OCTOBER NEWSLETTER
Town of Thatcher

Happy October, Thatcher Residents!

The beginning of fall feels like a turning point in the year. The long, warm days of summer begin to give way to crisp mornings and cooler evenings. Leaves start to change color–green slowly shifting to shades of gold, red, and amber–painting the landscape in rich tones. There's a sense of freshness in the air, sometimes carrying the earthy scent of fallen leaves and cotton.

Take time to enjoy the fall season by attending a football or soccer game, visiting a pumpkin patch, a fall festival, a haunted house, a trunk-or-treat, or a local farmer's market. Fall is full of fun activities!

Stay safe and enjoy our changing seasons.

-Evvie Turley
Administrative Assistant

HALLOWEEN

Tips for keeping your little goblins safe while trick-or-treating:

Stay visible: wear bright costumes and add reflective tape, and carry a flashlight or glow stick

Go in groups: trick-or-treat with family or friends–never go alone

Use safe routes: stick to sidewalks, cross at crosswalks, and avoid dark alleys or yards

Mask safely: if wearing a mask, make sure vision isn't blocked. Consider using face paint instead

Check candy: an adult should inspect treats before eating. Discard anything unwrapped or suspicious looking

OCTOBER EVENTS

October 5–11: Fire Safety Week

Take this time to teach your kids and families about fire safety & prevention

October 7: Thatcher Fire Department Open House

6:00–8:00 pm

Come learn about fire safety and experience a smoke room, spray water from a fire hose, meet Sparky the mascot, get your face painted by EAC cheer squad, and enjoy free hot dogs and drinks!

October 13th: OFFICE IS CLOSED–Columbus Day

October 16–18: Community Pride Days

Free dump (residential trash only)
Safford Landfill

Apple Annie's in Willcox is open September 20–October 31st. Activities include a corn maze, produce & pumpkin patch, hayrides, & sunflower field

Progress is being made on the new Thatcher Plaza.
The building under construction will be the new American Southwest Credit Union.
Coming soon is Culver's Restaurant.
Our crews are hard at work making stylish sidewalks and entrances!

COMING SOON Culver's

The future home of
American Southwest Credit Union

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Caro Gaethje to the Thatcher Town Council. Mrs. Gaethje brings a strong background in community service and volunteerism. She is excited to work alongside residents and fellow council members to continue building a thriving, welcoming town for all.

Caro is filling a vacant seat on the town council left by Shaffen Woods. Mr. Woods stepped down due to a conflict of interest, having accepted a position back at our police department.

Mrs. Gaethje will be sworn in during the town council meeting in October. She will serve the remainder of Woods' term, which runs through December 2028.

"My first goal would be to listen to residents, staff, and learn from my fellow council members. I'd like to help set clear priorities around infrastructure maintenance and housing needs, while supporting long-term planning for water and safety," Gaethje said in an email to Gila Valley Central.

Take advantage of Community Pride Days!

COMMUNITY PRIDE DAYS

Help us keep our community clean and beautiful

FREE for Graham County Residents

The City of Safford is teaming up with Graham County, the Town of Thatcher and the Town of Pima for Community Pride Days!

FREE DUMP (RESIDENTIAL TRASH ONLY)

Residents are limited to ONE (1) FREE load during these days. After the first waived fee, regular landfill fees will be charged during this period.

IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED

Safford, Thatcher, Pima and County residents must have identification to document their place of residency and proof of physical address within Graham County. Identification may include a photo ID, driver's license or other form of proof of residency and physical address. Charges may apply to those who fail to provide proof of residency.

TARP/SECURE YOUR LOADS

to avoid the $10.00 charge

NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ACCEPTED

OCTOBER 16 - 18 2025

Thursday - Saturday
7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Safford Landfill
2755 N Safford Landfill Road
Safford, Arizona

City of Safford
A great place to live, work, and visit

Landfill Scale House
(928) 432-4286

Public Works Department
(928) 432-4170

SAFFORD RESIDENTS ONE FREE LOAD PER MONTH

As a reminder, City of Safford residents living within the city limits are permitted one (1) free truck load per month throughout the year. Bring your City of Safford utility bill showing City of Safford trash service and driver's license.
(Address on driver's license must match address on utility bill)

ARIZONA
THATCHER
POLICE DEPARTMENT

Our Thatcher Police Department wants you to be aware and adhere to the State laws regarding E-RIDES

ARIZONA LAWS: E-RIDES

Electric Stand-Up Scooters (No Seat)

- Classified as bicycles under ARS 28-819.
- No license, registration, or insurance is required.
- Scooter must weigh 75lbs or less with max speed of 20 mph.
- Must display a visible ID label.
- Allowed on roads and bike lanes.
- Riders must obey all traffic signals and laws.

Electric Bicycles (E-Bikes)

- No license, registration, or Insurance required for 750W or less.
- Must have manufacturer label with class, speed, and wattage.
- Class1: Pedal-assist, up to 20 mph – allowed in bike lanes.
- Class 2: Throttle or pedal-assist, up to 20 mph – allowed in bike lanes.
- Class 3: Pedal-assist, up to 28 mph – allowed on roads/bike lanes only.
- Helmets are required for riders under 18.
- Must follow all traffic laws and carry ID.

Seated Scooters/Motor-Driven Cycles

- Legally treated as mopeds or motorcycles.
- Requires a Class M driver's license.
- Registration, Insurance and plate are required.
- Must have horn, mirrors, lights, and helmets for riders under 18.
- Cannot ride on sidewalks or bike/multi use paths.
- Operated only on public roads.

Electric Dirt Bikes / Motorcycles / Golf Carts

- Not classified as E-Bikes if no pedals or over 750W
- Treated as motorcycles or motor-driven cycles under ARS.
- Must have Class M License, registration, Insurance, and plate
- Golf carts must have registration, and Insurance (unless traveling to or from a golf course) ARS 28-966 & 28-2153
- Off-road only unless fully street-legal and compliant.
- Not permitted on bike lanes, paths, or sidewalks.
- Must have lights, eye protection, and helmets for riders under 18.

The Town Hall is closed on Monday, October 13th in observance of Columbus Day

Please note the trash pick-up schedule below

October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Closed Columbus Day, Trash pick-up will be on Tuesday	14 Monday's route will be picked up today	15 Tuesday's route will be picked up today	16 Normal route	17 Normal route	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
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