



# THE FOUNTAIN HILLS TIMES

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### Rummage sale donations sought

The annual charity rummage sale for Team Rychard is set for Saturday, April 9. The sale, organized by Barb "Just a mom" Eldridge, benefits Aunt Rita's Foundation, which supports various AIDS causes. The event will be held at New Journey Lutheran Church, 16748 E. Parkview. Donations may be dropped off at the church Friday, April 8, between 4 and 6:30 p.m. Furniture or large appliances cannot be accepted. Contact Eldridge if pick-up is needed prior to April 8 at 602-882-2462. The sale is from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 9. Team Rychard is a fundraising arm that Eldridge organized to honor her late son.



Times photo by Ryan Winslett

### The race is on!

An eager egg hunter starts collecting during the 2016 Eggstravaganza, hosted out of Golden Eagle Park on Saturday, March 26. For more photos, see Page 9A and the online gallery.

## Developer files lawsuit against Town over 'wrongful' delays

By Bob Burns  
Times Reporter

Shea-Connelly Development, the developer for the MorningStar assisted living facility in Fountain Hills, has filed a notice of claim against the town in Maricopa County Superior Court.

Shea-Connelly Development (SCD) is claiming intentional interference by the town in the developer's construction contract and prospective economic ad-

vantage. The company is seeking \$600,000 in damages.

The court claim states that beginning in August 2015 through early February, the town has "wrongfully interfered with SCD's ways and means of its work."

It states that due to such conduct by the town the developer has experienced at least 120 days of delay on the project.

The claim cites nine specific items of inappropriate

action by the town including:

- \*requiring a development agreement for a retention pond on private property;
- \*creating a conflict between two private land owners relating to a private easement agreement;
- \*creating conflicts with the replat process;
- \*creating delay in the improper review and modifications of construction documents that were to be solely handled through

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## CopperWynd seeks use permit to become 'world class' wellness center

By Bob Burns  
Times Reporter

CopperWynd Resort in Fountain Hills is seeking to transition into an upscale, luxury health and wellness center to become the "CopperWynd Resort and Club Wellness Centre."

Part of achieving that goal, according to attorney Jordan Rose with the Rose Law Group, is to provide

treatment facilities that, among other things, may address those seeking rehabilitation from drug or alcohol addiction.

As a result, the resort has applied to the Town of Fountain Hills for a special use permit to provide the drug and alcohol rehab services.

Rose notes that the treatment aspect of the resort will focus on the

broader "wellness" aspects of the individual's life. The drug and alcohol rehabilitation are expected to be only a small part of that.

The narrative for the application presented to the town states "CopperWynd will offer the services of an exclusive, luxury healing center emphasizing whole body health and wellness with a particular

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## Vision FH survey deadline is Thursday

By Bob Burns  
Times Reporter

There is just one more day for residents to participate in the community survey Vision Fountain Hills will use to focus its community workshop on May 7. The survey will close Thursday, March 31. Vision Fountain Hills Committee Co-Chair Jerry Butler said the group is very pleased with the response so far. There had been 1,200 responses to the survey as of last week.

The committee will use names it gets from the survey to invite people to participate in the workshop. Anyone interested in participating in the workshop should make sure to complete the survey by the deadline. The survey will ask for contact information for those who want to participate in the workshop. The workshop is an all-day event and there will be a cost to participate to help defray the costs.

Community members need to get together and look at the hard decisions that will need to be made

regarding budget and finance for the town, Butler said.

"We will be asking for their solutions to the issues during the workshop," he said.

"We need to have ideas that the people will support."

Here are those issues and a few questions the Vision committee would like residents to consider as they complete the community survey:

\*Education - What part does excellence in education play in the long-term vitality of our community, and how can we promote greater achievement of exceptional performance within our local district and system?

\*Community finances - Financial security is critical to the health and wellbeing of every community. What steps need to be taken to best secure the future of our town?

\*Economic prosperity - How does the health of our business community affect the personal and public lives of all residents and

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## Republic offers rewards

The Republic Rewards Grant Program has launched its 2016 process to reward a community enhancement effort by local civic groups.

Republic Rewards is a community recycling rewards program available to municipalities and residents that receive their recycling services through Republic Services, a leading provider of recycling and waste services in the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

Republic Services has established the Community Grant Program in Fountain Hills to fund a selected project that will enhance the environment and local community.

The potential grant amount is \$10,000. Eligible local charities, non-profit groups, and other civic organizations are encouraged to submit a proposal application for a community benefiting project to be considered for funding,

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## Those long voting lines

Those in Fountain Hills who stood in line for an hour to cast a ballot in last week's presidential preference election were com-

paratively the lucky ones. Lines of a mile or more were reported at polling stations around the Phoenix area with waits exceeding three hours. At

one voting location, the last ballot was cast after midnight - more than five hours after the polls closed. Those in line at 7 p.m. were

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## FH Coalition wins national honor

By Ryan Winslett  
Times Editor

Shelly Mowrey, Fountain Hills Coalition Board of Directors member, and Shana Malone, Director of Statistical Analysis Center, AZ Criminal Justice Commission, recently received a national Prevention Award from the White House Office of National Drug Policy for the creation, implementation and evaluation of the Arizona Prescription Drug Misuse and Abuse Initiative.

Their honor was announced during the Coalition sector meeting on March 3, with the trophy passed around for all attending members to see.

Mowrey explained that Fountain Hills was the first coalition in Maricopa County to participate in the Arizona Prescription Drug Misuse and Abuse Initia-



From left, Shelly Mowrey and Shana Malone receive the national Prevention Award from the White House Office of National Drug Policy for the creation, implementation and evaluation of the Arizona Prescription Drug Misuse and Abuse Initiative.

tive in an effort to reduce the abuse of prescription drugs in Fountain Hills and beyond.

"Forty-four people lose their lives every single day

to prescription drug overdoses," Mowrey explained.

"Creating this initiative and evaluating it show that it saves lives means we need to expand it so that every community has the opportunity to benefit from it. This work is now more important than ever."

When Mowrey and Malone's honor was announced, Mowrey said things got a little emotional.

"To be honest, when I found out we won the award, I cried," she said.

"I have spent so many nights, days, weekends talking with parents that have lost their children to prescription drug overdoses and this award is 100 percent for them, to let them know that the lessons learned from those devastating deaths helped inspire a movement that's changing the way medication is

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Times photo by Barb Charzuk

### Paws in the park

A pair of Golden Retrievers was available for adoption March 26 at the Rescue a Golden of Arizona booth in Fountain Park. Phoenix Animal Care Coalition 911 (PACC911) coordinated 50 rescue organizations for the annual event. Founder and president Bart Mears said 78 animals were adopted. Among the adoptees were two pit bulls and a huge mastiff. He anticipated at least another five to be added to the list. More photos on Page 6A and online gallery.

### INSIDE THIS WEEK

#### Sunrise:

Photos from the Easter service.

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#### Anniversary:

Liberal Ladies celebrate five years.

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#### Soccer:

Leah Carrillo (pictured) and Alison Mabery receive honors.

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### WEATHER

	H	L	P
Tues., March 22	84	53	--
Wed., March 23	74	51	--
Thurs., March 24	78	48	--
Fri., March 25	82	49	--
Sat., March 26	83	57	--
Sun., March 27	85	53	--
Mon., March 28	81	59	--

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