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Sheriff Paul Babeu, Pinal County (via mail)
Bryan Martyn, Pinal County District 2 Supervisor (via email)

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Thanks to each of you for taking time out of what must seem like never-ending days to make a presentation to the homeowners in the Rancho Bella Vista South community on May 21. I am disappointed, actually embarrassed, that we did such a poor job of promoting your appearance and not getting a better turnout. I learned a lot from the discussions, the most immediately useful to me:

1. Watch your car – The next day I registered into the program. Back in my stupid days, I would not have registered. I wonder how many 1 AM – 5 AM stops result in an unintended D.U.I. citation.
2. Graffiti cleanup – A service provided by the county to help keep a community neat looking. I am disappointed that our HOA management firm was unaware of this service because when we request landscape bids, part of the cost is for graffiti removal.
3. Away from home – The ability to notify the sheriff's department when we are away from home. Then, when on patrol, the officers will be on the look-out for unusual activity around an empty home.

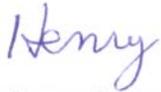
Thanks to Sgt. Wallace for an excellent presentation on the Block Watch program and for what homeowners should be doing to make their homes safer and improving the overall safety of our community. No, you don't speak too fast. The audio, visuals, and the hand-out provide for a complete understanding of the program. Just outstanding.

Thanks to Sheriff Paul for his update on law enforcement issues and steps his department is taking to address those issues. I moved to Arizona at the end of June, 2008, barely four months before the Nov. election. I knew nothing about the issues facing Pinal County, let alone the candidates seeking office. I saw a sign that said "End Photo Radar" and thought there's a man I can vote for. But first, I went on the Internet to find out what I could about the man. Is there some reason I cannot vote for him? Found nothing but a smart, tough, stand-up guy. Tough we can hire but it's tough, stand-up we need.

Bryan, thanks for sharing the direction you, and, I assume, the other supervisors, feel our area should be moving in. Good luck with that. Maybe if you suggested the name of Johnson City you would get some backing. I, like many others, have no idea what it would take to effect a successful incorporation yet not impose a financial hardship on the residents. I just know it irks me to pay 31% more (8.8% vs. 6.7%) in sales tax when I shop at the WAL*MART on Rittenhouse vs. the one on Hunt Hwy. Needless to say, it was distressing to hear that no one at the county

level is tasked with the responsibility of trying to bring new commercial/industrial businesses into our area. There is a large, diverse workforce in our community which should be attractive to firms looking for a place to locate. I would certainly like to see us pursue companies involved in new, renewable energy sources. Such as First Solar, headquartered in Tempe. You might take a cue from Sheriff Paul, who hired an experienced person to bring his dispatch operation up to industry standards, and hire someone with a proven track record of bringing new businesses into a community. His salary should be more than offset by the benefits to the area and its residents. If you can't find someone, maybe Sheriff Paul would like to "double dip".

Again, thanks to each of you for sharing with our community. I realize sharing is a two-way street and hopefully we homeowners will become more involved, thus more helpful to ourselves and our county service providers.



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