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BE INFORMED!

SIGN F. D. Petitions - Fire Station 1

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14	15	16 **5 P.M. to 7**	17	18 **5 P.M. to 7**	19	20
21	22	23 **5 P.M. to 7**	24	25 **5 P.M. to 7**	26	27 **11 A.M. to 2**Mescal Bar & Grill - See Ad Inside**

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FIRE DISTRICT UPDATE

All the technicalities have been dealt with, and we have received the okay to begin circulating petitions in our effort to create the Mescal-J6 Fire District.

More than 60 signatures were obtained in our first signing event on August 28th. A great start, but we have to get more than 1000 signatures.

Several more "come sign our petitions' events will be held throughout September. We hope these efforts will reduce the number of door-to-door visits our volunteers have to make. Please join us on the dates listed above.

If these dates aren't convenient, stop by Mescal Auto Service on Monday-Friday from 8:00 to 5:00 p.m. to sign. You can also contact Organizing Board member Terri Jo Neff at 520-508-3660.

TOP: Fire Chief Warren Neff and Deputy Chief Chris Bernal watch as Marie Londo signs the first petition on August 28th. BOTTOM: Several of Mescal Fire's volunteer firefighters add names to petitions.

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HOW TO BUILD A LOW-MAINTENANCE DIRT ROAD….

Bill Zeedyk, 30 year veteran of the Forest Service, has been invited by the Community Watershed Alliance to share his expertise with residents in the area.

Zeedyk has been instrumental in helping ranchers, agencies, and rural property owners learn vital strategies to design, maintain and repair dirt roads so that roads effectively drain, are functional when used as intended, and do not contribute to accelerated soil loss.

Zeedyk's 4 hour workshop is scheduled for October 11th, 10 A.M. - 2 P.M. Participants will receive a free copy of his well-known publication: A Good Road Lies Easy on the Land…. Water Harvesting from Low-Standard Rural Roads.

After Zeedyk's PowerPoint presentation, participants will travel to the Manzanita Erosion Control Site near St. David to discuss with Bill how these strategies could be applied to real-life situations on the flat land as well as roads with a significant slope. Sack lunches will be provided.

This workshop is being funded from a $47,000 ADEQ Title 319 Grant awarded to CWA. Call 520-609-2738 to register. **LIMITED SPACE - CALL NOW!**

NEW PROGRAM TO BENEFIT THE INDIV. HOME BUILDER

Cochise BOS has directed P & Z to move forward developing a VOLUNTARY residential building program that would provide a rating system, certification and technical assistance for individual home owner/builders who wish to reap the following benefits:

*Lower Utility Bills
*Enhanced indoor air quality - asthma, allergy connection
*Reduced waste = reduced material costs
*Reduced heating cool load = reduced HVAC system costs
*Reduced water use
*Comfortable, durable housing using locally available materials

Susan Buchan, new P & Z Director, is well qualified to guide the indiv. home builder to strategies maximizing a home's location, lot design, preparation and development as well as providing suggestions to explore all the above possible rewards.

Since savings to the individual homeowner/builder could be thousands of dollars, stay tuned to future newsletters to learn more about this innovative program that should be going to the Board for final approval before the end of this year.

COUNTY CONSIDERING UPDATING PET ORDINANCE

Cochise County Sheriff's Office is proposing amendments to the county's existing animal control ordinance.

One of the primary issues in the proposal is to enable citizens to purchase a 1, 2 or 3-year dog license which is more in line with the duration of a rabies vaccination.

The fee proposed for a 3-year license for a neutered dog is $12.00.

A controversial item in the proposal is for a cat liscense due to the growing rabies problem statewide.

Other changes being considered are:

- Definition of an owner
- Determining when Animal Control can go onto properties
- Determining when animals can be euthanized
- Definition of cruelty and neglect

Discussion also included when would an individual be required to obtain a kennel license vs. a Special Use Permit.

It was suggested that staff review the subsection on kennel permits and licensing to see if their definitions and special use permit definitions are in line.

The current department policy is that in urban areas (2acres or less), someone can have up to 7 dogs. In rural areas (greater than 2 acres), someone can have up to 10 dogs. Numbers in excess of that would require a Special Use Permit.

P & Z does not have a policy, or absolute number, for cats as accessory to a residential use or requiring a special use permit for animal husbandry.

The article covering the work session in the Sierra Herald generated many questions/concerns that will need to be addressed if this moves forward.

Included in concerns were shelter and kennel conditions that were specified and would require pet owners to provide convenient access to natural or artificial shelter that is structurally sound and of sufficient size. "Any shelter which does not protect the animal from temperature extremes or precipitation, or does not provide adequate ventilation or drainage is in violation….."

Supervisor Searle was among those questioning what constitutes proper shelter and who should be making decisions related to neglect and animal cruelty - officers, technicians, or licensed veterinarians.

Although the proposal was presented at one work session, two Supervisors were not in attendance. It may have to be scheduled for yet another before it goes to the Board for possible approval. All ordinances and amendments to ordinances are required to include a public hearing. No dates have yet been set.

NEWS BRIEFS

Rincon View - Tequila Trail:

J-6/Mescal CDO once again relayed the importance to Cochise County P & Z that a community meeting/discussion is vital before plans move forward with Rincon View Subdivision due to significant impacts to the residents and adjacent neighborhoods.

This message was heard at the recent staff work session attended by Supervisor Searle , Susan Buchan (Director of P&Z), Beverly Wilson (P&Z staff worker on the project), Susanna Montana (P & Z Project Manager) , Mike Ortega (County Administrator), and Jim Vlahovich (Assistant Count Administrator).

Discussion centered around plans submitted by Karen Lamberton,, county Transportation Planner for the Meadow Lark- Cherokee Lane - Tequila Trail Intersection. It was acknowledged in the workshop that solving the Mescal Road, frontage road and I-10 intersection as ADOT would prefer was beyond the scope of what could be done now in conjunction with this issue and decided it had to be tackled as two separate situations.

The new plan would require a carefully orchestrated partnership due to multiple jurisdictions, use of private roads, maintaining acceptable business access, etc.

In addition, the significant development and maintenance costs must be a shared responsibility, possibly trickling down to individuals who have signed CC&R's along Tequila Trail.

Britt Hanson, County Attorney could not attend the work session but will be consulted before Bob Kerry, developer for Rincon View, is approached with new plan.

Susanna Montana, P & Z Project Manager, will provide updates at a stakeholder community meeting scheduled for October 6th, Cochise College - Benson Center just south of Gas City. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m.

At that time, it will be made clear as to whether the County will be moving the submitted Rincon View Subdivision Platt forward or whether a revised version will be going before P & Z Commissioners on October 22nd.

If you are a resident in the Tequila Trail, Cherokee Lane, Century Lane area and want to be a part of the neighborhood email info. loop that provides greater detail, please send your contact information to Dan Simmons at

sgtsimmons1@powerc.net.

LOCAL STAKE HOLDER MEETING WITH P &Z

OCTOBER 6TH 6:30 P.M.

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Commercial Roping Arena - Mescal:

On July 29th, Tom Anderson submitted an application for a Special Use Permit and paid the required $300 fee in hopes that his plans for a commercial roping arena just east of Tequila Trail will be approved.

On land owned by the Jim Douglas Family Trust, the 280' x 150' proposed arena would stage roping events that will be held 4 days a month, 1 day a weekend, with days and times depending on the weather.

Some evening hours are expected since six light poles are drawn on the project design. Anderson's response as to how neighboring properties and roadways would be shielded from light spill over and manufacturer's specifications was not evident on the application form.

Anderson states that 20-30 vehicles will be entering and leaving the site per event which would include the 1 ton pickup trucks with trailer rigs. The project design provides for fifty-eight 9 x 19 foot parking spaces. It is not evident that the numerous larger rigs greater than 60' that frequent his other events in the area will be accommodated at this site.

Traffic to this site will use the intersection at Cherokee - Tequila Trail - Meadow Lark that is discussed in adjacent news column. If approved, the roping arena would possibly be included as a partner in a delayed maintenance agreement.

Although an 80 square foot announcer stand, 10' high is proposed, Anderson specifies that no noise will be produced that can be heard on neighboring properties.

Water will be trucked in and Anderson will provide 3 porta-pots, trash barrels, etc.

Three portable corrals will house the cattle. Anderson states that no odors will be created, and fly traps will be used during fly season.

A Public Hearing is scheduled for October 22nd before the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding this request. The application copy is provided for your review at

cdonewsletter.com

Empirita Water Co. Expanding Service Area:

The Arizona Corporation Commission has granted approval to expand the Service Area for Empirita Water Company. In a recent hearing, ACC acknowledged that Empirita has met ADEQ quality water requirements, has completed plat additions needed to serve the Redhawk II development, has received ADWR's Physical Availability Determination, and has filled a Curtailment Tariff.

Empirita Water is now able to provide water to all Redhawk phases, Easter Mountain Ranch plus 16 acres just south of Joseph/J-6 Ranch Road, as well as 80 acres to be developed by Neil Simonson adjacent to the northwest boundary of Redhawk 1.

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Out going board secretary Kathy Bachman (center) received a plaque commemorating her many years as a Board Member. Pictured with Kathy is new secretary Chelsea Patchell and longtime firefighter/board treasurer Jean Nelson. Kathy's dedication of service as well as her "no problem" attitude coordinating our last several garage sale fundraisers has served as an inspiration for many. Although Kathy stepped down from the board, she is continuing as our membership coordinator and attended our first fire district petition signing event.

COMPLETING EMT COURSE

Congratulations to 3 of our volunteers who recently completed a long and demanding EMT course. Receiving their state and national certification are: Safety Officer Jamie Bernal, firefighter Eric Buchs, and firefighter Levi Garner. All three attended EMT classes at their own expense on weekends while working their regular jobs, which for Levi included an assignment to the California wildfires. Upon receiving their EMT Certification, the three had their tuition reimbursed by a FEMA grant we received earlier this year. Mescal Fire now ranks at the top of Cochise County's all-volunteer fire departments for having the most active EMT-certified firefighters.

MESCAL BAR AND GRILL HOSTING BIKE DAY FESTIVITIES ON SATURDAY, SEPT. 27 WITH VARIOUS ACTIVITIES PLANNED TO SUPPORT THE MESCAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

SEE MESCAL Bar & Grill Ad in this newsletter.

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QUARTERLY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25TH
6:30 P.M.
J-6 Community Bible Church

Agenda to include:

- Business Updates
- Community Updates

SAVE THIS DATE!

F.D. PETITION AVAILABLE FOR SIGNING

FIRE DISTRICT UPDATE FROM ORGANIZING BOARD

We have asked for the following to be addressed.

1) **How many signatures have been collected to date?**
2) **Projected target date to submit and rationale?**
3) **Planned strategy to collect remaining signatures?**
4) **List of Roads that have volunteers - where are the vacancies? (Come prepared to offer your time!!!)**
5) **Training and guidelines for passing and turning in petitions.**

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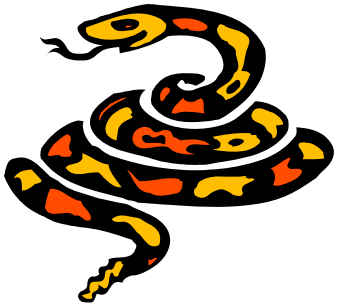

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- **Hourly Drawings**
- **Keny Earl Band 12 - 4 p.m.**
- **Karaoke w/ "Nick & Renee 5 p.m. -?**
- **Wet T-shirt Contest**
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SEPT 27

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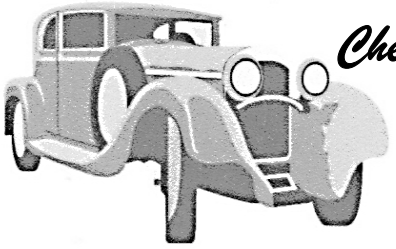

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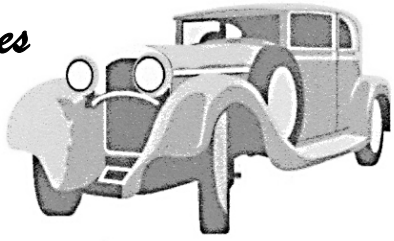

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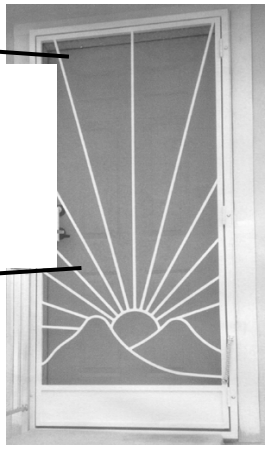

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MAGGIE IS REUNITED WITH OWNER!!!

Maggie became separated from her owner when her owner's car rolled on I-10. After several days, she walked up to a woman near the Alpaca Farm and jumped up into her lap. Thanks to all!

MAIL TODAY!

J-6 / Mescal Community Development Organization

MEMBERSHIP FORM - CALENDAR YEAR 2008

Name of members for given address:

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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.

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