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THE DEWEY-HUMBOLDT NEWSLETTER

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NEWS FROM TOWN HALL

BUILDING OFFICIAL'S CORNER

I have fielded a few questions about the Dark Sky Ordinance lighting rules. One of the purposes of the Dark Sky Ordinances is to allow us to see the stars. Light pollution is why you have difficulty seeing the stars in the big city. Dark Sky codes follow most areas in Yavapai County including Dewey-Humboldt. All new buildings are required to show proof of Dark Sky compliance.

Light sources must be contained on your property. This is accomplished with a fully shielded or approved Dark Sky fixture. At eye level of the light source or above, can you see the bulb or LED, etc.? Then that fixture will not be in compliance. If the fixture is not in compliance, the town code says that it cannot be used after 10pm.

There are more ins and outs of this code but the above handles most of the questions I get.

Remember, questions are free
robertdavis@dhaz.gov

Robert Davis

SNOW REMOVAL PLAN

In the event we receive heavy snow in the coming months, the snow removal plan is as follows:

Staff will start with the main collector/feeder roads throughout Town, then work into the smaller neighborhood roads. We will get to all Town owned roads as quickly as possible. The snowplow blade is wide, and the truck has to move slowly in order to effectively remove the snow. When snow removal is in process, there may be traffic delays on Town owned roads. Your patience would be appreciated.

During a snowstorm, we also ask our residents to avoid parking vehicles on the roads. Vehicles parked on the roads may become an obstacle for the Town's truck to remove snow.

IMPORTANT NOTICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST REGARDING HEALTH: PLEASE BE ADVISED:

- ◇ THE TOWN IS IN THE FINAL PROCESS OF SCHEDULING A SERIES OF FUTURE PRESENTATIONS BY THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA (U of A), DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH. THE PRESENTATIONS SHALL BE HOSTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL.
- ◇ THESE PRESENTATIONS WILL PROVIDE CRUCIAL EDUCATION TO THE COMMUNITY ON WAYS TO REDUCE EXPOSURE TO CONTAMINANTS RELATED TO HEALTH EFFECTS FROM THE IRON KING MINE AND HUMBOLDT SMELTER IN OUR COMMUNITY. THESE STUDIES INCLUDE GARDENING, RAINWATER HARVESTING, AND EXPOSURE'S IN CHILDREN WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY.
- ◇ IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE FIRST PRESENTATION IN THE SERIES SHALL OCCUR IN FEBRUARY OF 2024.
- ◇ ONCE SCHEDULED ADDITIONAL NOTICES WILL BE ANNOUNCED, POSTED, AND PUBLISHED ON THE TOWN'S WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE OF THE TIMES, DATES, AND SUBJECT MATTERS.

**DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?
 PLEASE CONTACT ASHLEY PRESTON, ENVIRONMENTAL/HEALTH OUTREACH AND TOWN ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM MEMBER
 AT, ASH_WYLIE@YAHOO.COM OR
 928-830-9914.**



St. Mary's
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FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Attention Dewey-Humboldt residents:

Our community has the opportunity to partner with St. Mary's Food Bank for mobile distribution. The Town of Dewey-Humboldt Citizen's Events Committee is looking for volunteers to help with food distribution as early as January 2024. The location will be at the empty Town lot on Main St. just past Jackie Boyz. Do you have a need for this service? Are you willing to volunteer? Please feel free to reach out to Amy Lance 480-296-9680 with any questions, comments, or concerns regarding this collaboration. Thank you.

DISTRIBUCIÓN DE ALIMENTOS

Atención residentes de Dewey-Humboldt:

Nuestra comunidad tiene la oportunidad de asociarse con el Banco de Alimentos de St. Mary's para la distribución móvil. El Comité de Eventos Ciudadanos de la Ciudad de Dewey-Humboldt está buscando voluntarios para ayudar con la distribución de alimentos a partir de enero de 2024. La ubicación será en el lote vacío de Town en Main St., justo después de Jackie Boyz. ¿Necesita este servicio? ¿Estás dispuesto a ser voluntario? No dude en ponerse en contacto con Amy Lance 480-296-9680 si tiene alguna pregunta, comentario o inquietud sobre esta colaboración. Gracias.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

U.S EPA to Sample and Clean up Soil at More Residential Yards Affected by the Superfund Site in Dewey-Humboldt

In 2024, the U.S. EPA plans to sample soil at certain residential properties in Dewey-Humboldt and to clean up soil at properties where levels of arsenic and/or lead (or other toxic metals) from the Iron King Mine / Humboldt Smelter Superfund Site are above cleanup levels. These actions are to protect the long-term health of residents. The following are answers to common questions about these EPA efforts. EPA plans to send a fact sheet to residents on this topic in a few weeks.

EPA sampled and did cleanup at residential properties before. What is this new work?

EPA performed three short-term cleanup actions for soil at a total of 47 residential yards with the highest levels of toxic metals in 2006, 2011, and 2017. To determine which properties to clean up, EPA collected thousands of samples from almost 600 properties.

On October 20, 2023, EPA issued a record of decision (ROD)—a final cleanup plan – for a long-term cleanup to address the mine and smelter wastes and other contamination, and additional residential properties affected by the legacy of contamination from the mine and smelter. In the ROD, EPA lowered the cleanup levels for arsenic and lead. This was based on new information about the toxicity of lead and arsenic and to be more protective of health. (The ROD can be found at <https://semsub.epa.gov/work/09/100034911.pdf>)

A final decision about which properties will be cleaned up will depend on the upcoming sampling. Because of the new, lower cleanup levels in the ROD, EPA will also determine whether any additional cleanup needs to occur at properties that were cleaned up previously.

Will EPA get my permission to sample, and if necessary, clean up my property?

Yes. EPA will only sample if it gets a signed property access agreement from you. If cleanup is needed, we will discuss with you a property-specific cleanup plan. EPA will not perform cleanup without receiving property access from you.

Why would it be beneficial for me to provide EPA permission to access my property?

Access will allow us to get sample results. The sample results will tell us how much arsenic or lead is in your soil. If a cleanup is necessary, it will help to protect the long-term health of those living at your property currently and in the future by eliminating exposure to arsenic or lead from the Superfund site at levels above background and the cleanup levels. If a cleanup is necessary and no cleanup is done, contamination may remain in the soil on your property. This will be documented in the Superfund site cleanup report.

What is Background? Levels of arsenic and lead found naturally that we would expect to find in the environment, or from non-site related human activities are referred to as "background." EPA can only legally clean up above background.

What will the sampling and/or cleanup include?

EPA will collect shallow surface soil samples (usually about 4-6 inches deep) using a small handheld garden trowel (or similar). The sample spot will be refilled with soil. The yard will not otherwise be disturbed. Samples will be analyzed for metals—including arsenic and lead—by a laboratory and/or by a field instrument. If a cleanup is performed, EPA will remove shallow soil in affected areas and replace it with clean soil. EPA will restore landscaping and yard features after it replaces the soil. We will give you a property specific restoration plan for approval before any cleanup begins.

Will I be charged for sampling, and cleanup if it is necessary?

No. Residential homeowners will not be charged for sampling or a cleanup action for site-related contamination. The federal EPA Superfund program will pay for the cleanup.

Will my ownership and ability to use the property change after any sampling or cleanup?

No. After any sampling or cleanup by EPA, you can use your property as you did before, unless EPA finds that it cannot remove all the contamination and needs to perform additional measures. Ownership and rights to your property will not change.

Will EPA provide me the sampling results? How will EPA document for me that the cleanup was done?

Yes. EPA will provide homeowners with sampling results for their property. If a cleanup is not necessary, EPA will inform you that no further work will need to be done. EPA will be available to discuss results and next steps with property owners. If a cleanup is done, EPA will give you a completion letter documenting its work.

What will happen next?

EPA will be contacting property owners to request access to perform sampling.

If you have questions please contact: Jeff Dhont, Remedial Project Manager (415) 972-3020 or dhont.jeff@epa.gov or Georgia Thompson, Community Involvement Coordinator (415) 972-3048.

More information about the site can be found at <http://epa.gov/superfund/ironkingmine>.

MEETING DATES

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

Find the full agenda packets for upcoming meetings, as well as, packets and minutes for previous meetings online at [Town Meeting Documents and Videos | Dewey-Humboldt, AZ \(dhaz.gov\)](http://TownMeetingDocumentsandVideos|Dewey-Humboldt.AZ(dhaz.gov))

Regular Council Meetings @ 6:30 p.m.

- January 2, 2024
- January 16, 2024

General Plan Steering Committee @ 6:00 p.m.

- January 30, 2024

Planning & Zoning Meeting @ 6:00p.m.

- January 5, 2024

Council Study Session @ 6:30 p.m.

- January 9, 2024

Board of Adjustment @ 9:00 a.m.

- January 23, 2024


Meetings are held via Granicus. Comments can be given at the meeting or can be submitted to BethEvans@dhaz.gov, no later than 3:30 p.m., on the day of meeting. Please identify agenda item and your full name.

Citizens may have an item placed on the agenda by contacting a Council Member or by filling out a Presentation Request Form available on the website or at Town Hall.

TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED




January 1 - New Year's Day
January 15 - Martin Luther King Jr. / Civil Rights Day



PERMITS ISSUED
Building Department
issued permits
November 2023:

Zoning	5
Right of Way	2
Grading	2
Home Business Occupation	1
Electric	4
Solar	2
Manufactured Home	2
Rezoning	1
Other Building	3
Total:	22

**DEWEY-HUMBOLDT
MAGISTRATE COURT**



The Dewey-Humboldt Magistrate Court is open Tuesday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and closed for lunch from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Payments may be deposited in the receptacle on the southwest corner of our parking lot, outside of Suite 15. Credit card payments can be made inside Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. If the Court Clerk is not here, you will need to know your case number and the amount due in order to make a credit card payment.

**STAY IN TOUCH
WITH US!**



The Town of Dewey-Humboldt now uses **Mail Chimp** email marketing software to send emails to residents. If you were previously receiving our emails through Constant Contact or the Agenda Management Listserve, your email has been added to Mail Chimp. Mail Chimp can be used to provide email notices of upcoming events and news such as town meetings with agenda packets, links to important sources of assistance and information, as well as links to the Town's Newsletter pages. We will keep you abreast of the happenings in the Town, accessible on the go, on any of your devices. To get your email added to this list, send the Town an email request at info@dhaz.gov or call the Town at 928-632-7362.



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Through the Town's website you can sign in and subscribe to **Notify Me**. **Notify Me** allows you to subscribe to an unlimited number of email or text message lists to receive updates and information about community news and other calendar events. Sign up today!



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DEWEY-HUMBOLDT TOWN LIBRARY NEWS

2735 Corral St, Humboldt, AZ 86327

Phone Number: 928-632-5049

Monday—Thursday 8:30 am to 6:00 pm



find us on facebook!!
Just search "@YCFLD"

UPCOMING EVENTS

Weekly Programs	Date	Time
Stitches and Stories Needle crafts	Every Monday	2 pm - 4 pm
Monday Night Art Art activities for kids and adults	Every Monday	4 pm - 6 pm
Tai Chi for Beginners	Every Tuesday	10 am - 11 am
Intro to Qigong (Tai Chi is a form of Qigong)	Every Thursday	10 am - 11 am
Wonder Wednesday STEM activities for kids	Every Wednesday (except Jan. 10)	1 pm - 5 pm
Creative Minds Club After-school club	Every Wednesday (except Jan. 10)	3 pm - 5 pm
Drop In Tech Help Free tech assistance for phone or laptop/pc	Every Wednesday	3 pm - 5 pm
Special Programs	Date	Time
NEW YEARS DAY	Jan. 1	YCFLD CLOSED
Book Club	Jan. 8	2 pm - 3 pm
Annual Friends of the Library Meeting	Jan. 8	4 pm - 6 pm
Stuffy Sleepover and Storytime	Jan. 10	4 pm - 5 pm
CIVIL RIGHTS DAY	Jan 15	YCFLD CLOSED
Write this Way....with Z	Jan. 18	4 pm - 6 pm
Little House on the Prairie Palooza	Jan. 25	3 pm - 6 pm

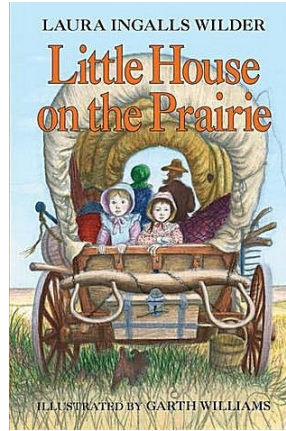
For more info on these events, please visit www.yavapai.events



BOOK DONATIONS

Mondays 11 am - 3 pm

Like-new and good-condition books accepted



LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE PALOOZA

January 25, 2024
3 pm - 6 pm

Book Raffle
Cosplay Photos
Make a Corn Husk doll
Create a chicken out of a book
and more!



STUFFY SLEEPOVER AND STORYTIME

Ages 0-11

Enjoy story time and let your Stuffy spend the night at the Library. We will be taking pictures of the fun your stuffy will be having at the library overnight!
January 10, 2024
4 pm - 5 pm

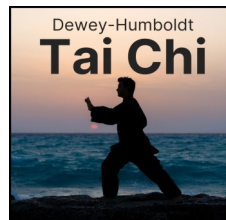


Annual Friends of the Library Meeting

Public Welcome!
January 8, 2024
4 pm - 6 pm

Weekly Book Sale will be held Mondays, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, on the Lower Level of the Library.

Book Sale



TAI CHI & QIGONG CLASSES

Tuesdays, 10 am - 11 am
Tai Chi For Beginners
Thursdays, 10 am - 11 am
Intro to Qigong

Drop in! Class is on going!

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