J-6/Mescal Community Development Organization

TRI-COMMUNITY NEWS

Volume 4 Issue 12

December 2008

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Fire District Petitions to be Submitted	1
New Az Liscense Plate Law	2
Mescal Roping Arena	2
Use of Public Lands	3
New OHV Regulations	4

BE INFORMED!

BE INVOLVED!

NEWS STAFF

Editing Team:

Barbara Radzykewycz

586-1233

Nancy Upp

586-2106

Publisher:

Mary McCool

609-2738

Call 586-1233 to Volunteer on the production line!!!

For email notifications, contact us at

J6_Mescal_CDO@usa.com

UPDATE ON FIRE DISTRICT EFFORTS

Latest from the Organizing Board

Terri Jo Neff William Dupee Keith Kersey

The efforts to create the Mescal-J6 Fire District are nearing a successful conclusion. The required petitions will be turned in this week to Cochise County for processing.

A public hearing by the Board of Supervisors is tentatively scheduled for January 6th. At that time, the Recorders and Assessors offices of Cochise and Pima counties will report on the validity of the signatures submitted.

If enough signatures were submitted as required by State Law, then the Supervisors will authorize the district's creation.

However, the district will not be legally operating until after a 30 day appeal waiting period.

Cochise County has arranged for an extension of the February 1 deadline so that tax revenues will be available to the new district. Many thanks to all the firefighters and community who volunteered for petition signing events, went door to door, called property owners, and showed their support for this important effort.

FIRE DISTRICT PETITIONS BEING SUBMITTED THIS WEEK.

EFFORTS TO AVOID ESCALATING HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE

The ISO inspector has been kept apprised of the district effort, and he will be scheduling a re-inspection of fire operations in the next few weeks.

With the fire district in place, there should be no problem resolving the department's inability to meet the 4,000 gallon water hauling requirement.

The inspector has indicated a willingness to meet with and work with the current fire board and the district organizing board to discuss how this deficiency in water capacity will be resolved.

If acceptable arrangements are not made, the downgrade of the community's fire service rating will be put into place. However, all indications are that a resolution will be reached in the coming weeks.

Calendar Year 2008 Total Runs: 286 calls as of December 1st

View photos of several runs at

www.mescalj6fire.com

If interested in becoming a volunteer fire fighter, check out requirements and scheduled trainings on website.

NEWS BRIEFS

Rincon View Subdivision: The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to approve the Rincon View Subdivision Tentative Plat on December 2, 2008 subject to the following conditions:

Prior to the Final Plat being approved:

1. The developers will put a mechanism into place for the future maintenance of the private roads and drainageways which front the 27 newly subdivided lots;
2. The developers will provide an Assurance Agreement with the above phasing plan for lot release to ensure all required on and off-site improvements are completed.
3. The developers will agree to the formation of the Mescal J6 Fire District via signatures on the petition; and
4. Meet all other Regulations for Final Plat.

The developer will pay for improvements to Tequila Trail - both north and southern portions and will make a one time contribution of $ 58,000 to the County for future improvement and maintenance on Cherokee Trl.

P & Z Transportation Planner, Karen Lamberton; Planning Manager, Susana Montana; Planner, Beverly Wilson, and Planning Director, Susan Buchan met twice with area residents to develop acceptable solutions prior to BOS approval.

Mescal Roping Arena: On November 12th,, P & Z Commissioners voted to table the Special Permit Request to the Jan. 14th meeting. P & Z Staff reported that although notification letters were mailed, residents within the 1500' of the proposed project did not receive the official notification.

Commissioners recognized the large group in the audience that had traveled to speak to this item but felt it was important that Commissioners hear all the testimony at once.

Resident comments must be submitted to P & Z by Dec. 31st to be included in the Commissioner's packet for review prior to the public hearing.

This item will be heard on Jan 14th at or after 4:00 in Bisbee, Az. Those residents at the Nov. 12th meeting are planning to travel once again to attend the 14th meeting since attendance is a significant factor to Commissioners.

EVENTS THAT EFFECT THE NEIGHBORHOOD ARE TOO NUMEROUS - READ ADJACENT PAGES!!!

NEW AZ LICENSE PLATE LAW GOOD TO KNOW

Even though residents will not receive notice from the State, it is considered their responsibility as an Arizona Driver to know about this new motor vehicle law taking effect on Jan. 1, 2009.

The new License Plate Holder Law (A.R.S. 28-2354(B)) requires that the state name at the top of the Arizona license plates must be visible. Any license plate holder or cover that prevents the license plate from being clearly legible is in violation of this new law.

PAY FINE OF

$130.00.

A.R.S. 28-2354 (B)

A person shall display all license plates as required by subsection A until their lawful use expires or is canceled or revoked. A person shall maintain each license plate so it is clearly legible and so that the name of this state at the top the license plate is not obscured. A person shall securely fasten each liscense plate to the vehicle as follows:

1. To prevent the plate from swinging.
2. At a height of at least 12 inches from the ground to the bottom of the plate.
3. In a position to be clearly visible.

COUNTY RECYCLING - SOON

Although plans were to have been implemented in December, recycle bins to collect office paper, newspaper, magazines, cardboard, aluminum cans, specific plastics and metal cans have not yet arrived at the Benson or Saint David Transfer Stations.

The recycling program will start at the rural transfer stations before moving to Sierra Vista, Benson, Willcox, Bisbee and Douglas.

The County has started modifying the roll-off boxes with flipper doors to deliver to the rural sites. After delivery, items to be recycled can be placed in a common bin, compacted, baled and then trucked to a Tucson recycling facility.

Two used balers for the Willcox and Benson transfer stations were also purchased.

Currently, only cardboard can be recycled at the Benson transfer station.

No dates are available as to when the bins will be arriving.

BENSON TRANSFER STATION

980 NORTH MADISON, BENSON AZ

MON - SAT 7:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

CLOSED XMAS AND NEW YEAR'S DAY

HOW AND WHERE YOU CAN USE PUBLIC LANDS BEING DECIDED NOW

HUNTERS, HIKERS, BIRDERS, OHV, EQUESTRIANS, and those who just enjoy getting away from the bustle of populated areas may wish to comment on two plans that are being revised by the Coronado National Forest: 1) CNFS Management Plan, and 2) CNFS Travel Management Plan.

Although being developed separately, they are closely aligned and, once adopted, will influence how we will be able to use forest lands.

Plan I. The Forest Service Management Plan that is being revised will establish a set of desired conditions for each mountain range within the Coronado Forest - basically, developing a picture of what a balanced system would look like in that specific area. The picture for each mountain range was developed based upon consideration of 13 resources that include: Air Quality, Fire and Fuels, Heritage Resources, Soil, Vegetation, Scenic Quality, and Range.

Cochise Trails Association suggests that residents closely review the Descriptions of Desired Conditions for four additional resources - Recreation, Access, Motorized Transportation, and Land Use Zones / or social uses.

Public comment is being sought regarding the desired conditions for resources and land use zones. Once the picture for each mountain range is approved, strategies with guidelines and project designs will be adopted and suitable uses for various areas will be officially designated.

Plan II. The Travel Management Plan will identify which roads will remain opened and those that will be closed, in addition to specifying how dispersed camping will be allowed.

Once the Travel Management Plan is adopted per mountain range, a map will strictly govern how transportation and camping will occur within the forest boundary.

January will be a key month for commenting on both plans.

For more information regarding proposals for the Whetstones and the Rincons, contact Cochise Trails Association at ctrailsassoc@aol.com. CTA will provide a study outline and links that may be helpful in formulating your official comments.

COUNTY NOW HAS VOLUNTARY GREEN BUILDING PROGRAM

The Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to adopt a County green building program on December 9th.

P & Z Staff will be trained in-house through numerous online government sites so as to provide resource assistance with green building strategies that reduce the impact on human health and the environment through better siting, design, construction, operation and maintenance.

The program provides a four-level rating system that depends on energy efficiency, water conservation, building size, home site location, xeriscaping and materials used in the home's construction.

Use of recycled building materials is recommended as well as using local products to save on transportation costs.

Green building rating systems have been shown to boost resale value. Susan Buchan, Director, pointed out that seventy-six percent of home buyers say they would pay more for green homes.

Educational materials must be provided by the builder so that residents can take full advantage of the green systems within the homes.

Program will be online after first of the year.

NEW OHV REGULATIONS EFFECTIVE JAN. 1, 2009

Effective Jan 1, 2009, you must annually purchase an off-highway vehicle decal for any off-highway vehicle you have that is designed by the manufacturer primarily for off-highway use AND weighs less than 1,800 lbs, in order to operate it in Arizona.

This includes most all-terrain vehicles (ATV's), side -by-sides (utility vehicles), dirt bikes and some sand rails. The OHV Decal must be affixed to your OHV's license plate.

The OHV Decal can be purchased after Jan. l, 2009 at www.servicearizona.com or by visiting MVD offices or authorized third-party providers during normal business hours.

The cost of the OHV Decal is still being determined by MVD and is expected to be announced soon.

The OHV Decal is an annual user fee that will provide funds for better OHV management and protection of natural resources while helping maintain access.

It is not the same as "registration". Registration refers to the process that is required if you want to legally ride your off-highway vehicle on improved and maintained roads and streets.

All OHV's must have an Arizona Certificate of Title. If the vehicle is not titled, or if you have an out-of-state title, you will need to visit an MVD office or authorized third-part provider to obtain an Arizona Certificate of Title by July 1, 2009. For more information, see the titling information in the Frequently Asked Questions at www.azgfd.gov/ohv.

Travel is limited to roads, trails and areas open by the land management agency for motorized vehicle use. Travel that causes damage to cultural or natural resources, or property or improvements, is prohibited.

OHVs must have a muffler or noise dissipative device to limit sound to less than 96 decibels.

Anyone under the age of 18 will be required to wear a properly fitted and fastened U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) approved helmet when riding any OHV.

5,040 Acres of Sands Ranch Permanently Protected

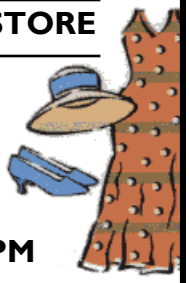
Pima County Supervisors voted on 12/16/08 to approve the purchase of 5,040 acres of the **Sands Ranch** located in Pima County. Funding for the $21-million acquisition will come from the sale of bonds approved by Pima County voters as part of the 2004 Conservation Acquisition Bond Program. This acquisition secures the missing link between the Las Cienegas National Conservation Area and the Whetstone Mountains and is the most significant grasslands habitat acquisition in Pima County's history.

RUTH ANNE MARLEY'S

SECOND TIME AROUND

CONSIGNMENT AND THRIFT STORE

NOW OPEN
817 4TH STREET
BENSON



MON. - FRI. 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

CANYON WHERE QUARRY SOUGHT GETS TOP LEVELS OF PROTECTION

State regulators have declared Davidson Canyon worthy of the highest level of protection under state law. The Governor's Regulatory Review Council categorized the canyon as "outstanding Arizona water".

The "outstanding water" designation means that no activity that would cause permanent degradation of the water quality could be permitted in the waterway.

California Portland Cement has a mineral lease from the state Land Department to operate a limestone quarry on state trust land around the canyon. The company has a flood-plain-use permit from Pima County allowing it to build a haul road across Davidson Creek.

California Portland Cement has said it hopes to start work on pre-mining activities in 30 to 60 days if it gets the permits it needs, including one from the Army Corps of Engineers.

The new regulations do not go into effect until early February, 60 days after the Governor's Regulatory Review Council voted on them.

$ Classified and Business Ads $

Classified ads	**$ 8.00**
(up to 30 words with no graphics)	
Business Card ads	**$15.00**
1/4 Page	**$25.00**
1/2 Page	**$45.00**
Full Page Ad	**$75.00**

Call Barbara R. to place your ad today:
586-1233

ASK ABOUT OUR DISCOUNT FOR PURCHASING YOUR AD FOR A THREE-MONTH BLOCK.

HANDYMAN!
CREATIVE/INOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO HOME REPAIR PROBLEMS
Carpentry, electrical, plumbing, painting, & drywall. By the job or hourly rate. 25+ years experience
Call DANNY 520-265-3531,
520-720-6080
520-406-1121 CELL PHONE
No License

Tierra Antigua REALTY

Angela Soyring
REALTOR®

Direct (520) 471-6432
Office (520) 290-2335
Email: angelasoyring@msn.com
7423 E. Tanque Verde Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85715

Customer service passion /w 800+ networking team.

BENSON DONUTS
MADE FRESH DAILY

M-S 4:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m. SUN 4:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
690 N. Ocotillo St. (520) 586-3966
At I-10 Exit 304

Silver Enchantments
"Where Metal & Magick Meet!"
Discount Solid Sterling Silver, Copper & 14k Gold Pendants, Charms, Jewelry Findings & More!

Thank You So Much for Helping Us Help Animals in Our Little Corner of the World!

www.SilverEnchantments.com
or
www.SECharms.com
688 W 4th Street, Suite C / Benson, AZ 85602
Phone: 520.586.3314
eMail: sales@silverenchantments.com

All Creatures

Veterinary Service

PROVIDING HIGH QUALITY SERVICES SINCE 1993

Dr. Nancy Leverenz

655 E. 4th St.

- Services for small and large animals
- Equine Dentistry
- Acupuncture
- Osteopathy
- Digital X-Ray
- Boarding
- Mobile Services
- Ultrasound

(520) 586-3777 or (520) 940-6101 after hrs.

ARIZONA FEEDS
EAGLE MILLING

Edward R. Fenn
586-3089
NOW OPEN

Benson Feed and Supply

639 E. 4th St.
East of Underpass
Benson, Az.

Family owned and operated since 1961

LAKIN HORSE FEEDS

Critter Sitters

www.crittersittersbenson.com

INTRODUCING:

Basic Obedience Classes
Sit, Down, Come, Loose Leash Walking and More

Agility Level I Classes
Jumps, Tunnels, and Pause Box

CLASSES TAUGHT BY

MEGAN O'CONNELL
Animal Behavior College Certified Dog Trainer

Boarding Kennel

Quality Care Pet Sitting Services also provided for Livestock and Domestic Pets.
8 years experience

Call 520-212-2233.

Classes always forming.

(520) 586-2634
(520) 586-2561 (H)

150 W. 5th Street
Benson, Az 85602

MARY ANN'S MOSTLY BOOKS

— NEW & USED BOOKS —

OPEN TUES. THRU SAT. 10 TO 4

MABOOKS@THERIVER.COM
02-024056-L

USGS MAPS
BOOK SEARCHES

MESCAL HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING, LLC.

THE CAVEMAN HAD TO DO WITHOUT.... YOU DON'T.

(520) 586-3288

13100 S. Bell Road
Benson, Arizona

LIC# ROC 232795

FROM BARBARA'S COOKING CORNER

CRANBERRY PORK ROAST

(SLOW COOKER)

2 1/2 - 3 LBS. rolled, boneless pork loin roast - can be sirloin tip or center cut - as long as it is boneless

16 oz. can Jellied cranberry sauce

1/2 c. granulated sugar

1/2 c cranberry juice

1 teaspoon dry mustard

1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

Cut off excess fat and place pork loin roast in crock pot.

Mix together: Jellied cranberry sauce, sugar, cranberry juice, dry mustard and ground cloves.

Pour mixture over roast in crockpot. Cover and cook on low heat, 7-8 hours.

After roast is cooked, remove from crockpot to a plate and cover with foil to keep warm.

Pour drippings from pork roast into a saucepan, cook over med-hi heat and bring to boil. Add 2-3 tbl. Cornstarch to 6-8 oz cold water and stir to dissolve. Add to juices in pan, stir until thickens.

Provided by Verna Lee Lathan

G & F PIZZA

586-9449

DELIVERY DRIVERS WILL MEET YOU AT THE QUICK PIC!!!

(Delivery Charge out of town $3.00)

OPEN

Mon. - Sat.
11 am - 9 pm
Sunday
12 pm - 8 pm

DINE-IN AT:
114 EAST 5TH ST.
BENSON, AZ

Merry Xmas from all of us at G & F Pizza!

IRISH PUB AND GRUB

3142 W. Meadowlark Lane

586-3027

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

JOIN US AND SUPPORT YOUR TEAM

1ST SAT - SURPRIZE ENTERTAINMENT

2ND SAT - BIRTHDAY BASH NITE

3RD SAT - HORSEHOE TOURNAMENT
12 P.M. Sign-up
1 P.M. Start

4TH SAT - KARAOKE WITH

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY
KARAOKE WITH TERRI

EVERY THURSDAY 6 & 8 P.M.

AND SUNDAY 3 & 6 P.M.

Texas Hold'em Poker—
presented by The Poker Pub.com

Play with your friends for points, prizes, and trips!!!

HAPPY HOUR

MON - FRI 3 - 6 p.m.

50 cents off all drink prices!

NIGHTLY SPECIALS FROM

6:00 TIL 8:30 P.M.
-or until it's gone!!!

Every Monday

25 CENT WINGS

$1.00 Shots Schnapps when either team scores!

$1.25 Drafts during game. Domestic Only.

Every Tuesday

LADIES NIGHT -
Happy Hour Prices all night for all ladies.

Every Wednesday

Taco Bar

3 for just. $4.95

1 for $1.95

Every Thursday

Bean Tostadas - $2.00
Beef and Bean Tostadas $3.00

Every Friday

Fish Fry—Shrimp and More from $7.95
Jam Session with Russell and Friends - Come join in the fun!

Every Sunday

Bloody Mary Days - Just $ 2.00

Clamato - $2.50

FREE POOL ALL DAY AND NIGHT

BOBBY JOES

MERRY XMAS

WHERE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS MEET!

Open Daily at 11 AM

DLH SELF STORAGE

3130 MEADOWLARK LANE

BENSON AZ 85602

520-586-4650

Mike's H.V.A.C. LLC

Heating . Ventilation . Air Conditioning

3020 W. Clark RD.
Benson, AZ 85602

Ph: (520) 747-5492
Cell: (520) 490-5345
Fax: (520) 586-7474

LIC# ROC 180628 K39

Papouli's GREEK/AMERICAN

811 W. Fourth Street

(520) 586-9190

Mon.—Sat. 8 A.M.– 3 P.M.

Catering Services Available

Daniel Reyes , Manager

Breakfast Starting from $3.99

J-6 ASSISTED LIVING HOME LLC

- *Licensed for Directed Care*
- *Only 4 beds available*
- *Assistance with daily activities*
- *Nutritious meals and snacks*
- *Transportation available*
- *Mental, physical, and sensory stimulation*

CALL 520-586-4741

At Trails End Stable

Trail Rides Boarding Horses For Sale

Standing At Stud

Brite Anasazi Star

AQHA Registered

Contact

Mildred Dunlap
520-221-0287

Wes Dunlap
520-221-1404

America® One STOP Insurance INSURANCE AGENCY

America's Low Cost Insurance Leader

Mon.—Fri.
9:00 to 5:30
Sat. by appt. only

Free Insurance Quotes

Estate/Retirement Planning

MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT NOW!

Why Worry About Adequate Coverage?

Deb's Dog Grooming

Debra Ramsey

520-586- 9402

520-586-3086 (msg)

1710 E. Ramsey Road Benson, Ariz.

AMERICA INSURANCE AGENCY

MICHAEL GHERARDINI

16 years Certified Senior Financial Planner

TAX PREPARATION

65 N. Oak Drive

PH: 586-0063 Mescal FAX: 586-0065

Mescal Bar & Grill

70 N. Cherokee Trail Ph:(520)586-3905

Connie's Kitchen

Open Sun.-Thurs 11-8
Fri.-Sat 11-9

Merry Christmas
To All Our Customers
We will be closed on Christmas Day

Bar Open Daily
11a.m-2 a.m

Half Pound Burgers
Philly Ch. Stk
BBQ Sandwich
Meatball Sub
Chicken Strips
Poppers
Cheese Sticks
Quesadilla

Gift Certificates Available

Heated Smoker's Patio

December Bar Specials

Hot Damn $2.00
Gingerbread Man $2.00
Peppermint Schnapps $2.00

Weekly Specials

Sun. Dollar Taco's
Mon.
Football~Wings
Tues& Wed. Texas
Holde'm
Fri.Cod Dinner

New Years Eve
The Fun's All Here
Dance to Afterburn
Penny Champagne &
Party Favors@ Midnight

Raffle tickets available for the Unique Tequila Rifle You gotta see it!

SKYLINE BAPTIST CHURCH

2858 W. Skyline Road

Ph. 586-2973

Pastor Brian Kelly **Ph. 520-990-6978**
Pastor Bill Galloskas **Ph. 520-221-9231**

Sunday Services

Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Service 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Service

Adult and Youth Bible Study 7-8:30 p.m.

COME JOIN US

DEC. 24th - 7 P.M. Evening service with caroling and readings

DEC. 25th - 10:30 A.M. Service

ALL ARE WELCOME!

CANYON STATE DISPOSAL

A residential trash collection service

520-586-2537

Serving the J-6, Red Hawk and Mescal area

Local family owned and operated

DAREN & SUE LAKOSKY
ROGER & ANITA CHOATE

P.O. BOX 1861
BENSON, AZ 85602

DON'S YARD SERVICE

- Responsible
- Reliable
- Good References
- 20+ years of experience

Serving Mescal, J6 , Benson, Pomerene, St. David

All New Equipment

(520) 586-3203

Chevron **Xpress Lube**

11 YEARS OF DOING IT RIGHT!

OPEN
Tues.-Fri. 8-4:30
Sat 8 – 1:00
Closed
Sun.—Mon.

ChevronTexaco

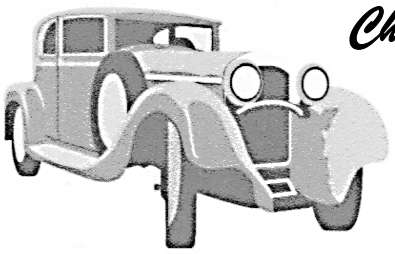
1040 W. 4th St.

520-586-4 OIL

Bring in coupon and $5 will be donated to the J6/Mescal CDO Newsletter Fund

Over 20 Services Available

Check us out for all your fluid changes

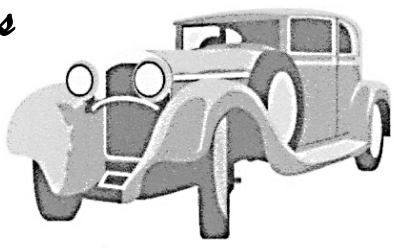


Buy a Discounted Carwash at Time of

Xpress Special Service

for Soft Cloth Automatic

RV 12' FRIENDLY



11 YEARS OF DOING IT RIGHT!

Merry Christmas !

We look forward to serving you in the New Year

*Tenichian's Note: Don't forget to WINTERIZE your vehicle

Mescal
AUTO SERVICE, LLC

10% Discount on all coolant services thru January with this add

Bob Baker
Owner
520 586-7792

3186 W. Ripple Rd.
Benson, AZ 85602
Mescal @ I-10, Exit 297

J-SIX EQUESTRIAN CENTER

Quality Boarding - Quality Care
Riding Lessons - Private or Group
- Beginner to Advanced

Horsemanship Clinics, Horse Shows, Gymkhanas
Practice Jump Series

TRAINERS AND INSTRUCTORS

COLLEEN GARCIA
720-4234
USDF Bronze Medalist Instructor
Group & Private Lessons
Western, English, Jumping, Horsemanship, Showing, Driving

SHERRIE FRIGHETTI
409-3425
Worked exclusively w/Ray Hunt
Horsemanship clinic and private lessons

LANA KAUFMAN
586-7917
Arabian show horses for lesson horses

www.J-SixEqCtr.com

3036 Williams 586-7551

Every day is Customer Appreciation Day at
Mescal Outdoor Power

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful - Happy New Year.

FOR SALE

2005 Champion Generator

3500 running watts, 4450 W Max. 4 gal. fuel tank. New, never even started. Only $150.

Call George 586-1233

TRI-COMMUNITY NEWS

J6/Mescal CDO
3111 Clark Road
Benson, Arizona 85602

NON-PROFIT ORG
POSTAGE PAID
PERMIT # 16
BENSON, ARIZONA

DECEMBER ISSUE
Volume 4 Issue 12

ECRWSS

BOXHOLDER
HC 2/3
BENSON, ARIZONA 85602

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THE NEW YEAR!!!

MAIL TODAY!

J-6 / Mescal Community Development Organization

MEMBERSHIP FORM - CALENDAR YEAR 2009

Name of members for given address:

_____

_____

_____

_____

Physical Address:

_____

_____ZIP_____

Email Address:

_____

Phone: _____

All residents and property owners within the J-6, Mescal, Skyline and surrounding areas are eligible to join.

Households may have more than one member. Each member must be at least 18 years old.

Each membership is $ 10.00

Each member is entitled to cast 1 vote for meeting action items.

MEMBERSHIP DUES PAY FOR:

- Operating expenses such as copies, postage, printing, phone bills, and office supplies
- Production costs for the Tri-Community Newsletter

Bring to next meeting or mail to : Nancy Upp, 412 S. Many Winds Rd., Benson, Az