

Commissioners to be recognized

Mayor Jay Schlum and the Town Council will take the time during the council meeting on Thursday to recognize seven individual for their service to community advisory commissions.

Grace Jakubs and Kathie Kelly served on the Community Center Advisory Commission, Bob Sanders was a member of the McDowell Mountain Preservation Commission, Fred Bedell and Youth Commissioner Amy Sanders served the Parks and Recreation Commission and Ed Cisak and Larry Mallek were members of the Senior Services Advisory Commission.

The council will consider

a Town Code ordinance amendment regarding provisions for the enforcement of civil violations.

While the current provisions emphasize enforcement and compliance, staff has a desire to use a more compliance based approach in addressing civil code violations.

The proposed amendment offers the type of flexibility needed to make code changes in the future.

The council will also be considering an amendment to the agreement with HDR Engineering for its work on design for the Shea/Saguaro boulevard improvement project.

The amendment would include the addition of a

sidewalk from the Circle K, across Cereus Wash to connect with the sidewalk at the commercial plaza on the south side.

This would also include a retaining wall to support the proposed sidewalk.

The change also includes the addition of interconnect conduits to accommodate future traffic signal expansion/improvements along Shea from Technology Drive to the east boundary of the town.

The cost of the additional engineering is \$50,139.

The Town Council meets on Thursday, March 1, at 6:30 p.m. in council chambers at Town Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

*Text-A-Tip

Teams with merchants

The Fountain Hills Coalition has partnered with local merchants to help spread the word about Text-A-Tip.

The program was launched here last fall in cooperation with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office.

Text-A-Tip is a crime-prevention program used by law enforcement agencies across the country to assist them in keeping their communities safe.

Text-A-Tip allows information to be communicated in a timely, concise manner

and is 100 percent anonymous.

"We have already established a presence with the students at the high school and middle school where it has been proven to be effective," said Maria Perreault, coalition program manager.

"In asking businesses to participate, we hope to increase the visibility and practice of Text-A-Tip throughout Fountain Hills."

For one month, merchants place a Text-A-Tip flier in a highly visible

location (on a door, window, main counter, etc.) and Text-A-Tip "business cards" by their registers.

Perreault wanted to thank those businesses that helped kick things off this month: CSI Printing, Fountain Bowl, Little Caesars, Paul's Ace Hardware, 4 Sons and CVS.

If interested in having a business participate in the Text-A-Tip campaign or would like more information on Text-A-Tip, contact Perreault at maria.prmediaworks@cox.net or (480) 203-1568.