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# THE DEWEY-HUMBOLDT NEWSLETTER

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## NEWS FROM TOWN HALL

### ELECTION NEWS

After the recent Primary Election, the Town of Dewey-Humboldt still has one council member seat left vacant. This seat will be available to Write-In Candidates only in the General Election, November 3rd. If you are interested in the vacant seat, visit the Town's website and go to Election News, under Most common links. Click on Information about the Town's 2020 Election, then look for Fillable Candidate Forms. Two forms are required to be submitted to the Town, the Financial Disclosure Statement and the Write-In Candidate Nonpartisan Nomination Paper. The deadline for submission is September 24th by 5:00 p.m.

In the Primary Election John Hughes won the mayoral election. Both Glen Blomgren and Amy Lance were voted in as Council Members.

### ALLOWED ANIMAL CHART

Jeff Schalaus with the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension has been asked to speak on the suggested square footage and number of farm animals allowed per lot size at the September 15, 2020 Town Council Zoom meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

For information on how to participate in the Zoom meeting, please visit the Town's website or contact the Town.

**Comments on Agenda items for upcoming meetings can be submitted to [TimMattix@dhaz.gov](mailto:TimMattix@dhaz.gov), no later than 3:30 p.m., on the day of meeting. Please identify the agenda item and your full name.**

### ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS FIRST/SECOND READ

September 8, 2020: Dewey-Humboldt Town Council is considering creating a Dewey-Humboldt Code of Ordinances provision to require first and second read/ adoption of ordinances and resolutions, making conforming changes to the Code, and of modifying Town Council Policy PG TC20-04 accordingly.

#### Definition and Use of Ordinances

An ordinance is a local law of a city or town, duly enacted by the proper authorities, prescribing general, uniform and permanent rules of conduct relating to the corporate affairs of the municipality.

Ordinances are **general** or **special** depending upon their subject matter.

**General** ordinances impose certain restrictions upon the community and upon the administration of the municipal government. General ordinances amend, repeal or add to the city/town code.

**Special** ordinances are specific to a property, person or corporation and are not usually placed in the city/town code, such as an annexation or rezoning.

#### Definition and Use of Resolutions

A resolution constitutes a proposal submitted in writing. The effect of the proposal is to "resolve that . . ." Usually a resolution ranks above a motion and below an ordinance. Resolutions are generally more temporary and are used for council action on administrative or executive matters, or for statements of general council policy.

The proposed amendment will be discussed at the September 8, 2020 Town Council Study Session @ 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be available for the public to attend via Zoom.

For information on how to participate in the Zoom meeting, please visit the Town's website or contact the Town.

Read more on Ordinances and Resolutions:

<https://www.dhaz.gov/Admin/DocumentCenter/Document/View/4198/Ordinances-and-Resolutions>

### PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE AMENDMENT

September 8, 2020: Dewey-Humboldt Town Council is considering amendments to the Fee Schedule and Zoning Ordinance for Land Splits, Lot Combinations and Lot Line Adjustments in accordance with A.R.S. § 9-499.15.

The proposed Schedule of Fees for the Town of Dewey-Humboldt is as follows:

- Land Splits - \$500
- Lot Combinations - \$500
- Lot Line Adjustments - \$500

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### RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT (RBDG) FUNDING

The Town will be conducting initial meetings with local businesses to discuss this 2021 Grant funding program offered by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Input from business owners will then be brought to Council to discuss the best options for a Town program.

Look for future communications from the Town for upcoming meeting dates and invitations to local business owners.

**Register for "Code Red"**  
<http://www.ycsoaz.gov/community/emergency-preparedness/ens/>

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**GENERAL PLAN UPDATE**

The Town has appointed the Steering Committee members for the General Plan update. Due to COVID-19 and Town Hall currently being closed, the first meeting has been delayed indefinitely. For more information regarding the General Plan, check out the new dedicated page titled General Plan Update on the Town's website.

**CAN I HAVE A CARGO CONTAINER ON MY PROPERTY?**

The Town of Dewey-Humboldt does allow the siting of cargo containers in residential districts under certain circumstances, with proper permitting and in all residential zones that allow residential uses plus RS, PAD, PM, RCD and OS zones, in conformance with Section 153.086 Outside Storage.

The zoning ordinance of the Town of Dewey-Humboldt defines Steel Storage Container to include cargo containers:

**STEEL STORAGE CONTAINER**

A steel structure sometimes referred to as a cargo container, which is independent of any trailer or axles, and is commercially produced and designed for the purposes of storage of personal or commercial belongings/products. Does not include tractor-trailers, boxcars, freight containers or commercial trailers.

**§ 153.086 (13)**

The outside storage of steel storage containers is allowed as an accessory use, solely for the storage of personal items owned by the property owner, occupant or business (i.e.: where a primary use has already been established) in all residential zones that allow residential uses plus RS, PAD, PM, RCD and OS zones, provided as follows:

- (a) An approval letter from the Zoning Administrator is obtained prior to placement of the unit.

- (b) Containers shall meet the minimum yard requirements of the primary structure in the applicable density district as well as building separation and lot coverage requirements.
- (c) Any electrical service to comply with applicable adopted building codes and other town codes.



**Ready, Set, Go!** is a nationwide program adopted by the 15 Arizona Sheriffs that educates residents about proactive measures to take before an emergency and actions to follow when communities are threatened.

The three steps encourage Arizonans to get **READY** by preparing now for what threatens their community, be **SET** by maintaining awareness of significant danger and to **GO**, evacuate immediately when the danger is current and life-threatening.

**READY – Prepare Now**

**Be aware of the hazards that can threaten your community.**

Take steps now to prepare for seasonal threats.

Register with your county/tribal emergency notification system.

Connect with your local emergency management office, sheriff's office and public health department on social media.

Make a family evacuation and communication plan that includes family phone numbers, out-of-town contacts and family meeting locations. Keep in mind physical distancing recommendations, wearing face coverings or other public health recommendations.

Build an emergency **Go** kit with enough food, water and necessary supplies for at least 72 hours. Include supplies to help keep you and your family healthy, such as face coverings, hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes. Start with the five **P's**; **People and Pet Supplies, Prescriptions, Papers, Personal needs and priceless items.**

Check with your neighbors, family, friends and elders through video chats or phone calls to ensure they are **READY**.

Keep up to date on local news, weather watches, weather warnings and public health recommendations

**SET – Be Alert**

**Know there is significant danger in your area.**

Residents should consider voluntarily relocating to a shelter or with family/friends outside the affected area. Residents should avoid close contact with those who are sick and should practice public health recommendations when relocating.

Grab your emergency **Go** kit.

Keep in mind unique needs for your family or special equipment for pets and livestock.

Stay aware of the latest news and information from public safety and public health officials.

This might be the only notice you receive. Emergency services cannot guarantee they will be able to notify everyone if conditions rapidly deteriorate. **Be SET to GO.**

**GO! – Evacuate**

**Danger in your area is imminent and life threatening.**

Residents should evacuate immediately to a shelter or with family/friends outside of the affected area. Residents should avoid close contact with those who are sick and should practice public health recommendations when relocating.

If you choose to ignore this advisement, you must understand emergency services may not be able to assist you further.

Follow instructions from emergency personnel, stay on designated evacuation routes and avoid closed areas.

**PERMITS ISSUED**



The Building Department issued 28 permits in July 2020:

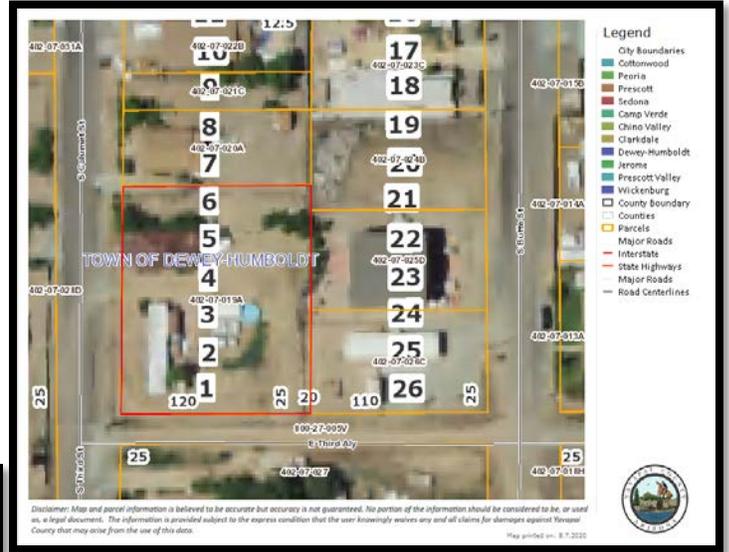
Electric:	3
Grading:	1
Lot Split/Combo:	2
Manufactured Home:	1
Other Buildings:	8
Right of Way:	3
SFR:	1
Solar:	5
Zoning:	4

# Parcel Combinations and Lot Combinations

## What is the Difference?

### What is a “Parcel Combination”?

In Yavapai County, a parcel number is assigned to a property as a reference for tax purposes. The Town of Dewey-Humboldt works with the Yavapai County Assessor’s office to make it possible for property owners to combine their small parcels into a new larger parcel ***for tax purposes only***. This County “Parcel Combination” process results in a new parcel number being assigned to the assemblage of small lots, resulting in one tax bill instead of many, but does not eliminate the underlying lots (**Figure 1**).



**Figure 1**

It is often the case that the property owner becomes aware of the existence of the underlying lots, that are a part of the parcel they have purchased, when a building permit is applied for on the property. Typically, the permit request is for a structure and is proposed in a location that overlies the existing lot lines. This would put it in direct violation of the required building setbacks.

At that point, the property owner is surprised to learn that the permit cannot be approved because of this situation. This results in a conflict between the Town’s regulations and the property owner’s desires for the use of their property. The solution is for the underlying lots to be combined prior to approval of a permit.

This solution however is not without cost as a Record of Survey must be completed and recorded prior to any permits being issued, resulting in delays for the property owner.

For those simply wanting to limit the number of tax bills they have, the County’s “Parcel Combination” process is a simple administrative action that takes approximately two weeks to accomplish.

**Figure 2**

The process starts with the completion of the County’s Request Form to Combine Parcels **Figure 2** above.

The Request Form to Combine Parcels must demonstrate the following:

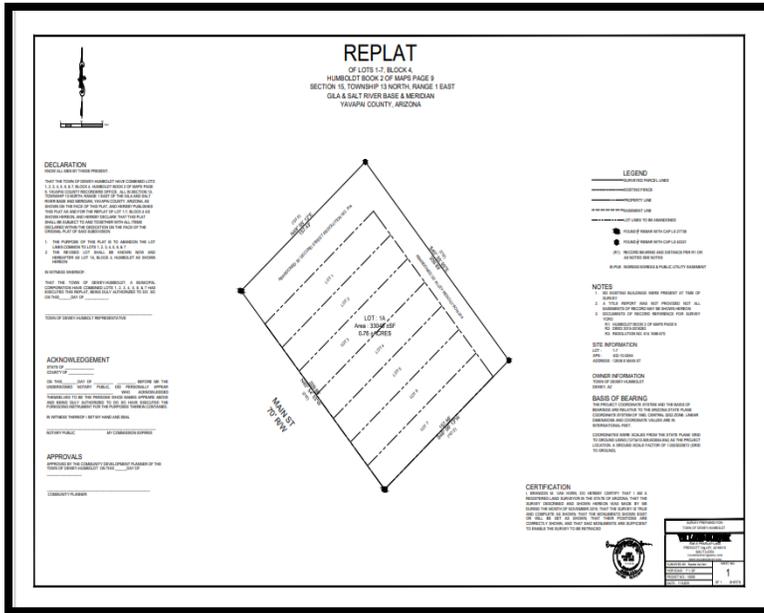
- The names of the individuals holding title on each parcel match exactly.
- The type of ownership on the titles is the same.
- If the lots are from a different Subdivision, letters from each homeowner’s association approving the combination is required.
- Parcels that are non-contiguous or separated by dedicated right-of-way cannot be combined.
- Property taxes must be paid in full prior to existing parcels being deleted from the property rolls.
- The request form must be presented to the Town of Dewey-Humboldt for review and approval.

### What is a “Lot Combination”?

A “Lot Combination” is a process of amending lot lines through the recording of a Record of Survey and the accompanying legal description(s) with the Yavapai County Recorder’s office.

The Record of Survey will include the lines of the existing lots being replaced as dashed lines, and the new lot as solid lines forming the boundary of the new lot along with metes and bounds descriptions and dimensions (**Figure 3**).

If a proposed “Lot Combination” is for Lots of Record within a recorded Subdivision, the Record of Survey will need to reflect a “REPLAT” of that Subdivision in the area of the “Lot Combination”.



**Figure 3**

In the example in **Figure 3** above, the parcel consisted of seven Lots of Record within a recorded Subdivision and required the REPLAT combining all seven to make one buildable lot.

### What is the Difference?

As can be seen by this discussion, the existence of these two similar processes has in the past, been the cause of significant confusion and added expense to get the result desired by the property owner.

The “Parcel Combination” results in the appearance, to the uninitiated, of a larger lot having been created.

The “Lot Combination” process, on the other hand, results in the legal reconfiguration of lot lines, a sometimes-necessary step in the development of property.

Careful consideration and consultation with Town staff are advised.

If you need to begin either process, please contact Steven Brown, of the Community Development Department of the Town of Dewey-Humboldt at (928) 632-7362.

**2020 CENSUS NEWS**

The Census Bureau resumes in-person interviews for ongoing surveys. **There's still time to respond to the 2020 Census.**

The nation has reached an important milestone in the 2020 Census: 62.6% of the households in our nation have responded – that's nearly 92.5 million responses!

While there are national level outreach campaigns underway across the country, we want to ensure that rural communities know how much their neighbors count on them to complete the Census.

Census responses provide data that can attract new businesses and the jobs that come with them. The data also informs where over \$675 billion in federal funding is spent each year in states and communities. That includes money for things like:

Medicare Part B; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; Water and Waste Disposal Systems for Rural Communities; Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant; Cooperative Extension Service; Emergency Management/ Disaster Relief; Rural Home Rental Assistance; Rural Education; Rural Business Enterprise Grants; Rural Housing Preservation Grants; State Wildlife Grants; Hunter Education and Safety

The Census is in the next phase of the 2020 Census which is called Non-Response Follow-Up (NRFU). In this phase, Census takers (Enumerators) are knocking on doors to visit households that have not yet completed the Census.

You can identify Enumerators by their Federally Issued identification card. A valid ID badge will have their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date. Census workers may also carry Census Bureau bags and other equipment with the Census Bureau logo and/or signs in their vehicles.

If you still have questions about their identity, you can contact your regional census center at 972-510-1800 to speak with a Census Bureau representative. If it is determined that the visitor who came to your door does

not work for the Census Bureau, contact your local police department.

**Avoiding Scams Online**

Phishing is a criminal act in which someone tries to get your information by pretending to be an entity that you trust. Phishing emails often direct you to a website that looks real but is fake and may be infected with malware. A key way to identify scam websites is to look at the website address; if you think it may not be legitimate, don't click on any links.

All valid Census Bureau websites will always have ".gov" at the end. [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov) provides key information about the 2020 Census and how to respond. [My2020census.gov](http://My2020census.gov) is the direct website address you can use to respond to the 2020 Census online. [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov) will also direct you to [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov) to respond.

During the 2020 Census, the Census Bureau will never ask for:

- Your Social Security Number.
- Your bank account or credit card numbers.
- Anything on behalf of a political party.
- Money or donations.

In addition, the Census Bureau will not contact you on behalf of a political party.

Remember that **Census Day is April 1, 2020**, so your Census information should reflect your address/location, family members, etc. as of April 1st.

**The last day for the Census is September 30, 2020.**



Through the Town's website you can sign in and subscribe to *Notify Me*. *Notify Me* allows you to subscribe to an unlimited number of email or text message lists to receive updates and information about community news & other calendar events.

**MEETING DATES**

Town Council Chambers  
2735 S. Hwy. 69, Humboldt  
(unless otherwise posted)

**Regular Council Meetings**

**September 1 & 15 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Council Work Sessions**

**September 8 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**P & Z Meetings**

**September 3 @ 6:00 p.m. Cancelled**

Instructions for viewing and participating in meetings are posted on the Town's website, [www.dhaz.gov](http://www.dhaz.gov). Meetings are held via Granicus and Zoom. Comments can be submitted to [TimMattix@dhaz.gov](mailto:TimMattix@dhaz.gov), no later than 3:30 p.m., on the day of meeting. Please identify agenda item and your full name.

For updated information on how the meeting will be held, virtually or in-person, visit the website or call 928-632-7362.

Citizens may have an item placed on the agenda by contacting a Council Member or by filling out a Presentation Request Form available on the website or at Town Hall.

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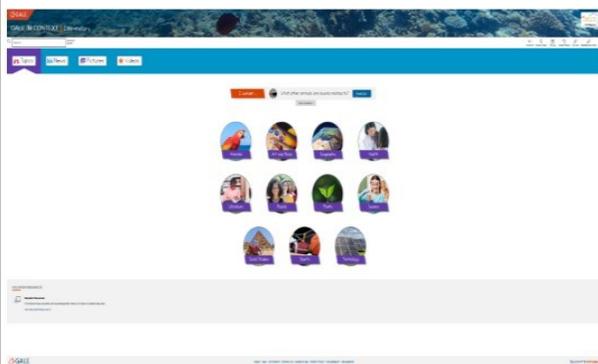


### DEWEY-HUMBOLDT TOWN LIBRARY NEWS

2735 Corral St., Humboldt 632-5049  
 Tue, Wed & Fri: 10-5 (Closed 12-12:30 for lunch)  
 Thur 12:30-7, Sat 10-2 (Closed Sunday & Monday)  
 Please call and make an appointment

#### September Explore Challenge

Hey Kids! As we have started out the new school year, are you finding new topics or are you in need of finding information for your homework assignments? Check out this cool database [Gale: Elementary!](#)



Gale: Elementary is just one of the many databases that the library has that can help you with your homework or just to explore on topics that may spark your interest that you want to know more about.

If you need help with this database or any other online database please call the library at 928-632-5049 to schedule an appointment.



find us on facebook!!  
 Just search "@YCFLD"



#### Move the Body, Quiet the Mind

Yoga & Meditation Classes

Join us for 1 hour of virtual yoga, followed by 15 minutes of meditation on Facebook @ YCFLD & YCFLD YouTube Channel

Hatha Yoga with David



Sattva Kriya Yoga with Simona

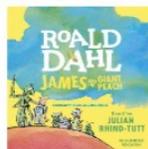
This project is supported by the Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records, a division of the Secretary of State, with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.



#### Author's Corner:

Roald Dahl

Short-story writer, poet, screenwriter, and wartime fighter pilot.



Check out these amazing books by this author! Happy Reading!

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