

THE FRIENDLY NEIGHBOR

CITY OF ST. JOHNS, ARIZONA



COMPLETED WATER SYSTEM MARKS SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE

In the Spring of 2008, the St. Johns Water Department noted a potential shortage in the City's water supply. Employees, residents, and community leaders had been aware of the limitations of an aging system for many years. The City Council initiated restrictions on water use and set out to make the needed improvements that would ensure an adequate supply of water, well into the future.

It was determined that an additional well and waterline would provide the needed boost in capacity to meet the needs of our community. While earlier efforts laid the groundwork for this major project, it was not until the fall of 2010 that funding was obtained to make it a reality.

Work on the new well began in early 2011. This was followed by construction of a new 14" waterline alongside



Map of the new 14" water transmission line from Concho to the treatment plant in St. Johns. Length is approximately 13 miles.

the existing 8" line. These lines travel approximately 13 miles from three City-operated wells in Concho to the Water Treatment Plant on the southwest side of town. The project was completed in the Spring of 2012.

The new well adds an additional pumping capacity of 840 gallons per minute, significantly improving the City's ability to meet demands. We thank all who

contributed to the success of the project.

To commemorate the completion of this significant milestone, the City will host a ribbon-cutting at the Water Treatment Plant on August 23rd at 1:00 PM. All are invited to attend.

While the City continues to encourage wise water use, the Council has lifted all water restrictions that were previously in place.

GRANT IMPROVES FIRE PROTECTION

St. Johns Emergency Services is the proud recipient of an *Assistance to Firefighters Grant* to provide the City of St. Johns with a new structural fire engine. This grant will allow the Fire Department to replace an aging apparatus with a new truck that will allow them to better serve the community.

The fire engine is being built to custom specifications to meet the needs of our Fire Department, including the ability to carry additional personnel, meet water flow requirements and carry sufficient tools and equipment to perform their duties more efficiently. We anticipate the delivery of the new fire en-

gine in January of 2013.

The funds for this fire engine have been provided through a grant from the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, with matching funds provided from revenue generated by Wildland Firefighting.

CITY HALL

(928) 337-4517
75 W. Cleveland
M-Th 6:30am to 5:30pm
www.sjaz.us

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Waterline/Well Project Complete
- New Fire Engine
- Summer Celebration Recap
- 100 Tree Project
- CDBG Infrastructure Improvements

CALENDAR

Council Meeting	Aug 9 6:30pm
Water System Ribbon-cutting	Aug 23 1pm
Primary Elections	Aug 28
Labor Day City Hall Closed	Sept 3
Apache County Fair	Sept 5-8
Council Meeting	Sept 13 6:30pm
Columbus Day City Hall Closed	Oct 8
Council Meeting	Oct 11 6:30pm

TOWN OF FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS



SMALL TOWN, BIG CELEBRATION!

Two-thousand Twelve marks the Centennial year of the State of Arizona. It was 100 years ago, last February, that Arizona became the 48th state to join the United States of America. Our community enjoyed a fantastic celebration commemorating Arizona's Centennial in connection with our traditional Independence Day Celebration. The fun began with a cultural program at the auditorium, and continued with a 100-mile run and a variety of traditional activities including a pancake breakfast, patriotic program, a free barbeque, an array of bouncy toys, foot races, contests, the White Mountain Idol Competi-

tion, softball, and an excellent firework display. The events were successful because of the effort and talent of many community members. Thanks to all residents, friends, organizations, and businesses who contributed to the success of the celebration. We plan to keep the tradition growing.

Indeed, our community has quite a knack for hosting exceptional events. The annual San Juan Fiestas and Pioneer Day Celebrations were greatly enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. Soon we'll join with the rest of the County in topping off the summer with the annual

Apache County Fair, to be held at the Fairgrounds, in St. Johns, September 5th-8th. Fair booklets, highlighting the events and competitions, are available at City Hall and various other locations.



4th of July fun for all ages.



Arizona Centennial Tree at the City Park

ONE-HUNDRED TREE PROJECT

On the 4th of July, and in commemoration of the Arizona Centennial, Mayor Fred Nielsen and local residents ceremonially planted a 19' tall American Liberty Elm tree at the City Park. A plaque was later placed signifying the elm as our Arizona Centennial Tree. Funding for this project was generously provided by donations from SRP, TEP, Tri-state, and local residents.

This tree is a small part of a larger 100 Tree Project. Residents are invited to celebrate 100 years of Arizona statehood

by helping to plant 100 trees (or 100 x 100) in 2012. You can:

1. **Plant a Tree on your Property.** Report tree type and location to Cristian Patterson at 337-2676 or eve_patterson@msn.com.
2. **Sponsor a Tree on Main Street.** Donations in any amount are accepted. Please call City Hall at 337-4517.

Thanks to all who have assisted in this effort to beautify our community.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT IMPROVES NEIGHBORHOOD

The City of St. Johns receives funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, on a rotational basis. This program recently funded water and street infrastructure improvements to the neighborhood bounded by Cleveland Street, 4th West, 4th North, and 2nd West. City crews replaced a failing culvert on 4th West and replaced aging waterlines throughout the neighborhood. This work will

ensure adequate water supply and fire flows to the neighborhood as well as needed access on 4th West across the drainage. Final work on the project will be completed by City workers in the coming weeks.

This fall, the City Council will be selecting a project for the next round of CDBG funding. Public input will be requested at a future Council meeting.

City Council meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM, in the Board of Supervisors' Room, at 75 W. Cleveland.