

Town Council Election Information

The Primary Election will be held on March 10, 2009; and the General Election will be held on May 19, 2009

Candidate packets may be picked up on November 10 and are due back to Town Hall by December 10, 2008. There will be four Town Council seats available in this election. Incumbents eligible for re-election are Christopher Kengla, Luke Smith, K. Barbara Teague and Larry Vicario.

This will be a mail ballot election. Expect to receive your ballot from the Navajo County Elections Department around the 5th of February for the Primary and around April 16 for the General.

For more information, contact Lu Anne Frost, Town Clerk, 928-368-8696 ext. 224.

General rules for driving a roundabout



Slow down. Watch for traffic signs.



Yield to pedestrians and bicyclists as you enter and exit the roundabout.



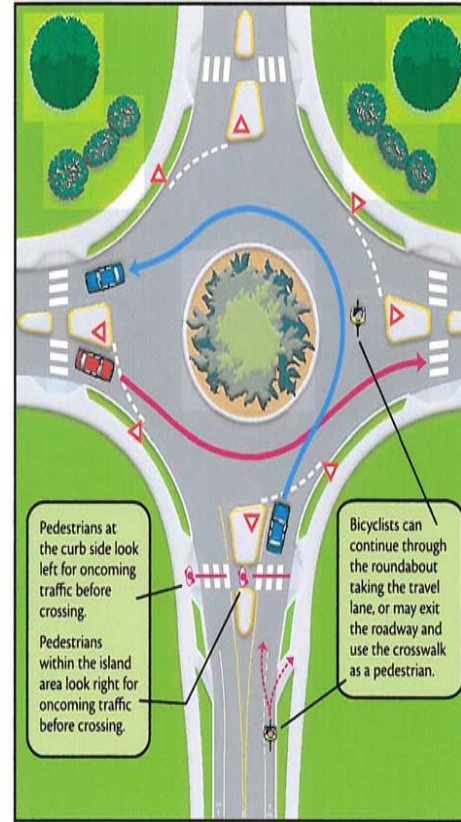
Look left and yield to traffic already in the roundabout.



Once in the roundabout, you have the right-of-way. Keep your speed low within the roundabout.



Turn right onto your destination street.



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From the Mayor's Notebook

Dear Citizens,

The Diamond West Gallery, won the second quarter Clean Business Award. Woody and Kaleta Biscoe have set a precedent for fine arts and appealing building design at White Mountain Boulevard and South Penrod, which area is designated the Penrod node in the Town Master Plan. Their distinctive sign and western architecture create a sense of place in the Town. Joyous Lake Gallery and Pinetop Contemporary Fine Art Gallery have located in the Penrod node to add to the unique grouping of businesses available to residents and tourists. With outdoor dining at Eddie's Country Store, Charlie Clark's and Red Devil Pizza, the area has become the place to go for an afternoon/evening out.

The White Mountain Wildlife and Nature Center boasts an artistic sign crafted by local artist, Deb Moseman. The center is developing a 10-acre site on Woodland Road, next to Big Springs. A huge social and economic benefit to the Town is anticipated when the center opens.

The Pinetop-Lakeside Historical Museum is becoming a reality, and is the first location to honor the pioneers of Pinetop and Lakeside. It is just in time to take advantage of the recognition of cultural tourism as an economic benefit.

K. Barbara Teague, Mayor

“Photo Radar” Coming to a Neighborhood Near You

Effective September 26, 2008 the Department of Public Safety will be placing photo radar vans throughout Arizona with one purpose, to cite speeders who are driving more than 10 miles per hour over the speed limit. These new vans will not be stationed in incorporated areas with the exception of the Arizona freeway system.

The new violation will cost violators \$165 per violation, however it may be more in some jurisdictions as local authorities may add a small fee for processing. Individuals who admit

the violation will not be assessed any points against their license by MVD, nor will the violation be reported to any insurance companies. People who are charged with the violation may contest the ticket and have a civil traffic hearing in the local Justice Court.

In the Pinetop-Lakeside area DPS may be setting up vans in the areas of Wagon Wheel and on Highway 260 near the country clubs. A word to the wise

slow down!

Explorer Program

The Pinetop-Lakeside Explorer Program is specifically designed for young men and women ages 14 to 21 who are interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement. Explorers will receive training in many aspects of law enforcement from simple fingerprinting to major case preparation. Training is just a small part of the Explorer Program. Explorers also provide service to both the community and the police department through community service projects such as drug awareness classes to area youth, fingerprinting small children, and registering and conducting safety inspections of bicycles. Explorers will also participate in traffic control during the Fall Festival Parade and other civic functions.

Anyone interested in additional information, please contact Detective Mike Barney at 368-8803.

Projects Generated by Grant Dollars

Recycling To keep up with the rising demand to recycle, the Town received a grant to purchase and install, in strategic locations, four new recycle trailers. The Town currently has two recycle trailers. The purchase will increase the Town's ability to meet the citizens desire to recycle. This project is a partnership between ADEQ and the Town.

Porter Mountain Road Bridge Feasibility Study

Recognizing the need to assess Porter Mountain Road and the bridge conditions, the Town and Navajo County co-sponsored a proposal to the Greater Arizona Development Authority to complete a bridge feasibility study. This study complements the small area transportation study completed in 2007, and is expected to be completed within the next six months. The study will review existing and future roadway conditions, and cite several structural and cost options for a bridge expansion on Porter Mountain Road.

Pinetop-Lakeside Watchable Wildlife Guide

Pinetop-Lakeside's natural environment and beauty is beyond compare and the home to a variety of animal species. A grant funded by Arizona Game & Fish will develop, produce and distribute a Pinetop-Lakeside Watchable Wildlife Guide containing information and a map to the Town's watchable wildlife viewing sites. The guide will incorporate educational and informational tips including environmentally-friendly viewing techniques.

Pinetop-Lakeside Transportation Feasibility Study

The grant, awarded by Arizona Department of Transportation, will conduct a study to assess access management control along SR 260 within Town boundaries. The study will determine proper median placement and identify appropriate spacing and configuration for median placement. The study will provide recommendations to implement access control strategies to enhance pedestrian safety and vehicular flow along the SR 260 corridor.

Community Development Block Grant Activities

•The White Mountain S.A.F.E.House addition represents a \$152,000 capital investment project. The addition increases the domestic violence shelter's capacity to assist victims and families during crisis situations. The addition includes two new bedroom spaces, a new bathroom and a common room/or library for residents.

•The Lakeside Redevelopment District Commercial Rehab Project is winding down. To date ten businesses have taken advantage of the matching fund grant to enhance or improve their business signage, landscape or building exterior.

Library News

Funding has been approved for the parking lot expansion at the Library. The scope of work will include correcting the drainage problem in the front parking lot, installing a culvert in the open ditch in the back, and backfilling it. The existing asphalt will be broken up, compacted, and topped with a fresh coat of asphalt and the dirt area already used for parking will be improved. Striping will complete the project.

In other library news, callers to the library may have noticed we now have voice mail and an extended greeting that lists the library location, hours, and gives the option of contacting a staff member directly. To reach the library, dial 368-6688 and listen for the following options: to place a hold, renew a book, or for other circulation questions, press one. To reach the children's librarian press two, and press four for the director.

Library staff is also posting to the library blog as another way to communicate with patrons. Blog postings include library events, book, movie, and music reviews, and children's events. Patrons are welcome to comment on postings.

Upcoming library events include:

- Teen Read Week, October 12 - 18
- October is Amnesty Month for forgiveness of library fines.

Parks & Recreation

Fall is an excellent time of year to explore the many multi-purpose trails winding through the region. If you would like information our department is the headquarters for the TRACKS Organization. We can provide trail information and help find excursions on the White Mountain Trail System.

Woodland Lake Park has been a center of activity for visitors and residents alike with an average of 2,000 visitors per weekend walking, fishing, picnicking, bird watching, and playing at the park. Soccer season is here and six days a week the multi-use fields at Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex are packed with the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) league and high school soccer teams. Our community is fortunate to have dedicated volunteers who assist with AYSO, as well as other youth sports programs.

The Parks & Recreation Department has ongoing classes for a variety of interests:

- ◆ Jazzercise
- ◆ Youth Taekwondo
- ◆ Preschool Fit and Fun
- ◆ Ballet for ages 3-5
- ◆ Dog Obedience

Upcoming Events:

- ➔ October 31, 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat at Mountain Meadow Recreation Complex, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- ➔ December 6, Christmas Tree Lighting Festival at Woodland Lake Park. Beginning at 2:30 p.m. Featuring a variety of local talent, the Jingle Walk around the lake and a very special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

A year of progress in securing Woodland Lake Park

Task Force to pursue acquisition of 583-acre "Crown Jewel"

It's been a year since the Town Council established the Woodland Lake Park (WLP) Task Force to pursue acquisition of our Town's 583-acre "crown jewel." WLP acquisition remains one of our top priorities as the task force has worked to pursue and evaluate the myriad of options identified in the 2007 *Woodland Lake Park Tract Master Plan*. Some options still hold promise while others have been eliminated from further consideration. Although the parcel remains in U.S. Forest Service ownership subject to potential liquidation as an unmanageable parcel from their perspective, the Town stands ready to begin "eating the elephant" with various approaches to pick away at the huge task of securing the parcel.

The WLP task force concluded that it's time to move forward with purchasing the priority piece(s) of the WLP parcel; the top priority is the Town's developed park with its millions of dollars in improvements. To do this, the Town has engaged the services of the Trust for Public Lands (TPL), a national non-profit organization that helps communities preserve open space and parkland. In the coming months, TPL will begin the process of working with the Town and its citizens to develop and evaluate a potential financing strategy that may be put before the voters in the May 2009 general election. You'll hear much more about our cooperative efforts with TPL in the coming months.

If we're to begin purchasing priority pieces of WLP, how much will WLP cost? This is a critical piece of

information as we move forward in our efforts to secure WLP. The Forest Service is actively helping the Town expedite the process to obtain a certified appraisal that could be done as soon as late fall. The Town helped compile the voluminous background documentation to accomplish four separate appraisals; the entire 583-acre tract, the 103-acre developed park, the 40-acre Big Springs Environmental Study Area (ESA) and the 100 acres corresponding to the Walnut Creek node of the Town Plan. These separate appraisals will provide cost benchmarks and options for moving forward with efforts to secure WLP. What's more, with the current slowing of the real estate market, this is a great time to get our appraisals and be prepared to act upon them.

The *Save Our Park!* Campaign, a cooperative effort with the White Mountain Land Trust and the dedicated *Save Our Park!* Committee has raised many thousands of dollars and much public awareness to support the purchase of WLP. Recent fundraising events were huge successes due to our community's "can do" spirit, generous donors, sponsors, and many volunteers. You too, can make a difference by contributing your tax-deductible donations to the *Save Our Park!* Campaign via the White Mountain Land Trust (P.O. Box 803, Lakeside, AZ 85929).

We're now working with Congress (with TPL's assistance) to seek relief from the 1998 law that dictates that only the Town can acquire WLP (at fair market value) so that the Blue Ridge Unified School District can purchase the Big Springs ESA for

\$10/acre under the Education Land Grant Act. Both the Town and School District have passed resolutions of support of this approach to securing Big Springs. In this way, Big Springs can be acquired at minimal cost and continue to offer outstanding outdoor educational opportunities in concert with the new nature center being developed next door by the White Mountain Wildlife and Nature Center.

Two options in the *Woodland Lake Park Tract Master Plan* did not prove feasible. The Arizona State Parks Department was not interested in establishing a state park at WLP. Likewise, the Forest Service denied our request/application that they confer a special recreation or other designation upon all or part of WLP. Though disappointed in not seeing these options bear fruit, we can now focus our efforts on other remaining options.

The next year will be an exciting one in our committed efforts to secure WLP! Citizens can become involved in many ways, including attending regularly scheduled meetings of the task force held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m., at the Town Council Chambers. All task force agendas, minutes and products are posted on the Town's website (www.ci.pinetop-lakeside.az.us).

Citizens will have opportunities to participate in public involvement efforts with the Trust for Public Lands to develop strategies to purchase priority portions of WLP. Though much has been accomplished to secure WLP, much more still needs to be done in the coming year. Get involved and get excited!