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UPDATE ON FIRE DISTRICT EFFORTS - HOW CLOSE ARE WE?

Dear Residents and Property Owners:

Two petitions are being circulated in the effort to create the Mescal-J6 Fire District. One is for property-owners within the proposed district and the other is for registered voters in the area.

At our last count on Nov. 13, we are short 150 signatures on the property-owner petitions. Unfortunately, we have a larger shortfall with the registered voter petitions, needing nearly 300 signatures.

Our target date to submit the petitions was Nov. 17 but getting the additional signatures will take more time. We now expect to turn in the petitions Dec. 1.

No one involved with the process considers the change to Dec. 1 as a set-back or failure.

Support for the process has been overwhelmingly positive and we know we will get the signatures ~~ it'll just take some time.

Efforts are underway to identify and contact those registered voters and property owners who haven't signed the petitions. We still anticipate the fire district will be in operation by the end of January.

Any registered voter or property owner who has not signed the petitions can go to Mescal Auto Service on Mon-Fri from 8:00am-5:00pm to sign, or call Jean Nelson (586-2337) or Bill Dupee (586-2618) to have someone come to your house with a petition.

Or contact the Fire District's Organizing Board at 520-508-3660 or email to mescalj6fire@hotmail.com

Sincerely, Terri Jo Neff William Dupee Keith Kersey

NEWS BRIEFS

RINCON VIEW SUBDIVISION: TENTATIVE PLAT APPROVED AFTER SEVEN YEAR STRUGGLE: Existing residents along Tequila Trail are finally anticipating resolution to a seven year disaggreement with Bob Kerry, developer, to improve their private road to county standards.

The Tequila Trail resolution is one of the conditions required by the P & Z Commissioners on Nov. 12 when they accepted Kerry's Tentative Plat to develop the remaining 92 acres of the original 242 acre tract as a legal subdivision .

Multiple meetings prior to the public hearing were necessary between Tequila Trail Residents and County Staff to iron out the circulation and transportation issues related to improving Tequila Trail south of Century Drive and the substandard intersection at the Frontage/Meadowlark Lane with North Cherokee Trail.

According to the new agreement, Kerry will pay an estimated cost of $200,000 per mile for drainage improvements to Tequila Trail and for resurfacing the road with six inches of gravel laid down on a compacted natural surface.

In addition, Kerry will provide approximately $ 58,000 to the County for improvements on North Cherokee Trail.

Reconfiguring Meadowlark Lane /frontage road to remove the current jog and allowing Meadlowlark to merge more smoothly to Tequila Trail will be a longer term goal since the ROW is within the federal transportation system. Meadowlark Lane improvements will be built to ADOT standards and costs are estimated to be between $ 149,000 and $193,000.

An Assurance Agreement will allow half the lots to be released for sale only after the Tequila Trail road and drainage improvements are completed and the developer has contributed adequate funds to the County to be applied towards the North Cherokee Trail Improvements.

Collaboration at work in our neighborhoods!!

MESCAL ROPING ARENA: On Nov. 12, Commissioners voted to table Anderson's request for a special-use permit to the January meeting so that all the residents adjoining the property on Tequila Trail could be notified and given the opportunity to voice their opinions.

Although notification was mailed, area residents did not receive the letters.

Many residents traveled to Bisbee to voice their opposition, but the majority of Commissioners felt that it was better to hear all the residents' opinions at one time.

RABIES CASE FOUND NEAR NORTHWEST COCHISE COUNTY BORDER

Earlier this month, Ariz. Department of Health Services confirmed that a dog living near the Cochise County border has tested positive for rabies. The animal lived on a ranch between Vail and Marsh Station.

So far in 2008, Cochise County has reported 11 confirmed cases of rabies, which includes four bats, six skunks and a fox.

Anyone who observes a wild animal acting strangely, or a nocturnal animal, such as a skunk, out in daylight hours is encouraged to contact the Cochise County Sheriff's Offices at 432-9500.

"MOVE OVER" LAW CAN SAVE LIVES AND TICKET

Did you know that drivers on state roads are required to move over to another lane if a police or emergency vehicle is stopped on the side of a road - This is assuming the driver can do so safely.

This law is designed to help reduce the number of crashes that injure or kill public safety officers when they're stopped on the side of a road, handling an emergency or pulling someone over.

Development Organization

ANNUAL MEETING

Dec. 4th 6:30 P.M.

Location TBA - cdonewsletter.com

Agenda to Include:

Activity Report

Financial Report

Community Updates on:

- **P & Z Listening Sessions - Status of Final Report**
- **MVFD and Fire District**
- **J6 Ranch/Easter Mtn.**
- **Rincon View**
- **Roping Arena**
- **Access to Public Lands**
- **Election of Officers**
- **Looking toward 2009**

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U OF A TO GIVE UPDATE ON WELL WATER USE STUDY

In the January Issue, the Tri-Community Newsletter published a letter recruiting well owners to participate in a study to estimate pumping levels and patterns of water use in domestic wells in Cochise County.

A special trained contractor installed a water meter on the well's pressure tank for those participants who were selected. A data logger was to electronically send the meter readings to the Water Resource Research Center.

Dr. Gary Woodard will be providing the Community Watershed Alliance with a progress report on November 25th, at 6:30 at the Benson City Hall.

Very little is currently known about the pumpage from over 10,000 exempt wells in the county. Lack of accurate information undermines the local ability to develop fact based water policy and planning.

Previous figures listed for water used by the nearly 877 domestic wells in the Benson sub-area range from 420 acre feet per year to 1,800 af/year - the most recent figure from ADWR's Upper San Pedro AMA Report.

An acre foot is 326,000 gallons of water.

For more information regarding water uses, review the ADWR Water Budget Presentation at cwatershedalliance.com.

PUBLIC TOUR SCHEDULED NOVEMBER 22ND

Property owners are celebrating the completion of the Manzanita Erosion Control Site on Highway 80, just minutes from Benson.

The public is invited on a 90-minute tour November 22nd as property owners explain their neighborhood network of loose rock check dams, bank stabilization structures, wire sausages, gabion baskets, and other best management practices being used to reduce erosion and sediment transport to the San Pedro River.

Join us at 9:45 for donuts and coffee. The ceremony begins promptly at 10:00 with the wagons leaving for the sites by 10:20.

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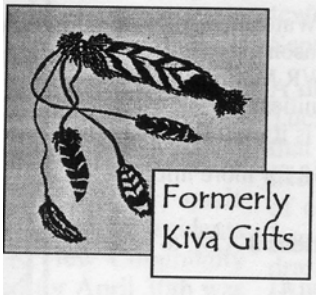

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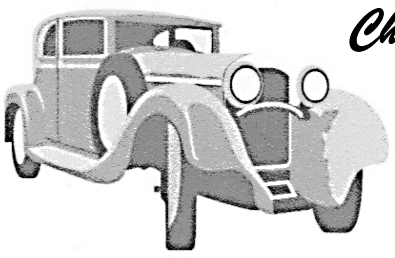

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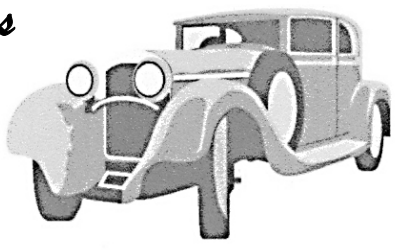

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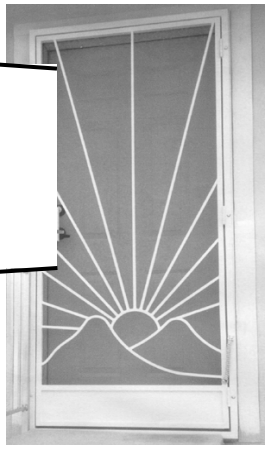

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