

COUNCIL & STAFF RETREAT

The annual retreat was held January 19 and new strategies to meet our four goals were developed. Here are some of the highlights from the retreat:

Ensure Long-Term Financial Security

- A percentage of General Fund expenditures from the previous year will go in the reserve fund.
- Debt will continue to be paid off early and extra payments made to reduce interest costs.

Develop a Strong, Supportive Partnership with Local Businesses

- Continue to promote "shop local".
- New website link for free advertising is available.
- Breakfast with the Mayor to share ideas and assess needs

of business owners.

- Free advertising on new electronic sign (to be purchased in 2012).
- Customer service training for employees and Eagar businesses.

Recreation Facilities

- Explore foundation or other opportunities for a new pool.
- Finalize master plan for Rodeo Grounds.
- Determine priorities for implementing the new plan for the property north of Ramsey Park.
- Continue partnership with Game and Fish to develop the Eagar fishing pond.
- Advertise and market activities available in northeastern Ari-

zona and New Mexico.

- Promote additional community activities at Ramsey Park.
- Plan an urban trail system.

Create Attractive and Desirable Business Areas

- Develop a plan for the Downtown Corridor.
- Identify and Mitigate safety concerns on west Central Avenue.
- Incorporate the new Town Brand into Main Street improvements.
- Complete Centennial Park.
- Enhance right-of-way at north end of Main Street to designate entrance to Eagar.
- Purchase new street lights for downtown area on Main Street.

Message from the Mayor and Council

Happy 2012!

It has been said that it is not the destination that matters, but the journey. This past year was quite a journey for all of us in Eagar! We overcame obstacles and brought out our best efforts to help strangers in need. This was very rewarding for each of us – those who gave and those who received.

Looking Back... The year 2011 was like no other for many reasons. The Wallow Fire temporarily displaced most of us and many of our favorite places have changed, but we are very thankful that lives were not lost. Flood mitigation projects were completed to ensure future safety. The unique recession conditions are still here, but our revenue in Eagar continues to edge upwards. Improvements to Main Street include the Centennial Park, 75 new trees, and new planters. The Pitch-In-Clean-Up Committee completed numerous projects that help beautify our Town. The Boys and Girls Club

opened in June and now serves over 300 Round Valley youth. A fire truck and two police vehicles were purchased. The Police Department was restructured and one administration position was eliminated.

Looking Forward... We have a plan for the property north of Ramsey Park and we are working with Game and Fish to build the Eagar Pond. North Butler Avenue is scheduled for repaving this year. Eagar is fortunate to have a wonderful group of volunteers who spend their own time making our Town a better place. There are plans by a private company to open the Golf Course in August 2012. Three businesses will be located in the new building next to Bashas'. We have developed stronger partnerships with Springerville and surrounding areas. There are also challenges that must be met in the near future. Old vehicles in our fleet must be replaced. We need to continue upgrading our water, waste water, and road infrastructure. Utility

rates must be kept affordable while paying for associated costs. All cities and towns in Arizona are feeling the sting of reduced HURF money for roads and our General Plan is due to be updated in the next few years.

Financially Speaking... The Town of Eagar has continued to add to the reserve fund, in spite of the economy. We received reimbursements for the wildland fire fighting and for flood mitigation activities. A well was refinanced at a lower rate and our debt has been reduced by almost 1/2 million dollars in the past 3 years. Two acres of park property was paid off this past year as well. A plan is being developed to continue to pay off debts early and/or refinance higher interest loans.

I sincerely hope you will "relish the moment" in 2012 and enjoy the journey. We have much to be thankful for and much to look forward to.

Mayor Kim Holaway

IF YOU OWN A BUSINESS !!

The Springerville-Eagar Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, Feb 16, 2012 is having a breakfast and lunch meeting to discuss the Shops QA free website

program and what the Small Business Development Center can offer you. The breakfast is scheduled at Safire Restaurant at 7 a.m., in the back room, and the lunch at Trailriders Restaurant at noon in the conference room.

PUBLIC WORKS

This Spring will be an exciting time for the Town as Public Works prepares to start multiple Capital Improvement Projects; North Butler Pavement Overlay, Foothills Sewer Improvement, 1st & 2nd Street Fire Hydrant Additions, and Central-Burk Water Improvements. These projects are part of the overall infrastructure improvement plans for the Town, focusing on providing a better quality of life and services to all residents and guests. Staff will be notifying those residents affected by the construction activi-



ties in the upcoming weeks and months. We appreciate your patience with the construction and ask you to drive slow and cautiously around the construction zones.



Help save money for the town by bringing your used oil to Public Works!

Public Works accepts used motor oil and used commercial cooking oil Monday thru

Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



As we head out of the Winter months and into the



Spring, Public Works will be taking on-going efforts to repair and patch necessary potholes on our roads throughout the Town. Please feel free to contact us at 928-333-4223 if you find a pothole that we may have overlooked and we will get it scheduled for repair!

Fire Department

Welcome in the New Year with a safety check around your home. Take time to check your fire extinguishers, carbon monoxide and smoke detectors; don't forget to replace the batteries in both your carbon monoxide and smoke detectors. Make sure exits are not blocked and practice your escape plan with your family. Help keep your family safe this year.



Just a reminder, this spring we could still have very hazardous fire conditions around the valley. Although we have had some precipitation this winter, it may not be enough to reduce these hazards. Please help us by cleaning up your properties to prevent loss of structures and/or vehicles in the event of a wildfire. Many homes in our valley were saved from the Wallow Fire because

homeowners had cleaned up around their property prior to the fire. We will be happy to inspect your property for possible fire hazards or dangerous conditions; there is no charge for this service, so PLEASE CALL us if you have any questions or concerns. You can also stop by our Station. We have a lot of information on how you can protect your property from wildfires.

This year the Department responded to a total of 234 calls and issued 257 burn permits. Burn Permits are required if you are burning between the

hours of 10:00 am and 5:00 pm. There is no charge for the permit. Permits are available from the Fire Department (111 N. Butler St.), the Police Department (174 S. Main St.) or online <http://www.eagaraz.gov/firedeptpdf/BURN%20PERMIT.pdf> (online permits can be faxed to 928-333-0924 for approval). All burns must



Eagar Fire Department training burn of old structure.

LOCAL TAXES

& STATE SHARED REVENUE

Two main sources of revenue that cities and towns in Arizona receive are state shared revenue and local sales tax. State shared revenue is based on several types of proceeds that the state collects and then allocates equally among all 91 incorporated Arizona cities and town based on population. So each community receives the same amount per person.

Local sales tax is based on the specific percentage (approved by local voters) each city and town collects on sales within their boundaries. The chart below shows what Eagar received in local sales tax compared to nearby communities. It also shows how much per person that tax amounts to.

Community	Population	Sales Tax	Sales Tax Per Person
Eagar	4,885	\$ 932,129	\$ 190
Springerville	1,961	\$ 1,595,793	\$ 813
Snowflake	5,590	\$ 933,782	\$ 167
Show Low	10,660	\$ 9,038,612	\$ 847

Information is from the League of Cities and Town 2011

Local sales tax money is used to provide services such as police, fire, parks and recreation.

None of the above communities have a property tax. As an example, Tempe has a sales tax that would amount to \$624 per person and have both a primary and secondary property tax.

Hopefully this information shows why it is important to shop locally and show by comparison why some communities have more services than others.

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This type of crime will cause personal trauma for the victim and family. Victims can work through the pain but it is hard work and takes a long time. They must learn to live the rest of their life with the pain of victimization. We are all different. Some manage to move on with their life, some do not and many are in-between both extremes trying to do the best they can.

We can help victims with their pain and ability to cope by remembering them. When a high profile crime is portrayed on the news the defendant will try to put their actions in the best possible light. Even by demeaning the victim and their reputation.

Always remember the victims have the other side of the story about the

crime. Due to embarrassment, insensitivity of the public, unwarranted shame and many other factors the victim is not as willing to defend themselves in public as the suspect might be.

Our Justice System allows the accused to confront their accusers and demand that they are proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. You are tried by the facts of the case and not by public opinion. This is what makes the system so fair and it applies to everyone, well the accused person anyway. The person that does not get the same opportunities is the accuser, the victim of the crime.

I can assure you, victims of crimes do not want to be victimized. In my 30 years of Law Enforcement I never met a victim of a crime that

wanted to be the victim. Victims have no desire to have their lives changed for the worst nor do they want to live with the effects of the crime the rest of their lives.

The next time you hear rumor that defames a victim think about this; you might have daughters, sons, grandchildren, family members and friends that may someday be victims too.

Please report suspicious people or suspicious activity to the Eagar Dispatcher anytime 24/7 at 333-4000. You can also call WeTip: (800) 782-7463 or file a report on the WeTip web page: www.wetip.com but the police response will be slower when using WeTip. (Up to 24 hours or longer.)



We can always use another pair of eyes.



CENTENNIAL PARK

The second phase of the park is now underway. The first pavers brick patio will be installed in early February. This engraved brick area will contain approximately 75 bricks that have been purchased by local residents in memory or celebration of family members. This is a wonderful way to remember and celebrate family members, past times, family history, or a favorite saying. There are three sizes of engraved bricks you can purchase: 4 x 8, 8 x 8, and 12 x 12. The 12 x 12 bricks are black granite and reserved for our Centennial families – those whose ancestors have lived in the Round Valley, Greer, Nutrioso, Alpine, or other southern Apache County area for at least 100 years. A sec-

ond patio will be installed later this year, so there is still time to order your brick. Contact Marion Wiltbank at 333-4128 ext. 223 for more information. The order form can be found on our web site.

The last phase of the Centennial Park will be 4' x 8' history boards. We are still looking for pictures



(not photo copies) that we can briefly borrow for any of the following topics: founding pictures of Eagar, Main Street scenes in Eagar, old homes in Eagar, outlaw and lawmen pictures, old modes of transportation, old schools, growing food, logging, and surrounding areas. If you have a picture that we can borrow for a day, please call Marion Wiltbank at 333-4128 ext 223. We appreciate your help in creating an image of how life was in Eagar 100 years ago.

Our Centennial Park ribbon cutting and celebration will be held Friday, July 6 at 6 pm at the park. More details will be released later.

Community Development

As you know the wind blows a majority of the time in Eagar. Be considerate of your neighbors and take pride in our community, secure your trash or other items that may be blown by the wind.

With spring just around the corner it is time to start planning to clean away the weeds and other debris that have accumulated over the fall and winter. If you need weeds burned contact the Eagar Fire Department and they will inspect your property to

see if they can safely burn the weeds. Green waste can be taken to the Town of Eagar burn pit, which is located adjacent to the Blue Hills Transfer Station.

If you have a junk vehicle that you want to dispose of call the Community Development Department and we can direct you to a local business that can assist you.

As a reminder please ask your children not to play in washes. Flash

floods can happen at any time and it does not have to rain in town to have a flash flood come through town.

Community Development is starting a Building Code update, which will adopt the 2012 ICC Code set. The plan is to have the new codes adopted by July 1, 2012. If you have any question concerning building in the Town of Eagar, stop by or call. Contact Community Development at 333-4128 Ext 230 or 228 with any questions you may have.

Eagar Police Department

Victims of Crimes

The United States of America has, I believe, the most advanced checked and balanced Criminal Justice Court System in the world. Having clarified that, I have to admit that some problems have developed over the history of our Court System. Money, greed and power always take their toll. I do not have enough time to cover all

those effects on the system. I am going to discuss the effects our Court System has on Victims.

There are two categories of victim crimes; property and crimes against persons. Property crimes are; burglaries, thefts, criminal damage, etc. Property crimes can cause trauma especially if the items taken or damaged have personal value or



the criminal entered your home to commit the theft. We have insurance to cover some of the monetary loss but money can never replace special personal items. (I.e. your grandmother's wedding ring, the rifle given to you by your dad, or any other item you own with unique sentimental value.)

Crimes against persons are; assaults, murders, sexual assaults, etc.

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Mountain View Books, Music and More

Mountain View Books, Music and More is located at 33 N. Main Street. Mountain View Books, Music and More formally known as Mountain View Books and Music is celebrating its one year anniversary. The book store was purchased by Carl and Wendy Wiltbank in February of 2011. Come into the Book Store throughout the month of February to enjoy special savings for our anniversary. Mountain View Books, Music

and More has a wide variety of products and services such as:
 LDS Books Scouting Supplies
 Art Work Musical Instruments
 Framing Music Accessories
 Clothing
 Copies
 Laminating
 Carl and Wendy moved to Eagar in 2009 with their four children.



Carl has deep roots in the Round Valley area and is very excited to learn about his family's heritage. Carl and Wendy love living in Eagar and are excited to serve the Round Valley community and surrounding areas. Please contact us at 333-2945 or www.mountainviewbook.com



Bik-A-Thon



Round Valley Schools Parents Association (RVSPA) will have their **2nd Annual Bik-A-Thon** on March 10, 2012 from 9am to noon at the Round Valley School Dome.

Easter Eggstravaganza

The Town of Eagar Easter Eggstravaganza will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2012 at Ramsey Park. Easter Egg Hunt begins at 10:00 a.m. Children 10 years old and under are invited to participate.



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Town Clerk: Eva Wilson ext. 225

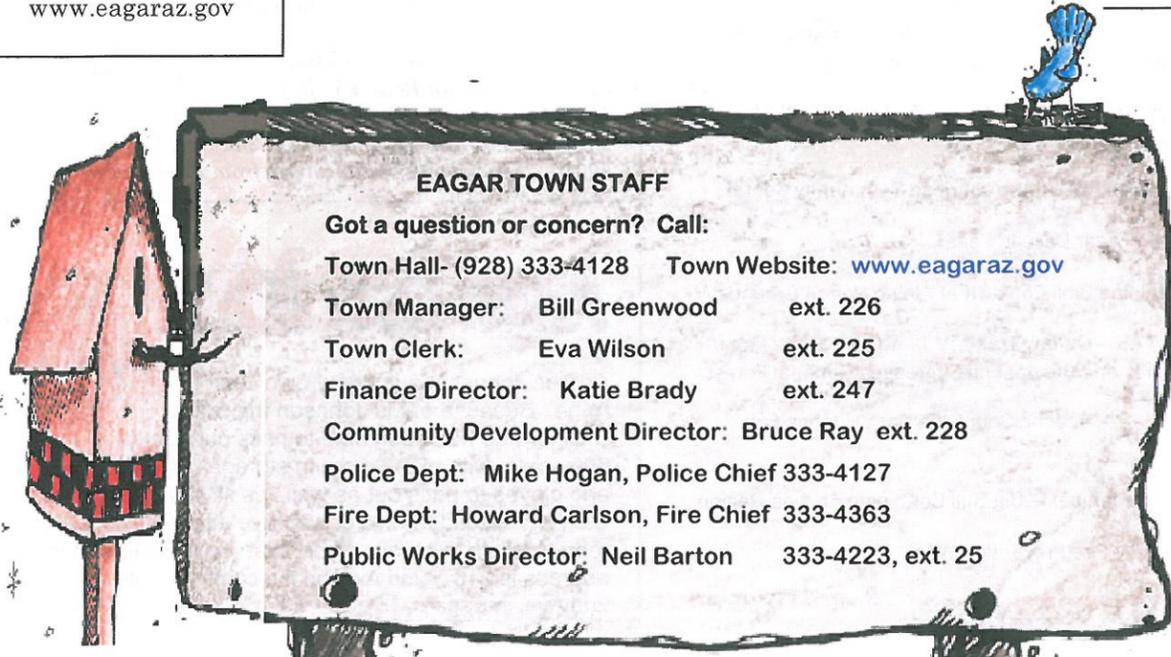
Finance Director: Katie Brady ext. 247

Community Development Director: Bruce Ray ext. 228

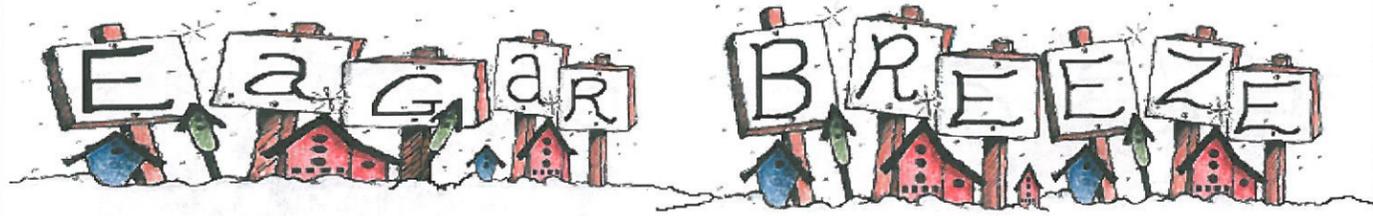
Police Dept: Mike Hogan, Police Chief 333-4127

Fire Dept: Howard Carlson, Fire Chief 333-4363

Public Works Director: Neil Barton 333-4223, ext. 25



TOWN OF EAGAR



February 2012

ATTENTION EAGAR VOTERS

VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE

If you haven't received either a "Pink or Blue" Card by mail notifying you of the upcoming all mail ballot Spring Municipal Elections, there is a problem with the mailing address listed on the County Voter Registration list and you will not be able to receive a ballot by mail if it isn't corrected. PLEASE contact the Apache County Recorder's Office at (928) 337-7516.

If you need to re-register due to a change of physical address, registration forms are available at the Eagar Town Hall, Post Office, and the Apache County Annex located at 325 S. Mountain Avenue or register online at www.servicearizona.com. The deadline for voter registration is February 13, 2012 to vote in the Spring Election.

For questions, please call Town Clerk Eva Wilson at 928-333-4128 ext. 225

TOWN HOLDS ELECTIONS IN SPRING 2012

The Town of Eagar will conduct ballot-by-mail elections for the March 13, 2012 Primary Election and May 15, 2012 General Election. All active registered voters will receive a ballot in the

mail and not go to the polls to vote. A ballot box will be available at Eagar Town Hall, 22 W. 2nd Street, for voters wishing to drop off their ballots in person. If you have moved since registering or your mailing address has changed, per state law, the ballot will not be forwarded. To check your address, call 337-7516.

Early voting will still be available beginning February 16, 2012 at Eagar Town Hall and the Apache County Annex until March 9, 2012.

The mayor's seat and two council seats will be on the March 13th Primary Election ballot. Nine candidates wishing to serve on the council submitted their nomination papers. There are three candidates running for the mayor's seat, Incumbent Kim Holaway, Karalea Cox and Bryce Hamblin.



Kim Holaway

Incumbent council member Gary Finch is joined in the race for two council seats by Elwin Allen Browning,



Bryce Hamblin cast at the Primary Election will be declared elected without running in the General Election.



Gary Finch



Karalea Cox

John O. Phelps, Robert Haws, Cowen Hamblin, and Winslow McNeill. Any candidate receiving a majority of all votes



Winslow McNeill



John Phelps

Remember, voting is a privilege we Americans enjoy and an opportunity for you to exercise your freedom of choice.

The individuals you elect will make decisions that affect you, your family and your future.

Candidate withdrew

Robert Haws



Allen Browning



Cowen Hamblin

VOTE VOTE VOTE