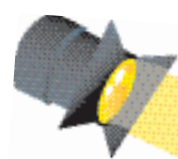


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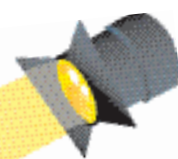
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In the *Heart* of the Northwest Valley



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!

Dee's Gifted Hands Spa Boutique

Devette Ross, RN, was born and raised in Oakland, California. She served in the United States Air Force for approximately 10 years during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. While serving she had 5 beautiful kids. Devette received an honorable discharge from the military in 2005. In 2006 she attended Western Career College pursuing a License Practical Nurse (LPN) certificate. While working as an LPN full time at Carl T. Hayden Veteran's Hospital in Phoenix, Devette attended Carrington College and received an associate's degree in nursing.

In 2011, Devette became a Registered Nurse, as she is very passionate about helping other's get well. In 2014 Devette took an interest in becoming a licensed aesthetician, laser tech and cosmetic injector. She then went to the Skin & Makeup Institute and National Laser Institute and fell in love with the idea of giving people facials, improving their skin,



GIFTED HANDS SPA BOUTIQUE

having people just relax, and making people feel good about themselves. She now has 14 years of nursing and 8 years of medical esthetics experience.

She is the proud owner of Dee's Gifted Hands Spa Boutique located at 13246 N. 113th Ave., Suite 10, Youngtown, AZ 85363. She started this journey because of a patient she met during a home care visit. She states the patient was in her 60's but looked more like she was in her 40's. She asked the patient what she was doing to look so young. The patient stated she takes good care of her skin, gets a variety of services like monthly facials to help her look and feel good.



With Devette having a background in psych nursing, she feels that some people could use a lot more self-care in their life. This is why she started Dee's Gifted

Hands Spa Boutique to reach people that can use this self-care in their life and improve their skin. She is located in Youngtown where she makes her clients look younger;

remember your age is your business but how you look is hers.

She offers a variety of services here at the spa. Such as Facials, Cosmetic injections, IV therapy, Body contouring, Professional makeup, and so much more. She is know as "The Gifted Skin Therapist". She with the help of her team has grown this business by creating the perfect, most sought-after facials in the industry. It is more than just a custom facial treatment, each of their services are transformative treatments that work to provide immediate glow and long-lasting results for each of their valued clients. She displays a true dedication to her clients and their skin results. She goes above and beyond to make sure your skin results is exactly what you are looking for. So while you are at it why don't you come to Youngtown to look younger too!

Dee's Gifted Hands Spa Boutique
(623) 374-1122
GiftedHandsSpa.com

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From the Mayor... The Foundation and the Capstone of Our Freedoms

The first ten amendments to the constitution of the United States of America are known as the bill of rights. They were written by James Madison and ratified in 1791. They are foundational to everything else in our governing documents because they lay out our basic and God given rights and limit the powers of our government to abridge those rights.

The First Amendment is the capstone of this foundation; without it nothing else matters: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances".

The most important part of this most important first amendment is the part which guarantees us freedom of speech. Without the ability to speak freely all of our other God given rights are also abridged or sharply curtailed.

Governmental actions taken, in league



with several social media platforms during the Covid pandemic, appear to have stepped way over the line in abridging our right to freedom of speech.

While Constitutional protection of our freedom of speech only applies to government and not to businesses in the private sector, it is now clear that several

social media platforms censored, removed and otherwise restricted the free exchange of information and speech, acting in league with or as an agent of

our government. In 1996, as part of the 'Communications Decency Act' Congress passed Section 230 which gives liability protection to 'providers' of social media platforms which essentially "...are the publisher or speaker of any information provided by another information content provider..." By curtailing or regulating or suppressing free speech by some and not others and with an obvious political bias, they appear to be more than just a passive platform provider and are in violation of those Section 230 protections. When that law was passed, in 1996, there were only around 40 million people using the internet; now there are billions of users worldwide. Clearly, the courts and ultimately Congress, must step in to reinterpret and rewrite permissible censoring actions of social media platforms to assure that our first amendment rights to freedom of speech remain robust and that we, the people, continue to have access to all the information available.



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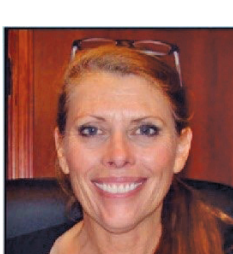
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Monsoon Time is Upon Us – Watch Out For Lightning!



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

Thunder and lightning storms happen all the time. But did you know that lightning strikes and lightning fires occur most often in the summer?

Approximately 10% of thunderstorms are considered severe, which means they may produce hail up to three-quarters of an inch in diameter, have winds of at least 58 miles per hour, or produce a tornado (spinning wind) or micro-burst (sudden downburst of wind). Most lightning deaths and injuries occur when people are caught outdoors in the summer months during the evening or afternoon. The chances of being struck by lightning are about 1 in 600,000.

- Lightning often



strikes outside of heavy rain and may occur as far as 10 miles from any rainfall.

- Outside and other fires accounted for 78% of the lightning fires reported to local fire departments.

Before a Storm:

- Stay informed - listen to a weather radio to check local forecasts and news reports regularly. Keep a battery-powered or hand-cranked radio along with extra batteries.

- Buy ground fault protectors for key electrical equipment.

- Remove dead or rotting trees and branches that could fall.

- If a thunderstorm is likely in your area, postpone outdoor activities.

- Secure outside doors and objects. Secure outdoor objects that could blow away.

- Unplug appliances and other electrical items, such as computers, TV's, and if possible - turn off air conditioners. If you are unable to unplug them, turn them off.

During a Storm:

- Follow the 30-30 rule: When you see lightning, count the seconds until you hear thunder. If that time is 30 seconds or less, the thunderstorm is within 6 miles and is dangerous. Seek shelter immediately. The threat of lightning continues longer than most people think. Wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder before leaving your shelter.

- If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance for lightning. Seek safe shelter immediately.

- Stop outdoor activities at the first clap of thunder and get inside a large building or an enclosed vehicle. Wait 30 minutes after the thunder to go back outside.

- When inside, stay off corded phones, computers, and other electronic equipment

that put you in direct contact with electricity or plumbing. Cordless phones and cell phones are safe to use. Avoid showering or bathing.

- If you are in open water, go to land and seek shelter immediately.

- If you feel your hair stand on end, indicating that lightning is about to strike, squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet. Place your hands over your ears and your head between your knees. Make yourself the smallest target possible and minimize your contact with the ground. Do not lie flat on the ground. This is a last resort when a building or hard-topped vehicle is not available.

After a Storm:

- If a person is struck by lightning, call 9-1-1 and get medical care immediately.

- Lightning strike victims carry no electrical charge; attend to them immediately. Check their breathing, heartbeat, and pulse.

(Contributing information: NFPA)

Construction to commence on the new Dunkin' restaurant

Dunkin' U.S. will begin construction on a 1,277 square foot freestanding restaurant with a drive-thru market. The development is located 11121 Grand Ave., just

east of the existing Motel 6 Hotel.

Permits have been issued by the town and a pre-construction meeting was held on August 2nd. During the

pre-construction meeting the General Contactor for the project informed the town that construction staging for the site would start immediately. The construction schedule for

completion of the project is between ninety (90) and one-hundred and twenty (120) days from the start.

Due to the unusually high temperatures this summer, the contractor

may be requesting some early morning concrete pours. Hot temperatures can be tricky, if the weather is too hot, the concrete may not cure properly, resulting in a

weaker structure.

We will keep you posted on our "Construction Update" page on our website if any early morning activities are scheduled.



A YOUNGTOWN WINTER MIRACLE

Saturday, December 9, 2023

Greer Park • 112th and Alabama Avenues

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

Youngtown Public Library

September 2023

School has begun, summer is almost over, and the weather is finally cooling down but things are still happening at the library. A Library Card is Elemental (and essential)! September is National Library Card Month where libraries nationwide unite to encourage every child (and adult too!) to get their own library card. Youngtown Public Library is participating in the effort with every child signing up for a library card this month receiving a prize. The Library has over 7000 books, DVDs and Blu-rays, learning kits, and computers available for check out. In addition, with a library card a child has access to online resources and databases. The Library continues to offer free programming to library users of all ages. Now is a perfect time to visit your local library and see everything we have to offer.

SEPTEMBER IMPORTANT DATES

September	A Library Card is Elemental National Library Card month
September 4	Labor Day Holiday – Library Closed
September 5	Rather Be Reading Book Club at 10:00 a.m.
September 6	Storytime with Miss Mary at 10:30 a.m.
September 12	Storytime with Miss Mary at the Peoria Family Resource Center
September 13	Storytime with Miss Mary at 10:30 a.m.
September 14	Last day to pick up Summer Reading prizes
September 14	Friends of the Youngtown Public Library meeting at 9:00 a.m.

September 20	Storytime with Miss Mary at 10:30 a.m.
September 26	Cards, Games, & More @ the Library at 1:00 p.m.
September 27	Storytime with Miss Mary at 10:30 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 September 5 at 10 a.m. We are celebrating the iconic western writer, Louis L'Amour. Read any Louis L'Amour book and share

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**

it with the group. For more 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

AARP Historic Chapter #1

Due to the excessive heat, and wanting all our elderly members to be safe, the August 4th meeting was cancelled. Our September 1st MEETING is being MOVED to September 8th so that a long Labor Day weekend can be enjoyed by all.

New members are welcome to attend our



meetings. We have a wonderful potluck followed by a short business meeting and then a speaker with great information for all. We are searching for

outgoing people to join our board and support our community efforts.

We meet in the Youngtown Clubhouse/Council Chambers the first Friday of each month at 5 PM. We look forward to seeing you there. For more information, call Jay Lickus at 623-734-5438.

Happy and safe Labor Day to all!

Rocks of Inspiration

These awesome creations have drawn attention for our "Rocks of Inspiration". We

hope they are inspirational for the finders. There are rocks hidden in many spots, so keep

looking and send your pics to youngtownaz.public.art@gmail.com.



News You Can Use...

Canine Happenings at the Dog Park!

The long hot summer is over with – hopefully we can all enjoy cooler weather as outside activities will be more enjoyable! During the hot months of July and August, Tonya has been out at the dog park, very early in the morning, working on the mural. The Youngtown Art Commission hired Tonya to refresh the present mural. The original mural was painted by students during the Spring of 2015 and has held up great over the years! Although the mural has held up great over the years, even with all the rain, wind, hail, and summer heat, Tonya has been touching it up with a new type of fade proof paint. Be sure to stop by the dog park and check out the mural on the north wall. Fun fact- the mural was designed by 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders!

During the past several months, the dog park has seen many new owners with their pets! At times, there are more dogs than people! Dogs do make friends easily. Not all dogs get along with each other, but I am surprised how many dogs are in the park and how they get along and play well with each other! I have included photos of some of the many dogs who have come to play at our park!

The next meeting for the Citizens' Dog Park of Youngtown will be Saturday September 23rd, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. in the kitchen area of the clubhouse in Town Hall Square. Please consider being a part of the community – the board does have an opening. Perhaps after the meeting you might want to be a board member. The main duties of the board are presenting ideas and comments on amenities



Playtime



Greyhound meeting others

and policies concerning the dog park. In order to be a board member, you must be approved by the Town council and at present there are 4 boards; Arts Commission, Community Gardens, Citizens' Dog Park, and the newest board is Neighborhood Watch. As a reminder all committee meetings are open to the public, not just Youngtown residents.

At the next dog park meeting further discussion will be held about our upcoming events; Halloween parade walk around Maricopa Lake, hosting a table at the G.A.I.N. event, pet

photos with Santa, and pet blessing. Many volunteers will be needed for the upcoming events. If you are interested, please call Councilmember Margaret Chittenden to find out more information on becoming a volunteer, as they are the base of any organization.

Donations can be made at the following locations: Koppy's on Michigan Avenue, Spoiled Rotten Pet Salon at 11246 N. 113th Avenue, Youngtown Library and as always Youngtown Town Hall, Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Shake my paw

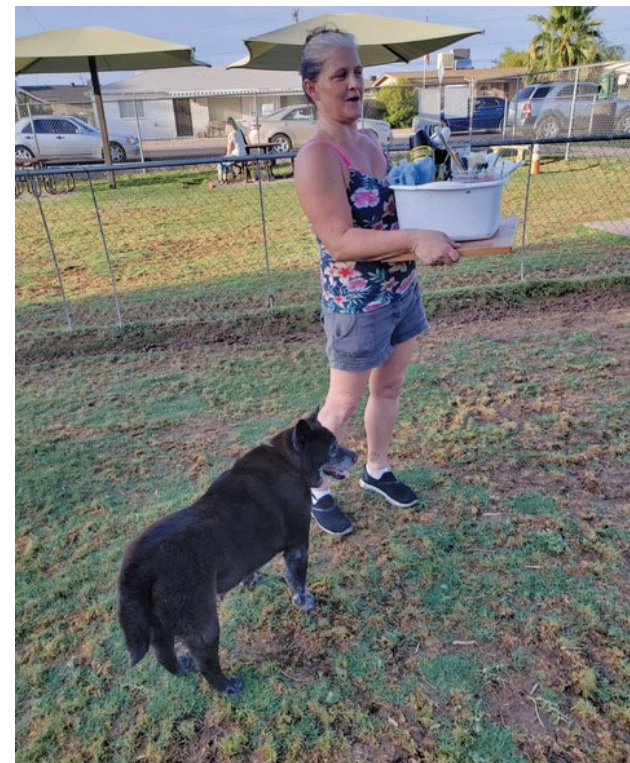
Volunteers are the best! Thank you to those who keep the area clean, and keep items picked up. We have a very friendly, happy, and helpful group of residents, always looking out for each other!

The dog park is a great place for your furry friends to get some exercise and for you to meet some new friends! We hope to see you there!

Please contact Councilmember Chittenden at 480-861-1576 for questions or text photos with pets' names and the location of the photos.



Have a safe Labor Day Weekend



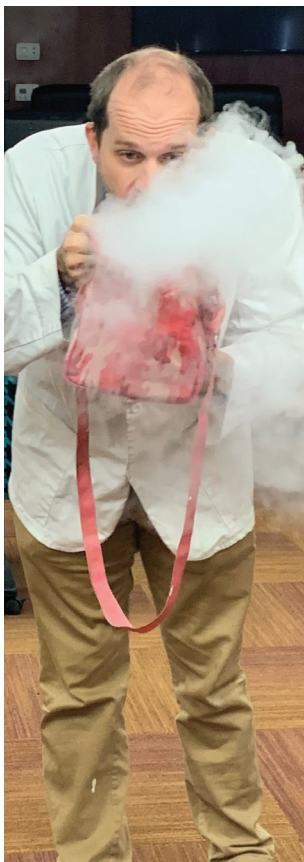
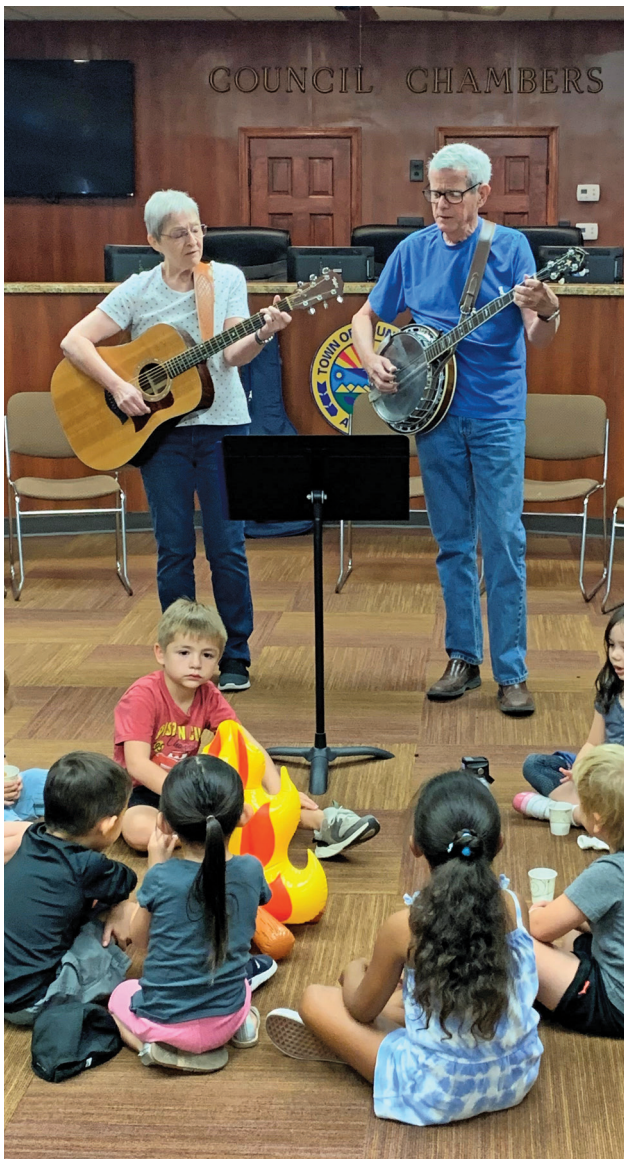
Tonya packed up after early morning painting the mural



Who's coming in

Summer Fun at the Youngtown Public Library

We had lots of fun at the library this summer. Magical Michael Steele entertained us and taught us tricks at his Yo-Yo Show. We sat around the campfire, ate s'mores in a cup, and sang camp songs with Ms. Kathy and Mr. Ron. We cooled off with ice cream and yard games at the Library's Annual Ice Cream Social. Dr. T-Rex brought his Dr. T-Rex Science! Show where we were amazed at what you can do with science. Finally, we finished with Eileen Morgan and her Taiko drums. A wonderful summer of reading, learning, music, and fun. Can't wait until next summer!



In The Works

September 2023



Marty Mosbrucker
Public Works Manager

It is a new year! A new fiscal year, that is. As stated in the last article, here is a detail of the planned public works capital improvements for this new fiscal year. Notice the word "planned." I once heard the statement, "life is what happens when you're making other plans." What "could" happen to sideline any of one of these projects, is a continuation of supply chain labor shortages and the escalating cost of materials. As we face labor shortages and the skyrocketing cost of materials, further analysis of planned projects and potential delays is inevitable. Material short-

ages are due primarily from demand-pull and cost-push. Demand -pull conditions occur when consumers pull prices up, while cost-push occurs when supply costs force prices higher. Just when you read or hear on the news that the labor and material shortage issue is easing up, it seems that something happens on a global or even more local scale, that brings us back to a shortage.

Project planning is the second of the four stages of a project management life cycle, which are initiation, planning, execution, and closure. During this stage, a project manager develops a project plan, which contains information about all aspects of a project, such as resources, financing, risk, quality control and procurement. Creating this detail is an important part of project management, as it serves as a map for the project and provides all parties with crucial information regarding

factors like milestones, timeframes, resources, deliverables, and scope. The planned projects for fiscal year 2023/24 are as follows: Purchase of two work trucks; one for public works and one for code enforcement. The flooring in Town Hall is budgeted to be replaced. The Town Hall flooring has an old asbestos laden floor tile which must be remediated before the new flooring is installed. The MCSO sub-station will have a remodel performed. The Town has an intergovernmental agreement in place with Maricopa County. The Town and the County will perform the remodel together to provide a mutually beneficial building in which MCSO can maintain a constant presence. Major tree trimming is in the budget for the Parks. Schleifer Park basketball court is budgeted for a resurface. There is a budget for a few new park tables. The Community Garden could use a re-

stroom, good thing that there is a restroom in the budget for this Town amenity. The street resurfacing planned for the fiscal year, is all the streets from Grand Avenue proceeding south to Alabama Ave.

Subject to Change: Monsoon season. Hopefully we are having a monsoon season, as of the date of writing this article, July 17, the monsoon has been quiet. **Dust Storms: PULL ASIDE, STAY ALIVE!** If you encounter a dust storm, and cannot avoid driving into it, pull off the road as far as you can safely do so. Turn off your headlights and taillights. Put your vehicle in "PARK," and/or engage your parking brake, and take your foot off the brake (so your brake lights are not illuminated.) Other motorists may tend to follow tail lights in an attempt to get through the dust storm, and may strike your vehicle from behind.

Lightning: When thun-

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

Flash Floods: The rainfall from a monsoon storm can be of a large volume in a short time span, causing some road flooding. Driving around barricades is illegal and dangerous. Do not let children play near storm drains or washes after a heavy rain. Roadbeds may be washed out under floodwaters. Never drive through flooded roadways. As little as ten inches of water can float average-sized cars, minivans, SUVs and trucks. Strength of the flow is the critical force. When in doubt, wait it out, or find a safer route.

Sand bags: When the

weather forecasts potential flooding, sandbags will be placed in the gated lot directly west of the Public Works yard located at 11117 W. Peoria Ave. There is a large pile of sand which residents can use to fill sandbags. If you are concerned about potential flooding on your property, the sandbags and sand are free for residents. You will need to bring your own shovel and fill the bags on your own. Please take only as much as you think you will need. We will advertise the flood advisory on the Town digital sign boards. One digital sign board is located on Olive Ave east of Agua Fria Ranch Parkway, one is located at the intersection of Peoria Ave and 111th Ave., and one is located at the parking lot entrance to the Town Square campus located on Alabama Ave. If you have questions or concerns, please call Town Hall at 623-933-8286.

Youngtown Community Fund Medical Lending Center

How many times have you or a family member been in an accident or had surgery and had to purchase items to help in the healing process? We are here to assist residents of Youngtown, Peoria, El Mirage, and Surprise with short-term medical equipment to aid in a speedy recovery.

We loan for up to 4 months at no charge! We have items such as wheel-



chairs, companion chairs, walkers, canes, crutches, toilet risers, and bedside commodes.

We are open Monday-Saturday from 9-1.

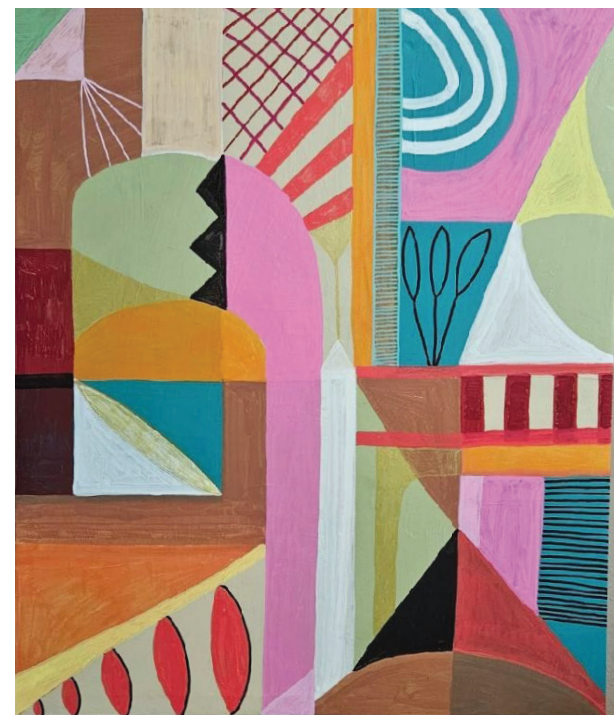
We look forward to assisting you with getting you back on your feet. No appointment or prescription is needed. Stop by or call us with any questions.

Have a safe Labor Day weekend!

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.

Art Show

Are you an artist who would like to showcase some of your work? Do you have artistic creations that are ready to showcase? Come share your creativity at the Youngtown Fall Art Show on October 14th in the Youngtown Clubhouse! Prizes will be awarded for various categories, including "Best in Show". You need to be 18 and older for the show. If you are interested in participating, please email Amy at youngtownaz.public.art@gmail.com. Hope to see your masterpieces soon! More information is available, so feel free to email us!



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G.A.I.N. EVENT



SATURDAY

OCTOBER 28th, 2023

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

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