**NEWS FROM TOWN HALL**

*By Yvonne Kimball, Town Manager*

September was filled with events in Dewey-Humboldt. All events turned out successfully.

The long awaited “Clean-up” days returned with much improvement this year. The event ran four days, from Wednesday Sept. 7 to Saturday Sept. 10 at the vacant property Town owns on Main St. Approximately 250 vehicles and 80 trailers came through the gate during the event. Ten (10) 20’x8’x8’-size dumpers were filled. The Clean-up program also collected two huge brush piles waiting to be chipped at the courtesy of a local contractor Earth Resources, Inc. Earth Resources’ owners graciously donated their equipment and labor as one of their contributions to the Town’s “FIREWISE” efforts. In fact, FIREWISE efforts continue going strong. In addition to the Clean-up days, in Sept. the FIREWISE Board also met with the representatives from the Bureau of Land Management and the Prescott Urban Wild Land Initiative to learn program and grant opportunities to benefit the communities. The Board will be promoting the FIREWISE program at the Agua Fria Festival on October 1.

**BLOOD DRIVE**

For all our faithful and future blood donors, mark your calendars! Our next Blood Drive will be from 1:30 to 6pm on Tuesday, October 18th at the Humboldt Bible Church gym, 2500 Old Black Canyon Hwy, Humboldt.

A big THANK YOU to all of our donors from the last drive for helping us to achieve 19 donations, and congratulations to Richard Miller of Mayer who was drawn to receive two Diamondbacks tickets donated by United Blood Services. For October’s blood drive there will be a drawing for a $25 Maverick gas card. If you haven’t already signed-up for a donation time call Stacy Blanchfield at (928) 632-5872 to schedule an appointment.

The community and our visitors can conveniently park their vehicles and trailer at the trailhead and then enjoy a safe and beautiful hike, a ride with horses, small ATVs, mountain bikes or a walk with their dogs into the Prescott National Forest. The Green Gulch Trailhead is located to the west of SR 69, at the end of Newtown Ave. (turn onto Kachina Pl. at the corner of SR 69 and Kachina Pl. and then turn onto Henderson Rd. which leads to Newtown Ave.) Please make sure to check the TH out. You will not be disappointed.

Another showcase of extensive partnerships is the traffic light at the corner of SR 69 and Main St. Council has consistently supported the community’s collective wish for a traffic light at the busy intersection. After a few years of working with Arizona Department of Transportation, Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization and other regional agencies, this project has been completed. This $329,000 safety improvement project was completely funded by federal and state funds. The dedication ceremony was held on Sept. 19. Over 30 guests attended the ceremony and offered accolades for the successful partnerships.
Also in Sept., the Town offered the second round of free well-water testing kit program from Monday, Sept. 12 to Wednesday, Sept. 14. Eighty-five (85) households picked up the kits and will be receiving their results directly from the laboratory the Town contracted with for this project. This program was a result of Town Council’s effort to promote public health in our community. It was offered previously in winter 2016 and returned in September due to positive community feedback. To further Town Council’s effort to promote public health, town staff is preparing for a “solution” grant program to launch in the near future.

My staff and I would like to extend our gratitude to all the volunteers and partners who were critical to the successful delivery of the above programs. Under Council’s direction, we are proud and honored to serve our community through these and other programs and services. Expect more projects in the coming months.

Within Town Hall, there are exciting announcements. Recently town staff along with the representatives from Yavapai County Sheriff Office’s DH branch, and Central Arizona Fire / Medical Authority met and devised a team mission statement. The Mission Statement has been endorsed by the Council and will appear on the town’s website. It reads as follows: We are dedicated to providing exemplary and sustainable services to our residents, businesses and visitors of “Arizona’s Country Town” through collaboration, innovation, and professionalism.

In order to better fulfill our mission to serve the public, Town Hall hours will be extended as follows: 8am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, beginning October 3. The newly extended hours aim to make Town Hall more accessible to our residents and visitors who are unable to make it in during the conventional 8-5 office hour schedule. Under the new schedule, building inspection days remain on Monday, Wednesdays and Thursdays with potential extension to 6 pm on those days. Magistrate Court hours also remain the same – 8 am to 5 pm, Tuesday to Thursday. However, with the extended town hall hours, most court fines can be made in Town Hall until 6 pm using the drop box. Beginning in October, the new extended office hours will be tested for a few months to gauge its impact. Your feedback will be important to us. Please let us know what you think of the new hours once implemented.

**GENERAL ELECTION**

The November 8th General Election is drawing near. The Town’s mayor race was decided at the Primary Election with incumbent Mayor Nolan retaining his seat for another two-year term. The three Council seats did not receive a majority of votes needed to be won in the primary so they will be on the General Election as a runoff race between the top six vote-getters.

The order of names on the ballot are no reflection on the number of votes received, but was determined by a simple drawing of names for order on the November 8th ballot.

Approximately two-thirds of the registered voters in Yavapai County are on the permanent early voter list. The Yavapai County Elections office provided the following information on why an Early Ballot would be rejected.

1. The signature on the affidavit envelope doesn’t match the signature on file for that particular voter.
2. Someone other than the voter signed the affidavit envelope. For example, a husband signed the wife’s affidavit envelope or vice-versa.
3. The voter did not sign their affidavit envelope.

The Voter Registration Department works diligently to contact the voter to have these situations rectified, contacting the voter by phone or email, if they have that information. Otherwise, they send a notice to the voter through the U.S. Mail requesting they come to the Elections office by 7 pm on Election Day to confirm their signature.

It is imperative that every voter sign their affidavit envelope in their own original handwriting.

They will also reject voted Provisional Ballots for several reasons:

1. The voter had already voted an Early Ballot.
2. The voter was not registered by the cutoff date.
3. The voter voted a Conditional Provisional Ballot and did not come in to validate their identification.

Your vote is important, make it count!

Dates for General Election:
- Last day to register to vote – October 10th
- Early Voting Ballots start to go out – October 12th
- Last day to request an early ballot – October 28th
- Last day to vote early in person (Elections Office) – November 4th
- GENERAL ELECTION – November 8th

The Town has a new ballot drop box now located across the parking lot from Town Hall. Vote Centers are listed on the County’s Election website at www.yavapai.us/elections/, as well as answers to many FAQs on voting and election results.

Town Hall Office: 928-632-7362
Yavapai County Elections Office:
- Voter Registration—928-771-3248
- Election Services—928-771-3250

**PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY ON FOOTHILL DR. AND KACHINA PL.**

Both Foothill Dr. and Kachina Pl. are busy roads in DH. Their terrains are unique. Foothill Dr. connects numerous rolling hills while Kachina Pl. is a winding roadway. Their terrains pose safety concerns for motorists and pedestrians, including limited sight distances. In addition, wild animals such as deer frequently cross these roadways which could pose a safety concern when driving fast. In part due to unique terrains of these roads, the speed limits are 25 miles per hour. Some part of Kachina Pl. has a 15 miles per hour speed limit. When traveling on these roads, please drive safely and respect the speed limits.
**BECOMING FIREWISE**

My name is Kate, and I live in Dewey. After a recent wildfire in my Foothills neighborhood, the Yarnell fire, the Cordes fire and the California fires, I decided to investigate the Firewise program sponsored by Central Arizona Fire and the Town of Dewey-Humboldt. I want to share my experience with you in hopes that it might encourage you to become familiar with the steps our community is taking to be sure we are not dramatically featured on the nightly news as we tragically lose property and damage our beautiful country environment.

All I had to do was call Central Arizona Fire at 928-759-9933 and request a FREE Firewise inspection and within a day a representative from the Fire Marshal came out to my property. I had already cleared some overgrown landscaping as I bought a home that had been neglected for years, and was curious if I had done enough. Being firewise is determined by where your property is located in elevation, and as I am at the top of the hill I wanted to be sure.

I was relieved to learn that I was not required to ‘clear cut’ my property, but only to provide fire breaks, actual paths between the trees I had elected to keep and the brush that grows wild on my 3-acre parcel. My inspector, Mandy, took photos of the landscaper has finished the work, the inspector comes back and takes ‘after’ photographs, you fill out a form and submit it for reimbursement. They will pay for up to one-half acre of clearing at 90% of the costs. The allotted money is being used up very quickly (apparently it’s not just me realizing that it won’t always be the ‘other guy’ who has the fire.)

There will be another round of funding in the fall, and, if enough of us have decided to become safe and eliminate ‘fuels’ (their name for brush) from our homesites, Dewey-Humboldt can become a Firewise Community and we will be eligible for more funding so that we can be proactive in this all-important task as a whole town. It’s the most worthy cause that I can think of. Hope you do as well.

**DEWEY-HUMBOLDT TOWN LIBRARY NEWS!**

2735 Corral St. in Humboldt (928) 632-5049—yavapailibrary.org/deweyhumboldt.asp, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays: 10am – 5pm (closed for lunch Noon – 12:30pm), Thursdays: 12:30 – 7pm, Saturdays: 10am – 2pm

**We will be closed on Saturday, October 1 for the Dewey-Humboldt Agua Fria Festival.**

**THE BIG FALL BOOK SALE**

run by the Friends of the Library, will start on Thursday, October 27. The JW Mitchell Room on the lower floor of the library (Prescott Street entrance) will be filled with gift quality books, DVD and VHS movies, audio books, games, puzzles and other items for sale. Find great Christmas presents for your friends and family! Books for all ages and reading interests will be on hand. Most paperbacks are $0.25 each. Most trade paperbacks are $0.50 each. And most hard backs are $1.00 each. If an item has a different price, it will be marked on the item. So, please check the item for the price. Come early for the best selection!

The Big Fall Book Sale will take place on: Thursday, October 27: 12:30pm – 7:30pm; Friday, October 28: 9am – 4pm; Saturday, October 29: 9am – 4pm; Thursday, November 3: 12:30pm – 7:30pm; Friday, November 4: 9am – 4pm; Saturday, November 5: 9am – 4pm.

**CAN ALZHEIMER’S BE STOPPED?** a special presentation on PBS’s Nova program, will be played at the library on our 90” screen on Wednesday, October 19: 1:00 – 2:30pm. Come find out the latest information, treatments, and possible future treatments on this disease. Light refreshments will be on hand. Please register in advance by calling 928-632-5049.

**MOVIES 4 GROWNUPS** will be showing the 2015 movie Brooklyn, based on Colm Tóibín’s novel, starring Saoirse Ronan, Emory Cohen, Domhnall Gleeson, Jim Broadbent, and Julie Walters, on Tuesday October 18: 6:00 – 8:15pm. This movie, set in the early 1950’s, tells the story of a young Irish woman’s immigration to Brooklyn where she falls in love; but, complications arise when her past catches up with her; and, she must choose between them. Please register in advance by calling 928-632-5049.

**FANS OF CULTDOM** will show classic fifth season episodes of The X-Files on Saturdays in October: 1:00 – 3:00pm. On October 8, we will view a fan favorite The Post.
The X-Files: Fight the Future comes for the series' first theatrical film. Another fan favorite, the hilarious Bad Blood, plus the conspiracy story "The End". Finally, on October 22, come for the series' first theatrical film The X-Files: Fight the Future, which takes place between season 5 and season 6. Movie style refreshments will be provided! There will not be showings on October 1 or October 29.

The Dewey-Humboldt IONS will hold a planning meeting on Tuesday, October 4: 10:30am – 12:30pm. This is your chance to help shape what the group will discuss in future sessions.

If there are topics you would like to see discussed, bring your list with you. As always, there will be fun and laughs mixed in, so don’t miss out! The IONS meetings are open to everyone with all points of view. Visitors are welcome! Refreshments will be served.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP will meet on Tuesday, October 11: 9:30 – 10:45am, discussing the powerful and heartfelt novel Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline. Molly, a foster teen, is doing community service and is helping an elderly widow Vivian go through items in her attic when they find that their lives have much in common. Vivian as a young girl was taken to a "orphan train" during the Great Depression. The two talk and discover similarities in their lives and help each other grow and learn. We will have light refreshments. Call the library, 928-632-5049, for more information.

POST 78
HUMBNOLDT, AZ 86329
928-632-5185
OCTOBER 2016
The Post with a View
HOURS: Noon to 7pm
Sunday thru Saturday;
Oct 1: Auxiliary eBoard meeting 2pm;
Oct 2: 40 & 8 Meeting 1pm;
Oct 5: Monthly Meetings: Auxiliary 4pm/Post 5pm/QUEEN OF HEARTS 5pm;
Oct 15: ALR Meeting 0900;
Oct 20: VA Lunch for Ft Whipple Vets 11am;
Oct 22: Auxiliary FALL FESTIVAL 4pm–7pm $8.00 Oktoberfest type meal—Greenwood Hill music,
Oct 29: Auxiliary eBoard Meeting 2pm
COMING EVENTS:
Veteran’s Day Parade in Prescott, Nov 11. Need help making our float
Mondays: 8 Ball Tournament 4:30pm;
Wednesdays: Burgers 12 to 2 $5, Public Welcome / QUEEN OF HEARTS drawing 5pm;
Friday Fish Fry: 5pm to 7pm – Public Welcome! Cod, Catfish, Shrimp plus Chef’s Special w/Soup, Salad, Rolls, Dessert $10 per person
Fish Fry Music: 7th Greenwood Hill; 14th Peggy Evans; 21st Greenwood Hill; 29th TBA.
VETERANS DAY TRIVIA:
• Veterans Day marks the anniversary of the end of WWI, 11/11/19.
• It became a national holiday in 1938.
• Unlike Memorial Day, which honors American military members who died in service, Veterans Day honors all American veterans—both living and dead.

REGIONAL NEWS

PRESCOTT GHOST TALK
Arizona legends come alive at the annual Ghost Talk, where the “spirits” perform their historic ghostly stories, folklore, and urban legends. October 21—22 at the Prescott Center for the Arts, 208 Marina St. (928) 445-3286.

ONLINE DOG LICENSING PROGRAM IN FULL SWING
The Yavapai County Sheriff’s Office has launched a website providing dog owners the ability to obtain licenses, maintain pet records, and even report an animal missing. Take advantage of this convenient program! This service is provided free of charge to any dog owner in Yavapai County.

FREE MAMMOGRAM & PAP TEST
Yavapai County Community Health Services
To qualify you must:
• Be between 40 and 64 years old.
• Have no insurance, insurance that does not cover mammograms, or a deductible of more than $100,
• Be living on a limited income.
For more information call: (928) 442-5491
Sponsored by Arizona Department of Health Services Well Woman Healthcheck Program.
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
Oct 4: 1) Water Quality “Solution” grant; 2) ADOT presentation; 3) Yavapai College presentation.
Oct 18: 1) Firewise board report; 2) MAMOW presentation; 3) BOA hearing process; 4) DHHS Business Plan Update.

Council Work Sessions and Special Meetings 2:00pm
Oct 11 1) 2016 League Conference information sharing; 2) Proposed Abatement Ordinance; 3) Private Road Transition Policy.

P & Z Meetings 6:00pm
Oct 6: 1) TBD

To receive Meeting Notifications and Agendas by email contact: Agenda List@dhat.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 Town Hall.

COMMUNITY GROWTH

The Town’s Building Department issued the following permits in August. This information is to indicate growth in the community.

- 4—Single Family Residences
- 0—Manufactured Homes
- 13—Other Permits

COMMUNITY NEWS:

NEWS FROM THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Dewey-Humboldt Historical Society wants to thank everyone who attended and made this year’s Agua Fria Festival a great success. All of you who attended the festival made the vendors, performing acts and out-of-town visitors feel welcome to join our celebration. The Historical Society is proud to be the caretaker of this traditional event for our community. With the Town’s generous support of the Historical Society and the Museum, we plan to hold this event each fall for many, many years to come.

As part of our mission to collect, preserve, exhibit and teach others about the history of our area we are always looking for ways to involve the community. And whether it is educating the next generation with Pioneer Day at the Grade School, expanding the Museum or our popular trips out & about to historic areas of interest, we’re dedicated to bringing our fascinating history to life.

We also believe our fundraising activities can be fun and have something for everyone. So for our next event we will again be holding the Annual Christmas Craft Fair on 3rd December, including pictures with Santa Claus for all the little ones!

Remember, you don’t need to be a member of the Historical Society to participate in any of our activities, it’s always our pleasure to have you join us.

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 recreational, event and meeting space.

AA FOR MEN: Thursdays at 7pm.

COFFEE TIME: Tuesdays, 10am to ? Goodies, conversation, 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.

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD: The Center collects and distributes nonperishable food items locally

THRIFT STORE: Offering a good variety of items, and accepting donations (but not electric appliances, clothing, shoes or opened toiletries).

SERVICES: Call the Center at 632-0699 for verification.

AHCCCS & DES APPLICATIONS: Food Stamps, Medical Ins., etc.

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE INFORMATION: For more information call: 211 or (877) 211-8661 or visit www.211arizona.org.

LEGAL ADVOCACY: Call Amy Lansa: 775-9993, ext 4271.

MEDICARE ASSISTANCE: Call Nancy Coman: 775-9993 ext 3.

APS & UNS GAS DISCOUNTS: Handouts available.

SWEET POTATO & BLACK BEAN CHILI

From Eating Well Magazine

Ingredients:
1 tsp. plus 2 tsp extra-virgin olive oil
1/4 tsp salt
1 med-lg sweet potato, peeled & diced
2 1/2 c water
2 15-oz cans black beans, rinsed
1 lg onion, diced
4 cloves garlic, minced
1 14-oz can diced tomatoes
2 tbsp. chili powder
4 tsp lime juice
4 tsp ground cumin
1/2 c chopped fresh cilantro
1/2 tsp ground chipotle chili

Directions:
1) Heat oil in a Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add sweet potato and onion and cook, stirring often, until the onion is beginning to soften, about 4 minutes. Add garlic, chili powder, cumin, chipotle and salt and cook, stirring constantly, for 30 seconds. Add water and bring to a simmer. Cover, reduce heat to maintain a gentle simmer and cook until the sweet potato is tender, 10 to 12 minutes.
2) Add beans, tomatoes and lime juice; increase heat to high and return to simmer, stirring often. Reduce heat and simmer until slightly reduced, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in cilantro.

Make a double batch and eat it for lunch the next day or freeze the extras for another night. Omit the chipotle if you prefer a mild chili. Serve with tortilla chips or cornbread and coleslaw.

OCTOBER EVENTS & HOLIDAYS

Oct 10: Columbus Day
Oct 31: Halloween
Birthstone: Opal
Flower: Chrysanthemum
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LEARN ABOUT OUR TOWN: HAVE COFFEE WITH THE TOWN MANAGER!
Monday, Oct 10th from 8 to 9 am in the Town Manager’s Office.

FACEBOOK AFICIONADOS WANTED!!
The Town is considering entering the social media arena through the “Facebook” platform. If you are a skilled user of Facebook and wish to help Town staff to establish and maintain a Facebook page, please call the Town Manager at 632-7362.

THE PRESCOTT FARMERS MARKET
Saturdays through October 29th from 7:30am to Noon
Yavapai College, Parking Lot D
1100 E Sheldon, Prescott.

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Articles welcome from and provided by Citizens, Organizations, Committees, Staff, and Partners of the Town of Dewey-Humboldt.
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