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# THE DEWEY-HUMBOLDT NEWSLETTER

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## FREE Well Water Testing!

The Town of Dewey-Humboldt will be offering to **Residents of the Town**, free testing of drinking water sampling from local **Residents'** well systems through the Well Water Testing Kit Program at Nortest water testing laboratories.

Residents of the Town of Dewey-Humboldt are able to pick up testing kits, 1 per household. Should you have any questions about whether or not you reside in the incorporated township of Dewey-Humboldt, please call the office so that staff may look up your address on the GIS county map.

While they last (first come-first served), sample bottles can be reserved in advance, for pickup at Town Hall. Dates for pick up will be released in the January newsletter and posted online as soon as possible. **Residents** will be encouraged to return the filled bottles the day they are picked up, but they **must** be returned prior to being transported to Nortest Analytical Laboratories, in Flagstaff, for testing. If you take a test kit, the results from your property will be shared with the Town and all data tracked. Data, after compiled, will be public knowledge.

Nortest Laboratories will email the individual results directly to participating **Residents**, when testing is completed. Please print these results and turn into the town or forward the email to [chelseavarney@dhaz.gov](mailto:chelseavarney@dhaz.gov)

This is a FREE service as we have \$20,000 in the budget allotted to water testing.

**Drinking Water Testing Includes – Copper, Lead, Arsenic**

## NEWS FROM TOWN HALL

### TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED

December 23 - Christmas Holiday

December 29 - New Year's Holiday

### ELECTION NEWS

#### Town requests for and against arguments to Proposition 455

Dewey-Humboldt, Arizona - Prior to the March 8, 2022 election, each household with a registered voter will receive an informational pamphlet that includes arguments for and against a proposed question that have a local impact. Any person interested in submitting an argument is required to do so before December 8, 2021.

The question is as follows:

An amendment of Dewey-Humboldt Town Code 10.99, General Penalty; reducing the amount of civil sanctions (fines), changing time limits, removing imprisonment and probation as allowable penalties, and prohibiting the Town of Dewey-Humboldt from recording and enforcing liens on lands as a way of forcing compliance of present or future owners. Requiring that the Town of Dewey-Humboldt shall not adopt a lien and abatement code to circumvent these amendments.

Arguments, both for and against, to this question must be submitted to Beth Evans, Town Clerk, in electronic format at [bethevans@dhaz.gov](mailto:bethevans@dhaz.gov) before 6:00 p.m., Arizona time on December 8, 2021. Arguments are limited to 300 words and must contain the sworn statement of each person sponsoring it and a deposit for cost of printing the argument in the Publicity Pamphlet. If the argument is sponsored by an organization, it shall contain the sworn statement of two executive officers of the organization, or if sponsored by a political committee, it shall contain the sworn statement of the committee's chairman or treasurer. Please contact the Town Clerk at 928-632-7362 with questions.

For more information, visit [Election & Voting Information | Dewey-Humboldt, AZ \(dhaz.gov\)](http://Election & Voting Information | Dewey-Humboldt, AZ (dhaz.gov)).



## Thank you Dewey-Humboldt Residents!

Thank you to all who participated in the inaugural Trunk or Treat event at Town Hall on Halloween. It was a huge success with over 300 people in attendance as either trunk hosts, or trunk or treaters! We look forward to hosting this event again next year!



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## COMMUNITY NEWS



### PERMITS ISSUED

Building Department  
issued permits  
October 2021:

Manufactured Home	1
Single Family Residence	1
Solar	1
Other Building	5
Lot Split	3
Other Zoning	2
<b>Total:</b>	<b>13</b>



*Happy Holidays*



**Having breakfast with Ed—on hold for the holiday season!**

### TOWN COUNCIL TRANSITION

We had several applications turned in for the pending Town Council Vacancy. Candidate interviews will be held at the Town Council Study Session on December 14th at 6:30p.m. The selection of the Council Member will be December 21st at 6:30p.m. at the Town Council regular Meeting. The vacancy will be effective at the end of the day December 31, 2021. The swearing in will be held at 6:30 p.m. on January 4, 2022 at the Town Council Regular Meeting. For more information on the process, please see Town Code section 30.016.

### ADEQ to conduct controlled takedown of Humboldt smelter smokestack.

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), in coordination with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), will be taking down the smelter smokestack and the remaining attached brick structure that has been naturally deteriorating over the years at the Iron King Mine-Humboldt Smelter Superfund site.

Early 2022, ADEQ will disassemble both the smelter smokestack and the attached brick structure in a controlled fashion. To ensure the safety of the community and staff during the work of taking down the smelter smokestack and attached brick structure, ADEQ will implement safety measures that include site security, dust control and air quality monitoring.

ADEQ will also install additional fencing within the smelter plateau and replace any dust-control cover previously installed by EPA (called Posi-Shell®) if affected by the project.

ADEQ is committed to keeping the community informed about this work and will give an initial presentation at a Town Council meeting in December 2021. We expect the project work plan to be completed in December 2021, which we will post to the dedicated web page for this project. We will continue to provide community updates on our website, in the Town Newsletter and through letters to nearby residents. Please see the project webpage for more information: [azdeq.gov/dh-stack-project](http://azdeq.gov/dh-stack-project).

EPA and ADEQ continue to advise people to avoid the smelter area and follow the posted warning signs. Please contact Barbara Boschert, ADEQ Community Involvement Coordinator, with questions about the smelter takedown project. Barbara can be reached via email at [boschert.barbara@azdeq.gov](mailto:boschert.barbara@azdeq.gov) and by phone at (602) 292-0218.

### EPA UPDATE

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is finalizing the feasibility study of options to address the contamination at the Iron King Mine/Humboldt Smelter Superfund site. Our next step is to develop a proposed plan to address site contamination. This proposed plan will be publicly issued to get your feedback, along with the feasibility study report.

We understand people want more information about the site. This fall, we worked with the Town of Dewey-Humboldt on a plan to provide regular community updates in the future. To explain our work over the years, we developed a seven-part recorded presentation series:

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

You can find site information by visiting [www.epa.gov/superfund/ironkingmine](http://www.epa.gov/superfund/ironkingmine). If you have questions, please contact EPA Community Involvement Coordinator Yolanda Sanchez ([sanchez.yolanda@epa.gov](mailto:sanchez.yolanda@epa.gov) or 415-972-3880).

Over the winter, EPA will continue to coordinate with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality on its work to takedown the smelter smokestack and attached brick structure and install additional fencing at the former Humboldt smelter property.

### General Plan Update

On November 18th the General Plan Steering Committee, along with Leslie Dornfeld from Plan\*et consulting facilitated the Community Workshop at Cherry Creek Ranch. There were about 50 community members in attendance. There were many suggestions at the discussion tables held on topics like land use, open space and trails, community engagement, economic development, and infrastructure. If you missed this event, the materials are available online. [General Plan Update | Dewey-Humboldt, AZ \(dhaz.gov\)](#) The next General Plan Steering Committee meeting will be held in January. Stay tuned!

**MEETING DATES**

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

**TENTATIVE** agenda items as follows:

**Regular Council Meetings @ 6:30 p.m.**

**December 7, 2021**

- Mayor's Annual Report
- ADEQ Presentation
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Presentation
- Discuss 2021 General Plan Update
- Discuss Local First Arizona
- Discuss LDH Task Force

**December 21, 2021**

- Review of 2022 Meetings & Holidays
- Town Council vacancy voting
- Selection of Vice Mayor
- Regional Organization Appointments
- Annual Audit discussion
- Discuss building, zoning, & court fees
- Discuss/Possible Action on Local First

**P & Z Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.**

December 9, 2021  
TBD

**Council Study Session @ 6:30 p.m.**

December 14, 2021  
- Town Council Vacancy Interviews

**General Plan Steering Committee**

TBD

**Board of Adjustment @ 9:00 a.m.**

December 28, 2021  
V-21-006 variance for setbacks

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.

**SNOW REMOVAL PLAN**

In the event we receive heavy snow in the coming months, the snow removal plan is as follows:

Staff will start with the main collector/feeder roads throughout Town, then work into the smaller neighborhood roads. We will get to all Town owned roads as quickly as possible. The snowplow blade is wide, and the truck has to move slowly in order to effectively remove the snow. When snow removal is in process, there may be traffic delays on Town owned roads. Your patience would be appreciated.

During a snowstorm, we also ask our residents to avoid parking vehicles on the roads. Vehicles parked on the roads may become an obstacle for the Town's truck to remove snow. If you have any questions about snow removal, please call Bruce Smith, Public Works Supervisor at 928-632-7362.



**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.

**MAGISTRATE COURT CELEBRATES!**

Therese, the court clerk for the Dewey-Humboldt Magistrate Court recently became a certified court manager. She was recognized at the November 9th council meeting. Congratulations Therese!

**TOWN COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION**

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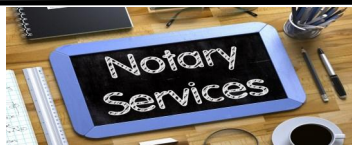
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## DEWEY-HUMBOLDT TOWN LIBRARY NEWS

2735 Corral St., Humboldt 632-5049  
 Phone Number: 928-632-5049  
 Monday-Thursday 8:30am to 6pm



**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

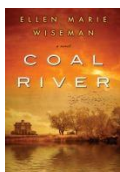
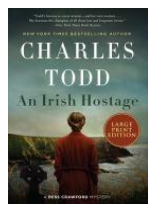
Event Name	Date	Time
Movie Night: Polar Express	Wednesday Dec 1, 2021	4 pm, to 6 pm
Read with Me	Thursday Dec 2, 2021	3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Game Nigh	Wednesday Dec 8, 2021	4 pm to 6 pm
Movie Night: How the Grinch Stole Christmas	Thursday Dec 16, 2021	4 pm to 6 pm
Read with Me	Thursday Dec 30, 2021	3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

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

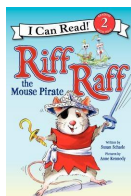
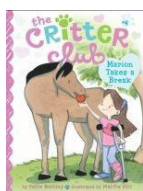
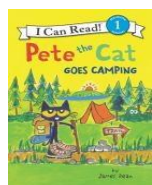


## BECOME A FRIEND OF THE LIBRARY

Dewey-Humboldt Town Library has a new Friends of the Library Group. If you would like to be part of this group and help support the library please call the library at 928-632-5049



### New Books

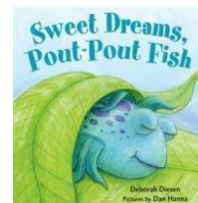
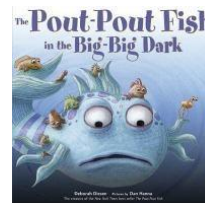
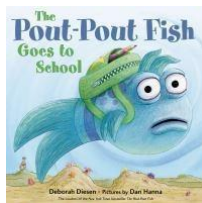


Check out these amazing books and many others!  
 Happy Reading!

### Author's Corner:

Deborah Diesen

An author of many children's picture books. She loves playing with words and rhymes. She has worked as a bookseller, a bookkeeper, and a reference librarian.



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