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## Town approves \$1.8m street plan

At its regular session on Sept. 15, the Town Council approved nearly \$1.8 million for the annual street maintenance plan for Fountain Hills.

This is the second year of a four-year stretch that work will be done in Zone 1, the neighborhoods across the northern part of town north of Palisades Boulevard and roughly east of Golden Eagle Boulevard.

Last year the major collector streets had asphalt replaced with mill and overlay. This year there will be additional mill and overlay on neighborhood streets.

Staff has decided that certain collector and residential streets require the top layer of asphalt to be replaced.

Due to budget limitations the work in Zone 1 has been spread out over four budget years. In the 2017-2018 fiscal year there will be additional mill and overlay done and in 2018-2019 slurry seal will be put down.

Councilman Alan Magazine said he is very concerned about the maintenance effort, particularly funding.

"Our roads situation is intolerable," Magazine said. "The Council has indicated that fixing our roads is one of the top two priorities for our town, but we are making very little progress, and the future looks bleak."

"The town has been divided into seven zones.

Fixing the roads in Zone 1 was originally to take two years and cost \$1 million. Now we are being told that it will take four years at a cost of \$6 million in today's dollars.

"That means that zones 2-7 will deteriorate further before we can get to them, and the cost is likely to be prohibitive. We must take this very seriously."

Due to the extended time in a single area of town other street work is being deferred, and according to Public Works Director Paul Mood, the condition of the pavement continues to deteriorate.

Town Manager Gerald Miller is recommending

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Times photo by Ryan Winslett

Nicholas Latona, Karli Latona, Emily Latona and Colleen Streufert enjoy some delicious treats during the sixth annual Day of Play and Day for Kids, hosted by the Kiwanis family of organizations and the Boys and Girls Club McKee Branch on Saturday, Sept. 17. For more photos of this fun-filled event, see page 10A.

## Adero Canyon well underway

By Bob Burns  
Times Reporter

By the end of next year there will be people settling into their new homes in the Adero Canyon subdivision of Fountain Hills.

Infrastructure construction is well underway with asphalt down on at least one street at this time with more paving to be done soon.

Developer MCO Properties has brought two premium builders into the project.

Toll Brothers has model homes under construction and has a total of 61 lots available for semi-custom homes. At Adero Canyon, Toll Brothers will offer one and two story homes ranging from about 3,000 to 6,000 square feet.



Toll Brothers has two model homes under construction at Adero Canyon. The homebuilder has 61 lots available for semi-custom homes.

Camelot Homes is the builder for 44 paired luxury single-family patio homes in the subdivision. They will soon have models un-

der construction. The homes will range from 2,550 to 2,740 square feet. There are two and three bedroom models with 2.5-3 baths.

These are award winning designs integrating indoor and outdoor living with contemporary architecture.

Presales for Camelot begin late this year with model set to open in April/May of 2017.

The Adero Canyon development also includes plans for 120 multi-family or resort/hotel units adjacent to the existing CopperWend Resort, which is adjacent to the subdivision property.

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A drone's perspective of the Adero Canyon project looking northwest from a site adjacent to the Scottsdale Hidden Hills subdivision.

## MCSO: FH drug issues on the decline

By Bob Burns  
Times Reporter

The drug-related deaths of two young adults in Fountain Hills prompted the Town Council to ask the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office for an assessment of the illicit drug situation in the community.

MCSO Capt. Dave Letourneau, commander of the Sheriff's District 7 based in Fountain Hills, made a report to the coun-

cil at its regular session on Sept. 15.

Letourneau said that after a review of drug-related calls in Fountain Hills over the past five years there has been no increase in activity recently. In fact, based on the MCSO reports there has been a significant reduction in drug-related activity over the past couple of years.

MCSO calls for service reviewed from 2011 through 2015 as well as the

first three quarters of 2016.

The high for calls was in 2013 when there were 71 calls that were related to drug charges. That includes calls that might have initially been reported as a different type of incident and were changed when drugs were found to be involved.

By the same measure some calls were reported as drug-related, but deputies found no evidence of drugs involved.

## Reed, Wright continue on School Board

By Ryan Winslett  
Times Editor

With no other challengers stepping forward, it looks like Fountain Hills Unified School District Governing Board incumbents Dr. C.T. Wright and Jill Reed are set to continue their service within the local district for another four years.

Both Wright and Reed's terms on the School Board expire at the end of this year. The deadline to apply for the two seats passed on Sept. 15 and, with only Wright and Reed submitting petitions, there will be no need to have the seats up for grabs during the upcoming general election. Both incumbents are expected to be sworn in for their new four-year terms at the start of 2017.

Reed is currently wrapping up her first term on the School Board and is serving as president for 2016.

Reed said she believes a successful school district has involved community members, parents and "people who want to put kids first." She said she wanted to make sure she was an integral part of her own kids' education and felt she had a strong background, having served on the PTO board, to bring her



Unopposed, FHUSD Governing Board incumbents Dr. C.T. Wright and Jill Reed will continue serving the local school district for another four-year term.

knowledge and a "parental aspect" to the board. "My goal is always to make our district the district of choice," Reed said. "That means being the best academically, offering programs and electives that make people want to come here whether they are part of our district or not."

Reed said open enrollment is great, but it can also be a detriment to districts.

"So I want to make sure that our kids want to stay

here and that those who are surrounding us want to come here," she continued.

As for Wright, he began serving back in 2006. Currently serving as a Board member, he has also held positions as vice president and president of the local School Board.

"I'm interested in serving again because we have a great board and we have a great district," Wright said. "However, there are

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## Park Place ground breaking this week

N-Shea Group and Real Capital Solutions are hosting a groundbreaking event for Park Place Phase I on the Avenue of the Fountains on Thursday this week.

The event will be held on Sept. 22, from 3 to 6 p.m. at the southeast corner of Avenue of the Fountains and Verde River Drive.

Featured speakers will include town dignitaries, Chamber of Commerce officials and owner representatives.

Residents of Fountain Hills are welcome and re-

freshments will be served.

Park Place is a mixed use development to line the Avenue of the Fountains with commercial and residential uses.

Phase I will include 230 residential one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments on three floors above the ground level with 32,000 square feet of commercial, mostly retail and restaurant space at street level.

Overall, in three phases, the Park Place development calls for 404 residential units and 43,000 square feet of commercial.

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Sunset group celebrates 40 years.  
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**Patriotic:**  
Shela Pappas, Regan Tower (pictured) and classmates enjoy Constitution Day.  
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**WEATHER**

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Tues., Sept. 13	98	72	--
Wed., Sept. 14	96	66	--
Thurs., Sept. 15	95	65	--
Fri., Sept. 16	95	69	--
Sat., Sept. 17	99	72	--
Sun., Sept. 18	104	72	--
Mon., Sept. 19	100	81	--

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