Welcome to another edition of the Report to Citizens. It has been an active time in the County since the Spring Edition came out.

The Tinder Fire, in the Blue Ridge area, was the most devastating disaster in terms of homes lost the County has seen. Many homes and structures were lost, and while there was no loss of life, residents’ lives were impacted and changed forever. The County also experienced a 1000-year rain event this summer in the northern section of the Schultz Flood Area. The flooding from this massive event damaged properties, but overall the flood mitigation performed well.

These events are tragic. However, we are very proud of our many County departments and team members as well as community organizations like the United Way of Northern Arizona and Team Rubicon who stepped-up to help residents during these events and to assist in recovery efforts. When we face future emergencies, we will continue to serve those in need – which is what we see as core and essential functions of local government.

The County was also able to celebrate successes since this past spring. We approved a responsible budget and invested funds in public safety, employee retention, behavioral health programs and fair justice initiatives. Coconino County continues to have the lowest primary property tax rate of any county in Arizona.

We also were proud to hire a Forest Restoration Director, Jay Smith, demonstrating our commitment to advancing the County’s critical forest restoration initiative. The goals of this initiative are to safeguard our communities and protect critical watersheds like Bill Williams Mountain and the Rio de Flag from the effects of catastrophic wildfire and post-fire flooding.

The launch of the pilot program called “Super Service Saturday” was another County success, which provided County services on Saturdays to people who couldn’t access them during normal business hours.

As we look forward and provide innovative and efficient services to our citizens and visitors, we will continue to engage people and seek their input on critical issues. As you can see in this issue, we have updates on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan (Page 10-11) process and the Joint Land Use Study (Page 19). We’ve held several community meetings and are taking comments online for both processes. The feedback has been awesome, and this is a great example of the community collaboration that we strive for.

With the November election coming in less than a month, we’re also happy to have voting information in this edition and thrilled that the Election’s and Treasurer’s Office opened a satellite office in the Flagstaff Mall, so people have another avenue to access those offices and services.

Please enjoy these and the many other stories in this edition and always feel free to contact the County if you have any questions or comments. Our offices are always open!

Sincerely,

The Coconino County Board of Supervisors
Chairman Art Babbott, Vice-Chair Lena Fowler, District 2 Supervisor Liz Archuleta, District 3 Supervisor Matt Ryan and District 4 Supervisor Jim Parks.
REPORT TO CITIZENS

The Coconino Hispanic Advisory Council (CHAC) is a group of Hispanic leaders who build bridges of connection and communication. CHAC honors Hispanic Trailblazers, community leaders and veterans who have served their community with selfless hours of work and recognizes young leaders advancing in community service.

The Coconino County Board of Supervisors proclaimed Sept. 15 – Oct. 14, 2018 as Hispanic Heritage Month. CHAC members were present to read the proclamation at the Board’s Sept. 11 meeting.

To celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, the County Human Resources Department has collaborated with CHAC to create cultural activities and presentations. CHAC will present an overview of the Hispanic Advisory Council and participate in other activities.

Throughout the year, CHAC promotes Hispanic cultural arts, historic events and community leadership. It also funds various cultural events in collaboration with community groups. Student volunteers learn about leadership, organizational skills and historical grassroots of the Hispanic Community. CHAC was honored as Korean Veterans joined CHAC members in the 4th of July Parade this year.

This Advisory Council is also looking forward to the 5th Annual Cesar B. Chavez Breakfast in March 2019, which will again celebrate diversity and communication with county, city and community leaders. At that event, Trail Blazers, community leaders and veterans who do extraordinary community service are recognized.

One of CHAC’s goals is to recruit more members for the Council and more volunteers for the coming year. If you are interested in joining this or Coconino County’s other two other Advisory Councils (Inter-Tribal and African American Councils), then see the County website www.coconino.az.gov under Boards and Commissions or call Susie Garretson at 928-679-7135.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Meeting Schedule

Meetings take place in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers on the first floor of the Coconino County Administrative Building at 219 E. Cherry Ave. in Flagstaff and can be live-streamed at http://www.coconino.az.gov/1589/BOS-Video-Stream:

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Greetings, County Residents!

**Supervisor Art Babbott, District 1**

One of the most interesting aspects of serving in local government is to vision forward. This process ensures that policies we adopt today are relevant and responsive to County residents, economies and communities well into the future. This year, the Board of Supervisors is engaged in several long-range policy discussions that will shape how the County will look and feel well into the future.

The County Zoning Code has not been substantially reviewed or reformed in some 30 years. We know the world is a different place in 2018 than it was in the 1980’s. The review of the County Zoning Code is critical to making our commercial and industrial areas relational to the changes we are witnessing in our economies and society.

All around us, we see significant changes in retail merchandising where traditional bricks-and-mortar operations are impacted by online and direct delivery services. Understanding these changes is important so that zoning reflects and supports entrepreneurship, innovation and small business development.

As higher proportions of retail occur online, we need to make sure our commercial zoning provides opportunities for non-traditional commercial operations and businesses such as creative start-up technologies, appropriate light manufacturing, digital companies, logistics, food processing and more.

The Facilities Master Plan will also be a topic of significant discussion in the coming year. As the County continues to grow, we need to ask how, where and when the facilities which provide important services to our communities are located. Should judicial services stay concentrated in downtown Flagstaff near the courts? Should the County develop a campus on the east side of Flagstaff with better access to services and parking?

Finally, the Parks & Recreation Master Plan will engage our residents and communities to make sure our open space, parks and natural areas are integrated and available for residents across the County. We look forward to hearing your thoughts on these long-range planning and policy discussions.

Thanks for your contributions to making Coconino County such a great place to live!

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**Supervisor Liz Archuleta, District 2**

Happy Fall! As we bid farewell to summer, I want to recognize the many County departments who were “All-hands-on-deck” during the 1,000-year rain event causing the North Schultz flooding. Public Works staff worked tirelessly to restore roads and infrastructure. The Office of the Sheriff ensured public safety along with CERT volunteers who did door-to-door wellness checks. The Emergency Operations Center opened where staff representing almost every department of the County were stationed. United Way of Northern Arizona sponsored a “Day of Caring” where volunteers mobilized to help residents remove debris. Thankfully, the flood mitigation constructed on the forest and through the neighborhoods carried most of the flood waters and saved many homes and properties. Shortly after the flood, I invited the US Forest Service Deputy Chief to Flagstaff to discuss forest health and restoration and doubling down efforts to thin forests. Wildfire and subsequent flooding is the number one threat to our and other forested communities throughout the West.

As we welcome the beautiful fall colors and holidays, there is much happening in Coconino County. The Board of Supervisors will be developing a long-term Strategic Plan. I have been advocating for this effort because I believe leaders need to be visionary. We are also engaged in a Parks & Recreation Master Plan and we are embarking on a Facilities Master Plan. We want your input. Please look out for public meetings and sign-up for my weekly updates by contacting Theresa at 928-679-7162.

As always, please contact my office. We are happy to hear from you!

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**Supervisor Matt Ryan, District 3**

We have several planning efforts and other activities in District 3 that we are involved in as we look to the future.

In Sedona and Oak Creek Canyon, several efforts are underway to find and implement solutions to the traffic issue. I compliment the City of Sedona on their leadership as well as community members and the other agencies involved. This has been a positive effort that can lead to incremental success. If you wish to comment, please go to www.sedonaaz.gov.

The Joint Land Use Study (pg. 19) is occurring with the Naval Observatory Flagstaff Station and Camp Navajo to help coordinate our community plans with these military installations so that we can coexist in compatible ways. There will be one more public open house in early December and we hope to complete this plan in early 2019.

We are moving into the next phase of evaluating the Kachina Village Improvement District (KVID) by working together with the KVID Community Advisory Committee to determine the best form of governance as we return operations back to the community.

In Bellemont, we are updating the community’s Area Plan. This past month we had the Committee meet owners and management of businesses that reside in areas south of the interstate. We are close to completing the rewrite of this plan with the Community Area Plan Committee. We hope to start moving it toward the final phases of public hearings before the County Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Supervisors later this fall.

We’re also bringing stakeholders together in evaluating options to proactively address the threat of fire and flood from Bill Williams Mountain. Williams is our highest priority and the potential pilot area to develop future methods of preventative flood mitigation that can be applied to the rest of the Flood Control District.

As our communities continue to experience change, we continue to respond with plans to guide us in positive ways.

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**Supervisor Jim Parks, District 4**

The Tinder Fire in the Blue Ridge-Happy Jack area of southern Coconino County this spring was the largest and most destructive wildfire this year for our County. We lost 16,000 acres and 31 homes. Fortunately we lost no lives, but it was a real challenge to clean up! To our rescue came a band of former military veterans called Team Rubicon. These folks were in Happy Jack right after the fire was out, cleaning up many properties in the first wave. Then the Team returned in August to finish the job, saving the homeowners and Coconino County over $70,000! THANK YOU TEAM RUBICON!

I have received many complaints from citizens in the forested areas of the district, including Forest Lakes, Blue Ridge/Happy Jack, Clints Well, Mormon Lake, Bar T Bar Ranch and the Navajo Nation concerning Off Highway Vehicles (OHV) speeding on both forest roads and through communities. These vehicles, which are built for quick acceleration and are capable of speeds in excess of 50 MPH, should not be operated with a disregard for safety.

Recently, we had a tragic OHV accident on the Old Mogollon Rim Road, involving a 4-passenger Razor vehicle with four young men travelling at a high rate of speed. The driver lost control of the OHV on a curve, slid off the cliff and plummeted 400 feet into a canyon in Gila County. The fuel tank ruptured as the vehicles careened over the edge, burst into flame and started a 10-acre wildfire that burned up the OHV and the occupants. There were no survivors.

This accident involved elements of Coconino County Sheriff’s Department, Coconino County Search and Rescue, Gila County Sheriff’s Department, the U.S. Forest Service and a Department of Public Safety (DPS) helicopter to evacuate the bodies. This was unnecessarily tragic for the victims’ families, and at $10,000-$15,000 for the recovery, costly in County resources.

Let’s keep our vacations memorable for the right reasons, SLOW DOWN AND BE SAFE!
Supervisor Lena Fowler, District 5

2018 was a very active year in District 5. Here are some highlights of current and ongoing projects that I have championed on your behalf: I continuously work on the Regional Economic Initiatives of the Colorado Plateau throughout District 5 and beyond in support of our region’s economic growth and development. I have asked Northern Arizona University’s Alliance Bank Economic Policy Institute to conduct a study on the Grand Canyon National Park - North Rim’s annual closure on October 15 to assess the economic impact to the region. This study will determine how to move forward by evaluating if the North Rim can stay open longer or year-round. It is expected to be complete in early 2019.

In creating partnerships to strengthen existing economic development opportunities, I have established the Regional Trails Alliance to identify and map all existing community trails to create healthy communities and to revitalize our economy. I have hosted several meetings thus far and encourage all who are interested to attend. Earlier this year, I hosted several meetings of the Tuba City/Moenkopi Broadband Stakeholders group to bring fiber optic infrastructure to the region. We continue to work with partners to establish this much needed service in District 5.

The 4th annual Navajo Bridge Star Party took place Friday and Saturday, October 12 & 13 in Marble Canyon. I’m also pleased to announce that the Regional Economic Initiatives of the Colorado Plateau Conference will be held on March 7 & 8, 2019 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Page. Coconino County continues to advance initiatives and innovative programs on your behalf to bring communities together in order to cultivate opportunities for our region.

Proposition 416
Merit Selection of Judges

General Ballot November 6, 2018

History
At this time, Superior Court Judges in Coconino County are elected through a partisan primary followed by a general election. Once the County’s population exceeds 250,000, it will automatically enter the “merit selection” system for judges.

County residents can wait for that to happen or adopt merit selection by popular vote in the countywide election on November 6, 2018. Coconino County would be the first of Arizona’s counties with a population less than 250,000 to do this, but the option is provided for in the Arizona Constitution, Article 6, §40.

What is the Merit Selection of Judges?
Merit selection means that candidates for judicial positions are thoroughly investigated and evaluated by a non-partisan commission of lawyers and citizens. Then the Governor makes the final selection from their list of the most highly qualified candidates.

Arizona judges who are appointed through merit selection must stand for retention election every four years. Judges who want to remain on the bench are publicly evaluated in an extensive performance review to determine if they are meeting judicial performance standards. Voters use this information to decide whether the judge should be retained in office. Many states use some form of performance review to evaluate their judges but Arizona also requires a self-evaluation process.

Arizona voters approved merit selection in 1974, which discontinued the popular and partisan election of judges—but only in the most heavily populated counties. Four judicial nominating commissions were created to screen judicial candidates for nomination to the Governor for appointment: the Commission on Appellate Court Appointments and the three Commissions on Trial Court Appointment for Maricopa, Pima, and Pinal counties.

A constitutional amendment passed by Arizona voters in 1992 increased the number of non-lawyer members on the nominating commissions and broadened public participation in selecting and reviewing judges. The Commission on Judicial Performance Review was created to open all aspects of the process to the public, including information on judicial performance of judges.

Want more information?
Visit Arizona Judicial Branch/Judicial Nominating Commissions at azcourts.gov/jnc/ or Coconino County Merit Selection of Judges at Coconino.az.gov/2001/Judge-Merit-Selection

FAQs
Proposition 416 Merit Selection of Judges

How are judges “selected” in the merit selection system?
When a judicial vacancy occurs, the position is publicly announced and interested lawyers are encouraged to apply. These applications request extensive information about education, professional experience and other qualifications as well as character and other references.

The completed applications filed by candidates are posted on a court website for public review and comment, then considered by a Commission on Trial Court Appointments through an open and public process.

What is a Trial Court Nominating Commission and how are they selected?
When voters adopt merit selection, a 16-person, nonpartisan Trial Court Nominating Commission is formed to recommend applicants to the Governor. The appointment of the Trial Court Nominating Commission members starts with a seven-person search committee selected by the county supervisors.

This Commission is composed of ten public members and five attorney members and is chaired by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Arizona. No more than two of the public members can reside in the same supervisory district and not more than three can be members of the same political party. None of the five attorney members can reside in the same supervisory district and not more than three can be members of the same political party.

All meetings are open to the public and all voting occurs in public session. On rare occasions and by a two-thirds member vote, the commissioners may conduct a brief part of a meeting in executive session to address interview questions involving potentially sensitive information.

How does the Commission identify applicants to recommend to the Governor?
The Commission carefully reviews each application and makes a threshold determination about whether the applicant appears to satisfy the high standards necessary for a member of the judiciary. The process is open to the public, the Commission then interviews each judicial nominee whose qualifications and background meet the high standards necessary to serve effectively as a judge.

What does the Commission do after it completes its work?
The Commission votes to determine which applicants it will forward to the Governor for consideration, a list that must include at least three nominees and no more than two from same political party. After reviewing each applicant’s qualifications and conducting personal interviews, the Governor appoints one of the Commission’s recommendations to fill the vacancy on the court.

Do the judges appointed in the merit selection system serve for life?
No, judges must periodically stand for retention in a public election where voters decide whether they remain in office.

How does the public decide whether merit selection judges should be retained?
In 1992, the Arizona Constitution was amended to provide for judicial performance review. As a result, the Judicial Performance Review (JPR) Commission was formed to collect information from jurors, lawyers, litigants and members of the public. The JPR Commission also solicits a self-evaluation from all judges facing a retention election.

Midway through a judge’s term in office and again before a retention election, a judge meets with a team of one public volunteer, one attorney, and one judge. This JPR review team assists the judge in setting performance goals and ensures that self-evaluation and continuous improvement are an integral part of the judiciary.

The extensive data compiled in each JPR review is published in a booklet and circulated to all voters before the retention election so they can learn about the judge’s performance and whether the Commission is recommending retention.

What is a retention election?
Merit system retention elections hold judges accountable to the people. All judges are subject to removal or other sanctions for misbehavior by the Commission on Judicial Conduct. However, merit system judges can also be removed from office by popular vote. By contrast, elected judges have to be opposed in a primary or general election to be removed by popular vote.

If merit selection is adopted, what happens to the judges currently serving?
Sitting judges would be grandfathered into the system. Those who want to remain on the bench would have to file a notice of intent to be retained and be subject to JPR Commission review. They would not go through a selection process or a partisan election, but they would become subject to future retention elections.
The StartHere.jobs program, hosted by the Coconino Career Center, has reached out to community members who can make a positive impact in the lives of local youths. One in three youths will reach the age of 19 without ever having had a mentor of any kind, according to The Mentoring Effect. Youths who are mentored by business professionals are more likely to be successful in education, more likely to become leaders in their communities and more likely to enter adulthood with opportunities for ongoing education and career choices.

“The Coconino Career Center is stepping up to start the conversation with local influencers to ensure growth and development of a talent pipeline here in Coconino County.” –Cindy Wilson, Deputy Director, Coconino Career Center

Youth internship mentoring builds business insight for youths, experience in managing and developing talent, improving communication and customer service skills and fostering better understanding and deeper appreciation for the cultural, ethnic and racial diversity of both the youth mentors and their co-workers. Mentoring also provides companies with improved employee engagement and retention, enhances recruiting, strengthens the communities where businesses operate and develops the talent pipeline by preparing young people for college and careers.

Internship mentoring is a vital part of the youth development process. It not only provides a more hands-on approach to help youth interns improve their job skills and grow in their career interest, but it also makes them feel more appreciated, demonstrating an organization’s investment in their professional growth. This boosts workers’ motivation and the quality of their work.

The Coconino Career Center continues the StartHere.jobs campaign with a new outreach to local influencers. Connecting youths to paid internships, job coaching and career planning is the first step as the Career Center reaches out to the business community. Through this program, businesses have an opportunity to mentor youths through internships within their company while partnering with the Career Center to support these internships with wages, uniforms and tools.

“The investments in quality youth mentoring made by companies are direct contributions to the future strength of our communities and our country. They connect young people to the powerful asset that is mentoring, to opportunity and to success.” N.A. Altobello, EY Global VC of Talent

If you would like to know more about engaging your business with the StartHere.jobs campaign or mentoring a youth internship then please contact the Coconino County Career Center today at 928-679-7400 or visit the www.starthere.jobs website.

(The Business Case for Private-Sector was first published in the Huffington Post and the full report can be found at: https://www.huffingtonpost.com/nancy-altobello/the-business-case-for-private-sector-youth-mentoring_b_6700802.html)

The Flagstaff City Council approved four questions that will be on the ballot for the upcoming election on Nov. 6, 2018. Propositions 419, 420 and 421 present an integrated and comprehensive approach to improve Flagstaff’s transportation system, address congestion and plan for our future. These three proposals work together to address the diverse transportation needs of our community.

Proposition 419 is a transportation tax renewal that plans to improve traffic flow, bicycle and pedestrian pathways and increase safety for the surrounding community. Plans for improving traffic flow include efforts to address congestion along the West Route 66 and Butler Avenue and reduce reliance on Milton Road. Proposition 419 adds missing segments of sidewalks, bike lanes and trails throughout the city to improve pathways for cyclists and pedestrians. Proposition 419 also includes traffic signal modernization, advanced traffic management systems and dark sky lighting to improve public safety.

**Proposition 420** is a tax increase to fund the Lone Tree railroad overpass. This proposal aims to help traffic flow better by building an overpass between Butler Avenue and Route 66 at Lone Tree Road. Combined with improvements to Lone Tree Road in Proposition 419, the Lone Tree Railroad overpass is designed to provide an alternative to Milton from I-17 to downtown.

**Proposition 421** is a tax for increased transit services that will create more frequent bus service. This proposal will increase frequency by running a cross-town bus every 15 minutes during business hours which will cut wait times in half at most locations. Proposition 421 will increase Mountain Line’s hours of service until 11 p.m. on weeknights and past midnight on weekends. If Proposition 421 passes then NAU has committed to paying more than $1 million per year to fund a Universal Access Pass program to open the improved transit system for all students.

**Proposition 422** is focused on improving housing affordability. This proposition would provide authority to issue $25 million in General Obligation Bonds to provide funding for city programs to address housing affordability, both for home ownership and rental. This proposition provides flexibility to adapt programs over time as the local market and the housing conditions change. If passed, an Advisory Committee will be formed that will be charged with watching market conditions and proposing programming that continues to advance housing that is affordable.

To learn more about these questions please visit www.flagstaffelections.org.
IMPORTANT VOTER INFORMATION FOR NOVEMBER 6, 2018 GENERAL ELECTION

LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION
To vote in any election, you must live in the jurisdiction’s limits, and you must have registered to vote at least 29 days prior to an election.

Date of election: Tuesday, November 6, 2018
Last day to register to vote: Tuesday, October 9, 2018

Re-registration is required if you change your residential address, name or party affiliation. If you are currently registered to vote in Coconino County and did not update your voter registration by the October 9 deadline then you may be qualified to vote a provisional ballot.

If you do not know if you are qualified to vote in this election then please call the Coconino County Elections Office at (928) 679-7860 or toll free (800) 793-6181.

EARLY VOTING TO VOTE EARLY IN PERSON
Appear at an Office Designated for Early Voting no later than the close of business on the last day to vote in person. Early Voting will be permitted during regular business hours.

- First-day early ballots available: Wednesday, October 10, 2018
- Last-day to vote early in person: Friday, November 2, 2018 at 5 p.m.

TO VOTE EARLY BY MAIL
Written or verbal requests must be received in an Office Designated for Early Voting before the close of business on the last day to request. Voters are asked to specify where to mail the ballot and include their name, residence address, birthdate, election for which the ballot is being requested, address where ballot is to be mailed if other than residence address and signature of requester.

- Last day to request a ballot by mail: Friday, October 26, 2018
- Last day to return a mail ballot: Tuesday, November 6, 2018 by 7 p.m.

Once you have received your ballot, read all the instructions carefully.

To be valid and counted, the ballot and signed affidavit envelope must be delivered to an early voting location, an Official Ballot Drop Box, or, on Election Day, may be deposited at any polling place or vote center in Coconino County from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

LOST OR NEVER RECEIVED EARLY BALLOT
If you lost your early ballot or never received your early ballot, you may request a replacement ballot by mail, vote early in person at an Office Designated for Early Voting, or on Election Day, vote at any polling place/vote center designated for this election from 6 a.m. – 7 p.m.

TO VOTE EARLY USING ASSISTANCE
Written or verbal requests must be received in an Office Designated for Early Voting before the close of business on the last day to request. Voters are asked to include their name, residence address, birthdate, election for which the ballot is being requested and place of confinement and signature of requester. The officer in charge of the election may appoint boards to make it possible for qualified electors who are ill or disabled to vote.

Last day to request assistance: Friday, October 26, 2018

ELECTION DAY VOTING
Polling Places and Vote Centers will be open on Election Day, 6 a.m. - 7 p.m. Any qualified elector who, at 7 p.m., is in the line of voters, shall be allowed to cast a ballot.

Elector who vote at a polling place or vote center are required to present identification before receiving a ballot.

LIST 1 - Acceptable forms of ID with voter’s photograph, name, and address. The address must reasonably match the precinct register (1 required):
- Valid Arizona driver license
- Valid Arizona non-operating identification license
- Tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification
- Valid United States federal, state or local government issued identification, including a voter registration card issued by the County recorder
- Any mailing to the elector marked “Official Election Material”

LIST 2 - Acceptable forms of ID (no photo) with voter’s name and address. The address must reasonably match the precinct register (2 required):
- Utility bill of the elector dated within 90 days of the date of the election (may be electric, gas, water, solid waste, sewer, telephone, cellular phone or cable TV)
- Bank or credit union statement dated within 90 days of the date of the election
- Valid Arizona Vehicle Registration
- Indian census card
- Property tax statement of the elector’s residence
- Tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification
- Vehicle insurance card
- Recorder’s Certificate
- Other forms of identification not on this list must be deemed acceptable by the County Recorder in charge of elections and must establish the identity of the elector.

If the elector does not provide identification as described, the elector shall be issued a provisional ballot. The elector must provide identification to the County Recorder or to an official deemed acceptable by the County Recorder per the instructions provided at the polling place for the provisional ballot to be processed and counted.

Last day to provide identification: Wednesday, November 14, 2018 by 5 p.m.

Any registered voter may, at the voter’s option, be accompanied by a minor who is permitted in the voting booth pursuant to A.R.S. §16-515, subsection E, be accompanied and assisted by a person of the voter’s own choice or be assisted by two election officials, one from each major political party in a partisan election, during any process relating to voting or during the actual process of voting on a paper ballot, machine or electronic voting system. A person who is a candidate for an office in that election other than the office of precinct committee member in a partisan primary election is not eligible to assist any voter.

ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACES & VOTE CENTERS
Voters may vote at their precinct-assigned polling place or at one of the three Vote Centers on Election Day. Sample ballots will be mailed to households with registered voters that did not receive an early ballot starting 10 days prior to the election.

A list of the polling places can be found on our webpage: www.coconino.az.gov/elections

VOTE CENTERS
For added convenience, the County has three Vote Centers for voters. A Vote Center is an alternative to the precinct-assigned polling place. Coconino County voters may choose to vote at their precinct-assigned polling place or vote at one of the three Vote Centers. The Vote Centers are open the same hours as the polling places on Election Day, 6:00 am to 7:00 pm.

- Flagstaff Mall, (Next to JCPenney), 4650 N US Highway 89, Flagstaff
- NAU Walkup Skydome, (East Concourse), 1705 S San Francisco St., Flagstaff
- Tuba City High School, (Warrior Pavilion), 67 Warrior Dr., Tuba City

County Elections Office Opens Eastside Office at Flagstaff Mall
The Coconino County Elections Office has opened a temporary office at the Flagstaff Mall. The office is open now through the Nov. 6, 2018 General Election. The office is located next to JCPenney with office hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

“I’m very excited that we are able to provide a second office location in Flagstaff for the upcoming 2018 elections. We have a large number of voters that live on the east side of Flagstaff and this temporary office will make it more convenient for those voters and for the many Navajo and Hopi voters that work and shop in Flagstaff,” says Coconino County Recorder Patty Hansen.

The Eastside Elections Office allows citizens to vote early in person and register to vote. The office is also being used as a poll worker training facility for the many election board workers that are needed to conduct the elections.

For more information, call the Elections Office at 928-679-7860 or toll-free at 800-793-6181.
County Treasurer's Office Updates

Where do your Property Taxes Go?
The Treasurer collects all property taxes and distributes funds to schools, cities, fire districts and other local governments for roads, schools, hospitals and other programs. The percentages below represent the total distribution of all taxes collected by the Coconino County Treasurer’s Office.

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2018 Tax Season Information
The Coconino County Treasurer’s Office is ready for another tax season. You may notice a few changes with this year’s tax notices. From easier online payment options to new mobile site locations, we are constantly working to improve access to information and services. Visit www.coconino.az.gov/2018taxes or contact the Treasurer’s Office at 928-679-8188 to learn more!

~Sarah Benatar, County Treasurer

PayPal Accepted and Online Shopping Cart for Payments
Paying your property taxes online just got easier as PayPal can now be used to pay your property taxes. You can now add multiple parcels to your shopping cart, customize the amounts you want to pay and review your payment history.

Flagstaff Mall
From Oct. 1 to Oct. 30, the Treasurer’s Office will be providing services from the Flagstaff Mall in partnership with the County Recorder’s Office. We will be next door to JCPenney. Hours of operation will be, M-F, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Oct. 1 - Oct. 30.

Taxing Jurisdiction Updates
You may notice changes to your tax notice for Flagstaff Unified School District and the Flood Control District. Our 2018 Property Tax Season website has detailed information on these changes. Visit www.coconino.az.gov/2018taxes

2018 Property Tax Dates to Remember
First Half - Nov. 1, 2018, Second Half - May 1, 2019
OR
Full Year - Dec. 31, 2018
If your taxes due are $100 or less - Dec. 31, 2018

For payment plans please contact our office at 928-679-8188 or email treasurer@coconino.az.gov.

2018 Mobile Service Days
The Treasurer’s Office is partnering once again with the County Assessor and Recorder Offices to provide general County services closer to you! NO CASH accepted at mobile sites. Visit www.coconino.az.gov/mobileservices to learn more.

SITE SCHEDULE & LOCATIONS, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Oct 17: Fredonia Fire Station, 20 Brown St, Fredonia
Oct 18: City of Page Library, 479 W Lake Powell Blvd, Page
Oct 24: GC Railway Hotel, 235 N Grand Canyon Blvd, Williams
Nov 14: Sedona Fire Station #6, 2675 HWY AZ-179, Sedona
Nov 21: Health Department, 2625 N King St, Flagstaff
Dec 05: Community Development, 2500 N Ft Valley Rd, Flagstaff
Dec 19: Health Department, 2625 N King St, Flagstaff
Coconino County Community Services: Senior Services Case Management

Coconino County Community Services provides seniors and other qualified people with information and referral on programs throughout Coconino County. Case workers conduct screenings and/or home visits to assess needs and identify available resources. This includes Benefits CheckUp*, an online web-based service to see what benefits seniors may be eligible for based on income information, and homecare*, housekeeping, shopping, personal and respite care.

Case workers also assist with applications to programs such as the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), Arizona Long Term Care (ALTCS), clothing vouchers, food boxes, utility bill assistance, enrollment of applicable utility discount programs* with housing rehabilitation*, assist with the application for the Widow/Widower* Property Exemption and Senior Valuation Protection through the County Assessor’s office, Medicare savings benefits, nutrition* and transportation programs*.

(*Income eligibility, proof of income and/or need is required.)

Go to http://www.coconino.az.gov/154/Senior-Services for more information or contact Melinda Tracey at mtracey@coconino.az.gov or 928-679-7450.

Senior Services Nutrition Program

Nutrition is key in a senior’s daily life and nutritious meals are offered at Joe Montoya Adult and Community Center in Flagstaff and at Bill Williams Senior Center in Williams, AZ. Meals are served Monday thru Friday at noon-time, and meals are also delivered to homebound clients through our Meals on Wheels Program. For more information, please contact Melinda Tracey at mtracey@coconino.az.gov or 928-679-7450.

Senior Services Outcomes for FY 2018

The services that are provided to our seniors assist in maintaining their independent living for as long as possible. Socialization is an important part of maintaining community connections that assists in promoting a longer and more prosperous life. We would like to thank all our volunteers that have donated their time to assist in various aspects of our programs because without them, we would not be able to operate as well as we do!

Case Management:
Provided case management services to 101 seniors

Homecare Services:
Provided 2,299 housekeeping, respite and personal care hours

Total Meals served and delivered:
(Flagstaff and Williams):
Congregate: 16,491
Home Delivered Meals: 14,483
Total: 30,974

Transportation:
Provided 4,657 one-way senior trips in Flagstaff and Williams

Volunteers:
Volunteers provided 5,877 hours valued at $144,045 to the senior program(s) in Flagstaff and Williams.

Community Services Keys to Prosperity Program

Coconino County Community Services is taking a new approach to financial education by empowering residents with tools to create a more stable financial future. Financial literacy can help individuals and families avoid overwhelming debt, eliminate the misuse of credit cards, prevent taking on loans where monthly payments are out of the limits of monthly income, decrease stress and evade other negative consequences.

The “Keys to Prosperity” (K2P) pilot program is for residents of any income and living in Flagstaff. K2P is a 6-month commitment where people receive coaching twice a month to set goals and take actionable steps to improve their finances. People will get six months of one-on-one coaching where coaches will help teach financial literacy and coach them from their current financial state to their desired financial state.

If you are interested in participating in this amazing opportunity then contact Teresa Gault at 928-679-7428 or Susan Harlos at 928-679-7427 today!

Basic Business Empowerment and IDA Match Saving Grant Participant Success Story

Lorena Zeilman came to Community Services with a dream of starting her own business, but she needed help to turn it into reality. Lorena has a B.S. degree in Microbiology, plus a strong concern for the environment and social justice, and she also is a single parent of two young children. She wanted to start a business that could be built on her education and passion, and also provide her flexible hours and the ability to support her children.

She received the County’s need-based 50 percent scholarship to attend the Coconino County Community Services’ 12-week Basic Business Empowerment (BBE) training and graduated with a viable business plan.

To help capitalize her business, Zeilman applied for an Individual Development Account (IDA). When she was approved, she began saving her earned income toward business asset purchases. After completing a required financial empowerment workshop, she began saving for over a half-year to receive matching funds from the Arizona Community Foundation of Flagstaff. With help from Community Services’ BBE and IDA programs, Lorena has launched True Shine, a commercial and residential, eco-friendly, cleaning service in Flagstaff.

For more information on the County’s BBE and IDA programs, visit www.coconino.az.gov/bbe and www.coconino.az.gov/ida, or contact Scott Neuman, sneuman@coconino.az.gov or 928-679-7463.

www.coconino.az.gov
Coconino County Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Are you interested in parks, recreation, trails and open space? Coconino County Parks & Recreation is updating its Master Plan and we want to hear from you!

WHAT IS A MASTER PLAN?
The Parks & Recreation Master Plan will shape the future of Coconino County’s parks, recreation, trails and open spaces by having community members identify each community’s needs, goals and priorities.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?
Parks, recreation and open space objectives change over time. By identifying existing conditions, needs and future resources, this Master Plan creates a shared vision for Coconino County.

Let Parks & Recreation know your thoughts and what’s going on in your community! Select Coconino County households will receive a brief survey in the mail in January. Should you receive a survey, please fill it out and return it.

Didn’t receive a mail survey? Fill out a survey online and share your thoughts on parks and recreation! Visit the website for a survey link and more information.

GET INVOLVED!
This summer, Parks & Recreation held 14 stakeholder meetings, 17 community meetings, gave nine presentations and had three outreach opportunities around Coconino County to gather input on the Parks & Recreation Master Plan update.

If you missed any of these opportunities for input, then there’s still time to share your thoughts – Parks & Recreation wants to hear from you! Visit the Master Plan website for more ways to get involved.

› Complete a survey (Winter 2018-19)
› Review the draft Master Plan and recommendations (Spring 2019)
› Celebrate the final Master Plan (Summer 2019)

Coconino County Parks & Recreation Master Plan
Your Parks, Your Future

http://www.Coconino.AZ.Gov/Parks/MasterPlan

BIKE PARK CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

If you’ve visited the Fort Tuthill Bike Park recently, then you’ve likely seen construction equipment nearby. Construction of the Bike Park’s next phase, which includes new trails and features such as adult pump tracks and technical flow trails, began Aug. 27.

Coconino County Parks & Recreation was awarded a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant from Arizona State Parks and Trails for $150,620 for infrastructure improvements and visitor amenities, including the Bike Park trails and features and a restroom, at Fort Tuthill County Park.

Coconino County Parks & Recreation has an agreement with non-profit Flagstaff Biking Organization (FBO) to build the Fort Tuthill Bike Park. FBO is contracting with American Conservation Experience (ACE) and FlowRide Concepts, a professional company that specializes in building bike parks across the country. FBO, ACE and FlowRide Concepts successfully built Phase 1 of Fort Tuthill Bike Park, which opened to the public in 2015. Check out the Fort Tuthill Bike Park Facebook page for more updates! (Facebook.com/FortTuthillBikePark/)
FALL HAPPENINGS

Parks & Recreation is getting ready for the cooler autumn season. See the list of facilities and their seasonal closing dates:

- Sept. 30 - Horse stables at Fort Tuthill County Park closes
- Oct. 8 - Fort Tuthill Campground closes
- Oct. 31 - Fort Tuthill Community Equestrian Arena closes
- Oct. 31 - Ramada reservations, summer rates end and winter rates begin

On Oct. 31, the ramadas at County Parks & Recreation will switch over to reduced services and winter fees. You can find more information online at Coconino.AZ.Gov/Parks/Ramadas, which includes information on services and pictures of each site.

If you’re reserving a ramada between Nov. 1, 2018 and April 30, 2019, then call our Administration Office (928-679-8000) during regular office hours. Online ramada reservations for the 2019 season begin Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2019.

FORT TUTHILL THINNING PROJECT UPDATE

Did you know that the world’s largest contiguous ponderosa pine forest is in Arizona, and that a sizable portion is here in Coconino County? Learn more about the ponderosa pine forest ecosystem by visiting the new Fort Tuthill forest resiliency interpretive sign, located north of the Fort Tuthill Bike Park and next to the NAU Ecological Restoration Institute’s demonstration area. Here you can learn about the impacts of fire and forest thinning on restoring area forests, what burn scars tell us about past fires, types of fires and forest ecosystems.

THANK YOU FROM THE COUNTY FAIR!

We celebrated the 69th Annual Coconino County Fair, Aug. 31 – Sept. 3 at Fort Tuthill County Park. Visitors who came out to the event enjoyed the Fair food, entertainment, carnival rides and exhibits. Overall, the Fair was a big success and we are happy with how smoothly it went. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year’s event a success! To our fair visitors, partners, sponsors, superintendents, 4-H youth and families, vendors, entertainment, staff and everyone who entered exhibits, we thank you for your commitment to the Fair!


This year’s Fair included music from Winger, Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Bluegrass Band, Nolan Mckelvey, Mi Banda El Mexicano and many other local and regional acts. The variety stage was packed with attendees watching shows including a magician, hypnotist and juggler (not at the same time, but wouldn’t that be cool?). Each day had strolling acts which included balloon animals, a stilt walker, the Dune Sea Garrison Star Wars characters, a magician and more!

Lastly, you can’t talk about the Fair without talking about food! The Fair featured 26 food vendors with countless turkey legs consumed during the four-day event. The Fair also increased the size of the Main Stage tent, which served as the covered seating for people to enjoy their food away from the elements.

Join us for next year’s Fair, Aug. 30 – Sept. 2, 2019! CoconinoCountyFair.com
County Flood Control District: Tax Update

In May 2018 the Coconino County Flood Control District (FCD) Board of Directors affirmed the boundaries of the District to ensure that the District is established in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes. Based on a recent review of FCD policies by independent legal counsel, the FCD boundaries must match the boundaries of Coconino County and include all taxable properties within it. The Flood Control District tax must be levied on all taxable properties within the County including the municipalities of Flagstaff, Fredonia and Page that administer their own floodplains and have been exempt from FCD taxation since the Flood Control District was formed in 1984.

This means that the Flood Control District tax will now appear on all tax bills within Flagstaff, Page and Fredonia. Coconino County is now taxing all private and commercial properties within all municipalities consistent with Arizona's 14 other counties who all assess flood control district taxes on all properties within their boundaries (irrespective of floodplain administration).

What is the priority of the Coconino County Flood Control District?
The Coconino County Flood Control District is charged with reducing the risk of flood loss, minimizing the impact of floods on human safety, health and welfare and restoring and preserving the natural and beneficial values served by floodplains. The FCD Board of Directors sets each year’s budget based on a set of priorities and projects. Recently, the District established forest restoration as the top priority to mitigate the threat of catastrophic wildfire and post-wildfire flooding.

What will be the resulting tax bill to homeowners and commercial properties given the boundary affirmation?

Residential Properties:
The annual FCD tax rate of 18.08 cents per $100 of assessed property valuation translates to an estimated FCD tax bill for a home valued as shown below:
- Home Valuation = $100,000 @ 18.08 rate = FCD Tax Bill of $18.08
- Home Valuation = $200,000 @ 18.08 rate = FCD Tax Bill of $36.16
- Home Valuation = $300,000 @ 18.08 rate = FCD Tax Bill of $54.24
- Home Valuation = $400,000 @ 18.08 rate = FCD Tax Bill of $72.32
- Home Valuation = $500,000 @ 18.08 rate = FCD Tax Bill of $90.40

Commercial Properties:
For example, the FCD commercial property tax bill for a property valued at $500,000 would be calculated as follows:
- Commercial property value assessed at $500,000
- Property value multiplied by 18% (commercial assessment ratio) = $90,000 (Assessed Value)
- Assessed value is divided by 100 (taxes are paid on every $100 worth of assessed value) = $900
- $900 multiplied by .1808 (FCD tax rate reflecting current FCD budget) and using the total assessed value of all private properties within the County = $1.4 Billion)
- FCD Commercial Property FCD Tax Bill @ $500,000 valuation is $162.72

Why were properties in Flagstaff, Page and Fredonia excluded from the Flood Control District?
At the time the FCD was established in 1984, the interpretation of state statute was that those cities and towns like Flagstaff, Page and Fredonia that administer their own floodplains could “opt out” and not be included in the taxing area for the FCD. However, the recent review by independent legal counsel determined that independent floodplain administration does not exempt communities within the County’s boundaries from their FCD tax obligations.

Does this change impact flood insurance requirements for my property?
No. The requirement for flood insurance is determined primarily by whether a property is in a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)-designated flood area. If your home or business is in a high-risk flood area (known as a Special Flood Hazard Area or SFHA) and you have a mortgage through a federally regulated or insured lender, then you are required to carry flood insurance. The FCD Board’s affirmation does not impact flood-area designation by FEMA.

For more information please contact 928-679-8188 or visit www.coconino.az.gov/2018taxes.

Jay Smith Cultivates County’s Forest Restoration Initiative

Coconino County recognizes that wildfire and post-wildfire flooding are the greatest public safety threats to its residents, businesses, economy and financial solvency. Because a strong forest industry is key to mitigating these threats, County leadership recently hired Jay Smith to be its new Forest Restoration Director.

As Forest Restoration Director, Jay serves as an important facilitator and liaison, linking County interests and assets with broader regional restoration efforts such as the Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI) and the Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project (FWPP). By working collaboratively with various stakeholders including non-profits, regional, state and federal agencies and private forest industries, Jay focuses on identifying new opportunities to improve and increase the amount of forest restoration implemented in Coconino County.

A graduate of Northern Arizona University, Jay was most recently the Senior Forester for Good Earth Power AZ, LLC/NewLife Forest Products. Previously, he worked for Southwest Forest Products, Inc. as the Vice President of Harvesting Operations.

Welcome, Jay!
Heavy Equipment Mechanics Wanted

Coconino County Public Works is recruiting for mechanics who want to be a part of a dynamic team in the department’s Heavy Equipment Shop. Working for Coconino County means that you get to work alongside good people, while serving your community.

Public Works is a results-oriented, mission-driven organization that is deeply committed to service to our residents. The department’s Heavy Equipment Shop focuses on the maintenance, troubleshooting and repair of heavy equipment utilized by our Road Maintenance/Snow Removal teams. The Public Works fleet includes 27 road graders, 11 loaders, 30 Class-8 trucks, a screening plant and a wide array of support equipment.

Public Works is unique in its approach to compensating mechanics, who are hired according to a Mechanic Pay Plan that provides compensation for experience and training and offers incentives for career progression. The Mechanic Pay Plan is intended to engage mechanics through the lifecycle of their careers from beginning through retirement. The department hires based on skills and experience, and then offers significant training support and financial incentives for continued career growth through the levels of Trainee, Apprentice, Mechanic and Senior Mechanic.

Recruitment priorities focus on applicants with Mechanic and Senior Mechanic qualifications, yet all applications will be reviewed to build the strongest team. If you think you are a good fit for the Public Works team, then please apply at www.coconino.az.gov/mechanics.

Upcoming Projects

Mormon Lake Road Project
Slated for construction in 2019, the Mormon Lake Road Project will include the mill, overlay and widening of the entire 9.8 miles of roadway along the western shore of Mormon Lake. This $20.7 million project is funded primarily by a grant from the Federal Highway Administration’s Central Federal Lands Highway Division (CFL), which was awarded to the County in summer 2017. The County’s match of approximately $5.5 million for this project will be funded by Prop. 403. Engineering for the Mormon Lake Road Project is nearing completion and CFL is expected to put this project out to bid this fall.

Spring Valley Road Drainage Improvement Project
The Spring Valley Road Drainage Improvement Project is intended to help mitigate seasonal roadside drainage issues that occur near the intersection of North Spring Valley Road and Pumpkin Center Road. This project, which features the installation of a low-water crossing, is scheduled to be constructed next spring.

Bellemont Access and Safety Project
The Bellemont Access and Safety Project will address traffic flow and safety issues at the intersection of Transwestern Road, Shadow Mountain Drive and Brannigan Park Road in Bellemont. The project, which will tie into Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) right of way, includes the construction of a roundabout, development of an alternative business access and the installation of multimodal lanes to improve traffic circulation for businesses, travelers and residents. Utility relocation for this project is slated for next year with construction scheduled for 2020.

Navajo Nation Capital Matching Fund Program - N21 Project
The Navajo Nation Capital Matching Fund Program is a joint effort between Coconino County and the Navajo Division of Transportation (NDOT) to address roadway stabilization issues on BIA school bus routes that are maintained by the County. The Navajo Nation Council approved the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the Program this spring, and the Program’s first project will be a section of Navajo Route 21 (N21), which provides access for residents between Kaibeto and the Gap, has a high clay content, which makes several sections of roadway very susceptible to moisture. As a result, these areas regularly become flooded and impassable during rain and snow events and covered with inches of silt during the summer months. The N21 Project will help mitigate these issues by excavating the roadway and then developing a new road bed for approximately one mile near the east end of N21. This project will also include roadway reshaping, subgrade preparation and soil stabilization in high-volume traffic areas that are most impacted by drainage issues. The County is providing approximately $310,000 in matching funds from Prop. 403 for this project. A contractor has been selected and construction on the N21 Project is tentatively scheduled to begin later this year and will be overseen by NDOT.

Public Works’ New Asset Management System Goes Online
Public Works recently purchased a new asset management software system to help its maintenance team strategically plan and track work on roads, signs, culverts and other taxpayer assets. Data regarding road and drainage work, sign repairs and other maintenance projects is entered by team members in the field via smart tablets and then uploaded to the department’s database. This software system gives Public Works a vital historical record of maintenance work performed and allows the department to manage and coordinate future maintenance activities in a timely and cost-effective manner.

RIGHT: Sign Shop Supervisor Jim Westling enters County sign data into a smart tablet, which will then be uploaded to Public Works’ road maintenance database.

Completed Projects

The Burris Lane Drainage & Road Improvement Project was completed this summer ahead of schedule and under budget. This project was necessary to improve and extend the service life of Burris Lane. Funded entirely by Prop. 403, this project included utility relocation, localized drainage improvements, pavement rehabilitation and installation of widened shoulders for multimodal use.

The County also completed $2.4 million in chip seal and pavement preservation projects along more than 50 miles of paved County roads this season. This year’s projects included sections of Lake Mary Road and Leupp Road as well as County roads in the Fort Valley, greater Williams and Kaibab Estates West areas.

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Kachina Village Improvement District Update

Capital Improvement Program
2018 has been a busy year for the Kachina Village Improvement District (KVID). With the recent water and sewer service rate increase that was passed by the KVID Board of Directors in June, the utility is now focusing on its Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The first notable item from the CIP is the installation of a second clarifier to provide redundancy at this critical point in the wastewater treatment process. The first phase of this project will be the relocation of KVID's sludge processing facility to make way for the installation of the second clarifier during the project's second phase. KVID is currently wrapping up planning for these projects with the intention of breaking ground in spring 2019.

Kachina Village Wetlands Improvements
Over recent years, KVID has pursued several grant funding opportunities to initiate improvements at the Kachina Village Wetlands. This year has seen several of those improvements come to fruition. The southwest corner of the wetlands was recently graded and planted with milkweed and other native plants that can thrive in the northern Arizona climate and keep noxious weeds at bay. In addition, this partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service creates a habitat that is favorable to monarch butterflies and other pollinators.

Upcoming Governance Transition
Also on the horizon is KVID's pending governance transition. While KVID has been administered by Coconino County since the mid-eighties, it has been the intent of the Board of Directors to convey the utility back to the community. In doing so, it is important to ensure a sustainable water and sewer system that can serve Kachina Village for years to come. KVID is currently working towards this goal, researching the appropriate governance model for the utility and engaging an advisory committee of Kachina Village residents to aid in the transition. The current timeline aims to complete this transition within the next year. For more information please visit www.kachinawater.com.

Public Works Responds to 1000-Year Storm Flooding in North Schultz Flood Area
On July 18, 2018 the northern portion of the Schultz Flood area experienced unprecedented monsoon flooding during the greatest recorded storm to ever hit the 2010 Schultz Fire scar. According to the National Weather Service, this was a 1,000-year storm event that produced total rainfall of up to 5.9 inches measured by area rain gauges. Two-hour rainfall amounts of 4.5 inches or greater were measured at three of these gauges. This was over double the intensity of rainfall and the level of rainfall that occurred after the Schultz Fire on July 20, 2010.

Public Works, which has maintained a “24/7” flood watch over the Schultz Flood area for the last nine monsoon seasons, responded immediately to this flooding. The team worked tirelessly for several weeks to restore area roads and repair Schultz flood mitigation infrastructure, which performed exceptionally well during this storm event. The County also assisted residents with the recovery process by creating a self-serve sandbag site, installing jersey barriers, offering debris haul-off and special needs assistance services and hosting two community meetings. For more information please visit www.coconino.az.gov/SchultzFloodInformation.

Willard Springs Transfer Station Will Be Closed this Winter to Keep Station Open Next Summer
The Willard Springs Transfer Station will be closed during the upcoming winter season, which runs each year between November 1 and March 31, so that Coconino County can reopen the transfer station for the summer 2019 season. This change is necessary because the winter months no longer produce enough revenues to keep the transfer station open from November through March.

The last day of summer 2018 operations for the Willard Springs Transfer Station will be Saturday, October 26. The station will reopen for the 2019 summer season on Friday, April 5, 2019. It will be open Fridays and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. until Saturday, October 26, 2019. For more information about the winter closure of Willard Springs please visit www.coconino.az.gov/WillardSprings.

Community Cleanup Voucher Days Help to Mitigate Spring Wildfire Danger
Community Cleanup Voucher Days played an important role this spring by helping full- and part-time County residents to clean up their properties during one of the most critical wildfire seasons in recent memory. This program, which offered several days to dispose of bulk and green waste for free, allowed residents to deposit a total of more than 10,000 cubic yards of pine needles and other green waste between three designated collection areas: City of Williams Transfer Station, City of Flagstaff Cinder Lake Landfill and the Willard Springs Transfer Station. That’s enough to cover an entire football field in pine needles more than five feet deep!

For more information about the Community Cleanup Voucher Days please visit www.coconino.az.gov/CCVoucherDays.

New County Engineer
Christopher Tressler
This summer the Board of Supervisors appointed Christopher Tressler as the new Coconino County Engineer.

Christopher joined Public Works last March as the Engineering Division Manager. As County Engineer, Christopher supervises day-to-day operations of the department’s Engineering Division team and oversees engineering-related activities for Coconino County, which include engineering design, transportation planning, and surveying. He also plays an integral role in County emergency response activities and directs strategic priority areas within the division that focus on executing a sustainable transportation capital plan and implementing new technology to make pavement investment decisions.

A Professional Engineer (PE) and Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM), Christopher has been part of the Flagstaff engineering community since 2010 and was heavily involved in the successful Schultz Flood mitigation efforts led by the County. Prior to joining Coconino County, he worked as a Civil Engineer and Geomorphologist for Natural Channel Design Inc. in Flagstaff, Ariz. Christopher earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering and a Master of Science degree in Geology from Utah State.

Congratulations, Christopher!
Forest Restoration In Progress

When you visit the National Forests in northern Arizona, you are likely to encounter forest restoration work in progress. Whether it be paint on trees designating either removal or retention, heavy equipment cutting or stacking trees, slash piles remaining on the forest floor for eventual burning, log trucks traveling through local communities, or prescribed fires being ignited, evidence of this important work is ubiquitous. The Forest Service wants all Coconino County residents to understand what this restoration work is and why it’s so critical to the long-term health of not only our beloved forests but also our communities and watersheds.

Forest restoration work includes:

**Mechanical thinning**
- Heavy equipment is used to thin forests. Treatments are designed to replicate historic conditions that were resilient to wildfire, drought and disease outbreaks.
- Harvested trees are stacked and later transported to processing facilities, when possible.
- Biomass (residual branches and bark) is either transported off site, scattered to protect soil, or left in piles for later burning.
- Some roads are constructed for temporary access to harvest areas, and later decommissioned and rehabilitated to a natural state.

**Fire and smoke**
- Fire and smoke are natural parts of the Southwest’s forests. The National Forests in northern Arizona are part of a fire-adapted ecosystem and are dependent on fire for overall functioning, health and resilience.
- Wildfires often have a range of outcomes, from risking high-value areas and resources to beneficially reducing fuel and tree densities. Wildfires are managed on a case-by-case basis, depending on the values and resources at risk as well as the potential benefits of any given wildfire.
- Prescribed fire can reduce the risk of future, severe wildfires by removing excess fuel and can also improve forest health by recycling nutrients and promoting healthy vegetation.
- The safety of people and our communities is the foremost concern for fire managers in all wildfire and prescribed fire situations.
- Fire managers try to minimize smoke impacts to people while managing all fires, but smoke is an inevitable part of living in a fire-adapted ecosystem.

**Additional related work, such as**
- Improving wildlife habitat features,
- Removing nonnative weeds,
- Rehabilitating stream channels and springs,
- Restoring historic grasslands and savannas,
- And, surveying and monitoring resources of interest.

**Goals of forest treatments:**
- Restore forests across northern Arizona using mechanical harvesting and fire to thin dense stands of smaller trees and leave larger, mature trees.
- Improve streams, springs and wildlife habitat.
- Reduce catastrophic wildfire threats and impacts to communities, watersheds and recreation areas.
- As more forest is restored, allow wildfires to be part of a suite of forest management efforts.
- Engage private industry to conduct treatments and provide jobs to rural communities.
- Monitor treatments to ensure we meet our shared vision of a healthy forest for future generations.

**How can you help?**
We all have a role to play in restoring northern Arizona’s forests to the vibrant, thriving ecosystems on which we all depend. You can help by:

- **Using caution near all forest restoration work:** Members of the public are urged to use extreme caution near timber removal and hauling operations. Besides the presence of heavy equipment and log trucks, there are also trees being felled and stacked into log decks, which can be unstable. Visitors to areas with log decks should not camp near nor climb on them, as they often shift and have the possibility of collapse. Motorists should be aware of the likelihood of encountering log trucks along haul routes and are encouraged to drive with safety in mind at all times. When prescribed fires or wildfires are occurring, members of the public should be aware of the possibility of area closures, smoke impacts to communities and roadways, and the presence of fire personnel and equipment.

- **Supporting the forest restoration effort:** Public and community support is critical to achieving the results across the landscape that we all desire. In the long run, the benefits of this work will be safer communities and healthier forests for all of us for decades into the future. In the short term, though, it may mean not getting to camp in a favorite spot on the forest; having to see and hear log trucks in and near our communities; and, accepting that smoke impacts from prescribed fires today are a necessary part of preventing heavier and more pervasive impacts from severe, potentially devastating wildfires in the future.

Understanding that the forest will look different after forest restoration projects: Whether treated by mechanical means or with fire, the forest will look significantly different to those who have become accustomed to the overly-stocked, unnaturally-dense stands of trees so common across northern Arizona today. The new view may seem shocking to some at first, but the trees, grasses and other vegetation, as well as the wildlife populations and human communities sustained by them, will ultimately be healthier and more resilient thanks to the treatments.

**Keeping informed about forest restoration and fire activity**
The Coconino and Kaibab National Forests try to ensure that the public receives notification about forest restoration work including mechanical treatments and current wildfires and prescribed fires. The following resources are available for you to stay informed:

- **Email:** Sign up to receive news releases from the Coconino and Kaibab National Forests at www.fs.fed.us/news/subscription.shtml. Enter your email address and place a checkmark next to “Southwestern Region.” Click Send Now and you’re signed up!
- **Twitter:** Get quick updates on activities, wildfires and prescribed fires across both National Forests by following us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/CoconinoNF and www.twitter.com/KaibabNF.
- **Facebook:** Follow each National Forest on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CoconinoNF and www.facebook.com/KaibabNF.
- **InciWeb:** When there is a major wildfire or prescribed Fire, we post information and maps at https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/.
- **Official Websites:** For information on the full range of our programs, priorities and projects, visit our websites at www.coconinonationalforest.us and www.fs.usda.gov/kaibab.
- **Flickr:** View and download high-resolution photos of our beautiful landscapes, personnel, projects, wildfires, prescribed fires and more at our Flickr sites, www.tinyurl.com/cocophotos and www.tinyurl.com/kaibabphotos.

The Coconino and Kaibab National Forests are part of the Four Forest Restoration Initiative. The goal of the Four Forest Restoration Initiative is to accelerate the pace and scale of restoration within 2.4 million acres of ponderosa pine forest in northern Arizona to increase resilience and proper functioning. For additional information on the Four Forest Restoration Initiative, visit www.fs.usda.gov/4fr.
The Coconino County Sheriff’s Office has provided search and rescue services for many individuals over the years. Each case is treated with respect for the victim’s safety and family’s concerns. While some search and rescue events are handled by deputies on shift, there are many that require more resources. That’s when the Coconino Sheriff’s Search and Rescue (SAR) Unit comes to the rescue! This unit is a volunteer arm of the Sheriff’s Office made up of around 130 active volunteers led by the Sheriff’s Search and Rescue Coordinator and Assistant SAR Coordinator.

These volunteers responded to 120 different calls and participated in 390 training sessions during 2017. Between January and mid September 2018 of this year, SAR personnel responded to 101 calls. Volunteers donated 17,000 hours of their time in responding to calls and participating in training and preventative search-and-rescue presentations in 2017. Search and rescue missions lasted about seven hours on average. The members of this elite group of responders often find themselves responding to two or more calls in a single day which vary from lost or overdue people, injured hikers, technical rope rescue, snow and ice rescue, helicopter rescue, wildfire evacuations and evidence searches.

Members of the unit also give presentations to school-aged children, scout troops and people attending trail day or community events such as health and safety fairs. SAR members partner with the Northern Arizona University Wilderness Management class and other groups in town such as the Kachina Peaks Avalanche Center to develop and deliver outdoor safety programs.

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It’s been a busy year for Coconino County Emergency Management. From the Gate 13 Fire in February, where crown fire behavior was witnessed, to the Tinder Fire in the Blue Ridge region, to the flood events in Havasupai Village, Flagstaff and the North Schultz Flood area, all of these have a common result: they appear to be the “new normal” for the County. Coconino County is not alone in this phenomenon. Catastrophic wildland fires continue to burn in other parts of the country, oftentimes effecting the air quality of Coconino County.

Emergency Management is ready to meet the challenge and continually evolve and adapt to the threats facing Coconino County. To help us, we encourage the public to stay engaged and to be prepared for when the next emergency happens:

1. Ready, Set, Go! (RSG) The RSG program is a national messaging campaign adopted by the 15 Arizona Sheriffs, which educates residents about proactive measures to take before an emergency and actions to follow when communities are threatened.

   READY – Prepare Now-Be aware of the hazards that can threaten your community.
   - Register with your County or tribal emergency notification system.
   - Connect with your Emergency Management/Sheriff’s Office on social media.
   - Take steps now to prepare for seasonal threats.

2. GO! – Evacuate Danger in your area is current and life-threatening.
   - Residents should evacuate immediately to a shelter or with family/friends outside of the affected area.
   - If you choose to ignore this advice, then you must understand that emergency services may not be able to assist you further.


This year, the County switched to a new Emergency Notifications System with additional capabilities. The new system provides multi-language messaging based on resident preferences during registration. It also allows people to include important information such as the number and type of animals on a property or if assistance is needed if an evacuation is warranted. The system also incorporates the Smart 911 system that provides details to 911 operators if residents were to call by cellphone. To sign-up for this service please log onto www.Coconino.az.gov/ready or contact Emergency Management at 928-679-8311.

- Keep in mind the unique needs for your family or special equipment for pets and livestock.
- Stay aware of the latest news and information from public safety officials.

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Take steps now to prepare for seasonal threats.

Residents should consider voluntarily relocating to a shelter or with family/friends outside the affected area.

Grab your emergency supplies kit.
Coconino County Free Library District
Update: Focus on Facilities and Services

In addition to the diverse learning and community engagement opportunities that are the foundation of public services at the libraries in Coconino County, the libraries are working on projects to improve facilities.

The downtown library in Flagstaff just finished a few major projects to update the library facility and to improve services. The library replaced carpet that was at least 15 years old, completely renovated the public restrooms, created a "Friends of the Library Book Sale" area, implemented RFID technology and constructed a new circulation desk and work room.

Stop by the library anytime to see these improvements and learn about library services such as eBooks, eAudio Books, streaming video (IndieFlix) and ComicsPlus. These digital resources are available at all the public libraries in Coconino County, as well as free computer access and free Wi-Fi.

Thanks to help from Coconino County District 4 Supervisor Jim Parks, the Forest Lakes Community Library is getting signage along Highway 260 and along Sheep Springs Road. The library hopes the signs will attract more seasonal visitors to the library. Many people use the public lands around Forest Lakes, but don’t know that there’s a hidden gem of a library there to serve them with Wi-Fi, educational programs for kids and many other library services.

Thanks to support from Coconino County District 5 Supervisor Fowler, the Tuba City Public Library has received funding from the Navajo Hopi Land Commission. With matching funds from the library, the upper level (main floor) of the library is being renovated with new carpet, new paint and the removal of an unused stairwell. The end goal is to maximize the floor space in the library and create a modern, flexible, welcoming and functional place to better serve the community.

The Coconino County Bookmobile has added a few new stops: Basis School, Northland Christian School, Twin Arrows Casino and Kaibeto. For County residents who may not otherwise have access to a library, the Bookmobile creates thirty-seven opportunities for them to access library services.

Libraries in Coconino County have received $34,100 in Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants for the coming year. The East Flagstaff Community Library received $24,100 for “Intentional Spaces.” The library will be renovating the children and teen areas of the library to create safe, interactive and engaging environments for youth. The City of Flagstaff has also provided funding toward this project. The Tuba City Public Library received $10,000 for “Community Enrichment through Tutoring Underserved Populations.” This grant project will center on the Learning Express Library online resource that helps people prepare for careers or just polish-up their job skills.

In addition to those LSTA grants, Fredonia Public Library, Tuba City Public Library, Flagstaff Community Library, Forest Lakes Community Library and the Bookmobile each received a $2,500 grant ($12,500 total) that will provide STEM kits to be used for hands-on educational programs for kids.

With these improvements, and with the ongoing efforts of library staff, the libraries are leveraging resources to improve library experiences for everyone in Coconino County.

CCC partners with Havasupai Tribe for GED exam prep

In order to make education more accessible, said Gonzalo Perez, Associate Provost at CCC.

The purpose of this orientation was to test the new students on their current knowledge and what deficiencies they may have to help them successfully complete the exams required for receiving a GED, Perez said. Additionally, CCC Information Technology specialists upgraded all the computers with software required for the students to study course material. Stations are available at the Head Start office and at the community center in the village, but students can also access their coursework from home.

Perez said that, in addition to opening up tribal members to the possibility of better jobs, it also opens them up to the possibility of going to college – something that had never been an option before. Perhaps there might be a certification or associate degree in construction, nursing or IT.
fight the flu

Last year’s influenza (flu) season was severe and many people may be wondering how they can protect themselves from this illness this year. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends the seasonal flu vaccination as the first and most important step in protecting against the flu and its potentially serious complications. Everyone 6-months of age and older should get a flu vaccine every season.

Influenza is a serious viral infection that can lead to severe illness and even death. Each year, influenza results in hundreds of thousands of hospitalizations and thousands of fatalities. Because influenza is a rapidly mutating virus with many different strains, cases of influenza and severity of infection vary from season to season. Influenza infection can also affect people differently, depending upon age, immune system health and co-infections or chronic conditions. However, even healthy people can get very sick from the flu and spread it to others. This is because influenza can ignite a very strong immune response that can lead to systemic inflammation and organ dysfunction in healthy adults.

During each flu season, a new vaccine is manufactured to combat circulating influenza viruses. While it is too early to determine the effectiveness of this season’s vaccine, immunization reduces the chance of influenza-related complications, such as hospitalization, chronic disease and/or death. The earlier people get the vaccine, the better prepared their immune systems will be to combat the flu.

According to the CDC, there are several reasons to get a flu vaccine each year:

- Getting a flu shot can keep you from getting sick from flu.
- Getting vaccinated also protects others around you, including those who are more vulnerable to serious flu illness, like babies, young children, children with special health care needs, older people and people with certain chronic health conditions.
- Flu vaccination also may make your illness milder if you do get sick.
- Vaccination helps protect women during and after pregnancy. Getting vaccinated also protects the developing baby during pregnancy and for several months after the baby is born.
- Flu shots help reduce the risk of more serious flu-related outcomes, like hospitalizations and deaths.

In addition to getting a seasonal flu shot, good health habits will help you stay well. These simple actions can stop the spread of germs and help protect you and others from getting sick:

- Wash your hands frequently during flu season.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your mouth with your upper sleeve or with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- Don’t share eating utensils, cups or straws.
- Stay home when you are sick.

The cost for a flu vaccination at the CCPHSD Clinic is $30. As a courtesy, CCPHSD will bill insurance companies, but those seeking a flu shot should check with their insurance provider to determine whether they are covered and should bring their insurance card. No one will be denied services due to an inability to pay.

Vaccinations are available at the Coconino County Public Health Services District Clinic (CCPHSD), 2625 N. King Street in Flagstaff and at CCPHSD Community Clinics scheduled at locations throughout the County. Call the CCPHSD Clinic at 928-679-7222 or toll-free at 1-877-679-7272 for information or to make an appointment.

eWIC MAKES IT EASIER FOR FAMILIES TO GET HEALTHY FOODS

The Coconino County Public Health Services District (CCPHSD) launched eWIC, an electronic system that replaces paper checks with a card. Families that participate in the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program are enjoying the convenience of the new system.

WIC is a successful public health nutrition program that provides healthy foods, nutrition education, breastfeeding support and connections to community services for income-eligible women who are pregnant and postpartum, infants and children up to five years old. The CCPHSD WIC Program provides services to over 1600 participants monthly.

The move to eWIC means that WIC families can shop for the same healthy WIC-approved foods with more flexibility to go to the store throughout the month with their WIC benefits on one card.

Many WIC clients express how much they appreciate the eWIC cards. “It’s so easy to shop now,” said one client. “The eWIC card scans right at register which really speeds up the process.”

Clients also say they like not having to buy all their food benefit items at once. The eWIC card allows them to go shopping as often as they want and purchase as much or as little as they need from each month’s benefit package. This helps spread their groceries out to meet their pay dates and or loading of the next month’s SNAP benefits.

WIC families can also download the EzWIC app for Apple and Android devices. This app allows them to search the WIC Food List, scan items in the store to see if they are WIC-approved and check their current benefit balance.

CCPHSD WIC has open enrollment and is welcoming new clients. Services are available by appointment Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Walk-in days are held on Thursdays from 8-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. and Fridays from 8-11 a.m.

CCPHSD WIC Offices are in Flagstaff, Page and Fredonia.
- Flagstaff, Williams, Grand Canyon and surrounding areas can call the Flagstaff office at 928-679-7250 or 1-877-679-7272 (toll free) to schedule an appointment.
- For Page and surrounding areas call 928-645-9400 or 1-888-645-2283 (toll free) to schedule an appointment.
- Fredonia, Kaibab Palute Reservation, Colorado City and surrounding areas call 928-679-7250 or 1-877-679-7272 (toll free) for appointment information.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG OVERDOSE PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention Program (PDO) is a new CCPHSD program funded through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention via the Arizona Department of Health Services. The program uses five public health strategies from the Arizona Rx Misuse and Abuse Toolkit to combat prescription drug misuse and abuse.

Deaths caused by opioid overdose have increased throughout the nation and Arizona. From 2012-2016, the number of people who died of opioid overdose increased by 74 percent, killing two Arizonans each day. Most opioid-overdose deaths are caused by prescription opioids, or a combination of prescription opioids and other substances, including benzodiazepines and alcohol.

In 2016, Coconino County was rated 12th in opioid overdose deaths out of 15 Arizona Counties. Although Coconino County has not experienced the high amount of opioid overdose related deaths, there has been a 285 percent increase in opioid-related hospital visits.

PDO staff conducted community stakeholder meetings in Flagstaff and Page to assess opioid related strengths and needs. Representatives from health care, behavioral health, law enforcement, courts and government participated in these meetings. In general, it was found that one of the most important needs is connecting community members to already existing resources that can reduce the risk of opioid overdose deaths. For example, naloxone, an opioid overdose reversal medication, is available at several pharmacies for low or no cost. Having naloxone on hand could potentially save a loved one’s life in the event of an overdose.

Recently, a Naloxone Use and Distribution Policy was approved by CCPHSD Management. Staff is being trained to distribute naloxone to people in the community. The program is offered during office hours and the public can come in and obtain naloxone kits for themselves or family members. Naloxone can also be administered on-site in the event of an overdose.

Additional stakeholder meetings are being planned for Williams and Tusayan to assess community strengths and needs.

Staff is also initiating a substance abuse coalition as a subcommittee of the Continuum of Care network meetings. If you are interested in participating, please contact Candice Koennker at ckoneker@coconino.az.gov for more information. More information on the CCPHSD Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention Program is available at http://www.coconino.az.gov/2040/Prescription-Drug-Overdose-Prevention-Pr.
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program in Coconino County

United Way of Northern Arizona (UWNA) is uniting for an educated and thriving community. In 2018, the UWNA Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program is providing services to over 2,600 individuals and families within Coconino County. An increase of 17 percent of Coconino County residents gained access to free tax preparation assistance, financial literacy and debt reduction through the UWNA VITA program. In Coconino County, the total dollar value of tax preparation savings is $676,000, with $1.9 million in tax refunds, $780,000 in earned income tax credit and 1.2 million in debt reduction.

For over 20 years, hundreds of UWNA’s IRS-certified volunteers have helped community members with limited resources to earn, grow and keep more of their much-needed income. As a result, community members are being educated on how to thrive by increasing savings, repairing credit and reducing outstanding debt.

UWNA VITA works as a collaborative team throughout Coconino County to focus on increasing economic self-sufficiency by offering free tax preparation assistance, financial literacy and debt reduction for an educated and thriving community.

For more information or to volunteer contact United Way of Northern Arizona at 928-773-9813 or email Esherlock@nazunitedway.com.

Coconino County Quarterly Report JLUS Update
September 14, 2018

Coconino County, United States Naval Observatory Flagstaff Station (NOFS) and Arizona Army National Guard Camp Navajo (Camp Navajo) have been working together to conduct the Coconino Joint Land Use Study (JLUS), an 18-month effort primarily funded by the Department of Defense (DoD) Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA), with contributions from participating municipalities. This cooperative land use planning effort between local government and military installations aims to ensure lasting compatibility of military installations and neighboring communities. The study leads to a policy framework and implementation measures supporting a healthy economy, environment and community, while safeguarding the military mission.

Beginning in August 2017, Policy and Technical Committees were formed to guide the JLUS process. These committees were comprised of elected officials, senior military officials, tribal government leaders, staff from local jurisdiction planning departments, military installations and other key stakeholders. Committee members met periodically throughout the process with many participating in a tour of Camp Navajo and over 40 informational interviews. In addition to committee meetings, the JLUS has conducted three community workshops in Bellemont and Flagstaff and obtained feedback from an online survey.

Three categories of concern were identified through the community and stakeholder outreach – dark skies, land use and environmental health. The dark-sky character of Flagstaff and the surrounding area is critical to the community; Lowell Observatory and other observatories and the NOFS mission. As the community continues to grow and commercial, industrial, and residential development increases, protecting the area’s dark skies is a concern. Environmental health is also critical for many local residents as wildfires become more frequent and impact the natural spaces and wildlife in the area.

To address these concerns, 28 strategies were developed and grouped into five main categories: Coordination, Plan Updates and Policies, Code Updates and Enforcement, Land Conservation, Forest Management and Education. One of the most important near-term strategies is to form an implementation committee to maintain momentum and put JLUS recommendations into action. Project information, in addition to the full draft JLUS report, can be found at the project website www.coconinojlus.com.
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FLAGSTAFF, CELEBRATE WITH US!
JOIN THE LUMBERJACK FAMILY’S WEEK-LONG FESTIVITIES.
MANy EVENTS ARE FAMILY-FRIENDLY AND FREE!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26
Lumberjack March* | City Hall | 5 p.m.
Downtown Pep Rally* | Heritage Square | 5:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27 – HOMECOMING DAY
Café au Louie – Alumni Breakfast | 1899 Bar & Grill | 9 - 11 a.m.
Parade* | campus perimeter | 11 a.m.
MakerLab – open session* | Cline Library | noon
Volleyball vs Portland State | Rolle | noon
Tailgate* | lots P66 and P66A | 1 p.m.
Football vs Cal Poly | Skydome | 4 p.m.

* Free event

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