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Luke Air Force Base—the Best of the West Valley

By HONORABLE
MICHAEL LeVAULT
MAYOR
TOWN OF YOUNGTOWN

September 29, 2018
marks the 100th anniversary of the WWI battlefield death of Frank Luke JR. after whom Luke Air Force Base is named. Fittingly, this is a lightly edited reprint of an article I wrote several years ago...

Some 13 years ago, I was a somewhat reluctant transplant from Illinois. My wife, an Arizona native, had just gone through a serious illness and we decided to move her back home to Arizona so she could be close to her family.

Going from the cornfields and forests of Illinois to the Sonoran Desert of the Valley of the Sun was, in many ways, a jarring experience. The visual contrast between lush verdancy and the pastels and creams of the desert landscape was intense. Early on, in my first summer, I learned about the dangers of steering wheels and heat conductivity.

But as we settled into our

new home, I fell in love with the West Valley with all its many and varied attributes and amenities. Chief among them is Luke Air Force Base.

Luke AFB, as I quickly learned, is of vital importance not only to the region but also to the state and the nation. Luke AFB contributes in excess of \$2 billion annually to the Arizona economy and is one of the largest employers in the state.

Luke began as a 1,440 acre land lease from the City of Phoenix to the Army Air Corps in 1941 and was first known as Litchfield Park Air Base. Later that same year, it was renamed Luke Field in honor of Frank Luke Jr., a World War I flying ace and the first aviator awarded the Medal of Honor. (The award was posthumous since Frank Luke Jr. was killed in action on Sept. 29, 1918, at age 21 after his 200 hp SPAD XIII bi-plane was shot down near Murvaux, France).

The United State Air Force became a separate military service on Sept. 18, 1947, and, after a five-year

deactivation between World War II and the Korean War, Luke Field was reactivated and officially named Luke Air Force Base.

Some 12,000 pilots were trained at Luke Field during WWII and over the years, in excess of 55,000 fighter pilots have been trained at Luke AFB. In modern times, the vast majority of Middle Eastern Theatre pilots have been trained at Luke AFB. With its desert location and close proximity to the Barry M. Goldwater Bombing Range, it is an ideal training facility for this country's current military missions.

In August 2012, the Air Force announced the selection of Luke AFB as a pilot training center for the new Joint Strike Fighter or F-35 program. The F-35 is an exportable "5th generation" fighter and is the product of a partnership of nine countries: the United States, Australia, Canada, Denmark, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Turkey and the United Kingdom.

This announcement was the culmination of an arduous, years-long, unprecedented cooperative market-

ing effort which saw every municipality in the West Valley along with Maricopa County, the State of Arizona and many of the region's major employers come together, as partners, to petition and lobby the Air Force to place this critical mission at Luke AFB.

Local, county and state leaders have worked hard for decades defending Luke from the BRAC process (Base Closure and Realignment Commission) of the 1990s and developmental encroachment of the early 2000s. This unprecedented support and co-operation has assured that Luke AFB will be able to fulfill its daily flight missions and remain an integral part of the West Valley well into the future.

The West Valley Partnership still meets on a regular basis and continues to look after and stay involved with Luke AFB and Luke works hard to involve itself in the communities surrounding it.

As I travel throughout the West Valley, fighter jets are a ubiquitous presence in our desert skies. I always look up and follow their trajectories as they streak

overhead and I think about the importance of Luke AFB, on so many levels, and what it means to the security of the West Valley, Arizona and the United States as fighter pilots — Air Force men and women — train daily to assure fulfillment of the Air Force mission to "fly, fight and win."

Correction

In last month's article, "Don't Be Fooled," I made a serious typographical error:

"There is a ballot initiative campaign being waged called 'Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona'. It would require that Arizona's utility companies obtain 50 percent of their energy from renewable sources by 2050 — a destructively unrealistic mandate. It is being funded, primarily, by California billionaire Tom Steyer."

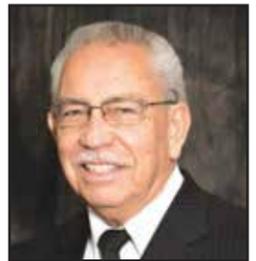
The proposed ballot initiative would actually require Arizona's utility companies to obtain 50 percent of their energy from renewable sources by 2030 not 2050 as stated, making the initiative that much more unrealistic and destructive. I apologize for the error.



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TOWN OF YOUNGTOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

DATE: June 7, 2018

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: Town Council Chambers,
12033 N. Clubhouse Square

A. Rescind Resolution 18-06 establishing a tentative budget for the North Youngtown Street Light Improvement District (NYT SLID).

B. Approval of Resolution 18-09 adopting the proposed annual statements and estimates of the expenses of the North Youngtown Street Light Improvement District (NYT SLID) for the 2018/2019 fiscal year, which shall be provided for by levy and collection of equal apportionment of taxes based on the number and classification of property within the district, pursuant to Section 48-616, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended; and setting a date for public hearing on said statements and estimates for June 28, 2018.

C. Approval of Resolution 18-10 to approve and accept as the final budget for the Agua Fria Ranch Street Lighting Improvement District (AFR SLID) for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 the annual statements and estimates of the expenses of the AFR SLID for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, as approved by the Youngtown Town Council by Resolution 18-07, which shall be provided for by the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes upon the assessed value of all the real and personal property in the AFR SLID, pursuant to Section 48-616, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended, and to set a date for July 12, 2018 for ordering that the tax be fixed, levied, and assessed.

D. Approval of Resolution 18-11 adopting the tentative budget

for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 in the amount of \$8,744,402 and setting the date for public hearing for June 21, 2018.

E. Approval of the Outside Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

F. Approval of an Agreement with the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC) and the Town of Youngtown.

G. Approval of an Agreement for Law Enforcement Services with Maricopa County on Behalf of the Sheriff's Office for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.

DATE: June 21, 2018

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: Town Council Chambers,
12033 N. Clubhouse Square

A. Approval of Resolution 18-12 approving the final budget for fiscal year 2018/2019.

B. Approval of an agreement with Jim Heath Inc., dba Interstate Systems, for IT Services.

C. Approval of an agreement with Gust Rosenfeld for legal services.

D. Approval of an Agreement for Basic Animal Control Services with Maricopa County for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.



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Youngtown Community Garden Update

The vision of our Youngtown Community Garden continues to grow!



Vice Mayor Chuck Vickers recently hosted residents of LifeStream Complete Senior Living at the Youngtown Community Garden. Since its inception, the Youngtown Community Board has continually reached out to members of various organizations in our community, to showcase the garden and have residents enjoy the “fruits” of all of our collective labor. It truly is our little staycation as folks gather on Saturday nights to share some food and fellowship. The garden has a good group of volunteers who work the beds and water as necessary. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the Town Hall office at 623-933-8286; the more the merrier. If you are out and about on a Saturday night around 7 p.m., please stop by!





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...

June Observations:

This month, the Library will be CLOSED on July 4th, in observance of Independence Day.

Library Services:

The Youngtown Public Library is your information resource! We offer:

- FREE WI-FI
- FREE use of six Public Computers
- FREE DVD rental – chose from over 1,100
- FREE Resume' Assistance
- FREE Tax Forms
- FREE Chilton Auto Repair Manuals
- FREE Legal Forms
- FREE Career Information
- FREE Genealogy/Ancestry resources
- FREE National Geographic
- Copies \$.15 each

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Join us for a "Plant a Garden" event on Tuesday, July 10th at 10:30 a.m. in the Library.

Book Club

Come join the Book Club every third Friday of the month. The next meeting is Friday, July 20th at 10:00 a.m. in the Library. We will discuss the true story, "Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI" by David Grann.

Craft Corner

The Craft Corner meets every Monday night from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Youngtown Clubhouse. Bring any craft or hobby and join the fun.

Storytime

Storytime will be held on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. All ages are welcome!

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.

Library Activities



Music and songs at Story Time with Therane and Renada Aung Khin.

Friends of the Youngtown Library



BIG BAG SALE!

Happy summer everyone. It's very hot outside so it's a great time to come and take advantage of our huge book sale. Fill a large bag for just \$5.00 for good quality books and stay inside and read. We have many popular authors for your reading enjoyment. All proceeds benefit the Youngtown Public Library, so come on in and support the Library!



Last month's "Chef Larry" event was a lot of fun and we had a great turnout.





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 some of our hidden treasures right here in Youngtown!

United Car Care



United Car Care, located at 12020 N. 111th Avenue, has been a fixture in the community since October of 2002, and is a family owned and operated auto repair shop serving the Sun City, El Mirage, Peoria and Youngtown areas. We are a complete service facility that perform repairs to electrical, brake, engine, transmission, emission and a/c systems. We also perform all general maintenance. Call to make an appointment for a lube, oil & filter while you wait, 623-977-1280.



Sunnyside Up Café is a family run business and owned by Lisa Mercer. On May 19th, Sunnyside Up Café held their official ribbon cutting ceremony/grand opening with the Mayor, Town Council, family, friends and many members of our community.

A nice time was had by all as there was good food, good music, prizes given away throughout the festivities and a cake to celebrate the day!

If you haven't stopped by to meet Lisa and sat down for a good meal, you're missing

out. Come by and say hello!



Facade Improvement Program

The Facade Improvement Program was implemented four years ago to provide funds to businesses or property owners to enhance and restore their storefronts.

These noticeable improvements help to attract customers, leverage private investment from owners, and inspire improvements to neighboring buildings.

Funds are provided to reimburse the participant after the project is completed and does not have to be repaid. The Facade Improvement Program includes:

- Exterior painting, cleaning, or

façade repair

- Exterior veneer
- Plants and landscaping
- Doors and windows
- Façade and display window lighting
- Addition of a patio or outdoor space
- Consideration of exterior signage and parking lots/stripping based on complete package.

If you need additional information, please feel free to contact Nicole Smart at 623-933-8286, or via email at nsmart@youngtownaz.org.

AARP News...

Come join a fun group of people at the AARP Historic Chapter #1 monthly meetings held the first Friday of the month at 5:00 p.m. at the Youngtown Clubhouse and Council Chambers. Enjoy a wonderful Potluck dinner and share some time in a friendly environment and hear about items of interest to our generation. The meeting lasts about an hour and a half.

The cost to join AARP is just \$5.00 per year and you must be a national AARP member. We have some very exciting events planned for the coming year and we would love to have you join us. For questions, please contact Jay Lickus at 623-734-5438.



Citizens' Dog Park of Youngtown Update...

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



The Dog Park Committee is continuing to add amenities to the Park. Hopefully all are enjoying the pavers under the two tables on the small dog side and the entrance into both sides, which should keep the areas cleaner and when the sprinklers are on, and whenever the Monsoon rains come, the areas will be safer and will not become muddy.

Thanks again to the Town staff for picking up the remaining pavers at Walmart at a good savings to complete the task of placing pavers under two tables in the large dog side. This will be done at the convenience of Landcare Unlimited. Their crew did an excellent job with setting pavers on the small side.

Summer is upon us – a great time to get out and take a walk with your favorite four-legged friend. Visit the dog park and play ball, throw a frisbee, meet other dog lovers, and most of all socialize with your neighbor. Enjoy this great feature in Youngtown morning and evening. If you have to

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

-Anatole France



walk your dog on the hot sidewalk or street, please consider the time of day and if necessary, Paw Cooling Covers are available to be purchased.

We are very grateful for all of the donations we have received. You may continue to drop off your donations at the following locations: Kopyy’s Body Shop, Town Tobacco, and the Youngtown Library and Town Hall Office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Once again, just a friendly reminder to make sure your pet is wearing a collar and identification tag that is up-to-date and visible at all times. Be sure to identify a neighbor or friend who could help you

CITIZENS’ DOG PARK OF YOUNGTOWN
Hours of Operation
6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
NW corner of Alabama & 113th Aves.
For Information & Donations
623-974-9756



and your pets in case of an emergency!

Please pick up after your pets, other dog owners are having to pick up after yours. If you brush your dog in the park, please pick up the fur. Thank you for using the Park and being respectful of the Rules and Regulations.

The Board meetings are always open to the public and we would love to hear your ideas and suggestions for events, fundraisers and dog park projects. The next meeting is scheduled for September 15th. We are in the process of planning for the Pet Safety table for the G.A.I.N. Event which will be held on October 27, 2018.

DOGGIE TIDBITS “WHAT NOSE AROUND COMES AROUND”

Children and dogs are as necessary to the welfare of the country as Wall Street and the railroads.

– Harry S. Truman

Youngtown Community Fund



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 Medical Lending Center at the Youngtown Community Fund Inc., serves Youngtown, El Mirage, Surprise and Peoria by loaning durable medical equipment for short term use. We have walkers, wheelchairs, shower chairs and more. Having out of town company? Don’t forget you can borrow equipment for their visit whether it is a wheelchair, shower chair or even a crib, stroller or high chair for a little one. This service is FREE. Donations are accepted and appreciated but not required.

We require a prescription for some of our equipment like three or four-wheel walkers, stationary bikes and the treadmill. We no longer have knee scooters to loan. Providers can fax the prescription to us at 623-

224-8806.

Recently our Board elected officers for the coming year. Madelon Jeffreys is President, Roderick Cox of Roger Cox AC and Heating is Vice President, Diane Cordova of Merciful Grace Center and A Hand Up Shop is Secretary and Kathy Garcia is our new Treasurer.

We would like to thank American Family Insurance for their wonderful donation to our program by matching donations made by their agents.

Have you signed up for the Fry’s Community Rewards program? Please go on-line to your Fry’s account and choose the Youngtown Community Fund Inc. as the non-profit you would like to support. Our number is 36688. We receive about \$100 per quarter for



The newly appointed Youngtown Community Fund Board

this project. A no cost way to support the program.

Stop by and check out the Medical Lending Center at the Youngtown Community Fund, Inc. at 11215-A West Nevada Ave, Youngtown Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to Noon, or you can contact us at 623-977-4661.

Check out our web page:
www.YoungtownCommunityFund.com.





In the Works...



MARTY MOSBRUCKER
Public Works
Manager

With the dry summer heat firmly established, setting many record high temperatures, we welcome the arrival of the monsoon season to bring in much needed moisture to our Sonoran desert. Although a welcome relief, monsoon season can often be a dangerous season.

Monsoon Safety:

Dust Storms: PULL ASIDE, STAY ALIVE! If you encounter a dust storm, and cannot avoid driving into it, pull off the road as far as you can safely do so. Turn off your headlights and tail lights, put your vehicle in "PARK," and/or engage your parking brake, and take

your foot off the brake (so your brake lights are not illuminated.) Other motorists may tend to follow tail lights in an attempt to get through the dust storm, and may strike your vehicle from behind.

Lightning: When thunder roars, go indoors. If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to be struck by lightning. There is no place outside that is safe from a lightning strike. Remaining indoors for 30 minutes after seeing the last lightning and hearing the last thunder will eliminate the risk at the end of storms.

Flash Floods: The rainfall from a monsoon storm can be of a large volume in a short time span, causing some road flooding. Driving around barricades is illegal and dangerous and do not let children play near storm drains or washes after a heavy rain. Roadbeds may be washed out under floodwaters, never drive through flooded roadways. As little as ten inches of water can float average-sized cars, mini-vans, SUVs and trucks,

the strength of the flow is the critical force. When in doubt, wait it out, or find a safer route.

Dogs: Any dog brought into a Town park shall at all times be under the constant control of the owner or the person in custody of such dog; dogs at all times must be on a leash, not longer than six feet in length, except that a dog may be off-leash inside the Citizens' Dog Park located at Alabama and 113th Avenues. The owner or person in custody of a dog shall immediately pick up all dog droppings (fecal matter), place them in a closed or sealed container and deposit them in a park trash receptacle or remove them from the park.

Community Pride: The Public Works Department would like to address the problem of trash thrown out on the streets and left in the parks. I suppose that most people who throw trash out of a car window or leave it in the

parks, expecting someone else to clean it up, probably don't bother to read the newspaper. But in case you are reading this column and happen to think it's ok to litter, I ask you to please reconsider and to be considerate of others and have pride in your

community. Please do not throw trash out of your car onto the street or leave it in the park. Not only is it illegal, it's just plain ugly and wrong. Do your part to keep our Town clean and show your Community Pride by throwing trash in trash containers.

We do see people in Town picking up trash that others have left behind, to those people, we say; "thank you very much for showing your community pride."

Keep smiling and we will see you around Town.

LIBRARY: activities, From 4



A recent picture of a Story Time game called "The Wright Family"

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

AARP Board

MEET: 3rd Tuesday of the month
4:30 p.m.
Jay Lickus – 623-734-5438



AARP CHAPTER 1

MEET: 1st Friday of the month
5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Jay Lickus – 623-734-5438

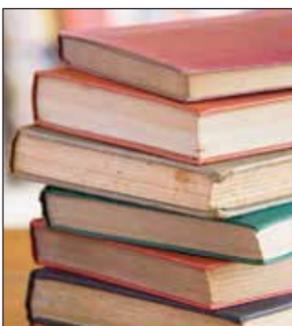


AGUA FRIA RANCH HOA

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: 3rd Friday of every other month
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
OFF: July
Teresa Felton – 760-415-5446

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 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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August 25

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