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One More Time!

None of the City Council candidates got enough votes to get elected. Two were eliminated (Bramoweth and Davis) and the rest will go into a runoff election on November 4th.

So Manross and Lane will have to battle again for the mayor's seat and council candidates – six of them – will vie for three positions.

We had great concerns about moving the election to September when many are still vacationing, enjoying the last days of summer and hardly focused on Scottsdale politics. Based on results, there was a light turnout that probably caused none of the candidates to prevail. Having a separate

election early in the year, as in the past, seems to be a better way to decide who should govern our city.

Now you will be asked to vote again to finally decide who will represent you. The Coalition had recommended Mary Manross for Mayor and Betty Drake, Tom Giller and Nan Nesvig for City Council. We believe Mayor Manross has the more balanced vision for our city and has been steadfast to complete the McDowell Sonoran Preserve that is so important to northern residents.

Councilwoman Drake has extensive

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COPP Member Meeting – September 18, 2008 Cancelled!

The September 18 COPP Member Meeting has been cancelled. Since the September 2 Scottsdale Election results did not provide a majority vote for any of the Mayoral or City Council candidates, a runoff election will be held on November 4. Further candidate information will be sent to members via COPP Alerts.

Please refer to the editorial *One More Time!* for election details and our continued support of the endorsed candidates of the Coalition of Pinnacle Peak.

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Calendar of Events

October 2 Early voting begins for the November 4 General Election. To request an early ballot go to www.Maricopa.gov. Click on "Site Map", "Elections", then "Early Voting Ballot Request." You can also request an Early Ballot by calling the Maricopa County Elections Office at 602-506-1511. In order for your Early Ballot to be valid and counted, it must be mailed in time to be received by the Elections Department by 7:00 pm on Election Day. You may also deposit your Ballot and affidavit at any polling place designated for this election between 6:00 am and 7:00 pm on Election Day.

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One More Time

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background in city planning and will continue to provide important insights as the city plans for the future.

We recommend Nan Nesvig and Tom Giller because they will bring a fresh vision for Scottsdale that provides balance against those interests who would push for growth and the urbanization of the city. They support resident priorities that will preserve the low scale character of neighborhoods with unimpeded views of the mountains and open sky.

Each of the other candidates has a bias towards taller building and denser growth. They are supported by developer interests who are motivated by different priorities. While every property owner has a right to develop their property, the Coalition believes that it can be done under current zoning requirements and with sensitivity to neighborhoods and the environment.

The next four years are important to the future of Scottsdale. In 2011 you will be asked to vote on an updated General Plan for the city that will shape the quality of life for all of us. We need balance on the City Council to assure that the Plan will protect neighborhoods and the future of this special city we call home.

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Trails Overview

On the July 1 agenda, the City Council brought forth a Scottsdale Trails Overview. At that time, the council decided to move forward with a voluntary citizen ad hoc committee that will work in conjunction with city staff and the council to update and revitalize the Trails Master Plan for bikers, hikers, and equestrians in all trails outside the Preserve boundaries.

At the current time, the trails program is under the direction of the city's Transportation Department. In 2004, City Council approved a plan for 289 miles of multi-use trails throughout the city. To date, about 143 miles have been completed.

The city has budgetary constraints of approximately \$2.4 million to build trails. With the cost of approximately \$124,000 a mile, the council will need to prioritize projected trails sites throughout the city.

While developing the Trails

System throughout the city, major goals will be to maintain the well-being and safety of neighborhoods, the integrity of the desert, and the preservation of wildlife corridors.

The Ad Hoc Citizen Trails Task Force Committee will meet regularly through the end of the year. At that time the group will make recommendations to the Transportation Commission and City Council.

If you are interested in participating in the Ad Hoc Citizen Trails Task Force or obtaining further information, please contact Annie DeChance, Public Participation and Outreach Manager, Transportation Department at ADeChance@Scottsdaleaz.gov or Phone (480) 312-2526. Additionally, please refer to the city website, www.scottsdale.az.gov. Under Hot Topics, the Ad Hoc Citizen Trails Task Force is listed and further information provided.

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- October 6 Last day to register to vote in the November 4 General Election. Citizens of the US and residents of Arizona who are 18 years of age or older by Election Day are eligible to register and vote.
- October 18 Scenic Drive Clean-up. Sign in at 7:45 am. For information, refer to www.scenicdrive.org/events.
- October 24 Last day to request an Early Ballot for the November 4 General Election.
- October 25 Cook-out at the Ranch: 5:30 pm-9:30 pm at MacDonald's ranch, for details please go to www.gppaaz.org and refer to article on page 3.

Our Land, Our Schools Disqualified Proposition 103

With disappointment we report that the citizen's initiative, "Our Land Our Schools" that was anticipated to appear on the November 4 ballot, was challenged by Arizona Secretary of State, Jan Brewer and was disqualified.

Following this challenge, The Arizona Supreme Court ruled that

more than one-third of the 369,708 originally submitted signatures were invalid.

Conservation and education groups throughout the state worked enthusiastically together to promote the state land reform initiative, "Our Land, Our Schools" in hopes of

modernizing State Trust Land Laws.

At this point, it is uncertain how this goal will be achieved. We will keep you apprised of this very critical issue that is so important to the future of Arizona.

Development Update

First Assembly Dream Center School Traffic Report

Scottsdale First Assembly (Dream Church), located on the west side of Pima Road just north of Dynamite Boulevard, is moving forward with its proposed plans to start a school within its current facility for about 200-250 students. No additional structures, variances, or zoning changes are being requested.

However, in order to establish a school, a Conditional Use Permit is required for which the church is in the process of applying.

The school will operate on a standard academic schedule, Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. The current facility provides for ample parking with adequate ingress and egress.

Results of a traffic study, as required by the city were sent to COPP for analysis. Indicated is a potential queuing problem at the Pima Road and Dynamite Boulevard intersection, particularly during the morning, mid-day and afternoon peak hours.

The church has plans to ease the traffic flow by staggering class hours. However, until a clear resolution has been reached and the traffic report has been finalized, COPP cannot provide a position on the final submittal for the Conditional Use Permit.

As the traffic studies are finalized, the Dream Church will hopefully find a solution to the traffic problem. The Coalition will continue to monitor the progress of this application.

Message from the Scottsdale Police Department

Monsoon season officially ends on September 30. During storms keep in mind these safety tips:

- Telephone lines and metal pipes can conduct electricity. Unplug appliances and avoid using them if possible.
- Stay away from open areas including swimming pools.
- Never drive in a flooded roadway.
- A severe Thunderstorm Warning can bring damaging winds of 60 mph winds or higher. Move into a central interior room and stay away from windows.
- Bring pets indoors.
- Keep a safety kit ready to include medical equipment, water, food, and medications.
- Call 9-1-1 during emergencies.

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Greater Airpark Plan Focus Groups

The city is continuing to plan the long-term development of the area around and immediately beyond the Scottsdale Airpark., the area generally defined as Scottsdale Road east to Loop 101, and Frank Lloyd Wright south to Redfield Road. Thus far, the city has conducted workshops and surveys in which more than 300 community members have discussed their visions and priorities.

Community members will be meeting to participate in further themed discussion groups through the end of September to develop the long-range plan for the Greater Scottsdale Airpark, the city's largest employment center.

Included will be topics of Mobility, Land Use, Economic Vitality, Design and Sustainability. Bob Vairo was invited to participate as a member of these focus groups to add his expertise on Land Use issues.

City planners will be interested in developing guidelines for transportation, building heights and intensity restrictions, and how to provide buffers between businesses and residents.

The results of this community focus study will be presented to City Council within a year as one of six community area plans being developed by the city leading up to the eventual adoption of a new General Plan in 2011.

For further information, call the City of Scottsdale's Advance Planning Division at (480) 312-7900 or visit the city's website at: <http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/planning/areaplans/GreaterAirparkCAP.asp>

Join Us for the Cookout at the Ranch XIII

Plan to attend the Cookout at the Ranch XIII, located at MacDonald's Ranch, Jomax and Scottsdale Road on Saturday, October 25 from 5:30 pm-9:30 pm.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Scenic Drive, Friends of Pinnacle Peak Park, Greater Pinnacle Peak Association, the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy, and the Rotary Club of Pinnacle Peak, these non-profit associations enhance desert and wildlife preservation.

Advance tickets are \$47.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children under twelve years. For tickets and information, phone (480) 585-0239 or refer to Friends of the Scenic Drive website at www.scenicdrive.org. Tickets may also be ordered using the Cookout Hotline at (480) 580-0593.

The Coalition of Pinnacle Peak will be one of the exhibitors at the Cookout. The Board invites you to stop by our exhibit and reserved table to visit with us.



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