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# THE DEWEY-HUMBOLDT NEWSLETTER

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## EPA UPDATE

In late July, a strong storm came through Dewey-Humboldt that caused damage to the converter flue chamber and smelter stack structures on the former Humboldt Smelter property. On September 15, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) visited the property with our contractors. This site visit informs options to further restrict access to the safety hazards posed at the smelter property, including the unsafe and unstable structures. Options may include additional fencing and/or tearing down what remains of these structures.

In October, EPA expects to have an evaluation of the options, including general scope and costs. ADEQ will also be receiving scopes and costs from its contractors in October and will be evaluating timing and costs of each option with EPA.

If you have any questions for EPA, please contact: Yolanda Sanchez at [sanchez.yolanda@epa.gov](mailto:sanchez.yolanda@epa.gov) or 415-972-3880.

If you have any questions for ADEQ, please contact: Barbara Boschert at [Boschert.barbara@azdeq.gov](mailto:Boschert.barbara@azdeq.gov) or 602-292-0218.

EPA and ADEQ continues to ask people to stay away from dangerous areas located on private property. Both the smelter and Iron King Mine properties contain safety hazards and chemical hazards that could pose a health risk. Please follow posted warnings and talk with your children about staying away from these areas. If you see anyone near the smelter structures or tailings pile, please notify the Yavapai County Sheriff's office at (928) 771-3260. You can read an EPA fact sheet about staying away from these dangerous properties at: <https://semspub.epa.gov/work/09/100021493.pdf>

## NEWS FROM TOWN HALL

In 2019-2020, EPA took short-term actions to protect human health until we could select a final, long-term cleanup. These actions included placing many warning signs and adding/upgrading fencing at or near both the former mine and smelter properties to warn people to stay away. In addition, we applied a product called "Posi-Shell" which creates a crust-like cover to help control dust from the dross area of the former smelter property. On September 15, 2021, EPA again inspected the Posi-Shell and determined it remains in good shape. You can view a presentation on EPA's interim dust control, fencing and signage actions for the Iron King Mine/Humboldt Smelter Superfund site at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uWPZYXFBjIA>

For more information on the Iron King Mine/Humboldt Smelter Superfund site, please visit:

[www.epa.gov/superfund/ironkingmine](http://www.epa.gov/superfund/ironkingmine).

For more information on EPA's seven-part recorded presentation series on the site, please visit:

<https://semspub.epa.gov/work/09/100024175.pdf>.



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## TRUNK OR TREAT @ TOWN HALL

On October 31, 2021 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. the Town of Dewey-Humboldt will be hosting its inaugural Trunk or Treat event at Town Hall! Trunk or Treat is a Halloween tradition in which a community, church, school, etc. come together and decorate the open trunks of their cars and pass out candy and other trinkets from their trunks (instead of front doors of homes). This is a safe place for families to celebrate Halloween and provides access for families who may not have a trick-or-treat friendly neighborhood. It decreases the amount of walking for families with little ones and the amount of time. For this first year we will be providing space for trunks as well as having two bounce houses for the children to enjoy. If you are interested in hosting a trunk for Trunk or Treat, please call Town Hall at 928-632-7362 or send an email to Chelsea Varney at [chelseavarney@dhaz.gov](mailto:chelseavarney@dhaz.gov) by October 21st. Space is limited to twenty-eight cars. Register today!

For those who won't be registering a car, bring your family and enjoy the festivities! Spread the word to those in the Dewey-Humboldt community!



## COMMUNITY NEWS



### PERMITS ISSUED

Building Department  
issued permits  
August 2021:

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Home Business Occupation | 1         |
| Demo                     | 1         |
| Electric                 | 2         |
| Land Split               | 1         |
| Manufactured Home        | 4         |
| Other Buildings          | 1         |
| Right of Way             | 2         |
| Grading                  | 1         |
| Single Family Residence  | 4         |
| Solar                    | 2         |
| Variance                 | 1         |
| Plumbing                 | 1         |
| Zoning                   | 4         |
| <b>Total:</b>            | <b>25</b> |



### UPDATE

The Town of Dewey-Humboldt conducted its Fall Cleanup Program from September 7th—9th, accepting discarded items, along with brush and yard clippings. Public works staff and Firewise volunteers collected 216 loads of trash and 103 loads of brush. The yard debris will be burned. Public Works Supervisor Bruce Smith hailed the event a great success crediting the hard work of his Public Work Staff and the participation of the Community!

### ADEQ UPDATE

ADEQ reports that Chevron has been conducting field work on their parcel near the elementary school related to [ADEQ's February 2021 sampling report](#). ADEQ is awaiting receipt of Chevron's report, which we will share with the Town Council and post to ADEQ's website on this page when available:  
[Dewey-Humboldt Soils Investigation](#).



### LEAGUE CONFERENCE UPDATE

Town Manger, Ed Dickie and the Town Council attended the 2021 League of Arizona Cities and Towns Conference on August 31st to September 3rd. The conference took place at the Arizona Biltmore in Phoenix. There were classes and workshops each day that all were encouraged to attend. Wednesday morning Mayor John Hughes presented the Town of Dewey-Humboldt flag during the Parade of Flags Ceremony. Afterwards, during the Opening General Session, Councilman Glen Blomgren thoroughly enjoyed the keynote speaker, Dr. Rick Rigsby. Vice Mayor Karen Brooks enjoyed Friday morning's speaker Georgia Dow. Special thanks to Dewey-Humboldt residents and business owners, Sharla Mortimer and D'Alene Moore who drove down to Phoenix Thursday and manned the Town of Dewey-Humboldt booth for other cities and towns to learn about Dewey-Humboldt. We look forward to the conference next year and continued professional development!

### VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

We will be having a public celebration on October 5th @ 5:30 p.m., prior to the Town Council meeting @ 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. We will be honoring our 2020 VOTY co-recipients Ronald Miller and Carie Hughes and our 2019 VOTY recipient Ashley Preston. Please plan on coming and thanking our awesome volunteers!



## RECALL & INITIATIVES

Recall Election and possible Initiative for the ballot March 8, 2022:

The Town has called a Recall Election for Councilmember Barry Thomas.

This will be an All Mail Ballot Election (no polling place will be provided) with Ballots mailed. Look for further information regarding deadlines for voter registration, when ballots will be mailed, the last day to request a ballot and when voting in person begins.

## CENSUS 2020

The 2020 Census data on redistricting of congressional and state legislative districts will be released into an easy to use format on [data.census.gov](http://data.census.gov) by September 30, 2021. These results will help shape the next ten years of state, local, and national government. Visit [census.gov](http://census.gov) for more information.

## NOW HIRING!

The Town of Dewey-Humboldt Public Works department is hiring. Applicant must have valid CDL and able to be a water tank operator.

The Employment Application is available on our website at [www.dhaz.gov](http://www.dhaz.gov) or in person at Town Hall. To be considered for this position, please submit a cover letter and resume to PO Box 69, Humboldt, AZ 86329, or send electronic submissions to [hr@dhaz.gov](mailto:hr@dhaz.gov). Responses will be kept confidential.

For additional information, please call (928) 632-7362.

## IN MEMORY OF

Warren Rushton, 82, passed away August 20, 2021, leaving behind his wife Lorelea, of 56 years, 3 daughters, 1 son, 9 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, and his brother.

Warren served as Vice-Mayor for the Town from 2008-2009. He was first appointed by the Yavapai County Supervisors then ran for election and was elected. Condolences may be shared with the family at [www.mariposagardens.com](http://www.mariposagardens.com).

Memorials can be given online to North Mesa Baptist Church at [www.northmesabc.com](http://www.northmesabc.com) where Warren and Lorelea were active members.

**YOUR IDEAS MATTER!**

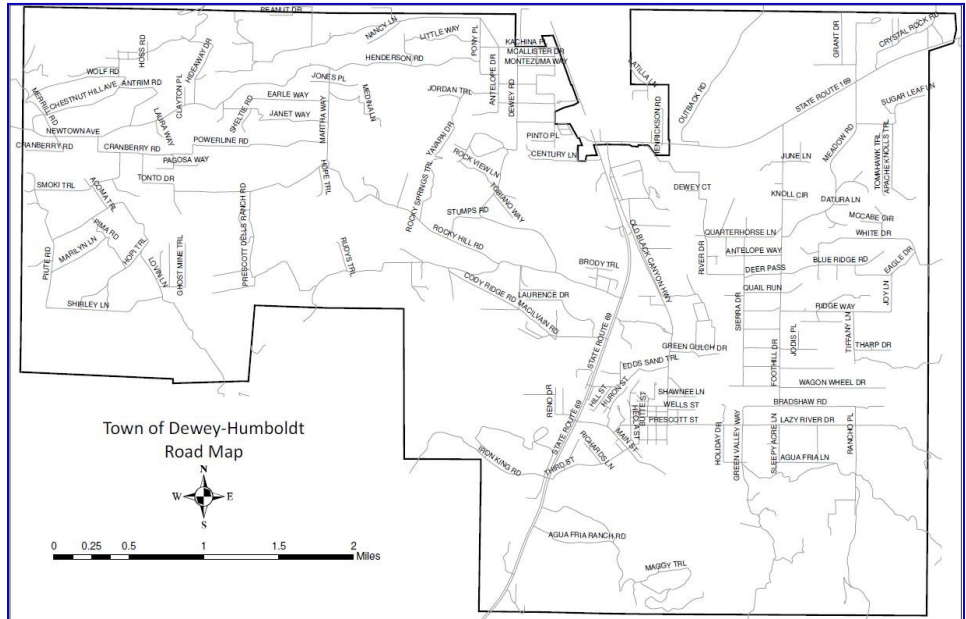
**PARTICIPATE IN THE FUTURE OF DEWEY-HUMBOLDT AND GET A RAFFLE TICKET FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A FREE FRIDAY NIGHT BARN DANCE & DINNER AT MORTIMER'S FARMS!**

As required by Arizona Revised Statutes 9-461.06, the Town is deciding if it should update or readopt the 2009 General Plan. To help it make this decision, the Town is conducting a survey that asks your ideas about the topics the Dewey-Humboldt General Plan should address, and if you think the goals and strategies in the 2009 General Plan are adequate to address future planning considerations. The survey is available online from October 4 to October 24 at: <https://arcg.is/1DKz4K0>. You can also access the QR code below to access the survey.

If you prefer, paper copies of the survey are available at the Town offices, or you can download a print a version of the survey from the Town website. Completed paper copies of the survey can be returned to Town Hall or can be emailed to [StevenBrown@dhaz.gov](mailto:StevenBrown@dhaz.gov).

**Should I take the survey?**

Yes! If you are located inside the Town limits of Dewey-Humboldt (not just a Dewey address like in Quailwood, Prescott Country Club, White Horse Ranch, Villages at Lynx Creek or Orchard Ranch RV Park) we would love to hear your feedback on how to improve the Town's General Plan. After completing the survey, you'll have an option to put your name and contact information. This will enter you into a raffle for a free date night at Mortimer Farms! For questions on Town boundaries, see the map below, call the office at 928-632-7362, or visit the Town maps page on [www.dhaz.gov](http://www.dhaz.gov).



**What is a General Plan?**

Arizona Revised Statutes 9-461.05 requires all municipalities to prepare a General Plan that includes a statement of community goals and development policies. Arizona law requires a General Plan to include a land use map that guides future land use and zoning and a circulation map that guides future roadways and street classifications. General Plans may also include maps, goals, strategies and actions to address open space, trails and parks, historic preservation, economic development, water resources, the environment, and other areas.

For additional information, please contact Steven Brown, Community Planner, at 928-632-7362, or by email at [StevenBrown@dhaz.gov](mailto:StevenBrown@dhaz.gov)

**The next General Plan meeting will be held November 18th at 6:30 pm.  
More details to come!**

### ARE YOU BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR DOGS?

Whether you are a dog owner, or a responsible person who has possession, care, custody or control of a dog, when you take the dog away from its home or its physical enclosure you must maintain control of the animal. Maintaining control means by a leash, rope, cord or chain or other device of sufficient length and strength to control the dog. You do not know how your dog will react when other people or animals are nearby. They could attack them or be scared and run away. Be the responsible person and keep your dogs restrained.

Any dog which is running at large may be apprehended and impounded by an Enforcement Officer (either the Town Code Enforcer or the Yavapai County Animal Control Officer). The Enforcement Officer shall have the right to enter upon private property in order to apprehend any dog that has been running at large, provided the officer is in reasonable pursuit of the dog. The Enforcement Officer can issue a complaint to the responsible person.

Noisy dogs can cause issues with surrounding neighbors. It is unlawful for a responsible person to maintain a dog that excessively barks, howls, emits other noises or otherwise disturbs the peace and quiet of nearby neighbors over five minutes or between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

The premises on which dogs are kept shall be maintained in a manner not to unreasonably interfere with the use and enjoyment of the properties of others, including but not limited to compliance with the emission of odorous gases, the removal of dog waste and the maintenance of watering vessels preventing the buildup of algae and the breeding of mosquitoes.

For more information see [Town Code Chapter 90: DOG CONTROL](#)



### PROPANE SAFETY

Reduce risk of injury, fire, or explosion by storing propane in a safe place and have your system checked before use.

Propane has a foul odor similar to that of garbage, sewage, skunk spray or a dead animal. Any propane gas smell should be taken seriously as over time there may be risk of odor loss and desensitization to the smell. If you smell gas or suspect a leak do the following immediately:

1. Put out all smoking materials, open flames, and turn off electronics.
2. Leave the area immediately
3. Shut off gas at the tank, if safe to do so, by turning valve clockwise.
4. Report leak to retailer or 911 if retailer cannot be reached.
5. Return after area has been inspected by a professional.

### Need assistance paying your energy bill? APS can help!

If you or someone you know needs help paying their APS bill, APS has assistance programs that can help.

**Crisis Bill Assistance** Payment assistance of up to \$800 a year to cover your APS bill, for qualified customers.

**Energy Support program** 25% discount on your APS bill each month for qualified limited-income customers.

**Energy Support with Medical program** 35% discount each month for qualified customers who have a life-threatening illness or use essential life-sustaining medical equipment.

**Safety Net program** Select a relative, friend or community agency to also receive your APS bill so they can remind you when payment is due.

**Project SHARE** Temporary bill assistance through The Salvation Army.

**Weatherization program** Provides home improvements that save money on energy bills.

To learn more about these programs, visit [aps.com/assistance](http://aps.com/assistance) or dial 211 for other community resources.

### OPEN SPACE & TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Town needs volunteers to participate as Executive Members and Associate Members of the Open Space and Trails (OSAT) Advisory Committee (Standing). The Committee has a Master Plan that serves as the basis for the physical creation of trails, trail-heads and other recreational opportunities within the Town. Copies of the Open Space and Trails Master Plan are available at the Town Hall and online at [www.dhaz.gov](http://www.dhaz.gov).

The meetings of the Standing Committee will be subject to Arizona Open Meeting Law and will be conducted under Robert's Rules of Order. The day and time of the meetings are to be determined. The committee will be responsible to report to the Town Council on a regular basis. Only Executive Members will have the ability to vote on matters before the Committee. However, Associate Members may participate in discussions and with the preparation of the meeting agendas.

To be eligible as an Executive Member you must be a resident of Dewey-Humboldt and willing to serve a term of two years. The terms of Associate Members will be indefinite and they may reside anywhere.

If you have an interest in participating, but also have questions, you can call the Community Development Director, Steven Brown, at 928-632-7362.

To be considered, you will need to submit a completed Vacancy Application Form to Town Hall. Vacancy forms are available online at [www.dhaz.gov](http://www.dhaz.gov) or at Town Hall. The final selection and appointment for these positions will be made by the Town Council.

**MEETING DATES**

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

**TENTATIVE** agenda items  
as follows for each meeting.

**Regular Council Meetings**

- October 5 @ 6:30 p.m.**  
-VOTY presentation  
-Town Hall plans and lease  
-Blue Hills emergency egress route  
-Amendment to CAARF form  
-Water remediation plan  
-NACOG meetings

- October 19 @ 6:30 p.m.**  
-Zoning map amendment  
-CYMPO presentation

**P & Z Meeting**

- October 7 @ 6:00 p.m.**  
-Zoning map amendment

**Council Study Session**

- October 12 @ 6:30 p.m.**  
-Retail strategies presentation  
-American Rescue Plan Act of 2021  
-Minor Subdivisions & Henderson Heights  
-Local Historic Districts presentation

**General Plan Steering Committee**  
**NO OCTOBER MEETING**

**Board of Adjustment**

**October 26 @ 9:00 a.m.**

Meetings are held via Granicus. Comments can be given at the meeting or can be submitted to [BethEvans@dhaz.gov](mailto:BethEvans@dhaz.gov), no later than 3:30 p.m., on the day of meeting. Please identify agenda item and your full name.

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.



**HUNGRY FOR SOME CONVERSATION?**

Join the Town Manger, Ed Dickie, for a bite to eat, with some good conversations on the side at Mamma's Kitchen Café in Humboldt.

Ed will be available at Mamma's every Tuesday morning from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Come on down, put in your order and prepare some good conversations to cook up with Ed.

Don't worry, he won't bite! He's ready to process your concerns and cook up some solutions.



**STAY IN TOUCH WITH US!**

The Town of Dewey-Humboldt uses Constant Contact email marketing software to send emails to residents.

Constant Contact can be used to provide email notices of upcoming events and news, links to important sources of assistance and information, as well as links to the Town's Newsletter pages. We will keep you abreast of the happenings in the Town, accessible on the go, on any of your devices.

To get your email added to this list, send the Town an email request at [info@dhaz.gov](mailto:info@dhaz.gov) or call the Town at 928-632-7362.



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.

**DEWEY-HUMBOLDT MAGISTRATE COURT**



The Dewey-Humboldt Magistrate Court is open Tuesday-Thursday from 8:00-5:00 p.m. and closed for lunch from 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Payments may be deposited in the receptacle on the southwest corner of our parking lot, outside of Suite 15. Credit card payments can be made inside Monday-Thursday 8:00-6:00 p.m. If the Court Clerk is not here you will need to know your case number and the amount due in order to make a credit card payment.

**TOWN EQUIPMENT FOR SALE TO PUBLIC**

John Deere 110 Gannon Box — \$500

For more information, please contact Bruce Smith, Public Works Supervisor at 928-632-7362.

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# October 2021

## DEWEY-HUMBOLDT TOWN LIBRARY NEWS

2735 Corral St., Humboldt, AZ 86329  
 Phone Number: 928-632-5049

**NEW HOURS: Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**  
**CLOSED FRIDAY-SUNDAY**



**YCFLD ONLINE!!**  
 Dewey-Humboldt Town Library & YCFLD bring you *Creative Time w/ Ms. Leslie*  
 Enjoy a simple craft or cooking project!  
 on Facebook @YCFLD Fridays @ 3:00  
 Like and Follow us to stay in the loop with all our great online programs and the latest library news!



**Need a Notary Service?**  
 The library now has this service available for you to get your documents notarized for free.

### Up Coming Events

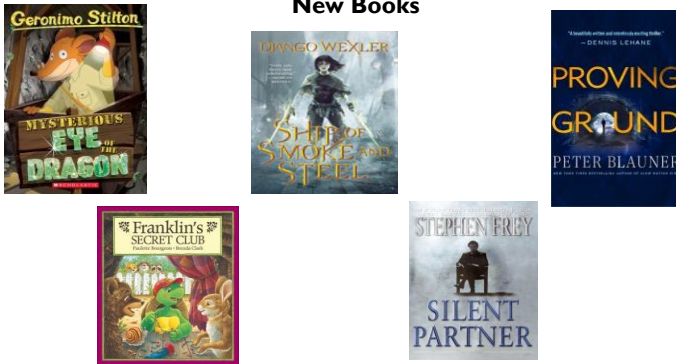
| Event Name                                 | Date                  | Time               |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Game Night                                 | Wednesday Oct 6, 2021 | 4 pm to 6pm        |
| Read with Me                               | Thursday Oct 7, 2021  | 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm |
| Matter of Balance Fall-Prevention Workshop | Tuesday Oct 19, 2021  | 10 am to 11 am     |
| Read with Me                               | Thursday Oct 21, 2021 | 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm |
| Halloween Festival                         | Thursday Oct 28, 2021 | 4 pm to 6pm        |

To register for these events please visit [www.yavapai.events](http://www.yavapai.events)



**Yes, we are back open to full in-person services and we also still have curb-side available**

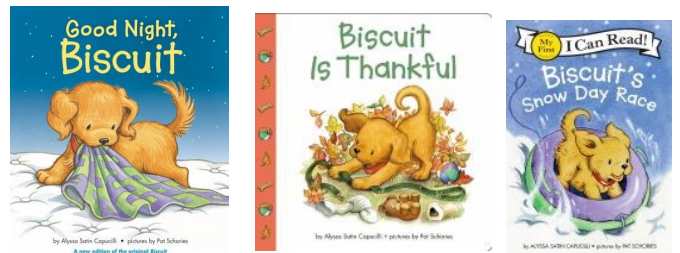
### New Books



Check out these amazing books and many others!  
 Happy Reading!

### Author's Corner:

Alyssa Satin Capucilli  
 Started her career as a dancer and a dance instructor. Even though she did some written stories, poems and even puppet shows as a child, she did not consider a career as writer until her two children were born. Today she is now a dancer and a writer.



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