DATE: March 08, 2024

TO: Mayor and City Council Members **FROM:** Tom Whitmer, Acting City Manager

SUBJECT: Acting City Manager's Report – Week Ending – 03/08/2024



Monte Tesoro Sidewalk Project – Since beginning work on February 13, 2024, Pima Paving has completed installation of the new driveway culverts and has made significant progress constructing the new drainage facilities on the Monte Tesoro Sidewalk project. Work activities last week included grading and sawcut of existing asphalt pavement and grading work to prepare for the installation of curb and gutter starting this week. Travelers in the area can expect minor traffic impacts and should continue to exercise caution when navigating the work zone as work progresses. Please see attached picture.

G.E.M. Recognition Card – Treat your peers to a small gift of appreciation by filling out a G.E.M. recognition card to describe why that employee is deserving of this recognition. Take the card and present it to your fellow employee personally – let them know you appreciate their actions or work! After you encourage that employee and support their positive action, the employee can bring their card to HR to redeem their gifts.

The following employee received a G.E.M. recognition card for Going the Extra Mile:

Jak Teel, Community Services Director — "Jak has gone over and above in helping the Clerk's Office with updating/correcting our City of Cottonwood website. Jak took time out of his own very busy schedule to help make my job easier and has assisted a number of times on helping the Clerk's Office with website issues. Jak is very busy with his everyday tasks, and he is always willing to lend a hand. Jak is a true GEM and the City is VERY fortunate in having him within the ranks. My hat is off to Jak!" — Tami Mayes, City Clerk

SHOP Cottonwood Newsletter – The latest issue of the SHOP Cottonwood Newsletter for 2024 was distributed on March 6, 2024 by the Tourism & Economic Development Department. We look forward to continuing to provide informative material for our local businesses and the community at large. To read this week's issue or to subscribe to receive future issues, please visit https://mailchi.mp/0e49ec18daed/shopcottonwood.

Old Town Entertainment Guides – Are you looking for the latest happenings in Old Town Cottonwood this month? Then you must check out the Old Town Association's Entertainment Guides which are released monthly in partnership with the Tourism & Economic Development Department. Learn about upcoming events, food specials, sales, and much more! Guides can be viewed online at <u>oldtown.org/ithappens</u>. Please see attached guides.

City Beautification Recognition Program – The Community Development Department has announced the return of the City Beautification Program for 2024. Local businesses are encouraged to go all out in their landscaping and do their part to help enhance Cottonwood's beauty through gardening and yard maintenance. Nominations will be accepted online starting April 1. Please visit cottonwoodaz.gov/798/Beautification-Recognition-Program for more information. Please see attached flyer.

Community Education Lifeguarding Course – The Parks and Recreation Department is partnering with Yavapai College to bring the public a lifeguard certification course through their Community Education Program! The course includes the following American Red Cross certifications: Lifeguarding, First Aid, and CPR/AED for the professional rescuer, valid for 2 years. Space is limited, so register soon! Visit https://www.campusce.net/yc/course/course.aspx?catId=2796 to sign up today! For questions or more information please email commedsvv@yc.edu or call 928-634-6537. Please see attached flyer.

REC EXPO – The Parks & Recreation Department held the second annual REC EXPO at the Cottonwood Recreation Center on March 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This informative expo provided the public with information on all things Parks & Rec and several local community organizations. We would like to thank all of our staff and participating organizations who helped make this event possible!

Verde Valley Comic Expo – The Cottonwood Public Library and Parks & Recreation Department are pleased to be bringing back the Verde Valley Comic Expo! This year's event will be held on March 23 at the Recreation Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Attendees will get to connect with comic book artists, authors, and other comic book and pop culture-related materials that help to promote reading. For more information please visit verdevalleycomicexpo.com. Please see attached flyer.

Annual Easter Eggstravaganza - The Parks & Recreation Department will host the Annual Easter Eggstravaganza at Riverfront Park on March 30, 2024. Kids up to 8 years old are welcome to participate in the egg hunts and the entire family can enjoy the fun atmosphere and even meet the Easter Bunny! Please see attached flyers.

Cottonwood's Vintage Run – Registration is now open for the 2024 Cottonwood's Vintage Run happening on Saturday, April 20! We are pleased to offer timed half-marathon, 10K, and 2 mile courses and the untimed Half Corked 5K Fun Run! Visit runcottonwood.com for more information. Please see attached flyer.

The REC (Recreation and Enrichment Catalog) – Are you looking to sign up for fitness classes at the Recreation Center? Need to find out when activities will be offered? Interested in the upcoming programs and events during the upcoming spring/summer? Then you need to check out The REC. The REC is the Cottonwood Community Services Official Recreation and Enrichment Catalog for the community to keep up to date on seasonal activities, programs, and events!

Visit https://flipbookpdf.net/web/site/c0260d9d4afa92a175e5d674d88ed4380a687d78FBP28171936.pdf.html to read the guide online.

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Attachments:

Picture – Monte Tesoro Sidewalk Project

Flyers (2) – Old Town Entertainment Guides

Flyer – Beautification Program

Flyer – Community Education Lifeguarding Course

Flyer – Comic Expo

Flyers (2) – Annual Easter Eggstravaganza (English & Spanish)

Flyer - Vintage Run





FRIDAY, MARCH 1

Rubrix Wines, 5:30-8:30pm Dave Rentz Ay Chihuahua Live music Belfry Brewery, 6-9pm Chip Hannah

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Rubrix Wines, 5:30-8:30pm Still Willin Tantrum Wines Christy Fisher Ay Chihuahua Live music Belfry Brewery, 6-9pm Chelle and the Gang

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

Copper Jackalope, 5-8pm Alex Ogburn Kactus Kate Free pool Old Town Square, 4-8pm Farmers Market

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

Old Town Center for the Arts, 7pm
The Storytellers - An Evening of Musical
Stories
Rubrix Wines, 5:30-8:30pm
Dave Joslin
Ay Chihuahua
Live music
Belfry Brewery, 6-9pm
The Strip Down

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

Rubrix Wines, 5:30-8:30pm Doyle Figueroa Tantrum Wines Tara Lynn Walrus Ay Chihuahua Live music Belfry Brewery, 6-9pm The Soul Snatchers

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

Copper Jackalope, 5-8pm Still Willin Kactus Kate Free pool Old Town Square, 4-8pm Farmers Market

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

Old Town Center for the Arts, 7pm St. Patrick's Celebration with Celtic/World Music Traveler Rubrix Wines, 5:30-8:30pm Tara Ay Chihuahua Live music Belfry Brewery, 6-9pm Cadillac Angels

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Rubrix Wines, 5:30-8:30pm Convergence Tantrum Wines Lee Zimmer Ay Chihuahua Live music Belfry Brewery The Salt Miners, 1-4pm Toucan Eddy, 6-9pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

Copper Jackalope, 5-8pm Kiz DeLacy Kactus Kate Free pool Old Town Square, 4-8pm Farmers Market

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

Old Town Center for the Arts, 7pm Northern Arizona Blues Alliance presents "Blues is MY Business" Rubrix Wines, 5:30-8:30pm Ed Mendoza Ay Chihuahua Live music Belfry Brewery, 6-9pm Julia & Mark

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Rubrix Wines, 5:30-8:30pm Creekside Tantrum Wines Black Forest Society Ay Chihuahua Live music Belfry Brewery, 6-9pm Menagerie

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

Copper Jackalope, 5-8pm Steve & Raenna Kactus Kate Free pool Old Town Square, 4-8pm Farmers Market

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Old Town Center for the Arts, 7pm Sean Harkness in Concert Rubrix Wines, 5:30-8:30pm Joe Clyne Ay Chihuahua Live music Belfry Brewery, 6-9pm Javelina Highway

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Rubrix Wines, 5:30-8:30pm Soul Shyne Tantrum Wines Pat Beary Ay Chihuahua Live music Belfry Brewery, 6-9pm Still Willing Duo





FRIDAY, MARCH 1

Pawz on Main 10 Year Anniversary Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 11am; Special One-Day Only Sale on everything in store, 9am-3pm DA Vines Vineyard, 3-5pm Happy Hour

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

DA Vines Vineyard, 3-5pm Happy Hour

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

DA Vines Vineyard, 11am-3pm Sunday Brunch

MONDAY, MARCH 4

Tantrum Wines, 4-6pm \$6 glasses of wine and \$7 select tapas

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

Tantrum Wines, 4-6pm \$6 glasses of wine and \$7 select tapas Ay Chihuahua, 2-5pm Happy Hour: 20% off house margaritas, beer, and appetizers

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

Old Town Square, 4-8pm Farmers Market Tantrum Wines, 4-6pm \$6 glasses of wine and \$7 select tapas Ay Chihuahua, 2-5pm Happy Hour Arizona Stronghold Vineyards Buy 2 or more bottles and get 25% off DA Vines Vineyard, 3-5pm Happy Hour

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

Tantrum Wines, 4-6pm \$6 glasses of wine and \$7 select tapas Ay Chihuahua, 2-5pm Happy Hour DA Vines Vineyard, 3-5pm Happy Hour Arizona Stronghold, 5-7pm Members Night

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

DA Vines Vineyard, 3-5pm **Happy Hour**

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

DA Vines Vineyard, 3-5pm Happy Hour

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

DA Vines Vineyard, 11am-3pm Sunday Brunch

MONDAY, MARCH 11

Tantrum Wines, 4-6pm \$6 glasses of wine and \$7 select tapas

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

Tantrum Wines, 4-6pm \$6 glasses of wine and \$7 select tapas Ay Chihuahua, 2-5pm **Happy Hour**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

Old Town Square, 4-8pm Farmers Market Tantrum Wines, 4-6pm \$6 glasses of wine and \$7 select tapas Ay Chihuahua, 2-5pm Happy Hour Arizona Stronghold Vineyards Buy 2 or more bottles and get 25% off DA Vines Vineyard, 3-5pm Happy Hour

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

Tantrum Wines, 4-6pm \$6 glasses of wine and \$7 select tapas Ay Chihuahua, 2-5pm Happy Hour DA Vines Vineyard, 3-5pm Happy Hour

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

DA Vines Vineyard, 3-5pm Happy Hour

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

DA Vines Vineyard, 3-5pm Happy Hour

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

DA Vines Vineyard, 11am-3pm Sunday Brunch Arizona Stronghold Float Tripper Sipper \$4 each COLT Grill Corned Beef & Beer Dinner

MONDAY, MARCH 18

Tantrum Wines, 4-6pm \$6 glasses of wine and \$7 select tapas

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

Tantrum Wines, 4-6pm \$6 glasses of wine and \$7 select tapas Ay Chihuahua, 2-5pm Happy Hour

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

Old Town Square, 4-8pm Farmers Market Tantrum Wines, 4-6pm \$6 glasses of wine and \$7 select tapas Ay Chihuahua, 2-5pm Happy Hour Arizona Stronghold Vineyards Buy 2 or more bottles and get 25% off DA Vines Vineyard, 3-5pm Happy Hour

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

Tantrum Wines, 4-6pm \$6 glasses of wine and \$7 select tapas Ay Chihuahua, 2-5pm Happy Hour DA Vines Vineyard, 3-5pm Happy Hour

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

DA Vines Vineyard, 3-5pm Happy Hour

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

DA Vines Vineyard, 3-5pm Happy Hour

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

DA Vines Vineyard, 11am-3pm Sunday Brunch

MONDAY, MARCH 25

Tantrum Wines, 4-6pm \$6 glasses of wine and \$7 select tapas

TUESDAY, MARCH 26 Tantrum Wines, 4-6pm \$6 glasses of wine and \$7 select tapas Ay Chihuahua, 2-5pm Happy Hour

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

Old Town Square, 4-8pm **Farmers Market** Tantrum Wines, 4-6pm \$6 glasses of wine and \$7 select tapas Ay Chihuahua, 2-5pm **Happy Hour** Arizona Stronghold Vineyards Buy 2 or more bottles and get 25% off

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Tantrum Wines, 4-6pm \$6 glasses of wine and \$7 select tapas Ay Chihuahua, 2-5pm **Happy Hour** DA Vines Vineyard, 3-5pm Happy Hour

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

DA Vines Vineyard, 3-5pm Happy Hour

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

DA Vines Vineyard, 3-5pm Happy Hour

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

DA Vines Vineyard, 11am-3pm Sunday Brunch

ALL MONTH

Adriana's Mexican Food Free sopapilla with entrée All Things Creative/Treasure Junkies Big Spring Sale: 20-80% off storewide



Beautification Recognition Program

It's that time of year. March is the perfect time to plant, plant, plant! The City of Cottonwood is reminding local commercial businesses that the 2024 Beautification Recognition Program's nomination window is right around the corner. Visit our website for specific dates and details.



cottonwoodaz.gov/798/Beautification-Recognition-Program
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2023 Winner: Firecreek Coffee Co.

Spring 2024-Cottonwood Rec Center

Community Education

Lifeguarding

The American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification course will train and certify participants to be a lifeguard for swimming pools.

The Lifeguard certification course includes the following American Red Cross certifications: Lifeguarding, First Aid and CPR/AED for the professional rescuer, valid for 2 years. Courses are all a blended learning course format with online education, classroom, and inwater components. American Red Cross requires all Lifeguard certification candidates to complete the American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification Online Course prior to the first-class date. Participants must be at least 15 years old at the time of the course. Attendance is required at all

class sessions. There is an additional \$150 fee

for American Red Cross Certification.

Instructor: Julia Root

Tuition: \$47



Session One:

Course ID: CRC-PRO600-WI24

Days: Monday to Friday

Dates: 3/11/24 – 3/15/24

Sessions: 5

Times: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Cottonwood Rec Center

Session Two:

Course ID: CRC-PRO601-WI24

Days: Friday to Sunday

Dates: 5/03/24 – 5/5/24

Sessions: 3

Times: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Location: Cottonwood Rec Center



Visit www.yc.edu/cevs to REGISTER!

For questions or more information please email commedsvv@yc.edu

or call 928-634-6537

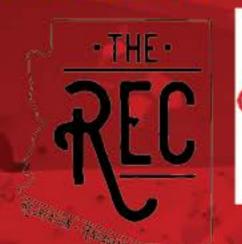


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MARCH 23, 2024 SAT. 10AM-5PM

COMICS! COSPLAY! PANELS! VENDORS! FOOD! \$5 ADMISSION \$3 WITH TWO CAN FOOD DONATION

KIDS 10 AND UNDER ARE FREE! AT THE REC CENTER 150 S. 6TH ST.

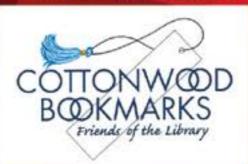


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City of Cottonwood Parks & Recreation Department Presents

Annual Easter Eggstravaganza

March 30, 2024 · 10am
Riverfront Park (1284 E River Front Road)

Egg Hunt Prizes Candy Easter Bunny
Open to kids up to 8 years old!



El Departamento de Parques & Recreación de la Ciudad de Cottonwood Presenta

Búsqueda Anual de Huevos de Pascua

30 de marzo de 2024 · 10am Riverfront Park (1284 E River Front Road)

Busca huevos de pascua

Premios

Dulces

Conoce al Conejito de Pascua

ilara niños hasta 8 años de edad!



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