

Youngtown Village Reporter

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In the *Heart* of the Northwest Valley

Jack Duran

The movie Tombstone, one of my favorites, is set in the late 1800s in Tombstone, the Arizona Territory--a legendary part of the wild, wild west. At the end, Wyatt Earp visits his lifelong friend Doc Holliday who lay dying of consumption in a sanitorium in Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Earp's last words to his friend were "...thanks for always being there Doc..."

A handful of people have passed through my life, been counted as best friends, and profoundly impacted the scope and trajectory of my life. Jack Duran was one of those people. I first met Jack after he spoke during a tumultuous Town

Council meeting back in the summer of 2006. I had been in Youngtown for a little over a year and I was thunderstruck at the power and wisdom in his words. In the years that followed, Jack became my best friend, my Pastor, my colleague and my mentor.

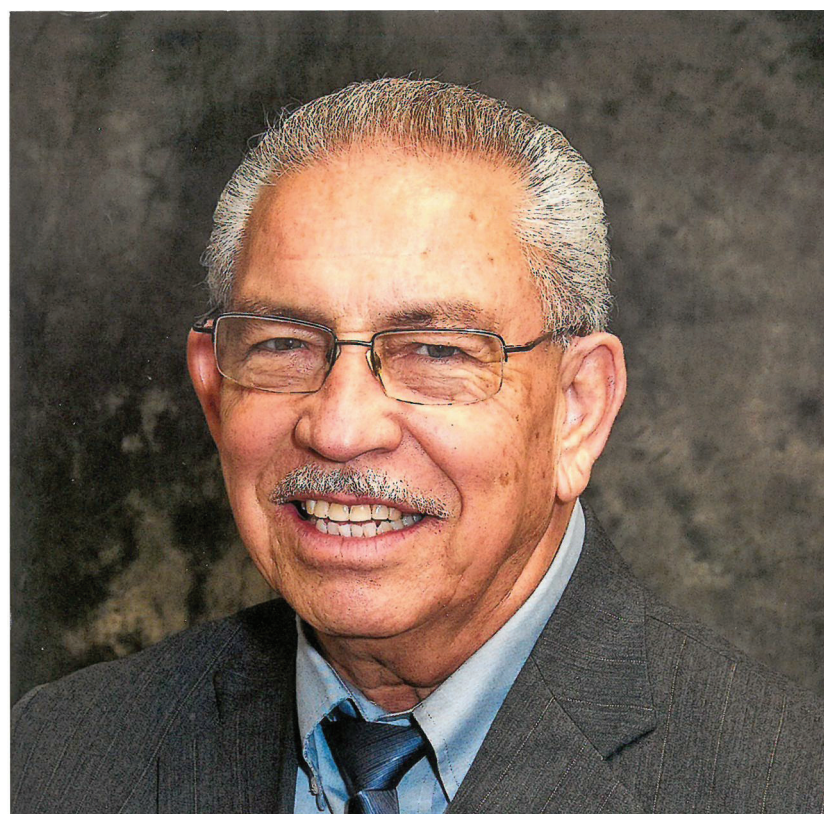
Jack and I were elected to Town Council in November, 2006 and served together for almost 15 years. Jack had been there once before so his tenure, on Council, totaled some 18 years.

Jack came at life with the true heart of a servant. He always looked for ways to positively impact those whose lives he touched. As Pastor, co-founder of

Valley View Food-bank, Town Councilman, Vice Mayor, husband, father and grandfather, he always looked for ways to better the lives of those around him. He was there "...for the ups and downs, through thin or flush..." he was there.

The Book of Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3 tells us "There is a time for everything...a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance..." Jack, we loved the time we spent with you, now we mourn for our loss. "...thanks, Jack for always being there..."

Michael LeVault, Mayor



A YOUNGTOWN WINTER MIRACLE

Saturday, December 11, 2021
Greer Park • 5:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

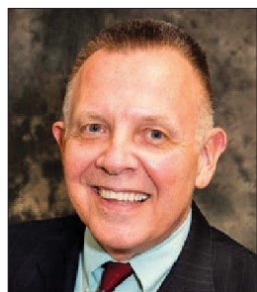
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From the Mayor... Is There Any Their There?

Lightly edited reprint from December 2015

Have you noticed that with the advent of ever more immediate and succinct communication vehicles like email, texting and instant messaging there is a growing tendency to get sloppy with our English? Look at the common misuse of similar sounding words.

For example, look at the use (or misuse) of there (in that place or in that location) and their (relating to or belonging to certain people, animals or things). This

actually used to be a pet peeve of mine, but has become so ubiquitous I've become immune to it.

Then there's the story about the guy who lost his best friend because he didn't know the difference between the words antidote and anecdote. So when his buddy was bitten by a rattler, instead of dialing 9-1-1, he began reading him amusing short stories out of Readers' Digest.

And how about the demand that we learn a

whole new language in order to accommodate the need to convey an entire message in 140 characters or less. Like BTW or "by the way" which, I suppose, could also mean "bring the wheelchair"-especially for us baby boomers. How about BFF-"best friends forever"- or again for us baby boomers, could also mean "best friend's funeral".

CYA says "see ya" but I remember when it used to warn "cover your a##". Then there's the environmentalist's

NIMBY-"not in my back yard"-which has actually been replaced by BANANA-"build absolutely nothing, anywhere, near anything". LOL means either "laughing out loud" or "living on Lipitor".

ROTFLMAO says "rolling on the floor laughing my a## off" immediately followed by HIFACGBU-"help, I've fallen and can't get back up".

I even remember when you could abbreviate "stand by" to STBY, but

be careful because now it could also mean "s##ks to be you".

So, I guess you can either take the time and care to properly and precisely convey your message, keeping in mind who is in your audience, or you could just do what seems to be the norm today and practice SWAG "some wild a##ed guessing".

B4N-"bye for now"!



Michael Lavault
Julyor



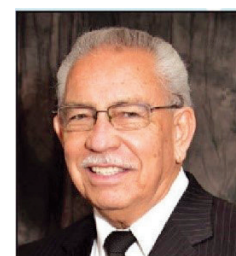
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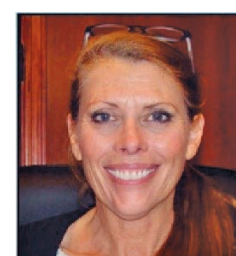
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Councilmember



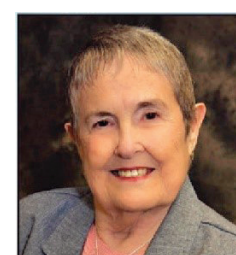
Karen Haney Duncan
Councilmember



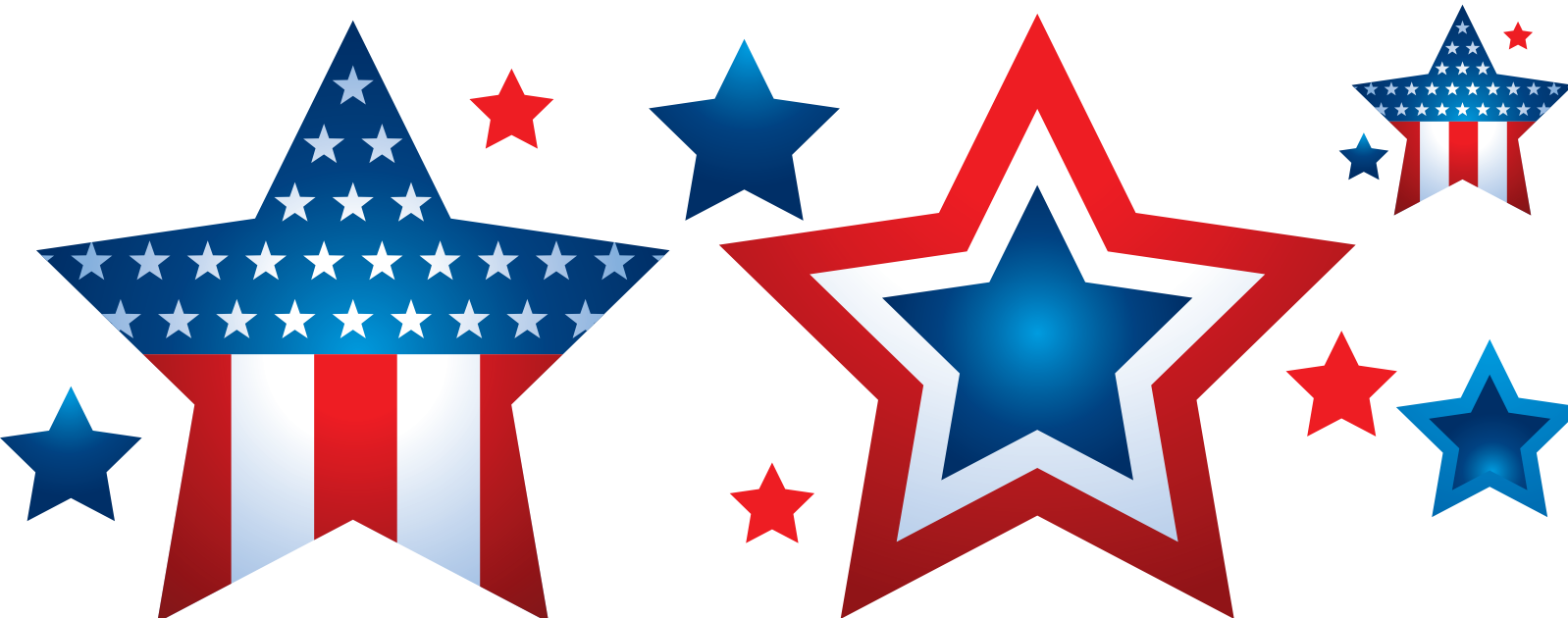
Jack Duran
Councilmember



Susan Hout
Councilmember



July Miller
Councilmember



Below is the portal address for the CDBG-CV CARES Act assistance program. They will be working behind the scenes to improve the portal as they work with residents seeking assistance. The phone line is still open, however it is limited.

Here is the link to the application:

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6131197/Community-Development-Block-Grant-Rental-Utility-Assistance-Application>



TOWN OF YOUNGTOWN

12030 North Clubhouse Square, Youngtown, AZ 85363

Julyor and Council: 623-933-8286 • Town Administration: 623-933-8286

Building Inspector: 623-933-8286 • Library: 623-974-3401 • Municipal Court: 623-972-8226

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Non-emergency: 602-876-1011 • Emergency: 9-1-1

Town Administrative Office hours Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. • www.youngtownaz.org

Smoke Detectors DO Save Lives



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

One of the responsibilities of the Fire Marshal's office is to perform Fire Investigations. There are several certified Fire Investigators within the Sun City Fire and Medical Department, but all of the Investigations are channeled through the Fire Prevention office. Since becoming a Fire Investigator, I've been able to see first-hand how many different things can cause a fire and the damaging effects a fire can have on a person's belongings, or even their own life.

Recently and unfortunately I was called out at 11:00 in the night because we had a significant structural house fire with partial collapse in Sun City.

The residential fire was in a duplex with one elderly man in one side and a couple in the other side. When I arrived on the scene, the fire was significantly extinguished and the fire crews were still putting out hot spots.

The entire roof on one end of the duplex had collapsed. This makes a very difficult task for a fire investigator because the ceiling, insulation, roof structure and shingles are all lying on top of the evidence as far as determining the source of the fire.

Now comes the part where you need to me-



thodically put things back in place to determine the area of fire origin, the point of fire origin and the cause of the fire.

One of the first things an investigator does on a fire scene is to walk the property to determine any hazards that

may exist. It happened that this residence had the Air-Conditioning units on the roof. Since the roof had been compromised on the South unit, the air conditioning unit was balancing on a wall that was still remaining. This is something that the investi-

gator will note, point out to the command on scene, and not allow other individuals into the residence.

The next thing is to interview everyone involved. First is to talk with the Battalion Chief in command of the fire. Find out what they



mind, that our engine companies were dispatched at 10:31 p.m., and arrived on scene at 10:34 p.m. If that smoke detector would not have awakened Henry, we would be having a much different story. Henry lived in the south end of the home that had collapsed!

This is actual proof that Smoke Detectors Save Lives. Henry said when he heard the smoke detector he initially thought that he had forgotten to turn off his TV. Then he realized it was the smoke alarm making the noise. He got out of bed, looked down the hallway and saw smoke and flames. He went back to his room, threw on some clothes and made his way to the front door to exit the house. By that time the fire engines were arriving. Unfortunately, it was too late to save the south end of the structure. The girder truss had already failed and the chain reaction of other structural components failing had already begun.

The good news is that the smoke detector did its job by waking Henry and warning him to get out. Please, take this true story seriously and verify your smoke detectors are working; and if you don't have one — GET ONE!

saw when they arrived, any casualties, which engines were first on scene, and the fire-fighting measures taken. Then you interview the people, hopefully the residents, to find out what they saw, heard, smelled, or any other clues they may have.

One of the people I interviewed was the elderly man who lived in the south unit. We'll call him Henry. Henry was across the street in a neighbor's lawn chair with a blanket around him. Henry is 88 years old. I asked Henry if he was OK, and if I could get him anything. Then we discussed what he could remember about the night. Henry told me he went to bed about 7:00 p.m., and was awakened by the smoke alarm going off in the hallway next to his bedroom. Keep in

Youngtown Public Library

July 2021

WE ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

However, we have time limits on computer usage, and limited occupancy. We continue to offer CURBSIDE SERVICE to check out books and movies for anyone who wishes to use this service.

LOCATION

Both the Library and Historical Museum are located in Town Square, between Alabama and Youngtown Avenue, just west of 112th Avenue. For additional information about the Library or the history of Youngtown, call 623-974-3401.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday thru Thursday From 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
CLOSED FRIDAY, SATURDAY, AND SUNDAY

SOME JULY OBSERVANCES:

July 4: Independence Day
July 10: Teddy Bear Picnic Day
July 21: National Junk Food Day
July 30: National Support Public Education Day

We are forming a Youngtown Historical Society to preserve, protect, and celebrate the history of Youngtown, and recognize its significance as the nation's first retirement community in the 1950's and its change to a family neighborhood in the 1990's. If you would like to be part of our new Historical Society, please contact Heidi Speed at the Youngtown Public Library at (623) 974-3401. You can call for a tour of the Youngtown Museum as well.

The Youngtown Public Library still offers many services:

- **FREE WI-FI Mon-Fri from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm**
- **All the latest DVD's! They can be checked out for FREE for one week**
- **Books can be checked out for two weeks**
- **FREE Tax Forms**
- **FREE Legal Forms**
- **Copies \$.15 each**
- **Faxes – free with our library card**
- **Reference questions – 623-974-3401**
- **PUBLIC COMPUTERS WILL HAVE A 30-MINUTE TIME LIMIT**

Join this year's Summer Reading Program and win prizes through August 1st! <http://maricopacountyreads.org>

Clubs and Organizations

AARP Board

MEET: 3rd Tuesday of the month 4:30 p.m.
Jay Lickus – 623-734-5438

AARP CHAPTER 1

MEET: 1st Friday of the month 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Jay Lickus – 623-734-5438

AGUA FRIA RANCH HOA

MEET: 2nd Wednesday of the month 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
OFF: August
Ogden & Company/Jackie Monty 623-628-4708

BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB

MEET: 3rd Friday of the month 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Meets in the Youngtown Library
Heidi Speed – 623-974-3401

CRAFT CORNER

MEET: Every Monday 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Betty Trolen – 623-974-9130

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

MEET: Every Other Month on the 3rd Friday
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
OFF: July, July and August • Teresa Felton – 760-415-5446

OPEN PAINTING

ALL MEDIUMS WELCOME
MEET: every Monday 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Beverly Meers – 972-5145

WOOD CARVERS CLUB

MEET: every Tuesday of the month 8:00 a.m. - Noon
Terry Damato – 623-933-2426

YOUNGTOWN ART COMMISSION

MEET: 4th Wednesday of the month 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
OFF: June, July and August • Val Wilson – 623-810-3137

YOUNGTOWN COMMUNITY FUND

MEET: 4th Wednesday of the month
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Madelon Jeffreys – 623-977-4661

YOUNGTOWN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

MEET: Every Wednesday of the month 10:30 a.m. - Noon
OFF: June, July, August • Madelon Jeffreys – 623-583-8047

All clubs meet in the Clubhouse unless otherwise noted.
If you are interested please contact the board members.

All Greens Clinic & Dispensary Donate to Sun City Fire and Medical Fire Prevention Department



All Greens, donates \$10,000.00 to Sun City Fire and Medical, Fire Prevention Department.

"We are thrilled to assist Sun City Fire and Medical on its purchasing of two fire prevention vehicles. Giving back to the community is what we like to do," stated My Nga Tran, owner.

All Greens, located at 10032 W Bell Road, Sun City, is locally owned and is dedicated to giving back to the community. All Greens has been a state licensed dispensary since 2013, offering patients a variety of options when choosing their medications and are noted as Arizona's first drive through dispensary. They started selling to recreational Adult use, back in April this year.

All Greens Dispensary feature's a wide selection of

concentrates, vapes, flower and the largest selection of edibles in the valley. Marijuana is available in a variety of strains and delivery methods. All Greens knowledgeable staff will help guide you to the product that best meets your needs. All Greens Clinic offers a variety of CBD products, Acupuncture & Medical Marijuana Certifications.

"We are grateful for this donation and the assistance from All Greens. The two new fire prevention vehicles will support our effort to continue providing exceptional service to our community and those we collectively serve. Without this donation it would not have been financial possible." stated Kenny Kovac, Assistant Sun City Fire Marshal and Fire Investigator.

News You Can Use...

Canine Happenings at the Dog Park!

Hello and Happy Fourth of July (BOOM)! Hey, speaking of the Fourth of July, a week before and after, I should mention there is a slight possibility there may be fireworks. Such shenanigans with fireworks, of the legal and illegal nature, have been known to upset animals and humans alike. Please PLEASE keep your pets safe, at home and preferably inside with loud music, white noise, Thundervest, melatonin, whatever! I had a dog that would panic to the point of needing a prescription to alleviate upset. The doggy downers were life changing for the poor girl; however she was a severe case. Please ask your veterinary professional before purchasing over the counter supplements, there are many new products he or she can recommend that will be specific to your dog's needs. COLLARS! Please have your pets collared wearing contact information with your current phone number!! In case your pet goes missing...

I saw on the news that distemper is up in our county. If your pet is displaying any symptoms (As per petmed.com: muscle twitching,

weakness or paralysis, uncoordinated movements, seizures, increased sensitivity to touch or pain), please.... A trip to the vet.

A heartfelt thank you to Margaret Chittenden, her articles are so informative and interesting. Last month she wrote about exercising pets in the cool(er) temperatures of the mornings and evenings. She stated it is not recommended that you exercise dogs on pavement any time after the air temperature and pavement get too hot. If you must...think twice, and please consider paw protection for your furry friend. Well that made me curious, so I did an asphalt temperature check.

Did you know, as of May 31: 8:30 AM the asphalt is 95 degrees.

At 10:00 AM (air temp 90) the asphalt is 120 degrees

At 12:30 PM it's 97 degrees out and the asphalt is 139 degrees

As per the Journal of the American Medical Association: At 125 degrees F, skin destruction can happen in 60 seconds.

And it's only May as I write this article: If you want to conduct your own accurate test of asphalt heat, place the



back of your hand or bare foot on the pavement. Wait 3-5 seconds.....If it hurts, DON'T WALK FIDO! Wait an hour and fry an egg.

SO...How wonderful it is that our beloved Citizens' Dog Park is open from dawn to 10:00pm! Our dog park has cool, lush grass, with plenty of water and shade provided!

And we just ordered more shade to be installed soon!

These amenities are intended for canine use only. There has been talk of people encamping, showering (well, hosing off) and displaying poor manners and deportment (Not acting right) at the dog park, as well as other public parks.

PLEASE!! If you see

something unsavory, illegal or are feeling threatened, SAY SOMETHING!! MCSO URGES US TO UNITE AGAINST CRIME!

Non-emergency number is: 602-876-1011

IF YOU'RE IN DANGER, CALL EMERGENCY 911 at 9-1-1

Owen Davis, our new events coordinator, started the Youngtown Dog Park Group on Nextdoor.com. If you haven't signed up yet, please do! Nextdoor has information from your neighbors that is area specific. It includes and involves neighbors watching out for neighbors, crime, activity groups and so much more! We like this platform to communicate the fun and many happenings, ideas, concerns, and general communications that focus on the Citizens' Dog Park. Join us in our group, we are glad to have you. THANK YOU!

Safety issues need to go to the proper authorities, PLEASE REPORT!!! 602-876-1011

Dog Park Happenings: We want to thank the citizens who use the dog park!

Our Citizens' Dog Park meetings will resume September 18, 11:00 am, Town Hall Kitchen.

Now I've lectured you enough, so here's a word search to entertain you.

Have a safe and happy summer with your four legged friends!!!

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PETSINSIDE	E	A	E	A	C	V	T	N	T	Y	J	K	N	D	C	O	L
EARLYWALKS	A	S	D	N	P	G	O	G	F	N	M	R	G	I	E	R	L
LOTSOFWATER	R	D	F	A	T	P	O	F	N	R	M	D	B	S	W	Y	A
COLLARSON	L	F	D	F	K	Y	H	O	A	I	T	Y	S	N	O	T	R
THUNDERVEST	Y	E	H	T	R	P	O	F	M	C	R	D	G	I	R	E	S
FOURTH	W	R	T	R	A	X	T	F	C	M	E	F	H	S	K	W	O
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Have a Safe and Happy Independence Day!

Fourth of July is all about food, fun and fireworks. However, learn how to celebrate your freedom and make sure you are aware of local firework regulations in your area. Don't get confused with the fact that you can purchase fireworks or where they can be legally used.

Here's a look at Youngtown's ordinance Sec. 9.04.010. It is unlawful for any person within town limits to blast or use gun powder, fireworks, or other explosive devices unless authorized by the Town council.

The Big fireworks that explode and go up in the air are still illegal to purchase and use in Arizona at ANY time such as bottle rockets, firecrackers, roman



candles, etc.

The following Federally deregulated novelty items like snappers, party poppers, snap caps, glow worms, snakes, toy smoke devices,

sparklers, wheels are all great to use during this celebration.

If you have any questions, please contact Youngtown Code Enforcement at 623-933-8286.



How to Display The American Flag



The U.S. flag stands for our nation and the shared history, pride, principles, and commitment of its people. When we properly display this powerful symbol, we signal our respect for everything it represents.



The flag shouldn't be flown in inclement weather unless it's an all-weather flag.



Flags displayed at night should be properly illuminated.



In a time of national mourning, hang the flag at half-mast.

The flag can be flown every day, but it is often flown to show patriotism on these observances:

New Year's Day
Inauguration Day
Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday
Lincoln's Birthday
Washington's Birthday (Presidents Day)
National Vietnam War Veterans Day

Easter Sunday
Armed Forces Day
Memorial Day
Flag Day
Independence Day
National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day
Labor Day

Constitution Day
Columbus Day
Navy Day
Veterans Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

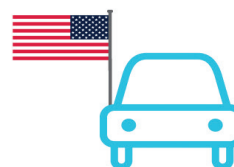
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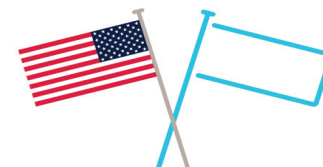
From your porch, place the union (blue section) at the peak of the staff.



Against a wall or on a window, place the union (blue section) at the top left corner.



On your vehicle, clamp the staff to the right front fender.



With another flag, place the U.S. flag to your left when crossed.



Keep your flag completely dry and folded properly — into a triangle, with the union (blue section) visible — before storing it in a well-ventilated area. If the flag is damaged or worn out, it should be disposed of with dignity.



The flag should not touch anything below it or rest on the ground.

Source: United States Code, Title 4, Chapter 1—The Flagdignity.

Source: USA.gov

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In The Works

July 2021



Marty Mosbrucker
Public Works Manager

With the dry summer heat firmly established we welcome the arrival of the monsoon season to bring in much needed moisture to our Sonoran Desert. Although a welcome relief, monsoon season can often be a

dangerous season.

Monsoon Safety

Dust Storms:

PULL ASIDE, STAY ALIVE! If you encounter a dust storm, and cannot avoid driving into it, pull off the road as far as you can safely do so. Turn off your headlights and taillights. Put your vehicle in "PARK," and/or engage your parking brake, and take your foot off the brake (so your brake lights are not illuminated.) Other motorists may tend to follow tail lights in an attempt to get through the dust storm, and may

strike your vehicle from behind.

Lightning:

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

Flash Floods:

The rainfall from a monsoon storm can be of a large volume in a short time span, causing some

road flooding. Driving around barricades is illegal and dangerous. Do not let children play near storm drains or washes after a heavy rain. Roadbeds may be washed out under floodwaters. Never drive through flooded roadways. As little as ten inches of water can float average-sized cars, mini-vans, SUVs and trucks. Strength of the flow is the critical force. When in doubt, wait it out, or find a safer route.

Dogs:

Any dog brought into a town park shall at

all times be under the constant control of the owner or the person in custody of such dog; dogs at all times must be on a leash, not longer than six feet in length, except that a dog may be off-leash inside the Citizens' Dog Park located at Alabama Ave. and 113th Ave. The owner or person in custody of a dog shall immediately pick up all dog droppings (fecal matter), place them in a closed or sealed container and deposit them in a park trash receptacle or remove

them from the park.

Community Pride:

Please do not throw trash out of your car onto the street or leave it in the park. Not only is it illegal, it's just plain ugly and wrong. Do your part to keep our Town clean and show your Community Pride by throwing trash in trash containers. We do see people in Town picking up trash that others have left behind, to those people, we say; "thank you very much for showing your community pride".

Community Fund News

Medical Lending Center

YES! We can help. Do you or someone you know need a walker, wheelchair or shower chair for a short time to help you through recovery from an accident or surgery? Are you wanting to go with family on an outing where there will be a lot of walking, but you just cannot do it? Many people have borrowed a wheelchair for just such an occasion. No one should have to miss a family outing because they cannot walk a long way. We even loan equipment for a weekend. Do you live in El Mirage, Peoria, Surprise or Youngtown? We are here to assist you with those needs. We loan walkers, wheelchairs, shower chairs and more for up to 4 months at NO CHARGE. Our friendly staff are here to help you get what you need to make your rehabilitation or your outing easier.

Thank you to the caring residents in the community for helping us with our mission. Donations of time, money or equipment are always welcome and appreciated.

Would you have a few hours a month to volunteer to assist folks coming for equipment? Please call the office (623)977-4661. Believe me it is very rewarding to see how relieved folks are that we are there to help. We are working toward increasing our hours and your help would be greatly appreciated. Maybe you could help by taking brochures to churches or doctor offices. This service is a local treasure and must be shared so everyone has the opportunity of receiving the help they need.

Stop in and see us Monday-Saturday from 9-12. We are located at 11215-A W Nevada Ave in Youngtown, AZ 85363. Please call with any questions. Our number is: 623-977-4661.





PUBLIC SAFETY



The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office:

- **Will NOT** request payment over the phone.
- **Will NOT** request that you make a payment in the form of "Gift Cards".



If you receive a call similar to this, contact MCSO at 602-876-1000 or your local District.

VEHICLE SAFETY



- **Take your vehicle's key; do not leave it in your vehicle.**
- **Close and lock all windows and doors when you park.**
- **If possible, park in well-lit areas.**
- **Never leave valuables in your vehicle, especially if they can be seen from outside the vehicle.**

HOME SAFETY

- **Secure your doors**
- **Lock your windows**
- **Light up your landscape**
- **Double check the garage**
- **Set up a security system**
- **Add security cameras**
- **Secure your WIFI network**

