

# Youngtown Village Reporter

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In the *Heart* of the Northwest Valley

## Women's International Pharmacy Celebrates Grand Reopening

On Friday, August 4, 2023, employees of Women's International Pharmacy, along with Youngtown Mayor Michael LeVault, and town council members, celebrated the grand reopening of the pharmacy with a ribbon cutting ceremony, pharmacy tours, and observed live preparation of custom compounded medications.

Pictured (left to right) Arielle Bailey, Lead Sterile Technician; Rob Kilgore, Belmar Pharma Solutions CEO; Susan Mogen, Pharmacist in Charge; Jim Starke, Councilmember; Michael LeVault, Mayor; Chuck Vickers, Vice Mayor; Karen Hanley Duncan, Councilmember; Margaret Chittenden, Councilmember; Mike Francis, Councilmember; Fee Ong, Pharmacist.

Women's International Pharmacy, a Belmar Pharma Solutions Compounding Center of Excellence, recently underwent \$11 million in renovations. The renovations included the addition of state-of-the-art equipment for the expansion of a sterile, injectable medication com-

pounding facility.

Since 1985, Women's International Pharmacy has been serving Youngtown and the surrounding areas with compounded medications. Their newly renovated facility serves all 50 states, and provides local residents access to even more personalized medications for age management, including:

- Bioidentical hormones
- Thyroid hormone therapy
- Low Dose Naltrexone
- Injectable wellness medications

Women's International Pharmacy is known for providing therapies primarily for patients in or approaching menopause and andropause.

Belmar's Senior Executive Team was also on site for the celebration. After the ribbon cutting and pharmacy tours, Women's International Pharmacy staff and family members enjoyed a private celebration later that afternoon at Greer Park with refreshments and activities.

To learn more, please visit <https://www.women-sinternational.com>



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# From the Mayor... The Golden Age?

Lightly edited reprint from September 2015...

As a kid, I grew up in the south suburbs of ‘Chicagoland’ but I spent most of my summers in the small downstate town where my father grew up. It was kind of a Lake Wobegone with a dash of cayenne and lemon juice.

There were some real characters, bigger than life, vividly etched in my memory and everyone, I mean everyone, had a nickname.

There was Old Doc Ward, a kind of country doctor who made more

house-calls than office visits. He owned a gloriously profane old parrot that hung in a cage on his big front porch, “...got him in an old river-front tavern in St. Louis...” he’d say. Doc spent most of his professional time delivering babies. He called it “...catchin’ a baby...” and rumor was he always stopped off for a short snort at Caesar’s tavern on the way over.

There was ‘Meathead’ the barber who gave me my first haircut and had me sit on a big old dictionary to put my

head at his level. Then there was ‘Hack’ West a self-described local politician who boasted that he always carried his precinct big in local and county elections.

My old man’s nickname was ‘Boxcar’ (he never would tell me why). He was gregarious, well-liked and a stern disciplinarian with his kids. It seems like I was always in some kind of trouble and the thing that most quickly straightened my crooked path was the threat of taking me home to ‘Boxcar’.

I had a cousin

nicknamed ‘Sputnik’ because he thought he spied the Russian satellite passing overhead as it launched the country into the space race back in the fall of 1957.

And yes, even I had a nickname—‘Rootie Kazootie’ (I’ll let you Google that one). So when I first met my wife’s best friend whose nickname was ‘Rody Rotanna’ (I have no idea why) my wife introduced us like this: “Rody: Rudy; Rudy: Rody”. Nice, Huh?

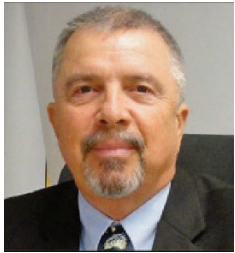
As I get around the Valley and meet with people, I often wonder

(and worry a little) about how kids growing up today will remember their younger years.

Someone recently told me that I grew up in the ‘golden age’ of being a kid. I suppose that’s true since most of my childhood memories are bathed in a kind of soft benevolence that reminds me of the closing scene in the movie ‘Second Hand Lions’ when the Sheik’s great grandson asks Walter about his great uncles “...so these men really lived?” Walter replied “Yeah, they REALLY lived!”



Michael LaVault  
Mayor



Charles Vickers  
Vice Mayor



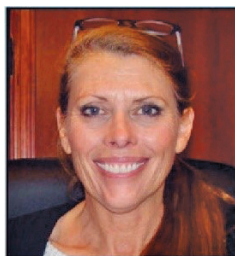
Margaret Chittenden  
Councilmember



Karen Haney Duncan  
Councilmember



Michael Francis  
Councilmember



Susan Hout  
Councilmember



Jim Starke  
Councilmember

## NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Email your article to Jeanne Blackman: [jblackman@youngtownaz.org](mailto:jblackman@youngtownaz.org)

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## Save The Date COFFEE with a COP

Join MCSO District III deputies and staff at the next Coffee with a Cop event on Wednesday, October 4th (National Coffee with a Cop Day) at 8 AM.

Get to know the deputies who patrol your community and ask questions that are important to you! Starbucks -10700 W Bell Rd, Sun City, AZ 85351



### 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

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Town Administrative Office hours Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. • [www.youngtownaz.org](http://www.youngtownaz.org)

# “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 somewhat 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 went 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.

## Art Comission

Youngtown Art Show  
October 14, 2023 from  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Kids Craft Day  
February 10, 2023 from  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Spring Art Show  
March 23, 2024 from

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Art in Motion classes at  
6:00 p.m.  
• September 20, 2023  
Rock Painting  
• November 15, 2023  
photography  
All Art Commission class-

es are held in the Youngtown Clubhouse, 12033 N. Clubhouse Square

If you have any questions, please email Val at [youngtownaz.public.art@gmail.com](mailto:youngtownaz.public.art@gmail.com)



### Youngtown Fall Art Show

Youngtown Art Commission

October 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Town Square Clubhouse  
12033 N. Clubhouse Square

Artwork of various mediums will be on display, featuring the talents of Youngtown artists and other local artists! Prizes will be awarded.

If interested in having your work displayed, please contact [youngtownaz.public.art@gmail.com](mailto:youngtownaz.public.art@gmail.com).

# Youngtown Public Library

## October 2023

Let Freedom Read! is the slogan for this year's Banned Books Week. Banned Books Week, held from October 1 – 7, celebrates the freedom to read and spotlights current and historical attempts to censor books in libraries and schools. The annual event brings together the book community of librarians, teachers, booksellers, publishers, writers, journalists, and readers of all types in support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular. By focusing on efforts across the country to remove or restrict access to books, Banned Books Week draws national attention to the harms of censorship. Here at the Youngtown Public Library, we support the right of every reader to read the books of their choice. (Courtesy American Library Association, 2023)

### OCTOBER IMPORTANT DATES

October 1-7	Banned Books Week – Let Freedom Read!
October 3	Rather Be Reading Book Club at 10:00 a.m.
October 4	Storytime with Miss Mary at 10:30 a.m.
October 9	Columbus Day Holiday – Library Closed
October 10	Storytime with Miss Mary at the Peoria Family Resource Center
October 11	Storytime with Miss Mary at 10:30 a.m.
October 18	Storytime with Miss Mary at 10:30 a.m.
October 24	Cards, Games, & More @ the Library at 1:00 p.m.
October 25	Halloween Parade Storytime with Miss Mary at 10:30 a.m.
October 28	G.A.I.N. Event from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**HALLOWEEN PARADE STORYTIME WITH MISS MARY:** Join us for a special storytime with Miss Mary on Wednesday, October 25 at 10:30 a.m. Wear your Halloween costume and join our costume parade on the Town Hall Complex after storytime!

**CARDS, GAMES, & MORE @ THE LIBRARY:** Love to play games and cards? Join other game enthusiasts at our newest program for adults. Cards, Games, & More @ the Library meets the 4th Tuesday of every month at 1 p.m. to play Skip-Bo, Phase 10, Bingo, Yahtzee and more! This project is supported by the Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records, a division of the Secretary of State, with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

**STORYTIME WITH MISS MARY:** Storytime with Miss Mary is every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Join us for an all-ages storytime filled with books, songs, and fun! This project is supported by the Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records, a division of the Secretary of State, with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

**RATHER BE READING BOOK CLUB:** The Rather Be Reading Book Club will meet on October 3 at 10 a.m. We are reading *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. For more

### The Youngtown Public Library offers many services, including:

- **FREE Book and DVD checkout** (with a Youngtown Library card)
- **FREE WI-FI**
- **FREE use of 6 Public Computers**
- **FREE Tax and Legal Forms**
- **FREE faxes (with a Youngtown Library card) – 10-page limit**
- **Printing/Copies \$ .15 each**

information contact Mary Vass, Library Manager at 623-974-3401

### LOCATION

The Youngtown Library and the Youngtown Historical Museum are located in Town Square, between Alabama and Youngtown Avenues, just west of 112th Avenue. For additional information about the Library or the 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

### GIRL SCOUT TROOP 997

MEET: 2nd and 4th Thursdays at the Clubhouse and off site other Thursdays  
azgstroop997@gmail.com

All clubs meet in the Clubhouse unless otherwise noted.

### YOUNGTOWN CITIZENS' DOG PARK

MEET: 3rd Saturday of the month 10:30 a.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: 3rd Wednesday of the month 5:30 p.m.  
Madelon Jeffreys – 623-977-4661

## NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Email your article to Jeanne Blackman: [jblackman@youngtownaz.org](mailto:jblackman@youngtownaz.org)

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**A YOUNGTOWN WINTER MIRACLE**  
**Saturday, December 9, 2023**  
**Greer Park • 112th and Alabama Avenues**  
**5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

# News You Can Use...

## Canine Happenings at the Dog Park!

### Mural at the park

A special thank you to Valerie Wilson of the Youngtown Art Commission in procuring the painting talent of Tanya in freshening up and brightening the beautiful mural in the dog park. She spent many an early morning working diligently and did an amazing job! Thanks to Dale for taking the pictures of the mural

and capturing the beauty of it all. Be sure to stop by and have a look when you're visiting!

### Halloween Dog Walk

The annual Youngtown Halloween Dog Walk will be Sat., Oct. 28th at 11a.m.

Have fun with your neighbors, enjoy the weather and see all of the pups showing off their halloween best! Everyone

welcome with a contest to follow. We will have first, second and third place winners!

All who would like to participate in the contest are asked to make a \$5.00 donation.

Thank you for visiting the park, and as Bob Barker would like to be remembered by; please remember to spay and neuter your pets!



Mural looks good, but throw my ball



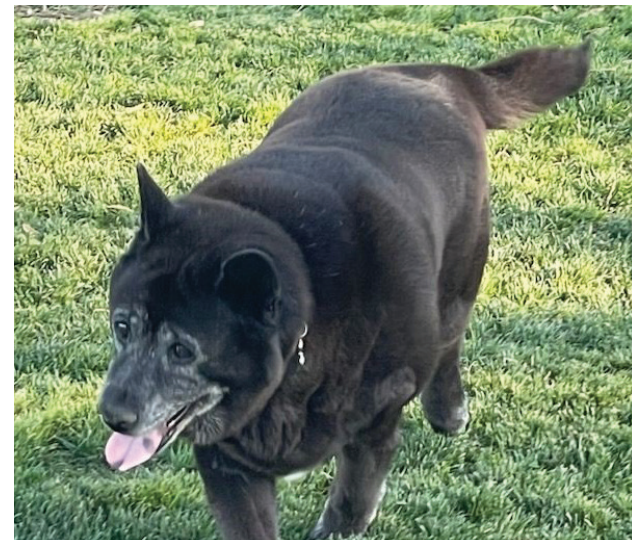
Where did the Frizbee go?



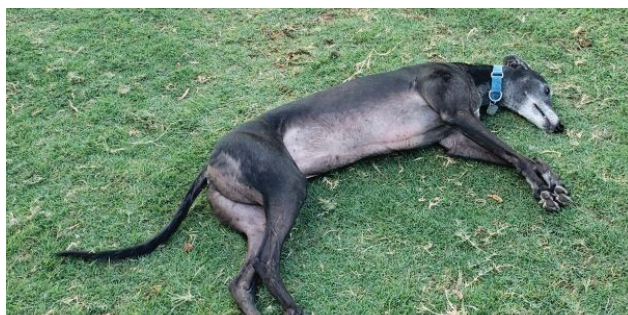
Want to play?



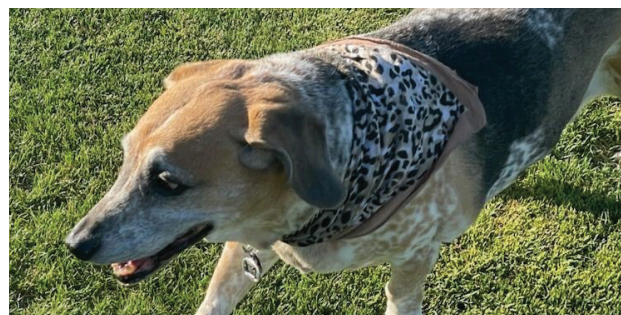
Mena cooling off



Getting my exercise



Relaxing after my run



RITA, enjoying the morning

### 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

# In The Spotlight

The Town of Youngtown features 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 one of our hidden treasures right here in Youngtown!

## Euphoria Reign

### Hair Care Services in Youngtown, serving the West Valley Area

Euphoria Reign is an upscale salon specializing in hair and skin care services in the Youngtown area. “Euphoria Reign also offers wig maintenance and restoration,” said the salon owner and proprietor, Lynda Dickens. Located in Youngtown, Arizona, the salon has provided services for the last six years, perfecting service specific to its clientele. The salon uses completely 100% vegan products, sulphate and parben free products, a mix of natural and organic ingredients combined with the latest technologies available to offer high-quality products and services. Euphoria Reign recently added their own line of wigs and hair made of the finest 100% human hair in a variety of styles and 27 colors offered. Additionally our

service, maintenance and restoration services are available to care for synthetic and human hair wigs. Your wig can be serviced in three easy steps. One, it can be picked up from your home. Secondly, it will be restored by trained professionals, and three it will be delivered back to you in five to seven days, just in time to wear to your next event or simple daily wear. This service is perfect for those experiencing hair loss due to pre and post cancer treatments, alopecia, thyroid conditions and aging. “This service is another way in which we advance our mission. Maximum Beauty, Maximum Wellness. Euphoria Reign also offers free haircuts every second Tuesday of the month for those people having hair loss from their cancer treatment.



We also donate 20% of all proceeds of that day to the Banner Health Foundation, The Women’s Diagnostic Center. For more information or to take advantage of our many services, please contact the salon at 623-261-3645 or stop by our location in Youngtown AZ 11116 West California Ave Ste L & K Youngtown, AZ 85363.



## Youngtown Community Fund Medical Lending Center

We are here to serve the West Valley with durable medical equipment to aid in your rehabili-

tation efforts while recovering from surgery or an accident. We loan for up to 4 months at no

charge. We welcome gently used mobility equipment to add to our inventory. Cash donations



are always accepted to allow us to purchase replacements for overused items that are unable to

be repaired due to normal wear and tear. We do not require a prescription and no appointment is needed. We are open 9-1 Monday-Saturday but take our last client at 12:30 each day. Many items are available, such as wheelchairs, walkers, bedside commodes, toilet risers or rails, and many more

items. We also have roll-a-way beds if you have a guest coming. Wishing everyone a nice fall season. Happy Halloween! We are located at 11215-A W. Nevada Ave. in Youngtown. We are open Monday-Friday from 9am-1pm. No appointment or prescription is needed.

# In The Works

## October 2023



**Marty Mosbrucker**  
Public Works Manager

Sometimes we had our doubts that the weather would change on us as we were living and working in the hot and often humid conditions in the valley of the sun. As in life, when we are in the middle of an uncomfortable situation, it can be hard to see that it is temporary and that we must get through it in order to reap a reward. Our reward is living with beautiful Sonoran Desert weather, for the next 6 months. The cooler air is so welcoming, we feel renewed and refreshed! Halloween will be here soon, with many children parading through the streets going door to door in search of their next cavity. Please be careful driving through Town, as many ghosts and goblins will be walking after dark.

As of this writing, the Monsoon season has been quite dry. Phoenix saw a temperature of 110° or hotter every single day from June 30th to July 30th. That makes a record-setting 31 days in a row of extreme heat. Previously, that record was 18 consecutive days. The high temperature in Phoenix also soared to 115° and above 17 days this month. That is the most 115° plus days ever recorded in a single year and we could still see more before the summer is done. July temperatures also soared to some of the highest levels

ever recorded with three days of highs at 119°. As if those scorching hot days were not bad enough, it was the lack of overnight relief that really made this heat wave unlike any other. For 16 straight days, the Phoenix temperature did not drop below 90°. That is more than double the previous record-long streak. In fact, it was so warm overnight through the month of July that an all-time record warm low temperature of 97° degrees was set on the morning of July 19th. With all this extreme heat and lack of rain, one would think that there is no way weeds could possibly grow. Weed seeds can stay dormant in the soil for years. It does not take much water to germinate weed seeds. Regardless of the intense heat and lack of monsoon moisture, this fall and winter, we will see weeds popping up everywhere. Public Works sprays weeds in the alleyways two times a year, once in the spring and once in the fall. You may not be aware of this, but the area in the alley behind your home, is your property. You, the resident, are responsible for the maintenance of this area. The Town does have right of way easement to conduct utility repairs and upgrades in this area as well as, conducting right-of-way operations in the front area of your home along the street side. Regardless of the Town's right-of-way jurisdiction, it is the residents' responsibility to maintain these right-of-ways, keeping them weed free and debris free. Just as the resident must maintain their entire front yard to the street, they must also maintain their



back yard from their fence to the alley. Some residents state that the debris behind their fence in the alley is not theirs, that someone else dropped it off and they expect the Town to dispose of the debris and to pay for the related expense. If someone dropped off debris in your front yard, would you expect the Town to pick it up and to pay for the related expense to dispose? No, because it is your property and you are responsible to maintain it, regardless of who dumps debris in your yard. This same logic applies to your back yard; you are responsible to dispose of debris, regardless

of who dumps it. Why? Because it is your property. Community Pride starts with the residents in the community. Maintain your property; improve your neighborhood and property values rise. Your community also becomes a more desirable area to reside in when the homes are well maintained and attractive. The Broken Windows Theory is a criminological theory that states that visible signs of crime, anti-social behavior, and civil disorder create an urban environment that encourages further crime and disorder, including serious crimes. The theory suggests that

policing methods that target minor crimes, such as vandalism, loitering, public drinking, and jaywalking, help to create an atmosphere of order and lawfulness. Along with the cooler weather and more people getting out and about, the Town seems to experience an increase in vandalism. Vandalism is "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. Form a community association or neighborhood watch program. You can't fight vandalism on your own, so it is important that you engage your neighbors and others in your community in your battle as well. This not only helps them take a more active interest, but it also provides them with the opportunity to get to know each other. Hold parties and social activities in your neighborhood. Getting to know your neighbor goes beyond knowing their name and face. You should develop a friendship or trust of some type so they know to watch your back while you are watching theirs. Meet new neighbors as they move in. A great way to spot new neighbors is by watching homes that are for sale. Once you see the sign disappear go over and introduce yourself. Talk to your neighbors if you see something suspicious. Even if it is nothing, talking to them allows them to see you are concerned and take an interest, which will encourage them to do the same. 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.

**TOWN OF YOUNGTOWN**  
**G.A.I.N. EVENT**



**SATURDAY**

**OCTOBER 28th, 2023**

**5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**YOUNGTOWN GREER PARK**  
**112<sup>TH</sup> AND ALABAMA**  
**AVENUES**

**BRING YOUR CHILDREN TO A FUN EVENT**  
**TO TRICK OR TREAT**  
**GETTING ARIZONA INVOLVED**  
**IN NEIGHBORHOODS**  
**FUN TIME FOR THE WHOLE**  
**FAMILY**

