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# THE DEWEY-HUMBOLDT NEWSLETTER

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## NEWS FROM TOWN HALL



### **We Need Your Help Spending Some Money!**

Dewey-Humboldt Firewise has been working to ensure that first-responders can find your home. When responding to an emergency, the green, reflective address signs we've been able to install are paying off as fire trucks and ambulances are arriving seconds faster – seconds that seem like minutes or hours to those waiting for their arrival. But for those on private roads, even finding the correct street can be the bigger delay. We'd like to assist some of you that live on those private streets that no one can seem to find. Our best guess is that within our town there are 142 private road intersections. Through a very generous grant from **OneAZ Credit Union**, we now have funds available to purchase and install some of those street signs.

The signage cost for a private road can be anywhere from \$100 to \$250, and those are discounted costs thanks to Yavapai County allowing us to tie into their contract with Centerline Supply in Phoenix. In the end, the specific hardware required will depend on the post used, the length of the street name(s), and the hardware needed to make it all meet federal standards. With that, we guess that we have funds for 30 intersections. **What we'd like is your help in choosing those intersections.**

Beyond simply needing to know where street signs are required, **we need to know what's already there. Here's how you can help.** Please take a picture of the intersection that needs a sign and send it to Firewise (email or text) along with the street names. And if there's already a sign there, can you take a close-up so that we can figure out what exactly is needed to make it right? We'll then determine the components needed.

Those intersections that don't have any sign will be the highest priority. If there're too many of those, we'll sort priorities based on how many residents each road supports. Once we've completed those, we'll start to address intersections whose sign(s) don't meet code requirements (private road signs need to be reflective, 6" high, and be brown with 4" Type "C" or "B" white letters).

If you don't know if you live on a private road, or you're not sure if you live in the Town of Dewey-Humboldt (the only area we can financially support), call us or send us an email or text and we'll look up your address.

Once we get all the components, if you'd like to assist in installing signs, let us know.

**You can contact Dewey-Humboldt Firewise at 928-273-8690 or send an email to  
[DH.Firewise@gmail.com](mailto:DH.Firewise@gmail.com)  
BE YOUR OWN HERO!**

COMMUNITY NEWS

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# Save the Date!

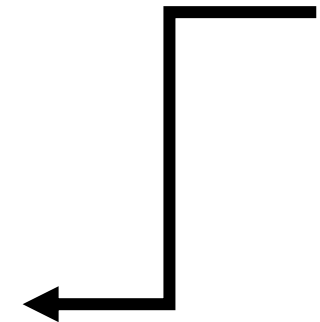
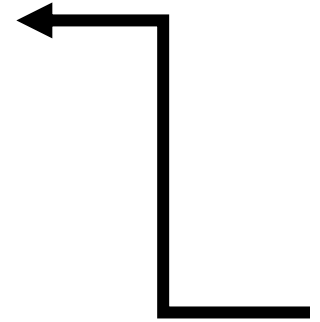


**Wednesday March 5th from  
1 am—3pm**

**You Are Invited To Be A Judge  
For Kid's Artwork For Calendar Contest**

*12 Winning Students and Their Teachers Will Receive \$100 Cash each at the 5th Annual Dewey-Humboldt Firewise "Don't Get Burned" Free Community Wildfire Safety Event at Mortimer Farms on May 3th 2025 10am-1pm.*

**At the Kate Garber Memorial Humboldt Community Center  
13000 E Prescott Street, Dewey-Humboldt, AZ (Next to the Town Library).**



# DEWEY-HUMBOLDT DAYS

## Now Accepting Craft and Educational Booths



Saturday  
26 APRIL 2025



Main Street  
D-H, AZ

**11:00-3:00 Free  
Admission**

To volunteer call  
Jeremiah @ 928-499-4850  
Vendors call  
Denise @ 928-925-5145 or  
Suzy @ 619-277-3902

[www.dhaz.gov](http://www.dhaz.gov)



## **U.S. EPA is Rolling Out Residential Soil Sampling Results Fact Sheet and Open House to be Announced**

The U.S. EPA is moving forward with the cleanup of residential soils for the Iron King Mine / Humboldt Smelter Superfund Site. In addition to residential soil cleanup, the overall cleanup will include areas with mine and smelter wastes, such as the orange mine tailings pile and the old smelter in Town. With property owners' permission, we have collected and analyzed more than 8000 soil samples at more than 200 residential properties. We will roll out the sampling results to property owners over the next two months and regret that this has taken far longer than we had intended. A laboratory method had to be modified to ensure the most reliable results. The number of samples then became so large that the laboratories got backed up.

Results will come in the form of a letter attached to a package that includes both individual sample results and a figure that assists in understanding them. While sampling will continue at more properties, we will soon begin next steps. At properties where a cleanup is proposed, EPA will directly discuss with the property owner a property-specific plan that shows the property layout, the initially planned excavation area, and how property features (such as fences or plants) that are disturbed will be restored after cleanup action. Upon agreement of this plan, we will request that the owner sign consent for the cleanup action to take place.

Please keep in mind that not all properties require sampling. Some properties already had enough samples from previous sampling events, and others are outside of the area of concern. Finally, some properties have already been cleaned up in previous smaller cleanup actions.

Over the course of the next two months, EPA anticipates issuing a fact sheet to residents with expanded information. In addition, we anticipate announcing an open house, tentatively in April, regarding the sampling and next steps.

While our sampling effort is temporarily scaling back, it is not too late to provide EPA consent with a property access form that will allow us to sample your property. If you wish to do so, please visit <https://semspub.epa.gov/work/09/100036653.pdf> or contact Anne Lawrence at 415-972-3108. If you have other questions about the residential sampling, please contact Anne Lawrence as well.





## COMMUNITY OPEN FORUM

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Thursday, March 13, 2025</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>3:00-5:00 pm, 5:30-7:30 pm</b>
<b>Place:</b>	<b>Town Hall</b>
<b>Topic:</b>	<b>Iron King Mine-Humboldt Smelter Superfund Site</b>
<b>Sponsor:</b>	<b>Town Council, Town of Dewey-Humboldt</b>

An open forum for all Town residents regarding the Iron King Mine-Humboldt Superfund Site

Receive information on recent developments

Ask questions/receive answers on matters of concern to you

Answers will be provided by the Town's retained environmental experts

Topics of interest may include:

Residential soil sampling and data reports from EPA

Estimated timeline for initiation of residential soil cleanup

Estimated timeline for initiation of IKM and smelter site cleanups

Town land use plans for the IKM and smelter sites

Town plan for a soil management ordinance

Abandoned landfill in the IKM "glory hole"

Future EPA groundwater investigation and possible remediation

Either –

Come and go, as your schedule allows, to either the 3:00 or 5:30 pm session, or

Watch any session of the forum online at [dhaz.gov](http://dhaz.gov)

Submit questions in advance to [dhsuperfund@dhaz.gov](mailto:dhsuperfund@dhaz.gov)



**What's Happening!  
Dewey-Humboldt  
Historical Society  
A Walk-Through Time**



When you drive down Main Street in Humboldt and see all the old historic buildings, do you wonder what history lies behind those walls? If only they could speak and tell you, their secrets! The Dewey-Humboldt Historical Society has kept records and pictures over the years that can bring that history to life for you.

**The Old Post Office  
Building**

**(First building on right)**

In 1898, the building housed the Val Verde Post Office. It survived the town fire of 1904 and reopened in 1905 as the Humboldt Post Office. The two-story portion of the building housed the Humboldt Bakery in 1917-1918, when Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kawulok and family began a business baking and delivering a variety of breads, as well as a large variety of pastries and pies. Twice a week, the bakery truck made a trip to Camp Verde. The truck's first stop was in Dewey, then it traveled down dirt roads, stopping at every mailbox, leaving baked goods either in the mailbox or in a box on top. Stops were also made at mines along the way. On the return trip, the truck again stopped at every mailbox and picked up payments for the products delivered earlier. In Humboldt, bread and pastry products were sold from both the bakery and C. P. Wingfield's store across the street. The building was converted to a residence when the bakery closed in 1938. Today, it houses Jackie Boyz & Scoopz.

Research by John Charles Young  
The Dewey-Humboldt Historical Society invites you to our general meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. Agua Fria Church on 2<sup>nd</sup> St. in Humboldt. March 125:30 PM  
Website dhsmuseum.org



**PERMITS ISSUED**

Building Department  
issued permits  
January 2025:

Zoning	7
Lot Split	3
Grading	1
Electric	2
Right of Way	1
Other Building	2
Single Family Residence	4
Solar	<u>2</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>22</b>

**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.

**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://Town Meeting Documents and Videos | Dewey-Humboldt, AZ (dhaz.gov))

**Regular Council Meetings @ 6:30 p.m.**

- March 4, 2025
- March 18, 2025

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

- March 6, 2025

**Council Study Session @ 6:30 p.m.**

- March 11, 2025

**Board of Adjustment @ 9:00 a.m.**

- March 25, 2025

Meetings are held via Granicus. Comments can be given at the meeting or can be submitted to [BethEvans@dhaz.gov](mailto: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.

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**ST. MARY'S FOOD BANK FOOD  
DISTRIBUTION:**

**03/20/25 from 12:00 pm to 2:00  
pm at the vacant Town lot on  
Main Street.**

**SPECIAL ADDITIONAL FOOD  
DISTRIBUTION ON THURSDAY  
MARCH 6 from 12 to 2**





# LIBRARY NEWS

YCFLD.GOV 2735 Corral St. Humboldt, AZ 86329 Phone: 928-632-

**Hours:**  
Monday—  
Thursday  
8:30 AM  
to 6:00 PM

## MARCH LIBRARY PROGRAMS

### MOVIE NIGHT "Inside Out 2"

March 6h  
4 PM - 6:00 PM



### Backyard Chickens 101

March 20th  
4 PM - 6:00 PM

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Mondays:

Friends of the Library - *Weekly book sale* 11 AM - 3 PM  
Happy Hands Workshop - *Craft activities for all ages* 4 PM - 6 PM

### Tuesdays:

Tai Chi for Beginners 10 AM - 11 AM

### Wednesdays:

Drop In Tech 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM  
Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead! - *STEAM activities for kids* 1 PM - 5 PM  
Creative Minds Club - *After-school club* 3 PM - 5 PM

### Thursdays:

Intro to Qigong - *Tai Chi is a form of Qigong* 10 AM - 11 AM

### Fridays:

Writing Consultations - *Virtual only* 10 AM - 12:45 PM

## COMING SOON TO THE LIBRARY



### More than just books...

Did you know that your local library has several services for its patrons?

- ⇒ Free Notary Services
- ⇒ Print, Copy, & Scanning Services
- ⇒ Free Wi-Fi Hotspot Checkout
- ⇒ Free Computer Access
- ⇒ Free Online Learning Databases
- ⇒ Free Access to *Consumer Reports*
- ⇒ County Wide Event Calendar

[www.Yavapai.Events](http://www.Yavapai.Events)



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Just search "@YCFLD"

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

### Weekly Book Sales

Mondays 11 AM - 3 PM

### Book Club

Jan 13th, 2 PM - 3 PM

Accepting book donations Mondays - Like-new and good condition books accepted - 3 boxes maximum.



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