





LINKS TO COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER 2023 THRU 2024

<p>Feb. 29, 2024</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>FIRE DISTRICT - FACING STAFFING WOES AND DOCUMENTATION CHALLENGES</u></p>	 <p>A review of the monthly Mescal-6 Fire District payroll register indicates the number of Firefighters being paid for Staffing and Call Responses has dwindled in December. 1 Full Time Firefighter and 3 Volunteers (several possibly without certifications) were paid for staffing and covering the District.</p> <p>Records indicate the safety threshold for coverage is limiting a firefighter to 120 hours per month. If that is the benchmark, what type coverage per month is the District able to provide for its nearly 1/2 a million dollar budget?</p> <p>It is not unreasonable to expect the Board and Admin. to answer the following type questions that have been asked repeatedly. The community needs to understand the scope of the current staffing issues – it's a matter of protecting their lives and property.</p>
<p>Dec. 6, 2023</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Updates - Easter Mountain Public Hearing, Access to Northside of Whetstones, Airport Renamed in Honor of J-6 Resident, F.D. Christmas Lights Contest</u></p>	 <p>DECEMBER 11, 2023. PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED TO CONSIDER REVERTING 2011 ZONING OF EASTER MOUNTAIN RANCH BACK TO R1-A</p> <p>The Cochise County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on December 11, 2023, at 7:00 PM, to consider reverting the 2011 zoning of Easter Mountain Ranch back to R1-A.</p> <p>The Cochise County Board of Supervisors has approved that certain zoning of Easter Mountain Ranch back to R1-A. The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on December 11, 2023, at 7:00 PM, to consider reverting the 2011 zoning of Easter Mountain Ranch back to R1-A.</p> <p>Don Cosworth, Director of Cochise County Development Services, will be providing a status report a week prior to the Hearing in case communication with owner warrants pulling the agenda item.</p>
<p>Nov. 5, 2023</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Federal Program Allows Plans to Continue for 130' Transmission Poles thru Mescal and J6</u></p>	 <p>Highlights of the October 30, 2023, Press Release:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The United States Department of Energy (DOE) today announced Phase 1 (340 MW to total 42) of the Southern Transmission Project ("Southern") as one of three transmission lines selected as part of a \$1.3 billion commitment through the Transmission Facilitation Program. "Southern" is a 27-mile, high-voltage transmission line that will connect the electrical transmission systems of the El Paso and Tucson metropolitan areas. The design provides the capability to transport power bidirectionally and will enable wind and solar resources from the Desert Southwest to
<p>Oct. 24, 2023</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>ROUND CORRAL FIRE PROGRESSION STOPPED, OCT. 26 I-10 LANE CLOSURE AT DRAGOON ROAD</u> <u>NEWS YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED: Landscape Bid</u></p>	 <p>During lightning activity on Tuesday, smoke was released by 24 residents in the Whetstone of Whetstones. According to the Whetstone post of Whetstones (Whetstones), the Round Corral Fire was approximately 2 miles south of the town of Whetstones and 1/4 mile from the I-10. The report indicated that I-10 PM lanes in the forward progression of the fire were still in progress.</p> <p>Jerry Clans captured a great view and shared the real of creating flames at 5:00 PM on Facebook. Link</p>
<p>Oct. 23, 2023</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>OCTOBER COMMUNITY NEWS UPDATE - \$ 21,000 LANDSCAPE BID</u></p>	 <p>The Board has to follow current District Policy for procurement of Goods.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> NO PUBLIC POSTING WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO POSSIBLY INTERESTED BUSINESS AND THE CHAIRMAN PUBLICLY STATED THAT HE WOULD BE PROVIDING THE PROPOSALS, DIRECTED AND PROVIDED THEM TO BE FUNDED. <p>The Public had very little opportunity to weigh in on this significant purchase, with questions, it provides adequate procedure as to how the bid should be spent.</p>
<p>Oct.14, 2023</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>5th YR CELEBRATION FOR HEALTH, PHYSICAL FITNESS GATHERS MANY FAMILIAR FACES</u></p>	<p>5th YR CELEBRATION FOR HEALTH, PHYSICAL FITNESS GATHERS MANY FAMILIAR FACES</p>  <p>On Sept. 9, 2023, 500+ volunteers and spectators participated in another remarkable 5K Run Walk Roll and 1/4 Challenge Run in the scenic Whetstones Mountains. This 5th annual regional event drew participants as far away as New Mexico and did not disappoint with its scenic views, picturesque</p> 

<p>July 26, 2023</p>	<p><u>FORMAL COMPLAINT SUBMITTED TO FIRE DISTRICT BOARD RE: FINANCIAL REPORT AND TAX RATE</u></p>	 <p>FORMAL COMPLAINT SUBMITTED TO FIRE DISTRICT BOARD RE: YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORT AND ESTABLISHING THE UPCOMING TAX RATE</p> <p>A formal complaint from CDO has been submitted to the Fire District Board. The Complaint includes a log for multiple months showing that even though Board Members requested, they were not provided the most available information as identified by State Statute on which to base their June 14th approval of the FY 2024 Budget and corresponding tax increases.</p> <p>The following highlights additional concerns:</p> <p>The Complaint wants the District to address the following numbers which may have been used or were needed by formulas incorporated into the Auditor's Form:</p>
<p>May 20, 2023</p>	<p><u>PUBLIC HEARING FOR FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET JUNE 14, 2023 - FIRST WITH NEW BOARD</u></p>	 <p>THREE-ITEM BUDGET PACKAGE FOR FIRE DISTRICT TO BE APPROVED AFTER JUNE 14TH PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>On June 14th, the public can officially have their comments on record regarding the 2023 Maintenance and Operations Budget, the 2024 District Capital Safety Budget, and the 2024 Fire Plan that identifies and prioritizes major projects, capital expenditures and other major improvements.</p> <p>Keep reading to learn more about the planned tax increases, contributing to full-time career firefighters, and a new station on the ground in five years.</p>
<p>Feb. 5, 2023</p> <p>Click on Date to Access.</p>	<p>J-6 RESIDENT PAUL KERCHUM PASSES IS RECOGNIZED WITH FULL MILITARY HONORS FIRE DISTRICT UPDATE: NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM ROLLS UP SLEEVES NEW PROGRAM BEING TESTED BY DISTRICT TO IMPROVE FIREFIGHTER SAFETY WHEN RESPONDING TO CALLS ON ROADWAYS</p>	 <p>J-6 RESIDENT PAUL KERCHUM PASSES AND IS RECOGNIZED WITH FULL MILITARY HONORS</p>  <p>As a survivor of some of the most ghastly events from World War II and a community member for over 30 years, Paul Kerchum now bids an emotional farewell to a moment to recall his story that he personally shares at the age of 92 along with his family's support. Like in special roles, "I asked him about God in the prison camp, and he said to me, 'There was no God,'" said daughter Paula Kerchum. "But now, I think that's what brought him to the point of forgiveness and then being on his way back to his 100th birthday."</p>