

Apache Junction Office:

480-982-0659

Florence Office:

520-866-6104

San Tan Valley Office:

480-982-0659

Bryan.Martyn@pinalcountyaz.gov

www.bryanmartyn.com



July 2009 Supervisor's Update

Bryan Martyn
Supervisor-District 2

The train just keeps going... July was a blur of meetings and changes as we help guide Arizona's fastest growing county.

San Tan Valley continues to make the transition to a new name. The post office has updated their systems as other agencies continue to update at their own intervals. Hang in there. We've done all we can do at this end. Now it is up to the banks, MVDs, and others to get San Tan Valley in their systems. For those who need an "official" letter, go to www.pinalcountyaz.gov and look under the San Tan Valley topic.

Please continue to spread the news about the new name. We continue to struggle to get the word out. No dedicated funds and little press make for a challenge. Of course, you can always call my office if you have questions.

Arizona State Trust Land representatives and I met multiple times this month to discuss a couple of issues in the San Tan Valley area. The first issue was the discussion of the future downtown area - talk about exciting! The area we are looking at is on Gantzel, between Combs and Bella Vista. There is a large amount of State Trust Land that appears to be perfect for a healthy mix of light/medium industrial, commercial, residential, and open space. I can't tell you how blessed we are to have a single owner (State Trust) of such perfectly situated land. The combination of rail, power, water, and raw, affordable land, provides an optimal environment for controlled, thoughtful development. San Tan Valley has an unmatched opportunity to master plan almost 2000 acres in the heart of the community.

Another issue involving State Trust is the dead orchards off of Hunt Highway. Over 57,000 dead trees sit on almost 685 acres. We are in negotiations with Renegy, a company out of Snowflake, AZ, to take all the trees and use them for bio energy. These dead trees will generate thousands of Watts of electricity. The trees will take almost nine months to cut, chip and remove. When the project is done we will have effectively removed a huge fire hazard and pest problem while giving back to the environment. Every project should have as much upside.

After four years, the Schnepf Bridge in San Tan Valley is finally being torn down and replaced. I had the pleasure to deliver the first blows for the destruction of the existing structure. By Christmas of this year we will have a new bridge over Queen Creek and a widened road from Combs to Ocotillo. No longer will school busses, emergency vehicles, and local residents need to travel miles out of the way. The new structure represents a cooperative effort of all levels of government. The federal government is paying 75%, the state has 15%, and the county has the last 10%. In the end, the citizens of San Tan Valley have a new, 1.3 million dollar crossing.

Fireworks were a big part of the month throughout the district. The 4th of July was a fun time filled with hot dogs, hot weather and great entertainment. Later in the month, the Day of the Cowboy celebration also boasted an awesome fireworks display at the Gold Canyon Golf Resort. Pinal County plays a big role in America's celebration of Cowboy Heritage. I had a good time riding in the main street parade at Goldfield Ghost Town. Goldfield is a great place; complete with gunfights, horses, saloons and showgirls. By the way, our County Sheriff and Apache Junction's Chief of Police had a quick draw contest. I'll let you ask them who won. I wouldn't want to draw on either of them.

On a personal note, the Martyn family added a new member this month. The adoption of a five-month old Golden Retriever named Hunter has made life very exciting. Big smiles all around the Martyn house...

This month's employee in the spotlight is Wes LaCross of Pinal County's Code Enforcement. Wes played a critical role in the dozens of events throughout the county this month. For almost 10 years, Wes has helped to ensure things run smoothly. Thanks Wes!

Do pass this update along to your friends. If you'd like to be added to the email list, please send an email to Bryan.Martyn@pinalcountyaz.gov or call 480-982-0659.

Remember, strive to be a part of the solution!

www.pinalcountyaz.gov