Flagstaff, Arizona 86004. Call (928) 679-7455 or visit www.coconino.az.gov/communityservices for more information.

DOES COMMUNITY NEED WARRANT THESE COMMUNITY SERVICES?

22% of persons living in Coconino County live below the federal poverty level, significantly higher than Arizona (17.3%) or the United States (14.9%) as a whole. A contributing factor is that Flagstaff is the 49th (of 206) most-expensive metro area rental markets and 38th (of 207) most-expensive home-buying markets in the United States. These conditions challenge self-sufficiency, increase homelessness, and create a high need for help with rent, utilities, and more. Many home-bound seniors need meal assistance, and others need help starting/

expanding micro-businesses or beyond poverty personal development strategies.

WHAT SENIOR SERVICES DO YOU PROVIDE?

Senior Services provides seniors (60 years +) with information and program referral, including:

- Benefits Checkup (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - SNAP, Arizona Commodity Supplemental Food Program - Food Plus, Medicare, and other federal and state programs)
- Homecare Services (housekeeping, shopping, personal care, and respite care)
- Nutrition Program (congregate meals and Meals on Wheels in Flagstaff and Williams)
- Transportation Services (Senior Independence Program and assistance with other transportation programs)

Contact: Melinda Tracey at MTracey@coconino.az.gov or call our office.

WHAT TYPES OF SOCIAL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE?

At Social Services you can apply for rent/mortgage payment assistance, utility assistance, move-in deposits on utilities, clothing and food box vouchers, financial coaching/literacy, repair or replacement of a utility related appliance or system, utility repairs and replacements, special needs assistance related to employment. Contact Susan Harlos at SHarlos@coconino.az.gov, or call our office.

WHAT OTHER SELF SUFFICIENCY PROGRAMS DO YOU OFFER?

Basic Business Empowerment (BBE) Program

The BBE class is a 12-week course for individuals interested in starting up and/or expanding a small business. A Business Plan will be created, which will assist in determining if your business is feasible. Contact Scott Neuman at SNeuman@coconino.az.gov or Norma Gallegos at NGallegos@coconino.az.gov, or call our office.

Individual Development Account (IDA)

IDAs are savings accounts available to low- and moderate- income individuals/families who earn matching funds through regular and continuous savings and participation in financial literacy classes. Match funds are disbursed if/when the

participant's savings are used for the acquisition of assets (business capital or financing post-secondary education at (\$ave2Learn). Contact Barbara Frakes at BFrakes@coconino.az.gov or Norma Gallegos at NGallegos@coconino.az.gov, or call our office.

Financial Literacy Workshops and Coaching

Get your finances in order, learn how a credit score is calculated and get tips to improve it. Learn financial money management tools to help you track spending and pay bills on time. These topics and more are covered in Coconino County's Social Services Financial Literacy workshops. In addition, we also provide information on credit card usage and how to use them to your advantage. The beliefs one holds around money are the biggest factor in shaping financial circumstances, and we examine beliefs and how to change them to shift in the direction of more abundance and prosperity. Contact Susan Harlos at SHarlos@coconino.az.gov, or call our office.

Owner Occupied Housing Rehab Program

In partnership with the City of Flagstaff Housing Department, Community Services operates an Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Arizona Department of Housing. Low-income and fixed-income homeowners can receive assistance with repairs to their homes like roofing, plumbing, heating and electrical systems that may pose a health or safety hazard to the occupant. Additional considerations are given for disability access and features, aging in place modifications, as well as energy efficiency items that may result in lower utility costs to homeowners.

The program is available to Coconino County residents with incomes at or below 80% of the State Median Income (SMI) Guidelines (i.e., household of one with annual income at or below \$33,750). For additional information on how you may qualify or how the program works, contact Norma Gallegos at NGallegos@coconino.az.gov or call our office.

How can I give a financial donation to Community Services?

There are two ways to give, either by writing a check and mailing or hand delivering it to Community Services, or by donating online with your credit card via PayPal.

- To donate online with your credit card via PayPal, www.coconino.az.gov/communityservices
- To donate in person or by mail, make check payable to "CCCSD," write "donation" in the memo line, and send to:

Coconino County Community Services
2625 N. King Street
Flagstaff, Arizona 86004
Attention: Administrative Manager

How are donations usually used to help our Coconino County community neighbors?

Community Services provides assistance to our most vulnerable community members with things like housing, utilities, financial coaching assistance, meals and assistance for the elderly, self-sufficiency programs and our Volunteer Program.

Are donations to Community Services typically tax deductible?

Yes, Coconino County Community Services is a public non-profit, community action agency and donations to it may be deductible from federal income tax.

Can my donation to Community Services qualify for a Charitable Tax Credit?

Yes, you may receive an Arizona Charitable Tax Credit for charitable contributions to Coconino County Community Services, a qualified charitable organization by the State of Arizona. Your donation will help those we serve and it will also reduce your Arizona State income tax dollar-for-dollar, up to the legal limit. Contact Barbara Frakes, or call (928) 679-7425.

Q & A

with Clerk of the Superior Court VALERIE WYANT

Many of you may wonder what my roles and responsibilities are, and I would like to take a few moments to share with you what I do as your Clerk of Superior Court.

In this role, I serve as the official record keeper and financial officer for the Superior Court. The functions of the Clerk of the Court are far-reaching – satisfying more than 500 state statutes and Court rules. Among the roles that the Clerk of the Superior Court’s Office was created to perform are to:

- ▶ Provide the public, court, media, and the legal community access to all records of the Superior Court in Coconino County.
- ▶ Attend each Superior Court session to record the actions of the court.
- ▶ Be the first stop in initiating a Superior Court action in civil, criminal, juvenile, probate, adoption, or domestic relations matters.
- ▶ Collect and disburse court-ordered fees, fines, and victim restitution in an expedient manner.
- ▶ Receive, distribute, and preserve official court documents.
- ▶ Store exhibits for all court cases.
- ▶ Issue and record marriage licenses.
- ▶ Process all records in juvenile dependency, delinquency, severance, and adoption cases.
- ▶ Process passport applications.
- ▶ Act as jury commissioner to establish a pool of jurors for trial in Superior Court, federal, and Justice Court cases, and for grand jury for the Superior Court and State Court.

Unless you been summoned for jury duty and actually served as a juror, I think it is one of the most misunderstood subjects involving the Courts. Here are some frequently asked questions with answers that may assist:

Q. Why is jury service important?

The United States Constitution and the Arizona Constitution guarantee all people, regardless of race, religion, sex, national origin, or economic status, the right to trial by an impartial jury. Justice ultimately depends to a large measure upon the quality of jurors who serve in our courts.

Q. Who is entitled to a jury trial?

Generally, any person charged with a criminal offense or any party to a civil case has a right to a jury trial. All parties are equal before the law and each is entitled to the same fair treatment.

Q. How are prospective jurors selected for jury service?

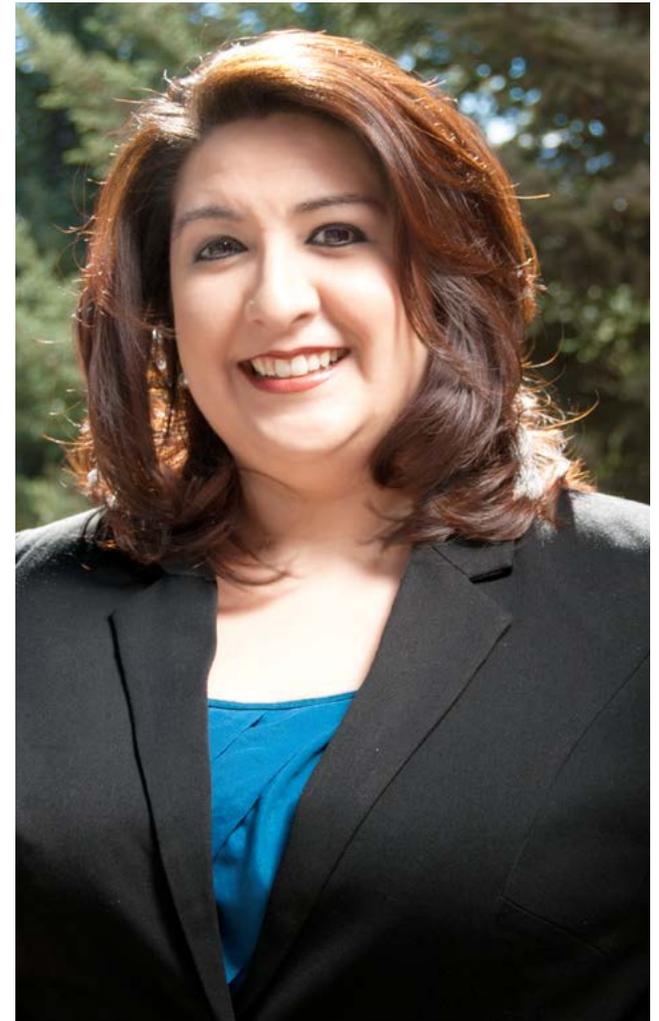
Jury service is not voluntary, but is a civic duty imposed upon all citizens by statute. You do not need any special skills or legal knowledge to be a juror.

Each year, prospective jurors are selected randomly from the county’s master jury list, which is created by merging name lists provided by the Arizona Motor Vehicle Department and the Coconino County Election’s Department.

Q. I received a jury questionnaire. What is this?

Twice a year the Jury Commissioner receives an order from the Presiding Judge instructing that a sufficient number of persons be randomly selected from the master jury list and be mailed questionnaires to determine eligibility to qualify as a prospective juror for the following six months.

Our current process is 10,000 qualifying questionnaires are mailed out generally occurring from mid-April through the end of May and again mid-October through the end of November. You have the option to respond to the questionnaire either in writing or online.



Q. Is jury service mandatory?

The United States Constitution and the Arizona State Constitution guarantee the right to trial by jury. Failure to attend as directed may be subject to penalties provided by law; A.R.S. § 21-223. All Coconino County residents are obligated to serve as a juror unless they:

- ▶ Are not a United States Citizen.
- ▶ Are not a Resident of Coconino County.
- ▶ Are under 18 years of age.
- ▶ Have been convicted of a felony and their civil rights have not been restored.
- ▶ Have ever been declared mentally incompetent or insane by a Court of Law.



Q. How do I request to be excused from jury service?

Prospective jurors otherwise eligible to serve may be excused from jury service only for extreme hardship, or if they are at least 75 years of age. All requests must be submitted to the Jury Commissioner's Office in writing prior to the prospective juror's service date as explained on the jury questionnaire.

Q. Can my employer prevent me from serving as a juror?

State law (A.R.S. § 21-236) prohibits an employer from discharging or in any manner discriminating against an employee for taking time off to serve as a juror if the employee, prior to taking time off, gives reasonable notice to the employer of the requirement to serve as a juror.

Q. I received a jury summons. What is this?

A jury summons directs you to appear for a specific Court at a designated date and time for jury duty. Summons for jury duty are randomly selected by the jury software.

When you receive a Superior Court summons it will instruct you to call a recording the night before you are scheduled to report to ensure that the trial you are summoned for has not been cancelled. Please remember that failure to appear for a jury summons could result into being summoned back to court to explain why you didn't appear and face possible sanctions by the Court.

It is always better to communicate with the jury clerk regarding any issues you may have regarding your summons.

Q. Parking and Transportation

Included in your summons will be a pink parking slip which will allow you to park in the spaces around the courthouse that normally have a two hour limit.

You may show your jury summons to the "Mountain Line" city transportation driver and receive a free bus ride to and from the courthouse.

Q. What may jurors wear to jury service?

Jurors should dress comfortably, but appropriately for a courthouse. The temperature in the Jury Assembly Room and in the courtrooms can be unpredictable, so you are encouraged to dress accordingly. *Not permitted: shorts, mini-skirts, tank tops, midriff tops, halter tops and flip flops.*

Q. Are jurors paid for their service?

Jurors that are selected to serve on a jury shall be paid the statutory jury service pay which is \$12 per day plus mileage. All jurors are eligible for a round-trip mileage allowance. The number of miles for each juror is calculated based upon where the juror lives, using the juror's residential zip code. Jurors who serve on trials lasting longer than 5 days may be eligible for additional compensation from the Arizona Lengthy Jury Trial Fund. Details about how to apply for this

compensation are provided to jurors on lengthy trials after they have been selected for the trial.

Q. How late will I be at the courthouse?

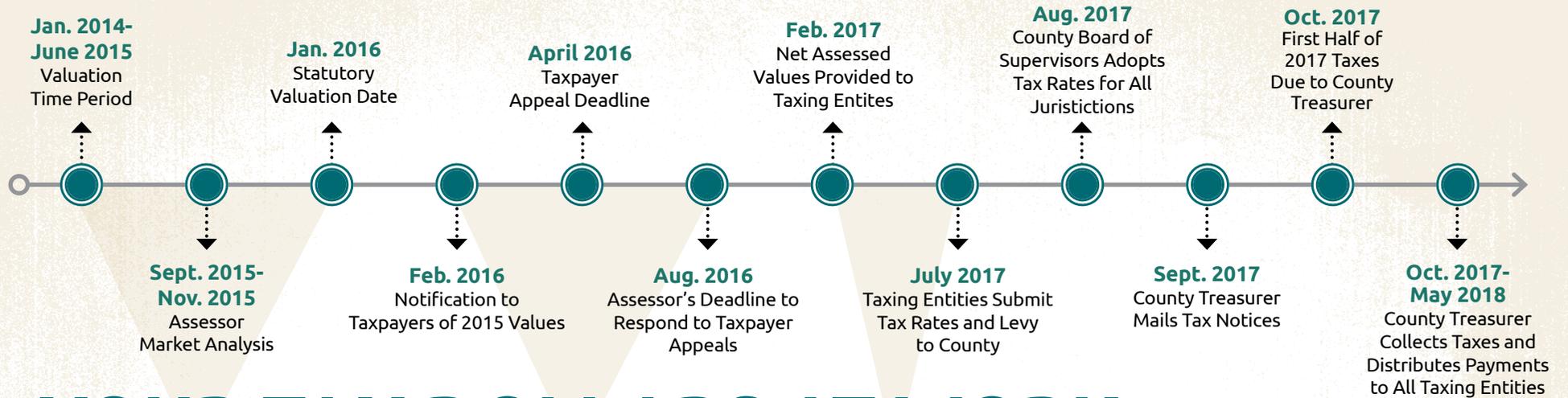
The Court's normal hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Prospective jurors should make arrangements to remain the entire day. Additionally, child care is not provided, it is inappropriate to bring your children to jury duty.

I appreciate you taking the time to learn more about the jury duty process. All in all, most people find that jury duty is a very educational — and even bonding — experience. While it may seem intimidating when you receive the summons, most agree that providing this civic duty is a very enriching experience. If you have questions regarding jury service, you can contact my office and we are happy to assist.

I kindly thank you for your jury service.

▶▶▶ *Questions? Contact the Clerk of the Superior Court's Office at (928) 679-7600.*

Valerie Wyant was elected as Coconino County Clerk of Superior Court in November 2014 and took office on January 2, 2015. She previously served as Chief Deputy for the office from 2011-2014.



YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

Valuation Time Period

- The property valuation process begins in September using sales information from the prior 18 months. (January 2013 through June 2014 for the 2016 tax year)
- Sales information is analyzed and preliminary values are submitted to the Arizona Department of Revenue for review to assure statutory compliance by December 1.
- Final values are set and approved by the department of Revenue for all properties in Coconino County.
- Annual Notice of Value must be printed and mailed by the statutory deadline of March 1 every year.

Taxpayer Appeals Process

- An Annual Notice of Value is sent to each property owner no later than March 1 every year for the next tax year.
- Property Owners have 60 days, as printed on the Annual Notice of Value, to file an appeal with the County Assessor's Office.
- The Assessor must rule on all appeals no later than August 15.
- If the owner does not agree with the Assessor's decision, he/she may appeal to the Board of Equalization within 25 days from the mail date printed on the Assessor Notice of Decision or directly to Tax Court before December 15.
- The Board of Equalization decision will be mailed to the property owner no later than October 19.

Taxing Entities Set Rates

- When it comes to setting tax rates, each taxing entity is responsible for setting its own rates through the public hearing process. For example, school taxes are determined by the elected school board of each individual school district. Fire district governing boards also set their own rates for taxpayers living within their boundaries and receiving their services.
- Once tax rates are adopted by those agencies, they are forwarded to Coconino County to be used in calculating the property tax bill of each property owner.
- Coconino County also holds a public meeting, including a Truth in Taxation hearing, on the second Tuesday in July to set the property tax levy that will be assessed for the County General Fund.

COUNTY TREASURER: PROPERTY TAX NOTICES

The Coconino County Treasurer, by statute, is responsible to bill, collect and disburse property taxes to each of the taxing jurisdictions within the County.

Each taxing jurisdiction adopts their individual budget and approves its own tax rates. The benefit of the County Treasurer serving as the ex-officio tax collector is that it relieves individual taxing jurisdictions from having to bill and collect their own taxes and relieves taxpayers from receiving multiple tax bills (one from each jurisdiction).

Annual real and personal property tax notices are issued for the calendar year during the middle of September.

All property owners will receive a tax notice and it is their legal responsibility to ensure all property taxes are paid. If a mortgage company pays the taxes, the notice may be issued via postcard and is a courtesy notification to the owner. Mortgage companies will request an electronic tax file for all their clients and will send the payment electronically.

The annual tax notice shows the assessed values being used to calculate the property taxes.

PAYMENT

Taxpayers have the option to pay their annual taxes in two equal installments. The first installment is due by November 1 of the year being collected and the second installment is due by May 1 of the following year. They can also pay in one full payment by December 1 of the year being collected.

If a property owner finds it easier, the Treasurer's Office will also accept partial payments to work toward the amount due by each payment date of current taxes.

▶▶▶ For additional information or any questions, contact the Treasurer's Office at (877) 500-1818 or (928) 679-8188.

WHERE DOES MY TAX DOLLAR GO?

The Coconino County General Fund keeps less than 6 percent of all taxes collected. These taxes support a broad range of general government services, including public safety and justice systems, health services, social services, community development and parks and recreation.

*Percentage of tax distributions and taxing districts vary by property location. The percentages above represent the total distribution of all taxes collected by the Coconino County Treasurer's Office.



Education - 67%

Other Special Districts 11%

Cities and Towns 8%

Coconino County Special Districts - 8%

Coconino County General Fund - 6%

From Disconnected to Connected

The Coconino County Career Center has joined a White House initiative along with national companies such as LinkedIn and Starbucks to help connect the County's "Opportunity Youth" to new educational opportunities and direct paths to employment.

"Opportunity Youth" is a segment of the population identified as 16-24 years-old, not in school, and unemployed. The term grew out of a White House Listening Session attended by Coconino County Supervisor Liz Archuleta where the topic of "disconnected youth" was identified as a disturbing issue that called for immediate attention. For many young people, a disconnect from school and work is often reflected through a disengagement from community and family support, which in turn can lead to youth making choices that have negative consequences. This crisis is occurring in both metropolitan and rural areas, with Maricopa County estimated to have the highest concentration of disconnected youth in America. In Coconino County, it is suggested that 10% of our youth population meets this definition.

Through the White House initiative to assist our "Opportunity Youth," LinkedIn is reaching out to business members in our community, asking if they would be interested in providing a summer job to a young person. Participating businesses will be connected through the White House to

the Coconino County Career Center, which serves as the local point-of-contact for the initiative. The Career Center will connect with the business to identify and support an "Opportunity Youth" for job placement.

The first employer to step up and offer a summer internship was Coconino County. The County's Human Resources Department will offer a summer internship for an Opportunity candidate, knowing that this job could serve as a stepping stone to a meaningful career. The first business to step up was Tapa Burger. In addition Tapa Burger is a locally manufactured, natural, meatless "burger" that was invented by local entrepreneur Jonathan Netsky. An internship with Jonathan will allow a youth who is interested in careers in advanced manufacturing, local food production, or entrepreneurship to gain real life experience in an expanding sector.

The Coconino County Career Center and its partners at ARIZONA@WORK will work with "Opportunity Youth" providing career exploration, GED enrollment, assistance in job placement, work experience, resume writing, interviewing, and soft skills training. Additionally, we will connect them to financial literacy training, entrepreneurial skills, employment information, and support services.

▶▶▶ For more information on this initiative, email the Coconino Career Center at CareerCenter@coconino.az.gov.

Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project (FWPP) Update



The Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project was approved by Flagstaff voters in November 2012. The \$10 million bond supports a

partnership between the state, city and Coconino National Forest to help reduce the risk of devastating wildfire and post-fire flooding in the Rio de Flag and Lake Mary watersheds.

During the past year, the project has moved from planning to implementation, with thinning (tree cutting) operations underway near the Weatherford Trail north of Schultz Pass Road. Tree removal operations (also known as harvesting) will shift to the lower part of the Dry Lake Hills project area this June, weather permitting. This phase will include treatments on the lower slopes of the Dry Lake Hills north of Flagstaff. Ground-based harvesting methods, such as mechanical and hand thinning, will be used. Prep work in these areas, such as marking "leave" trees with orange paint, occurred this past fall and winter.

▶▶▶ For more info on current project activities, area maps, trail closures, truck hauling routes, and timelines, visit www.flagstaffwatershedprotection.org.

National Community Wildfire Preparedness Day - May 7

The Greater Flagstaff Forests Partnership is pleased to announce an exciting free public event: **Harvesting Methods and Wildfire Preparedness Open House on May 7 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.** at the Aquaplex in Flagstaff. As the pace and scale of forest restoration efforts increase throughout the area, this is an opportunity for the community to experience and learn about the various harvesting methods and the measures taken by professionals to reduce the risk of severe wildfires in our forests.

Residents will also have the opportunity to gain valuable insight on how to protect their homes, property, and family from wildfire. Various agencies and organization will be available to discuss upcoming forest treatment operations, firewise principles, and answer questions. Exhibits include photo opportunities with lumberjacks, firemen, equipment/trucks, timber sports, forest treatment operations videos, a kids' corner, and refreshments.

This event is sponsored by the Fire Adapted Community Learning Network and is held in conjunction with the National Community Wildfire Preparedness Day.



Grow (and Eat) a Garden!

According to the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, "gardening with vegetables can be fun and can provide delicious and highly nutritious fresh food. Watching and working with plants can add a new dimension of enjoyment to life!"

Research shows that families with children that grow a garden eat more fresh fruits and vegetables, are more physically active, and spend more time together. There are many types of gardens – from a large plot in your backyard to a medium raised bed or even a small container garden out your back door.

The Coconino County Public Health

Services District (CCPHSD) Nutrition Programs recommend following the "10 Steps to a Successful Vegetable Garden" from the University of Arizona Extension Office: www.extension.arizona.edu/pubs. These steps will help you achieve a green "thumbs up" to a healthier you. Free gardening programs are available on the Navajo Nation for families with children up to 5 years old.

Don't have time for a garden? Then let your local farmer's do the work and you enjoy the benefits. The CCPHSD WIC Farmer's Market Voucher Program and the Flagstaff Community Farmer's Market are working together bringing fresh fruits,

vegetables and herbs to the local Farmer's Market. Check your local city schedules or visit to the Flagstaff Markets that are starting soon!

SUNDAY MARKET

May 15-October 16
8am – noon
211 W. Aspen Ave

WEDNESDAY MARKET

June 15 – August 24
4pm – 7pm
2257 E. Cedar Ave

Coconino Parks & Recreation

Summer Programs and Outdoor Adventure Camp

The 2016 Summer Programs and Camp schedule is now available! Visit www.Coconino.az.gov/RecPrograms to register. Programs fill up fast, so register early!

- ▶ Doubles Archery League: Thursdays from June 2 – August 4
- ▶ Magnificent Marinades & Grilling: June 4
- ▶ Outdoor Adventure Summer Day Camp: Weekly from June 6 – July 1, and again July 5-29
- ▶ Mountain Bike Camp: Weekly from June 6-24, and again July 11-29
- ▶ **NEW!** LEGO Camp: Weeks of June 27 and August 1
- ▶ Basics of Canning: August 6
- ▶ Advanced Canning: August 20



COCONINO COUNTY ARIZONA
PARKS & RECREATION
**2016 Spring/Summer
Outdoor Recreation Catalog**
Register online at coconino.az.gov/RecPrograms



Fort Tuthill Campground

Opens May 6

Reservations at www.CampFortTuthill.com.

Ramada Reservations

Visit www.Coconino/az.gov/Parks/Ramadas for more info.

Coconino County Fair: Sept. 2-5, 2016

at Fort Tuthill County Park

Vendors

We are accepting vendor applications for the 2016 Coconino

County Fair, September 2 – 5 at Fort Tuthill. Vendors may submit applications for amusement, food, commercial businesses, and non-profits. Early bird rates available through May 31 for County-based for-profit vendors. Visit www.Coconino.az.gov/CountyFair for an application.

Sponsors

Sponsors provide support to help the Fair run smoothly every year, while exposing their business to more than 40,000 people. Support the Fair and become a sponsor!

Entries

It's not too early to start preparing an entry into the Coconino County Fair. From Floriculture to Home Ec, show off your skills and get connected to your community when you enter an exhibit into the Fair. The Fair Book will be available online and in select community locations starting in May.

Volunteers

The Fair is looking for volunteers. Visit www.Coconino.az.gov/CountyFair to get connected and get involved.



CCPR Partners – Get involved year-round

Flagstaff Gem and Mineral Society

Rockhounds will enjoy meeting with the group the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Gem & Mineral Building at Fort Tuthill, as well as open house and work days on the second Saturday of the month.

Flagstaff Model Railroad Club

www.FlagMRRC.org – The first Saturday of the month, visitors are invited to the club's open house from 10 a.m. to noon. See the trains running and visit with members about model railroading and club operations.

Fort Tuthill Military Museum

www.FortTuthill.org – The non-profit museum is renovating two buildings at Fort Tuthill to house their extensive military collection, and once completed, will showcase the 158th Infantry.

Flagstaff Archers Club

www.FlagstaffArchers.com – Members can join in a number of events taking place this summer and improve their archery skills. Events include women only events, a summer evening league, Special Archers Challenge (June 4), Turkey Shoot (Nov. 20), and more.

Roll Out to the Fort Tuthill Bike Park

The Fort Tuthill Bike Park has become a popular place for locals and visitors in the last year. The park is free to the public, open dawn to dusk, and is closed periodically due to wet weather. Check the Fort Tuthill Bike Park page on Facebook for up-to-date information. We do not encourage riding on wet trails as people will cause trail damage when doing so. There are currently three flow trails and a tot track at the Bike Park, but there are plans for more features. Flagstaff Biking Organization is helping to secure funding for the bike park. Check out

the CCPR website or www.FlagstaffBiking.org for more information.

Equestrian Facilities at County Parks

Equestrian users have several facilities to choose from at CCPR. At Peaks View County Park, located on Koch Field Road, there is a 100'x200' community equestrian arena open year-round, and at Fort Tuthill County Park there is a 170'x245' community equestrian arena that is available April 1 – Oct. 31. Both are free

and open for day-use to the public. There are blackout dates associated with the arena at Fort Tuthill, so it's best to check in ahead by calling (928) 679-8000.

Last year, CCPR opened the Equestrian Cross Country Course at Fort Tuthill for day use to the general public. Located on the north side of the park, the cross country course is open year-round, dawn to dusk, weather permitting, and subject to reserved events. The Coconino Horse Trials are held at the park during the summer, and the course is closed during the trials and for set-up of the jumps. Check our www.Coconino.az.gov/Parks for a schedule.

Amphitheater Summer Schedule:

Check out an outdoor show at the Amphitheater this summer. Visit www.Pepsiamp.com for a complete summer line-up.

G-Eazy – April 18

Thievery Corporation & Emancipator Ensemble – May 14

Michael Franti & Spearhead – August 5

▶▶▶ We have a full season ahead --- for additional events at Fort Tuthill County Park, visit www.Coconino.az.gov/Parks

New Oral Health Programs Available

Preventive Care Dental Voucher

CCPHSD offers vouchers for uninsured adults or those who have AHCCCS to receive preventive oral health care at no cost. Preventive dental services (such as exam, x-rays, cleanings, etc.) are provided at the NAU Dental Hygiene Clinic. Income and residency qualifications apply.

Emergent Care Dental Voucher:

The Emergent Care Voucher is designed to assist adults in obtaining care for dental emergencies. The program provides vouchers, which are like money, to be used at participating dental offices throughout Coconino County. The program is open to income qualified adults who either have not insurance, or who are on AHCCCS.

►►► *More information is available at www.coconino.az.gov/health or by calling (928)-679-7355.*

Tips for Spring and Summer Safety

Summer in Northern Arizona brings people in contact with mosquitoes, ticks, fleas, bats, skunks, squirrels, and mice. While these animals are all important to the Northern Arizona ecosystem, they can occasionally carry disease. Therefore, the Coconino County Public Health Services District (CCPHSD) recommend taking precautions to protect yourself and your family from illnesses transmitted by animals.

Protect Yourself from Mosquito, Flea, and Tick Bites

The best way to prevent bites from fleas, ticks, and mosquitoes that can carry plague, tick-borne relapsing fever, West Nile virus, and Zika virus:

- ▶ Wear shoes and socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt when outdoors.
- ▶ Use mosquito repellent with active ingredients such as DEET.

►►► *For more information visit www.coconino.az.gov/health or call the Coconino County Public Health Services District at (928)-679-7272.*

Block the Sun

Northern Arizona sun is intense and can bring other risks that go beyond sunburn, including heat related illnesses.

- ▶ Wear sunscreen in addition to clothes covering your arms, legs and a hat.

Stay Away from Rodents and Rodent Nests

Outdoor recreation, such as camping, can pose a risk for hantavirus exposure. A few precautions should be taken when camping, including:

- ▶ Campers should not pitch tents or place sleeping bags in close proximity to rodent nests, burrows, or in areas of heavy rodent activity.
- ▶ Before use, properly clean tents and other camping gear that has been stored where rodents may have had access.
- ▶ If possible, do not sleep on the bare ground and zip tents closed to keep animals out.

Do Not Approach Wild Animals (Alive, Dead, or Wounded)

Rabies and plague can be transmitted to humans by direct contact with an infected animal. Reduce risk of exposure by following these guidelines:

- ▶ Do not handle or feed any wild animals. This includes dead and wounded animals.
- ▶ Prevent pets from roaming loose. Pets can pick up the infected fleas of wild animals, and then pass fleas on to their human owners. De-flea pets routinely and consult with your veterinarian.

See Your Healthcare Provider if Ill

In case of illness see your provider immediately and let him/her know your travel history. Some diseases have less serious effects if treated early.

School-Based Bike Rodeos Highlight Bicycle Safety

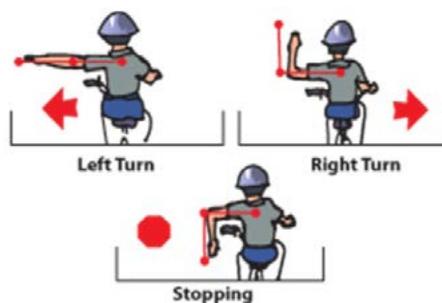
Spring...It is the time of year when kids around Northern Arizona unearth those bicycles from the depths of the garage, clean them up and get ready to ride! It is also the season for a popular event ...bicycle rodeos!!

Bicycle rodeos are a great way to teach and remind children about bicycle safety. Participants learn skills such as: ABC quick bike checks, rules of the road, where to ride, hand signals, looking both ways, stopping at stop signs, and bicycle laws. Every year during May, the Coconino County Public Health Services District (CCPHSD) Injury Prevention Program focuses on teaching children how to be safe on bikes.

For the past three years, Ft. Tuthill County Park has been the setting for an amazing bike rodeo event for area schools. This ½ day event features stations with school kids rotating through each station learning a new skill. These stations include:

1. Bicycle skills course...kids learn to use hand signals, stop at intersections, looking for cars, left and right hand turns, stopping for pedestrians, etc.

2. Bicycle rules scavenger hunt...kids learn proper bicycle etiquette, helmet use, what the ABC quick bike check entails and rules of the road.
3. Trail/road ride...this station takes the students on a ride on portions of Soldier's Trail, the Bike Park, as well as on the road to enforce the "rules of the road" learned in a previous station. Many of the kids have never ridden in the forest or experienced the Bike Park at Ft. Tuthill.
4. Fun ride on the Alpine Pedaler octopus bike...this is just for having fun on an unusual bike!



CCPHSD also holds bicycle rodeos at schools throughout the County. This setting provides a learning environment

which is helpful for children who cannot ride or do not have access to bicycles. These events provide important safety information and fun!!

When you are out riding, the CCPHSD Injury Prevention Program encourages you to remember some important rules of the road:

- ▶ ALWAYS wear a bike helmet.
- ▶ Ride WITH the traffic in a bicycle lane.
- ▶ Stop at stop signs and look both ways before proceeding through the intersection.
- ▶ Use your hand signals...think of them as your 'blinkers.'
- ▶ Obey speed signs...yes you can get a speeding ticket on a bike.
- ▶ Yield to pedestrians.
- ▶ Downtown Flagstaff DOES NOT allow bicycles to be ridden on the sidewalks. You must share the lane with cars.
- ▶ PAY ATTENTION AND HAVE FUN!!

These events are made possible through partnerships with Flagstaff Biking Organization and with public school throughout Coconino County.

►►► *For more information, call the CCPHSD Injury Prevention Program at (928)-679-7213 or toll-free at (928)-679-7272.*

Coconino County Sheriff's Deputy Shares

A Day in Her Life

as She Serves the Community

When Coconino County Deputy Alexandria MacArthur

wakes up at 4:30 a.m., her routine includes not only preparing her young daughter for the day ahead, but also readying herself with a list of important accessories: her bulletproof vest, uniform and duty belt that supports her hand gun, taser, several handcuffs, extra ammunition, and other police equipment. While much of the surrounding community is still waking up, Deputy MacArthur gets in her Sheriff's patrol truck and checks on the radio at 6 a.m. for her 10-hour shift.

She is assigned to the Williams/Grand Canyon Patrol District of the Coconino County Sheriff's Office, where no day can be considered "typical," and there is always something to do.

She regularly patrols the rural neighborhoods in the district, getting to know the area and the people who live



A business check, such as this one at AJ's Mini Mart, is an important part of a deputy's daily community policing activity

there. Driving the forest roads that connect many of the communities gives her an opportunity to speak with residents, hunters, and off-road vehicle enthusiasts — they know the area well and are eager to help keep their communities and forest safe.

Often, the Sheriff's dispatcher will have a call for service that requires her immediate attention with things such as a "public assist,"

a welfare check, or a suspicious death or medical emergency. If there are no calls for

service, it's off to the rural, unincorporated areas of her assigned district to and check in with businesses such as service stations or convenience stores. In between calls for service and patrolling, she may stop at a local school to visit with children and teachers, or attend a community meeting.

When the opportunity allows, she will park her patrol vehicle in a strategic location at one of the many entrances to subdivisions where she is visible and



Coordinating with dispatch and other officers through radio communication

available to the public. This allows her to conduct traffic enforcement within the neighborhoods that show a high frequency for serious injury or fatal traffic collisions, and areas where citizens have expressed concerns.

Throughout the day, Deputy MacArthur must also complete routine tasks like reports, or conduct follow-up investigations. This includes contacting witnesses, victims, possible suspects and "persons of interest." Her vehicle is outfitted with a computer and multi-channel radio which function as her lifeline connections to dispatch, fellow officers and the law enforcement information system, and so she also is always ready to respond to emergency backup needs of her fellow deputies.

Later in her shift, Deputy MacArthur may speak with cattle ranchers in her district to find out if there are issues with trespassing, missing animals or related incidents. She enjoys speaking with the ranchers who make up a large part of the Williams Grand Canyon District, and uses information she learns from these conversations when dealing with livestock struck by a motorist on a county road, or a

stray animal that has wandered onto the school grounds in Parks.

Her shift is scheduled to end at 4 p.m. However, if there are any injury collisions, medical calls, criminal investigations, evidence processing or any number of other community needs, she may be required to stay on shift. When her shift does end, Deputy MacArthur is able to switch gears and go home where she takes her badge, uniform, bulletproof vest and gun belt off and assumes the role of loving mother, wife, and Coconino County resident.

Deputy Alexandria MacArthur was hired as a Coconino County Sheriff Deputy on September 30, 2013. The following Monday October 7, 2013 she reported to the Southern Arizona Law Enforcement Training Center in Tucson, AZ. One of her most difficult academy experiences was the day that each cadet received a full dose of pepper spray in the face. She believes the academy opened her eyes to the world and how to interact with people in a wide variety of situations. She is excited about being a patrol deputy and believes this assignment will give her the opportunity to help people make positive changes in their lives.



Prop. 403 Continues to Pave the Way for Improved County Roads

COCONINO COUNTY'S commitment to make its roads better and safer for residents and visitors continues in 2016 thanks to Proposition 403, the County's Road Maintenance Sales Tax. Two more Roads Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects will break ground this spring and more than 46 miles of County roadway will be chip sealed this summer. Road maintenance service levels also continue to be improved by filling vacant operator positions and by replacing old equipment.

New Staff Helps Bolster Road Maintenance Service Levels

One of the County's primary goals following the passage of Prop. 403 was to address reduced road maintenance service levels resulting from a significant reduction in road maintenance revenues over many years. Last year several new equipment operators joined the Public Works team to assist with snow removal operations and routine road maintenance. Working with the County's Career Center, Public Works created Operator Trainee positions to "grow our own" skilled labor force. Public Works also teamed up with the County's Human Resources Department to kick off the County's Employee Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Program. CDL certification is required to operate certain types of commercial vehicles and heavy equipment including semi-trucks, loaders, graders and snowplows. This pilot program was implemented to coach interested County employees and help pay for their CDL training with the objective of having these employees become temporary County snowplow operators who would fill in for or augment permanent staff when necessary.

Kudos for County Snow Plow Operators

This winter the Public Works Road Maintenance Team received several compliments from County residents for their efforts during snow removal operations:

*"Thank you from Baderville!
You guys do an amazing job."*



"Thank you for the extra effort in Munds Park."



"Thank you for keeping Kachina plowed."

New Prop. 403 Funded Equipment Helping to Get the Job Done!

Prop. 403 has allowed the County to invest \$2.5 million in much-needed new equipment to support road maintenance. Equipment delivered to date includes six semi-trucks, two lowboy trailers, two side dump trailers, two belly dump trailers and one new water tank truck. For the past six years, the County was unable to invest in new equipment given the lack of revenue and much of the equipment had aged-out.



Navajo Nation Roads

The passage of Prop. 403 increased the number of County-maintained Navajo Nation school bus routes to 286 miles (a 30-percent increase). Prop. 403 also provides for a partnership between Coconino County and the Navajo Nation Department of Transportation (NDOT) on a capital matching fund program. This partnership allows the County to work with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and NDOT to mutually identify and fix problem areas on Nation school bus routes with shovel-ready projects.



A recently completed video about County road maintenance operations on the Navajo Nation is now available at www.coconino.az.gov/NavajoNationRoadMaintenance. As told by Nation residents, this heartwarming and informative video shows the benefits of increased County maintenance on Nation school bus routes that was made possible by Prop. 403.



Townsend-Winona CIP Projects Breaking Ground This Spring

The Townsend-Winona Pavement Rehabilitation Projects are necessary to improve and extend the service life of the deteriorated stretch of Townsend-Winona Road between Rio Rancho Road and Interstate 40 (I-40). The projects include a mill and overlay of more than six miles of roadway as well as widened multimodal lanes, roadside drainage improvements, the installation of new guard rails, school-bus pullouts and the restriping of the roadway.

County-Managed Section

Project Area: Townsend-Winona Road between

Rio Rancho Road and Leupp Road

Estimated Start: May 2016

Estimate Completion: Early Summer (Weather Permitting)

Project Engineer: Woodson Engineering & Surveying, Inc.

Project Contractor: Fann Contracting, Inc.

Funding: Prop. 403

Estimated Construction Cost: \$3.3 Million

Project Features

- Pavement Rehabilitation
- Widened Multimodal Lanes
- Roadside Drainage Improvements
- Guardrail Replacement and New Guardrails
- New School-Bus Pullouts
- Drainage Enhancements at the intersections of Townsend-Winona Road and Lumberjack Boulevard, Cosnino Road and Leupp Road
- Roadway Restriping

ADOT-Managed Section

Project Area: Leupp Road to I-40

Estimated Start: Summer 2016

Estimate Completion: Late Summer (Weather Permitting)

Project Engineer: Parsons Brinckerhoff

Project Contractor: ADOT Seeking Proposals

Funding: Prop. 403 & Federal Surface Transportation

Program (STP) Grant

Estimated Cost: ADOT Seeking Proposals

Project Features

- Pavement Rehabilitation
- Widened Multimodal Lanes
- Guardrail Replacement and New Guardrails
- Roadway Restriping



Traffic Control

Significant traffic control will be in place while the Townsend-Winona Pavement Rehabilitation Projects are under construction. Drivers are encouraged to leave early, expect delays and use an alternate route. Drivers should also frequently check the County Roads webpage and Facebook for construction and traffic control information.

To Stay Informed...

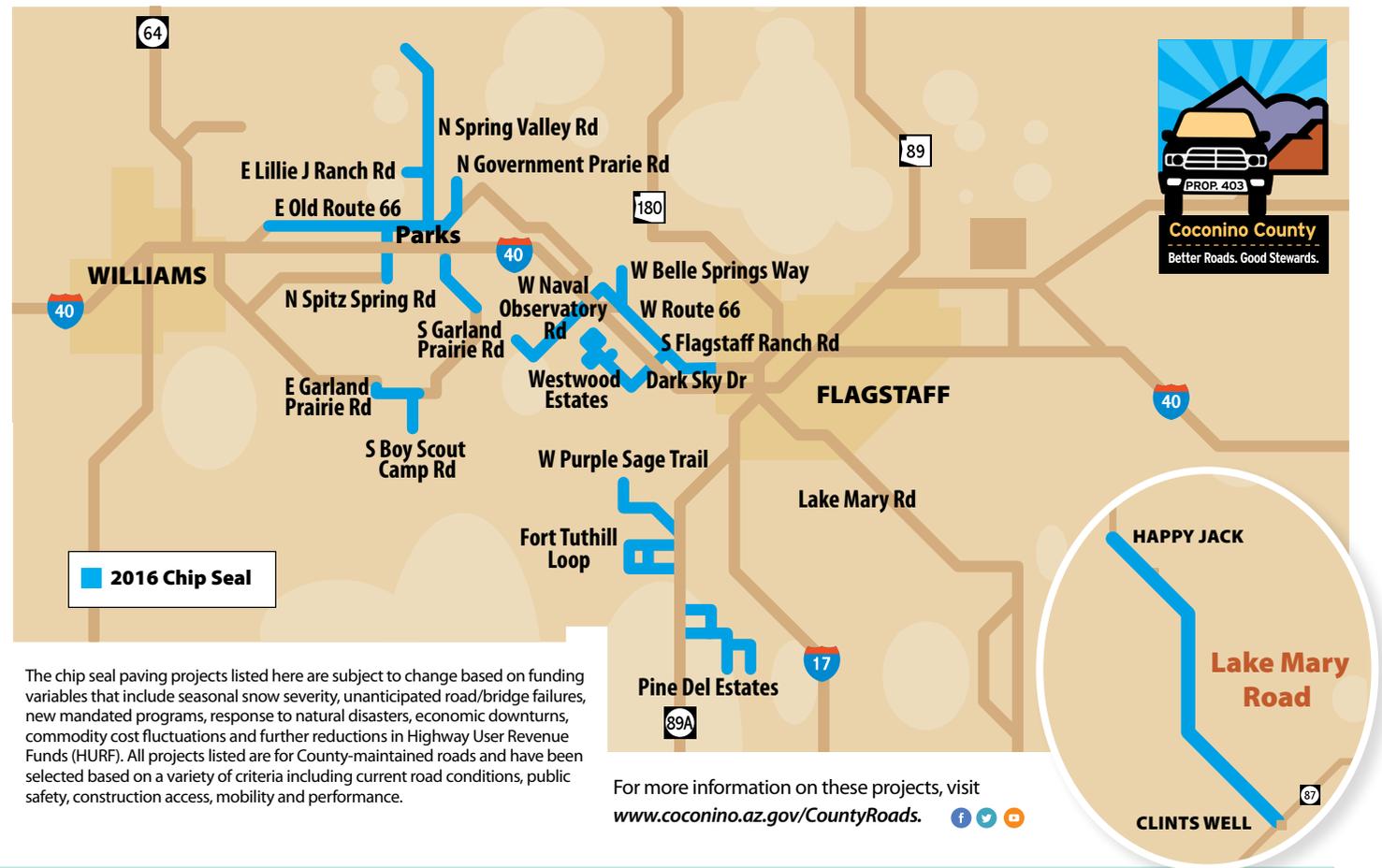
Construction and traffic control information will be posted on the projects' web page at www.coconino.gov/TownsendWinonaProjects. Information also will be available on Facebook by "Liking" Coconino County Roads.



Old pavement on Townsend-Winona Road

Prop. Chip Seal Projects on Deck for 2016

The County plans to conduct chip seal projects along 46 miles of paved County roads this season. Chip sealing is used as a preventative measure to protect asphalt. This year's projects include sections of Lake Mary Road and roads in the Greater Western Flagstaff and Greater Williams areas. Please see the accompanying map for additional information. For more information about Prop. 403-funded CIP and chip seal projects, please visit www.coconino.az.gov/CountyRoads.



County Flood Control District Completes Initial Engineering Assessments



The Coconino County Flood Control District (FCD) has completed Initial Engineering Assessments (IEAs) in four areas that are deemed "Special Flood Hazard Areas" by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The FCD is now reviewing preliminary results from the IEAs conducted in Munds Park, Kachina Village/Mountanaire, Mountain Dell and Fort Valley. The IEA reports for each area will be completed this summer.

An IEA is a tool that the FCD uses to better understand flood risk so that initial, conceptual flood mitigation alternatives can be identified and evaluated. FCD staff

utilizes IEA information to make recommendations to the Flood Control District Board of Directors as to where future investments should be targeted. These future investments will likely be in conceptual alternatives that are the most cost effective in delivering the greatest reduction in flood risk. This is because flood insurance rates consider the County's efforts to reduce flood risks in all the Special Flood Hazard Areas, and flood risks reduced in even one area may have a positive benefit to all flood insurance policyholders throughout the County even if the specific project does not directly influence that policyholder's property.

The next step of the process is for FCD staff to work with the FCD Board of Directors to identify those conceptual flood mitigation projects that should be prioritized for the next level of engineering, which is to evaluate the projects' feasibility. Feasibility is a key factor because the FCD only has about \$2 million a year to invest in such strategies, which is very limited funding compared with the expected costs of the mitigation measures. The feasibility evaluation includes more project engineering to generate a more detailed understanding of the benefits, costs and challenges associated with the

potential projects, which includes communication with residents in these communities and understanding the level of support.

Given limited funds and expected challenges, it is difficult to speculate as to when projects will move through the engineering process and into construction. However, the FCD Board and staff are committed and excited about moving a process forward that we believe will have a long-term positive impact on reducing flood risks in the County. For more information about IEAs and the FCD please visit www.coconino.az.gov/FloodControlDistrict.

Completed IEAs for Flood Areas

- Fort Valley
- Mountain Dell
- Kachina Village/Mountanaire
- Munds Park

Where Can I Take My Trash And Recyclables?



Recyclables



Household trash



Green waste

COCONINO COUNTY WASTE FACILITIES

*Facilities are generally closed on major (observed) holidays. Please call ahead.

MORMON LAKE TRANSFER STATION

Phone: (928) 679-8300

Location: On the Mormon Lake Loop, ¼-mile west of the north entrance of FH-3

Hours: Winter (Nov. 1 - April 30), 9 am to 4 p.m. Sundays
Summer (May 1 – Oct. 31), 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays

Household trash: \$15 a cubic yard

Recyclables: metal, paper and plastic are free

Refrigerators, A/C units, water coolers, \$30 evacuation fee

*No hazardous waste materials or waste tires accepted

WILLARD SPRINGS TRANSFER STATION

Phone: (928) 286-1866

Location: 17 miles south of Flagstaff on I-17, Willard Springs Exit 326

Hours: Winter (Nov. 1 - April 30), 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday

Summer (May 1 – Oct. 31), 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday to Monday

Household trash: \$15 per cubic yard

Forest materials: \$5 per cubic yard

Recyclables: metal, paper and plastic are free

Refrigerators, A/C units, water coolers, \$30 evacuation fee

*No hazardous waste materials or waste tires accepted

MARBLE CANYON TRANSFER STATION

Location: 124 miles north of Flagstaff on US-89 just west of Lee's Ferry

Hours: Open 24/7

Household trash: Free

*No hazardous waste materials or waste tires accepted

NON-COUNTY WASTE FACILITIES

CITY OF FLAGSTAFF CINDER LAKE LANDFILL

Phone: (928) 213-2125

Address: 6770 E. Landfill Road, Flagstaff

Hours: 7 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday to Friday (4:30 p.m. last load) 7 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Saturday (4 p.m. last load)

FLAGSTAFF LANDFILL'S HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS CENTER

Phone: (928) 527-9005

Address: 6770 E. Landfill Road, Flagstaff

Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday
8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday

CITY OF WILLIAMS TRANSFER STATION

Phone: (928) 635-9108

Address: 800 N. Airport Road

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday

Household Waste: \$0.04 per pound

Green Waste: \$10 per pickup load

Waste Tires: \$3 Each

*No hazardous waste materials accepted

NAVAJO NATION FACILITIES

NAVAJO NATION CHAPTER TRANSFER STATIONS

Leupp: (928) 686-3227

Cameron: (928) 679-2323

Tuba City: (928) 283-3284

Tonalea: (928) 283-3430

The Gap: (928) 283-3493 or (928) 283-3494

LeChee: (928) 698-2800

Kaibeto: (928) 673-5850 or (928) 673-5851

WHERE CAN I TAKE MY TIRES?

COCONINO COUNTY WASTE TIRE YARD

Phone: (928) 679-8300

Address: 5701 E. Penstock, Flagstaff

Hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays only

• Car tires are free

• Off-road tires with inside diameter of 25 inches or less: \$20

• Off-road tires with inside diameter of 26 inches or more \$50

*Tires with rims are not accepted

PAGE TIRE YARD

Phone: (928) 645-3601

Address: 2045 Industrial Drive

Hours: Open by appointment only

FREDONIA TIRE YARD AND TRANSFER STATION

Phone: (928) 643-7241

Address: 45 S. Juniper

Hours: 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Waste Tires by appointment only

New Commuter Option in Coconino County

The Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (NAIPTA) is adding another commuter service to its Mountain Line and Mountain Link transit systems. The commuter vanpool program is ideal for people with daily commutes from outlying Coconino County areas into the City of Flagstaff or reverse commutes. Vanpools can be started with as few as five people and have capacity for up to 12. NAIPTA was recently awarded a grant to help off-set the ridership costs of vanpool participation.

WHY SHARE YOUR COMMUTE?

1. Dividing costs saves money.
2. Cutting down on the miles you drive lowers stress, allows attention to other pursuits.
3. Less vehicles on the road lowers traffic congestion and road wear and tear.
4. Reduces the impact of the No. 1 contributor of greenhouse gases into the environment.

Offered as a cost-effective and environmentally responsible alternative to single occupant commuting, the goal of the program is to reduce both traffic and parking congestion as well as greenhouse gas emissions, and to expand the financial benefits of public transit to a broader share of Coconino County residents.

While the cost of carpooling is negotiated among participants, the cost of a vehicle lease and fuel is shared by the group and partially subsidized by ADOT and Coconino County for commutes starting or ending in the County.

Unlike a personal lease, NAIPTA's vanpool program includes all scheduled and unscheduled maintenance/service/repairs, 24-hour roadside assistance/towing, loaner vehicle (if needed), commercial insurance with zero deductible and a guaranteed ride home program. Additionally, drivers may use the vehicle during the day.

vRide Inc. has partnered with NAIPTA to handle community/employer outreach, provide specially configured vehicles and oversee all administrative and customer service functions for the program. vRide's staff assists individuals and companies in identifying potential commuter groups by home location, work site vicinity and schedules.

▶▶▶ For more information and help determining your personal potential savings, please visit www.mountainlinevanpool.com or contact vRide's Northern Arizona representative Rick MacNeal at rick.macneal@vride.com or Kate Morley at NAIPTA at (928)679-8903.

The New Coconino County Wildfire Defense Ordinance

Smoke at the edge of Flagstaff from the Abbey Fire on Easter Sunday stood as a reminder that fire season will soon be here. Now is a great opportunity to become familiar with our new Coconino County Wildfire Defense Ordinance, adopted by the Board of Supervisors on August 18th, 2015. The Wildfire Defense Ordinance allows for implementation of fire restrictions in three “stages” which are similar to those used by the City of Flagstaff, Arizona State Forestry Division, and the U.S. Forest Service (U.S.F.S.).

When the fire danger reaches a point requiring that fire restrictions be put into effect, it is done so by the Board of Supervisors in coordination with local, state, and federal fire agencies. Once in effect, the County can move from Stage One to Stage Three, depending on the severity of the conditions. Each Stage lists specific allowed or exempted activities, with each subsequent stage becoming more restrictive. Stage Three is the most restrictive, and would likely be enacted during conditions that would be similar to a closure of the forest by the U.S.F.S.

Below is a summary of activities allowed during each stage:

STAGE ONE

Stage one allows for combustion, open fire, and campfire only when used:

- 1 By persons with a written permit from a proper governmental authority that specifically authorizes the prohibited act.
- 2 For personal use of cigarette or other tobacco smoking medium when inside an enclosed vehicle or building, or in a developed recreational site in an area that is free of combustible materials and vegetation.
- 3 For emergency repair of public utilities and railroads and other health and safety mitigation measures when operated by a public utility or railroad and implemented in accordance with an approved agency plan.
- 4 By any Federal, State or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting entity in the performance of an official duty.
- 5 By persons whose open fire is the result of a device fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels that can be turned on and turned off (for example a gas grill) when used in an area that is free of combustible materials and vegetation..



- 6 By persons operating internal combustion engines in the course of mechanical or industrial operations that would produce open flames and sparks but containing appropriate spark arresting devices; those welding or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame in an area that is free of combustible materials and vegetation; and those using explosives with written permission of an authorized governmental agency.

- 7 By persons operating motorized vehicles off designated roads and trails.
- 8 By persons operating electric generators or pumps with an approved spark arresting device within an enclosed vehicle or building in an area that is free of combustible materials and vegetation.

- 9 Persons engaged in industrial and ranching operations where specific operations and mitigation measures are identified in an operating plan.

- 10 For cooking of food or for providing warmth for human beings in an area designated by a governmental authority specifically for that purpose; for example a campfire or open fire in an established campground with fire-hosting amenities (grill, fire ring).

Unless allowed by an exception above, common prohibited activities include open fire, campfires, fireworks, open smoking, and use of explosive targets and tracer round ammunition.

STAGE TWO

Stage two allows for combustion, open fire, and campfires as outlined in items 1 through 8 of Stage One only.

Unless allowed above, all open fire, campfires, open smoking, outdoor mechanical and industrial operations such as welding and use of acetylene, and operating motorized vehicles off designated trails and roads are prohibited.

STAGE THREE

Stage three allows for combustion, open fire, and campfire as outlined in items 1 through 4 from Stage One.

Unless allowed by an exception above, there are no outdoor activities that allow for open fire, campfires, fireworks, and combustion events in Stage Three.

Remember, each stage lists activities that are allowed, and only applies to unincorporated areas in the county (including county islands within municipal boundaries), not within federal, state, city/ town or tribal boundaries. If the activity is not specifically listed, a permit for that activity must be obtained through a “proper government authority.” Usually that authority is your local fire department or district. For unincorporated areas of the county outside a fire department or district boundary, permits can be requested from the Coconino County Department of Emergency Management.

▶▶▶ Questions? Call Emergency Management at (928) 679-8311.

Emergency Preparedness Tips to Keep Your Pets Safe

Pets are an important part of many families and should be included in your family emergency planning.

The Coconino County Public Health Services District Emergency Preparedness Program recommends that you have a designated location to take your pet during an emergency. Listen to emergency notifications for instructions and for pet shelters locations. Whenever possible, shelters will include a pet care area.

Dogs and cats should wear a collar or harness, and identification tag at all times. ID tags should include your name,

address, and phone number, and the phone number of an emergency contact. Dogs must also wear a license and rabies tags.

Have the following items ready for an emergency evacuation:

- ▶ Pet food and water
- ▶ Food and water dishes
- ▶ Medications
- ▶ Collapsible cage or carrier
- ▶ Muzzle and sturdy leash
- ▶ Comforting toys or treats
- ▶ Litter, litter pan, litter scoop
- ▶ Plastic bags for clean-up

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:

Create a Plan

Coconino County Emergency Management encourages residents to be prepared for extreme events that can disrupt our lives for short or long-term periods of time.

Extreme weather events (winter storms, tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and flash flooding, wildland fires and earthquakes) are just a few of the hazards facing our communities. We encourage county residents to prepare for and practice to handling emergencies and disasters.

Below are some of key items to consider:

- ▶ How evacuation alerts and warnings are delivered.
- ▶ How to find evacuation routes and shelter location information.
- ▶ How evacuated residents will contact family members and friends.
- ▶ Planning ahead for care of livestock and pets, and take steps to help secure your home and property.

There are four easy steps you can follow to ensure you're prepared:

- 1 Have a family emergency evacuation plan, including escape routes, a designated meeting point and a relative or friend to report to if your family gets separated.
- 2 Prepare a "Go Kit" to supply your need of food, water, clothing medications, pet food and miscellaneous personal items for the next 72 hours.
- 3 Stay informed during the emergency via the Emergency Alert System (EAS) through the radio, television, NOAA weather radio and the County's Emergency Notification System, Code Red. Residents can also call the Emergency Hotline at (888) 679-8393 (operational during emergencies).
- 4 Volunteer your time as part of our disaster response. Citizens can become part of a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) or become involved with the American Red Cross.

Receive Emergency Notifications



Registering with our CodeRED Emergency Notification System makes staying informed with the latest emergency updates and notifications easy. Users can receive the latest updates on home and cell phones, text and e-mail messages or via the free CodeRED alert smartphone app.

Go to www.coconino.az.gov/emergency and click on the CodeRED "Sign Up" button to set up an account and choose how you want to receive your emergency alerts. Opting into the CodeRED Weather Warning will allow you to receive geographically targeted notifications on potentially dangerous weather conditions like tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and flash floods.

Those with questions about CodeRED or who needing assistance signing up for the free service can contact the Coconino County Department of Emergency Management at (928) 679-8311.

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