

DATE: April 12, 2024
TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Tom Whitmer, Acting City Manager
SUBJECT: Acting City Manager's Report – Week Ending – 04/12/2024



"Inspiring a Vibrant Community"

Community Development – The Planning and Zone Meeting scheduled for 4/15/2024 has been CANCELLED

Public Works – Expect overnight lane restrictions on St. Route 260. The Arizona Department of Transportation advises area drivers to plan for overnight lane restrictions on State Route 260 in Cottonwood from Sunday evening, April 14, through Saturday morning, April 20 from approximately 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. The restrictions are needed so crews can safely begin the first phase of pavement repairs along this section of SR 260 by removing the top pavement surface. Additional overnight and daytime work will take place in May when the final pavement surface is placed.

Tourism & Economic Development – This weekend, Cottonwood is thrilled to play host to 32 ASU Tourism students and faculty for an enriching exploration of our vibrant tourism and commerce scene. Each year, the group selects a new community to explore, and we're honored to be their destination of choice this time around.

The weekend promises to be packed with activities, starting with an opening reception at the Cottonwood Clubhouse, where they'll receive an overview of our tourism offerings and a warm welcome. On Saturday, they'll embark on a tour of Jerome, complete with lunch, followed by a delightful dinner at Blazin' M Ranch. Sunday morning brings an engaging conservation talk with Friends of the Verde River, rounding out their educational and enjoyable experience.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Tom Pitts for his invaluable assistance with the Jerome events. Their positive feedback has us hopeful for a return visit, as our region offers an abundance of attractions and experiences to explore. It's a privilege to provide these budding tourism professionals with firsthand exposure to our community, and we look forward to showcasing all that Cottonwood has to offer.

Community Development Solar Eclipse – On Monday April 8th, the City of Cottonwood's DarkSky Organization, the Verde Valley Science Vortex, Astro Verde and the AZ Science Center teamed up to host a public viewing event. Four classrooms of students and countless members of the public all amassed to witness this historic event unfold. We were able to see 67% coverage of the moon crossing over the sun as the eclipse traversed the U.S. from Mexico all the way to Maine! We would like to express our gratitude to the Fire Department and Parks and Rec for their efforts and support! Thank you to Mayor Tim Elinski and his family for attending!

Stand with Me, Be Drug-Free Week – The Cottonwood Youth Advisory Commission (CYACY) attended the April 2nd City Council meeting to support Merilee Fowler, Executive Director with MATFORCE and Community Counts. Marilee accepted a proclamation from the Mayor designating the week of April 15 as Stand with Me, Be Drug-Free Week. Please see attached photo.

Old Town Music and the Market – The Parks & Recreation Department is pleased to announce the return of the Old Town Music and the Market! Starting May 10th, we will host the Market in Old Town Cottonwood every Friday in May, June, and September from 5 p.m. until dark. We have a great lineup of musical talent for the 2024 season and we look forward to hosting a large selection of vendors as well! Please visit oldtownmusicandthemarket.org to download a vendor application or for more information. Please see attached flyers.

Native Air & Fire Department to Co-Host Blood Drive – Native Air and the Fire Department are collaborating to host a blood drive celebrating Native Air’s first year in Cottonwood. The drive will take place on Saturday, April 13 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Food and drinks will be provided. See the attached flyer for more details. To sign up for a donation time slot, utilize the QR code located on the flyer or go to [Portal ... Sites \(vitalant.org\)](#). Please see attached flyer.

City Beautification Recognition Program – The City of Cottonwood Community Development Department is now accepting nominations for the 2024 Beautification Recognition Award Program. Local businesses that have been in operation for one year or more and exhibit landscaping that enhances the local beauty of the area are eligible to be nominated. Their landscaping will be judged on overall appearance, curb appeal, and use of native plants. Businesses can be self-nominated, or nominated by anyone in the community, by completing the online form at <https://cottonwoodaz.gov/798/Beautification-Recognition-Program-2024>. All interested persons are encouraged to nominate local businesses through our website until April 30, 2024. Please see attached flyer.

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Attachments:

Pictures (4) –Solar Eclipse

Picture – CYAC

Flyer – OTMM

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Flyer – Native Air & FD Blood Drive

Flyer – Beautification Recognition Nominations



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COTTONWOOD













OLD TOWN MUSIC at the MARKET

FRIDAYS IN MAY, JUNE, AND SEPT.

5 PM TIL DARK

OLD TOWN ACTIVITY PARK

187 E PIMA ST, COTTONWOOD, AZ



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2024 MUSICAL LINEUP

MAY 10 SWEET BABY RAY & S.E. WILLIS

MAY 17 WELL DRESSED WOLVES

MAY 24 TOUCAN EDDY

MAY 31 HIM & ME

JUNE 7 SUGAR MOON

**JUNE 14 SHAWN MICHAEL PERRY
FEAT. ONLY THE BRAVE**

JUNE 21 ROOM ZERO

JUNE 28 MENAGERIE

SEPT. 6 SISTER & THE SUN

SEPT. 13 LOCAL HONEY

SEPT. 27 THUNDER & LIGHTNIN'



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**HAVE QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT TRAVIS WILSON
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Please join us as we celebrate Native Air 83 & Cottonwood Fire's partnership in servicing the local community.

We will also be cohosting a blood drive. Please come by, say hi, and save a life.

Food & Refreshments will be provided.



WHEN: Saturday, April 13 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm

WHERE: 191 S Sixth St, Cottonwood, AZ 86326



Scan the code to register to donate blood





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Beautification Recognition Program

We'd love to recognize commercial property owners in the Cottonwood city limits for their beautiful & well-maintained properties!

**Have you recently made landscape improvements to your commercial property?
Have you seen beautiful commercial properties around Cottonwood? If yes, nominate your favorite local business!**

NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED APRIL 1-30, 2024

Nominees will be judged on overall appearance, curb appeal, and use of native plants!

Nomination form and official rules can be found online at cottonwoodaz.gov/798/Beautification-Recognition-Program

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