



DATE: August 2nd, 2024
TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Tom Whitmer, Acting City Manager
SUBJECT: Acting City Manager's Report – Week Ending – 07/26/2024

City of Cottonwood Staff Professional Development – City Clerk Tami Mayes and Deputy Clerk Evette Skerrett attended the 2024 AMCA Conference and Elections Training in Fountain Hills last week. Tami presented on “How to Navigate the Recall Process from the standpoint of a Municipal Clerk” to the attendees on 7/25. Her presentation was well received.

Senior members of the Utilities and Strategic Initiatives Departments attended the WaterReuse Annual Symposium in Flagstaff. Two-day training sessions focused on the priority and value of recyclability in our water systems in Arizona and beyond. The event gathered together industry leaders in water reuse for education, conversation, and networking.

“GEM” Going the Extra Mile Cards – Vince Piazza and Chris Norwood both received honorable recognition for their professionalism and excellent service. Please see the attached photos.

Cottonwood Youth Advisory Commission – Applications are open for those interested in joining the Cottonwood Youth Advisory Commission (CYAC). Members must be students in 8th-12th grade and reside in Cottonwood, AZ. Applications are due August 15, 2024 and a digital copy can be downloaded at <https://cottonwoodaz.gov/386/Youth-Advisory-Commission>. If you have questions, please contact Dana Dowell at ddowell@cottonwoodaz.gov or visit the CYAC page on the City of Cottonwood website for more information. Please see attached flyer.

COCS D Welcome Back Event – Staff from the library, rec center, and youth center participated in the welcome back teacher's event held at Cottonwood Community School. Staff provided information to the more than 300 teachers and staff in attendance. Information included the free events offered by the library, classes offered at the rec center, and the after-school program offered at the youth center. Gift baskets were donated by the rec center and library as raffles for the teachers. Please see attached photos.

Park & Rec Month Staff Highlights – This month we are celebrating Park & Recreation Month with a social media campaign! This week we have begun to highlight our amazing staff and all they do to support our community. Please follow us on Facebook ([facebook.com/CWPARD](https://www.facebook.com/CWPARD)) to stay up-to-date on our staff shoutouts and all things parks and rec! Please see attached graphic.

Dive-In Movies – Mark your calendar for the final Dive-In Movie of the 2024 season! Join us August 3 at the outdoor pool where we'll be watching The Super Mario Bros. Movie! Gates open at 7:45 p.m. and admission is free. We'd like to thank Jennifer Griffin, State Farm Agent, for sponsoring this event series. Please see attached flyer.

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Attachments:

Photos – GEM

Flyer – CYAC

Photos – COCSD

Flyer – P & R

Flyer – Dine-In Movie

See an employee **G**oing the **E**xtra **M**ile or performing a **GEM**-like action?

Recognize them!

Treat your peers to a small gift of appreciation by filling out this form to describe why that employee is deserving of this recognition. Take this card and present it to your fellow employee personally—let them know you appreciate their actions or work! After you are done encouraging that employee and supporting their positive action, the employee can bring their card to HR to redeem their gift.

For more information, call HR at 340-2713 or 240-2717

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7/15/24



Thanks for **G**oing the **Extra Mile**
and being a positive representative
of the City of Cottonwood!
Your **GEM**-like action has scored
you a small gift of appreciation!
Bring your card to HR to collect
your appreciation gift.

To: Vince Piazza
From: Emily Carter
Date: 7/15/2024

Describe the **GEM**-like Action:

I received a message
from a new hired
employee that
Vince has been
very helpful, fun to
work with, and has
made her new experience
enjoyable. Thanks
Vince !! 😊

-Redeem at HR 821 N Main St.
or 928-340-2711

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"Inspiring a Vibrant Community"

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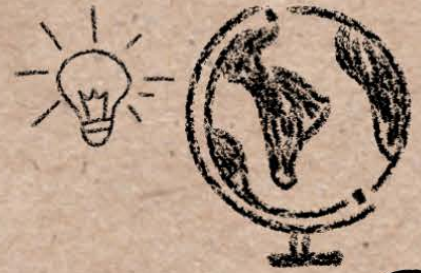
To: CHRIS NORWOOD

From: LISA LAY

Date: 7/26/2024

Describe the **GEM**-like Action:

Chris sold a couple of generators
for the City. One of the buyers,
Amie from Svenco called
me to rave about Chris
and how helpful he was
with the pickup. She could
tell you were busy running to
different locations but
still kind and responsive and
very helpful. Kudos to you!



COTTONWOOD YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

What is the CYAC?

The Cottonwood Youth Advisory Commission (CYAC) was created to provide a structure within local government to respond to the needs of children and youth. The CYAC serves as a voice for all children and youth by making recommendations to the city council on issues that promote a safe, healthy, and positive environment for child and youth development. The CYAC also implements activities that promote a positive environment for youth.

What do I do in CYAC?

- CYAC meets once a month during the school year
- Volunteer 4 - 6 hours per month
- Miss 1 day of school for Student Government Day/Youth Town Hall
- Represent CYAC at other events

Who can join?

8th - 12th grade students located in Cottonwood, AZ.

How can I apply?

Complete & submit the CYAC Member Application via mail, drop-off, or email. Applications are available online at <http://cottonwoodaz.gov/386/Youth-Advisory-Commission>

**APPLICATIONS DUE
AUGUST 15, 2024**



Questions? Contact Dana Dowell at 928-639-3200 X 3211
or ddowell@cottonwoodaz.gov



Parks and Recreation Raffle

Rec Swag:

- 4 water bottles
- 4 sweat towels
- 4 card holders
- 4 chip socks
- 4 ink pens
- 4 stress balls
- 2 frisbees

Plus:

- 2 Saturday passes to Thunder Valley Rally on September 21, 2024
- 4 Cottonwood Rec Center day passes

School Breaks

After School Program

COTTONWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY						
DATE	TIME	AGE	TOPIC	LOCATION	INSTRUCTOR	STATUS
09/11	10:00	12+	...	...	...	...
09/12	10:00	12+	...	...	...	...
09/13	10:00	12+	...	...	...	...
09/14	10:00	12+	...	...	...	...
09/15	10:00	12+	...	...	...	...
09/16	10:00	12+	...	...	...	...
09/17	10:00	12+	...	...	...	...
09/18	10:00	12+	...	...	...	...
09/19	10:00	12+	...	...	...	...
09/20	10:00	12+	...	...	...	...
09/21	10:00	12+	...	...	...	...
09/22	10:00	12+	...	...	...	...
09/23	10:00	12+	...	...	...	...
09/24	10:00	12+	...	...	...	...
09/25	10:00	12+
09/26	10:00	12+
09/27	10:00	12+
09/28	10:00	12+
09/29	10:00	12+
09/30	10:00	12+



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PERSEVERANCE
The hard work you do, after
you get tired of doing
the hard work you
already did.



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4:00-8:30 at the Youth Center
located at 215 E Pima St.

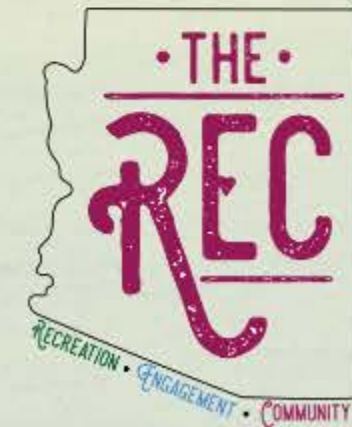
FIRE
PRESS
PUSH
Advanced

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The City of Cottonwood has a dedicated team of individuals who comprise the Public Works Department. Thanks to their support and expertise we are able to offer the community a safe and secure environment to enjoy Parks & Recreation. From maintaining parks and fields to repairs in our facilities, the Public Works team is always ready to jump into action when we need their help.

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Public Works Department



DIVE-IN MOVIES AT THE OUTDOOR POOL



August 3 • Gates open at 7:45 p.m.
Outdoor Pool at 150 S. 6th St.
Admission is FREE!

Sponsored by:



Jennifer Griffin, Agent

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