

THE FRIENDLY NEIGHBOR

CITY OF ST. JOHNS, ARIZONA



COMMUNITY PROGRESS

By Councilman Ryan Patterson

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and citizens of St. Johns for making this a wonderful community to live in. Endless hours of service continue to make this truly a community of friendly neighbors.

We are currently in the budget process for fiscal year 2014. As we move forward we would like to encourage you to participate in the process. Over the next couple of council meeting we will have work sessions and agenda items pertaining to the different budget areas. The more input you provide and the more involved you are the more we can focus on the services your desire. This is your money and community and we desire only to serve.

We are also in the process of remodeling the new City Hall. Over the next several months we

will begin to see progress made by the City. Our desire with this project is twofold: to provide our city with a city hall that we can be proud of and to be contributors to the revitalization of the downtown area. We thank those businesses that have already contributed and continue to encourage all to make our City a beautiful place to live.

Memorial Day is quickly approaching and I often find myself reflecting on those who serve us. Every day, our brave soldiers stand ready to protect this great Country. I hope everyone can take a moment to reflect and honor those who served, especially those in our community who have given their lives so we may enjoy the benefits of liberty today. My hope is we can honor them in a manner sufficient to the

sacrifices they make.

With summer fast approaching warm nights and cool swimming pools seem just around the corner. I would encourage everyone to take advantage of all we have here in St. Johns. Bring your families and friends to the park and enjoy the upcoming summer.



SUMMER CELEBRATIONS!



Planning is underway for another fantastic Fourth of July Celebration, complete with the traditional pancake breakfast, patriotic program, free BBQ, foot races, and fireworks. Building on the tradition, we will again have a fun run, an array of bouncy toys in the lower park area, and a horseshoe tournament.

New events this year include a punt-pass-kick com-

petition, baseball competition, and soccer competition, complete with a Navajo taco dinner, all held at the Fairgrounds. More details will follow. Mark your calendars on July 4th for this great hometown family tradition. Other events include:

Arbor Day Tree Planting
Saturday May 18th, 9 AM
Volunteers are needed to plant trees at the City Park. To sign-up, please call 337-4517.

Memorial Day
Monday May 27th, 8 AM
Meet at the St. Johns Cemetery for a Memorial Day pro-

gram sponsored by the Cemetery Committee.

San Juan Fiestas
June 21-23
Celebration in honor of John the Baptist. Festivities include a parade, free BBQ, dance, and entertainment. Sponsored by the Catholic Church.

Pioneer Days
July 17-21
Five-day celebration including sports tournaments, a parade, food, and dancing. Sponsored by the St. Johns LDS Stake.

CITY HALL

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

CALENDAR

City Council Meeting	May 9 6:30pm
Mother's Day	May 12
Arbor Day Tree Planting @ City Park	May 18 9:00am
Memorial Day Cemetery Program City Hall Closed	May 27 8:00am
City Council Meeting	Jun 13 6:30pm
Flag Day	Jun 14
Father's Day	Jun 16
San Juan Fiestas	Jun 21-23
Independence Day City Hall Closed	Jul 4
City Council Meeting	Jul 11 6:30pm
Pioneer Days	Jul 17-21

TOWN OF FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS



CITY PARKS IN FULL SWING

The City Parks and Recreation Department has been busily preparing for another summer of fun. The weather is warm, the grass is green, and the kids are out. St. Johns parks have something for everyone, including playgrounds, ball fields, ramadas, picnic tables, tennis, basketball, racquetball, and volleyball courts, horseshoe pits, a walking track, a skate park, and yes, a swimming pool! We also provide equestrian facilities for a variety of events. If you are planning a family event, or simply looking for a place to relax in the shade, try the St. Johns City Parks.

You'll want to notice improvements at the Roadside Park, near the intersection

of Cleveland and 3rd West. The City Emergency Services Department jumped in to help revitalize this public space with freshly painted picnic tables, newly planted trees donated by Diamond C Feed, and a fresh layer of limestone. Thanks to all those who helped make this improvement.

New trees are ready to be planted at the City Park. Community members can join in an Arbor Day Tree Planting Day sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department. Come to the Park on Saturday, May 18th at 9 am. Volunteers will plant 17 trees in an effort to beautify our park and provide shade for years to come.

The St. Johns Swimming Pool opens June 1st. The Pool provides swimming lessons, aerobics, family swimming, and private rentals. For more information, visit www.sjaz.us or call 337-2225.



CITY REVENUES-CITY SERVICES

The programs and services of the City of St. Johns are supported by a variety of revenue sources. Whether it's making sure water is available when you turn on your tap, ensuring medical help is ready when an emergency arises, or providing a ball field for a little league game, all services require monetary resources.

One of the critical revenue sources in providing City services is local sales tax. Every time you choose to shop locally, you are helping to support the City services we have come to expect and rely

on. Every time you choose to buy fuel at a local gas station, you are helping to support maintenance of the road system in our county.

Perhaps shopping locally is not feasible in all cases or for all commodities, however local businesses do provide a wide array of goods and services conveniently available, and often competitively priced. Next time you want to make the drive, consider your shopping list. What CAN YOU buy local? What DO YOU buy local?

APACHE COUNTY MUSEUM OPENS

The Apache County Historical Society has announced its summer museum hours. The facility will be open Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 10 AM until 2 PM. Private tours can also be scheduled by appointment by calling Nestor Montoya at 337-2659. The museum boasts many artifacts and treasures from St. Johns and the surrounding areas. Local volunteers are needed to help support the operations of the museum. Please call 337-2659 to volunteer.



PHOTOS WANTED

We are currently looking for photographs of St. Johns scenery, history, people, places, and events that can be used in future editions of the City Newsletter and on the City website. Any submissions would be greatly appreciated. Please email photos with credit information to: troth@sjaz.us.

