



THE FOUNTAIN HILLS TIMES

Your Award-Winning Hometown Weekly Newspaper

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

\$1.00

Volume 43, No. 42 • 28 pages • 2 sections

Theater holds winter camp

Fountain Hills Theater is planning a two-week winter camp.

Instructor Paige Beckman will conduct the winter break camp for students ages seven to 14. Sessions are Dec. 19 to 23 and Dec. 26 to 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Discounted prices are available to students par-

ticipating in both weeks.

For more information, call 480-837-9661, ext. 3. Camp will be held at the theater, 11445 N. Saguaro Blvd.

For more information on Fountain Hills Theater, visit fhtaz.org. The theater is in its 30th season in the community, featuring productions on three stages.

Council considers Park lights...

By Bob Burns
Times Reporter

An engineer's report states that the town got essentially what it specified with the installation of the bollard lights along the walkway in Fountain Park.

However, when the council meets this week staff will pose some options to consider that would address complaints by residents, mostly in the neighborhoods surrounding the park.

The engineer's report concludes that the mea-

surements taken in the field are not substantially different than the manufacturer's model values.

It also states there is zero light intensity above the fixtures, noting that any light being observed above the fixture is due to reflective, angled surfaces on the fixture and a reflective factor from the concrete sidewalk.

The neighbors who raised their concerns questioned whether the fixtures that were installed matched what the town specified for its purchase,

and that the bollards were emitting light upward, above the fixture. The engineer concludes that neither is the case.

However, staff has presented four options for the council to weigh: Replace the grey bollards with black ones at a cost of \$235,235; replace the grey tops with black ones at a cost of \$403,480; replace the lamps in all of the fixtures with a lower lumen level at a cost of \$77,770; or make no changes.

(cont. on page 8A)

...while P&Z talks Dark Sky

There are a number of Fountain Hills residents who take pride in the dark sky environment in Fountain Hills and hope to one day develop an observatory to attract amateur astronomers from far and wide. An official "Dark Sky" certification for the town from the International Dark Sky Association would go a long way to help achieve these goals.

Action taken by the Planning and Zoning Commission Oct. 13, regarding lighting regulations may help maintain the dark environment, but members of the town's Dark Sky Committee say the new rules, while appreciated, do not go far enough.

Development Services Director Bob Rodgers initiated the changes to the lighting regulations in the Zoning Ordinance some time ago, primarily to update terminology and bring the requirements in line with new technology. Over the course of the review Rodgers met several times with representatives of the Dark Sky Committee and was able to address most of their goals in the updated version of the ordinance.

However, there are two objectives the committee members say are needed to achieve the Dark Sky Certification for the town, which Rodgers said he is unwilling to incorporate

into the ordinance at this time.

The first of those requirements is for a residential lumen density cap. Rodgers said he considers the specific language redundant and he would prefer to include such a regulation in the submittal for concept/site plan approvals for construction.

He also said he believes such a regulation is unenforceable.

The second item Rodgers did not include is regulation of municipally owned lighting.

"Municipal lighting is exempt from this ordinance

(cont. on page 9A)

Arpaio faces contempt charges

By Bob Burns
Times Reporter

When the Department of Justice announced early last week that it would pursue criminal contempt of court charges against Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio it prompted an angry reaction from Arpaio.

"With (President Barack) Obama on his way out of office he and

DOJ officials know this is their last shot at taking me down," Arpaio stated in a statement released after the DOJ announcement.

Arpaio, a Fountain Hills resident, also stated the announcement, coming less than a month before Election Day, is an attempt to interfere with his reelection campaign.

"Because enforcing illegal immigration law is not politically correct,

within the first 100 days of taking office, Obama put then-Attorney General Eric Holder in charge of pursuing a 'racial profiling' case against me - and eight years later they're still pursuing the case," Arpaio said. "This highly unusual charge of criminal contempt against an elected local official should be seen for what it really is;

(cont. on page 9A)

Drug disposal Saturday

The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office and the Drug Enforcement Administration will give the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bring pills for disposal to Fountain Hills Town Hall at 16705 Avenue of the Fountains. Items to be disposed of should be taken inside the Town Hall lobby off the south parking lot.

The DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Americans turned in prescription drugs at more than 4,114 sites operated by the DEA and its thousands of state and local law enforcement partners.

When those results are combined with what was collected in its previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken in over 3.4 million pounds - more than 1,700 tons - of pills.

This initiative addresses (cont. on page 16A)



The local Sister Cities group recently held a fundraiser at the Community Center to help with student exchange costs. Mayor Linda Kavanagh, right, read two proclamations at the event before handing them to Sister Cities chair Jackie Miles.

Dinner benefits Sister Cities

Approximately 130 people attended the Oct. 8 "Dinner Around the World" sponsored by the Fountain Hills Sister Cities Corporation and the Fountain Hills Sister Cities Commission in the Community Center.

The menu featured food from the town's four Sister Cities. The dinner's caterer, Fireside Grill chef Abraham, made stuffed cabbage rolls and Polish sausages for the main course, and German apple strudel for dessert.

Appetizers were pupusas served by the owner

of Glady's Restaurant, Salvadoreno, in Mesa. The restaurant also donated 100 empanadas for dessert.

Other menu items included Salvadoran coffee and Belgian Godiva chocolates.

The highlight of the evening was a musical performance by The Rice Brothers. The Polish-American duo are accomplished on cello and piano and debuted in Carnegie Hall in 2014. They are scheduled to return Jan. 29 as part of the

(cont. on page 5A)



Times photo by Barb Charzuk

FDR joins presidential display

The Presidents' Circle in Fountain Park now constitutes the sixth bronze statue, Franklin D. Roosevelt. Dedication of the statue honoring the 32nd U.S. President took place Monday, Oct. 17. Participating in the ceremonies were, from left, sculptor Matt Glen of Provo, Utah; Jerry Miles, art benefactor and member of the Public Arts Committee; Kelli Lawhead and her two Black Scottish Terriers Gus and George, FDR's favorite breed; Mayor Linda Kavanagh; Sandi Thompson, Public Arts Committee chair and Marty Brown, FDR Committee chair. Brown said the statue represents "Stretch to Our People." Private donations fund the town's Public Art collection.

'Make a Difference' Saturday

Fountain Hills residents are preparing to come together as volunteers to help their neighbors for the Eighth Annual Make a Difference Day this Saturday, Oct. 22.

This event is a morning where all residents are invited to help the most vulnerable in the community by providing work service for four hours at designated projects. Volunteers will meet at Golden Eagle Park at 7:30 a.m. They will receive a T-shirt and meet up with their team and pick up supplies and tools before heading out to work.

MaDD coordinator Heather Ware there are 40 projects with 325 volunteers registered as of Monday morning. The number of volunteers is down about 40 from last year.

Ware said people can still register and help is needed for some projects in town parks including some landscaping and painting the fence around the Skate Park at Desert Vista Park.

Organizers are seeking (cont. on page 8A)

Homecoming parade, game is this Friday

Its homecoming week in Fountain Hills, which means plenty of reasons to celebrate the Falcons over the next few days.

The big change to this year's festivities is the time and location of the homecoming parade. This year's trail of floats, music, dignitaries, homecoming court and the like will start at Christ's Church on Bainbridge, travel down the north-bound lanes of Golden Eagle Blvd, then enter the high school grounds for the big finish.

Visitors are invited to enjoy the parade this Friday, Oct. 21, with a start time of 5 p.m. Organizers are asking visitors to line their chairs on the side-

walk of Bainbridge and the north-bound lanes of Golden Eagle Blvd. Road closures will be at 4 p.m., so those wishing to park in the Golden Eagle parking lot should be there early. The high school and Learning Center parking lots are also a safe bet for enjoying the parade, followed by the game.

Food and games will be available at the high school following the parade and leading up to the 7 p.m. homecoming game kickoff. Everyone is invited out to support their local team, as well as enjoy the floats, see the marching band and spirit line performance, hear the announcement of royalty and more.

Zoning Ordinance changes considered

The Planning and Zoning Commission is recommending the Town Council approve text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance that will reorganize regulations to streamline site plan approval.

The effort will impact

16 different sections from seven different chapters of the ordinance that relate to the requirements for submittal, review and approval of development site plans.

(cont. on page 8A)

INSIDE THIS WEEK

Movies:
Locals making films.
See Page 1B

'Render Safe':
Pascal Marco introduces second novel.
See Page 16A

P&Z:
Amberleigh Dabrowski and Erik Hansen (pictured) join the commission.
See Page 11A



WEATHER

	H	L	P
Tues., Oct. 11	94	61	--
Wed., Oct. 12	91	61	--
Thurs., Oct. 13	95	64	--
Fri., Oct. 14	95	61	--
Sat., Oct. 15	93	59	--
Sun., Oct. 16	91	59	--
Mon., Oct. 17	89	59	--

For weather updates and forecasts go to www.fhtimes.com



Daily News Updates www.fhtimes.com