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Comment from the Mayor...

Youngtown, Bucolic But Well-Run

By HONORABLE
MICHAEL LeVAULT
MAYOR
TOWN OF YOUNGTOWN

The mission of government should be the enhancement of quality of life through the adoption of well thought out, cogent policies designed and implemented to facilitate a robust economy and provide what I call 'bread and butter' services like public safety, streets, parks and libraries.

Youngtown is debt free with a healthy rainy-day fund and has managed to create a structural surplus in its budget for the foreseeable future. Youngtown's infrastructure is

modern and well maintained and it is one of the safest communities in the valley—secured and protected by the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) and Sun City Fire and Medical Department (SCFMD). Most importantly, all this has been accomplished without increasing the tax burden on the Town's residents. In Youngtown, at every level of governance, Council and staff routinely inject a healthy dose of common sense into the process of adopting and discharging policy.

When I first took office as your Mayor several years ago, I quickly realized that my most important function, as mayor, was

to build and maintain a solid working consensus on the Town Council. While the Council's votes are not always unanimous, all seven of us are on the same general path toward building the best future for Youngtown; we work hard to avoid getting 'lost in the weeds'. We have been blessed, these past several years, with a Council and staff working together to consistently function at a very high level. This has allowed us to be highly productive and innovative in the accomplishment of our mission to enhance quality of life. You don't have to look far, beyond the borders of Youngtown, to appreciate how rare this is.

Youngtown consistently 'punches above its weight class' through its leadership involvement in regional organizations like the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC), WESTMARC, Leadership West and the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC).

This regional involvement is critical to the future of the Town and the West Valley. Youngtown is very well located to take advantage of the wave of economic development coming our way. We sit halfway between Loop 101 and the 303; a rejuvenated Grand Avenue borders us on

the north and Olive Avenue traverses us on the south. Our residents can be virtually anywhere in the Valley in 45 minutes or less.

Our location, in the North West Valley, allows us to enjoy the bucolic lifestyle of living in a well-run small town while having easy access to all the amenities of a world-class city. Let's make sure that our Mayor, Council and staff continue to cooperate and collaborate in order to assure the best possible future for Youngtown and its residents.

Reprint from June 2016

In next month's Village Reporter: 'The State of The Town'



Mayor
Michael LeVault



Vice Mayor
Charles Vickers



Councilmember
Jack Duran



Councilmember
Margaret Chittenden



Councilmember
Judy Johnson



Councilmember
June Miller



Councilmember
Susan Hout

COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Citizens' Academy -
Community Development/Public
Works/Town Engineer**
6:30 to 8:30 p.m. March 13
Youngtown Council Chambers

Council Meeting
7 p.m. March 15
Youngtown Council Chambers

**Citizens' Dog Park of
Youngtown Meeting**
9 a.m. March 17
United Methodist Church

**Citizens' Academy -
Courts/Prosecutor**
6:30 to 8:30 p.m. March 26
Youngtown Council Chambers

Council Meeting
7 p.m. April 5
Youngtown Council Chambers

Council Meeting
7 p.m. April 19
Youngtown Council Chambers

TOWN OF YOUNGTOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS MEETINGS

DATE: March 1, 2018

TIME: 7 p.m.

PLACE: Town Council Chambers,
12033 N. Clubhouse Square

A. Approval of Ordinance 18-03 amending the official zoning map of the Town of Youngtown by changing the zoning classification of property consisting of approximately 0.18 acres, located at 11101 West Jersey Avenue, Youngtown, AZ 85363, from Town of Youngtown Single Family Dwelling (R-3) zoning district to Residential with a Neighborhood Commercial Overlay (RNC Overlay)

B. Approval of Ordinance 18-04 amending the official zoning map of the Town of Youngtown by changing the zoning classification

of property consisting of approximately 0.17 acres, located at 12808 N 111th Avenue, Youngtown, AZ 85363, from Town of Youngtown Single Family Dwelling (R-3) zoning district to Residential with a Neighborhood Commercial Overlay (RNC Overlay)

C. Approval of proposed Regional Park Amenities to include parking, recreation center, interactive water feature, bike racks, kids' playground, basketball courts, gazebos, skate board park, food truck alley, walk/bike trails, maintenance building, waterfall, serenity garden, picnic area, benches, nature preserve, BBQ pits, tennis court, stadium seating and multi-use fields.



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N. 111th Avenue and W. Alabama Avenue



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...

March Observations:

- March 1: National Peanut Butter Day
- March 2: Dr. Seuss' birthday
- March 11: Johnny Appleseed Day
- March 17: St. Patrick's Day

Book Club:

Come join the Book Club every third Friday of the month. The next meeting is Friday, March 16th at 10:00 a.m. in the Library. We will discuss the novel, "Whispers", by Belva Plain.

Craft Club:

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. For more information contact Betty Trolen, (623) 974-9130.

Storytime:

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

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

The Library also offers a large selection of books,

including large print, DVD's, VHS tapes, 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



Youngtown Public Library



Sandy Orellana, winner of the Trolls blanket and Trolls DVD raffle.



Above and below: Youngtown's younger residents had some fun during Cowboy Poetry.



Friends of the Youngtown Library

March Bag Sale

As March blows in...the Friends of the Youngtown Library will "blow your mind" with a great sale. This month, we will be offering a "FILL YOUR BAG SALE" for just \$5.00 per bag! We have some wonderful newer books & popular authors to choose from. Please come on in and make your selections today.

As always, we are seeking new members to join our club. We meet every other month (January, March, May, September and November) on the 3rd Friday of the month at 9 a.m. in the Youngtown Clubhouse. Membership is just \$10 per year so come join and help support the library. Come join us!





Town of Youngtown Citizens' Academy

The **Youngtown Citizens' Academy** is a program designed to educate residents and infuse an interest in local issues, present information about important questions facing the Town, provide an avenue for residents to help plan the community's future, and develop a pool of informed residents who would be willing to serve as local leaders on boards, commissions and among their neighbors.

In addition to guest speakers, sessions feature group discussions, activities and other topic-related exercises. Participants who complete the seminar series, including attending at least seven of the nine sessions, one Town Council meeting, one Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, are recognized by the Town Council upon graduation.

The 2018 Academy began in February. Anyone who lives or works in the Youngtown area is welcome to attend. Most Town committees require residency in the Town limits in order to qualify for appointment. However, there are always opportunities to be engaged. Anyone interested in attending the Citizens' Academy may register with Nicole Smart at 623-933-8286, or nsmart@youngtownaz.org

The nine sessions will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday and fourth Monday of each month at the Youngtown Town Council Chambers.

March 13	Community Development/Public Works/Town Engineer
March 26	Courts/Prosecutor
April 10	Code Enforcement/MCSO
April 23	Town Clerk/Library/Finance
May 8	APS/EPCOR/Parks & Sons
May 29	Sun City Fire and Medical District
June 12	Leadership/Graduation

[THERE IS NO COST TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACADEMY.](#)



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Citizens' Dog Park of Youngtown Update...

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



Citizens Dog Park
of Youngtown
Hours of Operation
6 AM -- 10 PM
NW Corner of Alabama & 113th Aves
For Information & Donations
623-974-9756

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

-Anatole France

Spring 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. We hope you are enjoying the two new tables at the park! Enjoy this great feature in Youngtown morning and evening.

The Youngtown Dog Park Board will be working hard to continue to add amenities, hopefully with input from those who use the park, for their four-legged friends. 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! Come participate at the next Youngtown Dog Park Committee

meetings which will be held March 17th and April 21st at 9:00 a.m.

We are very grateful for all of the donations we have received. You may continue to drop off your donations at the following locations: Koppy’s Body Shop, Town Tobacco, and the Youngtown Library.

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 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.



Rules of the Dog Park are hung for easy reading.

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

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Calling for Applications for Outside Agency Appropriations Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Deadline for Filing: **May 21, 2018**

The Town of Youngtown is seeking applications for agencies/organizations that are requesting special appropriations from the Town for services provided that impact the greater Youngtown community.

This application may be requested from the Town and completed applications must be postmarked or hand-delivered by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 21, 2018 to:

Youngtown Town Hall
Attn: Jeanne Blackman
12030 N. Clubhouse Square
Youngtown, Arizona 85363

The decision to fund all or part of a requested appropriation will be made by the Town Council, based

on information provided in this application and other information deemed relevant by the Town Council. Appropriation will only be considered for those agencies/organizations whose intended use of the funds can reasonably be expected to provide a benefit to the Town and value to the community sufficient to justify the expenditure.

Examples of criteria that may be considered by the Council in determining a project or an organization's value to the community are:

- Benefits to be provided to the community;
- Community needs;
- Duplication of existing services;
- Geographic service area;
- Methods of documenting the benefits to be provided

to the community;

- Clarity of the project's stated goals and objectives;
- Longevity and reputation of the organization's service in the community;
- Documentation providing information on past benefits provided to the community;
- Follow-up documentation provided for previous appropriations; and
- Ability to obtain funding from other sources.

All applications will be reviewed by staff for approval as to form and forwarded to the Town Council for funding consideration. Applicants will be notified when a review date has been set. If you have any questions, please call Jeanne Blackman at 623-933-8286.

In the Works...



MARTY MOSBRUCKER
PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER

arrive. One thing that we can most definitely count on in the Sonoran desert is the summer heat. Think it will be a hot summer? Most definitely!

The Public Works Department is currently working on the following projects:

Contingent on obtaining an acceptable bid for services, the Town Square parking lot will be reconfigured and several Town service contracts will be re-bid to ensure the best value for the Town. Planning the late spring street resurfacing program; the program will include

crack seal and restripe of the streets from Alabama Avenue proceeding south to Greer Avenue. The Peoria Avenue bike/pedestrian path will be seal coated and the parking lots at Schliefer Park, Maricopa Lake Park and the Public Works facility will be crack sealed, seal coated and restriped.

The Storm Water Management Plan Enforcement Response Plan is being developed, several Town Square buildings will be re-roofed and Public Works employees will become re-certified in Right-of-Way pest (weed)

management services. Initiated by the Community Development Department, the Town will add 99 new street lights to the Town. Of these 99 lights, 71 will be new and 28 will be retrofits to the current street lights. The Fiscal Year 2018/19 budget which takes effect July 1st will be completed.

Also initiated by the Community Development Department, a "Sidewalk Improvement Plan" consisting of 40,000 linear feet of four-foot-wide sidewalks and ADA cross walks will be built from Connecticut Avenue south to Peoria Avenue. The

loop around Maricopa Lake will also be included with sidewalk installation. The project will begin with a request for services advertisement. Construction could begin within 90 days with an estimation of completion by November.

Community Spirit - Getting Involved in Youngtown!

Community meetings: Youngtown normally has two monthly council meetings. Here, members of the council discuss challenges that the community is facing, as well as solutions. Attend

these to see what your community's concerns are and what others think about how to improve your community. The dates are posted on the community bulletin boards located at the parks and on the Town facilities and can also be found on the Town website.

Being involved in your community makes you a more responsible citizen. You are taking an active role in helping to shape your community. Being more involved can also give you a voice in your community.

Keep smiling and we will see you around Town!

Spring is in full bloom!

Get out and enjoy the weather if you are able, because before too long, the summer heat will

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

AARP Board

MEET: 4th Wednesday of the month
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
OFF: May, June, July
Tim Ayers – 623-974-8217



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



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

AARP CHAPTER 1

MEET: 1st Friday of the month
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
OFF: June, July, August
Tim Ayers – 623-974-8217



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



WOOD CARVERS CLUB

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



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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