

Town Council faces important decisions

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As Town Council reconvenes after a two month hiatus, council members, in the next couple of months, could make decisions on details with the fire provider agreement with Phoenix and resort development.

The council will be led by Mayor Ed Winkler and Vice Mayor Mary Hamway, a switch decided by council members in June after the May 16 town election.

Mayor Winkler said the council will soon face many important issues.

What do you think?

What issues do you hope the council focuses on this fall?

If you go

Town Council Meeting
4 p.m. Sept. 14 work/study session followed by the regular meeting at 7 p.m.
Town Hall, 6401 E. Lincoln Drive
Call (480) 948-7411 or visit www.paradisevalleyaz.gov.

"The decisions we make over the next few years will have a great impact on the future of our

town," Mayor Winkler said.

The town will see a switch in fire providers, which should be effective around July 1, 2007, from Rural/Metro to Phoenix.

"This change will allow us to manage our own destiny," Mayor Winkler said. "We will build two new fire stations and purchase the necessary equipment to run them."

The Mountain Shadows resort revitalization, which is being mulled by the Planning Commission, and the proposed Ritz Carlton resort are two major town projects that eventually must receive council's approval.

"The Town Council has worked diligently with the town staff to ensure that we have the highest quality resort product," Mayor Winkler said. "I have great confidence in the staff and the expertise on Town Council."

The council's agenda was not available at deadline. To view the agenda, visit www.paradisevalley.gov, click on Town Government and go to Meetings and Events.

Post your opinions in the Public Issues Forums at newszap.com. News Editor Jennifer Amsler can be reached at (480) 483-0977 or jamsler@newszap.com.

Community News

Donations to district sought for relief fund

One year after devastating hurricanes Katrina and Rita hit southern states, the Scottsdale Unified School District reminds residents they can still donate money to the Terrebonne Parish School District, a district that has only re-opened 29 percent of its schools.

To make a donation, visit a Wells Fargo branch and reference account no. 7000381660. All funds contributed to the account will go directly to the Terrebonne Parish School District.

Visit www.susd.org.

SUSD caps Chaparral construction project

The Scottsdale Unified School District approved at the Sept. 5 governing board meeting to spend a maximum of \$50 million for the Chaparral High School bond project

In 2004, voters authorized in the bond election to reconstruct Chaparral High School, 6935 E. Gold Dust Ave.

The facility is planned to be about 352,000 square feet, an increase of almost 38,000.

The McCarthy Construction company, who was awarded to construct the project, completed the demolition of the auxiliary gym under a separate award to keep the work on schedule.

About 1,880 students are enrolled at Chaparral this year.



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Resident opens art gallery

Paradise Valley resident Terri Rundle will open the SOCA Gallery and Vircille, 4160 N. Scottsdale Road, Oct. 14. The gallery's opening, which will go from 5 to 7 p.m., will feature artwork for artists Mark McDowell and the late Philip Curtis. To make an appointment for a private art showing, call (480) 946-2333.

Award nominations nearing deadline

Annual YWCA Tribute to Women Awards are being accepted until 5 p.m. Sept. 15.

Are you a blogger? Get a Newszap link!

The Independent is looking to broaden its listing of "Columnists & Bloggers" at www.newszap.com.

More and more people are starting blogs — including business people, support groups, and individuals with an opinion on the day's news or culture.

If you are a local blogger who would like to be listed, please visit www2.newszap.com/blogs/request.html and fill in the form.

In addition to the link, the newspaper will consider publishing timely postings as news or commentaries on its pages.

application, visit www.ywca.org/maricopacounty; to request an information form, contact Dahlia Anderson at (602) 258-0990 ext. 11.

Whole Foods fights hunger

Whole Foods Market, 10810 N. Tatum Blvd. will donate 5 percent of its net sales to Community Food Connections, an organization that aims to prevent hunger through the proliferation of community based farmers' markets all day Sept. 13.

Call Julie Martin at (602) 569-7600 or e-mail at julie.martin@wholefoods.com.

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