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## Be prepared: Monsoon season has begun

By Bob Burns  
Times Reporter

The middle of June is here and along with it, the National Weather Service's official start of the monsoon as of Tuesday, June 15. Weather officials say the season should wrap up by the end of September.

Last year was something of a "nonsoon" with barely more than .07-inch of rain recorded at Fountain Park between June 15 and September 30. The National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center released a forecast for the monsoon in March that "slightly favors above average rainfall for the months of June, July and August."

That is somewhat welcome news, particularly since the winter was also especially dry. However, anyone who has been around Arizona for any length of time knows that above average rainfall during the monsoon can also be a predictor of a dan-

gerous situation over the next few months. Damaging summer storms can sweep across the state with torrential rains, lightning, blinding dust storms and high winds. As these storms build over the mountains and rumble into the desert, people need to be aware of the potential dangers that come with the summer rainy season.

Public safety officials who must regularly deal with accidents, flooding and water rescues during the monsoon want the public to know how to navigate safely through potential storms.

### Dust storm

Driving into a dust storm is dangerous, and oftentimes it can be avoided, according to officials. Drivers and their passengers must do their part by planning ahead if there are threats of a dust storm.

It's better to alter travel

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Damaging summer monsoon storms can result in curb-to-curb flooding on major streets such as Saguaro Blvd. Drainage improvements have helped this particular situation. (Times file photo)

## Two collisions last weekend

By Bob Burns  
Times Reporter

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office investigated two serious collisions at the intersection of Shea and Palisades boulevards on Saturday, June 12.

Eight vehicles were involved in a collision at about 4 p.m. Saturday. According to MCSO, a motorist was traveling westbound on Shea when they lost control of their vehicle and crossed into the eastbound side of the intersection. The vehicle collided with seven other vehicles waiting in the left-turn lane from Shea onto Palisades.

Deputies later learned that the driver of the at-fault vehicle had earlier fled the scene of a collision on SR 87 (Beeline Highway). Possible impairment of the driver is suspected.

In the hour between 6 and 7 a.m. on Saturday, there was a two-vehicle collision at the Shea/Palisades intersection. MCSO reports that a vehicle traveling westbound on Shea struck a vehicle that was turning left from Shea onto Palisades. Both drivers sustained non-life-threatening injuries in the crash.

The two drivers each gave conflicting versions of how the collision happened.

## David Janover new town engineer

By Bob Burns  
Times Reporter

The Town of Fountain Hills has hired David Janover, PE, FNSPE, CFM to become Town Engineer.

Janover has been a licensed professional engineer since 1998, most recently serving as the City Engineer for the City of Avondale. Before coming to Arizona, Janover worked for the Town of Islip, on Long Island, N.Y. from 2001 through 2015. Initially, Janover served for five years as the assistant town engineer, then as town engineer for nine years.

Janover said he really enjoys the small-town environment that Fountain

Hills offers.

"Coming from a larger City with 10 times the number of employees, Fountain Hills staff doesn't have as many layers, so we all get involved directly with citizens and wear so many hats," Janover said. "The best part of the job is helping people directly and letting them know that they have someone here in town that they can reach out to when they need help or have a question."

"Things happen quickly here, and every member of our town staff makes a difference in the quality of the lives of our residents and traveling public."

"I am impressed with

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David Janover (Photo courtesy of Town of Fountain Hills)

## Fountain pumps being repaired

By Bob Burns  
Times Reporter

A crew with Precision Electric was at Fountain Park on June 10 unloading three new check valves for the pumps that feed the Fountain. The valves were ordered in October of last year and just arrived for installation.

Replacement of the valves was high on the list of recommendations from Black & Veatch Engineers as they evaluated the Fountain and its components for the town last summer.

Two of the three check valves on the Fountain pumps have been inoperable, and the third has

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Times photo by Bob Burns

The crew from Precision Electric hoists one valve onto a dolly so it can be moved into the pumphouse.

## Beat the heat this summer

By Bob Burns  
Times Reporter

Summer officially arrives on the calendar Sunday, June 20, but the heat is planning to arrive in town a little earlier.

The National Weather Service has issued an Excessive Heat Warning effective 10 a.m. Saturday, June 12, that continues through 8 p.m. on Friday, June 18, with the potential for that to be extended.

Temperatures in the Valley are forecast to reach 115 degrees or above by mid-week. In Fountain Hills the forecast calls for

115 on Wednesday and about 114 later. Overnight lows on the hottest days may not drop below 90 degrees, according to the forecast.

In 2020, one of the hottest and driest summers on record for the Phoenix area, the temperature exceeded 100 degrees 144 times, 53 of those surpassed 110, with about eight exceeding 115.

There is no rain on the horizon. High pressure is building over the Four Corners area, which is usually a predictor of summer storms as well as

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### COVID-19 update

Reported Cases\*  
As of Tuesday, June 16

Maricopa County  
Totals: 555,223

Fountain Hills  
Totals: 1,675

\*Source: Arizona Department  
of Health Services

### WEATHER

	H	L	P
Tues., June 8	96	69	--
Wed., June 9	99	69	--
Thurs., June 10	98	67	--
Fri., June 11	102	69	--
Sat., June 12	108	75	--
Sun., June 13	110	80	--
Mon., June 14	109	76	--

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