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NEXT COPP MEMBER MEETING

**Thursday
July 17, 2008 at 7:00 pm**

**Legend Trail
Community Center**

(North on Pima Road past
Lone Mountain 1.5 miles.

To Legend Trail Parkway on right –
then 1.5 miles on right to
Community Center.)

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North Scottsdale Survey

We recently surveyed residents in the 85255, 85262 and 85266 zip code areas of north Scottsdale to get their opinion on a number of issues that touch their daily lives. There are approximately 19,000 households in these zip codes. We used a computerized program that randomly selected about 4,000 homes to get a good cross section of opinions.

Residents were asked to assign a rating from Very Dissatisfied to Very Satisfied with three other gradations in between – on a scale of five choices to a list of issues and services. To analyze the results we put Very Dissatisfied /Dissatisfied (Choices 1 & 2) and Satisfied/Very Satisfied (Choices 4 & 5) together. Choice 3 we assumed was “okay” or neutral. Here is what we found:

	Very Dissatisfied/Dissatisfied	Satisfied/Very Satisfied
Zoning Decisions	60%	12%
Control of Non-residential uses	60%	18%
Residential Density	51%	19%
Air Pollution	56%	15%
Noise Control	46%	20%
Traffic Control	55%	16%
Fire Protection	9%	66%
Police Protection	15%	69%
Maintaining Scenic Corridors	41%	27%
Completion of Preserve	43%	33%
Biking/Hiking/Equestrian Trails	23%	41%
Trash/Recycling Services	8%	66%

(see “Survey” on page 2)

Calendar of Events

- July 1 City Council hearing to finalize approval for construction contracts for Appaloosa Library; ceremonial groundbreaking anticipated August 28. (Refer to article page 2).
- July 9- August 18 Scottsdale City Council Summer Break
- July 17 COPP Member Meeting; Candidates Forum, 7:00 pm, Legend Trail Community Center. All officially declared candidates in Scottsdale’s September 2 election have been invited to participate. (Refer to Article page 2).

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Survey

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This seems to confirm that north Scottsdale residents are very concerned about inappropriate land use and zoning issues. Air quality and traffic are on the list of issues residents are very concerned about. Scenic corridors and the Preserve had a higher concern than we would have guessed. The Fire and Police Departments get high marks as do the city's trails and trash/recycling services.

This gives the Coalition a good idea of how residents view the city's performance and services. It will provide a useful guide in the upcoming City elections as the Coalition interviews candidates and decides which ones to recommend to our members.

We thank members and other residents who participated for taking the time to complete the survey. We will put it to good use.

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Another Try at Land Trust Reform

Disappointed by the Arizona Legislature's inability to come to an agreement on a legislative approach to Land Trust Reform, a citizens' group led by The Nature Conservancy has filed an initiative and is collecting signatures on petitions in the hopes of getting the initiative on the November, 2008 ballot.

If approved by Arizona voters, the initiative will:

- Conserve and protect 570,000 acres of some of the most important natural areas in Arizona – approximately 5,000 of those acres are in Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve
 - Require the State Land Department and local communities to cooperate in planning for trust land
 - Protect and guarantee essential classroom funding through improved management of state trust lands
- The Home Builders Association of

Central Arizona, sponsors of an initiative that successfully challenged Conserving Arizona's Future, the 2006 attempt at land trust reform, has agreed to remain neutral on this land trust reform initiative and not to contribute to or work with any opposition groups to this initiative. To date, no opposition groups have surfaced.

This initiative, called Conserving Arizona's Land and Water, will provide tools to help the City of Scottsdale complete its Preserve. The Coalition supports its passage.

If you want to contribute to the campaign please make checks payable to Conserving Arizona's Land and Water and mail them to:

Conserving Arizona's Land and Water
c/o Allen
170 Chaco Trail
Flagstaff, Arizona 86001

COPP Member Meeting: Candidates Forum

Thursday, July 17, 2008, 7:00 pm

To be prepared for Scottsdale's Election, September 2, please plan to attend the Candidates Forum on Thursday, July 17 at 7:00 pm at the Legend Trail Community Center. All officially declared candidates have been invited to participate.

A Candidates' Questionnaire was sent to each candidate after June 4, the official filing deadline date. Unedited answers will be published and made available to members and on the COPP website before the July 17 Candidates Forum. We will keep you up-to-date on the availability of this information with COPP Alerts.

In order to be eligible to vote in the fall's election, please refer to the insert in this edition of the *COPP News: Are you Ready for Election Day 2008?*

Library Planning Updates

Design and planning for the proposed 25,000 square foot Appaloosa Library, a bond project approved by voters in 2000, is nearing completion. As part of the Silverstone 160-acre mixed-use project located at the southeast intersection of Scottsdale Road and Pinnacle Peak Road, the four-acre site on which the library will be built was ceded by the developer. The library will be the first structure to be constructed as part of this mixed-use project.

On July 1 the City Council will be presented with the construction documents for final approval. A ceremonial ground breaking is anticipated to take place on August 28 with construction taking approximately one year to complete. The library branch, the fifth in the Scottsdale system, will be a welcome amenity to the north.

Enhancements that will be part of the new library were developed through neighborhood outreach meetings over the past year in conjunction with the architects and the professional library staff. Included will be the following:

- Two public meeting rooms with a dividing wall
- Interior public reading room, with 100,000 volumes
- Outdoor patio reading spaces
- Computer center with 52 computers; wireless-fidelity technology
- Three study rooms and a quiet lounge
- Specified space for children of all age groups, from tots to teens
- News Room and café

The library architects, Jeremy Jones and Douglas Sydnor, both long time local residents, unveiled their

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Calendar of Events (continued from page 1)

August 4 Deadline to register to vote in Scottsdale's September 2 election. (Refer to insert in this month's *COPP News, Are you Ready for Election Day?*)

September 2 Scottsdale Election Day

****Please Note:** The July-August Edition of the *COPP News* will be printed as a single issue during August.

Development Update

Mastro Group and Dove Valley Commercial Parcel

At the May 15 Member Meeting, Oliver Badgio of the Mastro Group discussed plans for a commercial development at the southeast corner of Scottsdale Road and Dove Valley Road, a 13.3-acre parcel which is zoned commercial (C-2), and has recently been purchased by the Mastro Group in conjunction with LGE Builders.

The applicant is planning a well-conceived project for the local community that will include four restaurants, retail and office space. The center will consist of 100,000 square feet, with 20,000 square feet devoted to office space. All buildings will be single-story except for one two-story office building, and a thirty-six foot architectural feature, the maximum allowed under the Environmentally Sensitive Lands Ordinance (ESLO).

Planned are eighteen foot pedestrian sidewalks, mature shade trees, and outdoor cafes. The Mastro Group would like to link the multi-family residential section of the Dove Valley Parcel (R5) on the eastern portion of the parcel with the commercial areas so that the restaurants will become a welcoming, gathering spot, and thus give the entire area a comfortable residential feel.

Incorporated into the project will be engineering and traffic studies. All aspects of the Environmentally Sensitive Lands Ordinance (ESLO) will be adhered to regarding lighting, heights, and signage. Setbacks, plantings, and design modifications will be used to lessen impacts on surrounding residents. In outreach meetings, the residents of Winfield, immediately to the north, were pleased with the plans as proposed thus far.

As the project moves forward, Oliver Badgio stated that his group is eager to please the surrounding neighbors, and do whatever is necessary to have the project become a welcome addition to the area.

John Little, Acting City Manager Discusses Viewpoints

We were also very pleased to hear acting City Manager John Little discuss his views at the COPP Member meeting. Mr. Little has held numerous positions with the city over the past twenty years including Executive Director of the Downtown Office prior to being approved unanimously by City Council as acting City Manager in early April.

Mr. Little stressed that since he is not applying for the permanent position which he expects will be filled by early 2009, he has a unique opportunity “to build trust within an open and transparent government.” He stressed his desire to meet with residents and to be candid with City Council.

In addition, Mr. Little emphasized the need to be open and accessible to the public and his staff. He is encouraging city staff to become more visible, and be less distant to the communities they are serving. With this in mind, he has

suggested that staff become more involved in citizen-related functions. Building a positive relationship with COPP and understanding COPP’s mission is a goal that Mr. Little mentioned.

Significant issues that Mr. Little hopes to influence over the course of his tenure are as follows:

- Transportation Master Plan
- Character Area Plans
- Downtown Plan Updates
- State Trust Land Reform

As the surrounding communities expand, Scottsdale is cooperating in sharing regional services. Included are social services, public safety, water, transportation, and homeland security. In the future, Mr. Little foresees Scottsdale as having more of a “voice at the table.”

We thank Mr. Little for sharing his vision for what he feels will be the major issues during his tenure as acting City Manager.

Message from the Scottsdale Police Department

Scottsdale has seen increases in two property crimes during the first half of 2008.

- Catalytic Converter Thefts – Throughout the state law enforcement agencies have reported increase in thefts due to the presence of three types of precious metals in catalytic converters, including platinum. The metal is then sold at scrap yards. Targeted vehicles are S.U.V’s or high clearance vehicles because they are easier to access.

- Truck Tailgate Thefts – The tailgate is easily removed by opening the tailgate, accessing the screws that attach the arms from the tailgate to the truck and removing them. To prevent this type of activity, keep your tailgate locked at all times.

If you observe suspicious behavior around vehicles in parking lots, commercials yards, and residential areas, please call the police department.

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Library

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plans to use glass to bring in natural, northern light and molded, insulated concrete to promote energy efficiency. The structure will be built to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Gold certification standards (LEED).

For further information or to provide additional ideas, please contact Project Manager Gary Meyer by email, gmeyer@scottsdaleaz.gov or phone: (480) 312-2367, or Library Director, Rita Hamilton, rhamilton@scottsdaleaz.gov or phone: (480) 312-7089.



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 Fax (_____) _____
 Start Date _____ End Date _____

In what neighborhood/HOA do you live? _____ In which city do you vote? _____

Comments/Suggestions _____

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 Make your check(s) payable as indicated above. Please return this form and your check(s) to:
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Are You Ready for Election Day?

In order to vote in the September 2, 2008 Primary election, and the November 4 General election, you must first be registered to vote. If you have recently moved or changed your name, you will need to re-register.

To register to vote in the September 2 election, your registration form must be received by the Maricopa County Recorder's office by close of business on Monday, August 4, 2008. The deadline to register for the November 4 election is October 6. Citizens of the US and residents of Arizona, who are 18 years or older by the election date are eligible to register and vote.

If you have an Arizona driver's license, you can register on-line at www.servicearizona.com. Also you can have a registration form mailed to you by calling the Maricopa County Elections Department, 602-506-1511, or through the Maricopa County website, www.maricopa.gov. Click on "Site Map", "Elections", then on "Register to Vote."

If you have been a resident of Arizona but move to a different address less than 29 days prior to an election, missing the deadline to register under your new address, you may still be eligible to vote. On Election Day go to your new polling site, along with proof of your residency, such as a utility bill that has been mailed to you. The judge at the polls has the authority to issue you a provisional ballot.

An increasingly popular option for voting is by Early Ballot. If you think you will be out of town or otherwise find it difficult to go to the polls on Election Day this is a convenience available to all registered voters. Early Ballots can be requested online at www.maricopa.gov. Click on "Site Map", "Elections", then "Early Voting Ballot Request". You can also obtain an Early Ballot by calling the Maricopa County Elections Office at 602 506-1511 through close of business on Friday, August 22, for the September 2 election and Friday, October 24, for the November 4 election.

If you desire an Early Ballot to be mailed outside of Maricopa County, you must submit a written request with an original signature to: Maricopa County Elections Department, 510 south 3rd Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85003.

In order for your Early Ballot to be valid and counted, it must be mailed in time to be received by the Maricopa County Elections Department by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, September 2, or Tuesday, November 4. You may also deposit your ballot and affidavit at any polling place designated for these elections from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Your polling place may not be the same for both elections. The location of your polling place will appear on the label of the voter pamphlet that will be mailed to every registered voter approximately 30 days prior to each election. Or you can verify your polling place(s) on the Maricopa County website, www.maricopa.gov. Click on "Site Map", "Elections" then "Polling Place Locator".

Polling Places are open from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Remember, if you vote in person at the polls on Election Day, you need to provide proof of identity. Acceptable proof of identify is one form of identification that bears your name, address and photograph, or two different forms of identification that bear your name and address.