

TOWN MANAGER'S

EXECUTIVE REPORT

Town of Oro Valley | MARCH 2019

TO COUNCIL

TOWN MANAGER'S MESSAGE

February is the start of the deep dive into the preparation of the FY 2019-20 Recommended Budget. In addition to keeping the Town Council apprised of the process, I also provide an opportunity for employees to hear from me regarding issues and priorities the Town will expect to see in the upcoming budget, and to listen to their concerns as well. Revenue projections are being finalized based upon actual collections to date as well as an analysis of economic projections. Town staff have met several times to review capital and fleet replacement needs, and over the coming weeks, the budget team will meet with each individual department to review budget requests line by line. The Town Council will receive the Recommended Budget prior to your April 17 regular meeting.

The Town has also retained the services of Tischler-Bise to conduct the required review of Oro Valley's development impact fees once every five years. Impact fees are those one-time fees collected with all new construction that are reserved for infrastructure investments required as a result of new growth. The Town currently collects impact fees for police, roads, parks and water. For a single family home, the current combined impact fees paid to the Town are \$9,216. State law dictates a very stringent process by which fees can be calculated, and Tischler-Bise has considerable experience in Arizona doing similar studies for many local governments. A study session with principal Carson Bise will be scheduled in the next two to three months to brief the Council on the process and to review assumptions.

- The Water Utility and Public Works teams did an outstanding job responding to a significant water main break in the area of Lambert Lane and Naranja Blvd. last week. Because of their response, area residents saw only a brief water outage and the repairs are complete.
- I was honored to emcee the first meeting of the Southern Arizona Women Leading Government chapter in early February. Coordinated and hosted by Oro Valley, there were 90 women from across the region who participated, from as far south as Nogales and Cochise County, to many from the Tucson metro area. The group decided to meet quarterly, with participating agencies taking turns on coordinating and hosting. Pima County will host the next meeting in April.
- In partnership with the Greater Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce, I worked with Board Member Kay Williams and Vice President/Events Director Alex Demeroutis to host the first Northwest Women in Leadership group. Started from a suggestion by a new woman business leader in town, nearly 25 women business executives attended the inaugural breakfast with considerable interest in regular meetings and networking opportunities.
- I served on a panel with County Administrator Chuck Huckleberry and Tucson City Manager Mike Ortega to discuss economic development and potential connections with the tourism industry with the Visit Tucson Board of Directors during their annual planning retreat.
- I joined JJ Johnston at a meeting with the CEO and most of her team from Cushman-Wakefield PICOR last week to discuss the Town's opportunities for future real estate investments. It was a fruitful meeting that is further opening the door for positive relationships to advance economic vitality goals in the community.
- Over 150 employees enjoyed burgers and hotdogs last Thursday as a small token to celebrate National Employee Appreciation Day. A special thanks to those councilmembers who were able to stop by and greet employees. Your participation was well received!

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Mary Jacobs, Town Manager



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MARCH 2019 EVENTS

Second Saturdays at Steam Pump Ranch | FREE EVENT

Saturday, March 9, 9 a.m.-noon

Steam Pump Ranch

Live music, kid's crafts, and Heirloom Farmers Market

Featuring the music of Cowboy at Heart—David Rychener

Arizona Distance Classic

Sunday, March 10, 7 a.m.

Ventana Medical Systems, 1910 E. Innovation Park Drive

The breathtaking course is open and fully-supported for four hours. Plentiful aid stations and cheer groups line the course. At the finish line celebration, every participant receives the ultimate huge finisher's medal. Registration fees apply.

Visit: <http://arizonadistanceclassic.com> for details.

Dispose-A-Med | FREE EVENT

Tuesday, March 12, 9-11 a.m.

Sun City Oro Valley, 1565 E. Rancho Vistoso Blvd.

Bring your unused or expired prescription and over the counter medications and they will be disposed of properly.

OV Marketplace Concert Series | FREE EVENT

Thursday, March 14, 6-7:30 p.m.

Oro Valley Marketplace

Admission is free. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own chairs to enjoy the concert.

Featured guests: Sabra Faulk & Amber Norgaard

Archery Expo Day

Saturday, March 30, 9 a.m.-noon

Naranja Park

This FREE event includes: Basic archery instruction, food trucks, walk around archery course, vendor booths, fun for the whole family, 3D Archery shoot with Pusch Ridge Archers and more.

Steam Pump Ranch Concert Series | FREE EVENT

Friday, April 5

Steam Pump Ranch

Oro Valley's Historic Steam Pump Ranch is proud to begin a Concert Series.

5-6:30 p.m. Saguaro Sunset Trio

6:30-9 p.m. Split Decision



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Recognitions



Senior Office Specialist Promotion

On February 11, Jennifer Kleinberg was promoted to the position of Senior Office Specialist. Congratulations to Jennifer for her hard work and success.



New Employee

On February 7, K9 "Diesel" (and his partner Officer Peterson) earned his certification in narcotics detection. On the following Monday, Diesel was out patrolling the streets of Oro Valley.



Police Academy Graduates

New Officers Kristopher Brandstrom, Daryn Cherry, and Zachery Nicholson successfully completed the Pima County Regional Training Academy on February 22.

Community Involvement

Rape Aggression Defense (RAD)

OVPD members taught the RAD self-defense class for females on February 2 and 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. In 2018, 101 women participated in OVPD's RAD self-defense classes.

Citizen Academy

OVPD members hosted three sessions of the Police Department Citizen Academy in February. Topics covered included community policing, patrol functions, public information officer (PIO), Office of Professional Standards, drone operations and the Training Division.

Special Person's Day

On February 4, OVPD officers assisted Wilson Middle School during their Special Person's Day. Officers filled in for students who did not have a family member who was able to attend at the school function.



Cases, Incidents and Statistics

DUI Vehicle Crash

On January 30, OVPD patrol and traffic units responded to nine vehicle crashes, the most serious of which was caused by an impaired driver. A passenger in the victim vehicle was transported for a serious head injury. OVPD officers employed traffic incident management strategies to ensure public safety while conducting the criminal investigation and clear the roadway.

High Visibility Enforcement (HiVE)

On February 5, OVPD conducted a targeted traffic enforcement HiVE along the Oracle corridor. The HiVE was conducted in an effort to educate the public, reduce crashes and remove impaired drivers from the roadway.



Vehicle Break-Ins

Over the course of January and February, the OVPD Community Action Team (CAT Squad) conducted a joint investigation with the Pima County Sheriff's Department involving thefts from vehicles at various trail heads in Oro Valley and Pima County. On February 13, search warrants were served on two suspects' residences recovering substantial evidence to include 11 firearms, numerous victim's identifications and other evidentiary items. The two suspects face approximately 90 felony charges between the two of them.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Highlights

Single Family Residence (SFR) Activity

19 new SFR permits were issued for the month of February compared to 26 SFR permits issued in January. Year to date, 45 SFR permits have been issued since the beginning of January compared to 60 issued during the same period in 2018.

Permitting Activity

183 total permits were issued during the month of February compared to 226 permits issued in January. Year to date, 409 total permits have been issued since the beginning of January compared to 469 issued during the same period in 2018.

New Development

A pre-application has been submitted for phase two expansion of Leman Academy located at Miller Ranch.



Ribbon Cuttings

Quail Park of Oro Valley
The Motive Physical Therapy Specialists

Business Retention/Expansion and Attraction/Marketing

Business Visits and Tours

- Canyons at Linda Vista (new owner and manager)
- Senior Home Care of Tucson (recently expanded)
- DaVita Oro Valley Dialysis
- Quail Park Oro Valley
- Simpleview
- Three store fronts and four home-based businesses were licensed

Business Closure

Due to financial struggles, Blue Banana at the Oro Valley Marketplace has closed.

Permitting—Major Activity

Permitting Review Bridge Club at Mountain Vista Plaza, 1171 E Rancho Vistoso Bl, #145

- Building TI Permit issued for new tenant

Ironwood Dermatology, 10211 N Oracle Rd

- Type 2 Grading Permit issued for development of site for two new medical office buildings

Kai Drive at Villages at Silverhawke, SE Corner of Tangerine Rd and 1st Ave

- Type 2 Grading Permit applied for Phase 1 construction of new road to serve Villages at Silverhawke

Sprout's Farmer's Market at Oracle Crossings, 7665 N Oracle Rd

- Building TI Permit applied for interior remodel

New Business - New Horizons Learning Center at Pusch Ridge Office Complex, 10371 N Oracle Rd, #105

- Building TI Permit approved for new tenant

Completed Projects (Certificates of Occupancy issued)

- Soundpoint Audiology, 7862 N. Oracle Rd.
- Oro Valley Eye Care, 760 E. Pusch View Ln., Suite 100
- Just Kabob Restaurant, 10420 N. La Canada Dr., Suite 160
- Budget Blinds of NW Tucson, 7883 N. Oracle Rd.

Compliance Inspection

A weekend compliance inspection on Saturday, February 9, found 31 non-compliant signs.

Planning Project Highlights

- **State Land** - Formal comment letter was sent to applicant and has been posted on the OVProjects.com webpage. A meeting is planned with the applicant and property owner to discuss comments.
- **Code Publishing Update** - Working with Code Publishing, the company that hosts the Town's web-based version of the Town Code and Zoning Code, to update to the new platform. A refined proposal from Code Publishing has been received, with a meeting set with procurement.
- **Design Review** - Working to update the design review process from the current Conceptual/Final Design Review process to a Preliminary Plat/Development Plan.
- **Addendum "A" Design Standards** - Updating the Zoning Code design standards to eliminate outdated requirements and add more flexibility to Town requirements.
- **Noise Ordinance** -- The current noise ordinance requires an update. RFP for consultant released and set to close February 27-28.

Making Connections

BIO5/BIOSA Student Industry Networking Event

Community and Economic Development Director and Economic Development Specialist welcomed the opportunity to attract talent at the 11th Annual BIO5/BIOSA Student Industry Networking Event at the University of Arizona. Sponsored by the Biotechnology Industry Organization of Southern Arizona (BIOSA), the BIO5 Institute serves to connect UA students in life sciences, engineering, business and computer & information sciences to internships and job opportunities throughout the biotech industry of Arizona.



PUBLIC WORKS

Stormwater Utility

- Last calendar year was the wettest in recent history. On average, the region receives a fairly constant precipitation rate of 11 to 12 inches per year. Last year, the Town received over 19 inches, over 50% more than normal. This year is also off to a wet start with the Town receiving over 2 inches of rain in just 45 days with more on the way. In addition, the local NWS/NOAA (National Weather Service/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) office is anticipating that the upcoming monsoon will be even wetter than last year. The work performed by the Stormwater Utility and the Pima County Flood Control District over the last five years has positioned the community well with regard to protecting lives and properties.



Rain or shine, PW Maintenance ensures the Town Hall Buildings' Air Conditioning is ready for use

The Southern Arizona Branch of the American Public Works Association has awarded the Tangerine Road: Dove Mountain Boulevard to La Canada Drive project as the Project of the Year in the Transportation \$25M-\$75M category. The award will be presented at a banquet in Tucson later this month in which individuals, public agencies, projects and private sector members are recognized for their contributions to the advancement of public works infrastructure and programs throughout Southern Arizona. The Tangerine project was managed by the Town of Marana, but Oro Valley staff from Public Works were closely involved.

Project Updates

OVPD Evidence Building

The PD Evidence building construction project is proceeding slightly ahead of schedule. The steel framing, masonry block walls, roof deck, exterior cladding and interior metal wall framing is 99% done. In late February/early March, the roofing membrane is being applied, mechanical, electrical and plumbing are being installed, while some of the walls are being sheet-rocked.



Magistrate Courtroom

This project is nearing completion. Staff and contractors have completed the projects and performed a walk through to develop a final punch list. Small items remain such as touch up paint and relocation of some lighting. Seating for the courtroom is outstanding due to long delivery wait times. The courtroom is in use at this time while the remaining items are being addressed.



Project Updates (Cont')

Administration Lobby Safety Improvement Project

This project is expected to finish soon. Staff and contractors have completed the projects and performed a walk through to develop a final punch list. Small items remain such as touch up paint and final caulking. The final glass was delivered on March 2. If all goes well, the Town Administration office should be able to move back in the first full week of March.



Rancho Vistoso Streetlights

Construction documents for the Rancho Vistoso Street Lights in the Sun City area have been forwarded to the Town's Procurement office for bid solicitation. The tentative construction schedule is to start March 18 and finish by June 21.

PARKS & RECREATION

Administration

The Parks and Recreation Director and Lemman Academy of Excellence (OV) principal, Bethany Papajohn, met to discuss the opportunity to use the school's gymnasium during the summer. The recreation team will be developing a half-day sport/game camps in the morning for youth ages 12 to 15. This is a great opportunity to focus on tween youth that don't have many recreational options in the summer. Open gym will be offered on Friday nights for ages 16 and older to play pick-up basketball. These new programs will be offered this June. There is no gym availability in July as Lemman Academy is closed to upgrade to its floors.

Oro Valley Aquatic Center (OVAC)

- **March 16–17**— Masters Swimming Distance Swim Meet. March 16 will focus on distance events set up in short course yards, while March 17 will be set up for long course meters. This event is put on by Saddlebrook Masters and is predicted to attract more than 50 adult athletes.
- **March 18 –22**— OVAC will host its spring break lifeguard camp. This 35-hour course will leave participants with everything they need to start a job as a lifeguard. The camp already has 10 participants and is expected to grow.
- **March 17 – 23**—**Spring break hours:** special hours will include additional lane space for lap swimmers as well as extended hours for recreational elements (diving boards, slide, rec pool).
- **March 23**—OVAC will take part in the OV Sprint Triathlon. This event has received a record amount of registrants for pre-registration and is expected to be the highest attended March OV Triathlon with over 350 participants.
- **March 26** will mark the start of long course (50 meters) season for the OVAC. Long-course will be offered Tuesday, Thursday (5 a.m. to 1 p.m.) and Saturday (6 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.)

Recreation and Culture

The Arizona Wine Growers Association hosted their sixth annual **Off the Vine Wine Festival** at Steam Pump Ranch with a sold-out crowd of 3,000.



*We keep coming back to Oro Valley because these are some of the **best** fields we play on all year.*

- NY Red Bulls Operations Manager, Dan Scemesh, expressing his appreciation to the Town and the park maintenance staff.

New York Red Bulls preseason at Naranja Park

Major League Soccer returned to Oro Valley as the New York Red Bulls held their preseason practice at Naranja Park, Fields 1 & 2.



Park Maintenance

James D. Kriegh Park Ballfield Renovations

New sand-based sod has been installed on ball fields 1, 2, and 3 at James Kriegh Park. The fields will be ready for little league practice on March 15. CDO Little League opening ceremonies are scheduled for March 30. Fields 4 and 5 will be completed late spring/early summer when temperatures warm up.



Community Center

- Last month a United States Tennis Association National Level 2 tournament was held at both the Community Center and Pusch Ridge venues and hosted the best 14 and under players in the country.
- Spring break camp will be held at the Community Center March 18 through 22.

*The Oro Valley Community Center currently has **1,237 fitness memberships**, which is the highest number of memberships since opening the facility. This total amounts to **2,515 individual members**, only 36 below the previous high watermark.*

Golf and the Overlook

- March is historically the busiest golf month of the year and 2019 looks to keep that tradition. Tournament activity is very strong with 850 rounds planned, which includes events that raise funds for non-profits.
- El Conquistador golf will be hosting an AIDS awareness tournament, the Local Golden Retriever Rescue Annual Tournament, and a memorial tournament. These events include a reception after the tournament which fills the Sunset room and/or the Overlook restaurant as participants celebrate.
- The Overlook continues to host the bi-weekly Tucson Business group for breakfast in the Sunset Room. The Oro Valley Optimist Club meets monthly in the Sunset Room for lunch and the Oro Valley Corvette Club will be hosting a dinner event in March.

New Drinking Fountain at Naranja Park

New drinking fountain at Naranja Park has been installed. It is located on the east side of the modular building to the north of the restrooms.



WATER UTILITY

Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan Law—Milestone for Arizona

- On January 31, Governor Ducey signed into law legislation approving the state's participation in the Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan (DCP). The legislation is the result of hard-fought compromises that ultimately protect the state's collective interests.
- The DCP is a negotiated plan between Arizona, California, Nevada, Bureau of Reclamation and Mexico to take less water out of Lake Mead over the next seven years to prevent Lake Mead water surface elevations from falling to very low levels. The DCP will not prevent shortages but it will significantly reduce the risk of far deeper shortages and greater uncertainty on the Colorado River system. Oro Valley will not see any new cuts to its share of Colorado River water under the signed plan.
- Municipalities, like Oro Valley, have the highest priority CAP subcontracts and would not see reduced CAP deliveries unless only the highest tiered delivery reductions were realized. The DCP honors principles important to Oro Valley. These principles include preserving cities' priority status for water allocations, keeping Lake Mead as full as possible, and protecting Arizona's economy.
- Oro Valley will continue to plan and prepare for a drier future. DCP is an important milestone, but the journey to protect and manage our water resources never ends.



The water surface elevation of Lake Mead determines if and how much the Bureau of Reclamation will curtail Colorado River water deliveries to downstream users.

In 2018, the state certified that the Oro Valley Water Utility's lost and unaccounted for water was 0.83%. This extremely low percentage is due to a robust and modern distribution system, diligent water accounting practices performed by the Utility staff as well as the Utility's implementation of the most up-to-date and accurate water meter reading technology.

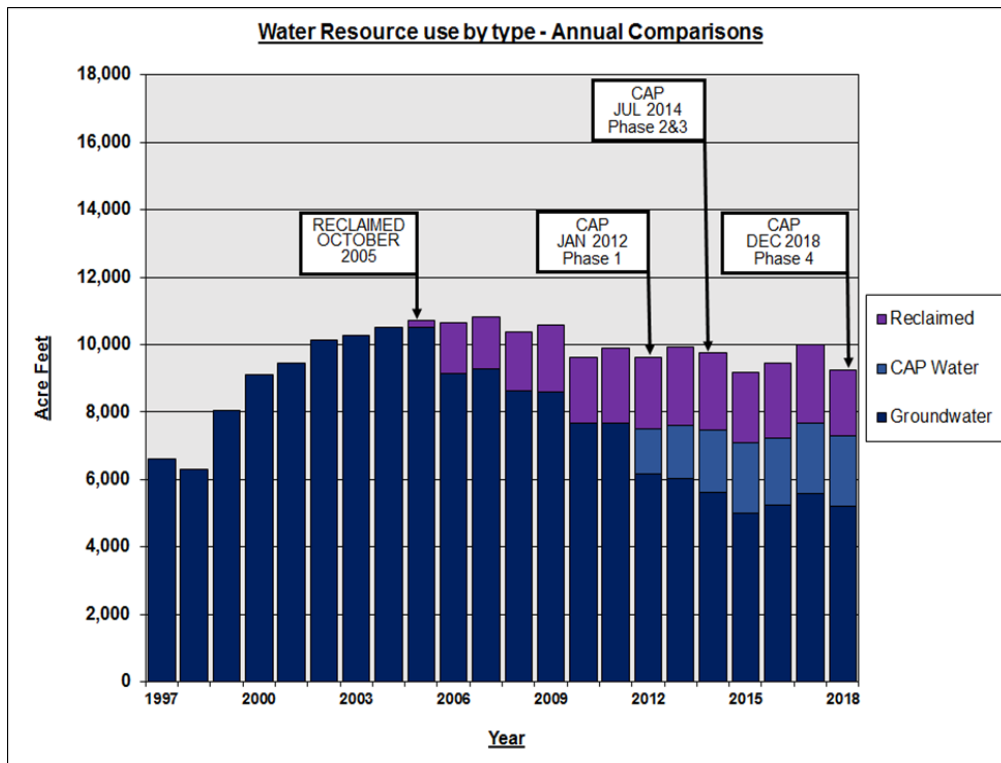
Sun Rose Drive Water Main Break

At approximately 3 a.m. on Wednesday, February 27, a water main on Sun Rose Drive broke. Town of Oro Valley Water Utility crews quickly responded and restored service to those affected by approximately 5 a.m. OVPD was alerted to assist with traffic control and the Town's Public Works Department responded to assist with debris and sediment removal from the roadway. The water main appears to have been damaged by a football-sized rock that is believed to have been buried near the main when it was initially installed. Rocks of this size buried near utilities may damage water mains. That is thought to be the culprit here. Water Utility crews repaired the broken main and backfilled the area around it. Preliminary damage estimates included a week-long closure, but the roadway base did not require as much work as initially projected and Sun Rose Drive reopened on Monday, March 4.



Water Resources Metrics 1997-2018

The graph shows the relationship between the Oro Valley Water Utility's use of Groundwater, CAP water and reclaimed water since the Utility was created in 1997. For 2018, the Utility experienced the second lowest annual groundwater production and delivered more CAP water since 2012 when CAP deliveries



AZ Department of Water Resources Gives OV Water a Thumbs Up!

- Water loss is a particularly important issue in Arizona, where approximately 97% of Arizonans are served by public water supplies.
- Large municipal providers like the Oro Valley Water Utility are required by the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) to maintain their system to not exceed 10% lost and unaccounted for water. Lost and unaccounted for water is the difference between the volume of water pumped and the volume of water delivered.
- Every year the Water Utility is required to provide this information to the ADWR. The State reviews and certifies the data provided by the Utility to ensure compliance with the Water Code.
- For those providers out of compliance, the Code authorizes a civil penalty of up to \$10,000/day.



ADMINISTRATION

Public Records Requests

Time Period	Number of Requests	Staff Time To Process (Hours)
February 2018	36	25
February 2019	44	22

[The March Oro Valley Vista newsletter can be viewed here.](#)



FlashVote Survey Results

The results from the Town of Oro Valley's first FlashVote survey regarding parks, recreation, arts and culture, was a success as 74% response rate. Response rates typically range from 40-70%.



Check out the results here

<https://www.flashvote.com/oro-valley-az/surveys/parks-recreation-arts-and-culture-02-19>

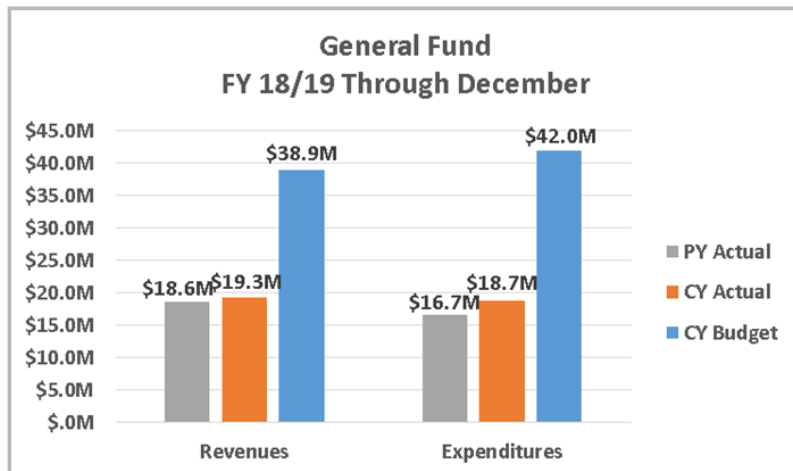
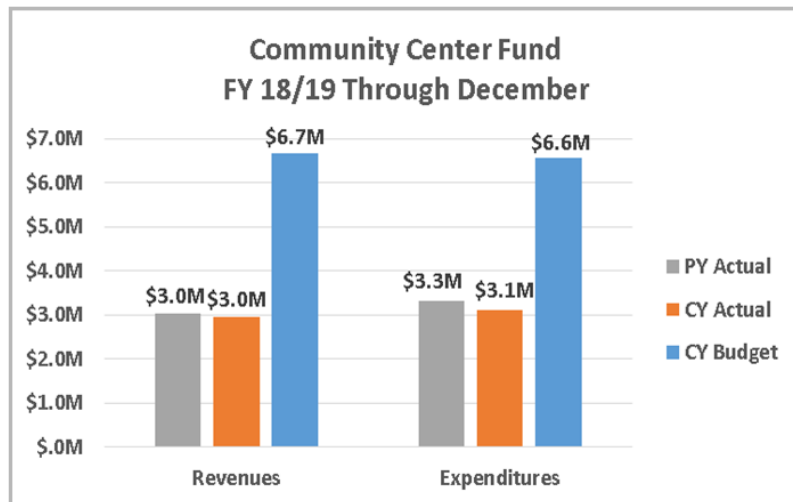
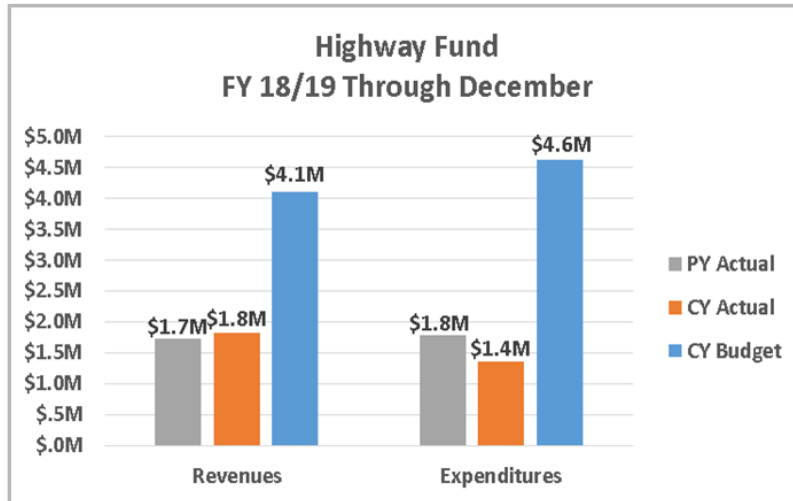
Show Us Some Love Contest

Oro Valley resident Daniel Scoblink won the Town of Oro Valley's Show Us Some Love contest to the Town being named one of the 15 most romantic destinations in Arizona. The contest was inspired by the TripAdvisor designation and Mayor Winfield's idea to promote Oro Valley. Here's the winning entry by Daniel Scoblink:

*Oro Valley Arizona you own my heart,
Such grace and elegance hard to know where to start,
From your exquisite sunsets to your monsoon storms,
You are a natural beauty, and keep my heart warm
Murder mystery at Gaslight is always such fun
Romantic dinners? There are a ton
The red Catalina's as the sun rests
A glass of wine while I watch relieves all of my stress
The majestic saguaros, I'll never part
For you Oro Valley have taken my heart*

Finance—Fund Updates

The below charts depict fiscal year-to-date results for revenues and expenditures for the General, Highway and Community Center funds. Expenditures are trending under budget for the fiscal year, while revenues are trending at or just under budget. The full, more detailed financial reports for December will be included on the March 6, 2019 Council meeting agenda.



OV Peak Performance (Process Improvement Initiative)

Project: Transit Driver Recruitment Process

The purpose is to create a better process for hiring Transit Drivers, so the applicant fully understands the position before they accept the offer of employment. In 2017, six employees left within the first month and in 2018, five employees left within the first month. The new process involves a ride along during the interview process, so the applicant has a full understanding of the position. Below are the cost savings to the Town with the new implemented process:

	Total Cost	Cost - Interview/ Ride along	Cost Savings/ Applicant
Cost for interview time/applicant - includes HR and Transit staff (30 minute interview)	\$39.15	\$39.15	
Cost for ride along (1 hour)	\$23.42	\$23.42	
Cost for paperwork/applicant (30 minutes)	\$15.75		\$15.75
Cost for Training/applicant (80 hours)	\$1,874.00		\$1,874.00
Cost for computer input time/applicant - includes IT, Finance, HR (30 minutes)	\$23.52		\$23.52
Total cost per new employee	\$1,975.84	\$62.57	\$1,913.27
2017 - 16 hires and 11 terms			
Cost spent for 11 employees that termed	\$21,045.97		
2018 - 15 hires and 7 terms			
Cost spent for 7 employees that termed	\$13,392.89		
Money that could have been saved with the ride along process	\$34,438.86		

Youth Advisory Council

- On February 16, members of the YAC assisted Catalina Springs Memory Care with Valentine's cookie decorating.
- On March 16, members of YAC will provide a Senior Tech Class at Sun City. The class is focused on Google docs, based on feedback from February's class.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** The YAC BBQ Teen Field Day will be held on Saturday, April 20 from 5 – 8 p.m.

Special Events—Non Town of Oro Valley

The Estimated Economic Impact (EEI) for the **US Paralympics** held December 14 – 16, 2018 at the Oro Valley Aquatic Center was \$25,940.16 based on 140 athletes and 55 room nights at the El Conquistador, a Hilton Resort and the Holiday Inn Express. Swimming Canada trained at the Oro Valley Aquatic Center and participated in the event; however, they stayed in a hotel outside of Oro Valley resulting in an estimated loss of \$36,189.95. Staff will continue to work with teams and event organizers to have them stay in Oro Valley.

The Southern Arizona Arts and Cultural Alliance **Cruise, BBQ and Blues Classic Car Show** was held on February 16 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Oro Valley Marketplace. 4,250 attended the event, including Mayor Winfield, Councilmember Nicolson, Councilmember Piña and Councilmember Rodman (pictured below). Mayor Winfield provided the welcome and announced the 36 award categories!



Press Releases Issued in February

- Town of Oro Valley Releases Information on Water Main Break and Road Closure, 2-27-19
- Town of Oro Valley Police Department to Host Dispose-A-Med Event, 2-25-19
- OVPD: K-9 Diesel Joins the OVPD, 2-21-19
- OVPD: Armed Robbery Attempt, 2-21-19
- FC Tucson and New York Red Bulls Offer Free Youth Soccer Clinic, 2-15-19
- OVPD: Suspicious Death in Oro Valley, 2-13-19
- Town of Oro Valley Recognized by the Healthy Arizona Worksites Program, 2-11-19
- OV publishes annual reader-friendly financial report for FY 2017-18, 2-7-19
- OVPD: Stranger Danger Alert, 2-5-19
- Oro Valley contest to “Show Us Some Love!”, 2-1-19

GOLDER RANCH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jose Samaniego Memorial Archery Shoo and BBQ Challenge

On March 2, The North Tucson Firefighters Association—Local 3832 hosted their Inaugural Jose Samaniego Memorial Archery Shoot and BBQ Challenge. This event took place at Naranja Park and started with an archery event from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and a Smoke off Challenge from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

The best of this project was that the event was already in the black before it started and the money raised at this event will go to the union charities account which funds community outreach, namely, the Shop with a Firefighter event. The Shop with a Firefighter event is held at the Target in Oro Valley in December and allows for disadvantaged community members to shop with a firefighter to make their holidays a little brighter.

The fundraiser event is named after Golder Ranch Fallen Firefighter Jose Samaniego who had a passion for district residents, charity and also was known as a good sportsman. The union worked collaboratively with area fire departments to create friendly competition and invited the general public to participate in the sporting and cooking fun.

