



WINTER II 2014

THE FRIENDLY NEIGHBOR

CITY OF ST. JOHNS, ARIZONA

ST. JOHNS EMERGENCY SERVICES EXPLORERS BY JASON KIRK

St. Johns Emergency Services would like to take this opportunity to introduce an amazing group of teenagers to our Community. You have probably seen them around our community—they are the Explorers from Explorer Post 7070. St. Johns Emergency Services started sponsoring this program four years ago and we are excited to see the program grow and expand. Currently we have 10 teenagers ages 14-17, all high school students, which have a desire to expand their interest in

Firefighting and Emergency Medical Services. The youth train and work with the employees of St. Johns Emergency Services on a volunteer basis. Participants learn how to do CPR, structural firefighting, wildland firefighting, rescue and extrication, along with many other tasks related to these fields. In addition to learning about firefighting and EMS, but they also learn how to teach fire prevention and assist with public education.

The program is a non-profit organization. The youth organize and do fundraisers to earn the money they need to purchase their uniforms and equipment and expand their program. A big thank you goes out to Betty Summers, the Explorer Post Advisor, and Penny Logan, who volunteers as the Assistant Post Advisor.



CITY OF ST JOHNS SALES TAX BY TIMOTHY HINTON

During a recent conversation I had about one of the City's projects I was asked if our taxes will go up to pay for it. That got me thinking, many of the City's residents don't know where the City's money comes from. The City of St. Johns only imposes one tax, a sales and use tax. The City's sales and use tax is that single largest source of revenue. During last fiscal year it made up 43% of all revenues in the general fund. That's something to think about, 43% of the money the City uses for the fire department, the police

department, parks, the pool, and all the other general fund expense comes straight from the money we spend right here in St Johns at our local merchants.

Here is something else to think about: At 15 miles per gallon, a trip to Round Valley costs almost \$13 in gas. A trip to Show Low more that \$21.

CITY HALL

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

CALENDAR

City Council Meeting	Feb 13th 6:30pm
Valentine's Day	Feb 14th
Presidents' Day	Feb 17th
City Council Meeting	March 13th 6:30pm
City Council Meeting	April 10th 6:30pm
City Council Meeting	May 8th 6:30pm
Memorial Day	May 26th
City Council Meeting	June 12th 6:30pm
4th of July	July 4th
City Council Meeting	July 10th 6:30pm

TOWN OF FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS



PULLING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY

BY KAY HAUSER

Mousetrap Story

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package. What food might this contain? The mouse wondered - he was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap.

Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning: "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it."

The mouse turned to the pig and told him, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The pig sympathized, but said, "I am so very sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured you are in my prayers."

The mouse turned to the cow and said, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The cow said, "Wow, Mr. Mouse. I'm sorry for you, but it's no skin off my nose."

So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer's mousetrap alone.

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house— like the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey. The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught. The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital, and she returned home with a fever.

Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient.

But his wife's sickness continued, so friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig.

The farmer's wife did not get well; in fact, she died. So many people came for her funeral; the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them.

The mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness.

So, the next time you hear someone is facing a problem and think it doesn't concern you, remember — when one of us is threatened, we are all at risk.

We are all involved in this journey called life. We must keep an eye out for one another and make an extra effort to encourage one another.

As community members in St. Johns we are each a vital thread in our town's tapestry. Our lives are woven together for the reason of providing healthy, safe, friendly, and livable neighborhoods and a caring and stable community to live, work and raise our children.

We have all heard the phrase "it takes a Village to raise a child". It also take a Village to support each other in our trials and family life. As a community member, we are each responsible to look after one another.

We need to support our local business, religions, government, schools and families. Our greatest community

Asset is a town of residents that would live with "Heart."

"There is no limit to the Heart. Its energy is universal. Time and time again it empowers us to manifest purpose and vision into extraordinary results." *John J Murphy*

"What lies behind us and what lies ahead of us are tiny matters compared to what lives within us." *Henry David Thoreau*

In this new year of 2014, consider a goal of giving some service to someone, a family, a neighbor, the community.

