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## City Council Elections 2008

While it's a bit early to comment on the 2008 City Council elections, there seems to be a more than usual buzz about who will be seeking to challenge Mayor Manross and three council member seats that are up next year.

It should be noted that the 2008 city council elections will take place on September 2, and if any candidates are in a runoff, the final selection will be made on November 4 when the Presidential and other elections are held.

As of this writing, we have a long list who have announced or indicated their intent to run for the City Council. Mary Manross has declared she will seek a third and final term limited four years as mayor. Councilman Jim Lane has indicated that he is thinking about challenging Mayor Manross, but will not decide until the

middle of January. Jim Derouin, a partner at the legal firm of Steptoe and Johnson is also giving it some thought.

For city council, incumbents Betty Drake and Ron McCullagh are expected to declare for a second term. If Jim Lane, also an incumbent, goes for the mayor's office it will leave a seat on the city council to fill.

However, there are others who have already made plans to vie for one of the three council seats. Nan Nesvig who tried to run in 2004, but did not succeed for lack of sufficient petition signatures, has already declared and her campaign is underway.

Then we have Lisa Borowsky, an attorney, Joel Bremoweth, real estate, and Susan Klapp, owner of "Framestore", who

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## Calendar of Events

- December 8 Electronics Recycling Day, 9191 E. San Salvador Drive, 7:30 am-2:00 pm. For acceptable items, refer to: [www.scottsdaleaz.gov/recycle](http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/recycle) or phone (480) 312-5602.
- December 8 Friends of the Scenic Drive Cleanup begins at 8:00 am. For details, refer to [www.scenicdrive.org](http://www.scenicdrive.org).
- December 11 Presentation of final consultant recommendations for City's Transportation Master Plan, City Council Meeting, 5:00 PM, City Hall Kiva, 3939 N. Drinkwater Blvd, refer to article, page 2.
- Dec 25 & Jan 1 No Trash; Collection will move forward one day.
- January 17 COPP Member Meeting, Legend Trail Community Center, 7:00 pm, Note this is a Thursday evening. Refer to article, page 3. Details of the program will be announced.

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# Council

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are moving right along to challenge for one of the city council positions. We fully expect that the list will get longer in the next few months.

When the candidates' list is well established, COPP will interview all of them well before the election next September, and provide a recommendation for our members. Before that, we'll hold a candidates forum for members and the public to see, hear and ask questions to help them decide which candidates deserve their votes. Since the election was permanently moved to September, we expect to hold the candidates meeting in June.

It's going to be an exciting campaign to win the minds and hearts of Scottsdale voters in 2008. Stay tuned!

The Board of Directors

# Desert Discovery Center Moves Closer to Reality

Plans for the Desert Discovery Center, long a dream of Scottsdale's Tourism Industry, moved closer to reality when the City Council approved a feasibility study to update the Center's nearly decade-old concepts.

Located in the planned Gateway to the Preserve, north of Bell Road and east of Thompson Peak Parkway, the Desert Discovery Center is envisioned as a key recreational and educational experience for residents as well as tourists and visitors to the Valley.

The feasibility study will be conducted in two phases: Phase one will involve conducting a market analysis of Scottsdale residents and existing and potential tourism target audiences to identify the needed scope for the facility; verifying that the

recommended concept is optimal and that it will achieve the expectations of the tourism, resident and education communities; and providing a preliminary 5-year revenue forecast.

Phase two, which will begin upon completion of Phase one, will include recommendations related to construction costs, governance, fundraising and operations of the Center.

Coalition President Bob Vairo has been invited to participate in a Concept Development Workshop for the DDC on December 5. If you have questions or suggestions regarding the Discovery Center's conceptual plans, please let Bob hear from you before that date. You can reach him by email at [rvairo@COPPeak.org](mailto:rvairo@COPPeak.org), or leave a message on our hotline, 602-230-5233.

## Completing the Transportation Master Plan

The public anticipates the results and analysis of the one and one-half year transportation study, in which the city council hired a consultant to study the transportation needs of the city and to formulate solutions to serve the city's needs through 2030.

Under consideration, this total transportation plan includes options for streets, public transit, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

Recommendations include:

- Study further options for transit, bicycle and pedestrian systems
- Eliminate a proposed airport tunnel
- Adapt local noise mitigation and buffering guidelines

Preserving the scenic character of the north along with these transportation enhancements will remain a challenge. Listed below are potential road expansion projects specific to the northern part of the city:

- Hayden-Miller Road – Extending north from Happy Valley Road to Dynamite Boulevard is a Two Lane

Collector, i.e. Two Traffic Lanes, Combination Median/Center Turn Lane, Serving Neighborhood Traffic

- Scottsdale Road – Six lanes to the city limit
- Pima Road – Six lanes to Dynamite Boulevard, four lanes to the city limit
- Dynamite Boulevard – Widening to four lanes
- Happy Valley Road – Widening to four lanes
- 118th Street – Two lane collector; refer to the description of Hayden-Miller Road
- Westland Drive – Two lane collector; refer to the description of Hayden-Miller Road

The City Council public hearings and vote are expected in December and January. For additional recommendations and information, check the city's website at [www.wcottsdaleaz.gov](http://www.wcottsdaleaz.gov). Please refer to the: "Hot Topics" line and "Transportation Master Plan". Email your comments and concerns to [thuish@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:thuish@scottsdaleaz.gov).

### City Website Update

In an effort to enhance the city website, an Agenda Planner link to the Council Agenda and Minutes webpage has been added. For information regarding the monthly schedule of City Council meeting, please refer to:

[http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/council/meeting\\_index/City\\_Council\\_Agendas\\_and\\_Minutes.asp](http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/council/meeting_index/City_Council_Agendas_and_Minutes.asp)

# Development Updates

## *Happy Valley Road and Pima Road Realignment*

With the busy traffic season upon us, you might be thinking, "When will the Happy Valley Road and Pima Road realignment be complete?"

The city has been working to complete the project that concerns most of us who regularly drive through this hazardous area. The Happy Valley Road and Pima Road intersection is being realigned along with the placement of a traffic signal at the new intersection. When completed, traffic traveling east-west along Happy Valley Road will travel directly across the Pima Road intersection, rather than in the jug-handled manner in which the roadway was previously constructed.

The project has been delayed because of the difficulty of finding and relocating electrical and fiber optic lines under the city right-of way, as well as along private property lines. Quest, working in conjunction with the city, estimates that when the lines are located, it will take about eight weeks to have the traffic signal operational.

Work continues regarding drainage concerns against future flooding. Paving and striping along the roadway is another less complex aspect of the

project, that when complete, will provide us with our much anticipated improvements along Pima Road and Happy Valley Road. According to city officials, the expected date of completion will be March or April, 2008.

## *Pool Submittal Process within Environmentally Sensitive Lands*

Effective as of October 1, 2007, the city has changed its review process for pools. Pool contractors are now required to submit original site plans for all construction in areas within the Environmentally Sensitive Lands (ESLO). Thus, it will be necessary for contractors to simultaneously submit pool and pool fence plans to ensure that the lot can accommodate both without disturbing the Natural Area Open Space (NAOS) or other pre-existing easements. These new requirements are intended to eliminate phased pool construction. The city wants to make certain all ordinances are fully enforced, all easements are accounted for, and that the design works for the site.

Updated pool submittal requirements are available online at:

<http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/Assets/documents/bldgresources/PoolSitePlans.pdf>

# Message from the Scottsdale Police Department

## *Holiday Safety and Shopping*

### **Your Car**

- Park your car under a light.
- Lock your doors, use an alarm, keep window closed, and use a steering wheel lock.

### **While Shopping**

- Keep items in car out of view.
- If you are uneasy about returning to your car after dark, or if people are loitering around your car, ask for security assistance.
- Keep an eye on your surroundings.
- Keep your keys in your hand.
- If you see any damage to the windows or doors of your car, don't get in. Call the police for assistance.

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## Member Meeting Schedule:

### *Member Meetings Will Resume Thursday, January 17, 2008*

Due to the enthusiastic response of COPP's membership in our bi-annual survey, we are resuming periodic member meetings effective January 2008.

However, because of conflicts with city meetings, we are switching our meeting nights to the second Thursday of the month.

COPP Member Meetings, as in the past, will be held at the Legend Trail Community Center at 7:00 pm. The schedule for the first half of 2008 is as follows:

Thursday, January 17      Thursday, March 20      Thursday, May 15



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In which city do you vote? \_\_\_\_\_

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