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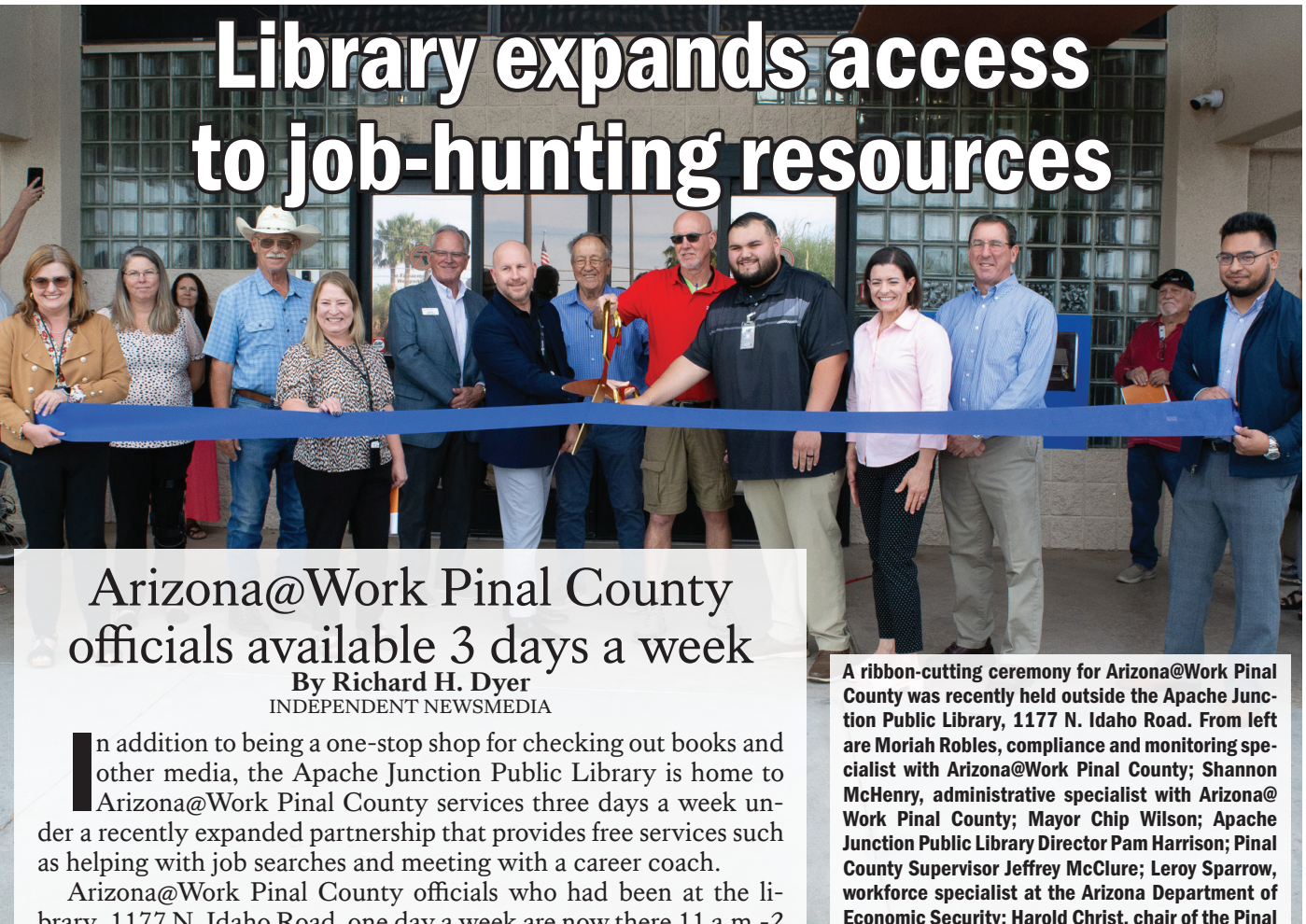


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Library expands access to job-hunting resources



Arizona@Work Pinal County officials available 3 days a week

By Richard H. Dyer
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In addition to being a one-stop shop for checking out books and other media, the Apache Junction Public Library is home to Arizona@Work Pinal County services three days a week under a recently expanded partnership that provides free services such as helping with job searches and meeting with a career coach.

Arizona@Work Pinal County officials who had been at the library, 1177 N. Idaho Road, one day a week are now there 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays and 9 a.m.-noon Tuesdays and Thursdays. Officials recently celebrated the expanded partnership with the city during a ribbon-cutting ceremony outside the library.

Area residents seeking Arizona@Work Pinal County services previously had to travel to Casa Grande, which for years has been the economic growth center of the county, said Joel Millman, di-

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A ribbon-cutting ceremony for Arizona@Work Pinal County was recently held outside the Apache Junction Public Library, 1177 N. Idaho Road. From left are Moriah Robles, compliance and monitoring specialist with Arizona@Work Pinal County; Shannon McHenry, administrative specialist with Arizona@Work Pinal County; Mayor Chip Wilson; Apache Junction Public Library Director Pam Harrison; Pinal County Supervisor Jeffrey McClure; Leroy Sparrow, workforce specialist at the Arizona Department of Economic Security; Harold Christ, chair of the Pinal County Workforce Development Board; Pinal County Supervisor Jeff Serdy; Nicolis Martinez, workforce re-entry coordinator with Arizona@Work Pinal County; Emily Jackson, workforce career coach with Arizona@Work Pinal County; Joel Millman, director of the Pinal County Economic and Workforce Development Department; and Jose Alvarado, one-stop operator with Arizona@Work Pinal County. (City of Apache Junction)

Superstition Fire & Medical District's $33.8M bond OK'd

In separate ballot item, city mayor term changed to 4 years

INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Apache Junction and Gold Canyon voters decided in a mail-only ballot Election Day Nov. 4 that Superstition Fire and Medical District can issue bonds to provide funds to construct, renovate, improve, equip and furnish fire stations and other district facilities, acquire apparatus, vehicles and equipment, and other costs.

In a separate ballot item, voters agreed the Apache Junction mayor's term of office should be lengthened to four years from the present two years.

Fire bonds

Unofficial results posted at 4:45 p.m. Nov. 10 in Pinal County and 4:25 p.m. Nov. 8 in Maricopa County for the fire bonds are:

- Yes, 9,456 in Pinal County plus 21 in Maricopa County for a total of 9,477.

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Pinal County employee leading new state board

A member of Pinal County Attorney Brad Miller's executive team has been tapped to head a new statewide board on sex offenders.



Beth Goulden (Pinal County)

Beth Goulden, communications and intergovernmental affairs for the Pinal County Attorney's Office was recently elected to be the first chair of the newly established Arizona Sex Offender Management Board.

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Human trafficking a problem in Arizona, expert says

Human traffickers love Arizona, Karen Cahn, with the Safe Action Project, told a crowd of about 75 people at a recent event.

We've got great weather, tourist attractions like the Grand Canyon and sporting events like the Superbowl that draw traffickers to the area, she said.

Victims of sex trafficking often see their trafficker as someone who is helping them out of a bad situation, such as trouble at home or a lack of food or drugs, Cahn said.

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2 thefts, 1 burglary reported in Apache Junction to AJPD

The Apache Junction Police Department took reports of thefts and a burglary.

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Sewer district can't use higher nonprofit status to save money

By Richard H. Dyer
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There would be no sales tax benefit derived from the Apache Junction Sewer District obtaining 501(c) tax-exempt status for the nonprofit utility, the five-member volunteer board was told recently.

Board Member Roy Starr made the suggestion during an Aug. 26 meeting that the district's qualification for tax-exempt status as a utility and not-for-profit organization be discussed, according to the meeting's minutes.

District Manager Darron Anglin and District Counsel Jason Cassidy separately researched the benefits in seeking 501(c) tax-exempt status for the utility such as not paying sales taxes on items needed to construct new facilities. They updated the board Sept. 23 about their progress and then on Oct. 28 to say it was not possible.

"A little more research done... 501(c)(3)s in Arizona are still required to pay sales tax. In other states they are not required to — in Arizona they are," Anglin said Oct. 28.

"Essentially because in Arizona we don't really have a sales tax — it is a use tax," Cassidy said Oct. 28 of the state's transaction privilege tax. "It's a tax on the person doing the selling. So if the district became a charity it has to pay sales tax."



From left are Apache Junction Sewer District Board member Roy Starr, Treasurer Phil Tremonti, Chairperson Kathleen Waldron, Vice Chairman Jim Reynolds and Secretary Jesse Gage at the board's Oct. 28 meeting. (Independent Newsmedia, Richard H. Dyer)

The sewer district is an independent, public, nonprofit entity developed solely for the benefit of its customers and the Apache Junction community to operate and maintain a regional system for the collection, transport and treatment of sewage from the properties existing within its boundaries.

Board members to the sewer district are appointed by the Apache Junction City Council.

Members of the district board serve as volunteers who are responsible for setting policy and rates, adopting a budget and other high-level decision making regarding all aspects of the district's operation and on-going business affairs.

By state law, board members cannot own 40 acres in the district, cannot be an employee or agent of a landowner who owns 40 acres or more in the district, cannot be an employee of the city or the county and cannot be an elected official of the city or county.

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$400K flocculant system purchased

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The Apache Junction Sewer District recently approved a $400,000 flocculant system that adds a liquid polymer so solids can coagulate and settle more effectively as they enter clarifiers.

The five-member sewer district board voted unanimously to approve the equipment's installation at the east and west secondary clarifiers to be paid from the capital and replacement fund.

The board in 2023 approved spending $300,000 for the installation but the project was put on hold, District Manager Darron Anglin said prior to the vote.

"It is $100,000 over. We had budgeted several years ago... This just got backburnered," he said prior

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rector of the Pinal County Economic and Workforce Development Department.

"The primary target job seeker for Arizona@Work Pinal County career services are individuals with barriers to employment," he said. "It is almost inconceivable to ask those who need our services and live in other parts of the county to find their way to Casa Grande."

Apache Junction Library Director Pam Harrison said she was approached by Millman in April 2024 about permanently housing a few Arizona@Work Pinal County staff members at the library to increase the program's presence across the county.

"The library was excited about his partnership and worked with the city attorney to develop (a memorandum of understanding) with Arizona@Work Pinal County," she said.

"The services provided through Arizona@Work align closely with both the library's and the city's priorities by expanding access to opportunity and supporting economic mobility for our residents," Harrison said.

The library's mission centers on lifelong learning, equity of access and connecting people with the resources they need to improve their lives, she said.

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ARIZONA@WORK PINAL COUNTY

Arizona@Work has offices throughout the state to provide locally tailored recruitment, training and retention solutions for employers alongside comprehensive workforce readiness services to help job seekers enhance their employability and secure employment opportunities.

For information on Arizona@Work Pinal County, including career services, in-demand jobs, job-seeker events and no-cost business services, go to https://arizonaatwork.com/locations/pinal-county.

APACHE JUNCTION LIBRARY

The Apache Junction Public Library, 1177 N. Idaho Road, has a training center with computers to search for jobs, view job listings and find information on job-related skills such as resume development.

Call 480-474-8579, email JobsHelp@AJPL.org or go to https://www.ajpl.org/jobs.

The library is open 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, it states at https://www.ajpl.org.

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• No, 3,657 in Pinal County plus 6 in Maricopa County for a total of 3,663.

SFMD Fire Chief John Whitney in a statement thanked voters for their support.

"While the results aren't yet official, on behalf of our entire organization I want to personally thank our community for your incredible support. This is such a meaningful step forward for the future of our organization and the residents we're honored to serve," he said. "We also recognize and respect those who had different views, and we remain committed to listening, learning and serving our community with transparency and accountability. We're deeply grateful for this community and so excited for what's ahead."

The $33.8 million proposal appears on the special election ballot as Proposition 494. The estimated average tax rate for the proposed bond authorization is 27 cents per $100 of net assessed limited property value.

To meet the demands of the growing community, the bond recommendation includes funding for a new fire station (Station No. 266) to serve the Superstition Vistas area, which was annexed into the Superstition Fire and Medical District in 2021. Adding this station would potentially help ensure crews remain strategically located across the district — supporting faster response times for all residents,

In addition to the new station, the bond recommends funding for equipment, vehicles and improvements to existing facilities to increase capacity and efficiency, as well as address ongoing training needs.

Mayor term of office

The mayor of Apache Junction presently is elected to serve a two-year term and six council members each are elected to serve four-year terms.

Unofficial results posted at 4:45 p.m. Nov. 10 in Pinal County and 4:25 p.m. Nov. 8 in Maricopa County on changing the term to four years are:

• Yes, 3,611 in Pinal County plus 34 in Maricopa County for a total of 3,645.

• No, 2,557 in Pinal County plus 29 in Maricopa County for a total of 2,586.

The salary for the position of mayor is paid at the rate of $1,000 per month, for vice mayor it is $900 per month and for a council member it is $800 per month, according to Apache Junction City Code.



A 2018 fire near Lost Dutchman Boulevard and Ironwood Drive in Apache Junction. Superstition Fire and Medical District is an all-hazards organization responding to more than just fire. Over 76% of all requests for emergency services include rescue and emergency medical services. (Independent Newsmedia, Arianna Grainey)

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Arizona@Work network

Arizona@Work Pinal County services available at the Apache Junction Public Library include:

- Job search assistance
- Resume development
- Creation of Arizona Job Connection accounts
- Referrals to additional career development resources

Arizona@Work Pinal County is part of the statewide Arizona@Work network that connects job seekers and employers through what officials said were comprehensive workforce development and business services, Millman said.

"This network helps employers recruit, develop, and retain a skilled workforce, while providing job seekers with the tools, training and support they need to achieve career success," he said. "By expanding access points and services across Pinal County, Arizona@Work continues to strengthen local communities, foster economic opportunity and help residents reach their career goals."

Plan for expansion

One priority of the 2025-28 Arizona@Work Pinal County workforce development plan is to expand access to career services throughout the county, Millman said.

The Pinal County Workforce Development Board, which sets the strategic direction of Arizona@Work Pinal County, and the city of Apache Junction recently approved a formal partnership to strengthen the collaboration, he said.

"Through this partnership, Arizona@Work Pinal County has expanded service days at the Apache Junction Public Library ... ensuring that more residents can conveniently access career guidance, job search support and employment resources close to home," Millman said.

Pinal County's economic development efforts are focused on attracting new businesses to the region and supporting the growth and success of existing employers, he said.

"As part of this mission, Arizona@Work Pinal County plays a vital role in helping employers recruit qualified workers while ensuring that job seekers are prepared for in-demand occupations throughout the county," Millman said.

"By providing Arizona@Work Pinal County services at the Apache Junction Public Library, we are expanding access to essential workforce resources," he said. "These no-cost services help individuals become better prepared to meet the workforce needs of Pinal County employers and contribute to the region's continued economic growth," he said.

Harrison said she likes that the Arizona@Work offerings make the library a hub where learning can lead to employment and self-sufficiency.

"For the city, these services directly support priorities around economic development and workforce readiness. Helping residents find meaningful work contributes to a stronger local economy, reduces barriers to employment and improves overall quality of life. Together, this partnership allows us to leverage shared resources to achieve community-wide goals — creating a more resilient, skilled, and connected workforce," she said.

In addition to its partnership with Arizona@Work, the library has long provided job and career support through its computer lab and knowledgeable staff, she said.

"Our staff can assist with online job searches, résumé preparation and basic digital skills — whether some-

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AJUSD seeks Rio Salado College student teachers

By Richard H. Dyer
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Rio Salado College students can complete their required student-teaching hours at Apache Junction schools under an agreement approved recently.

The Apache Junction Unified School District governing board voted unanimously Oct. 28 to approve an affiliation agreement with the college in the Maricopa County Community College District for student teachers.

The student teachers at AJUSD may be hired for the district after they graduate from college, board President Dena Kimble said before the vote.

"This agreement with Rio Salado College is designed to strengthen the teacher recruitment pipeline. Through this partnership, Rio Salado students are able to complete their required student teaching hours with district schools while the district benefits from early access to a pool of well-prepared teacher candidates who may be considered for employment

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The student teachers at Apache Junction Unified School District may be hired for the district after they graduate from college. (Metro Creative)



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EDUCATION

Apache Junction district schools make grades B, C, D

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Apache Junction Unified School District has three "B" rated, one "C" rated and one "D" rated school grade in the 2024-25 state accountability labels released Oct. 29.

That is a decrease over last year where AJUSD had one "A" rated, three "B" rated and one "C" rated school grade in the 2023-24 state accountability labels.

The system measures year to year student academic growth, proficiency on English language arts, math and science, the proficiency and academic growth of English language learners, indicators that an elementary student is ready for success in high school and that high school students are ready to succeed in a career or higher education and high school graduation rates, according to the website of the Arizona State Board of Education.

Local schools an their grades are:

- Four Peaks Elementary School, 1785 N. Idaho Road in Apache Junction, received a "C" grade, down from a "A" grade for 2023-24.
- Peralta Trail Elementary School, 10965 E. Peralta Road in Gold Canyon, received a "B" grade, also receiving a "B" grade for 2023-24.
- Apache Junction High School, 2525 S. Ironwood Drive, received a "B" grade, also receiving a "B" grade in 2023-24.
- Desert Vista Elementary School, 3701 E. Broadway Ave. in Apache Junction, received a "B" grade, also receiving a "B" grade in 2023-24.
- Cactus Canyon Junior High School, 801 W. Southern Ave. in Apache Junction, received a "D" grade, down from a "C" grade in 2023-24.

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upon completion of their degrees," she said.

"It would be a pipeline for us," AJUSD Superintendent Robert Pappalardo said before the vote.

AJUSD has three elementary schools; a K-5 school designed to provide students with a traditional, liberal arts education; a junior high school; and a high school. The district boundaries run from Meridian Road on the west to the town of Queen Valley on the east and from the Goldfield Mountains to the north, south into the San Tan Corridor. Communities served include Apache Junction, Gold Canyon, Peralta Trail, Queen Valley and unincorporated Pinal County land in-between.

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BUSINESS LICENSES

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There were 86 business licenses issued in October 2025 in the city of Apache Junction.

The following business licenses are listed by name — including doing business as or dba; city; contact name; and North American Industry Classification System (code). For the full list, go to YourValley.net.

- Alta CMTI LLC dba Alta Environmental And Infastructure; Tempe; Sean Fabor; Engineering Services (541330).
- Wilson Engineers LLC; Tempe; Kim Kusa; Engineering Services (541330).
- New Horizons Learning LLC dba New Horizons; Boston, Massachusetts; Linda Stewart; Computer Training (611420).
- Fennemore Craig P.C.; Phoenix; Carolyn Galbreath; Legal Services (541100).
- The Nurses Pantry LLC; Mesa; Madeline Stock; Fruit And Vegetable Retailers (445230).
- Kris McCourt dba Kris Krafts; Mesa; Kris Mccourt; Independent Artists, Writers, And Performers (711510).
- Door Sales & Installations LLC; Door Sales & Installations LLC; Tempe; Katie Strickler; Finish Carpentry Contractors (238350).
- Midwest Best Choice; Apache Junction; Maegen Evans; Packaged Frozen Food Merchant Wholesalers (424420).
- Best Darn Concepts LLC dba Phat Cheeks; Mesa; Susan Cardenas; Mobile Food Services (722330).
- Claynsoap; Clay + Soap — A Luxury Soap Brand; Gilbert; Lori Poplawski; Soap And Other Detergent Manufacturing (325611).
- Distinction By Design LLC; Maricopa; Harold Clark; Independent Artists, Writers, And Performers (711510).
- Freckled Blonde Boutique; Freckled Blonde Boutique; San Tan

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$300K pavement work planned

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Slurry seals involve spraying a mixture of slow setting emulsified asphalt, well graded fine aggregate, mineral filler and water on the pavement surface. (Metro Connection)

Cape and slurry seal work costing more then $300,000 could begin as soon as March 2026 on sections of streets east of Winchester Road between U.S. Highway 60 and Baseline Road in Apache Junction.

The Apache Junction City Council on Oct. 21 voted unanimously to approve a consent agenda with other items that included awarding a contract to M.R. Tanner Construction for pavement preservation work. It is through a city of Buckeye cooperative job order contract for $272,753.75 plus a 10% contingency for unforeseen change orders in the amount of $27,275.37 for a total project cost not to exceed $300,029.12.

According to the website of the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration:

- A cape seal is a thin surface treatment constructed by applying a slurry seal or microsurfacing to a newly constructed chip seal. It is designed to be an integrated system where the primary purpose of the slurry is to fill voids in the chip seal.
- Slurry seals involve spraying a mixture of slow setting emulsified asphalt, well graded fine aggregate, mineral filler and water on the pavement surface. It is used to fill cracks and seal areas of old pavement, to restore a uniform surface texture, to seal the surface to prevent moisture and air intrusion into the pavement, and to improve skid resistance.

Work is planned on sections of 34th, 26th, 37th, 38th and 39th avenues as well as Colt, South De Niza and Padre roads, according to a city of Apache Junction document.

The work will last for about two weeks within the March to May 2026 time frame, Public Works Deputy Director Shane Kiesow wrote in a memo to the council.

"The work involves the application of a cape seal to a portion of Winchester Road and slurry seal to streets within the industrial park," he said. "Work would occur during the daytime hours characterized by single street lane closures and intermittent disruptions to business entrances as the street maintenance moves along within the respective work areas. This work will not result in any full street closures."

The project is budgeted for this fiscal year through city sales tax monies dedicated for the purpose of street maintenance. Kiesow said.

Liquor license sought by Mickey D's Cafe

By Richard H. Dyer
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

A new series 12 restaurant liquor license is being sought for Mickey D's Cafe in Apache Junction.

The Apache Junction City Council on Oct. 21 voted unanimously to recommend the Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control approve the license for the business at 1408 W. Apache Trail.

Alcoholic beverages would be offered from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. for breakfast and lunch, a representative of the business told the council prior to the vote.

A menu with the license application includes brunch cocktails such as a mimosa flight, The Original Mimosa and a single mimosa; classics and signatures such as an old-fashioned, screwdriver and beer; and nonalcoholic mocktails such as blood orange, blackberry sangria and lime mojito.

The Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control received the application on Sept. 19 and forwarded it to the city of Apache junction the same day, City Clerk Evie McKinney said prior to the vote.

"We did a posting of the public hearing for tonight's date and that was posted for over 20 days, meeting the state law requirements," she said.

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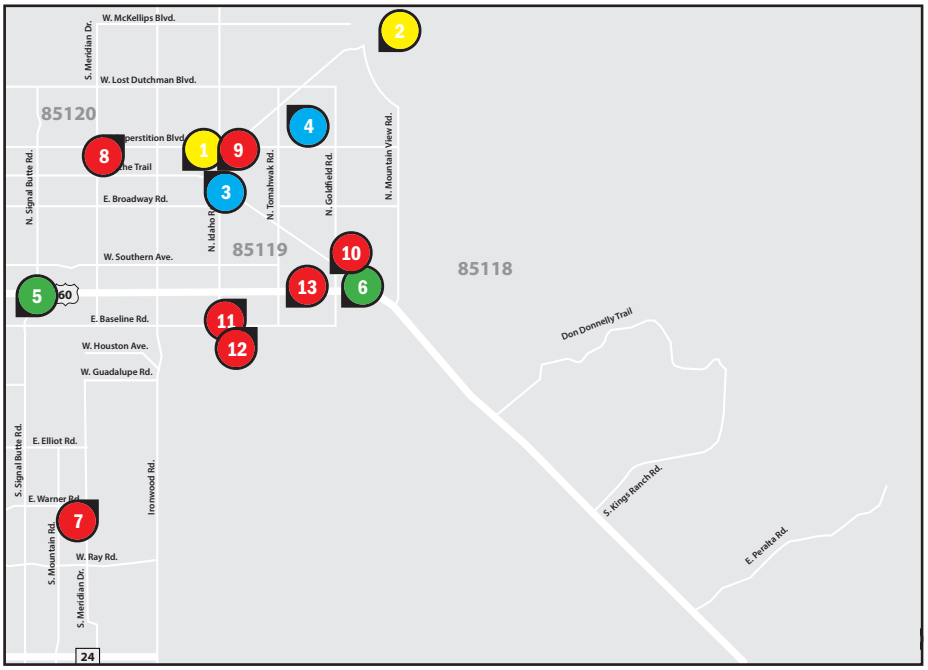
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2 A special event license is being sought by Snoddy Ileen Doris for the Four Peaks Paired with Four Peaks Fundraiser to be held 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at the **Superstition Mountain Lost Dutchman Museum**, 4087 E. Apache Trail in Apache Junction, as discussed at the Nov. 5 meeting of the Pinal County Board of Supervisors.

NOW OPEN

3 The **Cult Fiction Bookshop**, 300 W. Apache Trail Suite 106 Unit C in Apache Junction, opened Oct. 1 and held its grand opening Nov. 1. New and used books, gifts, games, comics, music, collectibles. Open 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday; and closed Sunday and Monday, it states on Facebook @ Cult-Fiction-Bookshop-61578734623925. Also on Instagram @cultfictionbookshop.

4 **Dutchman County BBQ** recently opened at 1615 N. Apache Trail — the southeast corner of the Apache Trail and Tomahawk Road — in Apache Junction. "Led by MasterChef Champion Chef Shaun, we specialize in smoked brisket, St. Louis ribs, pulled pork, turkey, chicken, and house-made sausage — classic BBQ staples cooked low and slow. Our menu is packed with stacked sandwiches, hearty sides, and timeless recipes," it states at https://www.dutchmansbbq.com.



LIQUOR LICENSES

IN THE NEWS

The Apache Junction Area Chamber of Commerce, 567 W. Apache Trail, recently held ribbon-cutting ceremonies for:

5 • **Eaux's Infused Olive Oil** at Mesa Marketplace Swap Meet, 10550 E. Baseline Road in Mesa.

6 • **Dolce Vita at Superstition Mountain**, 3301 S. Goldfield Road in Apache Junction, at the back of the property where the new home development is happening.

COMING SOON

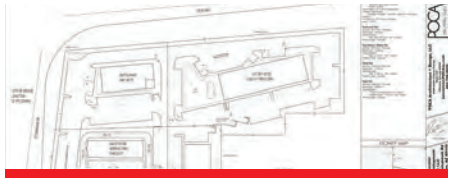
Under development and seeking permits from the Apache Junction Sewer District are following, according to the district board's Oct. 28 packet:

7 • **American Leadership Academy Inc.** for nine units, a private charter school to be in Radiance at Superstition Vistas at Meridian and Warner. The Elementary through high school is proposed to serve approximately 2,400 students and over 100 employees. This project recently began construction and is proposed to open in summer of 2026.

8 • **Empact Suicide Prevention Center**, an outpatient medical clinic under construction on the northeast corner of Superstition and Delaware.

Plans on the city of Apache Junction's Geographic Information System map at apachejunctionaz.gov/472/Maps-GIS include:

9 • **Apache Trails Retail**, east of the northeast corner of North Apache Trail and Old West Highway in Apache Junction, is in the zoning review process. The development includes three drive-thru restaurant buildings ranging from 2,258 square feet to 2,473 square feet. The maximum height is to be 60 feet, it states in the site plan.



COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

10 • A site plan and zoning has been approved for a development on the southwest corner of East 28th Street and South Goldfield Road in Apache Junction with a 5,040-square-foot, 26-foot-tall **AM PM** convenience store, a 2,400-square-foot car wash building, and eight gas pumps under a canopy.

11 • A site plan and zoning has been approved for a 42-foot-tall **Sundt Construction Inc.** fabrication facility. The conceptual site plan shows a 58,340-square-foot industrial building east of the southeast corner of U.S. Highway 60 Superstition Freeway and South Royal Palm Road.

12 • A site plan and zoning has been approved for a **Phoenix Metro Towing** facility on East Baseline west of Tomahawk Road. The front two-story building will be approximately 11,811 square feet with two garage bays to house two heavy wrecker tow trucks. A service building with three bays will be behind the main building. Staff will park behind the main office building. Impound lot parking will be on a dust free surface of asphalt paving, decomposed granite or other stabilized surface material, it states in the site plan.

13 • A commercial development on the southeast corner of U.S. Highway 60 and Tomahawk Road is in building/construction plan review an includes a three-story hotel.

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• Erickson Framing AZ LLC; Chandler; Deena Schaefer; Framing Contractors (238130).

• Cuban Bites AZ dba Cuba Bites; San Tan Valley; Ahmed Fallat; Restaurants And Other Eating Places (From 7221) (722500).

• Painted Desserts LLC dba Arizona Painted Desserts; Gilbert; Catherine Saleck; Retail Bakeries (311811).

• Dwayne Taylor dba Rachels Sew Creative; Casa Grande; Rachel Neal-Taylor; Independent Artists, Writers, And Performers (711510).

• Treasures Galore; Apache Junction; Roy Montgomery; Gift, Novelty, And Souvenir Retailers (459420).

• Edward D. Jones & Co. L.P. dba Edward Jones; Apache Junction; Molli Ricks; Securities Brokerage (523120).

• Desert Eats LLC; Apache Junction; Owner; Mobile Food Services (722330).

• Manna Bread Co.; Chandler; Tracy Vandervort; Bread And Bakery Product Manufacturing (311810).

• Apache Auto Holdings LLC; Apache Junction; Ben Ditzer; Lessors Of Nonresidential Buildings (Except Miniwarehouses) (531120).

• Mesa Psychic Reader dba Psychic Palm And Tarot Readings; Mesa; April Adams; All Other Personal Services (812990).

• Livin On Mars; Apache Junction; Gordon Allen; Musical Groups And Artists (711130).

• Twelve18ten Dog Training LLC dba Twelve18ten Dog Training Boutique; Apache Junction; Shannon Ryan; Pet And Pet Supplies Retailers (459910).

• Xcel Xteriors Inc. dba JLC Enterprises; Gilbert; Tim Dolan; Residential Building Construction (236110).

• ELC Beauty LLC; Melville, New York; Alice; Cosmetics, Beauty Supplies, And Perfume Stores (446120).

• Bjornstad Development LLC; Show Low; Steve Bjornstad; Industrial Building Construction (236210).

• Lisa Criswell dba Sew Tarot; Mesa; Lisa Criswell; Gift, Novelty, And Souvenir Retailers (459420).



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• Wallism Inc; Francisco, California; Won Jeong Han; Paint And Wallpaper Retailers (444120).

• Who Says Series dba Kimberly Waters; Show Low; Kimberly Waters; Independent Artists, Writers, And Performers (711510).

• Small Bloom LLC dba Ema Merkt; Mesa; Ema Merkt; Independent Artists, Writers, And Performers (711510).

• Sour Jo's Sourdough Bakers LLC; Mesa; Joanne Fields; Bread And Bakery Product Manufacturing (311810).

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• Mears Broadband LLC; Lenexa, Kansas; Nancy Sappington; Electrical Contractors And Other Wiring Installation Contractors (238210).

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• Journey Davis dba Jbloom By Journey; San Tan Valley; Journey Davis; Jewelry Retailers (458310).

• NCVIPS LLC dba Bargain Bins AZ - East Valley Dumpster Rentals; Mesa; Nicholas T Stran; Other Waste Collection (562119).

• Honor Contracting LLC dba Honor Contracting; Peoria; Jason Herring; All Other Specialty Trade Contractors (238990).

• Jon Dewar Consulting dba Modern Media; Apache Junction; Jon Dewar; Marketing Consulting Services (541613).

• RP Plastering Stucco LLC; Subcontractor; Apache Junction; Nicholas Piedra; Masonry Contractors (238140).

• L & C Auto Sales; Apache Junction; Larry Stover; Automobile Dealers (441100).

• Raelee Home Co. LLC dba Raelee Home Co.; Apache Junction; Leah Kunselman; Electronic Shopping And Mail-Order Houses (454110).

• Family Market At Radiance; Apache Junction; Andreas Lorenz; Convention And Trade Show Organizers (561920).

• Sweet Oasis Lemonade; Mesa; Tiera Cayen; Fruit And Vegetable Canning (311421).

• KP Moks LLL dba Moxie By Design; Mesa; Lynn Moksvold; Gift, Novelty, And Souvenir Retailers (459420).

• Top Choice Electrical Contractors dba Top Choice Electric; Chandler; Carmen Lorenzana; Electrical Contractors And Other Wiring Installation Contractors (238210).

• CNV Enterprises LLC; Waffle Crush Arizona; San Tan Valley; Valerie Miesel; Mobile Food Services (722330).

• Skewered Co LLC; Queen Creek; Henry Tran; Mobile Food Services (722330).

• Regal Nails; Apache Junction; Tuan Tran; Nail Salons (812113).

• Simply Sweet Drizzle & Co; Apache Junction; Carol Williams; Confectionery Manufacturing From Purchased Chocolate (311352).

• Third Symbol LLC; Mesa; Mindy Benson; Baked Goods Retailers (445291), Confectionery And Nut Retailers (445292), Sewing, Needlework, And Piece Goods Retailers (459130).

• HBS LLC dba Twisted Bee Farms Honey; Glendale; Brian Szymura; Apiculture (112910), Other Grocery And Related Products Merchant Wholesalers (424490).

• Halo Turf AZ; Los Alamitos, California; Tommy Mercurio; Landscaping Services (561730).

• Farm And Country Eats; Gilbert; Amery Schacker; Retail Bakeries (311811).

• Gnome Market; Mesa; Kirk Hillsten; Independent Artists, Writers, And Performers (711510).

• Anna Baum LLC dba Pet Wants Gilbert North; Mesa; Anna Baum; Pet And Pet Supplies Stores (453910).

• Southwest Sawcutting And Milling LLC dba SWB Paving; Phoenix; Kris Smith; Highway, Street, And

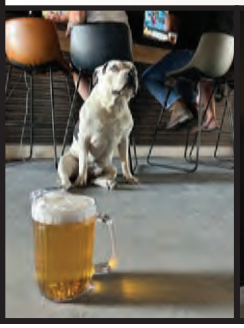
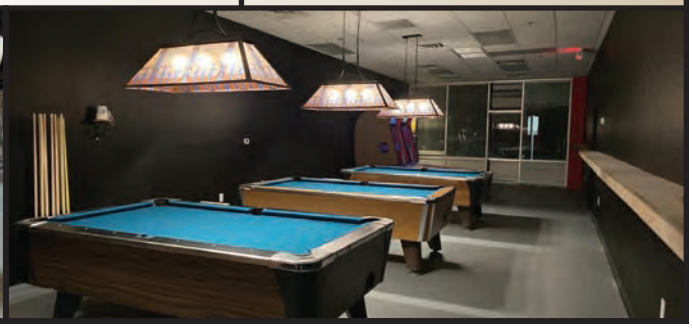
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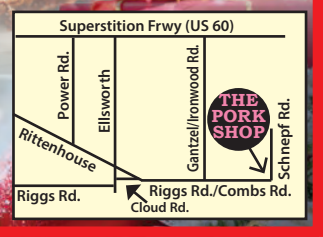
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• Lost Dutchman Owner LLC dba Lost Dutchman; Apache Junction; Tome Tomaj; Lessors Of Other Real Estate Property (531190).

• Chasingrecoverymerch LLC; Queen Creek; Cassandra Reyes; Clothing And Clothing Accessories Retailers (458110).

• Desert Lush; Mesa; Christine Morris; Nursery, Garden Center, And Farm Supply Stores (444220).

• Simple Treasures; Bryan Witte; Florence; Bryan Witte; Jewelry And Silverware Manufacturing (339910).

• Twist Es Pretzels LLC; Queen Creek; Elise Felix; Commercial Bakeries (311812).

• Desert Chill Shaved Ice; Chandler; Wendy Marshall; All Other General Merchandise Retailers (455219).

• Sandoval Associates LLC dba Simple Memories Mobile Bar; Queen Creek; Sierra Sandoval; Caterers (722320).

• Beignets In A Box; Queen Creek; Cari Scott; Mobile Food Services (722330).

• F-4 Enterprises LLC dba Alma Imports AZ; Apache Junction; Cathy Ferguson; Motor Vehicle Parts (Used) Merchant Wholesalers (423140).

• T Enterprises dba 1-Vision; Houston, Texas; Lisa Wyat; Commercial Lithographic Printing (323110).

• Gulfside Supply Inc. dba Gulfeagle Supply; Tampa, Florida; Steven C Blake; Other Building Material Dealers (444180).

• CZOP Law Firm PLLC; Gilbert; Steven Czop; Legal Services (541100).

• A Plus Home Watch Of Arizona; Mesa; Jill Wagner; All Other Personal Services (812990).

• CMH Homes Inc. dba House Smart 1206; Mesa; Tellie Parker; Manufactured Home (Mobile Home) Manufacturing (321991).

• Strada Services LLC; Sanford, Florida; Joseph Strada; Electrical Contractors And Other Wiring Installation Contractors (238210), Plumbing, Heating, And Air-Conditioning Contractors (238220).

• Just Like Grandmas; Apache Junction; Skylar Brindle; Retail Bakeries (311811).

• Lost Dutchman Liquidators LLC; Apache Junction; Steven Wade; All Other General Merchandise Retailers (455219).

• C2 RV Services LLC; Mesa; Lynn Catlin; General Automotive Repair (811111).

• Enchanted Entertainment; Gina Archer; Gilbert; Gina Archer; Other Performing Arts Companies (711190).

• Culinary Jems LLC dba Culinary Jems; Gilbert; Brian Rahberger; Perishable Prepared Food Manufacturing (311991).

• ACKO Consulting; Apache Junction; Chuck Rumbuc; Computer Systems Design Services (541512).

• Shugbug Soaps LLC; Gilbert; Heather Bunderson; Cosmetics, Beauty Supplies, And Perfume Retailers (456120).

• Repeached Wear; Apache Junction; Agnes Taylor; Agents And Managers For Artists, Athletes, Entertainers, And Other Public Figures (711410).

• X-Contracting; Glendale; Nichole Escobar; Oil And Gas Pipeline And Related Structures Construction (237120).

• Flatiron BBQ Co. LLC; dba Dutchmans Country BBQ; Apache Junction; Clay Eagar; Drinking Places (Alcoholic Beverages) (722410), Full-Service Restaurants (From 722110) (722511).

• Phase II Environmental LLC dba Coopers Sewer And Drain & A-American Septic; Apache Junction; Vince De Sotomayor; Septic Tank And Related Services (562991).

• Knotty Creations Inc. dba Knotty Creations; Apache Junction; Michael Olsen; Sawmill, Woodworking, And Paper Machinery Manufacturing (333243).

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"Should never be issued a DL in the US again." — **Rob Rose via Nextdoor comment**

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"22 years is not enough." — **Janete Bequeaith via Nextdoor comment**

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"A shame." — **Mary Sokalsky via Nextdoor comment**

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"Drinking and driving is always a bad thing." — **Jo Havelick via Nextdoor comment**

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"How horrible. To hit someone and not try to help them. I hope your nightmares bring you suffering." — **Jean Stockton via Nextdoor comment**

PORTION OF OCOTILLO DRIVE CLOSED IN APACHE JUNCTION THROUGH WEEKEND

"Being we have advanced warning (thank you) we'll just go another way." — **Robert Broch via Nextdoor comment**

3-STORY APARTMENT COMPLEX PLANNED AT IDAHO, SCENIC IN APACHE JUNCTION

"What do they think 'affordable' is? $1,500 or more per month is not affordable." — **Linda Fleming via Nextdoor comment**

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"It will block the view of the Superstitions if it's three stories tall." — **Carol Tabb via Nextdoor comment**

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"Apache Junction is not what it use to be. I moved here because it was a small town. You can't stir the people with a stick now and you want to add more people. No more scenic view — it's all being taken away. Then when the snow birds come that more people. We are turning into Calif." — **PJ Shepard via Nextdoor comment**

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"It will definitely block the mountain View. I vote no on three stories. Once it's built it's to late. Stupid idea for sure." — **Fred Obermeyer via Nextdoor comment**

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"Does it block the view of the mountain? The design looks like it belongs in Scottsdale or Mesa. Nice idea but it doesn't fit in with values we love and why we moved to this area." — **Peggy Morrison via Nextdoor comment**

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"You know I don't live there, but my best friend does and every time I visit, the city feels so special, a little piece of the old west, no chain stores, no high rise apartments, just stunning views of the Superstitions, with such dark night skies where you can see so many stars. It's always so peaceful out there and when this development goes in the AJ as we know and love will become a very different place. Just sad and mad of course." — **Debbie Robinson via Facebook comment**

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"It's sad the area cannot be preserved for the bit of non-concrete we have left in the valley. I am for nature, views, wildlife and no more encroachment please." — **Patti Capps via Nextdoor comment**

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"Some of the state trust land is worthy of being a forest preserve or national park and should be left alone." — **Brian Erik via Nextdoor comment**

HUMAN TRAFFICKING A PROBLEM IN ARIZONA

"Yes it is and it is largely ignored by most because then one would have to admit some wrongs and biases." — **Mazie S. via Nextdoor comment**

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"Mazie, people think it won't happen to them. Sadly, it is everywhere and it can happen to anyone." — **Joanne Schuster via Nextdoor comment**

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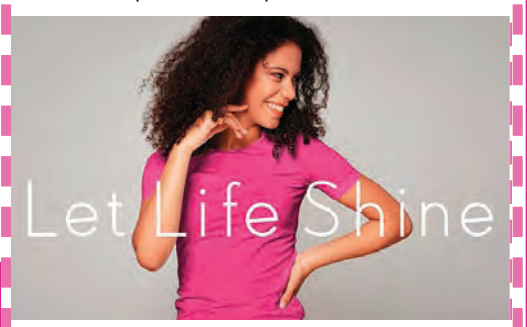


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Santa is to visit. Pictures will be available Dec. 5-7 and Dec. 12-23.
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Go to vertucciofarms.com/events/vertuccio-farms-christmas-fest/

DEC. 13

Movie in the park

"The Santa Clause" will be shown 6-7:30 p.m. at Flatiron Community Park, 100 N. Idaho Road in Apache Junction.
Bring your blanket or lawn chair and enjoy a nice evening outside watching a fun family movie brought to you by SRP. In the event of bad weather prior to movie time, the program could possibly be moved to the Multi-Generational Center. Call 480-983-2181 or go to apachejunctionaz.gov/parks

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Photos with Santa Paws

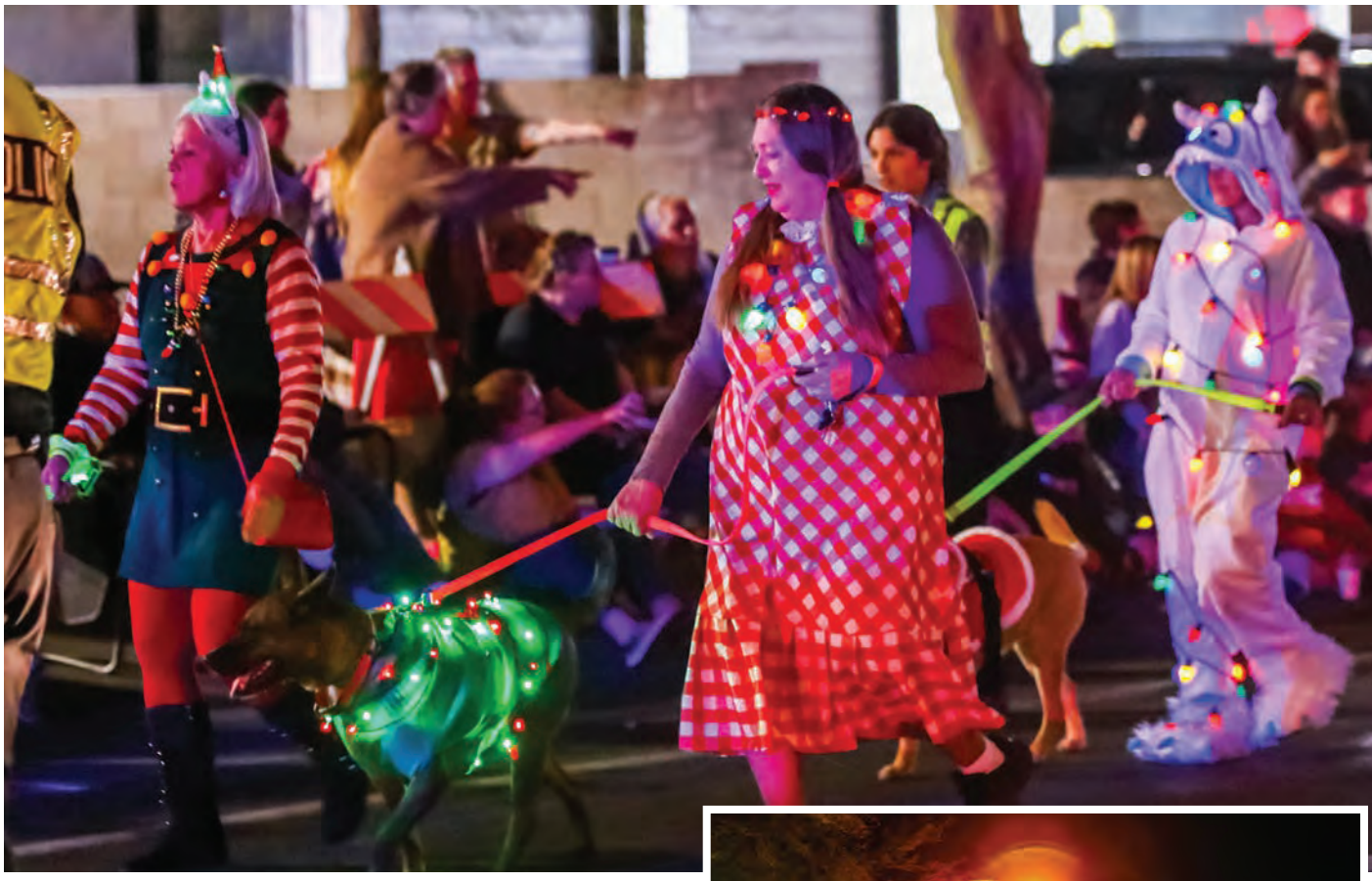
Bring your furry four-legged friend and take a photo with Santa 10 a.m.-noon at Painted Sky Dog Park, 10200 S. Picacho Trail; or 2-4 p.m. at Dutchman Dog Park, 247 E. Superstition Blvd., both in Apache Junction. No registration required.
apachejunctionaz.gov/calendar

JAN. 3

Invasive plant removal

Spend 8-10 a.m. at Silly Mountain with your hands in the dirt pulling invasive plants, managing Buffelgrass and Stinknet. Wear closed-toe shoes and bring water. Parks and Recreation will bring all tools needed but feel free to bring your own gloves or tools. Event may be canceled due to inclement weather. Meet at the ramada at the park, U.S. Highway 60 and Silly Mountain Road, between 7:45 a.m. and 8 a.m. then walk as a group to the pull site.

Annual holiday program, light parade Dec. 6



The holiday light parade starts at 7 p.m. and the route will be on Apache Trail between Phelps Drive and Gold Drive. (Independent Newsmedia, Arianna Grainey)

Apache Junction Parks and Recreation will be hosting its annual holiday program and light parade on Saturday, Dec. 6.

The holiday program is 3-6:30 p.m. at Flatiron Community Park, 100 N. Apache Trail. There will be parking in the dirt lots east of the park; please don't park in areas designated for business.

"Join us for this one-of-a-kind free event for the whole family. We have something for everyone: Winter Wonderland presented by Chasse Building Team, Photos with Santa, Candy Cane Lane, inflatables and more," it states in a release.

Holiday light parade

The holiday light parade starts at 7 p.m. and the route will be on Apache Trail between Phelps Drive and Gold Drive.

Individuals, businesses, nonprofit agencies and groups are welcome to enter their floats in the 28th Annual Holiday Light Parade. Pre-registration at tinyurl.com/ytbsv42j is required.



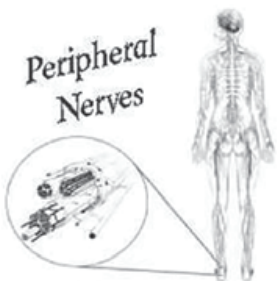
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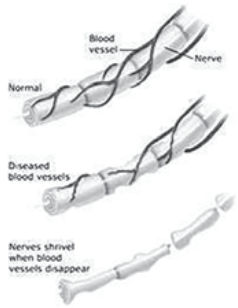
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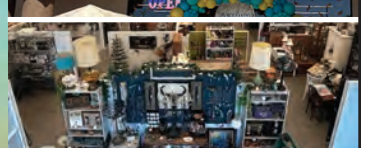
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FROM THE CEO

Enjoy Thanksgiving as you navigate 'sus' comments during family dinner

Happy Thanksgiving to our valued readers who make it worthwhile to publish community digital and print publications.

We appreciate your enduring support during this holiday season.

If you're like me and you have teenagers, you may often wonder how the modern language keeps shifting into shortened words, or lingo that doesn't quite make sense.


Charlene Bisson

I'm still trying to understand the phenomenon of 6-7, and why my teenagers and/or their friends try to bait me to say it. And, not so surprisingly, it made word of the year, and an NFL football commercial. Huh?

Moving on, I recently learned fire now means it's cool, and crashed out doesn't mean passing out on the couch. Apparently, it means he's mad or frustrated about something.

I asked AI what the rest of the popular slang words are in 2025 that teenagers and young adults use. Here's the AI quick hits:

Bussin': Describes something as really good or amazing.

No cap: Means "no lie" or "for real."

Ate that: Used to praise someone for doing a great job, especially in a performance or presentation.

Sus: Short for suspicious.

Rizz: Short for charisma, a term used to describe someone's charm or skill in romantic situations.

Bet: Used to show agreement or confirmation.

Iykyk: An acronym for "if you know, you know."

It's giving: Used to describe the vibe or energy something is exuding (e.g., "It's giving 80s").

Drip: Refers to someone's great style or fashionable outfit.

Bae: An abbreviation for "before anyone else" or baby, used to refer to a romantic partner or close friend.

Cap: Means "lie" or "false" (the opposite of "no cap").

Glow-up: A significant improvement in someone's appearance or confidence.

Mid: Describes something that is mediocre or unimpressive.

Big yikes: An expression of embarrassment or secondhand cringe.

Touch grass: An insult telling someone to go outside and be more in touch with reality.

Delulu: Short for delusional, used to describe someone with unrealistic expectations.

I've heard about half of the above, but not as much as late as 6-7, which is the 2025 Word of the Year from Dictionary.com.

Best wishes during the Thanksgiving holiday.

P.S. If you'd like to share your thoughts on slang language that's not inappropriate, please email me at cbisson@iniusa.org.

Junior master gardener program launching at elementary school

The Classical Academy at Superstition Mountain is launching a new junior master gardener program beginning after the winter holiday break, made possible through a partnership with the Superstition Mountain Master Gardeners.

It will be an ongoing enrichment offering for academy students as part of its whole-child, character-focused educational model, according to a release.

For information on the school in the Apache Junction Unified School District, 1575 W. Southern Ave., go to https://www.ajusd.org/classical-academy.

The program is an international youth gardening initiative created and managed through the university Cooperative Extension network and led nationally by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. The curriculum is research-based, academically aligned, and implemented in schools across the country.

The junior master gardener's mission is: "Growing good kids by igniting a passion for learning, success, and service through a unique gardening education."

As part of the program, students will design and help build:

- Raised vegetable gardens to learn cultivation, sustainability and nutrition.
- A succulent garden that explores water conservation and desert ecology.
- A monarch butterfly waystation garden supporting pollinators and habitat preservation.

Through these projects, students will:

- Gain hands-on gardening and environmental science experience.
- Develop leadership, stewardship, and personal responsibility.
- Complete service-learning efforts that benefit both campus and community.
- Work toward Junior Master Gardener certification and recognition.



As part of the program, students will design and help build succulent garden that explores water conservation and desert ecology; and a monarch butterfly waystation garden supporting pollinators and habitat preservation. (Metro Creative)

Instruction will be delivered by certified members of the Superstition Mountain Master Gardeners, with facilitation from Master Gardener Tricia Schaeffer in collaboration with Academy staff.

"This partnership brings learning to life," Principal Brett Bitterman said in the release.

"Students won't just read about science and stewardship. They'll experience it firsthand. Working in the garden gives them a real sense of purpose, pride, and connection to the natural world."

To support the start-up phase of the garden build, the academy is accepting donations of gardening supplies such as soil, seeds, tools, irrigation components, and outdoor learning materials. Community members, local businesses or organizations interested in contributing may contact the school office for a list of needed items or shop the program's Amazon Wishlist: https://tinyurl.com/rrywrdtc.



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one is creating their first résumé or updating an application. We also offer free computer and internet access, printing and scanning services, and a variety of online tools for career development," Harrison said. "When Arizona@Work representatives are not on site, our library team ensures that patrons can still get help connecting to job opportunities and developing the skills they need to succeed."

No increased need during federal shutdown

There has not been an increased need of Arizona@Work services with the federal government shutdown and decreased benefits, Millman said.

"To date we have not experienced an increase in need of our services as a result of the federal shutdown," he said.

In a statement provided through the city of Apache Junction, an Arizona Department of Economic Security official had a similar response regarding needs increasing during the shutdown.

"There hasn't been an overwhelming demand at this time, but we are at the early stages of benefits being affected by the community. Once the community is fully experiencing the effects of the federal shutdown, we do anticipate our services being in demand and an increase in community outreach," Leroy Sparrow, ADEQ workforce specialist, said.

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Speak Up

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"We need no sidewalks where there are little business and no homes." — **r. joe lorden via Nextdoor comment**

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"100% No. Joe said it best." — **Sunny W. via Nextdoor comment**

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"Some people actually have to walk to get around town and some like to get exercise and don't want to run and bike on the roads right there. I think great idea to help improve the community and take a step forward." — **Wayne Langenbach via Nextdoor comment**

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"They spend money like mad with no sense of costs.." — **Stephanie Ryan via Nextdoor comment**

THINGS TO DO

Fourth annual Bill of Rights celebration in December

Gather with neighbors and local celebrities in December in Apache Junction to learn from and teach each other what you find important about the Bill of Rights.

Local constitutional scholars are invited to read one of the original amendments and tell a story related to it. Each year is different, based on the readers and their stories. Everybody learns something and everybody has fun, it truly is amazing, according to a release.

This year Congressman Andy Biggs and Cindy Biggs will be the guest speakers. Both are considered constitutional scholars with tons of stories and accounts of our fight for independence, it states in the release.

The 3-5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, event at the Mammoth Steakhouse and Saloon at Goldfield Ghost Town, 4650 N. Mammoth Mine Road, is a nonpartisan celebration of our country and our youth event, open to all who celebrate the U.S. Constitution.

Purchase tickets for $40 and get updates on the Fourth Annual Future of the Bill of Rights at https://tinyurl.com/yc8ess53.

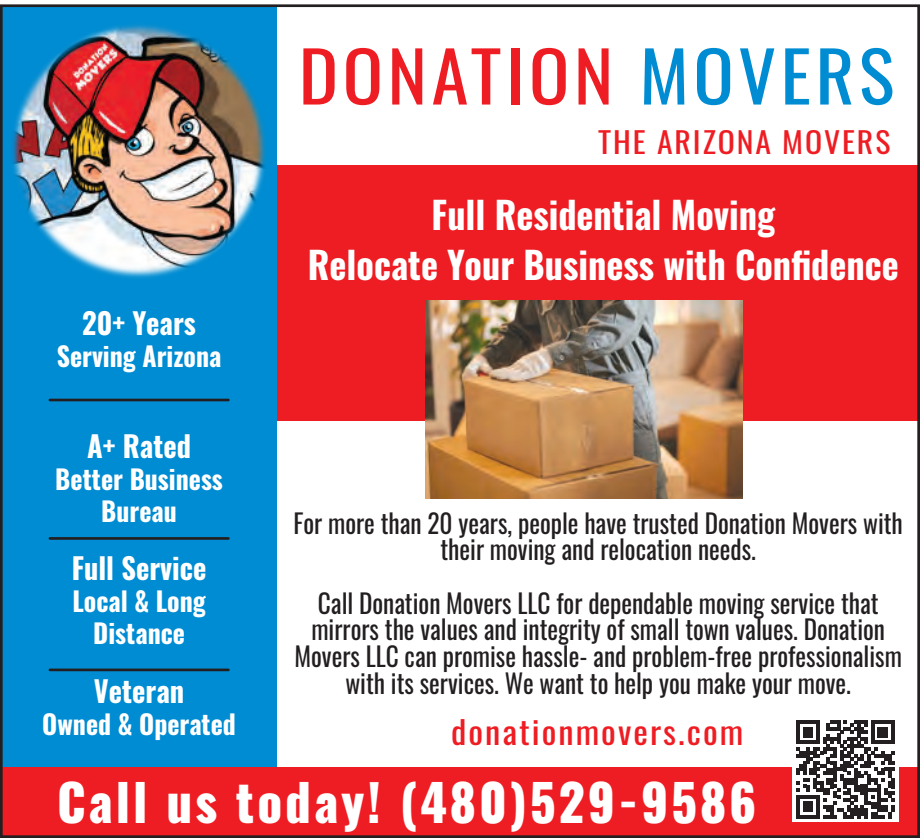
Also present will be Apache Junction High School student Bill of Rights essay contestants.

"These kids put their talents to work telling their own stories about why the Bill of Rights is important to them. The contest kick-off, held on Constitution Day Sept. 17, brought 300 seventh-11th grade students together with the team that organizes the Bill of Rights celebration event. The organizers perform skits and games to warm the kids up for the essay challenge. Our goal is to create the next Madisons and Jeffersons for our country through thought and study of our Bill of Rights," it states in the release.

The celebration includes signature dishes prepared by the cowhand chefs at Mammoth Steakhouse and those spectacular views of the Superstition Mountains.



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A variety of materials are proposed including smooth finish stucco, brick, vertical cement planks, corrugated metal, and metal accents and railings. (City of Apache Junction)

Affordable apartment development planned at Idaho, Scenic

By Richard H. Dyer
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

A 300-unit, three-story multifamily residential affordable-housing rental community — with rents $1,262 for a one-bedroom unit to $1,950 for a four-bedroom unit including utilities — is planned in Apache Junction.

The project will use the Section 42 low-income housing tax credit program, which allows developers to offer affordable housing to residents earning up to 60% of the area's median income.

A conditional-use permit request by Roers Cos., represented by Greg Davis of Iplan Consulting, will be discussed at the 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, meeting of the Apache Junction City Council in the council chambers, 300 E. Superstition Blvd.

The Apache Junction Planning and Zoning Commission on Oct. 28 voted 4-1 to recommend the council approve the permit with Commissioner Sandra Mykland voting no. Commissioners Ari Kalan and Nicholas Kelley were absent.

The proposal is consistent with the city's general plan land-use goals for multifamily living to support the downtown business community, Senior Planner Nick Leftwich told the commission prior to the vote.

The primary entrance will be on the property's south side with a shared access on Idaho Road. A right-only emergency gate on Idaho Road is planned, he said.

"The applicant is also providing plenty of on-site amenities," Leftwich said. "There is open space with tot lots, there is a clubhouse ... dog park, open spaces, a community pool."

A multiuse trail is planned outside the community wall on Idaho Road and Scenic Street that connects to the more rural area of the city to the east, he said.

A market-rate multifamily apartment development is planned, Davis of Iplan Consulting told the commission prior to the vote.

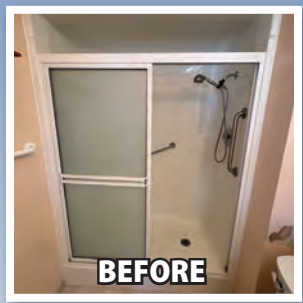
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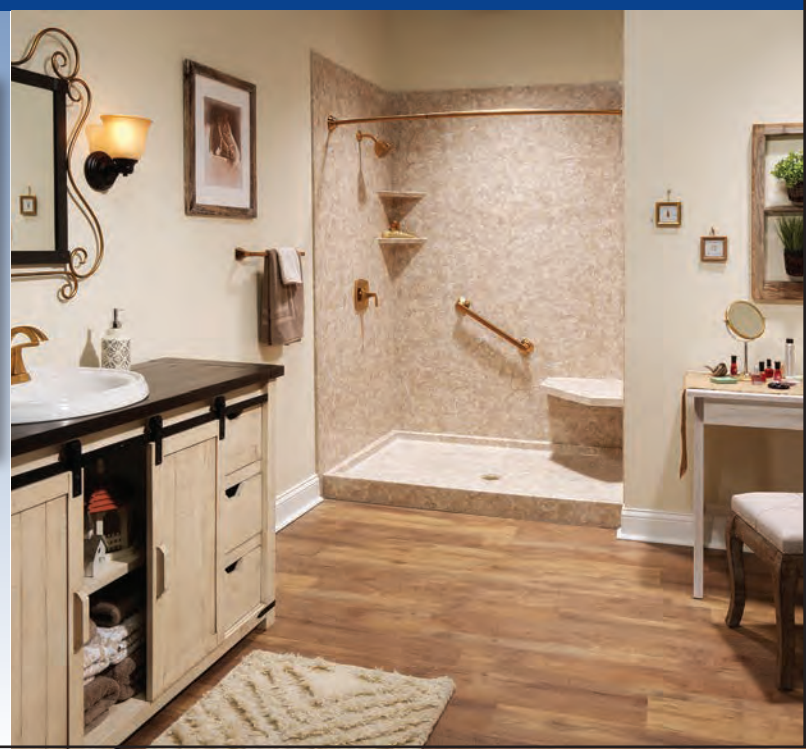
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Housing

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"Our density is about 22 units per acre. The zoning district allows up to 40 so we're well under that. The height limitation is 60 feet; we're building three stories, which comes out to be a little less than 40 feet so we're compliant with that requirement as well," he said.

Western-style elements such as vertical board and batten like a barn and corrugated steel like from a trough out in a field have been added to the buildings, Davis said.

"We've been through a few iterations trying to get the magic clue of what Western architecture is. We met with the council — everyone had a different opinion of what that might look like," he said. "I think (what) the architects drew upon is there are a lot of different elements that feel Western, and we may not be able to make a three-story apartment building look Western but we can certainly introduce a lot of those elements to these buildings."

Bela Flor Enterprises LLC is the owner of the 13-acre development near the southeast corner of Idaho Road and the Scenic Street alignment.

The development plan proposes 14 three-story buildings. The residential units will include 48 one-bedroom/one-bath, 132 two-bedroom/two-bath units, 84 three-bedroom/two-bath units and 36 four-bedroom/two-bath units. Parking is to include 370 surface spaces and 300 covered parking stalls.



Bela Flor Enterprises LLC is the owner of the 13-acre development near the southeast corner of Idaho Road and the Scenic Street alignment. (City of Apache Junction)

The buildings are clustered around community open space areas or along the perimeter, including along Idaho Road, it states in a written project narrative from Iplan Consulting.

The single-story office/clubhouse structure is off the project entrance in the southwest portion of the property. A small, single-story maintenance building is also planned in the northwest corner of the property, it states.

The primary duties of the planning and zoning commission include community contact regarding items including a zoning change request, to an application from a developer for a shopping center development or housing project. Also included are conditional use permits with the final decision being handled at the planning and zoning commission level, according to the city's website.

LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

The project will use the Section 42 low-income housing tax credit program.

It allows developers to offer affordable housing to residents earning up to 60% of the area's median income.

Rental rates are set annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. For this area in 2025, rents range from $1,262 for a one-bedroom to $1,950 for a four-bedroom unit, inclusive of utilities.

Families must meet both income and household size requirements to qualify for housing under the LIHTC program. In 2025, the maximum income limits were:

- One-person household: $47,160
- Two-person household: $53,820
- Three-person household: $60,600
- Four-person household: $67,320

Source: City of Apache Junction

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140 building permits issued in October in Apache Junction

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Out of a total of 214 building permits listed in Apache Junction for October 2025, there were a total of 140 issued as of Nov. 5.

Examples of building permits filed, according to a website off of apache-junctionaz.gov/622/Permits, include:

- New/replace/upgrade commercial over 200A at 2866 W. Radiance Ave.; applying for a 400amp pedestal at 19.29 Radiance Lake for lighting and irrigation controller; permit issued Oct. 6; SiteWorks Development; Kent Akbay.
- Demo single family home at 1210 S. Desert View Drive; demolish approximately 2,000-square-foot under-roof single-family residence; submittal received Oct. 7; Odorico Bautista.
- Commercial foundation only at 1000 S. Idaho Road; repairs to the south side of the recreation hall at the concrete footing at the Roadhaven Resort community; in review Oct. 20; Hobbs Masonry Construction - Moroni Mejia; Roadhaven Resort of Apache Junction - Phase I.
- Electric repair/add circuit, lights — commercial at 21 E. Old West Highway; downlighting to be added to building and canopy; submittal received Oct. 21; Daniel D. Filuk, architect - Kim Filuk.
- Commercial- new gas storage at 2831 W. Apache Trail; installation of a 120-gallon propane tank, security enclosure, four protective bollards and gas piping; submittal received Oct. 30; AutoZone - Mitch Bramlitt.
- Electric repair/add circuit, lights — residential at 2524 W. Stanton Ave.; electrical circuit addition to shade structure; permit issued Oct. 6; Rider Permit Service - Annette Gordon; Superstition Vistas Phase 1B - Parcels 19.10, 19.11 & Model Complex



A new single family home is being constructed at 2032 W. Starkey Ave. in Apache Junction. (Independent Newsmedia, Arianna Grainey)

- Wall sign, no electric, at 10034 S. Canyon Trail; to install five each model home signs; submittal received Oct. 8; Impact Sign and Graphics - ROC 274451 - David Garcia; Blossom Rock Phase 2.
- New single family home at 2032 W. Starkey Ave.; permit issued Oct. 9; DR Horton East Construction; Superstition Vistas Phase 2B - Parcel 19.22.
- In-ground swimming pool at 866 S. Buena Vista Drive; building a 404-square-foot in-ground swimming pool with all the equipment; permit issued Oct. 13; AZ Backyard Lifestyles - ROC 305438 - Larry Simmons.
- Demo in-ground pool at 1074 E. Mesquite Ave.; permit issued Oct. 13; Michael Snyder; Palm Springs Unit 2.
- Roof replace at residence at 593 S. Desert View Drive; shingle-for-shingle and rolled roofing on front patio approximately 840 square feet; permit Issued Oct. 13; Jennifer Irwin; Homie Homes.
- Build addition to park model at 1000 S. Idaho Road space No. 1437; remodel existing 12-feet-by-18-feet-six-inches Arizona room; submittal received Oct. 27; Shelly Sullivan; Roadhaven Resort of Apache Junction - Phase I.



After interviewing candidates during a work session Oct. 20, council members on Oct. 21 made separate motions for each position open. Most were unanimous approvals but three were not. (Independent Newsmedia, Arianna Grainey)

Area residents appointed to commissions, boards

By Richard H. Dyer
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Fourteen Apache Junction-area residents recently were appointed or reappointed as volunteer members to various city boards and commissions.

After interviewing candidates during a work session Oct. 20, council members on Oct. 21 made separate motions for each position open. Most were unanimous approvals but three were not.



Chip Wilson

Mayor Chip Wilson thanked all who applied for a spot on a board or commission to serve the city of Apache Junction and its residents.

"This is a great way to influence how our city development and growth occur and to ensure the vision is for the future," he said.

A total of 26 applications were received this year, which was a record, City Clerk Evie McKinney said.

"We're super thrilled with that many," she said.



Evie McKinney

Board of Adjustment

Lamont Klepper and John Gordon were appointed to the board of adjustment, each for a term ending Oct. 31, 2028. Catherine Meek was appointed for a term ending Oct. 31, 2027.

The board's primary duty is to hear and decide appeals or decisions made by the zoning administrator in enforcement of the zoning ordinance.

Members also hear appeals from the zoning administrator's decisions in granting or denying issuance of building use permits and hear and

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decide all matters referred to the board by the zoning administrator. There are seven members who must be city residents.

City construction code board of appeals

John Gordon was appointed to the non-general contractor position on the construction code board of appeals for a term ending Oct. 31, 2027. Dave Hantzsche was reappointed as a general public member with a term ending Oct. 31, 2028.

The board's primary duty is to hear and decide appeals made by individuals regarding construction codes and decisions made by the building and safety manager, to provide for reasonable interpretations of the provisions of the technical codes on the suitability of alternate materials and methods of construction, and to recommend changes of the various building and fire codes to the building and safety manager.

The five members do not need to be residents of the city.

City health and human services commission



Darryl Cross



Peter Heck

Elisa Krcilek was appointed to the health and human services commission for a term ending Oct. 31, 2028. Jeffrey Danford was reappointed in a 5-2 vote — with Councilmembers Darryl Cross and Peter Heck dissenting — to a term ending Oct. 31, 2028. Dwan Montgomery was appointed to a term ending Oct. 31, 2028.

The commission conducts public hearings to determine city residents' needs with regard to public health, provision of human services and care of the elderly, handicapped and developmentally disabled. The commission reviews requests submitted by health and human services providers for city funding and makes recommendations to council regarding such funding.

There are seven members with at least four city residents and no more than three being area nonresidents.

City industrial development authority



Tess Nesser

No applications were received to serve on the industrial development authority.

Councilmember Tess Nesser asked if anyone in the audience wanted to serve.

"Raise your hand," she said.

"Be advised that the last time they held a meeting was what, 1989?" Cross said.

There are four presently on the seven-member authority so it has a quorum, City Clerk McKinney said.

"We're just trying to fill vacancies that have been on there for the last two terms. So you don't have to do anything on this one tonight if you don't want to," she said.

The authority's main purpose is to be a funding mechanism for tax-exempt, low-interest bond financing made available by federal law for certain eligible construction projects. State and federal laws restrict the types and cost of projects the authority may finance. In Arizona, the beneficiaries of such funding are almost always 501(c)(3) entities such as hospitals, private universities, charter schools, museums, etc.

There are seven members who must be city residents.

City library board

Judy Borey and Robin Barker were reappointed and Alexandra Wyroba was appointed to the library board, all with terms ending

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Oct. 31, 2028.

The board's primary responsibility is to inform and advise council on matters of public interest and need in relation to the resources and services of the Apache Junction Public Library. The board also recommends the policy for governing, control and improvement of the library and promotes the public's awareness of the services available at the library.

There are seven members who must be city residents.

City parks and recreation commission

Manny Vega was appointed to the parks and recreation commission for a term ending Oct. 31, 2027; Heather Moeller was reappointed for a term ending Oct. 31, 2028; and Lamont Klepper was appointed to a term ending Oct. 31, 2028.

The commission recommends regulations and policies for the government, control and improvement of public parks. The commission also recommends use fees for public park facilities and other changes for the city parks and recreation program. There are seven members who must be city residents.

City planning and zoning commission

Nicholas Kelley was appointed to the planning and zoning commission for a term ending Oct. 31, 2026. Dave Hantzsche and Robin Barker were reappointed for terms ending Oct. 31, 2028.

The commission's primary duties are to formulate, create and administer any lawful plan duly adopted by the governing body for the present and future growth of the city pertaining to the use of land and buildings for any purpose, together with all activities commonly known as planning and zoning.

There are seven members who must be city residents.

City public arts commission

Jeffrey Danford was reappointed in a 6-1 vote — with Vice Mayor Robert Schroeder dissenting — to the public arts commission for a term ending Oct. 31, 2028. Janet Cooper was appointed in a 5-2 vote — with Councilmember Heck and Vice Mayor Schroeder dissenting — for a term ending Oct. 31, 2028.



Robert Schroeder

"Only because I had someone else in mind. No offense Jeff," Schroeder said in voting no for Danford.

"No. Only because I had someone else for that. So no," Heck said in voting on Cooper.

"Again, I had someone. So no," Schroeder said in voting on Cooper.

The public art commission was created to promote and encourage diverse resident participation in public art; assist corporations, commercial developments, and other private and governmental entities to incorporate public art; recommend the operating and capital improvement program budgets for the public art program; conduct the request for qualifications process for all public art installations; review gifts of art offered to the city for artistic and cultural purposes; provide information, recommendations, and advise city council and staff on public art policies and initiatives relating to the city's mission and vision statements for all art; serve as a recommending body on public art projects relating to art in public places; and serve as a recommending body on public art projects relating to art in private development.

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Strategic plan OK'd by parks, recreation commission

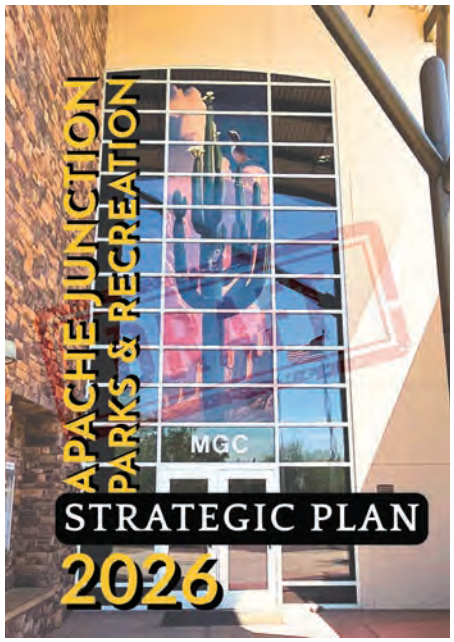
By Richard H. Dyer
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The final draft of the city of Apache Junction's parks and recreation strategic plan was recently approved by a city commission.

The Apache Junction Parks and Recreation Commission voted 5-0 to approve the 14-page document. Vice Chair Diele Kyhn and Commissioner Manny Vega were absent.

"I think it's ready to go. It really looks professional, which gives a lot of credibility to it," Commissioner Frank Schoenbeck said before voting. "If it doesn't look right no matter what you have inside of it doesn't mean much. But the fact it does look professional will get it the attention it deserves."

The final draft shows some key achievements from last fiscal year — July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 — and some strategies for the current year.



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"This is an important document to us," Parks Director Langenbach, Liz said prior to the vote. "Following the city's general plan and the important goals, we also use this in our budget document that goes out and it's utilized by our auditors. It has the key strategies that are also emphasized in the budget each year so they pull those directly from this."

The commission recommends regulations and policies for the government, control and improvement of public parks. The commission also recommends use fees for public park facilities and other changes for the city parks and recreation program. There are seven members who must be city residents.

Museum hosts holiday boutiques

The Superstition Mountain Lost Dutchman Museum has its annual holiday boutiques on the weekends of Nov. 29-30 and Dec. 13-14 spotlighting local arts and crafts, gifts, cuisine and more.

"We are eager to host our annual boutiques and highlight our incredibly talented local artists, creators and vendors," Chelsea Greene, museum events coordinator, said in a release. "We are honored to be a center that supports and uplifts our community, and we will be accepting donations to the Superstition (Community) Food Bank in

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The holiday boutiques are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 29-30 and Dec. 13-14 at the Superstition Mountain Lost Dutchman Museum grounds, 4087 E. Apache Trail (State Route 88) in Apache Junction. (Superstition Mountain Lost Dutchman Museum)

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accordance with that mission."

The holiday boutiques are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 29-30 and Dec. 13-14 at the Superstition Mountain Lost Dutchman Museum grounds, 4087 E. Apache Trail (State Route 88) in Apache Junction.

The free holiday market brings local artists, vendors and food together for a gift-shopping experience at the base of the Superstition Mountains. Visit Santa and get a special gift. Bring nonperishable donations to benefit the Superstition Community Food Bank.

Visitors can learn about the area, ranching life, geology, Indigenous culture, early settlers and more. Learn about the Lost Dutchman and his legacy, even to this day, drawing gold hunters and myth busters alike. Go to www.smldm.org.

City receives funding for police hearing protection

By Richard H. Dyer
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Apache Junction Police Department personnel will soon be outfitted with special earbuds to protect their hearing when training at the gun range thanks to a more than $19,000 grant from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

The Apache Junction City Council on Oct. 21 voted unanimously to approve a consent agenda with other items and an intergovernmental agreement with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community to accept grant funds in the amount of $19,638 for the Xcor hearing-protection equipment.

Proposition 202, passed with the 2002 gaming compact in Arizona, directs participating tribal governments to share 12% of their gaming revenues with surrounding local governments. Nonprofit organizations are eligible to compete with a local government agreeing to serve as a pass-through agent.

This is the first year that Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community allowed the Apache Junction Police Department to apply for the 12% gaming fund grants, AJPD Chief Michael Pooley said to the council at the Oct. 7 meeting.

"We are looking to get some hearing protection for our officers so when they are out at the range," he said. "The big request is the (intergovernmental agreement) and really partnering with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community for the future and really appreciating the work that they do with other entities, not only ours."

A total of 110 to 120 hearing protection devices will be purchased, he said.

The ear protection is needed by the city's law-enforcement officers, Councilman Bryan Soller said at the meeting.

"As we know from the military, hearing is a big issue, especially when you are shooting a lot of firearms. So it's good that you are looking into getting proper ear-protection for our troops," he said.

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Hundreds watch Veterans Day parade

INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Hundreds of people lined Apache Trail to watch the annual Apache Junction All American Veterans Parade on Veterans Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11.

The parade started at Phelps Drive and headed west on Apache Trail, turning south onto Gold Drive, then heading east onto Apache Trail and ending back at Phelps Drive.

Pinal County Sheriff Ross Teeple as this year's grand marshal.



Apache Junction resident Nancy Berhorst, Ms. Super Senior Universe 2024 and 2025, waves from a vehicle in the annual Apache Junction All American Veterans Parade on Veterans Day. (Independent Newsmedia, Richard H. Dyer)



The Apache Junction High School Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps members marching in the parade. (Independent Newsmedia, Richard H. Dyer)



America Legion Post 27 Apache Junction honor guard float at the annual Apache Junction All American Veterans Parade on Veterans Day. (Independent Newsmedia, Richard H. Dyer)



Apache Trail Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in the annual Apache Junction All American Veterans Parade on Veterans Day. (Independent Newsmedia, Richard H. Dyer)

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Annual effort pays off

Gold Canyon PEO Chapter raises $4K for scholarships by selling pecans

Gold Canyon Chapter ES, P.E.O. — Philanthropic Educational Organization — raised more than $4,000 selling pecans for scholarships to support education goals for women.

The Gold Canyon chapter meets from September through May with the primary goal of raising money through various fundraising endeavors.

Chapter ES is one of approximately 6,000 chapters across the U.S. and Canada. Since its inception in 1869, PEO has raised more than $430 million in grants, scholarships, awards and loans to women throughout the U.S. and internationally.

It also owns and supports Cottey College in Nevada, Missouri.

Beyond the state and international fundraising, Chapter ES also raises funds each year for a local high school student to receive a scholarship to attend a college or university of their choice.

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