



Public May Comment On Fire Budget

Governing body will meet July 8, instead of July 15

By Christina Fuoco-Karasinski
The News

The Apache Junction Fire District Governing Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 8, and allow residents to air their opinions about the fiscal year 2009-2010 budget.

Usually, the governing body meets the third Wednesday of the month at the fire district offices, 565 N. Idaho Road, Apache Junction. However, it is coming together earlier to wrap up budget details.

"The budget was advertised for the last 30 days and the public has had a chance to comment in the June meeting, and they will have a chance to comment in this July meeting, but it is not considered a hearing," said Public Information Officer Dave Montgomery, who is also the district's fire marshal.

"We cannot begin to make

any expenditures against this new fiscal year budget until it is officially adopted by the board. Historically, we have always tried to do this as soon as possible into July, usually during the second week. We can't do it during the first few days of the month as it takes a little while to close out the old fiscal year and get the final numbers for the new."

On Wednesday, May 20, the governing board unanimously adopted a tentative fiscal year 2009-2010 budget of \$19,605,132.88—\$400,000 less than last year.

That was the third step for the governing board in planning and developing the fiscal year 2009-2010 budget.

The February, the board heard presentations on the Strategic Plan and the Standard of Response Cover. Staff was also given direction to use \$2 (\$1.86 plus \$.14) as

the "planning rate" when putting together figures for the draft budget.

During the March meeting, Fire Chief Dan Campbell walked the board through the expenditure budget, commenting on or explaining any "new" item or those items significantly increasing the line from the previous year.

The following month, the board made decisions on several remaining items in question and left several items for decision at the May meet-

ing.

The Maintenance and Operating (M&O) revenue and expenditure budget is \$14,474,368.77. The total taxes to be levied are \$10,277,732.04 (and total tax revenue is \$11,503,918.77).

The tax rate required for this levy amount is \$1.86. The voter-approved general obligation bond of \$9.5 million issued in 2006 requires an additional \$.14 of property tax for debt retirement.

Obituaries

Opal Emmaline Blackwell Ehrhardt



Opal Emmaline Blackwell Ehrhardt born to Oma Lee Northern and Willie Mark Blackwell on 4/13/38. She lived life to the fullest. She left this earth on June 29, 2009. She is survived by her daughters Donna and Jeanie; sons Dale and Chip; three granddaughters Shania, Tina and Alexandra; three grandsons Allen, Damien and Robin; siblings Billie, Rick, Eddie, Russell, Patty Debbie and Shirley. She will be deeply missed by all. Funeral services will be handled by Seasons End Mortuary.

Mary Jane Mathews
Mary Jane Mathews, 69, of Apache Junction went to be with our heavenly father on June 22, 2009. Born June

4, 1940, in Crestline, OH to John and MaryAnn Hoover. Mary met and married Ernest Mathews April 6, 1961, and moved the family to Arizona in 1967. Mary left behind four children Robert (Yolanda), Karen, Helena and Raymond; twelve grandchildren Liz, TJ, Sean, Adam, Monte, Sabrina, Joe, Justin, Brandon, Ray, Dillon and Sierra; 13 great-grandchildren Danny, Alannah, Celeste, Jeremiah, Hailey, Anthony, Alex, Cadence, Catlen, Cayla, Carlos, Ernie and Tony. Everyone who knew her, knew her as grandma. She is preceded in death by her loving husband Ernie of 40 years in 2001, her sister Patricia and brother Jim. Grandma, you were such a strong woman and a fighter, you worked hard your whole life and you were always there for us. You were an inspiration to us all. You are an angel now with beautiful wings. All though you may not be with us in body, we know you are with us in spirit. You are at peace and an rest now. We love you and you will be greatly missed. We know you are watching over us from a better place and one day we will all be together again. Love you Grandma.

Salvation Army Seeks Clothing

Drop off donations at Mountain View Automotive on the Trail

Through the end of August, businesses affiliated with YourAutoNetwork.com will be hosting a gently used clothing drive for The Salvation Army's Kaiser Family Homeless Shelter.

In Apache Junction, folks can drop off donations to Mountain View Automotive, 2085 W. Apache Trail. Their phone number is (480) 671-3785.

Cary Lockwood, founder of YourAutoNetwork.com., said, "It's difficult for many

folks to donate money to their favorite charity, but we can make a difference by donating clothes that we no longer wear. We need to come together to help others in our community."

The Salvation Army is looking for clothes for all age ranges, boys, girls, men and women. The shelter is also in need of bed sheets, blankets, towels and toiletry items. For more information call (480) 671-4823 or visit www.yourautonet.com.



Sheriff's Record

The Pinal County Sheriff's Department
Sheriff Paul Babeu, Pinal County Sheriff

Arrests
June 29 - De'Oshea Laffayette Deal, 20, of AJ, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.



Police Record

The Apache Junction Police Department
Chief of Police, Jerald Monahan

June 24 - June 29, 2009

Arrests

June 24 - Vivian D. Yeo, 35, of the 1700 block of North Valley Drive, was arrested for disorderly conduct and furnishing alcohol to minors.

June 25 - Daniel P. Kinnison, 42, of the 100 block of Ironwood Drive, was arrested for assault/domestic violence.

June 25 - Robert S. Kimbrell, 40, of the 2500 block of North Saratoga, Tempe, was arrested for aggravated assault.

June 26 - John C. Gross, 50, of the 1400 block of West Apache Trail, was arrested for possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to obey police officer.

June 26 - Ian H. Sapot, 43, of the 2800 block of Lincoln, Decatur, Ga., was arrested for assault/domestic violence and disorderly conduct.

June 28 - Carlos H. Corona, 38, of the 300 block of South Oregon Street, was arrested for criminal trespassing.

June 28 - Jorge C. Moreno, 25, of the 1900 block of West University Drive, Mesa, was arrested for criminal trespassing.

June 28 - Jorge M. Velasco, 49, unknown address, was arrested for burglary and criminal trespassing.

June 29 - Frank J. Parker, 45, of the 2292 block of North Ironwood Drive, was arrested for false information to law enforcement and failure to provide identification.

June 29 - Michael S. Coulston, 37, of the 600 block of South 92nd Place, Mesa, and Renee M. Schreck were cited and released for shoplifting

Incidents

June 24 - Reported a theft of a scooter in the 600 block of West 16th Avenue. Stolen was a camo 1998 Honda scooter with Arizona plate No. MC623A.

June 24 - Reported a theft of means of transportation in the 300 block of North Pinyon Drive. Stolen and recovered was a Yellow Polar ATV.

June 25 - Reported a nonresidential burglary, theft and aggravated criminal damage in the 2200 block of West Broadway Avenue. Stolen was a computer, television and window screens were damaged.

June 25 - Reported theft of means of transportation in the 2100 block of West Apache Trail. Vehicle was recovered by another agency.

June 26 - Reported a theft in the 3700 block of South Chaparral Road. Stolen was a black 2005 Gravelly 8X10 trailer with Arizona plate No. T46168.

June 26 - Reported theft in the area of Superstition Boulevard and Ironwood Drive. Stolen was a woman's wallet, containing a drivers license and miscellaneous papers.

June 28 - Report a theft from a vehicle in the 2200 block of South Belair Drive. Stolen was VR3 stereo, CD player.

June 28 - Report a theft of a license plate in the 1000 block of West 21st Avenue. License No. 981PBG.



City Court

Apache Junction City Magistrate Court
300 E. Superstition Blvd.
City Magistrate James Hazel, Presiding

June 25 - Eric Augustas Holeman, 20, of Mesa, guilty of disorderly conduct, noise. Sentenced to \$500 fine.

June 30 - Shawn Roger McClary, 37, of AJ, guilty of criminal damage. Sentenced to 12 months unsupervised probation, \$200 fine.

June 30 - Jamie L. Orlando, 24, of AJ, guilty of operating vehicle without interlock device. Sentenced to \$500 fine.

June 30 - Brandi K. McPherson, 44, of AJ, guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sentenced to complete Lifeskills substance abuse program, \$400 fine.

June 30 - Justine B. Hernandez, 19, of AJ, guilty of underage consumption. Sentenced to \$500 fine.

June 30 - Robert Parra, 21, of Chandler, guilty of driving suspended. Sentenced to \$760 fine.

June 30 - David J. Weick, 22, of Queen Creek, guilty of driving suspended. Sentenced to \$760 fine.

June 30 - Candie R. Bowman, 36, of Gold Canyon, guilty of no driver's license. Sentenced to \$300 fine.

June 30 - Anthony E. Donlin, 24, of AJ, guilty of false reporting to law enforcement. Sentenced to 2 days jail.

July 1 - Ian H. Sapot, 43, of Decatur, GA, guilty of disorderly conduct/DV. Sentenced to 12 months unsupervised probation, complete domestic relations program, complete Lifeskills substance abuse booklet, \$300 fine.

July 1 - Jesse C. Wright, 27, of Mesa, guilty of driving suspended. Sentenced to 2 days jail. \$125 attorney fee, \$92 jail fee, \$760 fine.

July 1 - Sean Cavender Hughes, 19, of AJ, guilty of minor consumption. Sentenced to 68 days jail.

July 1 - Cheryl Ann Gorski, 46, of AJ, guilty of assault. Sentenced to 12 months unsupervised probation, may be released from probation upon completion of 60 day residential substance abuse treatment, \$1249 fees.

July 1 - Krisha M. Sidwell, 21, of AJ, guilty of disorderly conduct, possession of prescription drug. Sentenced to complete Lifeskills booklets of anger management and substance abuse, \$100 fine.



Justice Court

Apache Junction
Pinal County Justice Court
575 N. Idaho Rd.

Judge Dennis Lusk, Presiding

Kevin Jezek - of Queen Creek, guilty of driving on suspended license. Sentenced to 12 months unsupervised probation, \$390 fine.

Daniel Melvin - of AJ, guilty of failure to inspect. Sentenced to 12 months unsupervised probation, \$300 fine.

Jessica Lopez - of AJ, guilty of speed. Sentenced to 24 months unsupervised probation, \$995 fine.

Trevor Payne - of Queen Creek, guilty of driving on suspended license. Sentenced to 12 months unsupervised probation, \$160 fine.

Daniel Wuske - of Florence, guilty of DUI. Sentenced to alcohol screening, MADD impact panel, 1 day jail, 36 months unsupervised probation, \$1672 fine.

Small Claims and Civil Cases

LVNV vs Thorvaldsen - Judgment awarded to plaintiff LVNV, in the amount of \$3222.98.

Chase Bank vs Edgell - Judgment awarded to plaintiff Chase Bank, in the amount of \$5259.57.

Chase Bank vs Colburn - Judgment awarded to plaintiff Chase Bank, in the amount of \$8276.05.

Johnson Ranch vs Lohrenz - Judgment awarded to plaintiff Johnson Ranch, in the amount of \$2563.49.

Johnson Ranch vs McClellan - Judgment awarded to plaintiff Johnson Ranch, in the amount of \$3007.66.

Midland vs Hinchliffe - Judgment awarded to plaintiff Midland, in the amount of \$5454.93.

Atlantic Credit vs Dunn - Judgment awarded to plaintiff Atlantic Credit, in the amount of \$1446.14.

Capital One vs Chapman - Judgment awarded to plaintiff Capital One, in the amount of \$3109.32.

Capital One vs Annis - Judgment awarded to plaintiff Capital One, in the amount of \$1407.76.

All About Air vs Great Wall - Judgment awarded to plaintiff All About Air, in the amount of \$3236.17.

Skyline Ranch vs Perea - Judgment awarded to plaintiff Skyline Ranch, in the amount of \$2134.71.

Ford Motor vs Bello - Judgment awarded to plaintiff Ford Motor, in the amount of \$7233.97.

JP Morgan vs Stockwell - Judgment awarded to plaintiff JP Morgan, in the amount of \$3210.68.

Johnson Ranch vs Ramirez - Judgment awarded to plaintiff Johnson Ranch, in the amount of \$2214.23.

Rancho Bella vs Lee - Judgment awarded to plaintiff Rancho Bella, in the amount of \$3037.30.

Wells Fargo vs Greenslate - Judgment awarded to plaintiff Wells Fargo, in the amount of \$7446.60.

Portfolio vs Tzintzun - Judgment awarded to plaintiff Portfolio, in the amount of \$5196.11.

LVNV vs Jones - Judgment awarded to plaintiff LVNV, in the amount of \$8677.66.

Midland vs Springer - Judgment awarded to plaintiff Midland, in the amount of \$1829.44.

Midland vs Koegel - Judgment awarded to plaintiff Midland, in the amount of \$923.52.



Wedding Announcement

Emily Kraft and Andrew Leahey



Emily Kraft and Andrew Leahey were wed on June 27, 2009, at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor, Mich. They met in New York City, N.Y., reside in Ann Arbor, Mich., and are celebrating their honeymoon in Costa Rica. A former resident of Apache Junction, Emily is a graduate of Apache Junction High School and the University of Arizona. She is a former Teach for America Teacher, and now

a recruiter for Teach for America at the University of Michigan. Andrew is a former resident of Richmond, Va., a graduate of the University of Virginia, attended NYU and is now a contributing writer for allmusic.com in Ann Arbor, Mich. Emily's parents are Marianne Dunlap of Page, Ariz., and David Kraft of Susanville, Calif. Andrew's parents are Katherine and Robert Leahey of Richmond, Va. We welcome you to read more about their wedding and their beautiful life together. Please take a moment to visit their personally created wedding Web site online at: www.emilyandandrew2009.com

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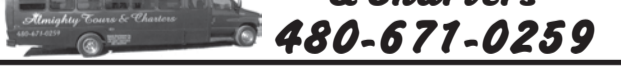
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