

City Manager's Report

May 7, 2025

Council and Colleagues, greetings. These reports are intended to be informational, covering miscellaneous events and topics involving the city organization. During my report at the upcoming Council Work Session, you will receive informational presentations from both City Engineering & Capital Improvements, and Water Services. Also, appended to this report is a newsletter from PROSE.

Work Zone Awareness

Rather apropos that we recognize Work Zone Awareness! Thanks to Economic Vitality, Public Works, Community Development, Water Services, City Administration, Management Services and the many others who demonstrated their support to employees who work in the field by donning ORANGE!





Fire Department

- Terros has hired Emergency Medical Technicians for the CARE unit. They will begin training on May 12th. Be sure to welcome Marshelle Yazzie, Sonia Olson, and Adam Reed to the Care Unit when you see them!
- Fire personnel attended the ESO Conference in Austin, Texas to take a deep dive into the future of emergency services technology, critical clinical topics and powerful networking with ESO developers and fellow departments across the country. (image on right)
- Thanks to the Northern Arizona Fire Prevention and Education Team for their assistance in preparing for the wildfire season by informing the public on ways to prevent catastrophic wildfire from starting. The focus of this group was to try to reduce the amount of human caused wildfires in Northern Arizona through education and outreach to the broader community. (picture below)





Water Services

- Wastewater Treatment Manager Troy Dagenhart was awarded the Large System Operations Supervisor of the Year, for his work overseeing the Wildcat Hill and Rio de Flag Water Reclamation Plants. Under Troy’s leadership, both facilities received recognition from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) Voluntary Environmental Stewardship Program. To qualify, facilities must demonstrate strong environmental compliance and go beyond legal requirements to protect human and environmental health. (image on right)
- The Flagstaff Water Resources and Conservation Team received the Outstanding Sustainability Award for their contributions to water sustainability in Flagstaff. Water Resources Section Director Erin Young, Conservation Program Manager Tamara Lawless, and Water Conservation Specialist Emily Melhorn have a combined 50 years of experience in both water and environmental sectors and are leaders in their roles as public servants. (image on right)



Police Department

- Congratulations to Kendra Mann and Megan Portillo for being voted our Dispatch Employees of the Quarter!

PROSE

- Flagstaff Aquaplex will be open on Sundays, beginning May 11th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- Kids summer day camp for ages 6-11 begins in June with swimming, rock climbing, games, crafts, and a new theme each week. Register online or at the Aquaplex.
- Jay Lively will be closed for annual maintenance from May 5th through May 24th.

Public Works

- We planted a “moon tree” this week on the USGS campus. This tree is considered a “moon tree” because as a seedling it went to space, was exposed to the moon's atmosphere, and was then brought back to be planted here in Flagstaff. How does that make it a “moon tree”, rather than “earth tree that visited space” ... “or cosmic earth tree”? We do not know ... but the good scientists at USGS are adamant that this tree is no longer of this earth, so “moon tree” it is. (image on right).
- In coordination with our Engineering department, the Signs and Markings team installed these signs to encourage pedestrian awareness near downtown railroad crossings. (images below)



Drop-Off Day

This occurred on April 26th. The event represents a partnership with Sustainability, PD, and Coconino County, with many volunteers helping to collect, properly sort, dispose, and in some cases recycle, various products and hazardous waste materials, such as computers, batteries, and unwanted medications. Big props to Steven Thompson for his hand in successfully orchestrating this event, with the help of many, including Joanne Keene and John Comer, shown on the right!





United Way Annual Meeting & Community Impact Luncheon

Held on April 23rd at the High-Country Conference Center, the event was very well attended and featured an informative discussion related to children’s literacy. Recognition was given to Dr. Rima Brusi, who provided an inspiring keynote. Together with Dr. Cruz Rivera, the couple served as co-chairs of the UWNA Annual Campaign.

Visit to the Statehouse

Vice Mayor Miranda Sweet, Councilmember Lori Matthews, Deputy City Manager Joanne Keene, Fire Chief Mark Galliard and Community Engagement Specialist Grace Benally had a productive visit to the Arizona State Capitol last week. The delegation met with Senate President Warren Peterson, Senator Wendy Rogers, Representative Walk Blackman and the Governor’s office to discuss the need for a Regional Wildland Fire Training Center. The meetings were productive and provided the city with an opportunity to educate our legislators on our unique needs in Northern Arizona.



It’s a wrap, Council. Onward and upward ...