

DATE: August 16th, 2024
TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Tom Whitmer, Acting City Manager
SUBJECT: Acting City Manager's Report – Week Ending – 08/16/2024



Cottonwood Police Department – The Cottonwood Police Department is hosting the annual National Night Out Celebration on October 2nd, 2024 at the Cottonwood Kids' Park. The event garners representation from all areas of Cottonwood to spread anti-crime awareness and promote police + community engagement. Please see attached flyer.

Information Technology Department – During a recent monsoon, lightning took out the microwave, network switch and the internet receiver at the Riverfront Council Chambers, knocking out all internet access at the Council Chambers and the park. Due to this lightning strike Yavapai Broadcasting could not live stream the Council meeting and the Council members could not join via zoom. Steven Hensyel – IT Tech II, Chris Norwood – City Electrician, and Katelyn Dotson - Network Administrator worked very hard to get the internet back up at the Riverfront Council Chambers, and as a team got everything up and running again, just in time for the August 13th Special Meeting! Thank you, Steve, Katelyn and especially Chris for going to great heights to keep us connected. Please see attached photos.

City Hall Selfie Day – The City of Cottonwood celebrated City Hall Selfie Day on August 15th. Organized by Engaging Local Government Leaders, it's a yearly celebration of public service when people around the world gather in front of city halls, libraries, and other local government buildings to show community pride. We'd like to thank all of the staff and departments who participated this year! Please see attached photos.

Observe the Moon Event – In partnership with AstroVerde, the City of Cottonwood will be hosting a public event for International Observe the Moon Night on September 14th, 2024. This free event is great for folks of all ages. We will encourage observation, appreciation and understanding of our Moon and our status as a Dark Sky Community. Please see attached flyer.

Thunder Valley Rally – Thunder Valley Rally will be back in Cottonwood, AZ on September 20- 21, 2024 at Riverfront Park! This year's headlining acts include Vertical Horizon (playing Friday) and Warrant (playing Saturday). Attendees can look forward to a weekend packed full of live music, vendors, food and drink, custom bike show, classic car and hot rod show, and much more! Visit thundervalleyrallyaz.com to buy your tickets in advance today! Please see attached flyer.

Walkin' on Main – Registration is now open for vendors/artists and the car show at Walkin' on Main. This year's event will take place on Saturday, November 9th in Old Town Cottonwood. For more information or to register as a vendor or car show participant, please visit azwom.com. Please see attached flyers.

Cottonwood Public Library – We are thrilled to announce the success of the 2024 Summer Reading Challenge at the Cottonwood Public Library, where our theme, "Adventure Begins at Your Library," inspired kids across the Verde Valley to dive into the world of books. Together, these young adventurers collectively read an astounding 310,004 minutes! This achievement wouldn't have been possible without the support of our community. A heartfelt thank you goes out to our sponsors: Cottonwood Bookmarks-Friends of the Library, Cottonwood Recreation Center, Cottonwood Fire Department, Game On, Pop Up Market, Out of Africa, Dutch Bros, Pink Jeep Tours, Bananas in Old Town, Blazin' M, and Black Bear Diner.

We also want to extend our gratitude to the Cottonwood-Oak Creek School District Food Service, Verde Valley Sanctuary, Verde Valley Humane Society, and artists Elizabeth Olvera and Joan Bourque for your collaboration. Your contributions were crucial to our program's success.

Community Development – The Cottonwood Planning and Zoning Commission will be holding a meeting on Monday, August 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., at the City Council Chambers - Riverfront, 1083 E. Riverfront Road, Cottonwood, AZ 86326. Please see the attached agenda.

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Attachments:

Flyer – National Night Out

Photos – Lightening Strike

Photos – Selfie Day

Flyer – Moon Event

Flyer – TVR

Flyer – Walkin' on Main

Photos – Summer Reading Program

Agenda – P&Z

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2024



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

National Night Out is designed to:

- ★ Send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back
- ★ Generate support/participation in local anticrime programs
- ★ Heighten crime & drug prevention awareness
- ★ Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships

How can I be involved?

- ★ Attend National Night Out at the Cottonwood Kids Park—350 S 12th St.
- ★ Exhibit your business/organization at Cottonwood's National Night Out

COTTONWOOD'S
NIGHT OUT AGAINST
CRIME

Free

Cottonwood Kids Park 4:30-7 pm







City Hall Selfie Day 2024

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
COTTONWOOD UTILITIES - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Community Development
City of Cottonwood



City Hall Selfie Day 2024



Finance & Human Resources
City of Cottonwood



City Hall Selfie Day 2024



***Parks & Recreation
City of Cottonwood***



City Hall Selfie Day 2024



Cottonwood Public Library
City of Cottonwood



City Hall Selfie Day 2024



City Clerk's Office
City of Cottonwood



City Hall Selfie Day 2024



*Fire Department
City of Cottonwood*



City Hall Selfie Day 2024



Administration & Economic Development
City of Cottonwood



City of Cottonwood Presents



SEPTEMBER 14, 2024 • 7 - 10PM
FORMER COUNCIL CHAMBERS PARKING LOT
828 N. MAIN STREET, COTTONWOOD, AZ

International Observe the Moon Night is a worldwide public event that encourages observation, appreciation and understanding of our Moon and its connection to space science, exploration, and human culture. This annual event connects scientists, educators and lunar enthusiasts from around the world.



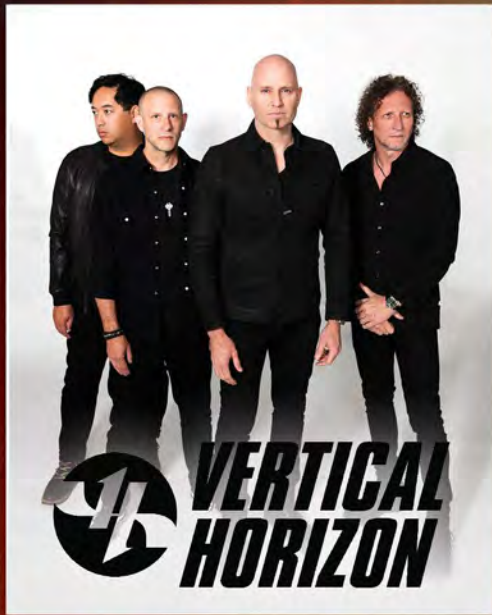
This event is organized in partnership with AstroVerde:
Astronomers of Verde Valley





SEPTEMBER 20-21, 2024 • COTTONWOOD, AZ

FEATURING HEADLINERS



BUY YOUR WEEKEND PASS FOR JUST \$60!
VISIT THUNDERVALLEYRALLYAZ.COM FOR MORE INFO





REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR CAR SHOW AT WALKIN' ON MAIN

The Walkin' on Main Car Show presented by Red Rock Collision takes place on Main St. in Old Town Cottonwood. The show provides participants and event attendees great photo opportunities and a chance for good ol' fashion car talk. See some of the state's most unique cars, trucks and more at the Car Show at Walkin' on Main!

Registration is limited to 50 vehicles and is first-come first-served. Entry fee is \$20 per vehicle. Visit azwom.com to register or for more information.

Questions? Contact Travis at twilson@cottonwoodaz.gov or 928-639-3200 ext. 3210

**WALKIN' ON MAIN CAR SHOW TAKES PLACE
NOVEMBER 9, 2024 FROM 11AM-3PM**





NOW ACCEPTING VENDOR APPLICATIONS

Walkin' on Main began as a way to celebrate the Verde Valley's unique culture, history, and wine. Since its inception, it has grown in size and appeal and now showcases a large variety of local and regional artists, vendors, and wineries.

Applications are available online at azwom.com

\$150 for a 10x10' vendor spot

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**WALKIN' ON MAIN TAKES PLACE IN OLD TOWN
COTTONWOOD NOVEMBER 9, 2024 FROM 11AM-5PM**





Contact: Danielle Ave'
Youth Services Supervisor
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cottonwoodaz.gov

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
TO ALL MEDIA
August 13, 2024

A Summer of Adventure and Achievement at the Cottonwood Public Library

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Thank you to everyone who helped make this summer a remarkable journey through reading. We can't wait to see what adventures await us next year!

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STOP

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boys

Here!



Rollingpin

ADVENTURE

FAT FREE CHOCOLATE MILK
KNOCK KNOCK

SHAMROCK FARMS
CHOCOLATE MILK
FAT FREE

HAND LAKES
KNOCK KNOCK

LAND O LAKES

SHAMROCK FARMS





SCOOBY DO
WHERE ARE THEY?

Beckett
Pet Me
I'm Friendly









2 WAYS OUT
WORKING S M
KEEP ALARMS

MEETING PLACE



PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

1083 E. RIVER FRONT ROAD
COTTONWOOD, AZ 86326

Monday, August 19, 2024 6:00 PM cottonwoodaz.gov
 Regular Meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. ROLL CALL:
2. [APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 17, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES](#)

II. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AND UPDATES:

A brief summary of current events by Chairperson, Commission members, and/or Community Development Director. (The public body does not propose, discuss, deliberate, or take legal action on any matter brought up during this summary unless the matter is properly noticed for legal action).

III. OLD BUSINESS:

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

1. [CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR KEEPING OF LIVESTOCK IN AN I-2 \(HEAVY INDUSTRIAL\) ZONE](#)
2. [DR-24-007 - RUNWAY APARTMENTS](#)
3. [DR-24-009 - ARBYS](#)
4. [ZO-24-006 - Amendment to the City of Cottonwood Zoning Ordinance Section 201 Definitions and Section 404 General Provisions regarding the keeping of fowl.](#)
5. [ZO-24-007 - ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT - SIGNS IN OLD TOWN](#)

V. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

This is the time for the public to comment on any matter that does not appear on the agenda. Commission members may not discuss items not identified on the agenda. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to criticism, or scheduling the matter for consideration at a later date. Comments are limited to three minutes for each person.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Information on the above agenda items may be obtained in person from the Community Development Department, 111 N. Main Street in Cottonwood, or by calling (928) 634-5505.

A verbal comment period will be provided during each hearing item. The Chair may impose a time limit on each speaker. The Commission will not consider written materials submitted less than three working days before the meeting.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02(B) the Commission may vote to go into executive session on any agenda item pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4) for discussion and consultation for legal advice with the City Attorney.

The Riverfront Council Chambers are accessible to the handicapped in accordance with Federal “504” and “ADA” laws. Those with needs for special typeface print or hearing devices may request these from the Community Development Admin at 634-5505 (TDD 634-5526). All requests must be made at least 24 hours before the meeting.

Members of the Planning Commission will attend either in person or remotely.