

Youngtown Village Reporter

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In the *Heart* of the Northwest Valley

A Proclamation Declaring December 2, 2021 as Zane Hagen Day in the Town of Youngtown

WHEREAS, Deputy Zane Hagen began his service to the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office upon his successful completion of the MCSO Law Enforcement Training Academy on July 3, 2017. He completed his field training and was assigned to District 3 Patrol, and

WHEREAS, While in Patrol, Zane requested and was approved for training in Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM). Following this training, he began assisting others in coping with and navigating traumatic events, and

WHEREAS, Zane found his niche in community outreach opportunities. He was recognized for this ability and was assigned by the Division Commander as a Community Services Deputy for D3 in May



2019. During this time, Zane has built and fostered many relationships with individuals, groups, and the community, and

WHEREAS, He has been instrumental in planning Open House events, fundraisers for the Special Olympics, gathering children's Christmas

toys, and even coordinating a parade to show appreciation for the healthcare workers at the hospital. He met regularly with HOA's to address their concerns and provide services, and

WHEREAS, Zane has worked closely with the Town of Youngtown. He has been



determined in his efforts to address the homelessness issues in the Agua Fria River bottom. He has identified landowners and worked tirelessly on the issues of trespassing, traffic hazards, and trash clean-up. Zane has regularly patrolled these areas and worked to keep the community safe. He has made a tremendous positive impact, and

WHEREAS, Zane's skills in Critical Incident Stress

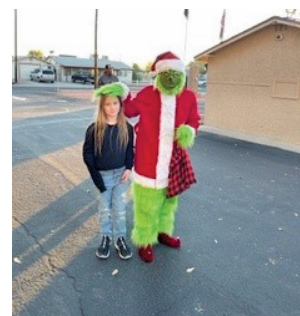
Management have been recognized and he has been selected to serve in that capacity full-time. Zane's service to the community and his efforts to improve it do not go unnoticed.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Youngtown, Arizona, the 2nd day of December, 2021 as Zane Hagen Day and we present him this key to the Town.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I, Michael LeVault, have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the Town of Youngtown to be affixed on this 2nd day of December, 2021.

Best wishes and thank you for a job well done.

Thank you to everyone that came out and enjoyed the Winter Miracle



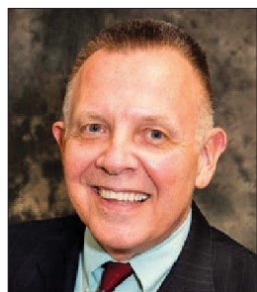
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From the Mayor... Living Through the Age of the Absurd

Welcome to the age of the absurd: when we are told to judge everyone by the color of their skin and not the content of their character; when we are told that binary biological science is a lie and that men can get pregnant; when women's sports are being destroyed by forcing them to compete against biological men; when the most basic competence is ignored in favor of achieving diversity; when unrealistic and unachievable goals for the total elimination of fossil fuels are being forced upon us; when everything we see, hear and touch is politicized and we, as a people, are polarized against each other often making any kind of cooperation or collaboration impossible—at a time when the existential problems we face cry out for and demand a strong 'coming together' to get us back on track.

As your Mayor, I have worked hard, over the years, to leave these political differences and absurdities outside Town Council Chambers in order to focus on making Youngtown the best it can be. Municipal government provides the



vast majority of 'bread-and-butter' services: fire, police, streets, parks and libraries—the sorts of things which touch our lives daily. In Arizona, mayors and council-members almost exclusively hold non-partisan offices. This ability, to avoid political battles, is often the key ingredient in achieving well-run, efficient government at the local level.

My 'prime directive' as Mayor is the constant search for those things which enhance quality of

life in our community—a long list of things at the top of which is public safety. One of the major problems we continue to deal with is a rapidly growing homeless population (the fastest growing in the nation) here in the Valley. Closely associated with homelessness are drug abuse and a spike in crime. Last year we rolled out a three-pronged approach to help mitigate against these problems:

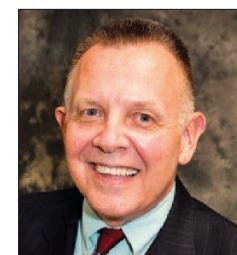
1) The deployment of significant additional

law enforcement and security assets on the streets of Youngtown.

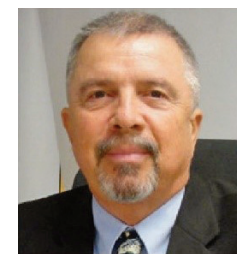
2) The erection of dozens of LPR (license plate reader) cameras, providing a valuable law enforcement tool to assist our local law enforcement officials.

3) Deployment of an aggressive citizen involvement program by encouraging the organization of neighborhood watch cells and encouraging our businesses to discourage loitering and help us enforce no-trespass laws.

This program is making a palpable and significant difference in making Youngtown a better, safer community and we plan to continue these actions for the foreseeable future. These problems, which plague our nation, are largely unsolvable at the local level. But, here in Youngtown, we can and will continue to push back hard on the 'bad actors' and mitigate against these problems making our community a better and safer place to live.



Michael LaVault
Mayor



Charles Vickers
Vice Mayor



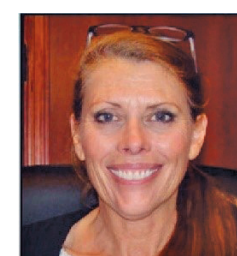
Margaret Chittenden
Councilmember



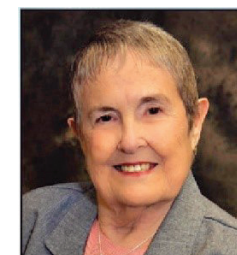
Karen Haney Duncan
Councilmember



Michael Francis
Councilmember



Susan Hout
Councilmember



June Miller
Councilmember



TOWN OF YOUNGTOWN

12030 North Clubhouse Square, Youngtown, AZ 85363

Mayor and Council: 623-933-8286 • Town Administration: 623-933-8286

Building Inspector: 623-933-8286 • Library: 623-974-3401 • Municipal Court: 623-972-8226

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Non-emergency: 602-876-1011 • Emergency: 9-1-1

Town Administrative Office hours Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. • www.youngtownaz.org

Candle Safety



By: **Jim Fox**
Fire Marshal
Sun City Fire District

There's a special beauty and tranquility to candles, but a lighted candle is also an open flame, and a potential fire hazard if not carefully monitored. It's hard to imagine the beauty of a candle flame - how it dances in its own light can be the cause of home fires, and home fire deaths. Remember, because a candle is an open flame, it can easily ignite anything that can burn.

Although these safety tips for using candles seem obvious, it is a good reminder to follow them.

- Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.
- Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn.
- If you do burn

WHERE CANDLE FIRES START

Bedroom	35%
Living/Family Room/Den	16%
Bathroom	14%
Kitchen	11%

ITEMS FIRST IGNITED

Mattresses or Bedding	11%
Curtains/Blinds/Draperies	9%
Cabinetry	8%
Upholstered Furniture	6%

National Fire Protection Association

candles, make sure that you...

1. Use candle holders that are sturdy, and won't tip over easily.

2. Put candle holders on a steady, uncluttered surface.

3. Light candles carefully. Keep your hair and any loose clothing away from the flame.

4. Don't burn a candle all the way down — put it out before it gets too close to the holder or container.

5. Never use a candle if medical oxygen is used in the home.

6. Never use a candle as a night light.

7. Be very careful if using candles during a power outage. Flashlights and other battery-powered lights are safer sources of light during a power failure. Never use a candle

during a power outage to look for things in a closet, or when fueling equipment.

Candles, Kids and Pets Think about using flameless candles in your home. They look and smell like real candles.

Never leave a child or a pet alone in a room with a burning candle.

Keep matches and lighters up high and out of children's reach, in a locked cabinet.

FACTS

Roughly one-third of home candle fires started in the bedroom.

More than half of all candle fires start when things that can burn are too close to the candle.

Nearly 10,000 residential fires are caused each year by careless or inappropriate use of candles.



Youngtown Public Library

February 2022

Happy Valentine's Day! How are your New Year's Resolutions holding up from January? Did you know we have exercise videos available for check-out? Why not plan to read more, take an online class or learn a new hobby? We are your source for information, and we are happy to help you!

The Library will be closed February 21, 2022, in observance of President's Day.

Other February celebrations include:

- February 6: Super Bowl Sunday
- February 17: Random Act of Kindness Day
- February 24: National Peanut Butter Day

BOOK CLUB - meets the third Thursday of every month at 10:00 AM, and this month's discussion will be about the novel, "The View from Alameda Island", by Robyn Carr.

STORY TIME - is every Wednesday at 11:00 AM. All ages are welcome! Thank you to the Youngtown Mayor for reading, "Twas the Night Before Christmas", on December 22nd.

CRAFT CLUB: Meetings are every Monday from 5:00 – 7:00 PM in the Clubhouse. For more information contact Betty Trolen, (623) 974-9130.

In December, Library staff chose names from an angel tree at Ventana Winds, and delivered gifts before Christmas, along with the winning wreath we made for the Town wreath competition.

LOCATION:

Both the Library and Historical Museum are



located in Town Square, between Alabama and Youngtown Avenue, just west of 112th Avenue. For additional information about the Library or history of Youngtown, call (623) 974-3401.

HOURS:

Monday – Thursday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. If you would like to volunteer in the Library, stop in and pick up an application.



The Library offers a large selection of books, movies, and the following FREE resources:

- FREE WI-FI
- FREE use of 6 Public Computers
- FREE DVD rental
- FREE Practice Tests for: ACT, SAT, GED, Real Estate, etc.
- FREE Tax Forms and Legal Forms
- FREE Online Chilton Auto Repair Manuals
- FREE Career Information
- FREE Inter-Library Loan
- FREE Resume' Assistance

NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Email your article to Jeanne Blackman: jblackman@youngtownaz.org

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

Clubs and 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: Every Other Month on the 3rd Friday
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
OFF: June, July and August • Teresa Felton – 760-415-5446

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.
Madelon Jeffreys – 623-977-4661

All clubs meet in the Clubhouse unless otherwise noted.
If you are interested please contact the board members.

News You Can Use...

Canine Happenings at the Dog Park!



Happy New Year to all Dog Park visitors', dogs and their owners!

Our days are great with plenty of sunscreen, and it's good to be OUTSIDE!! This park is lush with green grass and plenty of space to distance, but still socialized. Thanks to Youngtown staff and Landcare in taking care of the sprinkler systems.

The January 15th dog park meeting was cancelled due to the rise in Covid cases. The February Valentine Event is cancelled; however, volunteers will be planning future events. Keep watch for notices.

Next meeting will be Saturday, February 19th at 10:30 a.m. which will be a virtual meeting. Please join the Community in remembering the passing of Co-Chair Tim Ayers in December. Looking for a replacement for

a volunteer to join the Board. The Board is made up of five members. For information call Margaret at 480-861-1576.

Now to photos with Santa. This event was held the first Saturday in December. It was a great turnout, and a sunny day. This year participants could use their own cell phone, and a photo was taken for them. Arrangements were made to get photo to them if they did not have a phone. This really worked well with no hassle of printer and ink; changes do come with new technology.

Thanks to all who participated. Big Thanks to Santa (Charlie Janson- Youngtown Public Works), and all dogs, cats, and one lizard!

As Chair, thanks to Boardmembers, Susan Hout, Kathryn French, and Owen Davis and to Sandy Edward who as-



sisted me as substitute Pastor for blessing all the pets. Betty Trollen, Irene and Dale also helped to make this a successful event for for those who attended!

Donations collected at this event will go toward future amenities and trees, and one tree will be planted in memory of Tim Ayres.

CITIZENS' DOG PARK

6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

NW Corner of
Alabama &
113th Avenues

For Information
& Donations
623-974-9756

Nine Toxic Foods for Pets

- Raisins and grapes can cause irreversible kidney failure, and raisins are more toxic than chocolate.
- All chocolate contains a compound called theobromine and dark chocolate has the most.
- Xylitol is sugar free foods. This sugar substitute is used in candy, breath mints, toothpaste and desserts which is highly toxic to dogs!
- Rising bread dough, yeast and sugars in raw bread dough that causes raw bread to rise to give off ethanol as a byproduct causing the bread to swell in your pet's stomach.
- Onions, garlic, chives, leeks shallots. No matter how you slice it, plants in the alacran family which are toxic, even in powder or cooked form.
- Macadamia nuts, if your pet is sensitive to nuts may start toxic signs withing 12 hours.
- Raw meat and eggs. These run the risk salmonella and E.coli to our pets and us.
- This information is from VET IQ website.

Art Commissions

The Youngtown Art Commission sadly needs to cancel the Kid's Craft Day on February 12th and other events until further notice. Hopefully in the near future, we will be able to reinstate our events.

However, our "Rocks of Inspiration" program has started and will continue until April. Several groups have already painted inspirational rocks for our residents and hid them throughout town. If you find one of these rocks, and it inspires you, you may keep it,

or re-hide it for someone else. We also hope you will take a picture of it, and send it to the Youngtown Art Commission Facebook page, letting us know how it inspires you. You are also welcome to paint a rock with an inspiring message, and hide it as well. If you need a rock, there will be some available at the Youngtown Town Hall offices until supplies run out.

Wishing you wellness and happiness, and hope to see you soon!



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West Valley Genealogical Society Annual Seminar

February 19, 2022 West Valley Genealogical Society Annual Seminar
"Unmasking Your Genealogy with Michael L. Strauss"



Michael L. Strauss

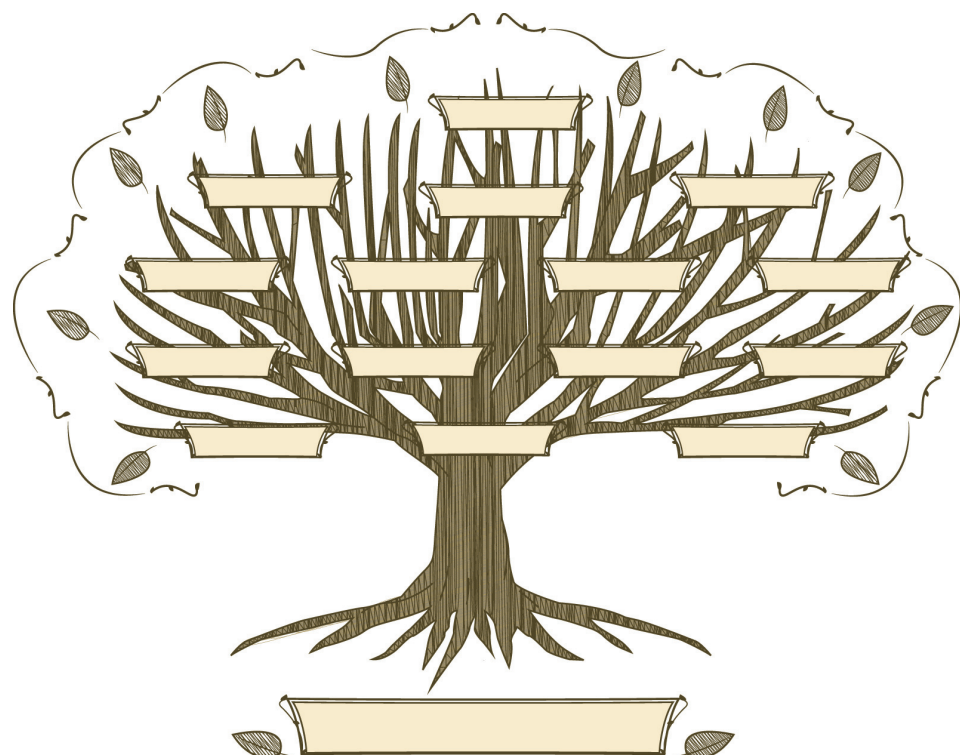
The West Valley Genealogical Society 2022 Seminar with Michael L. Strauss will be held February 19, 2022 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm at Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church, 13658 W. Meeker Blvd., Sun City West. Michael L. Strauss,

AG is a professional accredited genealogist and nationally recognized speaker. Strauss has a BA in History and is a U.S. Coast Guard veteran. He is a qualified expert witness in the courts in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia and is a faculty member of the genealogical institutes of SLIG, GRIP, and IGHR where he is the military course coordinator.

Topics are:
Introduction to Military Genealogy Research
Hidden Clues Found Inside the U.S. Federal Census, 1790-1840
The Draft and the Selective Service System

More than just Obituaries: Genealogical Newspaper Research
Registration open. Registration includes the program, continental breakfast, box lunch, beverages. For additional information or to register for the Seminar go to www.azwvgs.org or call 623-933-4945.

The West Valley Genealogical Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.
Thank you, Barbara Shroyer
WVGS Seminar Committee



In The Works

February 2022



Marty Mosbrucker
Public Works Manager

American Revolution and led the Colonists to Freedom as the Commander in Chief of the Continental Army. He was a wise and courageous man admired for his honesty and strength of character. He also spoke of his having chopped down a cherry tree and admitting it to his Father, as he could not tell a lie.

Vandalism: “action involving deliberate destruction of or damage to public or private property”. The term also includes criminal damage such as graffiti and defacement directed towards any property without permission of the owner. Graffiti is the most common type of property vandalism (35%) according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics. How can Youngtown citizens help to stop vandalism?

Get to know your neighbors. It is important



that you know the people around you and in your community. This makes it much easier to spot someone that doesn't belong and may be there to simply cause problems. If you live next to one of the Town's parks, please be observant for potential vandalism. If you observe

someone damaging something in the park, place a phone call to the MCSO office at 602-876-1011. The residents are the eyes and ears of the community.

Street Resurfacing: The schedule to resurface all the streets from Greer Avenue south to Peoria Avenue is

scheduled for February 14-25. A street resurfacing program is necessary in order to prevent spending money on asphalt repairs or milling and overlay of asphalt. You will receive a door hanger with the dates that the street in front of your home will be resurfaced. On the

door hanger, there will be instructions that you need to follow, such as where to park, how long to stay off the fresh slurry seal and a phone number to call with questions and concerns.

Youngtown Community Fund Medical Lending Center

Hope 2022 is being kind to you and your families. We had a busy year in 2021 with many people taking advantage of our services for durable medical equipment to help in the recovery process after surgery or accident.

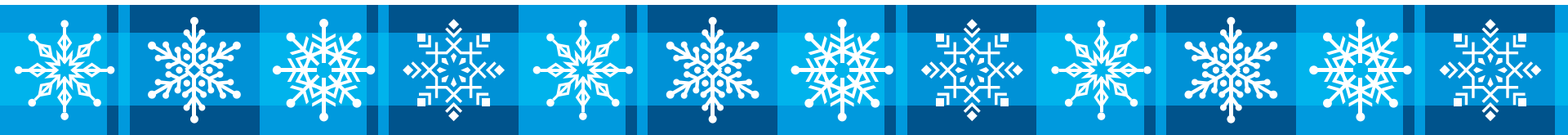
We continue to offer needed items at no cost for up to 4 months. We loan to El Mirage, Peoria, Surprise and Youngtown.

We are a non-profit company and have



been in business for more than 60 years. We can continue our work due to your donations and grants from local communities and most of all from our generous

clients. Anyone can donate by shopping at Fry's and choosing the Youngtown Community Fund as your charity. It's easy and does not cost you anything! You do not lose your gas points. Also, if you shop Amazon Smile, just choose us as your charity and we will receive a quarterly check based on your purchases. Thank you for your support. Have a healthy 2022!!





CALL OF ELECTION

Public Notice of the Town of Youngtown, Arizona.

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Youngtown, Arizona will hold elections as follows:

Primary Election: Tuesday, August 2, 2022

General Election: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 (If Applicable)

Offices to be filled: Three Council Seats (4-year term)
One Council Seat (2-year term)
One Mayoral Seat (4-year term)

Candidate Packets with Petitions are Available Now.

Candidate Packet Filing Deadline: Nomination papers, financial disclosure statements, affidavit of qualifications and nomination petitions are due no later than Monday, April 4, 2022 5:00 p.m. Candidate packets need to be filed at the Town Clerk's Office – 12030 North Clubhouse Square, Youngtown, AZ 85363.

Voter Registration Deadline for the Primary Election: Tuesday, July 5, 2022

For further information or to set up an appointment for a Candidate's Packet, please call the **Town Clerk Nicole Smart at (623) 933-8286.**

*A candidate receiving a majority of all votes cast at the Primary Election will be declared elected without running at the General Election if requirements are met under A.R.S. § 9-821.01 and A.R.S. § 16-645.