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Public Meetings

**Apache Junction
City Council
work session**

7 p.m. Monday,
Oct. 20, 2008

300 E. Superstition Blvd.

**Apache Junction
City Council
regular meeting**

7 p.m. Tuesday,
Oct. 21, 2008

300 E. Superstition Blvd.

**Pinal County
Board of Supervisors**
9:30 a.m. Wednesday,
Oct. 22, 2008
County Complex, Florence

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Neighborhoods come together for event

By Christina Fuoco-Karasinski
The News

When Jennie Valencia moved into her East Ninth Avenue home, she was seeking a way to meet her neighbors. So she jumped on board with the city's G.A.I.N. (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) event last year.

"I was new to the neighborhood and became the Block Watch captain," Valencia said. "I wanted to meet all my neighbors, which I got to do. We had a good time. I set up the Block Watch program and was able to give everybody the stickers for their windows."

"I'm with the Pinal County Sheriff's Office's Victim Services. It lets anybody on the block know that in a moment's notice, I can have the force there."

This year, 10 neighborhoods throughout Apache Junction will celebrate G.A.I.N. from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, October 25.

Mayor John Insalaco, Police Chief Jerald Monahan, As-

sistant City Manager Bryant Powell, City Attorney Joel Stern and Public Works Director David Fern as well as Mother Goose and McGruff will visit the subdivisions throughout the day.

Members of the Parks and Recreation Department and the Apache Junction Fire District will participate as well.

Powell explained G.A.I.N. is important because it brings neighborhoods together, and it introduces residents to city services.

"It could introduce them to city services that they may or may not be aware of, or what the city services are like the library, Parks and Recreation, and Public Works. We will introduce ourselves and we will have a chance to interact (with the residents) and they can ask questions of us."

The participants will travel in a caravan with an Apache Junction Fire District truck as well as the Apache Junction Police Department's Mobile Command Unit.

"Basically, what's going



Mother Goose visits neighborhood children during last year's G.A.I.N. event.

on is they're doing their own neighborhood block party and we show up during a certain point during the day and say little hello," Powell said. "Sometimes the Parks and Rec staff will stay there and do some games with the kids. The library comes out with Mother Goose. We encourage all residents of participating neighborhoods to come to their own G.A.I.N. event."

"It's a great program," Powell added. "It's a very, very

positive kind of thing for the community."

This year's itinerary is:

— Sunrise Canyon, Thunderbird and 16th Avenue, noon

— Sierra Leone Mobile Home Park, 1804 S. Tepee Street, 12:30 p.m.

— East Ninth Avenue between Royal Palm and Winchester, 1 p.m.

— East Linda Avenue between Royal Palm and Winchester, 1:45 p.m.

— Sunrise RV Park, 1403 W.

Broadway, 2:15 p.m.

— The Crossings Apartments, 380 S. Phelps, 3 p.m.

— West 11th Avenue between Palo Verde and Mara Drive, 4 p.m..

— San Marcos and Windsong, 835 W. Windsong, 5 p.m.

— Ironwood Mobile Home Park, 1280 N. Ironwood, 5:30 p.m.

— Shiprock RV Resort, 1700 W. Shiprock/Ironwood, 6 p.m.

"We've participated every year since we've been open. We've been here since 2002," said Shiprock RV Resort Manager Pat Meyer. "At the time we didn't have security and we just felt it was a worthwhile event. We have a lot of RVs here and a lot of golf clubs and bicycles. We felt if we had a Neighborhood Watch it would be a little bit safer."

Meyer explained that having police and the rest of the crew visit her park annually reinforces to residents that they can call the police if they see

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Former Mayor Applies For Vacant Council Seat

Doug Coleman served for 12 years as AJ mayor

By Christina Fuoco-Karasinski
The News

Former Apache Junction Mayor Doug Coleman has thrown his hat in the ring for the City Council position left open when Councilman Joe Severs abruptly quit during the Tuesday, October 7, meeting.

Coleman, who served as mayor for 12 years and as a city councilman for four years, turned a talent bank application in to City Clerk Kathy Connelly.

"I was just going off of what we had done when I was the mayor," Coleman said. "I think we did three appointments while I was the mayor. I thought filling out a talent bank application might be the first step. I had my wife take it down for me. The secretaries didn't know what to do with it because the council hasn't given direction to staff yet."

Coleman explained he thinks he could be of help to the council, which also includes



**Former Mayor
Douglas Coleman**

Councilmen Rick Dietz, Robbin Barker, Chip Wilson and Jeff Serdy, along with Mayor John Insalaco and Vice Mayor R.E. Eck.

"I do miss working with the other members of the council and I miss working with the city staff. I've been encouraged by a lot of people," he said.

Mayor John Insalaco is supportive of Coleman's move.

"He's got experience," In-

salaco said. "He's very loyal to the city. I think he'd be a good candidate for it. He certainly knows the problems we have. I have a lot of faith in Doug. He'd be a good person up there."

Connelly said Coleman's application is the only one she has received.

"We won't know until next week how they want to fill the vacancy," Connelly said.

Insalaco said the council has to fill the vacancy because of the possibility of a tie between the six remaining members. The council will discuss the issue during its Monday, October 20, work session and Tuesday, October 21, regular meeting.

Connelly added that Coleman also applied for positions on the Library Board and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Severs served three years and three months of his four-year term. anyone appointed to the seat would serve until June, 2009.

\$12,500 Donated For Silly Mountain Restoration

Resolution Copper & Superstition Mountain Golf & Country Club help the cause

By Meghan McCoy
The News

Resolution Copper and Superstition Mountain Golf and Country Club recently donated funds to the Superstition Area Land Trust (SALT) for the restoration of Silly Mountain located off of U.S. Highway 60 in Gold Canyon.

On Tuesday, October 14, Resolution Copper presented a \$2,500 check to SALT, which will complement the five miles of trail already constructed by SALT volunteers.

"This is a significant restoration project that will benefit hikers and other recreational users, as well as visitors that want to enjoy the mountain's

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Resolution Copper President and CEO David Salisbury (l) presented Superstition Area Land Trust a \$2,500 check on Tuesday, October 14, 2008. Also pictured SALT President Anne Coe, Executive Director Rosemary Shearer, Treasurer Terri Rozzini, Restoration Project Manager Cyndi Ruehl, Salt Trails Crew Chief Don Wells and board member Bryan Martyn.

City Council Agenda

Council to meet Monday & Tuesday

On this week's City Council consent agenda:

- Consideration of fiscal year 2008-2009 professional services agreements with six human service agencies to provide in-city services in the total amount of \$100,000. The council will discuss the matter during the October 20 work session.

- Consideration of Project No. 2007-13, Southern Avenue Street Improvements from Winchester Road to Royal Palm Road in an amount not to exceed \$501,791.35. Fourteen bids were received ranging from \$421,724.75 to \$723,765. The low bid was incomplete and therefore rejected. The second-lowest bidder, Visus Engineering Construction, has done satisfactory work on previous projects for the city and therefore is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder with an amount not to exceed \$501,791.35.

Among the Awards, Presentations and Proclamations, a representative from the Internal Revenue Service will discuss the Earned Income Tax Credit Program and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Initiative.

There are four public hear-

ings scheduled for this week's council meeting.

Two of the hearings are in regard to the Home Rule Option. The third hearing will allow discussion about proposed Ordinance No. 1327, establishing "No Stopping on Pavement" and "No Stopping on Shoulder" signs along Idaho Road adjacent to Four Peaks Elementary School. The Police Department raised the concern that vehicles were stopping unsafely along Idaho Road to drop off or pick up students to avoid long lines upon entering school property. Finally, the fourth hearing gives citizens the opportunity to discuss proposed Ordinance No. 1328, amending the Apache Junction City Code, Chapter 2, Mayor and Council, various sections regarding membership and terms of office for city boards and commissions.

During the New Business portion of the meeting, the City Council will reappoint/appoint applicants to the Construction Code Board of Appeals, Health and Human Services Commission, Industrial Development

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The News Kidcast

Mostly sunny skies with highs in the upper 80s and lows around 60 degrees.

**This week's
Weather
"Artoonist"
Samantha
Renteria-
Quintero
Age 5**

**Desert Vista
Elementary
School**

