

THE FRIENDLY NEIGHBOR

CITY OF ST. JOHNS, ARIZONA



ROUTE 66 WHITE MOUNTAIN GEOTOUR

Northeastern Arizona is a recreational gold mine. Fishing, hunting, off-roading, skiing, tubing, sledding, camping, and geocaching are plentiful throughout OUR Arizona! The Route 66 White Mountain GeoTour brings our communities together to showcase all of this and more so that you can explore Northeastern Arizona's small-town charm combined with great geocaching. Join us for an excellent sampling of the sights, sounds and experiences that make this expansive region special, and for the unique opportunity of a one-of-a-kind road trip and adventure

that will be sure to have you coming back again and again! Welcome to OUR Arizona! The Route 66 White Mountain GeoTour will be live for finds at the end of April 2016. Check out the website, and keep up to date on the latest from this one-of-a-kind GeoTour and event series: <http://www.route66whitemountaingeotour.com/> The City of St. Johns is proud to be part of this event. The kick off for this event begins in April and will end in October at the Dome in Round Valley. This would be a great fun for the whole family.

PATTERSON POND RECREATIONAL AREA

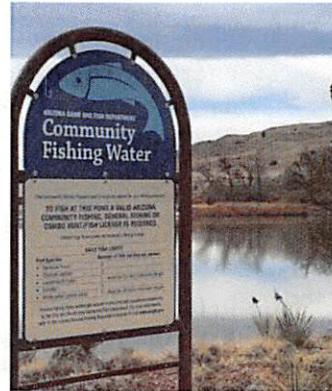
Patterson Pond, located approximately 1 mile South of Highway 180 (West Cleveland and 24th Str.) will become the 38th Arizona Game and Fish's newest Community Fishing Program (CFP). It is also the first CFP water east of Payson. The first stocking of the ponds with trout was March 25th. The ponds will be stocked at

different times, twice with trout, three times with catfish, and once with sunfish in a years time. "We're excited that we're able to provide a opportunity for our youth to have a wholesome activity that gets them outdoors. We are appreciative of Arizona Game and Fish and the cooperative effort with the community of St. Johns to

**ACTIVITIES
IN ST. JOHNS**
Apache County Library
www.apachecountylibraries.com

St. Johns Swimming Pool
www.sjaz.us
The swimming pool will open June 4, 2016
928-337-2225

Apache County Historical Society Museum
Summer hours
March-Sept.
Tues, Thurs, & Sat.
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Other days by appointment
(928)337-4737



make this happen," said Interim City Manager Paul Ramsey. Look for more information on the City website for the Grand Opening of the Patterson Pond Recreational Area. www.sjaz.us/events/ This is a great opportunity for families to fish, ride bikes and hike the trails around and at Patterson Pond Recreational area.

CITY HALL

(928) 337-4517
70 East Commercial
PO Box 455
M-Th 6:30am to 5:30pm
www.sjaz.us

CALENDAR

Gun Show Fairgrounds	April 9-10
City Council Meeting	April 13th 6:30 pm
Horse Trials Rodeo Grounds	April 15-17
City Council Meeting	May 11th 6:30 pm
Memorial Day Office Closed	May 30th
Pony Club Rodeo Grounds	June 5-11
City Council Meeting	June 8th 6:30 pm
San Juan Fiesta's	June 24-25
4th of July Celebration See Flier (June's bill) Offices Closed	July 4th
AZOP Motocross	July 9-10
City Council Meeting	July 13th 6:30 pm
Pioneer Days	July 21-24

TOWN OF FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS



UPCOMING ELECTIONS

CALL OF ELECTION

Public notice of The City of St. Johns

Notice is hereby given that the City of St. Johns will hold elections as follows:

*Primary: August 30, 2016

General: November 8, 2016

Home Rule

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Offices to be filled: 3 City Council Members.

Candidate Packets Distribution:

May 2, 2016

Candidate Packets Filing deadline:

June 1, 2016 ~ 5 p.m. at City Hall

Information and Candidate packets available at City Hall

70 East Commercial

Voter Registration deadline:

August 1, 2016

*Any candidate receiving a majority of all votes cast at the Primary Election will be declared elected without running at the General Election.



HOME RULE option

What if someone told you that you could only spend \$15,000 a year regardless of what your actual annual income was? All your earnings over \$15,000 just had to accumulate.

What if that someone was going to impose fines if you spent more than \$15,000? This scenario is kind of how things work for Arizona cities and towns. The Arizona Constitution imposes limits on how much cities and towns can spend. Those limits are based on spending from over 35 years ago, with adjustments for changes in population and inflation. They do not take into account the current needs of a city or its current revenues.

However, the constitution also allows voters to adopt an alternative limitation on city spending. That alternative limitation is referred to as "Home Rule." Or in other words, St. Johns is our home, and as voters we can set the rule on how much we as a city can spend rather than having it imposed upon us by the state government.

In this election year we will again have the choice of whether or not to continue with Home Rule and allow our elected city council to decide how much the city needs to spend to provide us with governmental services.

In the hypothetical situation above your spending was restricted to \$15,000. What is the limit that would be imposed on the City of St. Johns without Home Rule? Just over \$2 million. Sounds like a lot, right? Consider this. On the city's fiscal year 2015 Arizona Expenditure Limitation Report submitted to the state, the city had expenditures subject to limitation of just under \$5.3 million. Without Home Rule the city's

spending that is subject to limitation would have to be less than 40% of what it was during fiscal year 2015. In the hypothetical situation above the restriction on your spending was not in any way related to your income. That is how the state imposed limits are too. Without Home Rule the city would continue to collect revenue that it could not legally spend. If the City did spend more than the limitation it would lose up to one third of its State Urban Revenue Sharing money, about \$140,000. So this election when you see the Home Rule option on the ballot, it is really asking, do you want your elected city council to decide how much to spend on your city to provide services, or do you want the state to?

Please call City Hall if you have any questions regarding Home Rule.

(928)337-4517



ST. JOHNS TRIVIA QUESTIONS

Test your knowledge of St. Johns, Arizona.

1. What was the name of the 1st theatre in St. Johns?
2. Where was the old Shell Gas Station located and who ran it?
3. Where was the 1st Fire Station in St. Johns?
4. Where was the 1st cannery in St. Johns?

To find answers, go to www.sjaz.us