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Numbers at a Glance:

 BUILDING DEPARTMENT	MO	YTD
New Home Permits Issued	4	25
Residential Permits Issued	10	45
Commercial Permits Issued	9	37
Utility Permits Issued	26	142
Demolitions	1	3
Building Inspections	99	638
Fire Inspections	1	12
Zoning/Code Violation Inspections	7	45

 SPECIAL EVENTS	MO	YTD
Events Held - SHS Graduation Drive	1	3
Park and Facility Rentals - Parks reopened this month	9	65

 SWIMMING POOL (SEASONAL)	MO	YTD
Monthly Patrons	384	384
Private Party Patrons	-	-
Swim Lessons (Registrants)	119	119
Swim Team (Registrants)	-	-

 AIRPORT (TAKE-OFF AND LANDINGS)	MO	YTD
Charter	-	40
UPS	-	135
Air Ambulance	-	418
Student	-	264
Local	-	1,163
Ponderosa	-	382
Transient	-	312
Jetcrafters	-	13
Government/Military/Fire	-	117

**Airport data not submitted by Ponderosa*

Rounds of Golf	2,281	8,823
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 ACTIVE SUBDIVISIONS	LOTS AVAILABLE	TOTAL LOTS
Copper Canyon I	56	279
Montana Vista	28	52
El Dorado	3	28
Stone Willow	48	60
Tierra Bonita	58	60
Mesa Vista	5	70
New Hope Townhomes	14	22

Current Projects:

COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES CONTINUED

Planning and Community Development offices continued to be closed to the public for the month of May, however will reopen on June 1 along with the rest of the City offices. Although the building was closed, we continued to field a higher than usual volume of phone calls and continued to accommodate requests through phone, email, and occasional in person interaction. Our Building Inspectors continued to offer their inspection services with the public, adhering to social distancing guidelines.

SAFFORD POOL



While the building was closed, we were able to make accommodations for registration for the pool on May 26-28 by utilizing the front desk and sanitizing high touch areas throughout the day during registration. The Pool opened on May 29. Due to COVID-19 concerns, we are taking extra precautions to ensure the safety of our pool staff and patrons at the Safford Pool. We reduced the capacity of the pool by 25% to allow for more room for physical distancing. Chairs have been spaced 6 feet apart, and additional signage has been added around the facility. Swim Team and Pool Party Reservations will not be permitted this season, however we were excited to announce that swim lessons will still be offered. To help encourage social distancing, classes for swim lessons will be smaller and some classes will require a parent/guardian to be present with the child in the water to limit the amount of person to person contact.

While classes may be smaller, they will feel more personalized for swimmers, and we are also adding more times for classes so that the number of slots available is still the same as usually offered.



SPECIAL EVENTS



While guidelines from the CDC hindered the graduating classes of 2020 from holding traditional commencement ceremonies, the Safford Unified School District worked with City staff to devise a plan for a “Graduation Drive” through our City to celebrate the Safford High School Class of 2020. The large route allowed for social distancing guidelines to be adhered to, and still gave the graduates a sense of being celebrated for their accomplishments. Congratulations to the class of 2020!

BUILDING PERMIT FEE WAIVERS



Since the July 1, 2019 inception of Resolution 19-013, encouraging new homes to be built in Safford by waiving Building Permit fees, Building Permits for **44 new single-family residential homes and 1 duplex** have been issued, valued at a **total savings of \$31,629.00** in building permit fee waivers for the contractors.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Mt Graham Regional Medical Center Medical Office Building (pictured right):

Exterior CMU walls of main building have been completed. Column supports have been installed and construction of roof assembly is underway.



Other Commercial Projects:

- Chase Bank is installing a roof mounted photovoltaic system.
- A new freestanding sign permit was issued for the Mt Graham Shopping Center.
- Cactus Dry Cleaners installed a new sign on their building.
- Staff met to review revised plat plans for Owen’s Manor Subdivision.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Our Building Inspectors are working diligently to make a difference in cleaning up our community. Below are before and after photos of a property brought into compliance.

