

# Youngtown Village Reporter

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*In the Heart of the Northwest Valley*



## The League of Women Voters of Northwest Maricopa County to Host a Candidate Forum for the Youngtown Mayor and Council

On June 22, 2022, the League of Women Voters of NW Maricopa County will host a forum for candidates running for Mayor and Council in the August 2 Primary Election. The forum will begin at 6pm on Wednesday, June 22 at 12033 N. Clubhouse Square in Youngtown. This forum will allow voters to hear from the candidates on issues of vital importance to the Youngtown Community. The following candidates have been invited to participate:

Mayoral Candidate:

Michael LeVault

Council Candidates:

1. Bernadette Labat

2. Jodi Kaczynski

3. Ann Nelson

4. James Starke

5. Ensign Beesley

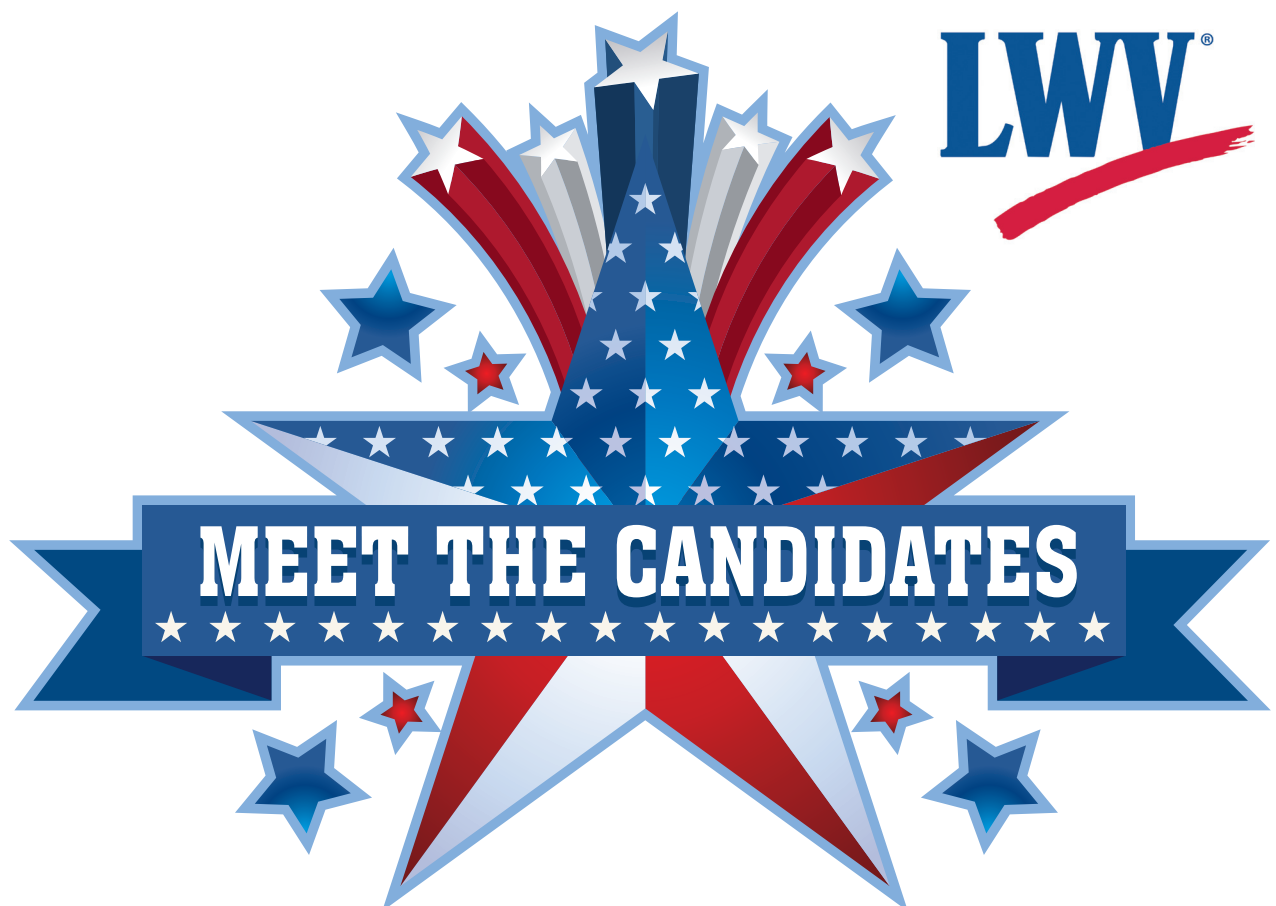
6. Margaret Chittenden

7. Karen Haney Duncan

8. Denita Manning

9. Michael Francis

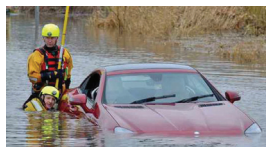
A voter registration and voter information table will be available to all who attend. The deadline to register to vote for the August 2 primary election is July 5, 2022. The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization and does not support or oppose candidates or political parties and seeks to empower all people to exercise their right to vote.



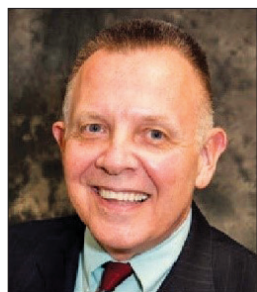
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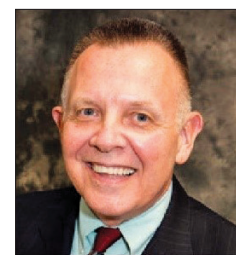


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# From the Mayor... Tradition – At It's Finest!

*Lightly edited article originally written  
for 'Luke Visions'*



**Michael LaVault**  
Mayor

The Air Force announcement of its decision, in August, 2012, to establish an F-35 pilot training center at Luke Air Force Base (Luke AFB) was the culmination of a lengthy and focused regional marketing effort whose foundation featured each and every city and town in the West Valley standing shoulder-to-shoulder in support of Luke AFB and its future flight mission. That same strong community support and ideal local flying conditions also convinced the Air Force to continue to add F-35 Lightning aircraft, at Luke AFB, eventually bringing the total of these '5th generation' fighters to 144.

Luke AFB is named after Frank Luke Jr., born in Phoenix (Arizona Territory) in 1897. Frank

Luke Jr., AKA the Arizona Balloon-Buster, was the first aviator to receive the Medal of Honor which was awarded to him posthumously for his service during World War I. Luke's signature 'kill' or victory was the German observation balloon -- a target protected by withering anti-aircraft ground fire and German Fokker aircraft making it an especially dangerous and difficult target. Altogether, Luke scored 18 aerial victories before being killed, on September 29, 1918, at age 21. An amazing 13 of those victories were scored in 7 days (September 12-18, 1918) even though he did not fly on two of those seven days.

Luke was flying a 200 hp, wood and fabric, French biplane—the Société Pour l'Avation

et ses Derives (SPAD) XIII when he was shot down near Murvaux, France. He died shooting it out with approaching German soldiers fulfilling his promise to never be taken prisoner.

Luke was considered an 'ace of aces' racking up more 'kills' or victories than any other aviator in World War I except Eddie Rickenbacker who once called Luke "...the most daring aviator and greatest fighter pilot of the entire war..." Luke was considered a brilliant pioneer in the development of aerial combat skills.

The genesis of Luke AFB was a 1941 lease of some 1440 acres by the City of Phoenix to the Army Air Corps. The facility, first known as Litchfield Park Air Base, was officially renamed Luke Field later that same year. During World

War II, Luke Field became known as the "Home of the Fighter Pilot" and graduated some 12,000 fighter pilots during the war. They trained in AT-6, P-40, P-51 and P-38 aircraft.

The base was deactivated for about 5 years between World War II and the Korean Conflict when it was reactivated and officially became known as Luke Air Force Base after the United States Air Force became a separate military service on September 18, 1947. During the 1960s, thousands of pilots trained at Luke AFB and went on to make aviation history in Vietnam.

In 1974, the F-15 Eagle came to Luke to be joined by the first F-16 Fighting Falcons in 1982. In 1994 the 56th Fighter Wing replaced the 58th Fighter Wing at Luke AFB and has gone on to

become one of the most highly decorated units in Air Force History.

The F-35 program otherwise known as the Joint Strike Fighter program is meant to be an exportable '5th generation' fighter and is the product of a partnership of nine countries: the United States, Australia, Canada, Denmark, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Turkey and the United Kingdom

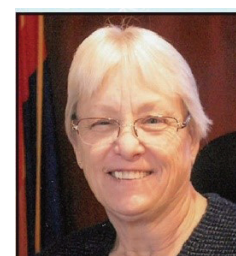
Some speculate the F-35 Lightning will be the last manned strike fighter the West will build with unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) being the future of warfare aviation. Whether or not this proves true, the next several decades, training F-35 pilots, are assured for Luke AFB; Tradition—At Its Finest!



**Charles Vickers**  
Vice Mayor



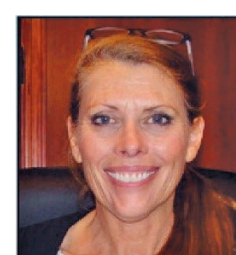
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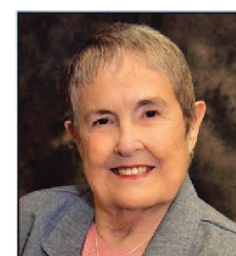
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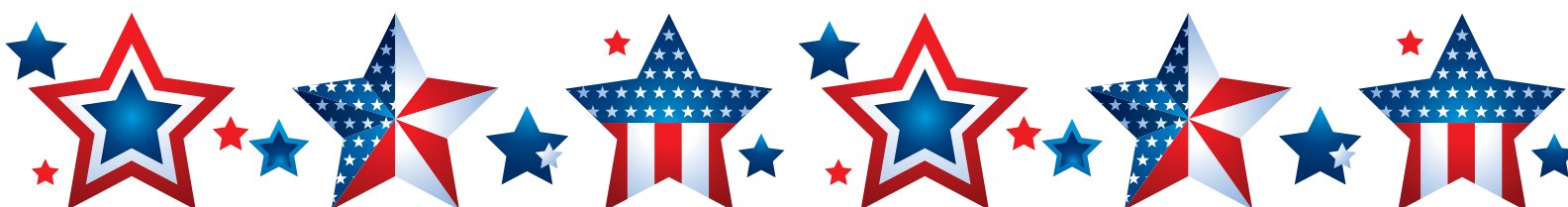
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**Susan Hout**  
Councilmember



**June Miller**  
Councilmember



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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](http://www.youngtownaz.org)



# Let's Fire Up The Grill!



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

**W**hen the warmer weather comes, there's nothing better than breathing in the smell of food on the grill.

Three out of five households own a gas grill, which translates to a lot of tasty meals. But it also means there's an increased risk of home fires. Each year an average of 8,800 home fires are caused by grilling, and close to half of all injuries involving grills are due to thermal burns. While nearly half of the people who use a grill do it year-round, July is the peak month for grill fires followed by May, June, and August.

Fire in the grill, under hot dogs and burgers, is a welcome sight at the family cookout. But fire anywhere else can make your summer kick-off barbecue memorable for all the wrong reasons.

## Some safety tips to remember:

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. (The Fire



Code requires Outdoor Open-Flame Cooking to be at least 10 feet away from combustible construction.)

- Keep children and pets away from the grill area.

• Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.

- Never leave your grill unattended.

## Charcoal grills

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.

- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire that is already burning.

• Keep charcoal lighter fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.

• There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord rated for the amperage declared on the starter and suitable for outdoor use.

- When you are finished grilling, let the coals cool completely before disposing in a metal container.

## Propane grills

- Check the hose from the gas tank to the grill for leaks before using it for the first time each year.

• Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose and the connections. Turn on the propane tank. A propane leak will release bubbles in the soapy water solution at the point of the leak.

- If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill.

• If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again.

- If the leak does not stop, call the Fire Department (911). If you smell gas while cooking, immediately turn off the grill and if you can, turn off the gas and get away from the grill. Do not move the grill. Call the Fire Department (911) if the smell of gas does not go away. Get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again.

## Grilling by the numbers

- Between 2014 - 2018, 19,700 patients went to an emergency room because of injuries involving grills. Nearly half of these injuries

were thermal burns.

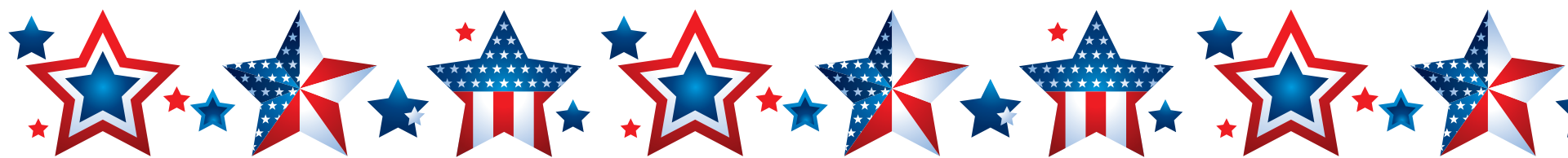
- Fire Departments in the US responded to over 10,600 home structure and outdoor fires involving grills from 2014 - 2018.

• One of every six (16%) home structure fires in which grills were involved in ignition, statistics show that something that could catch fire was too close to the grill.

- Overall, leaks or breaks in the gas line were factors in 1 of every 5 reported gas grill fires.

• Gas grills contribute to a higher number of home fires overall than charcoal grills.

Source: NFPA





# Youngtown Public Library

## July 2022

Youngtown Library welcomes our new Library Manager, Mary Vass. Mary joins us with over 15 years of library experience including children, teens, and adults. Drop into the library to say hello.

### JULY OBSERVATIONS

July 4: Independence Day – Library will be closed  
 July 9: National Sugar Cookie Day  
 July 10: Teddy Bear Picnic Day  
 July 19: National Ice Cream Day

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**JULY IS NATIONAL ICE CREAM MONTH.** Join us on Tuesday, July 19 from 11 a.m. -1 p.m. to celebrate National Ice Cream Day with an Ice Cream Social at the Library! Play yard games such as giant checkers, ring toss, and tic-tac-toe while enjoying ice cream in the shade right outside the Library.

**ARIZONA ANIMALS** – Learn about different Arizona animals from Nancy Kreuder of the Arizona Game and Fish Department on Tuesday, July 12 at 11:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse.

**STORYTIME** –Storytime is every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. Join Miss Mary for an energetic storytime filled with songs, stories, and fun!

**THE OCEAN OF POSSIBILITIES SUMMER READING PROGRAM** is in full swing. Register and log your minutes at [www.maricopacountyreads.org](http://www.maricopacountyreads.org) to earn great prizes!

### CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS (UPDATED INFORMATION)

**BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB** – We are on Summer Break! We will be meeting again soon. For more information contact Mary Vass, Library Manager at 623-974-3401

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY** – We are on Summer Break! We will see you in September! Contact Teresa Felton for more information at 760-415-5446.

**CRAFT CORNER:** Meetings will be on Mondays from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. For more information contact Betty Trolen, (623) 974-9130.

### The Youngtown Public Library offers many services, including:

- **FREE WI-FI**
- **FREE use of 6 Public Computers**
- **FREE DVD rental – over 1,100 to choose from**
- **FREE Resume' Assistance**
- **FREE Tax Forms**
- **FREE Legal Forms**
- **Copies \$ .15 each**
- **FREE faxes (with our library card)**

**LOCATION:** Both the library and historical museum are located in Town Square, between Alabama and Youngtown Avenues, just west of 112th Avenue. For additional information about the Library or history of Youngtown, call (623) 974-3401.

### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## 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  
 Mary Vass – 623-974-3401

### CRAFT CORNER

MEET: Every Monday 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 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: June, July and August • Teresa Felton – 760-415-5446

### YOUNGTOWN CITIZENS' DOG PARK

MEET: 3rd Saturday of the month 10:30 p.m. to noon  
 OFF: June, July and August  
 Margaret Chittenden – 480-861-1576

### 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

## AARP Historic Chapter #1

We meet the 1st Friday of every month for a meeting filled with good information, fun, and great food. This month, our meeting will be held on July 1st. Our potluck theme will be Picnic Food so bring your favorite food to share. The club will provide burgers, dogs & buns. We meet in the Clubhouse/Council Chambers at 12035 Square between 5-5:30. Our dinner begins at 5:30 followed by a short meeting. We will have a speaker this month to share information relevant to our age group. For further information, call Jay @ 623-734-5438 or Charlene @ 623-363-4608. We look forward to seeing you there!

## 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.



# News You Can Use...

## Canine Happenings at the Dog Park!

**H**ello from the Citizens' Dog Park Committee. Please join us in congratulating Irene Quirino, who was elected to be the Citizens' Dog Park Vice-Chair at our last meeting! She attends the dog park, as well as attending to the dog park.



Vice Chair Quirino, with her trusted sidekick, Pickles.

As we approach those dreaded dog days of summer, we invite you to cool off with your furry pals. We offer shade, cool drinking water, and natural living ground cover to ease the heat. Sit at one of our many benches or tables, and please, remember this is a park to at-

tend with your dogs, to exercise and entertain your dogs, off leash.

Open to the public with established hours of operation, our Youngtown parks are greening up around town! Bathrooms are open 8am-2pm Monday through Friday.

We are glad to live in a town that offers so many parks and shaded play areas for the little humans and their families. These are common areas where we can rest assured the dogs will be on leash. It's lovely to be able to depend on a town to provide natural areas where we can play and are made welcome.

### Safety for all!

Every year I rewrite the importance of heat related safety.

If the ground surface is too hot for your bare foot, it's too hot for Fido.



Never leave your pet in a parked car.

VEHICLE TEMPERATURE		
Outside Temp (F)	Inside Temp (F)	
	10mins	30mins
70°	89°	104°
75°	94°	109°
80°	99°	114°
85°	104°	119°
90°	109°	124°
95°	114°	129°

Keep your pets in the house, please!!!!



**Our final dog park meeting for the summer will be held on Saturday, June 18 at 10:30 in the Clubhouse Kitchen**

Please consider attending, we will discuss~

- Vice-Chair Irene Quirino will present her ideas for artwork in the dog park
- Events Coordinator and Board member Owen Davis will present ideas for our Halloween Walk/Costume Contest
- GAIN Event booth
- Pet Blessings and Photos with Santa
- 'Love is in the Air' Valentines event encouraging all owners to spay and neuter (their pets)

Please come share your ideas and join us!

### CITIZENS' DOG PARK

Hours of Operation

6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

NW Corner of Alabama & 113th Avenues

For Information & Donations 623-974-9756



Happy

INDEPENDENCE DAY





# 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**



# In The Works

## July 2022



**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".

## NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Email your article to Jeanne Blackman: [jblackman@youngtownaz.org](mailto:jblackman@youngtownaz.org)

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### NATIONAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Ice  
Cream  
Day

JULY 19<sup>TH</sup>

11:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.  
YOUNGTOWN LIBRARY





**SAVE THE DATE**

**TOWN OF YOUNGTOWN**

**G.A.I.N. EVENT**

**SUNDAY**

**OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2022**

**5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**YOUNGTOWN GREER PARK**

**112<sup>TH</sup> AND ALABAMA AVENUES**



**BRING YOUR CHILDREN TO A FUN EVENT  
TO TRICK OR TREAT**

**GETTING ARIZONA INVOLVED  
IN NEIGHBORHOODS**

**FUN TIME FOR THE WHOLE  
FAMILY**

