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NEWS FROM TOWN HALL:

TOWN HALL NEWS

In December, the Town will be having a simple get together to commemorate the 10th anniversary of its incorporation. The event is at 4 pm on December 2. Please come and join the Mayor and the Council for this special day.

Also on December 4th at 6 pm, December 8th at 10 am, and December 9th, 2014 at 2 p.m. the Town Building Official Terry Ford will be giving some Insights regarding the 2012 International Code Council codes (I-Codes). As you know, the Town is currently on the 2006 I-Codes and most surrounding municipalities and Yavapai County have made the transition to the 2012 I-codes. Town Council directed Staff to prepare for adopting the 2012 I-codes with amendments. The actual adoption would likely take place in January or February. Staff wanted to keep the public informed of the changes at the December 4th, 8th and 9th meetings. All three meetings will be at Town Hall.

Town Staff also heard that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be giving summary report in early 2015 for 2014 Superfund project soil sampling. EPA has an article in this issue.

Please stay tuned.

EPA now expects to share results with the community in early 2015.

Residential – EPA will provide information packets to residents whose yards were sampled that will present findings and explain next steps.

Non-residential – EPA will share information with the community about sampling on and near the mine and smelter, and summarize results in a report called a [Remedial Investigation](#). EPA will use this report, as well as feedback from the community, to evaluate cleanup options for the mine and smelter.

For more information contact:

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORNER

UNDERSTANDING THE CODE ENFORCEMENT PROCESS

By Connie Dedrick, Community Development Officer; and Yvonne Kimball, Town Manager

In the last couple of months, Town Staff, including the Magistrate Staff and Town Legal Staff, have been reviewing the Town's Zoning and Building Code Enforcement process. The review stemmed from the frustration expressed by both Residents and Enforcement Staff over the length of time it takes in some cases to achieve compliance. Through the dialogues with Council and Residents, Staff believes it beneficial to recap the town's code enforcement process in general.

DEWEY-HUMBOLDT'S 10-YEAR

INCORPORATION ANNIVERSARY

The Mayor and Council invite you to join them in celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Town's Incorporation on Tuesday, December 2nd, at 4pm at Town Hall 2735 S Hwy 69, (Hwy 69 & Main St) Humboldt, AZ.

IRON KING MINE/ HUMBOLDT SMELTER SUPERFUND SITE:

Environmental Protection Agency Update: Field Work Data Expected Early 2015

In July 2014, EPA provided information in the Dewey-Humboldt Town Newsletter describing the completion of sampling in residential yards in Dewey-Humboldt, as well as locations on and near the Iron King Mine and Humboldt Smelter. While EPA had anticipated sharing results with the community by this time, we experienced some unexpected delays, and are currently analyzing the data and preparing results to share with community members.

CDC continued from page 1 The Town of Dewey-Humboldt has adopted its Codes in order to protect the public safety and welfare of its residents and visitors to the community. Blight and deteriorating conditions negatively impact neighborhoods by giving a visual impression of neglect, apathy and disregard for property that may also encourage anti-social or criminal behavior. Enforcement of the Codes is important to protect the public welfare and property values of the residents.

The Town's current Code Enforcement Process is complaint driven by which a Resident of the Town can file a complaint either via mail, in person or via fax. Presently all complaint forms need to be signed by the complainant with contact information for staff to follow up. However, the complainants' information is not released. When a complaint is received, it is entered into a database system and given to staff for processing.

The first step is to determine if the complaint is valid. Staff will conduct a site visit to make this determination based on whether there is a reasonable belief that probable cause exists. If the complaint is valid and there is a reasonable belief that probable cause exists, Staff will send a Notice of Complaint letter to the property owner requesting the owner call to discuss the issue and/or come into compliance within 10 days. If Staff does not hear from the property owner another site visit is conducted to see if the complaint has been addressed. If the complaint has been addressed then a Notice of Complaint Resolved letter is sent to the property owner and the case is closed. On the other hand, if the complaint has not been addressed then a 1st Notice of Violation is sent to the property owner which allows 30 days for compliance.

In most cases the property owner will contact staff within the first 40 days to address the complaint. In some instances the property owner needs additional time to address the complaint and in the majority of cases this time is granted. In cases of a public safety and welfare issue another solution may be needed to correct the issue in a timely matter.

That is the most typical of Code Enforcement Cases, however there are cases each year whereby the 2nd and 3rd Violation Notices are sent and additional time is given for compliance. Usually each notice allows another 30 to 45 days for compliance. As a result of the repeated notices and waiting time and sometimes unwillingness to correct violations, some cases take over a year to resolve. Although it does not happen often, when it happens, naturally everyone involved becomes frustrated.

As a last resort for compliance, the violation is heard before the Hearing Officer as a Civil Violation or handed over to the Town's Prosecutor for potential Misdemeanor Criminal charges before the Magistrate. Through the recent review, Staff (including Town in-house Staff, the Legal Counsel and the Magistrate) has confirmed that Town Code allows for Zoning and Building Code violations to be penalized either as a Civil Code infraction or a Misdemeanor offense. Possible penalties vary. Town Code Section stipulates the most severe penalties could be "by a fine not to exceed \$2500, by imprisonment for a period of not to exceed six months, by a term of probation not to exceed three years, or by any combination of the fine, imprisonment and probation."

The Town encourages its Residents to abide by the Codes. Town Staff desires to work with Residents to correct violations without resorting to citations and formal enforcement procedures or imposing any type of penalties. A fair and effective process is necessary for Code Enforcement operation. The vast majority of the cases are resolved within a reasonable time-frame and Town Staff appreciates cooperation, understanding and patience of our Residents.

If you have questions about how the Code Enforcement process works, please contact the Town Manager or the Community Development Officer at 632-7362.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PUMPKIN WINNER

Jasmine Weston, age 11, of Humboldt, won the **Free Big Pumpkin Drawing** at Antiques & More last month. The Aladdin Pumpkin, grown by **Chuck Wallace** of Humboldt, won Best of Kind at the Yavapai County Fair.



"DON'T SPEND CHRISTMAS ALONE" DINNER

Saint Luke's Episcopal Church of Prescott will be hosting the **34th Annual "Don't Spend Christmas Alone"** community dinner on Christmas Day. The event will provide a Full Christmas dinner and fellowship for everyone in the Quad City area who may be alone or feel alone on this day. Volunteers will deliver meals and visit the homebound so they too may feel a part of the community celebration.



Last year approximately 750 people were served. Some people were new to the community, others could not be with family members for various reasons, some had no homes, and some just felt alone.

We have created a beautiful way for people to meet, enjoy a Christmas dinner, and make new friends.

Members of other congregations, social service agencies and individuals who have volunteered their services from the community will assist. Fire personnel from Prescott Fire Department and Central Yavapai Fire Department will deliver meals in Prescott and Prescott Valley to the homebound as they have done in the past and volunteers will deliver meals in Chino Valley.

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MEETING DATES AND EXPECTED AGENDA ITEMS

(Subject to change. Check website or call Town Hall to confirm.)

Town Council Chambers
2735 S. Hwy. 69, Humboldt
(unless otherwise posted)

Council Meetings 6:30pm

Dec 2: 1) Installment of new Council; 2) Plaque for outgoing Councilmember; 3) Selection of next Vice Mayor.

Dec 16: 1) Granicus Service Agreement; 2) FY13-14 Financial Statement Review.

Council Work Sessions and Special Meetings 2:00pm

Dec 9: 1) APS Franchise Agreement Preliminary Discussion; 2) 2012 I-Codes Overview; 3) Council positions on proposed ADU ordinance, zoning setbacks and animal code review tasks.

P & Z Meetings 6:00pm

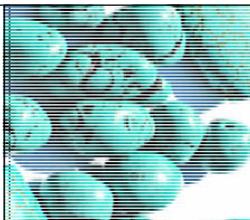
Dec 11: 1) Swearing in of new P&Z Commissioner; 2) Joint Mtg. schedule discussion; 3) Staff report on animal codes; 4) 2012 I-Code overview.

To receive Meeting Notifications and Agendas by email contact: Agenda List@dhaz.gov and put "subscribe" in the subject line.

Citizens may have an item placed on the agenda by contacting a Council Member or filling out a form available at the counter in Town Hall.

DECEMBER HOLIDAYS & EVENTS

- December 7:** Pearl Harbor Day
- December 17:** Hanukkah begins
- December 21:** 1st Day of Winter
- December 24:** Hanukkah ends
- December 25:** Christmas Day
(Town Hall holiday closure 12/25-26)
- December 26:** Kwanzaa begins
- December 31:** New Years Eve
- Flower: Narcissus**
- Birthstone: Turquoise**



ACTIVITY CENTER

Tuesday through Friday, 10 to 2
13000 Prescott Street, Humboldt
(928) 632-0699

Mission: To provide adult, youth and family services to strengthen the family unit and to provide residents with recreational, event and meeting space.

Coffee Time: Tuesdays, 10am to ?
Goodies, conversation and fun!

Bingo: Tuesdays, 11am to noon.
Bring a \$2 prize (can include nonperishable foods). Player with the highest number of wins each 4 weeks wins lunch for two at a local area restaurant.



Congratulations, Margaret! Also, each week a Door Prize is picked for a Bingo player.

Community Cupboard: The Center collects nonperishable food items for local distribution. Thank you all for your continued donations!



Food Bank:
Wednesday 9am until 11am
or the food is gone. For more information call 632-0699.

Men's AA:
Every **Thursday at 7pm.**

Thrift Store: Offering a good variety of items including **Christmas Decorations**, and accepting donations (but not electric appliances, clothing, shoes nor opened toiletries).

We also have info about Medicare Assistance, Legal Advocacy, DES, AHCCCS, food stamps, utility bill discounts, health, safety and welfare, Meals on Wheels, and rides.

The Activity Center will be closed December 22 through January 5th

You can donate TOYS FOR CHRISTMAS and FOOD BANK items at the collection barrels at Antiques & More on the corner of Main St. & Prescott St. in Old Town Humboldt

FESTIVE PINEAPPLE CRANBERRY SALAD

By Pat Mathews

- 1 20 oz can of pineapple—undrained
- 2 packages raspberry Jello
- 1 16 oz can of whole cranberry sauce
- 1 apple diced
- 2/3 cups chopped walnuts

Drain pineapple, reserving juice. Set aside 1 tablespoon of pineapple. Add enough cold water to juice to make 3 cups. Pour into sauce pan and bring to a boil. Remove from heat, add dry jello, stir for 2 minutes. Stir in cranberry sauce. Pour into large bowl, refrigerate 1 1/2 hours or until slightly thickened. Stir in pineapple, apple, and walnuts. Pour into mold or leave in bowl. Refrigerate 4 hours until firm. Garnish with reserved pineapple. Makes 14 1/2 cup servings.

THE MAYOR'S WINDOW PAINTING CONTEST

On Saturday, December 13th, the Mayor's Window Painting Contest for Charter and Home Schooled children will be held at the Dewey P.O. from 9am to 2pm.

On Monday, December 15th, the children from Humboldt Elementary School will hold their window painting contest on Main Street and Humboldt P.O. (TBD by School)



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The church is located at 2000 Shepherd's Lane, one block North of the Airport light on Hwy 89 in Prescott. Shuttle transportation will be available, leaving Albertsons Market on Sheldon and Montezuma in Prescott from 10am to 1:30pm every half hour.

For more information, meal delivery or to volunteer your assistance for this event call Saint Luke's Church at 928-778-4499.

THE BLOOD DRIVE IS OVER—FOR THIS YEAR

From Mary Franks

The latest drive was a success—but could have been better. We had several last minute cancellations. The good news is that we collected 23 pints of blood and every pint can help 3 people. So my **Blood Heroes**, you helped 69 people—and that is something to be proud of! We gave pins to individual blood donors who gave from 18 donations (2 gallons) to a whopping 57 donations (7 gallons). This is an amazing amount for a small community like Dewey-Humboldt. You figure out how many lives may have been saved. I don't have room to list all of the contributors but the people who made it to the last drive and received their pins are: Mark Blanchfield (who puts out our Blood Drive signs), Richard Miller, Ray Kerbaugh, John and Gretchen O'Hagen, Imogen Dey, Dean Bullock, Rita George Sanchez, Thomas Grimshaw, and Patsy Graves. I still have pins to give out and will do so at the next **Blood Drive on February 24, 2015**. Put that date on your calendar! This drive is becoming a great community event where you can meet old friends and get to eat home made baked goods. A huge thanks to Kathy Sankoy and Shirley Williams, and others. I couldn't have done this without their extensive help and tasty contributions! And Thank You Heroes for all your donations!



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Articles welcome from and provided by Citizens, Organizations, Committees, Staff, and Partners of the

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Denise Rogers, Editor

Please submit articles **by the 15th** on-line at: newsletter@dhaz.gov or in person at Town Hall.

YOU'RE INVITED TO HAVE COFFEE WITH THE TOWN MANAGER

Monday, Dec 1st

Time: 9 to 10 am

Location: Town Manager's Office.



HUMBOLDT WATER SYSTEM OUT OF COMPLIANCE

In October the Humboldt Water System (**NOT A Town Utility**) once again exceeded the maximum contaminant level for arsenic in their drinking water supply. The standard is 10 parts per billion. Arsenic was found at 19.6 parts per billion.

Ongoing sampling is being done to monitor levels and a new treatment plant is currently being installed.

2012 I-Code Meeting Information

December 4th at 6:00 p.m. (P&Z Meeting)

December 8th at 10:00 a.m.

December 9th at 2:00 p.m. (Council Study Session)

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