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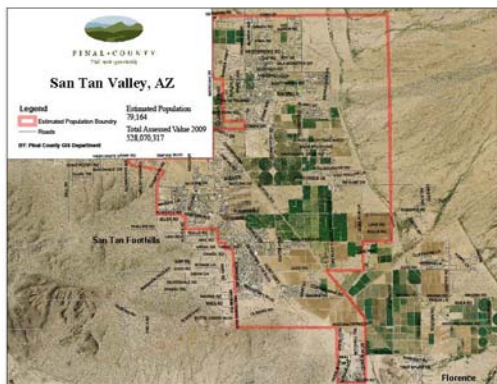


June 2009 Supervisor's Update

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Wow! What a month. This month over 80,000 citizens who struggled to find an identity came together under a common name. No longer will the question "Where do you live?" be met with "Johnson Ranch", "The San Tans," "just outside of Queen Creek," "it's hard to explain..." San Tan Valley is Arizona's newest community. With a population of 80,000 and an area of 67 square miles, San Tan Valley is Pinal County's largest community by double. Now begins the process of bringing the much needed economic development to the area in the form of services, jobs, and increased quality of life. Congratulations to the 80,000 founding fathers and mothers of one of Arizona's brightest communities.

Below is a map of the area. If you have questions about the area, go to www.pinalcountyaz.gov and click on the San Tan Valley FAQ button.



In addition to all the work going on in San Tan Valley, the Board of Supervisors adopted the FY 2009/2010 budget for the county. There is no doubt we are well into the muscle. We went from a budget of \$458M to just over \$400M. One note of significance was the original proposal for an across-the-board 5% salary reduction for our 2400+ employees. Thankfully, we were able to avoid a pay cut all together due to additional revenues from the government. Prayer works.

Speaking of prayer, our thoughts go out to State Treasurer and friend, Dean Martin. Dean's amazing wife, Kerry, tragically passed away while giving birth to the couple's first child, Austin Michael. Unfortunately, Austin passed away two days later.

On the day-to-day front, the county's Comprehensive Plan was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Now the Board of Supervisors will work through issues to ensure that the most important growth document in the State of Arizona is as good as we can make it.

Impact fees seem to always come up with the development world when we speak of Pinal County. There is no doubt that we need impact fees to pay for the infrastructure associated with America's second fastest growing county. We are beginning the process of evaluating our fee structure and methods. The intent is to bring businesses into the area while ensuring a fair and equitable system is in place. The new fees should be in place by February of next year.

Finally, this past week I spent a few days at our State Capitol with our legislators. Although the budget is the primary concern, there are a number of bills that will affect the citizens of Pinal County. One bill is the proposal to move from the current three Supervisors to five Supervisors as early as 2010. The districts would be based upon the current community college districts. Another bill involves the creation of a natural gas storage facility outside of town of Eloy. The facility represents hundreds of jobs during the three-year construction phase, as well as, millions of dollars in revenue for the community. More to follow as the legislators work...

This month's employee in the spotlight is not an employee, but a volunteer citizen. I'd like to recognize San Tan Valley resident, Tisha Castillo. Tisha spent countless hours working to enhance citizen input for the recent naming of the community. Her efforts were monumental and clearly demonstrate that community involvement counts! Thank you Tisha.

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!

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