Youngtown Business Spotlight

Each month the Town of Youngtown will be featuring some of our local businesses who make up the many wonderful, long standing businesses that service our residents and the surrounding communities in the Northwest Valley!

Please meet – Ken Smith – from Rag’s Real Chicken & Waffles, one of our hidden treasures right here in Youngtown!

Rag’s Real Chicken & Waffles will deep fry anything you can digest! We specialize in soul food and Southern hospitality. We also have live entertainment. Ken Smith is from Alabama, and his wife is from Ohio. They are the Mom and Pop team. Rag’s Real Chicken & Waffles is located at 12242 N. 111th Avenue, and they are open from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily.

Mayor’s Town Hall
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Saturday, May 20
Town Council Chambers
Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Craft Corner Paints Youngtown Community Garden Mural

With the artistic guidance from Youngtown artist, Teresa Felton, and members of the Youngtown Craft Corner club, the wall mural in the Youngtown Community Garden is now finished.

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Youngtown, AZ 85363

Mayor and Council: 623-933-8286
Town Administration: 623-933-8286
Building Inspector: 623-933-8286
Ext. 117
Code Enforcement:
623-933-8286, Ext. 134
Library: 623-974-3401
Municipal Court: 623-972-8226
Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office
Non-emergency: 602-876-1011
Emergency: 9-1-1
Town Administrative Office hours
Monday through Friday
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Website: www.youngtownaz.org
Governments exist to enhance quality of life. We choose to live in certain municipalities and neighborhoods based on our perceptions of how our lives would be impacted by living there. Public policy decisions by government drive our perceptions of our towns and neighborhoods. So, how is Youngtown doing; what is its state or condition and how is it impacting our lives?

Youngtown’s premier asset is its location. Halfway between the 101 and 303 freeways and nestled between Grand Avenue on the north and Olive Avenue on the south, Youngtown provides easy access to world-class amenities in downtown Phoenix and surrounding communities without sacrificing its easy “small-town” ambiance.

After a hard day at work or play, we come home to a very safe community, thanks to excellent law enforcement by the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office (MCSO) and quick responses to fire and medical emergencies by the Sun City Fire and Medical Department (SCFMD).

Our relationship with newly elected Sheriff Paul Penzone and the command officers of District 3 assures us that MCSO service levels will continue to be excellent. A new, state-of-the-art fire station, scheduled to be built later this year in Youngtown, will assure continued excellent response times to fire and medical emergencies.

Thanks to a rolling five-year maintenance program, developed by our public works department, the streets, roads and alleys in Youngtown are in excellent condition. Recent improvements, like the Peoria Avenue straightening at the north entrance to Agua Fria Ranch, continue to enhance mobility and safety. Additional street lights to be erected, later this year, along the Agua Fria Parkway and in neighborhoods in the older sections of Youngtown, will enhance security and safety in our neighborhoods. Youngtown’s involvement in projects, like improving Grand Avenue and the construction of the Northern Parkway, help assure enhanced regional transportation.

A well-run library program, which is very well utilized, along with the new bike/ped path recently constructed on the south side of Peoria Avenue, offer residents lots of opportunity for recreation. Projected construction of some 80,000 linear feet of sidewalk in the older neighborhoods of Youngtown, over the next couple of years, will encourage residents to safely interact with each other in their neighborhoods, while enhancing the perception of Youngtown as a truly walkable community. Several new recreational projects, already in the works, are designed to further enhance recreational assets and opportunities.

We continue to cultivate a fertile commercial environment with programs, like our commercial façade improvement grant program, which is gaining momentum and showing some very positive results throughout the town. Our commercial real estate vacancy rate is low, with several new businesses having recently located in Youngtown, and we continue to work with commercial prospects looking to make Youngtown their home. Our streamlined governmental processes make us one of the easiest municipalities to work with.

Youngtown is financially stable, with a strong rainy-day fund, no debt and fiscal policies designed to weather any storm, and our tax burden on residents is among the lightest in the Valley.

So, what is the state or condition of your town? It’s pretty darned good - financially stable, while constantly looking for ways to further enhance quality of life.

Life is good in Youngtown!
DATE: April 6, 2017  
TIME: IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING  
PLACE: Town Clubhouse  
Council Chambers  
12033 N. Clubhouse Square  

A. Approval of the March 2, 2017 Special Council Meeting Minutes and the March 16, 2017 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.  
B. Approval of a renewal agreement for a period of one (1) year between the Town and C & S Sweeping, Inc. to provide street sweeping service schedule commencing on July 1, 2017 until June 30, 2018.  
C. Approval of a renewal agreement for a period of one (1) year between the Town and Landcare Unlimited, LLC for landscaping maintenance not to exceed $2,485 per month for contract term.  
D. Approval of the Town’s Revised Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) to follow the criteria in the General Permit AZ2016-002, providing the information and Best Management Practices.  
E. Approval for the Town Manager, on behalf of the Town, to enter into a five-year Arizona State Purchasing Cooperative Agreement with the State of Arizona Procurement Office.  
F. Approval of a Youngtown Community Garden Meeting Minutes.  
G. Approval of the April 6, 2017 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.  
H. Approval of a Youngtown Community Garden Board Member, Cynthia Upchurch to fill vacancy for remainder of term until June 30, 2019.  
I. Approval of the rejection of all bids received on April 6, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. for the Independent Contractor for Janitorial Services Request for Proposal (RFP).  
J. Approval of a contract between the Town and M. R. Tanner Construction for the 2017 Street Resurfacing Project in the amount of $114,340.00.  
K. Approval for the rejection of all bids received on April 12, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. for the 2017 Town Parking Lot Modification Project Request for Proposal (RFP).

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**In the Works**

**Annual street maintenance:**
In the very near future, we will perform street asphalt resurfacing in Town. The areas receiving asphalt resurfacing are as follows: the alleys from Grand Avenue, south to Alabama Avenue will be crack sealed and seal coated. The streets from Grand Avenue south to Alabama Avenue will be crack sealed and seal coated. The streets in the Agua Fria section of Town will be crack sealed. Peoria Avenue will be crack sealed and seal coated. Re-striping of these streets will be to the existing pattern. The inconvenience is greatly worth the end result as asphalt resurfacing will extend the life of the streets, negating the need for extensive and often cost prohibitive milling/overlay or removal/replacement.

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**Lo que estamos trabajando ahora alrededor de la Ciudad Mayo 2016**
La primavera está aquí y en plena floración! Disfrutar del clima en este momento, ¡ya pronto será demasiado caliente para estar fuera! Una cosa que podemos definitivamente contar en el desierto de Sonora es el calor del verano. ¿Cree que va a ser un verano caliente? Definitivamente!

**Prevención de la Contaminación del Agua Pluvial:**
La ciudad cuenta con varias bocas de tormenta que drenan el agua de lluvia en el río Agua Fria. Con el fin de evitar la contaminación de los ríos aguas abajo, la ciudad ha puesto en marcha un programa de manejo de aguas pluviales. Los residentes tienen que ser conscientes de que es ilegal arrojar contaminantes desagüe de aguas pluviales. Un contaminante es cualquier sólido, líquido, gas o sustancia que pueda alterar las propiedades físicas o químicas del agua, incluyendo, pero no limitado a fertilizantes, disolventes, lodos, petróleo y sus derivados, residuos sólidos, basura, materiales biológicos, materiales radioactivos, arena, suciedad, residuos animales, ácidos y bases. Las sanciones civiles y penales pueden ser evaluados a cualquier persona que intencionalmente o por negligencia viole las leyes y reglamentos relativos a la tormenta de drenaje de agua. Nuestro objetivo es permitir que sólo el agua de lluvia fluya por el desagüe de aguas pluviales.

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**Marty Mosbrucker**
Public Works Manager

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**Town Launches New, More User-Friendly Online Codified Ordinances**
The Town of Youngtown has launched a new, more user-friendly on-line Code of Ordinances created by Municode of Arizona. The new on-line format offers easier search capabilities, as well as advanced search functionality. In addition, the end user can easily extract this information in the form of an email, print or word documents. Every citizen will be able to utilize the code in a mobile format, which means that on any smart phone or tablet, one can search and view the Code of Ordinances anywhere! Mayor LeVaught stated, “The technology Municode has developed will allow Youngtown residents to more conveniently and efficiently access the legal guidelines of the Town.” Municode is the only responsive hosting application in the industry. The Code of Ordinances can be viewed at the Town of Youngtown’s website at www.youngtownaz.org.
Youngtown Public Library Activities

Book Club: Come join the Book Club every third Friday of the month. The next meeting is Friday, May 19th at 10:00 a.m. and our selection for discussion will be Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult.

Story Time: Come join us every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. for Story Time. This month’s themes will be Mother’s Day and Arbor Day.

Library Services: The Youngtown Public Library is your information resource! We offer:
• FREE WI-FI
• Six Public Computers
• All the latest videos! They can be checked out for FREE for one week
• FREE Resume Assistance
• FREE Tax Forms
• FREE Chilton Auto Repair Manuals
• FREE Legal Forms
• FREE Career Information
• FREE Genealogy/Ancestry resources
• FREE National Geographic
• FREE World Book Encyclopedia
• FREE Music – 5 downloads per week from Freegal
• GED Study Guide Reference Book
• Copies $.15 each

Library Hours: Regular Library hours are Monday – Wednesday, and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Both the Library and Museum are located in Town Square, between Alabama and Youngtown venues, just west of 112th Avenue.

For additional information about the Library, Museum, or history of Youngtown, check us out on the Youngtown website, www.youngtownaz.org, under “Our Services,” or call 623-974-3401.

Craft Club: The Craft Club meets every Monday from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Youngtown Clubhouse. Bring any craft or hobby and join the fun. For more information, contact Betty Trolle, (623) 974-9130.

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Friends of the Youngtown Library

The Friends of the Youngtown Public Library are doing the popular $3.00 per bag SALE all this month, for all hardback and paperback books.

Membership is $10.00 per year per member. Meetings are the third Friday of every other month. Our next meeting is Friday, May 19th at 9:00 a.m. in the Youngtown Clubhouse.

Thank you for your continued support.
Youngtown Village Reporter

The Town of Youngtown & the Agua Fria Ranch HOA’s inaugural Easter Egg Hunt was a great success. Children of all ages from babies to 12 years old, showed up to enjoy the Easter egg hunt. Cody Williams, the Balloon Guy, shared his superb talent and made balloon animals, hearts, butterflies, etc. Alexis Lebario did face painting for the children with eggs, bunnies, flowers, cupcakes, and many other creative designs!

Inaugural Easter Egg Hunt a Success

The Youngtown Community Garden was in attendance, giving away plants, and had 22 people volunteer for future events at the Community Garden.

Youngtown citizens’ enjoy themselves during the Easter Egg event.

West Valley Genealogical Society...

Monthly Meeting
The West Valley Genealogical Society’s next monthly meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. on May 8th at the First Presbyterian Church. This month’s featured speaker is Jeanne Koniuszy. Jeanne was born in Pennsylvania, but was raised in Arizona. She has been interested and active in family history for over 35 years, and in April 2016, received a Bachelor’s Degree in Family History from BYU-Provo. She enjoys assisting patrons with their family history and loves teaching family history to others. Jeanne is the wife of Tom Koniuszy and the mother of three children and seven grandchildren. She has been serving as a Temple and Family History Consultant in her church organization for the past five years. Jeanne has been a Service Missionary at the Mesa FamilySearch Library since May 2014. The meeting is free and open to the public. If you’re interested in pursuing or furthering your family history, we welcome you and encourage you to bring along a friend.

To register for a class, upcoming event, or to learn more about the Society, visit www.azwvgs.org, or call 623-933-4945.

Jeanne Koniuszy
Citizens’ Dog Park of Youngtown Update...

News You Can Use: Canine Happenings at the Dog Park!

“Until one has loved an animal, a part of one’s soul remains unawakened.” —Anatole France

Susan Hout, our Event Chair, printed out survey forms to find out what amenities our friends would like to see at the Dog Park. We received many responses and the committee was pleased with the feedback we received. Please watch for future additions to the Dog Park, based on your feedback. Thank you again for taking the time to fill them out. You will soon see two more tables added to the park, with pavers underneath, and some shade coverings will be installed.

Regular maintenance and treatment for all Town parks is ongoing through our Public Works Department. Recent weed treatment and aeration have been done to promote the growth of the grass. Please continue to donate at the following businesses that are assisting the committee in purchasing much needed amenities for the Park: Kopy’s Body Shop, Town Tobacco, and the Youngtown Library. Donations may be brought into the Youngtown Town Hall at 12030 N. Clubhouse Square – Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

As much work as it was, the aforementioned volunteers as well as Barb and Tod Todd, Kevin Jeffreys and Carla Presley. The Easter Bunny stopped by as well to spread some Easter cheer during the sale. As much work as it was, the $2,203 we earned will go a long way for storing and selling our items.

The next Dog Park Committee meeting will be May 20th, at 9:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church at the corner of Alabama and 113th Avenues. For further information, please contact Margaret Chittenden at 623-974-9756.

DOGGIE TIDBITS

“What Nose Around Comes Around”

A larger portion of a dog’s brain is dedicated to scent discrimination than is a human’s. That means that dogs can tell whether a human is nervous and fearful or relaxed just by his odor. They also have a keen memory for odors, and once a dog has met someone, especially if that person had an impact on him in any way, he will remember their scent forever.

Thank you to all who helped in making the Yard Sale a success! We had many who donated goods for us to sell and wonderful volunteers for the sale.

Our many volunteers were from all over the country, winter visitors are great. Out of area volunteers included George and Mary Simpson from North Dakota, Dale and Donna Richardson from Minnesota and Carol Scott from Iowa. From local communities, we had Bill Taylor, Sue Patterson, Betty and Jim Trollen, Phyllis Piotrowski, Ray and Madelon Jeffreys, Mary Bok and Sue Schreiber. On pick-up duty before the sale, we had several of the aforementioned volunteers as well as Barb and Tod Todd, Kevin Jeffreys and Carla Presley. The Easter Bunny stopped by as well to spread some Easter cheer during the sale.

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The Youngtown Community Fund Inc. loans durable medical equipment to area residents living in El Mirage, Peoria, Surprise and Youngtown for temporary use (up to four months).

If you haven’t signed up to support a charity through your Fry’s rewards card, please consider signing up and naming us as your charity. You do need an online account and an email address to sign up.

Once you have your account or if you already have one, sign in to your account and select account settings from the drop down menu. Click edit under Community Rewards, enter our NPO number (36688) or Youngtown Community Fund, select the box next to Youngtown Community Fund and then select Save Changes.

Stop and check out the Youngtown Community Fund at 11215-A West Nevada Avenue, Youngtown.

Our phone number is 623-977-4661 and our hours are Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to Noon.

We serve El Mirage, Surprise, Youngtown and Peoria. We welcome visitors to stop by and see what all we have to offer.

As you can see, the Youngtown Community Fund Yard Sale had thousands of items for sale. Even the Easter Bunny participated in the fundraiser. Items were displayed on tables outside, as well as inside. In all, the fundraiser tallied a nice total of $2,203, which will help with storing and selling items. Thanks go to the community for your support.
Sunview Health and Rehabilitation Wins Prestigious Award

It always makes us happy here in Youngtown when we hear about the great things organizations are doing in our community!

Today, Mayor Mike LeVaul, Town Manager Jeanne Blackman and Town Clerk Stacy Anderson, attended a celebration at Sunview Health & Rehabilitation. Sunview received a prestigious performance award from Ensign Group at an awards ceremony held on April 28th.

The Ensign Flag is an award sought after by hundreds of skilled nursing facilities throughout the nation and is a symbol of stellar quality in the skilled nursing arena. Some specific requirements of the award include excellent survey and financial performance, a professional appearance/environment, high marks in culture, employee/patient satisfaction, occupancy and compliance. Christopher Christensen, CEO of Ensign Group, presented the award. Staffs, residents, families of residents and all members of the community were invited to attend and enjoy appetizers, hors d’oeuvres, music and entertainment.

“I’m so proud of our team here at Sunview Health and Rehabilitation,” said Sean Hill, executive director. “They have worked so hard to make this place what it is today and they deserve every bit of recognition for their efforts.”

Sunview Health and Rehabilitation offers first-class skilled nursing and rehabilitation with 24-hour respiratory therapy in subacute and therapy departments, catering specifically to inpatient needs.

We are proud of you too, Sunview Health and Rehabilitation. Job well done!
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