

DATE: March 29, 2024
TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Tom Whitmer, Acting City Manager
SUBJECT: Acting City Manager's Report – Week Ending – 03/29/2024



Verde Valley Comic Expo – The Cottonwood Public Library and Parks & Recreation Department successfully held the 2024 Verde Valley Comic Expo on March 23! Attendees enjoyed a day with opportunities to meet fellow comic book & pop culture enthusiasts, artists, authors, and much more! We are happy to report that we had over 50 vendors participate, and we raised over \$4,000 to donate to Bookmarks-Friends of the Cottonwood Public Library and the library's Summer Reading Program. Please see attached photos.

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 oldtown.org/ithappens. Please see attached guides.

Annual Easter Eggstravaganza - The Parks & Recreation Department will host the Annual Easter Eggstravaganza at Riverfront Park this Saturday, March 30 at 10 a.m. 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 Community Awareness Group – The City of Cottonwood invites the public to attend the next meeting of the Cottonwood Community Awareness Group (CCAG) on Thursday, April 4 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers-Riverfront (1083 E. River Front Road). The topic for this meeting will be Airport Operations and Jeff Tripp, Airport Manager, will be sharing a presentation. To view the meeting online via ZOOM, please go to <https://zoom.us/j/95889402327>. Please see attached flyer.

Solar Eclipse Viewing Party – Join us Monday, April 8 for a Solar Eclipse Viewing Party at Riverfront Park! We will use special viewing glasses and telescopes to observe the upcoming solar eclipse and host activities for kids of all ages! Thank you to Astronomers of Verde Valley, Science Vortex: Verde Valley, and Arizona Science Center for your partnership. Please see attached flyer.

Cottonwood's Vintage Run – Registration is now open for the 2024 Cottonwood's Vintage Run happening on Saturday, April 20th! 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.

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Attachments:

- Pictures (9) – Comic Expo
- Guides (2)– Old Town Entertainment Guides
- Flyers (2) – Annual Easter Eggstravaganza
- Flyer – CCAG
- Flyer – Solar Eclipse Viewing Party
- Flyer – Vintage Run