

THE FRIENDLY NEIGHBOR

CITY OF ST. JOHNS, ARIZONA

ST. JOHNS CITY HALL PROJECT



Our City Hall project has begun. Crosby Contracting has started reconstruction of the old Patterson Motor building for the New City Hall, in mid March. They will start with the roof replacement first, then move on to the floor replacement and the exterior of the building. Completion of the new City Hall is expected to be in late October of this year.



ST. JOHNS TRIVIA

Do you know the answer to the following questions?

1. Millet's Barber shop sits where another barber shop used to be. What was its name?
2. Was there a hospital in St. Johns and where did it use to be located?
3. Was there a bowling alley in St. Johns, and where did it use to be?

To find the answers, visit our web site at www.sjaz.us

CITY HALL

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

CALENDAR

City Council Meeting	April 10th 6:30pm
Good Friday	April 18th
Easter	April 20
City Council Meeting	May 8th
Mother's Day	May 11th
Memorial Day	May 26th
City Council Meeting	June 12th 6:30pm
Flag Day	June 14th
Father's Day	June 15th
City of St. Johns observes the 4th of July Offices Closed	July 3rd
Fourth of July	
City Council Meeting	July 10th 6:30pm

CITY OF ST. JOHNS CEMETERY

The City of St. Johns is looking for the Sexton records of the City of St. Johns Cemetery. Karen Cirivello is working hard to obtain records of the City Cemetery. She has been able to track down information of the people buried at the City Cemetery. We have a vast history in our cemetery and we are looking for more information. If you would like to contribute any information on anyone buried in the City Cemetery, please contact the City Hall at (928)337-4517.



TOWN OF FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS



CITY OF ST. JOHNS

THINGS MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME

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My Mother taught me LOGIC...
"Because I said so, that's why."

My Mother taught me MEDICINE...
"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they're going to freeze that way."

My Mother taught me FORESIGHT..
"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

My Mother taught me to APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE... "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning!"

My Mother taught me INTUITION...
"Put your sweater on; don't you think that I know when you're cold?"

My Mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL... "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

My Mother taught me to MEET A CHALLENGE... "What were you thinking? Answer me when I talk to you... Don't talk back to me!"

My Mother taught me HUMOR...
"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

My Mother taught me RELIGION...
"You better pray that stain will come out of the carpet."

My Mother taught me about my ROOTS... "Do you think you were born in barn?"

My Mother taught me IRONY...
"Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about!"

My Mother taught me about ANTICIPATION... "Just wait until your father gets home."

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

A LITTLE HISTORY OF ST. JOHNS

The crossing of the Little Colorado was called El Vadito by the early Spanish, who first explored this area. In 1864, Solomon Barth, a trader to the Indians, packed salt from Zuni salt lake to miners in Prescott. In doing so he became very familiar with the St. Johns area. In a poker game in 1873 he won enough cattle and land to settle down with his brothers Nathan and Morris. He claimed 1,200 acres with a squatters title. Solomon changed the name from El Vadito to San Juan, which is St. Johns in Spanish. A settlement began to grow at the crossing on the Little Colorado. By 1872 the settlement had established an agricultural community where St. Johns is today. But that did not mean they had it easy. The Little Colorado would

almost dry up and then again would flood and break all the dams that they had built for irrigation for the crops.

Ammon Tenney, a Mormon settler, arrived in the area in 1878. A few Mormon families settled near Rock Crossing. They named this area The Meadows. Barth sold land and water rights on the west side of the river to Tenney. Barth's price was 750 head of cattle. That was not a cheap price to pay. The settlers started building their log cabins northwest of San Juan, naming it Salem. Salem was in a swampy area. Soon they moved to higher ground, closer the San Juan. With the sale that Barth had made with Tenney, some of the families that had lived there lost their homes and the tensions between those families and the Mormon became unfriendly. With the title to land and water unclear and the crops failing the tension was building. There were many shootings. Tenney was shot and killed trying to make peace.

St. Johns was made the Apache County seat in 1879. In 1880 the seat was changed and moved to Springerville. However, in 1882 St. Johns took the county seat back, to the present day.

ST. JOHNS SWIMMING POOL

Summer is coming and the swimming pool is gearing up for the season. The swimming pool fliers will be out in mid April. Look for them on our web site at www.sjaz.us or at the City Hall. The pool will be opening on May 31, 2014. The City of St. Johns would like to thank Bonnie Cain for her wonderful job at the pool. She has worked 31 years as the Pool Manager. Thank you Bonnie! Good Luck with retirement. Rae Womack will be taking her place as the Pool Manager.

