

# City Manager's Report

June 18, 2025

Council and Colleagues, greetings. These reports are intended to be informational, covering miscellaneous events and topics involving the city organization.

## Fire Department

- Mark and Noah worked with a few NAU students this spring semester to study how wildfire safety and preparedness information is distributed in Flagstaff. They produced two videos and presented a poster as part of their senior project. (see below)
  - Is Your Home Wildfire Ready? Here's What You Need To Know: <https://youtu.be/HkGFboJ03iY?si=43mKB9SXvfyXLyF5>
  - Wildfire Season Is Here, Are You Ready? Advice from Fire Professionals: [https://youtu.be/uJyCDweXrzc?si=MwpJOtr6KiW\\_hdU9](https://youtu.be/uJyCDweXrzc?si=MwpJOtr6KiW_hdU9)

The screenshot shows a presentation slide titled "Flagstaff Wildfire Preparedness and Community Engagement". The slide is divided into several sections:

- Project Overview:** Discusses the increasing threat of wildfires in Northern Arizona and the project's goal of improving public awareness and safety through a wildfire preparedness initiative. It mentions community partners like Mark Adams, Neil Chapman, and Noah Baker.
- Home Assessments and Community Outreach:** Includes a map of Flagstaff showing outreach and home assessment locations. It states an overarching goal to address disparities in wildfire education and preparedness.
- Final Products:** Shows images of educational materials, including a poster for the Fourth Street Laundromat, a poster for Downtown Flagstaff, a video for the Murdoch Community Center, and a Risk Assessment Trend Analysis report.
- Community Outreach:** Describes the distribution of posters in Spanish and English in the South Side and Sunny Side neighborhoods. It highlights the team's effort to bridge the gap between underserved communities and wildfire safety information.
- Risk Assessment:** Explains that home and property risk assessments provide solutions to help communities reduce wildfire risk. It notes that the analysis was twofold: to assist community partners in better understanding and drawing meaningful insights from assessment data, and to identify common patterns and recurring trends across various properties in the region.
- Air Filters:** Emphasizes the importance of educational materials and air filters. It states that air filters help improve indoor air quality by removing dust, pollen, pet dander, and other airborne particles.
- Acknowledgements:** Credits Mark Adams-Flagstaff Fire Department and Neil Chapman-Flagstaff Fire Department.

### **Police Department**

- Trafficking and Child Luring Operations have collectively resulted in over 30 arrested – thank you to Detective Hyde for her leadership and all who are participating in the operations.

### **Public Works**

- KAFF Radio (93.5 FM) is teaming up with Public Works to host a weekly “Public Works Professionals” segment each Wednesday from 7:30 to 7:45 am to highlight the great work and programs of Public Works. Hope you enjoy!
- Twelve concrete barriers were removed along Fort Valley Road by Northwood Apartments (see photo). Exciting to be at this point following the installation of flood mitigation efforts.



- Public Works staff, Loven Construction, and Reece Studio Architect met to discuss Montalvo STEM Education Community Center and it was a productive discussion with plenty of great ideas about how the building could be designed and utilized. (see picture). Thanks to Mr. Overton for orchestrating this event.



**Mary Jo Jenkins Leader of the Year Award**

On Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, the Extended Leadership Team met in person at the Core Services facility to share accomplishments and highlights from each division over the 2024 calendar year, and to honor one of its own with the prestigious *Mary Jo Jenkins Leader of the Year Award*.

And it was a great surprise! With her family secretly present in the back of the room, Stacy Saltzburg was called out to receive this award for her amazing leadership to the organization. With wonderful comments by many attendees, she was duly recognized for her many achievements. We will further recognize her during the Council meeting on Tuesday, the 24<sup>th</sup>. Joining her in the below photo are many of the past recipients of this award.



That's all for now, Council. Onward and upward ...