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A Blizzard of Cell Sites Coming!

A company called **NewPath Networks** has applied to the city for approval to establish 287 cell sites (antennas) throughout Scottsdale, 262 of them in the city's right of way (ROW). Its business plan is to get approval for wireless sites on poles, traffic signals and streetlight towers, and then lease space on these sites to cell phone providers. The first cell phone company to contract with NewPath is AT&T. Other possible participating companies are Cricket, Sprint, T-Mobile and Verizon.

Each antenna site will have three elements: the pole or vertical asset, the antenna(s) and the ground equipment. Each site will have a capacity for six antennas that will measure 4' high x 10" wide x 4" deep.

NewPath also intends to use faux cactus to disguise the antenna. Each site will have a ground equipment cabinet approximately 52" high x 37" wide and 48" deep, plus an electrical meter pedestal about 16" high x 17" wide x 48" deep. It is represented that this equipment will be screened from view from the roadway by a decorative metal screen, vegetation and faux or real boulders.

Their proposal also calls for installation of 120-150 miles of fiber optics in city ROW.

The federal government prohibits

cities, like Scottsdale, from prohibiting wireless companies from establishing antenna sites on the city's right of way (ROW). Scottsdale enacted a communication ordinance some time ago to establish standards for these types of installations, but it cannot deny an application if the applicant complies with the city's requirements. Depending on the site and the nature of the installation, an application can be approved by staff, the Development Review Board, or, under certain conditions, a Conditional Use Permit must be approved by the City Council.

The city's communication ordinance can be found at: <http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/codes/zoning.asp> and then click on City Code and refer to Article VI, Telecommunications Service Providers.

While none of NewPath's site applications have been approved by the city, the Coalition has urged the city to be very concerned about the intrusive nature of such sites, particularly in residential areas and demanding of high design standards at each site.

Scottsdale will be an important pilot project for NewPath to sell its plan to other communities if it receives Scottsdale's approval for its 287 sites. We have suggested

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Calendar of Events

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| October 24 | Last day to request an Early Ballot for the November 4 General Election. |
| October 25 | Cook-out at the Ranch: 5:30 to 9:30 pm at MacDonald's Ranch, or details go to www.gppaaz.org |
| October 30 | Mayor and Council Breakfast celebrating McDowell Sonoran Month and the 14th Anniversary of Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve. The breakfast, which is free and open to the public will be from 7:30 to 9:00 am at the Granite Reef Senior Center, 1700 North Granite Reef Road. |
| November 4 | Election Day! Be sure to vote. |

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that nothing should be approved until standards are established with NewPath that requires reasonable controls for every type of installation.

The City Council held a study session on October 14th to get itself, neighbors affected by the proposed applications and members of the public acquainted with the NewPath proposal; nothing was approved. We are hopeful that the city will take steps to protect its residents from potential adverse impacts of these installations in their neighborhoods.

In the meantime, we suggest that you email or otherwise let the mayor and city council know that you are concerned and look to them to protect our neighborhoods. You can address emails to citycouncil@scottsdaleaz.gov or to individual members:

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Bicycle Safety

Recently there was a serious, near fatal bicycle accident in District 4* in which a bicyclist collided with an automobile. Whether there are large groups or single cyclists, rules of the road must be adhered to. Rural, curving roads are not training grounds for recreational bicyclists who may forget that they are on public, Scottsdale streets.

Police, District 4 Commander Wilton, in his concern for our safety has written the following Advisory:

“With the return of the mild weather months comes an increase in activity on our roadways as winter visitors return and bicyclists become more commonplace. I want to remind everyone that we all share the road as well as the rights, responsibilities, and laws that govern our conduct on the road. Since the laws governing bicyclists on the roadway are not commonly known by everyone, I have included the main points below to try to assist us in understanding everyone’s rights and responsibilities as we all safely share the road.

Motor vehicles are required to give bicycles a safe distance of not less than

three feet when passing or driving alongside them per Arizona Statute 28-735.

Bicyclists operate under the same traffic laws as motor vehicles (speed limits, stop signs, stop lights, etc.) with a few additions per Arizona Revised Statute 28-815.) Highlighted below are a few key points:

- Bicyclists traveling at less than the normal speed of traffic shall ride as close as practical to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway.
- Bicyclists shall not ride more than two abreast except on parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.”

Because of neighborhood concerns regarding bicyclists’ infractions of rules of the road, the Scottsdale Police Department is monitoring bicyclists in northern Scottsdale neighborhoods. Please follow bicycle safety laws and keep our streets safe for all residents.

We thank Commander Wilton for his updates on the Rules of the Road, and to all the members of the Scottsdale Police Department for their concern for our safety.

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Appaloosa Library Construction Progress

Progress is being made on the 21,500 square foot Appaloosa Library, a major part of the 160-acre mixed used project located at the southeast intersection of Scottsdale Road and Pinnacle Peak Road. The four-acre site on which the library is being constructed was ceded by the developer. Ground Breaking occurred in late July, with the library opening scheduled by September 2009.

The relocation of native trees has occurred and the foundation is under construction. The longest wall will be 275 feet, while the height will not exceed 30 feet. The structure will be built to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Gold certification standards (LEED). Throughout the construction phase, recycled bins will

be used to separate and collect all debris.

Public art comprises approximately one percent of the budget of all public buildings in Scottsdale. Because of the wide appeal of the library, the Scottsdale Public Art Program has donated additional funding to the library project.

The concept of the public art project as conceived by the architect, Douglas Sydnor is to “compliment the architectural-intensive space with an ethereal, elegant and sophisticated work of art.”

With this in mind, the public art committee selected Seattle-based artist, Anna Skibska to create a dramatic, light-weight, translucent glass sculpture that will be suspended from the ceiling trusses of the public reading room. Ms. Skibska’s work was chosen from a

pool of fourteen nominated artists.

The library construction is being accessed by Silverstone Drive, which was built by the project developer and intersects Scottsdale Road in a west-east direction. Landscaping will complete the road construction before the end of the year. Additionally, the library will eventually be accessed from North 74th Street, Williams Drive, and Miller Road.

The library project is fully funded through construction and the operating budget is in place as well. The residents of the north look forward to this welcome amenity, the fifth library in the Scottsdale system.

For further information, please contact Project Manager Gary Meyer, gmeyer@scottsdaleaz.gov or phone (480) 312-2367.

Development Update

Public Safety Priority

The city is in the process of updating Police and Fire Department radio equipment to enhance communication in areas that now lack coverage.

Within two years there are plans for a regional system upgrade, and Scottsdale will be part of this shared, greater area public safety network. The major goal is to eliminate dead spots in radio coverage for the Police, and Fire Departments, along with all Primary Response teams.

In order for the system to be effective, new radio antenna poles will be installed at the following locations:

- District 3 Police Station at DC Ranch, a new 60-foot pole.
- Water Site 143, along 114th Street north of Dynamite Boulevard, a new 60-foot pole.
- District 2 Police Station, 9065 E. Via Linda, new 80-foot pole.

New city radio equipment is also planned at:

- Desert Mountain High School at 124th Street and Via Linda, rooftop microwave dishes and antennas will be installed.
- Miramonte development at 124th St. south of Alameda and east of Troon. Two 24-foot antennas will be in faux saguaros.

In addition, further improvements are planned at six other radio sites on pre-existing poles whose heights range from 40-110 feet.

These improvements will facilitate radio coverage between police officers and firefighters when they need to use portable radios to call for help.

These upgrades will also allow an additional 20 public safety agencies in the Valley to communicate during major emergencies and bring the area to accepted standards as outlined by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

In planning these radio antennas sites, the city is respecting the residents with careful placement of the radio equipment. No equipment will intrude upon the Preserve boundaries.

Keeping in mind that the main objective of these upgrades is public safety, the Coalition appreciates the concern that our Police and Fire Departments have for keeping our welfare a top priority.

For more information, please call Bradley Hartig, City of Scottsdale, Chief Information Officer, (480) 312-7615.

Message from the Scottsdale Police Department

Neighborhood Watch Program

Currently there are more than 350 Neighborhood Watch groups in Scottsdale. Participating neighborhood have enjoyed benefits of:

- Increased community awareness.
- Greater neighborhood communication.
- A feeling of empowerment by knowing the neighborhood is taking a stand against crime.

Speaking to neighbors and becoming acquainted with each other, helps us learn what is happening in our neighborhoods. We can look out for each other by spotting unusual activities. Only by getting to know our neighbors can we learn what normal behavior is and what is not.

If your neighborhood is interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch Program, please contact the Scottsdale Police Department.

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(* As of September 28, 2008, the “Uniformed Services Bureau has reorganized its district based command structure to effectively meet the future policing needs of the community.”

There are now Four Districts: The northern part of the city, District 4 Foothills, extends from Cactus Road to the south to Stagecoach Pass Road to the north. “The goal is to more

evenly distribute the workload among the existing staff.” Refer to www.scottsdaleaz.gov and click on the Scottsdale Police Department.)



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 If you cannot join COPP right now, please consider making a donation.

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I support COPP's mission and would like to join COPP. Your membership and/or donation is greatly appreciated.

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

Comments/Suggestions _____

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Scottsdale's Future

Mayor & City Council

- Mary Manross – Mayor**
- Betty Drake – City Council**
- Tom Giller – City Council**
- Nan Nesvig – City Council**

They Fully Support:

- **Completion of the Preserve**
 - **Managed Growth**
- **Improved Traffic Planning**
 - **Fiscal Responsibility**

COPP Board Openings

Additional Board positions will be available after January 2009 for members who are interested in helping COPP continue to achieve its Mission:

COPP's mission is to educate the public and hold government officials accountable to the public on any issue that poses a threat to neighborhoods, the environment, and fiscal responsibility.

Land use is the primary focus of the Board's activities. The city notifies us of all applications for land development in north Scottsdale, in addition to any proposed amendments to zoning ordinances that may affect land use.

The board meets with developers, architects, zoning attorneys and others to decide if COPP has concerns with a proposed development. We also interact with the city on such matters to fully understand land use applications or zoning ordinance amendments. Input from neighbors affected by a proposed development is very important to us, as is the potential precedent-setting nature of any proposed change in land use.

Completion of the McDowell Preserve is a high priority and we stay on top of this long term objective on a continuing basis.

All of this is with a goal of protecting neighborhoods from inappropriate land uses or development that changes their character because of requests incompatible with the City's General Plan or existing zoning ordinances.

Some of our more notable accomplishments over the years include:

- Stopping the influx of applications to rezone large-lot residential parcels in North Scottsdale to substantially higher densities;
- Joining with neighbors to stop an inappropriately sited Home Depot warehouse store;
- Participating as members of a city-sponsored "Ideas Team" that drafted a sensible "Big Box" ordinance to protect residential neighborhoods throughout the city;
- Participating as members of a Wireless Communications Ideas Team that drafted modifications to Scottsdale's Wireless Communications Ordinance, making it more sensitive to residential neighborhoods and environmentally sensitive areas;
- Where existing zoning permitted commercial and more intense uses, negotiating with developers and the City to achieve more aesthetically pleasing and environmentally sensitive projects.

COPP Recommends a "No" Vote on Proposition 105

The Board of Directors of the Coalition of Pinnacle Peak has voted to recommend to its members a "NO" vote on Proposition 105.

This deceptively titled initiative would make it nearly impossible for Arizona citizens to impact public policy through the Citizens' Initiative process. If it passes, Proposition 105 would allow people who don't bother to vote, to decide an election.

Currently, ballot initiatives pass or fail based on the will of the majority of those who vote for or against them. However, if approved, Proposition 105 would require a citizens' initiative to be supported by more than 50% of qualified electors (all registered voters) to become law. That's right – Proposition 105 would give those who don't vote a voice equal to that of those who do, thus allowing those registered to vote who don't exercise their right to vote to overrule the will of the majority of those who do vote.

The Coalition strongly believes that voting is both a right and a responsibility, and that the outcome of any ballot initiative should be determined by those who care enough to cast a vote for or against it, not by those who do not care enough to vote. WE urge a "No" vote on Proposition 105.

Voter Information

For more information about the candidates and their positions on key issues, read their responses to our "Candidate Survey" available at www.copp-pc.org.

For voters who want to request an early ballot, call the Maricopa County Recorder's office at (602) 506-1511 or at: www.recorder.maricopa.gov/EarlyVoteBallot