



## **PROJECTS and ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- 2012 Excellence in Economic Development Award from Governor Jan Brewer for outstanding innovations and achievements that have helped place Arizona at the forefront of economic development. The City of Cottonwood received the Innovative Economic Development Award for our five year economic development strategy with an emphasis on the Arizona wine industry and Old Town Cottonwood.
- City receives the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for FY 2011-12 from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).
- Collaborating with Local First Arizona, Old Town Merchants and Cottonwood Chamber of Commerce, City is awarded the Governor's Tourism Award for Creative Collaborative Marketing program to bring tourism to Old Town
- Cottonwood and the Verde Valley are selected by Lonely Planet as one of the Top 10 U.S. travel destinations for 2013.
- Developed a procurement office
- Reorganized staff positions and departments for a more economic and organized team
- Promoted and instructed the "What You Do Matters: Lessons From The Holocaust" training for all law enforcement officers in Yavapai County.
- Provide employees with annual compensation sheet
- Developed the Business Assistance Center
- Historic Preservation Commission created
- Contracted with new Fixed Base Operator for the airport
- Encouraged participation in the 2010 census
- Reviewed airport land leases to ensure performance requirements were met
- Developed a Revolving Loan Fund
- Developed Focus on Success
- Adopted landscaping code encouraging use of low water use products.
- Completed purchases of Spring Creek and Quail Canyon wells and water systems
- Created the Lynx Route to connect Cottonwood and Sedona
- Completed Mingus Avenue reconstruction Willard to SR89A including new potable and reclaimed water lines
- Completed design and construction of Willard Street extension included a new 10" waterline to interconnect the pressure and gravity water systems
- Organized Arizona 100-Year Anniversary celebrations
- Organized Cottonwood 50-Year Anniversary of Incorporation celebrations
- The Multigenerational Recreation Center was finished in February 2010 and opened May 1, 2010.
- Completed renovations of existing (outdoor) pool

- Obtained Safer Grant: Staffing for Adequate for Fire and Emergency Response, increasing number of fire personnel and adding second engine company to provide services to the community
- Completed remodel of Aspen Shadow wall to improve safety and flood protection
- Obtained APS, Uni-Source and Cable-One franchise renewals
- First in State to adopt ordinance to control sales of epiphedrine, a prime ingredient in the construction of Methamphetamines thereby reducing crimes involving meth by 40%
- Initiated the ban of sales of Spice and Bath Salts in Yavapai County
- Televised all regular council meetings and *Inside Cottonwood* programs
- Assumed hosting of Thunder Valley Rally
- Designed, rehabilitated and relocated Municipal Court to new a new facility
- Designed, rehabilitated and relocated Community Development and Utilities to a new building
- Completed design and construction of new police evidence building
- Old Court Offices Asbestos Abatement, Demolition and Remodel into new City Clerk's office
- Restoring City Hall
- Created VVTV video link on COC website
- Now include all City Council agenda back-up material on website to better educate our citizens
- Now include information on all city commissions and boards on website to include roles and qualifications to serve along with meeting minutes
- Created COC Airport webpage
- Relocated Gardner's recycling from Old Town to a more compatible site
- Sun Dial Motel improvements initiated with sale to new owner
- Initiated Electronic Christmas tree and décor at Civic Center
- Expanded automated holiday lighting to include more city offices and is accompanied by music
- Resolved Green-Gardner Easement Access
- Created RFP to bring wine tasting rooms to Old Town
- Installed wayfaring directional signage to Old Town Cottonwood
- Developed Verde Valley Wine Consortium
- Coordinated with Chamber of Commerce to develop the Verde Valley Wine Trail and Painted Barrel programs
- City Manager awarded the Gabe Zimmerman Award
- Conducted two Citizen Surveys with high satisfaction registered by citizens
- Banned wood burning fire places in new developments
- Collaborated with citizens to construct a dog park
- Collaborated with citizens to construct a community garden
- Adopted a Rental Code
- Completed Library additions
- Adopted a new Graffiti Ordinance
- Revised Noise Ordinance
- Constructed a new transit facility

- Developed tourist bus parking in Old Town
- Changed to Vote-By-Mail
- Improved/Increased the release of marketing information to the media
- Developed a bi-annual citizen newsletter “Just the Facts”
- Annexed Quail Canyon development into the City
- Created storm drain signage
- Paula Street Rebuild and dedication as Mickelsen Parkway
- Civic Center ADA Review
- Old Town Jail Asbestos Abatement and Remodel
- Police dispatch center HVAC upgrades
- Library roof leak repair and restroom rehabilitation
- Library canopy design and bid
- Library parking lot and drainage reconstruction
- Library HVAC units replacement
- Council Chambers structural review, demolition and remodel design and bid
- Roof Projects –Recoat Library Flat Roofs
  - Recoat Old Community Development Building’s Roof
  - Recoat City Hall Roof
  - Recoat Public Safety Building Roof
  - Recoat Utilities Flat Roof
  - Replace Public Works Roof
  - Replace Lift Station 4 Roof
  - Replace Airport Electrical Vault Building Roof
  - Replace Utilities Building Shingled Roof
- Mold Abatement Projects
  - Public Works Building
  - Public Safety Building
  - City Hall
  - Fire Department Kitchen
- Reconstruction of 12th Street, Birch to Mingus Ave. including a new waterline and fire hydrants
- Constructed a disc golf course and hosted two Professional Disc Golf Association tournaments
- Secured/verified the ownership of the Old Town Jail
- Demolished the Bux Building in Old Town and constructed a parking lot at the corner of Pinal and 1st Street
- Took over the operation of the solid waste transfer station
- Formed the Bicycle Advisory committee and were awarded a Bike Friendly Community Bronze award
- Completed Community Bicycle Plan
- Assisted in hosting Bike MS event in Cottonwood
- Bicycle Project on Cove Parkway
- Participated in Mayor's Bike to Work Day with Council, Staff and Community Participation
- Formed Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Committee and received federal grant for SRTS
- Cottonwood Portal Signs Improvement Project

- Traffic study at 6th Street and 89A for left turn phase
- Traffic study on 89A and Camino Real to determine results of No-Left turn device
- Construction of softball field 4 at Riverfront park
- Construction of little league ball field complex at Riverfront park
- Construction of new sidewalk on Main Street in front of Woody's Gas/Veretto Plaza
- Replacement of sidewalk on 1<sup>st</sup> street/Pima in Old Town
- Soccer Field Construction at Riverfront Park
- Pima Bridge Foundation and slope protection
- Ocotillo Street drainage improvements
- 6th Street and Municipal Court drainage improvements
- Pima/Main Street parking lot reconstruction
- Council Chambers parking lot reconstruction
- Finance Department parking lot reconstruction
- 16th Street Reconstruction
- Skyline Drive and Skyline Way Reconstruction
- Transfer station and humane society drive reconstruction
- Reclaimed water fill station pavement construction
- Mickelsen marathon course design
- Participated in the VVTPO and NACOG transportation committees and planning
- Chip seal projects list
- Electrical reconstruction of all airport lighting
- Began operating airport fuel tanks
- Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Wastewater Collections System Cleaning and Televising Project completed
- 925 sanitary sewer manholes were inspected including GPS coordinates
- Upgraded the obsolete Wastewater Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system and installed upgraded telemetry units at the five lift stations
- Created first complete map of wastewater collections system
- Completed Phase 1 of the Ultra-Violet disinfection lamp and sleeve replacement project
- Completed Phase 1 of sand filter replacement
- Installed new reclaimed water line to serve Naipta (CAT) Building
- Diffuser sock replacement for both WWTP aeration basins completed
- Completed Phase 2 sand filter replacement
- Completed Phase 2 of the Ultraviolet disinfection lamp and sleeve replacement
- Purchased and installed two Moyno pumps for sludge feed system
- Installed new Manual Transfer Switch for Lift Station 4
- Repaired roof at Lift Station 4
- Completed Phase 3 of the Ultraviolet disinfection lamp and sleeve replacement
- Installation of new alarm dialing software for WWTP and lift stations
- Installation of Epoxy lining in both clarifiers at WWTP
- Installation and purchase of new laboratory software for WWTP
- Replaced RAS/WAS Pinch valves at WWTP
- Installed new emergency generator at Lift Station 4
- Installed new 200 amp electrical service at Lift Station 1

- Installed new Dissolved Oxygen Probes at WWTP
- New reclaimed water tank installed, repaired and recoated along with Grundfos Boosterpaq installation to improve reclaimed water pumping capacity and efficiency
- Headworks building rehabilitation and new influent flow screen and compactor installed
- System wide arsenic remediation program. Installation complete and ADEQ/EPA compliance achieved and maintained at 20 sites in Cottonwood, Verde Villages, and Verde Santa Fe. 23 concrete pads, 3 chemical injection buildings, and 20 treatment trains from 2 to 20 vessels. All associated underground infrastructure, raw water in, treated water out, sewer discharge extensions where applicable, electrical power upgrades where required.
- Fir Street interconnect water main. Improves system reliability by allowing transfer of water between areas of low production high usage and areas of high production, low usage
- Installed Pine Shadows waterline which included about 7000' of new 12" waterline and numerous fire hydrants along with a new meter and vault
- Combined water/sewer billing in progress
- Wellsite 8/9 480,000 gallon reservoir installation complete
- Mesquite Hills reservoir altitude valve installation which allows for auto filling
- Clemenceau pressure water system decommission, reservoirs moved to Wastewater Plant for reclaimed water system use
- Verde Village well 6-1 Decommission (reservoir moving to wellsite 4-2, Jan 2013)
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- Riverfront WRF two feasibility studies complete and currently in preconstruction design phase
- Quail Canyon Well conversion to variable frequency drive to allow direct pumping into Verde Village units 6 & 7
- System wide well site electrical upgrades enhance reliability, reduce energy demand and improve system performance
- Cactus Well raw water transmission line construction to Well 1 for combined arsenic treatment
- Underground realignment of piping at Well 5 gravity system and Lower 5 booster station
- Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA) installation at 18 water sites which allows remote monitoring of reservoir levels, flow rates and system pressure. Real time alarm transmission improves response time and situational awareness
- Security upgrades at all well sites which includes changeable combination locks, improved perimeter fencing, security doors, motion activated lighting and secure chemical storage
- 6th and Mingus waterline extension which increased fire flows on 6<sup>th</sup> Street by 300%
- 6<sup>th</sup> Street crossing Well 4 to well 7 which allows combined arsenic treatment
- Hwy 89A and Candy and Hwy 89A and Willard crossings which allowed for conversion of the Clemenceau pressurized water system to gravity feed and allowed VVMC to connect to the city system for both potable and fire flow needs
- Irrigation line installation to Community Garden with associated piping within the garden
- Lower 5 booster station electrical upgrades to improve reliability/redundancy

- Hwy. 89/ Blackhills Dr. 12" waterline realignment as requested by ADOT for Hwy 89A improvement project
- System-wide replacement, repair and/or installation of pressure reducing valves to improve system performance and reduce main line breaks
- Hwy. 260 at Western waterline crossing provides system redundancy, improves fire flows and allows water transfer between Verde Villages 2, 3 and 4.
- Creation of dedicated utility leak repair van using military surplus vehicle and staff labor
- Pavement and drainage improvements to Hwy. 260 well site access road
- Installation of ten pressurized fire hydrants in Verde Villages which previously had no pressurized hydrants
- Installation of new water main and fire hydrants behind Goodwill store
- Installation of sand removal filters at Wells 4 & 7
- Purchase and integration of TRACEDTECT analyzer for arsenic treatment process control which dramatically reduces outside laboratory costs
- Rehabilitation of all potable water wells which includes more efficient pumps and updated electrical controls to dramatically improve water production capability and reliability.
- Installation of a five pump variable drive booster pump system at the Yuma reservoir site
- Utility staff assumed operation of the Deadhorse Ranch water and wastewater systems
- Hwy 260 well was deepened and yield increased to 450 gallons per minute
- Partnered with MATForce to hold the first dump the drugs day in the Verde Valley as part of Verde River Days
- Worked with ADOT to secure a Federal grant for installation of sidewalks on both sides of Hwy 89A from Blackhills Drive to Cement Plant Road
- Water rate study and adoption of new water rate structure
- Physical separation of City of Cottonwood and Town of Clarkdale water systems
- Partnered with ADEQ to sponsor a record setting electronics waste collection day
- Obtained an ADEQ Brownsfield Grant to test the former Gardner recycle yard
- Developed and adopted a potable water backflow ordinance
- Designed and constructed a CATS bus transfer station along with assembly and numerous bus shelters
- Obtained a grant and installed a solar PV system at the airport
- Obtained a CDBG grant for reconstruction of 10<sup>th</sup> Street from Mingus to Main
- Sponsored an EPA funded water and wastewater Emergency Preparedness for Senior Officials training seminar
- Sponsored and EPA funded two day Emergency Response to Domestic Biological Incidents training seminar
- Completed an update of the Yavapai County Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Culminated several years of discussion with Yavapai College by formulating an agreement to supply reclaimed water for irrigation at the Verde Valley campus including the current and proposed vineyards. The proposed agreement will be presented to Council on January 8, 2013
- Updated and increased signage in Old Town to improve access to parking lots
- Adopted the latest International Building Codes

- Received a rebate from APS in the amount of \$24,702 for installation of variable frequency drive (VFD) controllers at our water facilities. These controllers also reduce electrical consumption and reduce system leakage by significantly reducing water hammer
- The city is partnering with local veterans groups and businesses to bring the Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall to Cottonwood in March of 2013
- Partnered with the Verde River Citizens Alliance to install a rainwater harvesting collection system demonstration system on the BAC
- Installed a visually impaired crosswalk notification system at the intersection of Main and Mingus
- Installed a street light at 14<sup>th</sup> and Cochise subsequent to a request from the Main/Mingus homeowners group
- Partnered with Upper Verde River Watershed Protection Coalition on the Water Smart conservation cards program
- Constructed two bike trails connecting 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> streets
- A four way stop intersection was installed at Fir and Monte Tesoro
- A trail easement was obtained from Argo Investments in the Del Monte wash near Hwy 89A
- Charlie Scully has been a leader in the Verde Front project to bring a trail system to the West Mingus area. Collaborating with Prescott National Forest and Clarkdale
- Collaborating with Yavapai County on the Centennial Cliff Rose Trail near State Trust Lands
- A community orchard irrigated with reclaimed water has been planted on Willard Avenue near the south clear zone
- Development Services has a Homeland Security trained Terrorism Liaison Officer on staff who is serving a dual role by providing utility system security services along with supervising the city code enforcement effort. The code enforcement hearing officer program has been re-activated and many code complaints are being solved pro-actively by the code enforcement staff working directly with residents to alleviate the violations
- Bike “sharrows” have been painted on the roadways in numerous locations to increase awareness. This low cost method was a suggestion of the Bicycle Advisory Committee.
- Participated with Boys and Girls Club electrical project
- Support community's elderly through the Verde Valley Senior Center meals-on-wheels program.
- We took over the management of the airport
- We resumed the operations of the CAT and Lynx Bus Systems
- Regional Dispatch Center studies
- Created Water Vision and Water Management Strategies for the future management of water
- Co-sponsor for Toys for Tots at the Rec Center
- Co-sponsor for Verde Valley Birding & Nature Festival using the Rec Center for events
- Sponsor of Verde River Days
- Sponsored the Arizona Wine Growers Association Grape Stomp
- Fir Street resurface

- Mayor and Council collaborated with Verde Valley Medical Center and Fit Kids Arizona to sponsor the summer Luau to promote fitness and healthy eating for children
- Participated in the regional Yavapai County Water Advisory Commission with the Mayor serving as Co-chair in 2012.
- Participated in the regional Greater Arizona Mayors' Association with the Mayor serving as Chair for 2012.
- General Administrative Services Manager Rudy Rodriguez served as
  - President of the AMRRP – Arizona Municipal Risk Retention Pool
  - President of the APEHP - Arizona Public Employers Health Pool
  - Appointed by the Governor to serve on the Governor’s Latino Advisory Council
  - Appointed by the Governor to serve on the Governor’s Citizen’s Traffic Stop Advisory Board
- Chief Fanning appointed by the Governor for State Board Arizona Homeland Security Western Regional Advisory Committee.
- Created financial transparency page on the City's Web site
- City Council Members participated on numerous boards and commissions.
- Completed citizens' survey.
- Added computers to every police vehicle for mobile data computing connectivity
- Won State's "best dirt" designation for the Cottonwood Equestrian Center