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Sun City Fire District Station 133 Groundbreaking a REALITY!



By JIM FOX
SCFD FIRE MARSHAL

Well, the long awaited event finally happened. The Sun City Fire District Board of Directors and the Town of Youngtown hosted the Groundbreaking event for the New Fire Station 133.

Although it was June 29th, the early morning temperatures cooperated and with the help of our Contractor partner, CORE Construction, and a tent canopy, it couldn't have been a nicer or more welcomed



event.

The Fire Station has been needed for many years, replacing the original station 1-

1/2 blocks south of the new location that was built in the early 1960's. The old station was constructed to fit into

the neighborhood and only housed one engine and two firefighters.

This old station was changed to hold four

firefighters and still only accommodates one engine and barely has any room for parking for the firefighters who call

it "home" every 48-hour shift. The new station is being planned for today

MORE STATION ON 3

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Town Administrative Office hours
Monday through Friday
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Website: www.youngtownaz.org

Youngtown Business Spotlight Quality Inn & Suites



Quality Inn & Suites Phoenix NW Sun City, Youngtown
11201 Grand Ave., Youngtown, AZ 85363
623-933-8211, www.qualityinn.com

Please join us for our Ribbon Cutting



celebration on Monday, August 21, 2017, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. We are celebrating joining our new brand "Quality Inn & Suites" as part of the "Choice" hotels collection, along with the recently completed

renovation of our property. There will be light appetizers sponsored by Buca di Beppo - Peoria along with tours of our fantastic, new updated rooms. Our guests experience the best customer service in



the West Valley! "Get your money's worth"!



Comment from the Mayor... What is the purpose of government?

By HONORABLE MICHAEL LeVAULT
MAYOR
TOWN OF YOUNGTOWN

What should we, as citizens, expect and demand of our government? More importantly, what should we allow our government to do? Generally, I subscribe to the view held by Thomas Paine: "That government is best which governs least."

I am amazed when I look around and see how intrusive our government (Federal, State and

Local) has become. Our legislatures (Federal and State) measure their success according to the number and scope of new laws they churn out year after year. Towns and cities have incrementally inserted themselves into virtually every aspect of our daily lives.

Benjamin Franklin said, "...the purpose of

government is to enable the people...to live in safety and happiness..." He went on to say: "In free governments the rulers are the servants and the people their superiors and sovereigns."

Notice, he said the purpose of government is to enable us to live in safety and happiness, not to guarantee it. If government provides the environment for us to live in relative safety and to be able to pursue happiness, the individual must assume responsibility for actually achieving it.

National security and the building, maintenance and regulation of certain infrastructures (streets, policing, utility systems, etc.) are clearly and properly the domain of government. These functions are beyond the reach and ability (physical or financial) of the individual but are inherently and vitally important to the common good. They must be performed or regulated

by government.

Other, more intrusive, governmental functions, while often necessary, must be looked at with suspicion and examined carefully. It is too often too easy to abdicate personal responsibility, common sense and action in favor of a passivity that says, "...let the government do it..."

Someone once said "...your rights end where mine begin..." In other words you have the right to freely pursue your interests as long as your pursuit of those interests doesn't infringe on the rights and freedoms of others.

Whatever happened to the concept of common courtesy and common sense? People used to care about their neighbors' quiet enjoyment of their lives and were loathe to infringe upon it.

Unfortunately, this loss of common courtesy and common sense has led to more and more government intrusion and

an environment where people often brazenly inflict themselves on their neighbors. The neighbors then resort to demanding that government get involved in forcing or regulating what used to be handled with common sense, courtesy and human interaction.

When Benjamin Franklin said "...In free governments the rulers are the servants and the people their superiors and sovereigns..." he assumed large numbers of people would pay attention, get involved and directly hold their government accountable. Too often today government is looked upon as surrogate parent, referee and umpire. I fear we have lost our way in terms of what we expect, demand and allow our government to do. I pray we find it again before it is too late.

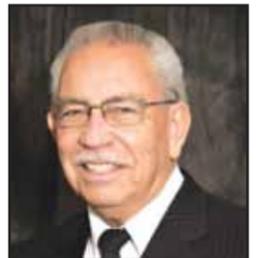
Michael LeVault
Mayor, Youngtown



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June Miller



Councilmember
Susan Hout

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Council Meeting

7 p.m. Aug. 3

Youngtown Council Chambers

Council Meeting

7 p.m. Aug. 17

Youngtown Council Chambers

Citizens' Dog Park of Youngtown Meeting

9:30 a.m. Sept. 16

United Methodist Church

Council Meeting

7 p.m. Sept. 7

Youngtown Council Chambers

Council Meeting

7 p.m. Sept. 21

Youngtown Council Chambers



MONTHLY FARMERS MARKET

The Community Outreach Arm of RCCG Jubilee Parish, in collaboration with Produce on Wheels – With Out Waste (POWWOW), presents a monthly 'Farmers Market' experience.

For just \$10, members of the community can get up to 60 pounds of fresh produce every second Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. The Farmers Market will be held in the Jubilee Plaza parking lot at 11122 W. Alabama Avenue, Youngtown. All members of the community are welcome.

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Illegal Yard Sale Signage



With the Fall yard sale season in full swing, Code Enforcement would like to remind and educate residents that it is illegal, under Town code, to place signs in

the right-of-way of all public roads, which include signs placed on traffic signs, street lamps, electrical poles, utility boxes, etc. Property owners are allowed "carport sale" or similarly worded signs on a self-supporting stake or pole (wood, metal, etc.) and not more than twenty-four (24) inches in height, measured from the ground upward to the top of the sign on their own private property. See Section 5.16.010 of the Town Code.

Signs posted in the right-of-way pose a safety problem for drivers and pedestrians by distracting motorists, creating blind spots. Furthermore, most

of these signs are never removed and quickly litter the streets detracting from the appearance of our neighborhoods.

To stay safe and protect the community, residents are encouraged to place their yard or garage sale signs on private property. Better yet, we urge residents to announce their yard and garage sales in local newspapers via classified ads or free website listings.

The Code Enforcement Officer will remove any signs placed illegally in the public right-of-way. Notice of Violations or Citations may be given on any violations. Please note a person violating Section 5.16.010 of the Town Code shall be responsible for a civil infraction punishable by a fine not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$500.00 for each violation. Habitual offenders may be charged with a Class 1 misdemeanor. Please visit our website for a complete list of codes at www.youngtownaz.org.



Q & A

Is there a limit on the number of garage sales I can have?

Garage sales are limited to four (4) times in a calendar year for a maximum of three (3) consecutive days in any (30) day period. This limitation applies to the location of the garage sale.

Do I need a permit to have a garage sale?

No. Permits are not required for garage sales. They will be regulated through a computer tracking process.

Do I need to remove all unsold items from my property?

No. All unsold items do not need to be removed from property but all items/articles must be removed from public view at all times.

It is unlawful to place garage sale signs in any manner upon rights-of-ways, including utility poles, stop signs, etc. Persons placing signs on public rights-of-way shall be subject to the issuance of a Citation.

STATION: growth for the future, From 1

while considering possible expansion in the future, with four bays to house an engine, an ambulance, a reserve engine and whatever else may be necessary as we grow.

Special recognition at the groundbreaking ceremony was given to the Citizens of the Sun City Fire District for their overwhelming support of the Bond Election to provide the funding for the New Fire Station.

Guest speakers, including Ron Deadman, Assistant Fire Chief; David Scott, SCFD Board Chairman; Mike LeVault, Youngtown Mayor; Captain Rob Schmitz, VP of Chapter IAFF 3573 and Mike Thompson, SCFD Fire Chief all spoke of how wonderful it was for the community to get behind the Fire Department and support us with this effort. Captain Rob Schmitz stated "we are always there for you, and now the citizens showed us they are there for us."





NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY

To submit your article, e-mail it to:
jamieboyett@cox.net

The right to accept or reject material rests with the publication editor

Youngtown Public Library News...



Next month is "National Get a Library Card" Month! Prizes will be given out for all new cards issued in September.

Author Visit:

Husband and Wife, James Clapp and Ann Goldfarb, came for an author visit last month. Going by the pseudonym J. C. Eaton, these co-authors wrote a funny, murder mystery set in Sun City West called "Booked 4 Murder."

Come to the Library to check-out one of our copies.

Book Club:

Come join the Book Club every third Friday of the month. The next meeting is Friday, August 18th at 10:00 a.m.

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 Trolen at 623-974-9130.

Library Services:

The Youngtown Public Library offers many services, including:

- FREE Wi-Fi
- Six Public Computers
- All the latest videos! One week FREE check out
- 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

The Library also offers a large selection of books, including large print, DVDs, VHS, magazines and newspapers.



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 Clubhouse Square, between Alabama and Youngtown Avenues, 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.

Youngtown Library Activities

Author visit, James Clapp and Ann Goldfarb



Youngtown residents enjoyed listening to co-authors James Clapp and Ann Goldfarb.

Friends of the Youngtown Library

The Friends of the Youngtown Public Library will again feature their popular \$3.00 per bag SALE for the entire month, for all hardback and paperback books. All proceeds are used to purchase new items for the Library.

Membership is \$10.00 per year, per member. Meetings are the third Friday of every other month. Our next meeting is September 15th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Youngtown Clubhouse.

Thank you for your continued support.





Sun City Fire District

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Email: smokedetector@suncityfire.com

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Serving the Communities of Sun City, Youngtown & Citrus Point



(Smoke Detector Program funded by a Grant from FEMA)



Citizens' Dog Park of Youngtown Update...

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

NW corner of 113th and Alabama Avenues
 Open: Monday through Sunday
 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.



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

-Anatole France

Monsoon season is upon us. Sometimes the temperature cools off a little bit, however, we still have some very warm days. Watch your pet on those really warm days – they can easily become overheated and their paws can still get burned on the hot pavement. Perhaps you can bring some water with you and a portable water dish to cool off your furry friends.

Once again, it might be a good time to put together a Disaster Preparedness kit for your pets! Some of the items you may want to include are:

- Sturdy leashes
- Harnesses
- Carriers to transport pets safely that your pets can’t escape from
- Food and water for three days
- Vaccination records

Make sure your pet is wearing a collar and identification tag that is up-to-date and visible at all times. Identify a neighbor or friend who could help you and your pets in case of an emergency!



We continue to work hard to bring amenities to the Dog Park. A new table has been placed in the large dog area. We are waiting for monsoon season to pass before we install shade covers. Donations may be dropped off at the following locations: Kopyy’s Body Shop. Town Tobacco, Swell Pharmacy and the Youngtown Library. Thank

you again to all who have donated!

There will be no meeting in August. The next Dog Park meeting will be September 16th at 9:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church at the corner of Alabama and 113th Avenues. Please attend as all are welcome!

DOGGIE TIDBITS
“WHAT NOSE AROUND COMES AROUND”

A dog has one aim in life....to bestow his heart.

– J.R. Ackerley

Youngtown Community Fund News...

We Lend Durable Medical Equipment to residents of El Mirage, Peoria, Surprise and Youngtown
Youngtown Community Fund Inc.
 11215A W. Nevada Ave.
 Youngtown AZ 85363
 Phone: 623-977-4661

The Youngtown Community Fund appreciates the assistance we receive from the Town of Youngtown and the City of Surprise, as well as all the wonderful businesses and clients who donate. You can donate up to \$400.00 per person, per year and receive a state tax credit.

You can even support us at no cost to you when you sign up for Community Rewards on your Fry’s rewards card account. Just choose Youngtown Community Fund Inc. as the non-profit you would like to support (does not affect your gas rewards). Previously, supporters had to re-sign up each year. Fry’s recently

sent out a notification that now once you sign up for their Community Rewards program, you are good. We receive about \$100.00 per quarter from the program. It would be great if more folks would participate.

Some of the people who come to us need a four-wheel walker and some a shower chair. Whatever they need, it seldom comes at a good time financially.

If you are told you need a knee or hip replacement, you are given a list of items you should have for a safe recovery. The last thing you need to do is fall, whether it is walking or



in the shower. We are here for you. We will loan you the equipment for temporary use (up to four months) at no charge!

Some of the items we have are wheel chairs, shower chairs or tub benches, two and four-wheel walkers, knee scooters, toilet risers, commode chairs, canes, crutches, bed canes and exercise bikes. Some items require a prescription.

- Location: 11215 A West Nevada Ave., Youngtown
- Hours: Monday – Saturday, 9 a.m. to Noon
- Yes, we accept credit cards for your much appreciated donations.
- Pick us for your charity on Fry’s Community Rewards Program

The Youngtown Community Fund is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit organization and is certified for the State Tax Credit program.



YOUR LOCAL MEDICAL LENDING CENTER

Volunteers Serving You
623-977-4661





In the Works...

Summertime Updates

Summer in the Sonoran Desert! It's no surprise when the heat arrives, we all expect it, and most of us just tolerate it, while others actually embrace it, making the best of it.

With summer break in full swing, we remind you that there are more kids out and about, so please slow down and pay attention to your driving, (don't text and drive).

The new fiscal year budget started July 01, 2017. Public Works projects that are scheduled to be completed in the new budget year are as follows:

Parks:

Citizens' Dog Park of Youngtown: Installing light, shade structures and sod. Maricopa Lake: Improved lake aeration system, monthly lake maintenance contract and lake chemicals. All Parks: tables and benches, major tree trimming/canopy thinning, and hiring a professional tree arbor service.



MARTY MOSBRUCKER
PUBLIC WORKS
MANAGER

Buildings:

Town Square campus improvement project which includes installation of wrought iron fencing, landscape islands and concrete walkways. Re-roof Town Hall, the library building and the MCSO/Court building. A budget place holder for potential replacement of two HVAC Systems. A budget place holder for potential replacement of the Public Works Maintenance Yard gate opener.

HURF (streets):

Crack seal all streets and alleys from Alabama Avenue, proceeding south to Greer Avenue. Town Square parking lot reconfiguration, additional street lighting in various locations, and potential sidewalks, dependent on grant funding.

The Town of Youngtown budgeting process is presented with improvements that will enhance the quality of life for residents. Youngtown residents are encouraged to attend the council meetings to contribute to the budget process and any other concerns that they may have. The budget process is completely transparent with the residents' best interests in mind, adding valuable improvements while being fiscally conservative and always looking forward.

The first question that we address when a new project/spending request is presented is; how does the new project/spending request affect the

residents/customers quality of life?

The next question is does the project/issue relate to the council/department priorities?

The additional questions are; are there environmental implications?

What is the cost and what are the funding sources?

What is the justification and risk analysis?

What happens if the project is not approved?

If applicable, provide a contingency analysis.

Show examples of best practices from other cities.

What departments will be involved?

What are the in-house staff requirements?

Are outside consultants needed?

Are special equipment resources needed?

Are there on-going maintenance and operations costs involved?

As you can see, quite a bit of work goes into the budgeting process.

“Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could; some blunders and absurdities have crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; you shall begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense.”

-Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Keep smiling and we will see you around Town.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

AARP Board

MEET: 4th Wednesday of the month
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
OFF: May, June, July
Larry Wise – 623-249-3253



AARP CHAPTER 1

MEET: 1st Friday of the month
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
OFF: June, July, August
Larry Wise – 623-249-3253

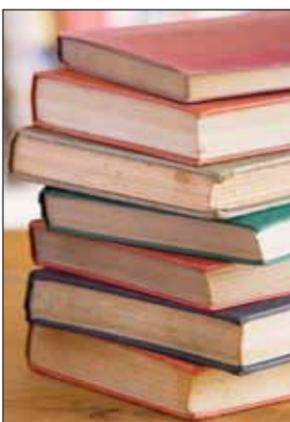


AGUA FRIA RANCH HOA

MEET: 2nd Wednesday of the month
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
OFF: August
Ogden & Company/Jackie Monty 623-628-4708

BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB

MEET: 3rd Friday of the month
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Meets in the Youngtown Library
Heidi Speed – 623-974-3401



CRAFT CORNER

Meet: every Monday
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Betty Trolen – 623-974-9130

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

MEET: every other month on the 3rd Friday
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
OFF: July
Patrice Druehl – 623-974-9816

OPEN PAINTING- ALL MEDIUMS WELCOME

MEET: every Monday
9:00 a.m. - Noon
Beverly Meers – 972-5145



WOOD CARVERS CLUB

MEET: every Tuesday
8:00 a.m. - Noon
Terry Damato – 623-933-2426



YOUNGTOWN ART COMMISSION

MEET: 4th Wednesday of the month
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
OFF: June, July and August
Val Wilson – 623-810-3137



YOUNGTOWN COMMUNITY FUND

MEET: 4th Wednesday of the month
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
OFF: June, July, August
Madelon Jeffreys – 623-977-4661

YOUNGTOWN RV CLUB

MEET: 2nd Friday of the month
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
OFF: June, July, August, and September
Karen Duncan Haney – 623-297-6202

YOUNGTOWN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

MEET: every Wednesday
10:30 a.m. - Noon
OFF: June, July, August
Madelon Jeffreys – 623-583-8047



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