

Youngtown Village Reporter

September 2022
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In the *Heart* of the Northwest Valley

Discover “you” at Discover U!

Mr. Montoya, principal at Discover U Elementary, and in that short span of time, the staff has worked tirelessly to revive a sense of discovery and exploration. Discover U (or DU as referred to by its families and staff), had opened its doors to the public in 2013 as a public charter school offering small class sizes, and student-centered learning in grades Pre-K -6th grade. This year, Mr. Montoya and his staff at DU continue to embrace its roots with their school slogan of “Explore Leadership, Explore Success Explore Excellence” which inspires them in all of their endeavors.

DU is considered to be a PBIS school (Positive Behavior Interventions and Support), which encourages its students and staff to live by their school slogan by making positive relationships between its families, students, and staff to strive for a better community. Discover U is not only committed to bettering the lives of its students, but it's community as well. Over



the summer, the Northwest Valley YMCA hosted its summer camp located on Discover U Campus, which allowed students to laugh, play, and learn in the Arizona summer sun. However, it is not only

students that continue to benefit from Discover U, but its families as well. It is our mission to continue to host numerous events that not only welcome students and their families but other members of the community.

We look forward to hosting many events that include Fall Festival, Family Game night, and student recognition assemblies to bring that sense of harmony and discovery to all members of the

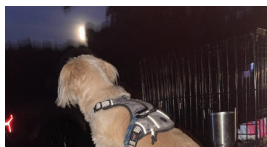
Youngtown community.

With the “dog days” of summer coming to a close, and the start of the school year drawing near, Mr. Montoya and his staff will continue to work tirelessly to not only inspire its

students, but their families and community members to discover and explore leadership, success, and excellence.



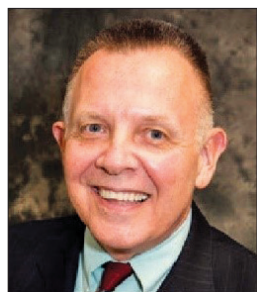
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From the Mayor... Youngtown Wishes Mary Ellen Kun a Happy 100th birthday!

On Saturday, August 23, 2022, I had the distinct pleasure of helping a Youngtown centenarian celebrate her 100th birthday. Mary Ellen Kun and her son, Frank Thorwald, graciously invited me to her 100th birthday party in the Community Room at Ventana Winds in Youngtown. She spent the afternoon greeting a steady stream of family and friends who all turned out to wish her a happy and joyous 100th



Frank Thorwald, Mary Ellen Kun and Mayor Mike LeVault (photo by Florine Duffeld)

birthday. coal mining town of the Calvin Coolidge
Born in the Kansas Treece in 1922, during presidency, Mary Ellen

is a part of 'America's Greatest Generation'- those men and women who saw the country through the dark days of the great depression and World War II. Her life's travels eventually took her across much of the USA and to several other countries abroad.

It was our great fortune that Mary Ellen finally settled here in Youngtown some 10 years ago. Happy 100th Mary Ellen and many more!



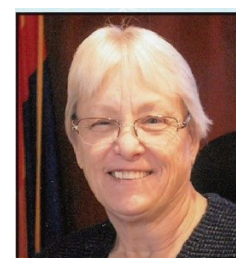
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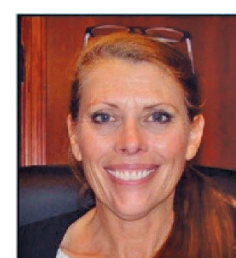
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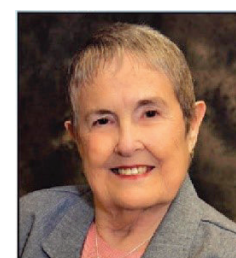
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NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY

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“OOPS” Saves a House Fire



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

Sometimes a mistake is a good thing, depending on which side of the “OOPS” you are on.

Recently, I was called to investigate a fire in Sun City which was curious to the responding Firefighters. It turns out that a duplex was having its roof covering replaced and a fire had been discovered during the process. As the interviews discovered, a roofing company hired a “tear-off” company to remove the existing asphalt shingles so the roofing company could come behind and replace the roof covering. During the process of removing the old roof covering, the tear-off crew noticed some smoke coming out of the attic. The crew proceeded to take off some plywood sheathing

to get to the source of the smoke. They saw no flame, just a small amount of smoke. After removing some sheathing, they used a “green-line” (garden hose) to spray into the attic. This caused additional smoke to come out, so they called 911.

Our Engine companies arrived with the Battalion Chief Command vehicle. Now you need to know, whenever there is a working residential fire, the common practice is to dispatch a minimum of three engine companies and a ladder company in addition to the Battalion Chief Command vehicle and possibly additional equipment. All of this apparatus was dispatched, however some of it was recalled after the first engine on scene realized it wasn’t an out-of-control working fire. The engine companies on the roof began removing additional sheets of plywood to try to discover the fire origin. That is when I arrived on-scene. At first glance this was a puzzling



flame spread, because there was no flame; however there were multiple burn patterns on top of the blown-in cellulose insulation. The burn pattern only went over the surface of the insulation. So

we started tracing the burn pattern from least burn to most burn and found the source near the ductwork where the Air Conditioning unit that was located on the roof, came through the attic into the house. For

some reason, several electrical wires were stretched tight over the trusses (wooden roof supporting members) and charred some wooden components as the insulation melted off the wiring. This

caused a smoldering fire which followed the flexible metallic-covered ductwork and continued to burn the surface of the insulation in various patterns throughout the attic area. The fire crews and I moved the insulation away from the “hot spots” on the wood framing members to assure the fire would not be restarted.

This all seems so m e w h a t unremarkable, however the facts of the fire discovery are what is interesting. It turns out, that the roof tear-off crew accidentally went to the wrong address and tore the roof covering off the wrong house. The house they were supposed to be working on was a few blocks away. The interesting take-away from this event is obvious. Had the roofing crew not gone to the wrong house, the initial stages of attic fire may not have been discovered, and we could have had a significant attic fire in this duplex. Sometimes an “OOPS” isn’t.

Ridgeview Subdivision

Supply shortages in the construction market have made the two subdivisions under construction a bit of a challenge to pick-up any momentum but both builders are confident that their respective projects will have significant progress in the months ahead. The majority of the work on the underground (sewer/water) retaining wall, and masonry wall are

completed. The curb and gutter will be completed mid-August.

Work should be underway soon on the modification to W. Peoria Ave, paving and foundations for six to seven homes by the end of August.

LGI Homes is building 125 single-family homes on 29.48 acres located between Rancho Estates and Agua Fria Ranch with the most northern point

being W. Peoria Avenue, which bisects the Life Stream Retirement facility. Known as the Ridgeview subdivision, the development will be a conventional subdivision on 40-foot-wide private streets, with access from W. Peoria Avenue

The subdivision will be accessed primarily via a public road via West Peoria Avenue

The Enclave Off Olive

Supply shortages in the construction market have made this development a bit of a challenge to pick-up any momentum but the builder is confident that the project will have significant progress in the months ahead. At the recent pre-construction

meeting for the water and sewer installations, a representative from Riley Smith Developers made it clear they are ready to move this project forward to its completion.

The subdivision will be accessed primarily via Agua Fria Ranch

Parkway. The homes will be modern in design and colors; no more than two stories in height. The houses will be detached single family residential, with a variety of square footages.



Youngtown Public Library

September 2022

One of the greatest privileges and responsibilities of a democratic society is the right to vote. The Youngtown Public Library supports that endeavor by participating in National Voter Registration Day on Tuesday, September 20. The Library is here with all the forms and information you need to get registered. Don't miss the registration deadline for the November election and get registered before October 11.

SEPTEMBER OBSERVATIONS

September 5: Labor Day – Library closed
September 8: Rather be Reading Book Club at 10 a.m.
September 20: National Voter Registration Day at the Library

UPCOMING EVENTS

STORYTIME *NEW TIME***** – Storytime has changed! It is every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.. Join Miss Mary for an energetic storytime filled with songs, stories, and fun!

RATHER BE READING BOOK CLUB – The Rather Be Reading Book Club is back in session! We will meet on Thursday, September 8 at 10 a.m. in the Library. Read your favorite biography or memoir to share with the group. For more information contact Mary Vass, Library Manager 623-974-3401

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY is Tuesday, September 20. Come to the library and register to vote for the November election. Voter registration deadline is October 11, 2022.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY – meets every other month on the second Thursday at 9 a.m. in the Library. Contact Mary Vass for more information at 623-974-3401

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 the

The Youngtown Public Library offers many services, including:

- **FREE WI-FI**
- **FREE use of 6 Public Computers**
- **FREE DVD rental – over 1,100 to choose from**
- **FREE Resume' Assistance**
- **FREE Tax Forms**
- **FREE Legal Forms**
- **Copies \$.15 each**
- **FREE faxes (with our library card)**

history of Youngtown, call (623) 974-3401 and speak with Mary Vass, Library/Museum Manager.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday – Sunday: Closed

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
Mary Vass – 623-974-3401

CRAFT CORNER

MEET: Every Monday 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 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 CITIZENS' DOG PARK

MEET: 3rd Saturday of the month 10:30 p.m. to noon
OFF: June, July and August
Margaret Chittenden – 480-861-1576

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

Second Phase of Sidewalk Improvement Program

With the first phase of the “Sidewalk Improvement Program” completed, the Town will be moving forward with Phase II which shall include over 20,000± linear feet of new four-foot-wide sidewalks and ADA crosswalks between the area bounded by W. Peoria Ave to the south, N. 111th Ave. to the east, N. 112th Ave. to the west and W. Connecticut Ave to the north. The outcome from the installation of the sidewalks will be felt immediately by creating a safe and mobile community for our residents, thereby providing greater access to the citizens to traverse safely throughout our community. This Project is funded

through the Maricopa County Community Development Block Grant Program.

Construction is scheduled to start early next year. For more information please contact the Community Development Manager, Gregory Arrington at 623.933.8286 or at garrington@youngtownaz.org.

Remembering Priscilla Fenner

Priscilla Atwood Fenner, in Secondary Education 90, of Sun City, Arizona, from Arizona State University. As a teacher, she taught English on the Navajo Indian Reservation in Tuba City, and later retired from teaching high school French, English, Speech, Drama and a Master's Degree and Journalism. She



was a volunteer at the Youngtown Public Library for many years, a member of Questers, recently served on the board of the Sun Cities Area Historical Society and was a past docent for the Del Webb Sun Cities Museum. Her volunteer services have been greatly appreciated. A Memorial Service will be held this fall.

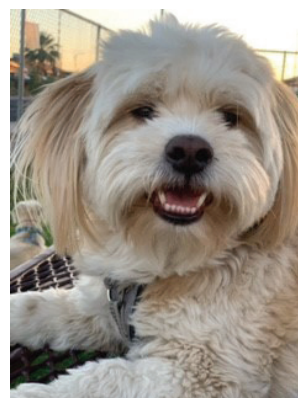
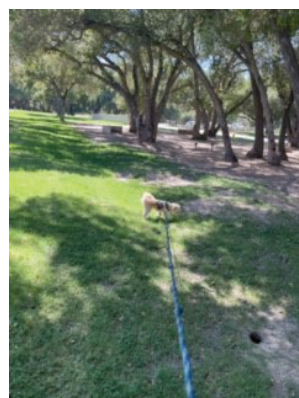
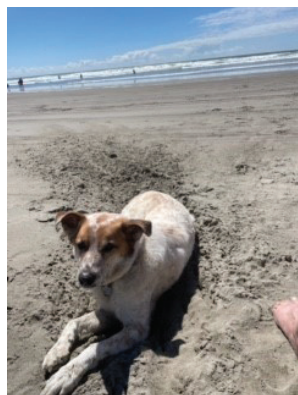
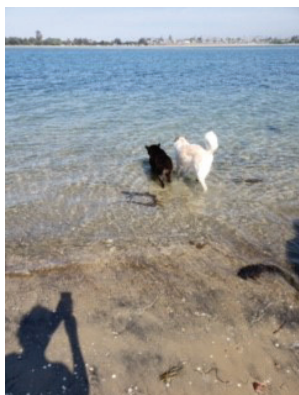
News You Can Use...

Canine Happenings at the Dog Park!

The hot days of summer are almost over! It is time to look forward to late summer road trips. Let's continue to keep our 4-legged friends safe at home and out and about, especially when traveling. Make sure they are wearing their ID tag and county license tag. Please make sure your pets are chipped, as you will have a better chance of having your pets returned. You'll never know if a car accident or nature disaster will separate you from your furry friends! It is a good idea to keep your pet vaccination records, and ID with you.

Have you been on a road trip during the summer or have one planned? Pictured below are some local doggie park visitors' photos:

We would enjoy sharing your special trip memories! Send them to Margaret at 480-861-1576, and add a small caption under the photo.



The latest addition to the Dog Park is a new message board has been attached to the fence, as you walk to the entrance. Please keep watch for announcements, upcoming events and Dog Park Meetings.



A new poop box with waster container has been placed at the east end of the large side of the park. With hot afternoons, it is important for all to pick

up after your pets. One thing that nobody wants is a smelly area in the parks!

Fundraising Event: Annual Halloween Costume Parade around Maricopa Lake will be held Saturday, October 29 from 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. This year we meet on the shady east side of the park, where restrooms and seating are available. Judges will present winners of the costume contest in the following categories:

Most Unique; Best Group; and Best Overall Costume.

G.A.I.N. Event: We will have a table at the G.A.I.N. Event held on Sunday, October 30 from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Clubhouse Square and Greer Park. The Citizens' Dog Park committee will have pet safety items to offer for donations. Please stop by and say hello!

No meetings held in July and August for the Citizens' Dog Park Committee. Next meeting

dates to place on your calendar are:

- Saturday, September 17th, October 15th, November 19th and December 17th.

Meetings are held at 10:30 a.m. in the Clubhouse kitchen area. Please contact Margaret at 480-861-1576 for questions or donation giving.

Have a great rest of your summer!

Submitted by Councilmember Chittenden

CITIZENS' DOG PARK

Hours of Operation
6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

NW Corner of Alabama & 113th Avenues

For Information & Donations
623-974-9756

July 12th Event with Arizona Animals

The Youngtown Public Library had good attendance. We saw up close and personal some of the animals that call Arizona home. We learned why they are important and some of the fascinating adaptations they have in order to survive our extreme desert weather.



Discover U participates in the School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program

Discover U will be participating in the School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program. As part of this program Discover U will offer healthy meals every school day. Breakfast will cost \$0.00 and lunch will cost \$3.00. Your child(ren) may qualify for free or reduced-price meals. Reduced-price meals cost \$0.00 for breakfast and \$0.40 for lunch.

Qualifications for children to receive free or reduced-price meals include: belonging to a household whose income is at or below the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines, belonging to a household that receives public assistance, or if the child is homeless, migrant, runaway, foster, or participates in a Head Start or Even Start pre-Kindergarten program.

Household size and income criteria are used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits if the household does not receive assistance or the children are not in the other categories mentioned above. Children can get free or reduced-price meals if the household's gross income falls at or below the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guideline chart.

To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households can fill out the application and return it to the school unless the household has already received notification that their children are approved for free meals this year. Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for their children and what is required to complete on the application. Applications also are available in paper form at the front office or, on-line at www.familytitank12.com/.

Only one application is required for all children in the household and the information provided on the



Federal Eligibility Income Chart for School Year 2022-2023						
	FREE			REDUCED-PRICE		
Household Size	Yearly Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income	Yearly Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income
1	\$17,667	\$1,473	\$340	\$25,142	\$2,096	\$484
2	\$23,823	\$1,984	\$458	\$33,874	\$2,823	\$652
3	\$29,939	\$2,495	\$576	\$42,606	\$3,551	\$820
4	\$36,075	\$3,007	\$694	\$51,338	\$4,279	\$988
5	\$42,211	\$3,518	\$812	\$60,070	\$5,006	\$1,156
6	\$48,347	\$4,029	\$930	\$68,802	\$5,734	\$1,324
7	\$54,483	\$4,541	\$1,048	\$77,534	\$6,462	\$1,492
8	\$60,619	\$5,052	\$1,166	\$86,266	\$7,189	\$1,659
Each additional person:	\$6,136	\$512	\$118	\$8,732	\$728	\$168

application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified at any time during the school year by the school or other program officials. An application for free or reduced-price benefits cannot be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information as indicated on the application and instructions. In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age, or disability. Families can apply for

benefits at any time. If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the Federal Guidelines.

Contact the NSLP Coordinator at any time to request an application.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price policy, NSLP Coordinator will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with

the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Heather Williams, Director of School Nutrition at 6150 N 16th St. Ste A. Phoenix AZ 85016 or my calling 480.540.6826.

When known to Discover U households will be notified of their children's eligibility for free meals if they are members of households receiving assistance from the:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP);

- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR); or

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), if the State program meets Federal standards.

An application is not required for free meal benefits for Assistance Program participants and all of the children in the household are eligible for free meal benefits. If any children were not listed on the notice of eligibility, or if a household does not receive a notice of eligibility, the household should contact the school to have free meal benefits extended to them. Participants in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals, but they will need to turn in an application including household size and total income.

When known to Discover U households will also be notified of any child's eligibility for free meals if the individual child is considered "Other Source Categorically Eligible", because the child is categorized, as defined by law as:

- Foster
- Homeless,
- Migrant,
- Runaway,
- Enrolled in an eligible Head Start, or
- Enrolled in an eligible pre-kindergarten class.

If any children were not listed on the notice of eligibility, the household should contact the school about their eligibility through the list above or should submit an income application.

Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact the school if the household chooses to decline the free meal benefits.

For more information, you may call Nancy Englund at 623-974-4827 or e-mail at nancy.englund@leonaschools.com.

In The Works

September 2022



Marty Mosbrucker
Public Works Manager

Public Works, 101, Defined

Public works is defined as a broad category of infrastructure projects, financed and constructed by the government, for recreational, employment, and health and safety uses in the greater community. They include public buildings, transport infrastructure, public spaces, public services, and other, usually long-term, physical assets and facilities. Though often interchangeable with public infrastructure and public capital, public works does not necessarily carry an

economic component, thereby being a broader term.

The public works manager is responsible for managing the many different projects and facilities funded by the municipality, and which in most cases are intended for use by the citizens of the municipality. These projects and facilities are broad in scope, which include parks, road construction/maintenance, municipal facilities, storm water pollution management, fleets, safety, environmental, etc.

The specific duties of a public works manager can vary from city to town, but they are generally quite broad in scope. Essentially, the manager is in charge of managing the many aspects of budgeting, planning, constructing, and maintaining all municipal-funded projects and facilities intended for public use. A public works manager in a small town, such as Youngtown,

is extensively involved in every public project which the town carries out. Conversely, a public works director in a large city may oversee a team of managers who in turn attend to the details of individual projects.

The specific duties of a public works technician are varied and wide in scope. The technicians will operate heavy equipment such as tractors, backhoes and street sweeping machinery. They perform repairs that involve skills found in the construction field such as landscaping, asphalt repairs, concrete repair, street sign installation, painting, drywall, plumbing, electrical, welding, mechanical and fabricating. They are jacks of all trades and masters of some. Public works technicians in a small town, such as Youngtown, have a great deal of public contact, requiring friendliness and great customer service skills.

Traffic Calming Devices

The Town will be installing four solar powered "YOUR SPEED" signs. Two of these signs will be located on 113th Ave and two signs will be located on Agua Fria Ranch Parkway. The signs offer an economical and simple solution to help increase driver speed awareness and road safety. The bright 12" characters can be seen from up to 600' away, and help increase driver speed awareness on neighborhood streets where small accidents may occur. The signs are designed for situations where drivers need to simply be alerted of their current speed. The Town will be installing a "push-to-cross" pedestrian crossing system at the crosswalk on Agua Fria Ranch Parkway, adjacent to David C. Uribe Park. When at the crosswalk, pedestrians will push a button that is mounted on the sign pole. The pushed button will activate a flashing light



ring that is attached to the pedestrian crossing sign. The flashing light ring will stay illuminated for one minute. Public Works can increase the amount of time that the flashing light ring will flash based on user experience. The panel attached to the top of the pedestrian crossing sign, sends a signal to the opposite pedestrian crossing sign, which in turn, activates the flashing ring attached to that sign. The flashing rings and signal activation is powered entirely by small solar panels attached above the signs.

Alleyways

The area in the alley directly behind and adjacent to the residential homes and businesses is the responsibility of the resident/business to maintain. Public Works sprays weeds in the alleys two times a year, once in the spring and once in the fall. The remainder of the year, weed eradication, trash and debris removal is the responsibility of the resident/business. With the monsoonal rains, the valley experiences an abundance of weeds every fall. This fall, Public Works will spray the weeds in the alleys

NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY

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

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Youngtown Community Fund Medical Lending Center

We are here to help with your mobility needs after surgery or accidents. We loan for 4 months at no charge! We are open Monday-Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. No appointment or prescription is needed.

We have wheelchairs, commodes, toilet risers, transport chairs, bath/shower chairs, bedside



walkers and so much

more.

Please call with any questions at 623-977-4661. We are located at 11215-A W Nevada Ave in Youngtown. We gladly accept gently used mobility equipment as well as monetary donations which are tax deductible. Stop in and see us!

AARP Historic Chapter #1

We are back in full swing after the long COVID 2-year absence. If you are an AARP National member, please come join our group. We charge \$10 per year to join our chapter but will not charge that fee until January 2023. We are the first organized chapter in the US and are 60 years

young.

We meet in the Youngtown Clubhouse/ Council chambers located at 12030 Clubhouse Square off Alabama Avenue in Youngtown.

We meet the first Friday of each month and begin with a Potluck dinner followed by a short business meeting.

We usually have a guest speaker to discuss matters pertaining to our age group.

For questions or information, please call Jay at 623-734-5438 or Charlene at 623-363-4608.

Come join the fun and meet new people. Hope to see you there!



July 19th Ice Cream Social Event

The Youngtown Public Library would like to say thank you to the Youngtown Market for providing ice cream during our Ice Cream Social. Even during the hot day people came by to have ice cream and kids got to play fun games. Even our furry friends came by to have doggone delicious ice cream.

