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# THE DEWEY-HUMBOLDT NEWSLETTER

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## RECALL ELECTION AUGUST 3RD



The Recall Election date is fast approaching.

This is just a reminder for everyone to vote. You may vote in person now through Election Day,

August 3rd, at the Yavapai County Recorder's Office 1015 Fair St. Room 228, Prescott. You can also drop off your Ballot at the Prescott Election Drop Box and at the Humboldt Election Drop Box located outside of Town Hall



The Town would like to congratulate and recognize two employees who have been promoted.

Bruce Smith has been with the Public Works department for approximately three years and Bruce will be taking over as the Public Works Supervisor.

Beth Evans has been working for the Town for approximately four years and will be taking over the Town Clerk position.

*[Congratulations Bruce and Beth!](#)*

The Town is the lucky recipient of two conference tables and six high-back, black leather chairs. The chairs were donated by Pamela Cregger with Home Care Assistance. The Prescott branch of Home Care Assistance recently closed and migrated their business to Phoenix. Their Phoenix office was unable to take several pieces of furniture, so Pamela contacted the Town to see if we would like to have them. Who's going to turn down awesome free furniture? Thank you so much Pamela for thinking of us!

## NEWS FROM TOWN HALL



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR FALL CLEAN UP DAYS!

Starting on **Tuesday, September 7, and continuing through Thursday, September 9**, the Town will be accepting discarded items. Hours of operation will be from 8:00—6:00 p.m.

There will be two locations, the Town lot at 12938 E. Main St. and the Maintenance Yard at S. Dana and E. Third St.

At the **E. Main St. location**, dumpsters will be available to handle your discards. Yard clippings, pine needles and horehounds **will only** be accepted in trash bags. Items that **will not** be accepted are: tires; oils; hazardous chemicals; refrigerators/freezers with freon/coolant canisters attached; household trash; and batteries.

At the **Maintenance Yard location**, we **will be** accepting the brush.

Please contact Bruce Smith at (928) 632-7362 for further information.

## 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, trailheads 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.

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# AUGUST

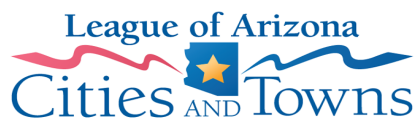
## COMMUNITY NEWS



### PERMITS ISSUED

Building Department  
issued permits  
June 2021:

Change In Use	1
Demo	1
Electric	3
Land Split	3
Manufactured Home	7
Other Buildings	2
Right of Way	3
Sign	1
Single Family Residence	1
Solar	2
Variance	1
Zoning	3
<b>Total:</b>	<b>28</b>



### ATTENTION LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS!

At the upcoming annual meeting of the Arizona League of Cities and Towns, the Town will be sponsoring a booth to help promote the Town.

If you are a business owner and would like something handed out to people there, i.e. business cards, coupons, flyers on upcoming events, etc., please contact Town Hall.

The annual meeting will be held at the Arizona Biltmore in Phoenix on August 31st through September 3rd.

### LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

The following are excerpts from an email that Ed Dickie and Mayor John Hughes received from Pamela Cregger:

Good Afternoon Ed and Mayor Hughes,

Please accept this email as a sincere "Thank You" to the Town of Dewey-Humboldt and the Public Works department for your rapid response to recent flooding issues in The Town of Dewey-Humboldt. The Public Works

Department's crew were out and about with equipment working overtime to keep the washes cleared of silt and debris from the recent flash flooding. Their hard work and efforts really paid off and helped prevent catastrophic loss for several property owners in our community. Please share this "Thank You" with the men and women of that department.

In addition, I would like to thank Mayor Hughes and the other Council Members who were out surveying property damage and reassuring Dewey-Humboldt residents that the care and consideration of the Town government/leadership was here to help during these challenging times. There will always be differences of opinions among the community because of the diversity this community offers. However, the leadership of Mayor Hughes and the resolve shown during this past week, illustrates that our Town can work together for the benefit of the community. Please accept this email as a statement of gratitude.

Sincerely, Pamela Cregger.

### HUNGRY FOR SOME CONVERSATION?



Join the Town Manager, 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.

### INCOMING PHONE PROBLEMS

The Town has been having some issues with our incoming calls lately. We contacted CenturyLink and they came and checked our lines and equipment. CenturyLink didn't find any problems with the incoming lines. We will be looking into this issue further.

If you call and you hear it ringing, with no one answering, please call back. Thank you!

### GENERAL PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE KICKS OFF THEIR FIRST MEETINGS



Town of Dewey-Humboldt  
2009 General Plan

Adopted May 19, 2009

The newly formed Committee held their first meeting on June 17th with a presentation of Open Meeting Law given by Town Attorney, Kay Bigelow. Their second meeting was held on July 19th with the Planning Consultant, Leslie Dornfeld, from PLAN\*et giving a presentation on the statutory requirements of a General Plan and the first stage of the General Plan Update Project Scope, Phase I. Discussions were held on the role and responsibilities of a Steering Committee and the potential refinements to the current adopted 2009 General Plan.

If you would like to contact any of the committee members, here are their names: Christopher Baker, Judy Kerber, Mel Kuhnel, William Lacey, Sharla Mortimer, Gregg Ostro, Sandra Palm and Denise Rogers.



## SAFETY CONCERNS AT THE FORMER HUMBOLDT SMELTER PROPERTY



The recent monsoon has caused the remaining Humboldt Smelter stack and flue chamber to start failing. Another section of the top of stack right now is the ladder and the last of the flue chamber. If the rest of the flue chamber falls, the stack will go with it.

At the June 13, 2021 Town Council Study Session, Councilmembers and community members raised concerns about the safety hazards at the former Humboldt Smelter property and actions to keep people away from the privately-owned property.

The EPA is currently discussing this issue and trying to come up with

actions that could be quickly taken. They will keep the Town updated on the conversations and the possible next steps.

In the meantime, we encourage everyone to talk with their neighbors about following posted warnings and asking their teenagers and children to stay away from these dangerous areas. If you see anyone near the smelter building, notify the Yavapai Sheriff's office at 928-771-3260. ([EPA fact sheet September 2020](#))

## STAY SAFE DURING STORMS

The following are tips from Arizona Public Service (APS):

Avoid touching wiring during a thunderstorm. Stop using computers or wired video games and unplug any expensive electronics when a storm is approaching. Only unplug electronics before a thunderstorm; do not touch wires if you can hear thunder.

Stay informed. If you experience an outage, visit [aps.com/outage](https://aps.com/outage) to report it and stay updated on when APS expects to have the power back on. Also, follow @apsFYI on Twitter from your smartphone. In the event of a prolonged, large-scale outage, APS will tweet to keep you up to date.

Know the difference between a watch and a warning. A watch means severe weather could occur. A warning means severe weather is about to occur or has been reported.

Plan ahead. Create an emergency supply kit that contains non-perishable food items, water, a first-aid kit, a battery-operated radio, a portable cell phone charger or car cell phone charger, flashlights, extra batteries and any necessary medication. Also, know your APS account number so you can report an outage without speaking to a customer associate.

Stay away from all downed lines. Treat any downed line as though it is energized; keep at least 100 feet away. In the case of a downed line, immediately call 911, then APS at 602-371-7171.

# SCHOOL'S IN WATCH OUT





# Iron King Mine/Humboldt Smelter Recorded Presentation Series

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency • Region 9 • San Francisco, CA • June 2021

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) developed a seven-part recorded presentation series on the Iron King Mine/Humboldt Smelter Superfund site. We hope this information helps you understand the site, EPA's Superfund process, and how we study options to address the contamination. For EPA contacts or more information on the site, please visit our website: [www.epa.gov/superfund/ironkingmine](http://www.epa.gov/superfund/ironkingmine)



## **Presentation 1 – A Look at the Site (with Photo Tour)**

The former mine and smelter created more than 8 million tons of mine tailing and smelter wastes. Today, the site has many contaminated areas that need cleanup, including the mine and smelter properties and the drainage the lies between them.

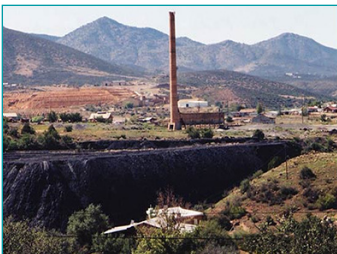


## **Presentation 2 – Defining the Problem: The Remedial Investigation**

As part of the Superfund process, EPA conducted a comprehensive investigation of the contamination. During our remedial investigation, we studied what and where contamination is and what risks it may pose to human health and the environment. Over several years, we took thousands of samples and other measurements to complete this investigation.

## **Presentation 3 – Options for Cleanup: The Feasibility Study**

As part of the Superfund process, EPA is doing a feasibility study that compares five clean-up options to address the contamination. When comparing the cleanup options, we consider the effectiveness of each alternative, the time it takes to complete, costs and how the options might affect the community, among other factors.



## **Presentation 4 – Interim Dust Control, Fencing and Signs**

The Superfund process takes time. In 2019-2020, EPA took short-term actions to protect human health until we could select a final, long-term cleanup. These actions included dust control at the former smelter property. In addition, we placed many warning signs and added/upgraded fencing at or near both the former mine and smelter properties to warn people to stay away.

## **Presentation 5 – Residential Investigation and Cleanup**

EPA studied the surface soils at almost 600 residential yards in Dewey-Humboldt and considered human health risk when choosing which yards to clean up. Between 2006-2017, EPA cleaned up surface soils at 50 yards.

## **Presentation 6 – Future Reuse of the Smelter Property**

EPA does not choose or pay for future land uses. However, we consider what future land uses the community might want when we select our cleanup options. In September 2018, EPA began learning how the community wanted to reuse the former smelter property. In response, we issued a [reuse assessment for the former smelter property](#) in June 2020.

## **Presentation 7 – A Health Concern: Natural Arsenic in Private Drinking Water Wells**

Naturally-occurring arsenic is present in and around Dewey-Humboldt. It can be found in some groundwater at levels higher than federal and state safe drinking water standards. Arsenic in groundwater is not from the site. However, high arsenic levels are a health concern for those who use groundwater for privately-owned wells. There are actions well owners can take to protect their health.

High levels of contamination are found on privately-owned land once part of the former Iron King Mine and former Humboldt Smelter properties. EPA asks the public to follow posted warnings and stay away from these dangerous, contaminated properties (see [September 2020 fact sheet](#)).

To view these videos, click the hyperlinks in the titles.



**KEEP YOUR WATER WAYS CLEAR!**

Due to the unusual amount of precipitation that the Town has received this Monsoon season, we have had several calls from citizens regarding clogged/plugged culverts.

When we have heavy rain like these storms produce, everything in the water ways rushes downstream. If the culverts are clogged/plugged, or if home owners have changed the flow of water on their property, this affects property owners below them causing flooding and property damage.

Culverts, driveways and water ways are the property owners responsibility to clean and maintain. Culverts in the Town right-of-ways, such as street crossings or intersections, are the Town's responsibility to maintain.

Please keep your water ways clear of any dead vegetation, trash and/or dumping of any materials, and don't change the flow of your waterways without thinking about how this will affect your neighbors. The citizens of the Town thank you!

**HEAVY RAINS CAUSE FLOODING!**



No matter whether it's the monsoon or any other time of the year with heavy rainfall, flooding happens quickly. It may not be raining in our area, but moisture could be coming down somewhere up north and will eventually flow downhill to the river and washes in Town.

There are areas in Town that are known to flood. Please be mindful of these areas and what can happen. If you see areas where flooding is occurring, please stay out of that area. If you see the gates up, like you see in this picture of the Agua Fria, **DO NOT** drive around the gates!

Also know that our Public Works guys will be out there working on the roads. Please take caution and drive slowly whenever you see them working.

**TURN AROUND!  
DON'T DROWN!**

**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  
John Deere 110 Blade — \$350

For more information, please contact 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.

**MEETING DATES**

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

**Regular Council Meetings**

**August 3 & 17 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**General Plan Steering Committee**

**August 4 @ 10:00 a.m.**

**September 20 @ 6:00 p.m.**

**P & Z Meeting**

**August 5 @ 6:00 p.m.**

**Council Study Session**

**August 10 @ 6:30 p.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.

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## August 2021

### DEWEY-HUMBOLDT TOWN LIBRARY NEWS

2735 Corral St., Humboldt 632-5049  
 Phone Number: 928-632-5049  
 Tue., Wed. & Fri.: 10-5 (Closed 12-12:30 for Lunch)  
 Thurs. 12:30-7, Sat. 10-2 (Closed Sunday & Monday)

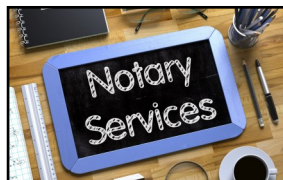


#### YCFLD ONLINE!!

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

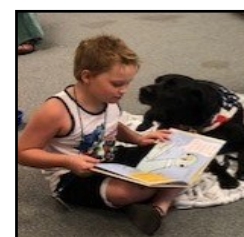
Like and Follow us to stay in the loop  
 with all our great online programs and  
 the latest library news!



#### Need a Notary Service?

The library now has this service  
 available for you to get your doc-  
 uments notarized for free.

If you enjoyed reading to Cruiser and Daisy during the summer. Guess what? They will still be here with us through the rest of the year. If you would like to participate in the Pet Partners: Read with me program, please call the Dewey-Humboldt at 928-632-5049 to reserve your spot!



Summer Reading Program has ended! If you participated in the program, please bring your reading logs to the library to claim your prizes. Prizes will be given out starting on Aug 3, 2021 through Aug 20, 2021.

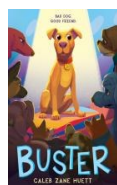
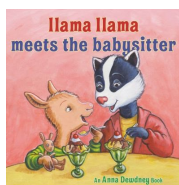


### Author's Corner:

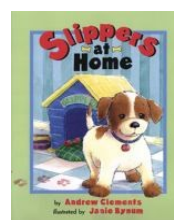
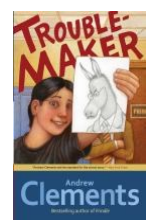
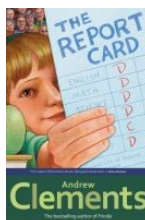
Andrew Clements

An American author of children's literature. Before becoming an author Andrew started his career as a teacher. All of his books have characters that are like normal people that are dealing with the basics of everyday life. As an author Andrew had the hopes that his writing would be able to allow the readers to see bits and pieces of themselves in his stories.

#### New Books for Children and Juvenile



Check out these new books and many more!



Check out these amazing books by this author!  
 Happy Reading!



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 Just search "@YCFLD"



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