

TOWN MANAGER'S

EXECUTIVE REPORT

Town of Oro Valley | October 2024

TO COUNCIL



State of the Town Approaches

Mark your calendars for the 23rd annual State of the Town on Thursday, Oct. 31, at the El Conquistador Tucson, A Hilton Resort. This event hosted by the Greater Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce features a Business Expo from 9–11 a.m., followed by the luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. We look forward to another successful gathering on behalf of our residents! For [details or to purchase your ticket](#), visit orovalleychamber.com.

Awards & Recognition

Oro Valley has celebrated achievements across several departments over the past few weeks:

- Mayor Joe Winfield was honored as the [2024 Public Official of the Year by the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association \(APRA\)](#) for his dedication to parks and conservation.
- Our Nature Camp received [APRA's Outstanding Educational Program Award](#) for its creative, nature-focused programming. This award highlights the dedication of our Parks and Recreation team, who continue to engage Oro Valley's youth through outdoor experiences.
- Oro Valley and Marana jointly received the [Governor's Tourism Award for Best Tourism Partnership](#) for promoting Northern Pima County as a top cycling destination through shared events like the Tucson Bicycle Classic and Project Echelon Gran Fondo Ride.
- The Finance Department earned its 12th consecutive [Triple Crown from the Government Finance Officers Association \(GFOA\)](#) for excellence in financial reporting.
- Our Communications & Marketing team won two [national awards from the City-County Communications & Marketing Association \(3CMA\)](#) for their creativity in digital content on the "This Is Oro Valley" podcast and their humorous Shred Event Star Wars spoof video.



Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a time to raise awareness and support those impacted by breast cancer. Oro Valley partners with the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) to offer Sun Shuttle Service, providing rides for residents who may need assistance getting to medical appointments, including cancer treatments. To [learn more or request a ride](#), visit orovalleyaz.gov and search RIDE.

Suicide Awareness & Mental Health Support

As we conclude Suicide Awareness Month, I want to remind everyone that You Matter. If you or someone you know needs support, resources like the 9-8-8 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline are available. Over 1,000 "You Matter" cards were distributed to staff last month, and I encourage everyone to reach out to their teams to offer this resource personally. Thank you all for your ongoing efforts to support mental health initiatives within our organization.

Thank you all for your commitment to Oro Valley's continued success and for making a difference in the lives of our residents.

Best regards,

Jeff Wilkins,
Town Manager

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

CASES AND STATISTICS

Case 1

On Sept. 26, OVPD officers assisted U.S. Border Patrol agents, as they requested assistance stopping a vehicle that was suspected of having undocumented aliens. When officers stopped the vehicle, several subjects bailed from the vehicle. Due to the proximity of the stop to Pusch Ridge School, the school was placed on lockdown. All but one suspect was captured and turned over to BP agents. The lockdown was lifted a short time later. While the lockdown was in place, some students sent texts advising of a shooting incident. OVPD quickly published a social media post advising that there had not been any shooting incident to relieve any fear or concern that the false information could have caused.

Case 2

On Sept. 14, OVPD received information regarding school threats. This particular threat was specific to Canyon del Oro High School, but was similar to the threats that had been going viral throughout the country. As a result of the investigation, a 15-year-old student was arrested and booked for threats and disruption of an educational facility.

Case 3

With the start of the high school football season, OVPD has seen an increased number of calls for service at the In-N-Out Burger restaurants. These calls include fights, reckless driving, and an instance of shots fired. Increased patrols and presence have been instituted to attempt to reduce the calls and keep everyone safer.

Statistics/Information

OVPD Public Information Officer Darren Wright attended the University of Tennessee, Law Enforcement Innovation Center's Master Public Information Officer Certification course. The successful completion of the course certifies him as a Master PIO and provided new skills and information that can assist him in the messaging of the department.

SPECIAL EVENTS

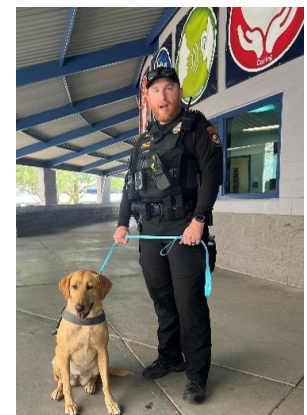
The OVPD Community Resources Unit (CRU), in partnership with Resources/Outreach to Safeguard the Elderly (ROSE) and BMO Bank, offered another Scams and Frauds class to our local community. This free class teaches people how to avoid being the victim of scams that have become so common. It has been very well received by the community, and about 30 people attended this session.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The new 911 recording system has been installed. Our new Eventide recording system will simultaneously capture, record and archive 911 positions, radio traffic, dispatch activity, administrative phones, and PC screens. The system integrates with Spillman and RapiSOS to give us geo-location data, easier call searching and incident reconstruction. The Eventide system also includes updated quality assurance software that will greatly reduce the time spent on evaluating Public Safety Telecommunicator (PST) performance. All of which helps us serve our community more efficiently.

REGIONAL SUPPORT

Ari, the OVPD Wellness K-9, visited both local high schools the day after the threat's incidents. With the increased stress from the calls felt by the students and staff, she was able to help many of them decrease that stress and have a healthy emotional outlet. Ari has been helpful to several of the local schools when there have been incidents that affect students and staff. Ari has been made available to the School Resource Officers (SROs) both within OVPD and our partners at the Pima County Sheriff's Department.



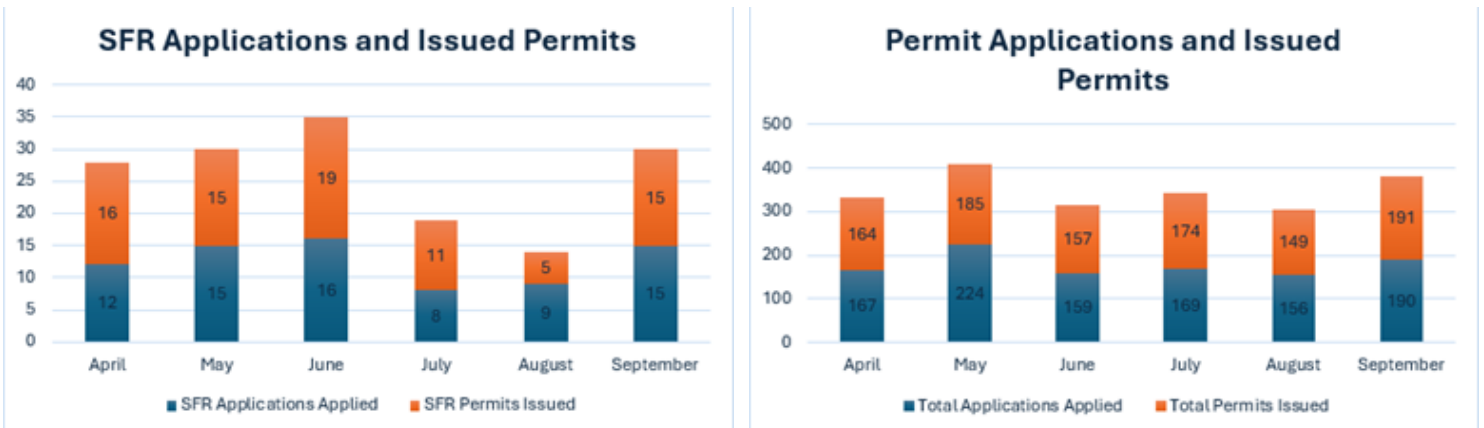
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

STATISTICS

Single Family Residential (SFR) Activity – 15 new Single Family Residential permits were issued during the month of September, compared to 5 SFR permits issued in August. Year to date, 132 SFR permits have been issued since the beginning of the year, compared to 91 issued during the same period in 2023.

Permitting Activity – 191 total permits were issued during the month of September, compared to 149 permits issued in August. YTD, 1,597 total permits have been issued since the beginning of the year, compared to 1,887 issued during same period in 2023.

Below are charts showing overall activity for the last six months:



PERMITTING MAJOR ACTIVITY

New Businesses

- Complete Canine at San Jose Plaza – 10140 N. Oracle Road (TI Permit Issued)
- First Order Compounding Pharmacy at Catalina Village – 7225 N. Oracle Road, #200 (TI Permit Issued)
- Oasis Nutrition at Plaza del Oro – 7927 N. Oracle Road (TI Permit Issued)

Other Permits

- Executive Suites at Extra Space Self-Storage – 9255 N. Oracle Road (TI Permit Issued)
- Roche Tissue Diagnostics, Ventana Building #3 - 1910 E. Innovation Park Drive (TI Permit Issued)

NEW DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development and New Projects

Oro Valley was included in state-wide searches by three prospective businesses in the month of September. The Town was unable to meet the minimum requirements of the projects for the listed reasons:

- Project 1: 65 – 150 acre site requirement
- Project 2: 70 – 80 ft. height requirement
- Project 3: 30-40 acre site requirement; 350,000 – 400,000 sq. ft. building

MEETINGS & OTHER NEWS

Planning & Zoning Commission

A public hearing was held on October 1 to consider possible zoning code amendments to amend allowances for stand-alone vehicle storage facilities to require a Conditional Use Permit. The proposed amendments also aim to clarify existing code standards relative to vehicle storage. The proposed changes will be brought back to the Town Council for action in November.

An October 1 study session was held to discuss zoning code amendments to reflect recent state law requirements for rezoning applications. The proposed OV code amendment will include the following three key components:

- Establishing processing time frames for "administratively complete" rezoning applications (required by new State Law)
- Clarifying which areas qualify for Legal Protest calculations (required by new State Law)
- Establishing an expiration period for all development applications (not required by State Law)

A study session was also held on October 1 to discuss a future zoning code amendment to comply with recent state law requirements for accessory dwelling units (ADUs). HB 2720 will affect the OV zoning code by requiring the following:

- Alignment between the Town's definition of "guest house" and the State's "accessory dwelling unit."
- Establish State compliant ADU standards which address:
 - Use
 - Building height
 - Setbacks
 - Kitchen facilities
 - Design

Neighborhood Meetings

On September 26, a neighborhood meeting was held for a new development proposal by the Oro Valley Church of the Nazarene (on Calle Concordia, adjacent to CDO High School). The property owner wishes to build a new church sanctuary. Additional information has been provided on ovprojects.com.



BUSINESS RETENTION/EXPANSION AND MARKETING

New Businesses

In September, business licenses were issued to new businesses in the following locations: one store-front, eleven home-based, and four in shared spaces.

Completed Projects (Certificate of Occupancy Issued)

- Elite Theater Academy; 12142 N. Rancho Vistoso Blvd., #130
- Starizona; 12995 N. Oracle Road, #181

Business Closures

- Mobility Plus moved out of Oro Valley. They were concerned about lack of visibility due to signage restrictions in the Foothills Business Park.

Making Connections

- Ten businesses were visited in September. The day we visited Pet Supplies Plus (*pictured right*) was Girl Scout Takeover Day. Mayor Winfield is pictured with Madie, a Leader in Training, and business owner, Mich Bayley.



Ribbon Cuttings



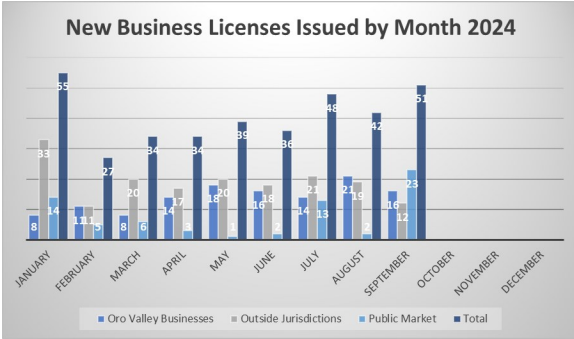
Northwest Urgent Care; 10568 N. Oracle Rd., #110



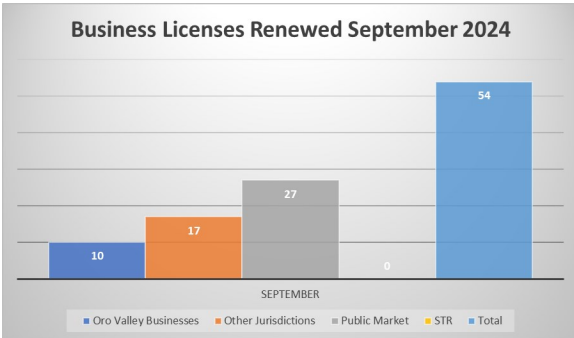
Pet Supplies Plus; 10540 N. La Cañada Dr., #110

OTHER NEWS

Business Licensing Statistics

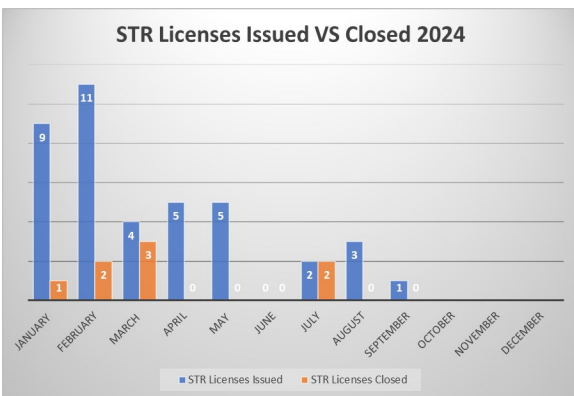


Please note that these business licensing charts reflect all businesses inside and outside of Oro Valley.



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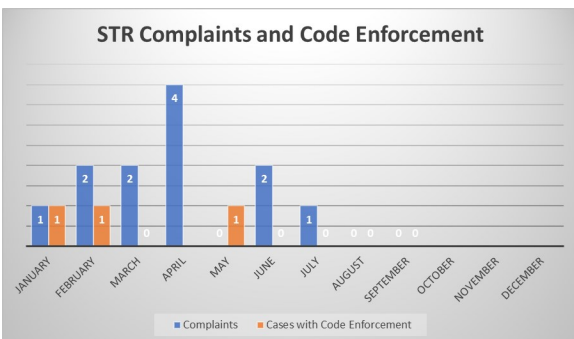
Short Term Rentals (STR) Statistics



Key Statistics:

- 78.1% of STRs are Single Family Residences
- 95.92% of these are for the entire dwelling.

There are currently 317 STRs available in Oro Valley.



Nature of Complaints: No complaints received in September 2024.

OTHER NEWS

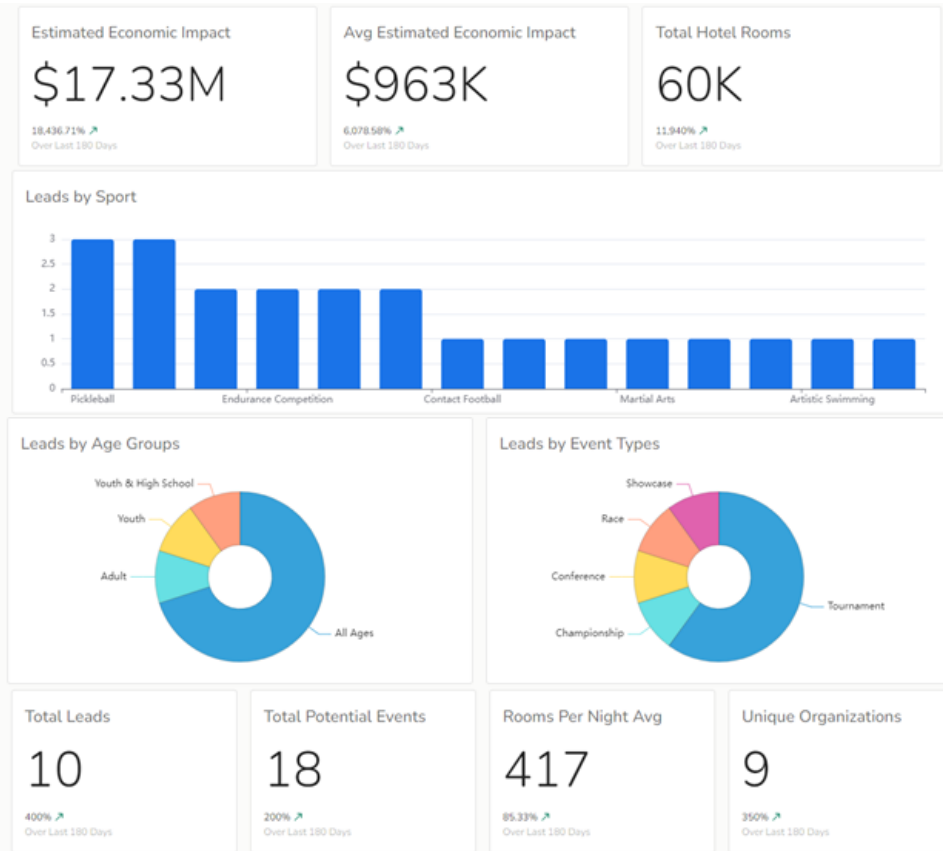
Code Compliance

- Addressing concerns of political sign placement continues. Staff's aim is to ensure signs meet all applicable regulations.

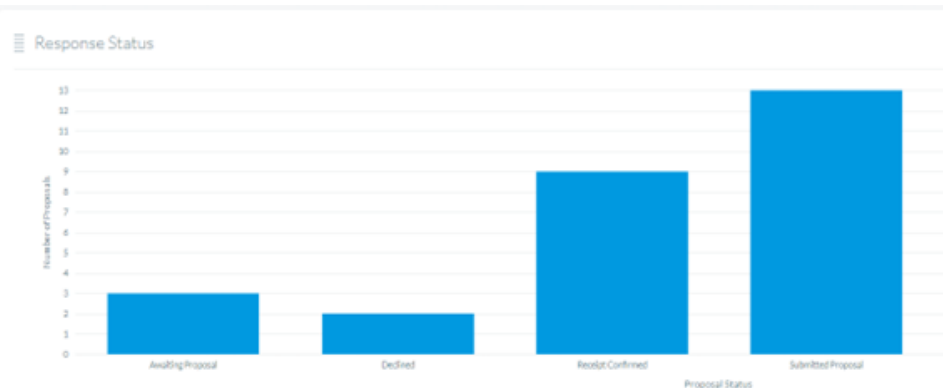
Tourism

- The Town is now a part of Destinations International, the world's largest and most reliable resource for destination organizations. DI educates, equips and empowers members to grow the success of their destination marketing and to excel professionally. Membership grants access to a wealth of important industry resources, educational opportunities and exclusive benefits.
- The Town is working to bring back in-person public art tours and has a meeting set up with a tour bus operator to discuss logistics on Oct. 16.
- The Town facilitated a Leisure Travel Stakeholder Meeting on Sept. 16 to review the forcefield analysis that was done.
- The Town facilitated a follow-up Leisure Travel Stakeholder meeting on Oct. 2 to review the proposed vision statement and walk through the Request for Proposal (RFP) to make sure everyone is in agreement to move forward.
- The Town submitted responses to the following sporting event RFPs: The Town is currently working with the Tucson Bicycle Classic, Project Echelon, OV Tri, and Tucson Marathon for events in February through April 2025.

Pursuing Sports Leads through PlayEasy: PlayEasy is a platform that helps communities and event organizers connect with sports teams and organizations looking for venues to host their events. The data below represents all the leads we are actively pursuing.



Leads through Cvent: Cvent is the meetings platform the Town's Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) uses to track leads from meeting planners. Below is a status report that staff will provide as part of DMO reporting.



PLANNING PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Based on 8,900+ contributions from residents, the draft vision and 13 guiding principles were released to the public in September for review and comment. Together, the vision and guiding principles create the framework for the 10-year plan, known as OV's Path Forward. Postcards were mailed to every household and 15 events were held around Town to bring awareness to this important step in the process.

Approximately 129 residents participated in the **Wordsmith Challenge** with roughly 59% finding the vision statement accurately reflects what most residents value in OV. This means the major themes in the vision statement are right, but there is room for refinement. Stay tuned to see how the draft vision and guiding principles are refined based on the suggestions from the Wordsmith Challenge. Visit OVPathForward.com to learn more and see how you can make a difference in OV's future.



Are you interested in OV's housing development, maintaining views, or keeping OV a safe community? **Join a resident working group** to help build the community's 10-year action plan, known as OV's Path Forward. Working groups will start in January to make sure the plan reflects residents' priorities and expectations for OV's future. Don't wait, sign up now on OVPathForward.com.

ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS
MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OV'S FUTURE!

Join a resident working group
Help build the community's 10-year action plan to spark real results in OV.

WORK GROUP TOPICS:

- Community, Parks, Rec, Art, Culture, & Safety
- Economic Development & Town Finances
- Environment, Water, & Climate
- Housing
- Development & Roads

Learn more & sign up on OVPathForward.com

Oro Valley's 27th Annual **Community Academy** launches this month. This year's class has over 75 registrants, making this the largest group in Community Academy's history. Class topics and discussions will prepare participants to work on OV Path Forward resident working groups and help shape community's next 10-year action plan. Classes will be held at Town Hall twice a week from Oct. 3 to Nov. 4 starting at 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS

GENERAL PROJECTS UPDATES

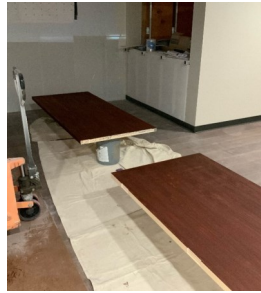
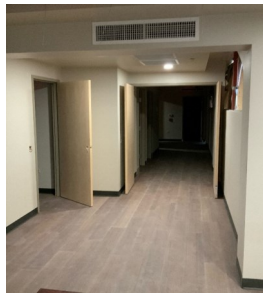
Community and Recreation Center Elevator

Sidewalk concrete was placed, and significant progress was made in the drywall assembly of the elevator shaft. The near-finished product of the elevator shaft is visible looking up toward the ceiling. Other progress includes work on the doors, floors and ceilings. The schedule is tracking for delivery of the elevator car and mechanical in mid-October.



Oro Valley Town Court Expansion

Significant progress on the interior includes installed duct registers, hung doors, set flooring, and installed lights. The interior work is nearing completion in phase 1 and we are busy preparing for the transition to phase 2 of the project. Staining doors is the second featured activity and you can see where the new lobby counter will be installed in the background (photo). The addition has been connected to the electrical switch gear and the HVAC units are cooling the space in preparation for the flooring install. The Court team and project manager are still working with Corporate Interior Systems to finalize the furniture plan and order the furnishings for phase 1 to install at phase 1 completion. Overall, things continue to be positive for budget and schedule.



Valley Vista Subsidence Issues

There are two sections of street being repaired. The first section, repairing some surface defects on Lauterbrunnen Lane is complete. Although this was repairing surface defects only, Pulte made the decision to conduct the robust repair being utilized at the subsidence zone. The more critical of the repairs, within the subsidence region of the intersection of Kalalau Drive and Romsdalen Road are currently underway and expected to be complete by mid-October.



GENERAL PROJECTS UPDATES

Ramada at Steam Pump Ranch

Project plans currently under review. Anticipate starting work in November.

Naranja Park

The contractor will be addressing the splash pad water overflow issues after the amenity is closed for the winter. The solution entails additional concrete pad, sloped to return the spray water inward. The closure is currently set for Oct. 31.

Pusch Ridge Golf Course Pedestrian Bridge Replacement

The Pusch Ridge Golf Course Pedestrian Bridge Replacement project continues into the bridge demolition and foundation construction phases of the project. KE&G Construction has been mobilized on site since early September removing structures and obstructions in preparation of the bridge delivery. Communication was sent to Friends of Pusch Ridge Golf and the adjacent subdivisions, as well as Indigo Golf and the Parks and Recreation Department prior to mobilization.

There is a recent development within this project: The steel fabricator was supposed to deliver the deck members Thursday, Oct. 4. This would have allowed the bridge to be completed in time for the upcoming Friends of Pusch Ridge Golf hosted tournament. However, there is a possible delay in receiving the steel. Both the contractor and Town staff are pushing the fabricator as hard as possible to step-up and meet the deadline.



680 Fueling Upgrade Project

After neighborhood feedback, the project is incorporating a slight modification to the delivery truck routing. Staff reviewed an alternative that keeps the routing contained to the southern half of the facility, while still allowing forward truck movement (i.e., no back-up required), and could possibly be less costly than creating an exit onto Calle El Milagro, which the neighbors oppose. Our consultant is developing cost estimates.

Woodburne & Rancho Vistoso Blvd.

Staff is working with a consultant, Psomas Engineering, to take a fresh look at the traffic patterns in and around this area. The consultant has proposed some very innovative ideas to consider such, as well as contiguous left-turn bays, a Florida T-intersection, and other various improvements that could make this area much safer and more functional than the current conditions. The consultant is currently computer modeling the flow to see what the ultimate level of service (LOS) of the area should be expected with these improvements. This all looks very promising, and staff will share the arrangement and results with Council as soon as it's available.

Council Chambers Exterior Lighting

Staff has installed temporary lighting to help the nighttime visibility of the area. We are working on a permanent lighting plan that will work with the new Court Expansion project. However, in the meantime, we will continue to monitor and improve the temporary light to aid the public coming and going from Council Chambers.

ENGINEERING

Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

- **La Cañada Drive Mill and Fill** — The Town received 7 bid proposals on Tuesday, Aug. 20. The low bidder is ISX Construction in the amount of \$791,668. Construction is anticipated to start Nov. 5, and finish Nov. 19.

Admin/Adopt-A-Road Updates

- 14 reminder emails and 4 letters – were sent to sponsors to schedule a clean-up event and/or renew/retire membership.
- 0 – sponsors were excused from scheduling clean-up events (flexible for summer)
- 15 – completed clean-ups
- 1 – new application: Jim Eng
- 5 – renewing sponsorships: Garret, Lauer, Billings, Salazar, Campisi
- 1 – canceled sponsor: Flynn (Buddy the Cat)
- 2 – roadway sections available for adoption

Pavement Preservation

Phase 1- Cape seal

- Work is scheduled to start on Oct. 7 and continue until Nov. 8.

Phase 2- Liquid Road in various subdivisions

- Work continues until Nov. 6.



Phase 3- TRMSS

- Preconstruction meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 9.

Phase 4- NON-roadway walking paths

- Empire Paving was the low bidder and will be awarded a contract to seal the Glover Road multi-use path (MUP) as well as the Moore Road Loop MUP.

Phase 5- HA 5

- Work is scheduled to start on Oct. 7 and continue until Nov. 8.

Sidewalk Program

KE&G Construction is under contract to grind 30 sidewalk panels located in the Copper Creek subdivision.

Work started on Sept. 26 and will continue until Oct. 4.

Staff is working on another contract with Precision Concrete Cutting Company to grind approximately 250 sidewalk panels within the Mira Vista, Copper Ridge Drive, Rams Field, and Canyon Shadows subdivisions.

Sidewalk Inspections

40% of the sidewalk network has been inspected; issues have been recorded and documented in Cartegraph.

STORMWATER & STREET OPERATIONS

Stormwater Utility

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Annual Report

The Stormwater Utility has submitted the ADEQ MS4 Phase 2 Annual Report. This report, due Sept. 30 of each year, is a requirement of the Town's MS4 permit with the State of Arizona and is intended to provide an update to the state on the MS4 activities performed by the Town during the previous reporting year to meet the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean Water Act in preventing stormwater pollution. Once approved by the State, the report and associated Oro Valley Stormwater Management Plan, will be posted to the Stormwater Utility web site.

Street and Drainage Operations

- Street crews have completed various asphalt repairs in the Rancho Vistoso NH 2 Phase 2, Rancho Vistoso NH 7 Parcel K (1-30), Sun City Vistoso Unit 15 (1-126), Tangerine Heights (1-80), and Suffolk Hills (45-107) subdivisions.
- Street crews have also completed sidewalk repairs at various areas on La Cañada Drive as well as in the Copper Creek I Phase 2 (70-165), Rams Pass (1-86), and the Copper Ridge II (1-49) subdivisions.
- La Cañada and Big Wash Bridge deck repairs have been completed and crews will be addressing repairs to the Honeybee Bridge deck sometime in mid-October. These are not the complete deck replacements, rather these will be spot fixing.
- Crack Sealing (Cold-Applied Polymer) has been completed on Vistoso Village Drive in the Rancho Vistoso Neighborhood 2 Phase 1 subdivision.
- Street crews are gearing up to begin Hot-Applied (winter) Crack Sealing surface treatments Townwide starting in mid-October.

FLEET & FACILITIES

Facilities Projects and Tasks:

- *Community and Recreation Center, Golf Maintenance Septic to Sewer Connection:* It was discovered by a plumbing sub-contractor, during the course of preparing a bid, that the facility has a pre-existing sewer connection. The dual septic and sewer connections are highly unusual and therefore unexpected. Kittle Design and Construction is preparing a proposal to replace the existing 3 inch diameter connection with 4 inch pipe, and to connect the facility to the sewer system.
- *Community and Recreation Center, Grease Vent:* Construction is complete.
- *Vistoso Trails Nature Preserve Roof Repair:* Progressive roofing will be performing the work. The project is pending material color selection and scheduling. The contractor is expecting a four to six week lead time on materials.

PARKS & RECREATION

ADMINISTRATION

As part of the 50th Anniversary Celebration, staff has been busy working with area youth on suggestions for renaming West Lambert Lane Park. Our STEAM Camp participants gave us a list of recommendations that was then taken to the Youth Action Council for a top three recommendation list that was taken to PRAB. From there, PRAB selected their final recommendations for Council. The final name selection will be reviewed by Council at the Oct. 2 Council Meeting. Once a new name is selected, a photo opportunity will be planned for a later date.

The Parks Maintenance Division has been extremely busy with our annual overseed program. The first fields that have been worked on are beginning to pop with bright green colors. The overseed schedule will continue into October.

Kimley-Horn and Associates continues their work for the Vistoso Trails Nature Preserve Desert Ecosystem Restoration Project. The consultant will be back to present to Council in November.

Last month, Parks and Recreation Deputy Director Matt Jankowski was appointed by Governor Katie Hobbs to the Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordination Commission. This Commission reviews and awards grant funding to agencies within the state as presented by Arizona State Parks for outdoor recreation and lake improvements. Matt is one of only three Parks and Recreation professionals in the state who are appointed to this Commission.

Upcoming meetings include a Parks & Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 6 p.m. and a Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 5 p.m.

AQUATIC CENTER (OVAC)

The high school swim season has taken over OVAC. Every Thursday, the facility hosts dual meets between CDO, Ironwood Ridge, Pusch Ridge, and other visiting schools in the Tucson area. These meets typically have 70+ swimmers and 50+ spectators.

The Southern Arizona Regional Qualifier Swim Meet will be held at OVAC, Oct. 25-26, and it is the high school swimmers' last chance to qualify for state. There are over 30 teams and more than 700 athletes that compete at this meet, which makes it one of the largest OVAC hosts each year.

OVAC will also be holding a lifeguard certification class during the week of fall break. This course is popular, and enrollment typically fills up each year since it's the first class that is held after the summer course offerings have completed.

COMMUNITY AND RECREATION CENTER (CRC)

The CRC staff is excited to welcome back our winter visitors in the coming months. Staff is working hard to expand programs and class offerings to accommodate the increase in membership. The October Group Fitness schedule will feature more than 100 weekly classes.

The CRC is hosting Fall Break Camp SPF, Oct. 7-11. Up to 60 campers will enjoy this fun-filled camp that will feature indoor games, swimming, arts and crafts, and tennis/pickleball.

The CRC is looking to bring back pickleball leagues this fall. The program took a brief hiatus during the summer while the facility searched for a new league coordinator.

As of Oct. 7, the CRC will be implementing changes related to the reservation and cancellation policy at the facility. Members will now be required to cancel reservations at least two hours prior to the start of the program and non-members will no longer be able to register for programs in advance. These changes will allow members to take full advantage of facility programs and ensure all programs and amenities are being fully utilized. These changes are in support of the Mayor and Council's Strategic Plan to evaluate the purpose and utility of the Community & Recreation Center to generate options for improvement.

PARK MAINTENANCE

October projects outside of standard core services:

Naranja Park:

- Overseed fields 1 and 2, and 3 and 4 (*photo below*).
- Mowing, fertilization, and irrigation management.
- Working with permitting on securing permits to begin ADA sidewalk construction at archery range. In Progress.
- Replenishment of playground engineered fiber. Scheduling.
- Repair vulnerable dog park gate to open both directions. Complete.
- Quotes for security motion lighting for skatepark in progress.



Riverfront Park:

- Fall field maintenance begins.
- Prep for fall overseed.
- Contractor for replacement of shade cloth above play structure secured. Work to be scheduled.

James D. Kriegh Park:

- Fall field maintenance begins.
- Replacement of shade cloth on ramada structures in dog park scheduled.

Town Hall/Library/OVPD:

- Tree trimming and heavy brush clean up at OVPD. Completed.
- Tree trimming and removal of dead tree at OVPD. Completed.
- Replenishment of rip/rap around Sun Lion break area. Scheduled.

Steam Pump Ranch:

- Working with permitting on securing permits to begin ADA sidewalk construction. In progress.
- Irrigation work to extend Steam Pump Ranch lawn scheduled.
- Obtaining quotes for a consultant for ADA sidewalk construction.

Vistoso Trails Nature Preserve:

- Abatement, suppression, and monitoring of Russian Thistle in progress.

Continued communication to Oro Valley Sports Alliance individual organizations for field maintenance and updates.

RECREATION AND CULTURE

Programming for the fall season is currently underway. The adult kickball league began play in September and will run through the month of October at James D. Kriegh Park. Teams take the field each Sunday to compete and have fun.

The Oro Valley Hiking series also returns with the first hike taking place at Honeybee Canyon Park. A great beginner, friendly hike, where you will learn some info along the way. Additional hikes will be held each month through April.

Senior programming for October will include Gadget Guidance being offered at the Steam Pump Ranch Garage building, hosted by Parks & Rec staff (*photo right*). The Senior Social event in October will be a Murder Mystery Night. Attendees and staff will be playing through an interactive story filled with twists and turns. This month's Senior Trip will be to the Mystery Escape Room. Participants will solve puzzles and uncover secrets to vanquish the dreaded vampire.



Youth programs will include the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association's (APRA) award-winning Fall Break Nature Camp, which takes place in Catalina State Park. Participants will spend the week learning and honing their outdoor skills in tent building, identifying plants, animals and more.

The month will conclude with the annual HalLOVeen Spooktacular at James D. Kriegh Park, Oct. 26. There will be thousands of kids and families in costume enjoying the Trunk-or-Treat candy handout, inflatables, food trucks, a movie on the big screen, a DJ, and other spooky activities.

VISTOSO TRAILS NATURE PRESERVE UPDATES

We will continue to share monthly updates on the progress of VTNP.

October 2024 updates:

- Staff met with Arizona State Parks for a site visit to discuss the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant.
- Staff presented to Council and received approval for replacing the roof on the maintenance building at VTNP.
- The project consultant, Rebeca Field, presented to Council and received approval on the concept plan for the Desert Ecosystem Restoration Project.
- Staff attended the Arizona Land and Water Trust presentation on The Waterman Restoration Project. Their efforts to control buffelgrass required more than 10,000 volunteer hours to restore 38 acres, over the course of more than 10 years.
- In October, staff will be attending the Arizona Native Plants Society field trip to the Waterman Restoration Project at Ironwood Forest National Monument to learn more about buffelgrass restoration.
- The Invasive Plant Grant through the Department of Forestry and Fire Management (DFFM) was denied, however DFFM will be providing feedback on how to improve future applications.
- Staff is working with DFFM to schedule a site visit as part of the Landscape Scale Restoration Grant program.
- Staff has been working on the Russian Thistle that is on site.
- Staff met with Archeology Southwest to discuss the request from Preserve Vistoso to provide information on what residents can, or cannot, do on the preserve. Archeology Southwest is drafting information for residents. We should have comments the week of Oct. 14.

INDIGO GOLF PARTNERS

Golf rounds for October are budgeted for 6,375 rounds at the 36-hole facility, and Pusch Ridge is budgeted for 555 rounds of golf. This will be the second season we open the last week of October. First day of play will be Oct. 24 with the Friends of Pusch Ridge golf event.

As of Sept. 20, we have 376 Full Memberships including 19 Corporate Memberships. The marketing focus for October will continue to focus on full-time, monthly and corporate memberships.

October events include weekly ladies, men’s, and couples competitions. We have 10+ events scheduled for Overlook/Sunset Room in October. We will be a 70th birthday party on Oct. 5, and we will be having a Rockin’ Sunset BBQ Bash on the practice range with live music, a BBQ dinner and games on Friday, Oct. 25. The Sunset Room floor is schedule to be redone the week of Oct. 14–18.

October projects include – overseeding of Cañada course, fertilize Rye grass, curb edging, tree pruning, landscape area clean up, greens fertilization, herbicide application in rough, and bunker work.

October maintenance activities include – overseeding Pusch course, irrigation audit, tree pruning, gopher control, DG #4 garden area, and lake edge clean up.

Golf Rounds Report:

2023-2024 ROUNDS - 36 HOLE					
Month	Member Rounds	Non-Mem Rounds	Comp Rounds	Outing Rounds	Total Rounds
7/31/2023	2939	2033	136	320	4446
8/31/2023	2855	1523	303	307	4988
9/30/2023	3129	1810	386	465	5790
10/31/2023	3501	2155	424	385	6465
11/30/2023	3995	2848	460	914	8217
12/31/2023	3841	3397	530	118	7886
1/31/2024	3960	3277	576	246	8059
2/29/2024	4000	3657	501	753	8911
3/31/2024	4349	4751	616	607	10323
4/30/2024	4196	4032	630	989	9847
5/31/2024	3831	3044	402	710	7987
6/30/2024	3033	2753	466	454	6706
Total Rounds	43,629	35,280	5,430	6,268	89,625

2024-2025 ROUNDS - 36 HOLE					
Month	Member Rounds	Non-Mem Rounds	Comp Rounds	Outing Rounds	Total Rounds
7/31/2024	2943	2230	377	227	5777
8/31/2024	3023	2552	456	394	6425
9/30/2024					0
10/31/2024					0
11/30/2024					0
12/31/2024					0
1/31/2025					0
2/28/2025					0
3/31/2025					0
4/30/2025					0
5/31/2025					0
6/30/2025					0
Total Rounds	5,966	4,782	833	621	12,202

2023-2024 PUSCH RIDGE GOLF ROUNDS					
Month	Member Rounds	Non-Mem Rounds	Comp Rounds	League/ Outing Rounds	Total Rounds
7/31/2023	0	0	0	0	0
8/31/2023	0	0	0	0	0
9/30/2023	0	0	0	0	0
10/31/2023	59	310	17	105	491
11/30/2023	516	1792	112	462	2882
12/31/2023	362	1706	108	365	2541
1/31/2024	445	1616	106	431	2598
2/29/2024	427	1960	198	447	3032
3/31/2024	530	2417	95	401	3443
4/30/2024	346	1970	70	519	2905
5/31/2024	215	1429	48	235	1927
6/30/2024	0	0	0	0	0
Total Rounds	2,900	13,200	754	2,965	19,819

2024-2025 PUSCH RIDGE GOLF ROUNDS					
Month	Member Rounds	Non-Mem Rounds	Comp Rounds	League/ Outing Rounds	Total Rounds
7/31/2024	0	0	0	0	0
8/31/2024	0	0	0	0	0
9/30/2024					0
10/31/2024					0
11/30/2024					0
12/31/2024					0
1/31/2025					0
2/28/2025					0
3/31/2025					0
4/30/2025					0
5/31/2025					0
6/30/2025					0
Total Rounds	0	0	0	0	0

WATER UTILITY

METER OPERATIONS

For the month of September, the Utility added 9 new service connections. The Utility now has a total of 21,525 service connections.

WATER CONSERVATION

For the month of September, 26 new Watersmart users were added to the water monitoring platform. The Utility now has a total of 7,882 Watersmart users.

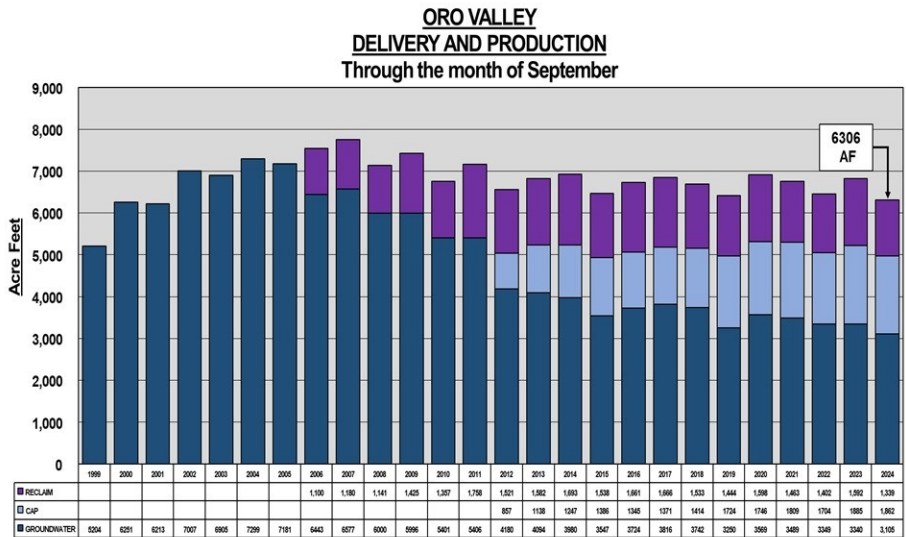
2024 JANUARY-SEPTEMBER WATER DELIVERY METRICS BY WATER TYPE

The following graphs compare the annual water deliveries by type through September in each of the last 26 years to both the Oro Valley service area and Countryside service area.

Water deliveries to the **Oro Valley service area** through September of 2024 consisted of:

- 436 million gallons of reclaimed water
- 606 million gallons of CAP water
- 1.01 billion gallons of groundwater

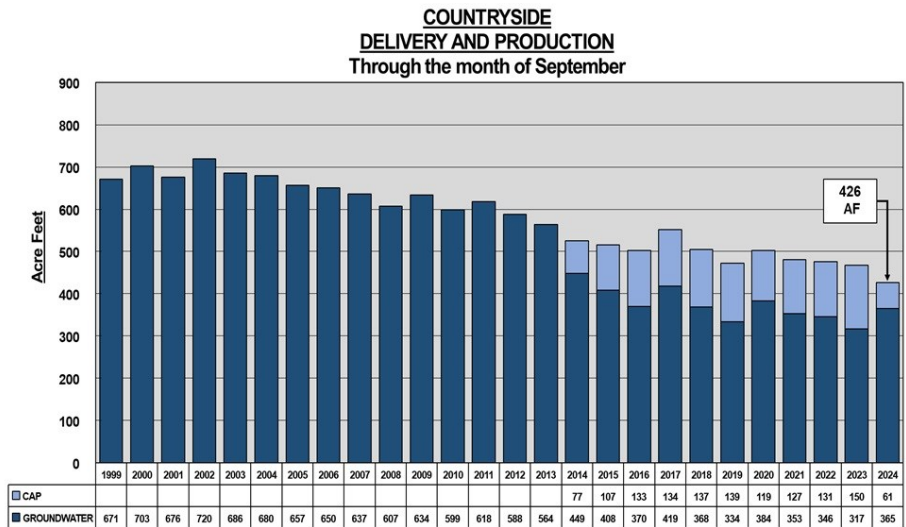
Water consumption for the Utility's main service area continues to indicate a downward trend. Rate setting that rewards lower consumption, a robust conservation program, and the community's excellent conservation ethic, each contribute to this continued trend. This is an amazing accomplishment considering the continued monthly increases in the number of connections.



Water deliveries to the **Countryside service area** through September of 2024 consisted of:

- 20 million gallons of CAP water
- 119 million gallons of groundwater

The Utility's Countryside service area experienced the lowest Jan-Sept water resource consumptions in the history of the Water Utility. Rate setting that rewards lower consumption, a robust conservation program, and our customer's excellent conservation ethic, each contribute to this continued trend. CAP usage has been lower than usual this calendar year due to the Countryside wheeling station being out of service for 3 months to accommodate the Countryside wheeling station upgrade. In calendar year 2025, we expect unprecedented lower groundwater consumption due to increasing the Countryside wheeling station's delivery capacity by 300%.

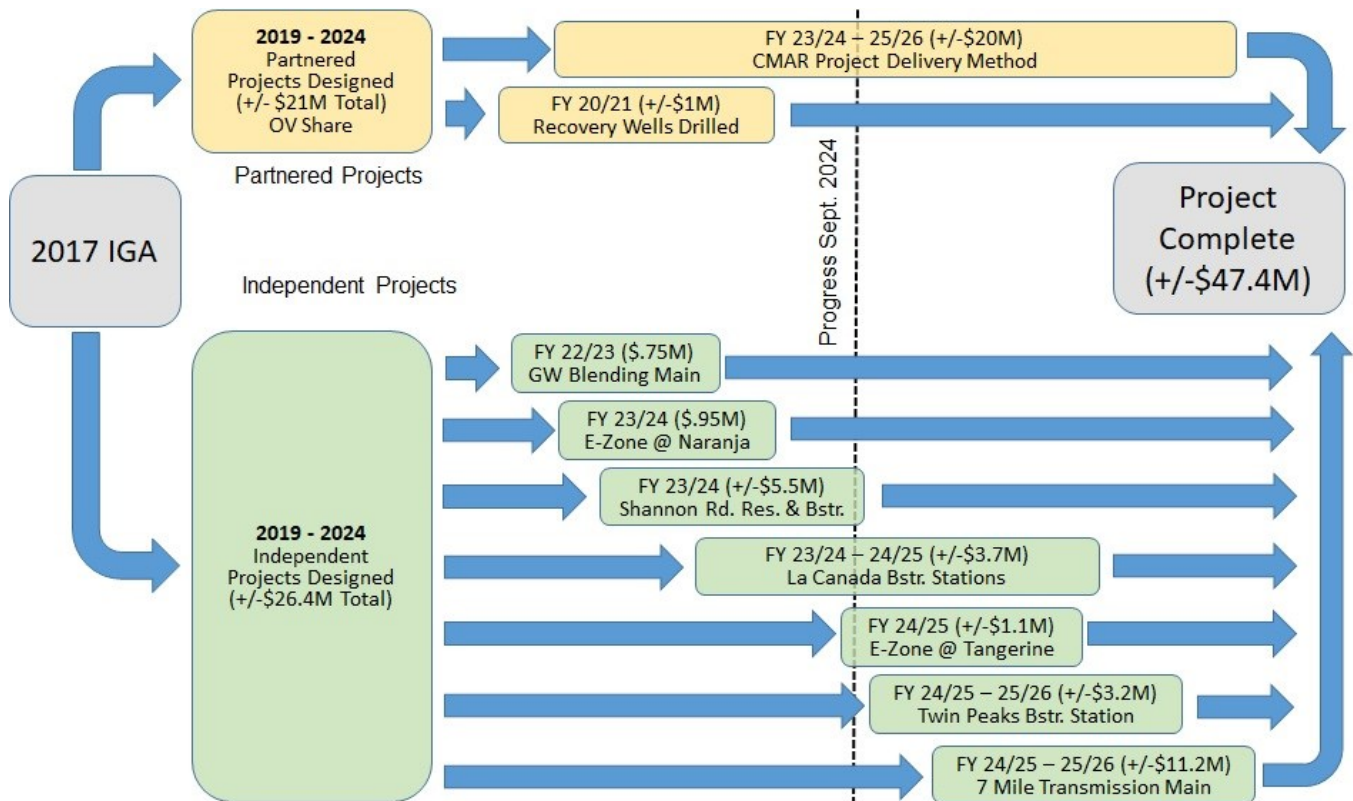


CIP—CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Northwest Recharge Recovery and Delivery System (NWRDRS): The NWRDRS project is composed of both partnership projects with the Town of Marana and Metro Water, as well as independent projects.

- The *Independent Projects* consist of the following:
 - Twin Peaks booster station – Approximate start: January 2025.
 - Transmission pipeline – Approximate start: January 2025.
 - D-Zone blending line – 100% completed.
 - E-Zone discharge main at Naranja – 100% completed.
 - E-Zone discharge main at Tangerine – Start date: November 2024.
 - Shannon Road reservoir & booster station – 100% completed.
 - La Cañada booster stations – 40% complete.
- The *Partnered Projects* consist of the following:
 - Drilling of three NWRDRS recovery wells – 100% completed.
 - CMAR NWRDRS well collector pipeline – 40% complete.
 - CMAR NWRDRS well equipping – Approximate start: November 2024.
 - CMAR NWRDRS reservoir – Approximate start: November 2024.

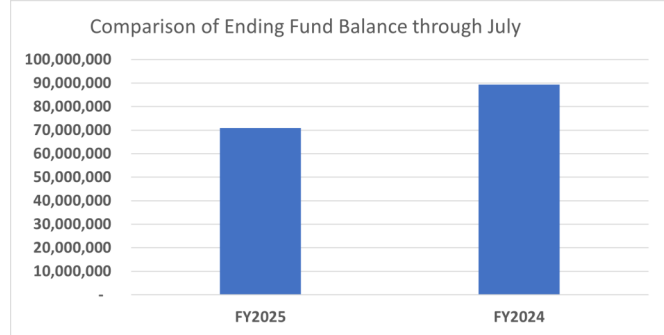
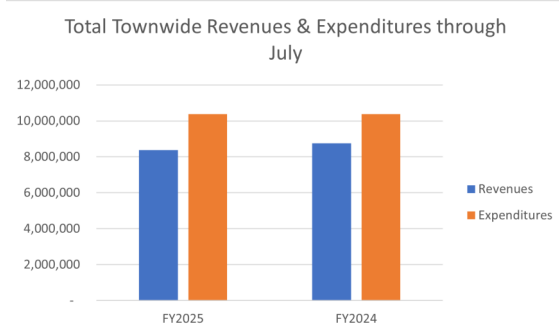
Shown below is a graphical representation of the general arrangement of partnered and independent NWRDRS projects:



ADMINISTRATION

FINANCE

The Town started a new fiscal year as expected from a Townwide financial perspective. Total Townwide revenues are slightly down by \$377,053, or 4.3% through July 2024 in comparison to July 2023. Lower impact fee revenue collections primarily contributed to the decline. Meanwhile, total Townwide expenditures are less than July 2023 by \$8,924, or .09%. Personnel and O&M are slightly outpacing last year, while capital and debt service are slightly less than last year. The total estimated Townwide Fund Balances through July 2024 are \$70,924,648, which is about \$2.0 million less than the Town carried into the fiscal year. This reduction in fund balance is primarily a function of lower revenues received through the first month of the fiscal year, which is typical.



TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE

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OV Youth Advisory Council (YAC)

The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) held elections to vote on the 2024/2025 YAC Officers:

- President: Tanish Doshi, Senior at BASIS Oro Valley High School
- Vice President: Riley Goodwin, Senior at Canyon Del Oro High School
- Secretary: Kenna Brock, Junior at BASIS Oro Valley High School
- Treasurer: Christian Kirkland, Senior at Liberty University Online Academy
- Historian: Nihar Goulapally, Junior at BASIS Oro Valley High School

OV Peak Performance

In support of the FY 23/24 - FY 24/25 Council Strategic Plan's objective 6.2.2 (Strengthen the Town's continuous improvement acumen by developing Lean Six Sigma skills among Town employees) and the Town's Peak Performance program, one new staff member has completed training and earned their Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt.

Congratulations to the Town's newest Yellow Belt:

Yarina Hynd, Senior Office Specialist

Emergency Management and Safety

Training is an important component of employee safety. As part of our Town Strategic Plan, objective 6.3.3 (Foster and promote a safe and engaging culture), employee training is highlighted and tracked as an improvement metric for all Town staff, including within the Town's BSC. Training varies from compliance-related, as in OSHA Standards 29.1910.1200 for general industry, to specific training based on job duties, and for those potentially engaging in hazardous work activities. To date, required employee safety training (Fire Prevention, Hazard Recognition and Chemical Safety) measures at an 88% completion rate for all employees. In an effort to continually improve our completion rate, Emergency Management and Safety has implemented a series of in-person training sessions, available to all departments and new employees, if needed. In person training requests can be arranged by emailing EM@orovalleyaz.gov.

GRANT AND CONGRESSIONAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Awarded, requested, evaluated, and denied grant and congressional funding opportunities for the fiscal year of 2024/2025 (July 1, 2024 — June 30, 2025):

Town Project	Funding Source	Grant/Congressional Program	Amount	Submission Date	Response Date	Status
Quarterly Vehicle Lift Preventative Maintenance	Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT)	ADOT 5310 Grant	\$9,500	April-22	July-24	Awarded
Quarterly Vehicle Safety Preventative Maintenance	Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT)	ADOT 5310 Grant	\$3,107	April-22	July-24	Awarded
Quarterly In-Vehicle Cameras	Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT)	ADOT 5310 Grant	\$13	April-22	July-24	Awarded
Public Safety	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration	Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety (AZGOHS) STEP FY 23/24	\$52,504	March-23	August-24	Awarded
Public Safety	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration	Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety (AZGOHS) STEP FY 24/25	\$32,841	March-24	August-24	Awarded
Public Safety	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration	Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety (AZGOHS) DUI FY 24/25	\$60,158	March-24	August-24	Awarded
Public Safety	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration	Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety (AZGOHS) Accident Investigation FY 24/25	\$32,255	March-24	August-24	Denied
La Cañada Bridge at Cañada del Oro Wash	Congressionally Directed Spending	Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP)	\$7,221,256	March-24	August-24	Denied
Officer Safety Plan	Congressionally Directed Spending	Department of Justice – Byrne Discretionary (Law Enforcement)	\$800,000	March-24	Waiting	Requested
Future Police Station (Design)	Congressionally Directed Spending	Department of Justice – Byrne Discretionary (Law Enforcement)	\$3,000,000	March-24	Waiting	Requested
Town of Oro Valley Bridge Repair	Congressionally Directed Spending	Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP)	\$7,000,000	March-24	Waiting	Requested
Interpretive Signage at Vistoso Trails Nature Preserve	Tohono O'odham Nation	Tohono O'odham Nation Grant Funding	\$80,300	May-24	September-24	Denied
Vistoso Trails Nature Preserve Restoration Project	Tohono O'odham Nation	Tohono O'odham Nation Grant Funding	\$131,000	May-24	September-24	Denied
Proctor Leibler House Historic Building Condition Assessment	Arizona State Parks & Trails	AZ State Parks & Trails Heritage Fund Historic Preservation Grant	\$30,000	May-24	July-24	Awarded
Naranja Park Archery Range Shade Structure	Arizona Game & Fish Commission	Shooting Range Development Grant	\$25,988	May-24	July-24	Awarded
Public Safety	Dept. of Justice - Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership	BVP	\$19,990	June-24	September-24	Awarded
Vistoso Trails Nature Preserve – Restoration of Disturbed Natural Areas	Department of Forestry and Fire Management	Invasive Plant Grants	\$200,000	July-24	September-24	Denied
Vistoso Trails Nature Preserve – Restoration of Monarch Habitat	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Monarch Butterfly and Pollinators Conservation Fund	\$300,000	July-24	Waiting	Requested
Electric Vehicle and Fleet Electrification Pilot	Department of Energy	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program	\$76,505	September-24	Waiting	Requested

INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

The IT Department successfully replaced aging IT equipment at the Town's Aquatic Center during September. New computers, monitors, and credit card readers were installed to improve the constituent experience. In collaboration with the State of Arizona Supreme Court, the department also completed additional fiber connectivity between the Town and the State. Additionally, the IT Department repaired antennas at Town Hall and the Police Department that were damaged by monsoon storms.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

September Productions

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Podcast: [50 years of great stories and amazing people with Dave Perry](#)

Graphic Design: 50th Anniversary "Welcome to Oro Valley" poster

PRESS RELEASES

- [Make a difference in OV's future - Take the Wordsmith Challenge!](#)
- [Oro Valley and Marana receive tourism partnership award](#)
- [Oro Valley Police investigate threats at local school \(OVPD\)](#)
- [Oro Valley's Community Academy to focus on planning the Town's future](#)
- [Oro Valley wins two national awards for communications and marketing](#)
- [OV Bark in the Park event to showcase local rescues and resources](#)

VIDEOS

- [Behind the Scenes Video: Innovation and Technology](#)
- [Come Ride with Us Cycling promotional video](#)
- [Bark in the Park Recap Facebook reel](#)
- [What's Happening in Parks and Rec Oct. 2024 podcast \(YouTube Podcast Visualizer\)](#)
- [50 years of great stories and amazing people podcast \(YouTube Podcast Visualizer\)](#)

PODCASTS

- [What's Happening in Parks and Recreation in Oct 2024](#)

PUBLICATIONS & GRAPHIC DESIGN

- Vista Newsletter ([Oct/Nov 2024](#))
- This Month in Oro Valley Parks & Recreation Explorer print ad
- Movies at the Ranch Explorer print ad
- Halloween Spooktacular Explorer print ad
- Bark in the Park Explorer print ad
- Bark in the Park digital ads
- OV Parks and Rec Hiking Series Explorer print ad
- Play OV web banner
- Visit Widget graphics (splash image and web icon)
- Honeybee Social Hike employee flyer
- Halloween social event employee flyer
- Stormwater Utility sign



OCTOBER PROGRAMS	FALL BREAK FLAG FOOTBALL CAMP	FRIDAY NIGHT CONCERT AT STEAM PUMP RANCH	FRIDAY NIGHT CONCERT AT STEAM PUMP RANCH
ORO VALLEY HIKING SERIES Saturday, Oct. 5, 7 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Ages 12+ Cost: \$10 Honey Bee Canyon Park 13880 N. Rancho Vistoso Blvd.	Oct. 7 - 11, 9 a.m. - noon Ages 5-15 Cost: \$100 Honey Bee Park 555 N. Linnhart Lane	Friday, Oct. 4, 7-9:30 p.m. All ages FREE Band: Honey Bee Band Steam Pump Ranch 10000 N. Oracle Road	Friday, Oct. 25, 7-9:30 p.m. All ages FREE Band: Honey Bee Band Steam Pump Ranch 10000 N. Oracle Road
FALL BREAK CAMP/POKING CAMP Oct. 7, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Ages 7-12 Cost: \$50 Oro Valley Community & Recreation Center 20555 N. La Canada Dr.	HEAVYWEIGHT WRESTLING AT STEAM PUMP RANCH Friday, Oct. 18, 6-10 p.m. Ages 12-17 Cost: \$10 Steam Pump Ranch 10000 N. Oracle Road	MOVIES AT THE RANCH Run: BACK TO THE FUTURE 3 Saturday, Oct. 5, 4-6 p.m. All ages FREE James P. Smith Park 2300 N. Calle Coronado 10000 N. Oracle Road	HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR Saturday, Oct. 26, 5-9 p.m. All ages FREE James P. Smith Park 2300 N. Calle Coronado 10000 N. Oracle Road
FALL BREAK NATURE CAMP Oct. 7-11, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Ages 6-12 Cost: \$100 Carolina State Park 11270 N. Oracle Rd.	SECOND SATURDAY AT STEAM PUMP RANCH Saturday, Oct. 12, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. All ages FREE Steam Pump Ranch 10000 N. Oracle Road	Register for these programs online at PlayOV.com	

