REVIEW OF TOWN CODES CONCERNING ANIMALS

By Connie Dedrick,
Community Development Coordinator

Town Code of Ordinances regulate animal related matters. The regulations are contained in Title IX Chapter 90 Animals and Title XV Chapter 153 Land Use, Zoning Regulations. Town Council has directed Planning and Zoning Commission and staff to review these existing code sections as they are related to “animals”.

Reviewing any code is a complex issue. The Animal Code is emotional as well as complex because animals are part of most D-H residents’ life whether domestic or farm. Some of the residents I met consider their pets family members. Animal code review is not an easy task and we want your input.

Since the beginning of the year, four formal meetings and one informal community meeting have been held in regard to the “Animal Code”. The review does not necessarily generate more restrictive regulations. Staff has not recommended any suggested changes at this point. On the contrary, through reviewing the current code, staff wants to gather information, compile research from other rural communities and, just as importantly, meet with the community residents. The community meetings assist us in getting your feedback on the current code sections. I want to thank everyone who has stopped in, called, and sent emails. Your feedback is critical to the success of the review task. I would also to thank those who took the time out of their busy schedules to participate in the first community meeting held a few weeks ago regarding the Animal Code. The meeting brought together individuals from all over the community—from high-density old town Humboldt proper to low-density Blue Hill’s areas. Through the meeting, we communicated the importance and the challenges of striking a regulatory balance to fit different life styles and to accommodate everyone’s needs. Some areas of concerns were number of animals allowed and enforcement of nuisance animal issues.

Another community meeting will be scheduled at the end of September. I encourage everyone to attend as this is a great opportunity for you to share your thoughts. If you would like to be put on the contact list please call 632-7362, or email me at conniededrick@dhaz.gov.

ARSENIC IN DRINKING WATER

By: Jennifer Botsford,
Arizona Department of Health Services

Arsenic is a metal that occurs naturally in groundwater in many mining areas in Arizona, including the Dewey-Humboldt area. Consuming water with arsenic above the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) safe drinking water standard (10 parts per billion, or ppb) can raise your risk for some cancers and other health effects. Arsenic has been found in both household private wells and Humboldt Water System’s wells at levels above the EPA safe drinking water standard for arsenic. The Humboldt Water System, a privately owned company, is taking steps to reduce the level of arsenic in the water it provides to customers. If you own a well, there are steps you can take to protect yourself from drinking too much arsenic.

Private Wells:

Household private wells are not regulated and tested under federal safe drinking water regulations, therefore, private well owners are responsible for the safety of their water. Some private wells in Dewey-Humboldt have arsenic levels above the safe drinking water standard.
The following groups are organizing to address drinking water quality concerns in Dewey-Humboldt. For help finding a state-certified water testing laboratory or with understanding test results, call ADHS (602-364-3128). For help choosing a treatment system to reduce arsenic levels in your water, call Dr. Janick Artiola (520-621-3516), at the University of Arizona. To learn more about private well maintenance, testing and water treatment, visit www.wellowner.org.

**Humboldt Water System:**

The Humboldt Water System is a private water company (not part of the Town of Dewey-Humboldt). The company runs two wells that provide water to more than 300 Dewey-Humboldt households and businesses. Humboldt Water System tests this water for arsenic and other contaminants and it is required to meet EPA safe drinking water standards.

To lower arsenic levels, the Humboldt Water System is installing a new arsenic treatment system that is expected to start operation by early 2015. The company’s Annual Consumer Confidence Report, which provides water quality information, is available at www.southwesternutility.com/view/250 or by calling Southwestern Utility Management at (520) 623-5172.

**Stop By the “Safe Drinking Water Corner” at the Agua Fria Festival:**

The federal, state, and academic organizations listed below are working together to address drinking water quality concerns in Dewey-Humboldt. The following groups are organizing drinking water information to distribute at the Agua Fria Festival on October 4-5. Representatives from some of the organizations will also be available to talk at the festival, so stop by their tables to learn more about safe drinking water!

- Arizona Department of Health Services;
- Arizona Department of Environmental Quality;
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency;
- U.S. Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry;
- University of Arizona Superfund Research Program.

### METALS EXPOSURE STUDY IN HOMES SAMPLING COMPLETED

*By Nathan Lothrop, University of Arizona*

As many Dewey-Humboldt residents are aware, from July 2012 through June 2013, researchers from the College of Public Health at the University of Arizona (UA) conducted the Metals Exposure Study in Homes (MESH) to study concentrations of metals in homes and children ages 1-11 in Dewey-Humboldt. Researchers have recently completed sampling, and wanted to share some initial findings with the community.

The study goal was to understand how much children are exposed to metals and how metals can enter the home. Metals are elements that occur naturally in the environment and can also be deposited by human activities. MESH focused on children for two reasons: 1) children are still growing and may be more susceptible to health effects of high exposures to pollutants; and 2) children are more likely than adults to put their hands or objects like toys into their mouths, which may be covered with soil and dust. Results from this study will help determine how people can reduce their exposure to metals.

Researchers sampled drinking water, yard soil, and vacuum dust, as well as children’s urine, blood, and toenails. At the moment, sampling results are still being analyzed, however, there are a few preliminary results. First, none of the 46 children whose blood was tested for lead had levels above the current reference value of 5 μg/dL set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Although children may be exposed to lead from a variety of sources like paint, soil or toys, study results suggest that children who participated in MESH are not being excessively exposed to lead from the Iron King Mine and Humboldt Smelter Superfund site. However, the Arizona Department of Health Services recommends all children have their blood tested for lead at age 1, and again at age 2. Researchers also found arsenic levels above drinking water guidelines in half of the tap water samples from private wells. Because exposure to high levels of arsenic has been associated with many diseases, well owners should test their water regularly and treat it, if necessary.

For more information on how you can reduce your exposure to arsenic, visit the Dewey-Humboldt Town Library (2735 S. Corral St.) and ask for materials on reducing arsenic and lead exposure from the UA Superfund Research Program. You can also look for the article in this issue entitled, “Arsenic in Drinking Water.” For additional questions about the MESH study, please contact Nathan Lothrop toll-free at (877) 535-6171 or email Lothrop@email.arizona.edu.

### WEST NILE VIRUS FOUND IN CAMP VERDE AREA

*Anthony Palermo, YCSO*

West Nile Virus can spread to humans and animals through bites from mosquitoes that have fed on infected birds. The incubation period for people infected with WNV is 3 to 14 days with symptoms lasting 3 to 6 days. Most people infected with West Nile Virus will feel no symptoms. However, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that 20 percent will feel mild, flu-like symptoms that may include fever, headache, body aches,
The Dewey-Humboldt Newsletter

AGUA FRIA FESTIVAL/
LION’S CLUB UPDATE
By Bob Greene

Festival work is progressing well. We have all permits from the Town and the State. Applications for Sponsorship have been sent to APS and others requesting $1000.00 grants and also requesting volunteer from their companies plus trash boxes and more. We’re working with a new Kid’s Midway event company and are close to a proposal. It cannot be stressed enough that you, our club members and the citizens of Dewey-Humboldt, are an important part of producing this event. The event committee needs your help in procuring donations for drawings and prizes. Also you can encourage advertising in our program. You can contact me or Lynn Fortney for applications by emailing info@aguafriafestival.com.

We have three great area bands that will perform, and a professional sound tech who will handle the whole event. Look forward to the Rock and Roll of Damokleez, Raven and Dewey-Humboldt’s own Chris Berry and the Retrofitters. Members of these three groups have opened headliner show for such legendary greats as ZZ Tops, Aero Smith, Jefferson Airplanes and more. We are also in the process of signing a Gospel Group and a Country and Western Band.

Don’t forget our new location is now at Riata Pass located on 20 acres just south of the American Legion on Hwy 69 (3525 S. Hwy 69).

Realizing that some of you can’t do some of the more strenuous jobs, there are some things to be done that don’t require “heavy lifting”. It is important that you remember our mission, and that you, the Citizens of Dewey-Humboldt and the Bradshaw Mountain Lion’s Club, are an integral part of the Agua Fria Festival. The funds earned go right back into our community. We will all share in its successes.

Last, but especially not least, a “Special Thank You” to the Mayor, Town Council, Town Manager and her Staff of Dewey-Humboldt for again placing their trust and support behind this historic Festival.

On another note the Bradshaw Mountain Lion’s Club is actively seeking new members for our Club. Being a Lion is such a rewarding experience. We support the community in which we live by providing free eye examinations and glasses to school children and needy adults, donating to local charities and funds, as well as being an active sponsor of the local Little League. We give grants to Grade School and High School student who participate in National Programs and support many other community activities.

If you would like to explore the Lion’s Club as a candidate for membership please attend our business meeting held at the Prescott County Club POA Building on the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM, or visit our Dinner Meeting, held the third Wednesday of each month at Porta Vallarta Mexican Restaurant Located on Hwy 69 just south of the Prescott Country Club entrance, as my guest. Dinner begins at 5:30 PM with an open menu and there is always an interesting guest speaker.

Giving back to the community that you live in is always rewarding and being a Lion brings new friends and great relationships. For more info please again email me at: info@aguafriafestival.com.

Remember it does not matter how much you give, it only matters that you gave. While some provide the muscle others are needed to provide the brains. We all can contribute each in our own way so don’t be bashful. Come and visit a meeting and see if this is right for you!
LIBRARY NEWS  
By Jeff Franklin

Dewey-Humboldt should be proud of the children in our community. The Library had its annual Summer Reading Program during June and July. The kids were encouraged to read through the program with prizes awarded for reading 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 hours. We had 50 children, from ages 3-15, register for the program this year; and, did they read! 36 of our kids read at least 5 hours, 35 reached the 10 hour level, 26 read at least 15 hours, the 20 hour level was reached by 22, and 18 children read at least 25 hours! Marissa Lain read an amazing 100 hours! For her efforts, Marissa won a $25 gift card plus a popcorn coupon from Harkins Theatres. In total, the kids read for 890 hours, an increase of 118 hours from last year. Fantastic! For our top readers we had a Pizza Party at the end of the program! Also, the library ran 6 sessions each of our Arts & Crafts activities, Story Times, Family Movies, and Game Days. We also had special performances from Indiana Bones and Ronald McDonald, entertaining the kids with stories, jokes, and magic. And, we had a fun Gold Panning session. The library was very busy; and so were the kids!

We could not have made these amazing programs possible without the support of so many. The library would like to thank the awesome businesses that donated to the Summer Reading Program: McDonalds in PV for free ice cream cone coupons; PV's Freedom Station for gift cards for their popular rides and activities; Gifts & Games in Humboldt for gift certificates; Jackie Boyz Pizza in Humboldt for Large Pizza coupons; Guido's Pizza in Dewey for pizzas for our Summer Reading Party; the PV Safeway for a gift card used to purchase party supplies; and the Prescott Costco for cash for supplies and refreshments. Also, we want to thank the individuals that gave of themselves to the program: Sandra and Earl Goodwin for buying t-shirts, doing all the work to create our Super Reader t-shirts, and for running to purchase food and supplies for our programming throughout the summer, Kara McCormick and Cindy Franklin for organizing and running our Arts & Crafts and Story Time activities; and Mary Franks, Skip Glade, Larry Heikila, and Margo Heikila for helping to organize and run the pizza party for our top readers. With much gratitude, the library thanks the board members of The Friends of the Dewey-Humboldt Town Library (Sandra Goodwin, Skip Glade, and Mary Franks) for providing much thought, time, organization, and Friends of the Library funds to make the Summer Reading Program a success! And we give big thank-you’s to Gayle Braun, Margo Heikila, Lisa Lawler, Fran Soucy, Marilyn Walker, and Sandy Grupp for helping at the library desk upstairs during our Summer Reading Program. THANK YOU to all of you! We couldn’t have done it without you!

Now, let’s look ahead to the coming activities at the Library!

Every Thurs from 1 – 5pm, the Friends of the Library continue their “featured” Book Sale in the JW Mitchell Room. Each week a new selection of books will be on display. Most hardbacks are $1.00, paperbacks are $0.25 (Romance and Westerns only $0.10 each!), and the larger “Trade” paperbacks start at $0.50. DVD movies, audio books, and coffee table style books are priced at $2.00 and up. We have books for kids and teens! All prices are marked. Also, the Big Fall Book Sale will take place Thurs, Oct 30 – Sat, Nov 1 plus Thurs, Nov 6 – Sat, Nov 8. Watch for more details in next month’s newsletter article!

Afternoon Games, for ages 7 and up, return on Wed from 2:30 – 3:45pm. Kids can come down to play board games or on the Wii on the library’s huge 90” movie screen.

US Fans of UK Entertainment, for adults returns on Sat afternoons at 1pm. The group’s attention is on the brand new season 8 of Doctor Who, starring Peter Capaldi.

The Book Discussion Group meets on the 2nd Tues of each month at 9:30am. For September the group is reading The Bean Trees, by Barbara Kingsolver. We welcome new participants.

The Dewey-Humboldt IONS (Institute of the Noetic Sciences) meets on the 1st Tues from 10:30am to 12:30pm. This month the group will explore the topic “A Conversation That Matters: Creating a Future We Want to Live”. New members and visitors are always welcome!

Your Library is located at 2735 Corral St, Humboldt. Contact us at 632-5049, or visit the library’s website: http://www.yavapailibrary.org/yavapai/deweyhumboldt.asp.

The Library hours are: Tues, Wed, & Fri: 10am – 5pm (closed for lunch Noon – 12:30pm), Thurs: 12:30 – 7pm, and Sat: 10am – 2pm

Stop in and say “Hi”!
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
Sept 2:  1) BOA Variance-Shed; 2) Fireworks Ordinance; 3) Resolution-potential property purchase.
Sept 16:  1) Proclamations-Guard and Reserve Week and Tax Credit Giving Month; 2) Public Safety Quarterly Report.

Council Work Sessions and Special Meetings  2:00pm
Sept 9:  1) ADU Ordinance discussion; 2) Old Black Canyon Maintenance update; 3) Formal Presentation to Council Policy.

P & Z Meetings  6:00pm

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.

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, 11 to noon.
Bring a $2 prize (can include nonperishable foods). Player with the highest number of wins each 4 weeks wins lunch for 2 weeks at a restaurant. Congratulations, again, Kathy! 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! And Many Thanks to the Yavapai Classic Cruisers for their recent donation of over 100 pounds of nonperishable food collected at their August Club meeting.

Food Bank: Wednesday 9 until 11 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 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.

See our fliers around town.

NEW BUSINESSES IN OUR AREA:

The D-H Newsletter does not accept advertising but we do like to announce new businesses. Here are two that are new to our community. Stop in and say hi!

CHERRY PICKINS’ VINTAGE FINDS
My name is Nancy Hellum. My daughter and I have a new Antique and Vintage Shop called Cherry Pickins’ at #7 Humboldt Station (Hwy 69 & Main St—by the Chevron). We are open Fridays and Saturdays, and most Sundays. I have previously had booths at Antique Malls and have sold online as well.

We have a large variety of Shabby Chic, Western, Romantic Prairie, and 40s & 50s Kitchy items.

Like us on Facebook ‘Cherry Pickins’ Vintage Finds’ for more details and updates.

GROWING MINDS, HEARTS, & ARTS
Four experienced, AZ Certified Teachers have come together to form a co-op to supplement the courses of Home School and Virtual Learners. We are now accepting registrations for the Fall Semester: Sept 4th—Dec 12th. Classes are 45 minutes and meet every Thursday. There is a one-time registration fee of $50 and a monthly class fee of $40.

There is an additional family member discount of $10.

Classes Available (subject to change):
9 to 9:45 Dance, Ballet, Jazz, K-12;
10 to 10:45 Home Ec, all grades;
11 to 11:45 Writing, K-5, 6-12;
1 to 1:45 Art for Beginners, all grades;
2 to 2:45 Photography, 7-12;
3 to 3:45 Language Arts Tutorial, all;
4 to 4:45 Science Experiments, 1-6.

Classes are held at Sandy’s Studio in Humboldt, 2735 S Hwy 69 #6 (Humboldt Station—by the Chevron Station). (928) 420-0902

SEPTEMBER HOLIDAYS & EVENTS
September 1: Labor Day (Town Offices closed);
September 7: Grandparents Day;
September 19: National POW/MIA Recognition Day;
September 23: Fall begins;
September 25: Rosh Hashanah

Flower: Aster
Birthstone: Sapphire

NO BAKE COOKIES
By Martha Duncan
Melt peanut butter and chocolate chips in a sauce pan. Stir in rolled oats. Spoon onto wax paper. Yummy!!
OLD WEST DAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

The Dewey Humboldt Historical Society will be hosting another Old West Day on Saturday, Sept 20th. The day will start at 10am with a Parade on Main St, beginning at 3rd St. and ending in front of Town Hall. There will also be a Pet Parade at 11am. So please dress up your pets and join in all the fun on Main Street in Humboldt! There will be music throughout the day with a little country western, and some blue grass from artists such as Paula Williamson, Side Kicks, Bill Knox, and Yodeling Sweet Heart. Our special guests will be Cowboy Poet M.C Don Fernwalt, John Wayne The Duke (Eralm Williamson), Boot Hill Express, Jody Drake, Rough Riders, AZ Rangers, Prospectors, Blacksmith, Buffalo Soldiers of AZ, and the Territory Ladies and Gentleman of the Regiment. Events through the day will include: 1pm: Boot Race, 1:30: Beard Contest, 2pm: Western Attire Contest, 3pm: Silent Auction Close, 4pm: Closing Ceremonies. There will be Food Vendors and Western Arts and Crafts. Admission Buttons are available before the event for $1.00 at local Dewey-Humboldt businesses and at the Museum. They will be $2.00 the day of event. So gather up your family and friends and come celebrate a day of fun and events! See you there!