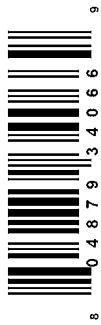


Hike the LOST and feel Superior: Lost Fest this weekend

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Attacks on the mayor, town employees are baseless

I grew up here in Superior and was educated in our schools. I left after high school and moved back here two years ago. I worked for The Town of Superior Finance Department until Jan. 20, 2016. Recently, I read about our former Town Clerk who seems to know more about what's going on at Town Hall than when she was actually here. She claims she was Finance Manager for Miami, Financial Administrator for Kearny and acting Finance Director for Mammoth. But she did not show anything to support her financial background while she was here. She had trouble reading the bank statements. She did do journal entries, but they were wrong and I had to correct them myself. In fact, one of the top officials for The Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens said the financial documents she submitted while she was at Miami were never correct. It also appears there are a lot of copies of the Town's bank statements floating around that some people are using to support lies and personal attacks. I read something about purchases made at the Dollar Store in December and without any information, I know it's "Toys for Tots", when the Town card is used to buy Christmas presents for the children of Superior. I've also read we have Bank of the West and Chase Bank cards. We only have one card from The Bank of the West and it

does have the same logo as a personal bank card. There is lots of speculation out there, but I have the facts. I have remained quiet about recent events, but I have to present the facts to let the residents of Superior know the truth.

The Mayor's verbal attackers use lies and accusations. But I find it more compelling that an independent auditing firm with a solid reputation found no impropriety and that the Mayor's employer determined no further action was necessary. In fact, when the Mayor realized his mistake, he immediately advised the Town Manager and brought in the money to reimburse the Town. I gave him a receipt and kept a copy for the Town. However, that copy which I kept in a sealed envelope in my desk marked "Confidential" somehow disappeared. It is strange that a document turns up missing right at the time our auditors were requesting it. This was the first time anything was taken from my desk in Town Hall but it wouldn't be the last. I am not going to attack the Mayor, because he came in to reimburse the Town at the time he realized his mistake. I understand the matter is still under review and the entire process should be allowed to run its course. In our country, a person is innocent until proven guilty.

The Finance Director position has been vacant since September of 2013. I was originally hired as the front desk clerk. But when the Finance Clerk at the time was overwhelmed with the amount of work, I was asked to step in. It became apparent that very little work was done after March of 2013. The federal and state tax filings were a priority. I submitted the delinquent tax forms for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarters of 2013, and had

the IRS and state penalties removed. Also, the invoices needed to receive funding for the Senior Center were not done since June of 2013. I submitted all the invoices to release needed funds to the Senior Center. In fact, the Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens recently conducted a thorough review and determined the financial reporting for the Senior Center was "excellent". Since January of 2014, I did all the Finance work for the Town. There was a clerk helping with data entry and filing, but I performed all accounting functions on my own, pursuant to GAAP standards. For two years, I have performed my job to the best of my ability, including the duties of a Finance Director. I took on the additional workload without complaint and without requesting a pay increase because I think it's important to give back to your community. Superior is my home town.

I resigned my position on Jan. 20, 2016. I left due to a hostile work environment that began when the former Town Clerk was hired in July of 2015. Confidential payroll documents pertaining to the former Town Clerk were taken from my desk, including Town checks (unsigned) that we issued stop payment requests on. Someone tried to log on to my computer while I was at lunch, and our computer administrator had to reset my password. My time was being monitored even though we do not use a time clock or timecards. My co-workers, including the former Town Clerk, openly celebrated the anticipated removal of the Mayor and Town Manager in Town Hall in December, before any action was taken by the Town Council. For these reasons and many others, I would not be productive working with current Town Hall staff on a daily basis. However, I would consider performing the Finance duties that I am already familiar with as an independent contractor. I could provide valuable assistance and have always acted in the best interest of Town.

/s/ David Romero
Former Finance Officer, Town of Superior

OBITUARY

Armando P. Contreras

Armando P. Contreras, 82, passed away on Jan. 29, 2016 in Apache Junction, Arizona. He was born on Feb. 6, 1933 in Superior, Arizona to Marcos Contreras and Placida Padilla.

Services were held Saturday, February 6, 2016 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery with Military Honors.



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Pinal Supervisors approve lower developmental impact fees levied on new construction

But rules under which developers can apply for special fee consideration sent back for more work

By **James J. Hodl**
Copper Area News

Reductions in most developmental impact fees for new construction in Pinal County were approved by the Board of Supervisors at their Feb. 3 meeting. However the Board put off yet again changes in the county ordinance to allow alternative fee determination for special projects.

The new developmental impact fees are now scheduled to go into effect on May 9.

The reason given for splitting up what had been introduced at the Dec. 9 Board meeting as Resolution 120915-DF was that under Pinal County statutes changes in fees go into effect 90 days after approval while changes in statute language can become effective in 30 days. With contractors holding back requests for new construction permits until the lower fees

go into effect, the Supervisors opted to approve the new fee schedule now while spending more time ironing out the wording of the alternate fee determination section of the ordinance, said Board Chairman Todd House.

The split was suggested by Himanshu Patel, director of the Pinal County Community Development Department, who reported new construction and developmental projects in the

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Superior residents should plan on attending Town Council meeting

The Superior Town Council will meet this Thursday night Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall and I am encouraging all townspeople to attend. Mayor Valenzuela has not stepped down, despite repeated entreaties for him to do so. The cost of a recall election will cost the Town (and that means us taxpayers) \$2.50 per registered voter. As of June 2015, Superior town had a total of 1435 voters and this means a loss of town revenue of \$3,587.50. The mayor could save the town this money if he would just resign. But he hasn't. Why?

The mayor is employed as a special unit by Sheriff Paul Babeu in the Pinal County Sheriff's Office through a law that was passed in 2009 that gives Sheriff Paul sole discretion in who is hired and who is fired. So far, even though Sheriff Paul is running for the 1st District of Congress, he hasn't deemed it important enough to fire his Jail Commander who has committed a felony offense in Superior. I think it means

the Sheriff is willing to let his Congressional votes in the August primary go to somebody else up here in Superior.

The Sheriff is also in partnership with the Pinal County District Attorney, Lando Voyles, who has repeatedly told interested citizens when they have called his office that he will not investigate Mr. Valenzuela's use of town money for personal use.

Jan. 14 at the last Town Council meeting, the Town Council voted to ask Arizona Department of Public Safety to investigate the mayor. The next day the Town Manager quit and the letter didn't get sent from the town until January 20 when the town lawyer Stephen Cooper finally wrote to the DPS. DPS notified the lawyer February 2 that they would be unable to conduct the investigation because they "do not have the resources available to conduct such an investigation." They said they would turn the matter over to the Attorney General's office. We learned that the

AG's office got the letter from DPS on Feb 3 and it was going to be turned over to the chief agent in charge of special investigations. We shall see what is forthcoming there. With a word, they could demand the mayor resign and that is what we are hoping will happen to save the town a cost of a special election. The one thing that may stop this investigation in its tracks is that the Special Assistant Attorney General is a Mr. Chris Derosé. And Mr. Derosé was Paul Babeu's counsel and campaign manager in his last bid for Congress in 2012.

I think the citizens of Superior need to know how tied up our government is by one man and how it is of paramount importance for us to assert our rights. Maybe it's too late and we can't extricate ourselves from this 'political machine' we find ourselves immersed in. Come to the meeting Thursday night and express yourselves!

/s/ Nancy Vogler

Mayor hasn't been convicted

Don't know about you but the first thing that comes to my mind when I see a Lynch mob forming is has someone been accused of something, formally charged and prosecuted by a fair and impartial jury with his right to confront his accusers and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defense?

I feel this situation with our Mayor, Town Manager and Finance Guy has turned into a movie straight from the

Old West ... I half expect to see the Gallows being set up in town, the women baking cakes and everyone anxiously anticipating the triple hanging as a town celebration with cocktails and dancing at the local saloon to follow!

I just joined this celebration recently to only feel sickened by the lack of common sense of the letters I have read and the slander, ignorance and injustice that these authors are creating in our town!

I am proud to say I was born here, a native of Superior and having gone to school here I grew up with two of these people that are being slandered and attacked; I feel

without any real justification. Does anyone here really want to know the truth or is there a hidden agenda to this defamation of character?

I love this town that I no longer recognize ... We are a people of hard working and honorable decent with true integrity! That's what my parents, grand parents, uncles & aunts instilled in me along with the kin of our town under fire. We were all raised together in a time when the mine was operating and all of our parents raised us on copper, the fruit of our land. Our first response was never to publicly humiliate each other for an error but to stand together, learn and grow!

I close my letter with this quote and reach out to the true Superiorites in hopes that they will search only for truth and not fall for slanderous agendas as we resolve this matter with the sense of dignity & respect taught to us by our forefathers!

"An error doesn't become a mistake until you refuse to correct it." ~ Orlando A. Battista ~

/s/ Kathleen Akers

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The event begins at 10 a.m. in front of the Superior Chamber of Commerce building at 165 Main St. in downtown Superior. All lectures will be hosted at the Superior Chamber of Commerce. The morning starts out with a series of informative talks including a history discussion on Pinal City and the archeology of the area, an update on the future plans of the LOST trail system and the always popular geology talk with ASU professor Steve Semkin. This year a new talk has been added by Rass and Kathy Vaughn who are the first Yo-Yo hikers on the Arizona Trail. They will share their adventures, what to expect for those considering a hike and also share about their personal journey on the trail. This is a can't miss

presentation.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. there will be an outdoor expo featuring booths by the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center and other outdoor activities with informational booths and there will be a hamburger and chile sale to benefit the Legends of Superior Trails Inc.


In the afternoon a series of guided hikes and walks will depart from Main St. to the trail heads. Hikes vary in length and intensity. There will be a hike to the Cross on

Apache Leap, a hike to the Tunnel on the Canyon Segment of the LOST the geology walk and this year there are several activities on the Arizona Trail including a slow hike, a fast hike, a trail run and a mountain bike ride. Pre-registration for the hikes, walks and bike rides are requested to ensure enough guides are available you can register online at www.lostinsuperioraz.org.

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Leaders from the San Carlos Apache Tribe as well as local leaders officially broke ground last week on the Apache Sky Casino near Dudleyville. They plan to open in June.
John Hernandez | Sun

Ground broken at Apache Sky Casino

By John Hernandez
Copper Area News

What has long been a rumor and plans will soon become a reality.

On Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016, the San Carlos Apache tribe held a groundbreaking ceremony for their new Apache Sky Casino. The casino will be located off of Hwy. 77 between Central Arizona College and Dudleyville on reservation land. The casino has been a long time in coming and local communities and the San Carlos Apaches are looking forward to the economic benefits it brings to the area.

Harold Kenton, an Apache singer, spoke about his grandfather being from Aravaipa. He sang a "prayer song" and provided the blessing.

Gary Murrey, CEO for Apache Gold gave a brief update on the casino project. The plans call for a temporary casino that will have 375 slots and four gaming tables. Construction will start in three weeks and the temporary casino is expected to be in place in June. The construction will provide 100 jobs. The temporary casino will mean employment for 200 people and when the permanent casino project is completed there will be 400 jobs. It is expected to be the "anchor" for other businesses that will provide services for

people that come to the area.

Terry Rambler, Chairman of the San Carlos Apache Tribal Council, spoke about "developing a community" and "working together with our neighbors to make things better for our children and grandchildren." He talked about partnering with Central Arizona College Aravaipa campus to create a gaming curriculum to train workers for the gaming and hotel industry.

"It is a great day for all of us," he added.



Supervisor Pete Rios was one of the guest speakers at the official groundbreaking of the Apache Sky Casino.
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Panthers victorious in finale

By Andrew Luberda
Superior Sun

The No. 23-ranked Superior boys' basketball team rebounded from a lopsided 79 – 45 loss against top-ranked San Carlos on Senior Night by defeating Mogollon in the regular-season finale, 87 – 81.

Four seniors – Jose Lira, Michael Salazar, Anthony Denogean, and Andrew Lopez – weren't able to celebrate their final home game with a win, instead going out with a victory in the final regular-season road game of their high school careers.

Five Panthers scored in double figures against the Mustangs last Friday, including Jesse Lopez (13), Marcos Bueno (23),

Jalon Murray (20), Austin Navarrette (11), and Nicolaus Cruz (11).

Navarrette and Murray finished with double-doubles after each pulled down a team-high 10 rebounds. Cruz led the Panthers with six assists in the win to go along with two of his team's 11 steals. Murray and Edgar Galindo tied with a team-high three steals each.

Next up for the Panthers is the Division V Section IV Tournament, which will take place at Thatcher High School, beginning Wednesday, Feb. 10

The No. 4-seeded Panthers will take on No. 5 Duncan in the opening round. Tipoff is scheduled for 5:15 p.m.

Visit www.azpreps365.com for complete bracket information.

Copper Area well represented at sectional basketball tournaments

By Andrew Luberda
Copper Area News

Four basketball teams from Copper Area schools will be competing for a sectional championship and the accompanying automatic bid to next week's 2016 AIA Division V State Championship Tournament.

The Ray and San Manuel girls' teams, both members of Section IV, will start with

quarterfinal games on Tuesday, Feb. 9 at Thatcher High School.

No. 4-seed Ray will face No. 5-seed Mogollon at 5:15 p.m. with the winner playing No. 1-seed San Carlos on Thursday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m.

No. 6-seed San Manuel will take on No. 3-seed Duncan at 7 p.m. with the winner advancing to play No. 2-seed Ft. Thomas on Thursday at 5:15 p.m.

On the boys' side, Superior and San Manuel, also members of Section IV, will play in quarterfinal games, beginning on Wednesday, Feb. 10 at Thatcher High School.

No. 4-seed Superior will battle No. 5-seed Duncan at 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday with the winner taking on No. 1-seed San Carlos on Friday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m.

No. 6-seed San Manuel will face No. 3-seed

Ft. Thomas at 7 p.m. on Wednesday with the winner advancing to face No. 2-seed Miami on Friday at 5:15 p.m.

Both championship games will take place on Saturday, Feb. 13 at Thatcher High School. The girls' championship is scheduled for 5:15 p.m. and the boys' will follow with tipoff scheduled for 7 p.m.

Visit www.azpreps365.com for complete bracket information and results.

Basketball careers end for four Lady Panthers

By Andrew Luberda
Superior Sun

Four seniors were honored on Senior

Night last Tuesday night before the game against third-ranked San Carlos.

Gabby Salcido, Silvia Longoria, Ariana San Miguel, and Phalicittee Thomas played

in front of the home fans for the final time, albeit in a losing fashion.

The Lady Braves dominated Superior, as indicated by the 83 – 14 final score.

Longoria scored a team-high six points in her final home game and Thomas added two to go along with a team-high nine rebounds.

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Bingo is every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. The menu for the Superior Senior center for the week of Feb. 15-18 is:

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- Tuesday; Green Chili Meat, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Green Salad, Fruit Ambrosia
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10 FEBRUARY School Board Meeting Change

The Superior School Board meeting has been changed to Feb. 10, at 6 p.m. The meeting will be in the JFK Auditorium.

11 Valentine's Day Party

Gemini Outreach of Superior will be sponsoring a Valentine's Day Party for the Superior Senior Citizens on Thursday, Feb. 11. Bingo play will be from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Music and lunch will follow. A suggested donation price for lunch is \$2 for 55+, \$4 for others. Door Prizes will be given. If you would like to donate or help please call Connie at 520-689-0104.

12 Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner

The Superior Food Bank invites you to join us for a Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner on Friday Feb. 12, 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. upstairs at Los Hermanos Restaurant, including a raffle and background music for your dining pleasure. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. See you there!

12 Knights Host Fish Fry Fridays

Knights of Columbus Council 3395 is sponsoring a Fish Fry event, every Friday from 5-7 p.m., Feb. 12 through March 18, at the St. Mary's Center, 100 W. Sunset Drive in Superior. This plate includes beer-battered fish fillet, homemade cole slaw, French fries and a drink for \$6. Bean burros are also available.

18 Little League Sign-Ups Continue

Superior Little League T-Ball and regular season registrations will continue at the Superior Jr./Sr. High School Multipurpose room from 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Registration dates are Feb. 18, 22 and 26. February 26 will be last day for T-ball aged players to register. All players must bring a copy of their birth certificate and any player league age 9 and up must bring proof of residency documents dated between February 2015 - January 2016. For more information, contact Virginia Alonzo at 480-215-9144, Sonia Estatico at 520-827-9771, Martin Navarrette at 928-701-7451 or email questions to superiorlittleleagueaz@gmail.com.

5 APRIL School Board Workshop

Pinal County School Office and ASBA are once again offering a Board member workshop for newly appointed Board Members and prospective candidates for the November election. The workshop will be held on Tuesday, April 5, from 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the County School Office in Florence. All are welcome to attend and there is no cost for the workshop. Dinner will be served. Forms may be obtained with election packets in March or can be found online at www.pinalesa.org/elections.

Chamber Seeking Miners' Families for AL Mining Fest

The Superior Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for Apache Leap Mining Festival, on Friday, March 11- Sunday, March 13, "Celebrating Miners". They are looking for families of miners that would like to be Co-Grand Marshal Families. Please contact the Superior Chamber of Commerce at 520-689-0200 or Pamela Rabago at 520-827-4500.

ON THE AGENDA

SUPERIOR TOWN COUNCIL: The Superior Town Council meets the second Thursday at 7 p.m. at the old Roosevelt School Auditorium.

SUPERIOR OPTIMIST CLUB: The Superior Optimist Club meets the first and third Tuesdays at Edwardo's Pizza at 6:30 p.m. Anyone wishing to join the club can contact JoAnn Besich at 520-827-0592.

SUPERIOR SENIOR CENTER: The Superior Senior Center is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. A hot nutritious lunch is provided at noon. Bingo is played every Tuesday and Thursday starting at 10:30 a.m. Come in and join us for lunch or Bingo. You do not need to be a senior to join us, but must be over 21 to play Bingo. Need a ride to the center? Call 520-689-5182.

SUPERIOR ROTARY CLUB: The Superior Rotary Club is the oldest service club in Superior that is still in service today. If you are interested in becoming a Rotarian you can join them at their weekly meeting on Tuesdays at noon at Los Hermanos Restaurant.

SUPERIOR SCHOOL BOARD: Regular meetings of the Superior School District Governing Board are held at 6 p.m. in the Auditorium, at Kennedy Elementary School, 1500 Sunset Drive in Superior, usually on the first Wednesday of each month.

SUPERIOR, ARIZONA COWBOY ROUND-UP ASSOC: Anyone interested in joining the Superior, Arizona Cowboy Round-up Association should call Sandra Doyle at 509-936-0604.

Submit information to CBNSUN@minersunbasin.com or call 520-363-5554. Listings are free. The Superior Sun reserves the right to edit or refuse submissions. Submissions are due the Friday before Wednesday publication.

IMPACT FEES

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county grinding down to a crawl.

Under the new schedule, most impact fees would be lowered in Pinal County, while the fee structure for residential housing would be increased from two to four categories. Instead of separate fees for new homes under and over 1,500 sq. ft., the new categories would be under 1,000 sq. ft., 1,001 to 1,500 sq. ft., 1,501 to 2,100 sq. ft., and over 2,100 sq. ft.

In the four Pinal County Developmental districts, impact fees would rise only in the North Central District (which includes Apache Junction, San Tan Valley and Queen Creek), and not in all construction categories. For instance, in the less than 1,000 sq. ft. residential category, the fee would drop from \$4,462 to \$3,940 but rise in the 1,001/1,500 sq. ft. category from \$4,462 to \$6,532. Fees also would rise in the over 2,100-sq.-ft. residential, Institutional, Commercial and Other Services categories.

In the South Central, East (including Superior, Kearny, San Manuel, Oracle and Mammoth) and West districts would see all impact lowered from current levels, with non-residential construction fees in the West District dropping by more than \$7,200. An additional fee was levied on construction in the extreme northern part of the East District (including Superior) where there are no arterial roads.

Developmental impact fees are levied to take care of safety, recreational open space (parks) and roads needs resulting from development of properties to account for increased population densities or commercial/industrial uses. The new schedule bases fees on the square footage of new structures, with larger properties accessed higher fees.

But Supervisor Anthony Smith argued that square footage may not be the only indicator of a development's ultimate use or occupancy. He cited retirement communities like SaddleBrooke, where new homes exceed 2,000 sq. ft. but are occupied by only two retired people who have most of their immediate needs served inside these communities and travel very little off premises. This would negate the need for major improvements outside the community such as widening roads, he said.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, Smith noted plans to build tiny houses (homes with square footage equivalent to efficiency apartments in urban areas) in Arizona City. A collection of homes of under 800 sq. ft. would result in a higher population density, thus having a bigger impact on the local infrastructure than larger senior housing, he noted.

As currently drafted, the alternative fee determination section of the proposed resolution defines those projects where developers can

seek special consideration outside the approved impact fee structure as those differing greatly from developments in the same impact fee category. To get special fee consideration, developers must submit to the county manager an alternative development report explaining why the impact of the development would be substantially different from the norm, detailing what the actual costs and burdens would be to the county. The report can propose an alternate fee based on statistics compiled in the report. After reviewing the report, the county manager can make a determination as to the development fee to be charged. The county manager may require the applicant to pay an administrative fee to cover the actual costs of reviewing the special fee determination application.

Some developers at the meeting objected to having to bear the cost of having the county review their applications for special fees. However Cameron Carter of the Rose Law Group praised the Supervisors for allowing more flexibility in its impact fee structure and that making applicants bear the cost of reviewing their requests for special fees was right as it would help prevent frivolous appeals.

Other criticisms concerned the wording of the alternate fee determination section. Some found the wording to verbose and thus open

to misinterpretation. Some changes shortening the text were proposed, along with a change that would enable developers to seek a special fee if only one of three criteria were met rather than all three.

The alternate fee determination section was sent back to committee for additional work. Board Chairman House said that wording that all parties can agree on could be ready for approval by the April Board meeting, thus enabling the revised impact fee ordinance and the already revised fee schedule to go into effect at the same time.

Public Notice

Statement of locations where all notices of the meetings of the Pinal County Planning and Zoning Commission will be posted

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, the Pinal County Planning and Zoning Commission hereby states that all notices of the meetings of the Pinal County Planning and Zoning Commission and any of its committees and subcommittees will be posted in the lobby of the Community Development Department, Building F and the lobby of the Pinal County Administration Building A, both located at 31 N. Pinal Street, Florence Arizona and both open to the Public Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except on legal holidays and on the official Pinal County Website at: www.pinalcountyaz.gov

Such notices will indicate the date, time, and place of the meeting and will include an agenda or information concerning the manner in which the public may obtain an agenda for the meeting

Dated this 2nd day of February, 2016

Pinal County Planning and Zoning Commission
By: Himanshu Patel, Community Development Director

Statement of locations where all notices of the meetings of the Pinal County Board of Adjustment will be posted

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, the Pinal County Board of Adjustment hereby states that all notices of the meetings of the Pinal County Board of Adjustment and any of its committees and subcommittees will be posted in the lobby of the Community Development Department, Building F and the lobby of the Pinal County Administration Building A, both located at 31 N. Pinal Street, Florence Arizona and both open to the Public Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except on legal holidays and on the official Pinal County Website at: www.pinalcountyaz.gov

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Dated this 2nd day of February, 2016

Pinal County Board of Adjustment
By: Himanshu Patel, Community Development Director
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Public Notice

TOWN SUPERIOR

INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

The Town of Superior has been awarded a Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG #555-95) through the Arizona Department of Commerce and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the purpose of Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements. Accordingly, the Town is seeking to contract with a qualified project architect, duly registered in the State of Arizona by the Arizona Board of Technical Registration to provide the necessary architectural, engineering, design and construction supervision to:

The items previously planned for that were cut from the last project due to budget constraints include Repair or Replacement of:

The effluent pump, including pipes, pipe supports, check valve and fittings
The effluent support plate, and hardware, (Inspection & Rehabilitation or Replacement of)

The Traveling bridge filter exterior surface preparation and coating
The Traveling bridge filter interior surface preparation and coating
The Traveling bridge filter underdrain plate inspection.

Replacement (as needed) and resealing of underdrain Plate joints
The Traveling bridge filter NEW freestanding work platform installation
Electrical work including electrical components, cabinets, and control panels throughout

the plant. Per electrical plans to be provided by the Engineer

Revised exterior yard lighting

A new Garage door on main building

Activities are to be designed and constructed in a manner which is compliant with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, consistent with the guidelines of the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board rules and in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG).

The successful proposer will be responsible for performing all project related necessary engineering services to develop all preliminary and final construction plans and specifications and bid documents, including but not limited to engineering, surveying, documentation of existing conditions, etc. Additionally, the engineer will provide interim and final inspections in order to ensure construction according to specifications.

A copy of the complete Request for Proposal may be obtained from Ken Hebert, Project Manager, Central Arizona Governments (CAG), 1075 S. Idaho Rd., Apache Junction, Arizona 85119 at phone number 1(800)782-1445 or (480)474-9300; by email at khebert@cagaz.org; or TDD at 711.

The Town will conduct a pre-proposal conference and site inspection on February 17, 2016 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Interested Proposers should meet at Superior Wastewater Treatment Plant 101 S. Airport Rd., Superior, Arizona, 85173 which is not fully accessible. Individuals with special accessibility needs may contact the CAG Project Manager at (480)474-9300 or TDD Relay 711 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

This project shall be accomplished in accordance with all federal program and state statutory requirements to include Executive Orders, Administrative Rules and Regulations. The successful proposer will be required to lend all possible assistance in the preparation, investigation and documentation necessary for compliance with all applicable Davis Bacon, Federal Labor Standards, and other requirements of the Arizona Department of Commerce/CDBG Program. The successful proposer should be prepared to comply with all local, state and federal safety and environmental requirements.

The Town's Selection Committee will choose one or more firms/individuals from those submitting proposals and make a recommendation concerning award to the Town Council.

Sealed proposals will be received in the office of the Town Clerk, Superior Town Hall, 199 N. Lobb St., Superior, Arizona 85173 until 4:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time on March 7, 2016, at which time all proposals received will be opened and the names of the proposers read aloud. Failure of the proposer to complete all of the proposal documents may result in rejection of the proposal. All proposals should be identified as "Sealed Proposal - Superior WWTP Improvements."

If information of a material matter is provided in response to any correspondence or question, or if a clarification is issued by the Town, a copy of the questions and answers will be provided to all prospective proposers who have requested a copy of the request for proposal. This response shall serve as an addendum to the advertised call for proposals.

Correspondence, questions, and/or clarifications of the proposal procedure or project should be directed to: Project Manager, Ken Hebert, Project Manager, Central Arizona Governments (CAG), 1075 S. Idaho Rd., Apache Junction, Arizona 85119 at phone number 1(800)782-1445 or (480)474-9300; by email at khebert@cagaz.org; or TDD at 711.

The Town of Superior reserves the right to accept the most responsive, responsible proposal; to consider alternatives; to reject any or all proposals; and to waive irregularities of information in any proposal. Proposals received after the specified time of closing will be returned unopened. The Town of Superior also reserves the right to hold any or all proposals for a period of thirty (30) days after the date of opening. Proposers will not be allowed to withdraw submitted proposals during the thirty (30) day period.

The Town of Superior is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer

Dated this 10th day of February, 2016

Superior Town Council

/s/ Jayme Valenzuela, Mayor

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Weather

Date	High	Low	Pcp
Feb 1	53	37	
Feb 2	49	27	
Feb 3	57	26	
Feb 4	63	37	
Feb 5	66	47	
Feb 6	73	44	
Feb 7	39	47	

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Offer is not available to existing Bank of the West customers with an open checking account as of 01/22/16. **If the customer or other individuals residing at the same address received or may receive any other consumer checking bonus from the Bank between 01/01/15 and 06/29/16, then no one at that address is eligible.** Limit of one consumer checking bonus per individual and per mailing address. Employees of Bank of the West and its affiliates are not eligible for this offer. Account must be in open status and have a positive balance as of 05/31/16 to be eligible to receive any bonus. **Bonus will be credited to the open checking account by 06/30/16.**

Offer does not apply to second or multiple checking accounts. Bank will classify the bonus as interest paid to the checking account. Any applicable taxes associated with this offer are the responsibility of the account holder. To the extent required by law, Bank will report total value of the offer to the IRS on Form 1099 for tax year 2016. All accounts are subject to the Bank's standard terms and conditions and Schedule of Fees and Charges. There is a Monthly Service Charge that ranges from \$8 to \$30 depending upon which checking account you open. Visit your local branch or bankofthewest.com for additional details and options to waive the Monthly Service Charge. An early closure fee of \$25 will apply if an account is closed within 91 days of the account opening date.

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Resolution Copper names 2015 Suppliers of the Year

Superior, AZ - Resolution Copper recently announced the recipients of the company's 2015 Supplier of the Year and 2015 Small Supplier of the Year award. The program recognizes the outstanding efforts of companies that support the Resolution Copper project in the areas of safety, performance, environmental compliance, contract cost control and meeting project timelines.

The 2015 Supplier of the Year was awarded to Oddonetto Construction of Globe, AZ. The 2015 Small Business Supplier of the Year was awarded to Superior Environmental of Superior, AZ. Both companies are located within the Copper Triangle.

"Oddonetto Construction and Superior Environmental delivered exceptional project performance in 2015," said Andrew Taplin, project director, Resolution Copper. "We hold our contractors to the same high standards of safety and business excellence that we

expect of ourselves. We are pleased that both Oddonetto Construction and Superior Environmental completed their projects in 2015 on schedule, on budget and most importantly injury free."

About Resolution Copper

Resolution Copper Mining is a limited liability company working to develop the third largest undeveloped copper resource in the world near Superior, AZ. The project will mine ore using underground block-caving methods at depths of nearly 7,000 feet below surface. When in full production, the mine will employ 1,400 workers directly and generate an additional 2,300 indirect and induced jobs. The mine will be North America's largest copper producer when in full production, capable of producing more than 25 percent of the nation's demand based on today's usage.

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