

## Club at Oasis to host Johnson Utilities Customer Appreciation Day!

Our season is underway. The course conditions are improving everyday and the greens will be cut to 1/16 inch next week, ready for the rest of the season. We are continually hearing the course is in the best condition ever and we plan for it to get even better as the season moves forward.

Men's league has started. We are always looking for new players; please join us every Saturday morning at 7:30 for an 8am shot gun start. Green fees are reduced for men's league to \$20 including a cart or are included in your membership.

Ladies league is starting soon, please call or stop by for more information. The AWGA will be rating the course sometime this month. We are all excited about this as the course has never been rated for woman. The AGA will be back out to rate the men's tee's as we are now over 7,300 yards from the black tee boxes.

We are having fun with the neighborhood children, in the evenings and on weekends they can be seen enjoying the practice net, chipping and putting green. We are able to loan them clubs and help them with their golf swings. This is a great learning experience for the children, they are expected to dress correctly and behave in a manner that is expected of all golfers young and old. Feel free to offer advice, you will find they appreciate

any time you spend with them.

I would like to remind you the Oasis Golf Course is private property. It is not a safe place for children to play, a wayward golf ball could seriously injure a child or adult, Please keep your children safe and do not let them play on the course. You may bring them over to hit golf balls into the net; we ask that they are accompanied by an adult.

Join us to see in the New Year with Glow Golf. The evening starts with a Bar B Q, followed by a nine hole glow ball tournament, fun prizes and champagne at mid-night are included. The cost is \$45 per person. For more information stop by the Pro Shop or call us.

I am looking forward to meeting all my golfing neighbors. Stop by and meet us while enjoying a complementary cup of coffee.

Lynn Mosher  
Director of Golf

Whether you are a pro or need to take lessons from one, Club at Oasis can meet your golfing needs. Book your tee time today.

For information regarding events, lessons or tournaments visit us online at [www.clubatoasis.com](http://www.clubatoasis.com) or 480-888-8890

**Men's League  
Saturday Mornings  
Contact  
Rich Connally  
(480-797-4338)**

for full league information

**Looking for women to  
join our new  
Women's League  
contact Lynn Mosher  
(480-888-8890)**

for full league information

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## Johnson Utilities invites you to our annual Customer Appreciation Day.

December 17, 2011 11AM - 4PM

Club at Oasis

5764 E Hunt Hwy Florence, AZ 85132

- Games
- Raffles



- FREE LUNCH (12-2pm)
- Arts-N-Crafts (provided by Johnson Community Library)
- Pictures with Santa
- Petting zoo
- Local vendor Booths (Limited Space first come first serve)



- Rock Wall & Bouncers (provided by the YMCA)
- Face Painting
- DJ
- Kids Golf Games (provided by Club at Oasis)
- JCL BOOK SALE
- And SO MUCH MORE



## RECYCLING IN SAN TAN VALLEY IS GROWING!

More San Tan Valley communities have committed to recycling!

Central Arizona Solid Waste is committed to making San Tan Valley one of the top recycling communities in Arizona. Congratulations to Ironwood Crossings and Wayne Ranch Homeowners Associations for moving San Tan Valley forward in that direction.

HOA communities have an opportunity to sign up for free curbside recycling to be included in their trash pickup services.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT Ellen: trashladies@gmail.com.

### WHAT DOES RECYCLING REALLY DO? WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?

Each month we will provide information on recycling one product and the difference it can make.

**GLASS:** Did you know glass can be recycled over and over again? Glass is infinitely recyclable!

**EXAMPLE:** A glass container is made of the simplest ingredients - silica sand, soda ash and limestone. The glass recycled in a jam jar today can be a juice bottle next month, then a coffee jar, a milk bottle, a pickle jar, a ketchup bottle, and on and on forever.

**REMEMBER:** Not all glass is manufactured through the same process. That is why light bulbs, dishes, cookware and window glass cannot be recycled.

### Just the Facts

- The energy saved from recycling one glass bottle can run a 100-watt light bulb for 4 hours or a compact fluorescent bulb for 20 hours!
- 90% of recycled glass is used to make new containers.
- Every month we throw out enough glass bottles and jars to fill up a giant skyscraper!
- Americans generated 11.5 million tons of glass in the municipal solid waste (MSW) stream in 2010.
- About 27 percent of the glass was recovered for recycling.
- Glass recycling increased from 750,000 tons in 1980 to more than three million tons in 2010.
- Food, soft drink, beer, food, wine, and liquor containers represent the largest source of glass generated and recycled.
- Recycled glass can be used in kitchen tiles, counter tops and wall insulation
- A modern glass bottle would take 4000 years or more to decompose – longer if it's in a landfill



## Johnson Community Library and the American Red Cross HOLIDAY BLOOD DRIVE



December 29 2011  
11am-4pm



### Location

968-1 E Hunt Hwy Queen Creek AZ 85143  
480-353-2770

Schedule your appointment  
Online: [Redcrossblood.org](http://Redcrossblood.org)  
Sponsor Code: JohnsonLibrary

All participating doners will  
be entered into a raffle for a  
chance to win a  
\$200.00 Walmart giftcard

Please visit [www.johnsoncommunitylibrary.org](http://www.johnsoncommunitylibrary.org)



### Water Conservation Tips

- Monitor your water bill for unusually high use. Your bill and water meter are tools that can help you discover leaks.
- If water runs off your lawn easily, split your watering time into shorter periods to allow for better absorption.
- Upgrade older toilets with water efficient models.
- When cleaning out fish tanks, give the nutrient-rich water to your plants.
- Don't use running water to thaw food. Defrost food in the refrigerator for water efficiency and food safety.
- Water your plants deeply but less frequently to encourage deep root growth and drought tolerance.
- If your toilet flapper doesn't close after flushing, replace it.
- When the kids want to cool off, use the sprinkler in an area where your lawn needs it the most.
- Turn off the water while you wash your hair to save up to 150 gallons a month.

## Our Children Our Community Our Future

### FLORENCE TOWN COUNCIL VOTES NO! COPPER MINE DENIED – FOR NOW... MORE WORK STILL NEEDS TO BE DONE

#### Make water conservation a holiday tradition!

With the holiday season upon us, Johnson Utilities is asking residents to make water conservation a family tradition.

During the holidays, water plays a role in everything from food preparation to the clean-up process. Appliances and fixtures such as dishwashers, washing machines, showers and toilets are also used more often.

Here are six easy ways to incorporate water conservation into your holiday preparations and celebrations:

1. Defrost frozen foods in the refrigerator or the microwave instead of running hot water over them.
2. Rinse vegetables and fruits in a sink or pan filled with water instead of under running water. This water can then be reused to water houseplants. A running faucet can use up to 4 gallons per minute.
3. When washing dishes by hand, fill one sink or basin with soapy water and fill the rinsing sink one-third to one-half full. Avoid letting the water run continuously in the rinsing sink.
4. Select the proper size pans for cooking. Large pans require more cooking water than may be necessary.
5. Scrape food scraps into the garbage can or a composting bin, rather than rinsing them into the sink's garbage disposal. A garbage disposal uses up to 4 gallons of water per minute.
6. Run your dishwasher only when you have a full load. Dishwashers use between 7 and 12 gallons per load.

**T**hank you to the hundreds of people who attended the 11/7 Florence Town Council hearing in opposition to the in-situ copper mining operation. Nearly 300 people packed one side of the Florence High School gym November 7 and watched as the Florence Mayor and Town Council unanimously ( 7 – 0 ) denied Curis's (Overlay) case which would have allowed in-situ mining. The Council then approved the withdrawal of the 2nd case which would have allowed Curis to apply the Overlay (if approved) to do the in-situ mining operation and their proposed "2nd life". With the Overlay voted down, the 2nd case was moot and technically could not be approved or denied.

The Town Council's rationale used for denying the 1st case (Overlay case) that in-situ mining is inappropriate and incompatible with the master planned community/investments made by many (i.e., Town, landowners, homeowners, utilities, etc.) was exactly right. The emails, calls, letters and discussions regarding the threats to our lifestyle, environment, water and soil hit home.

Scores of people wore red shirts to provide visible protest against the copper mine. Many of them spoke in opposition, giving clear arguments against the proposed mining operation. Nearly 70% of Curis's supporters left early! Not only were Curis's supporters outnumbered, but the quality of the testimony from the opposition was much better too. Great job!

Finally, although Curis chooses to mislead investors and other parties by indicating that they have somehow prevailed with the Town Council since they allowed a withdrawal of their 2nd case, the facts/comments made by the Mayor and Council stand firm that this is not a location for in-situ mining and the denial of the 1st case vindicates those facts. The Council rejection on Curis's land not only prevents them from proceeding within the Town of Florence, but also prevents them from obtaining the necessary permits from ADEQ on the Town of Florence land that Curis owns (not including the 160 acre State Land property). Arizona Law requires local zoning compliance before ADEQ can even consider issuing a permit. Despite what Curis spins to their investors, the Florence project cannot proceed on the Town of Florence land, period.

#### **OUR WORK MUST CONTINUE IF WE ARE TO TRULY WIN AND GET CURIS OUT OF OUR LIVES!**

Curis claims they will do a smaller or pilot test project on the 160 acre State Land property to prove to the Town, etc. that they can do it. This land is outside the Town of Florence's jurisdiction. We must be prepared to continue fighting the State Land Dept. on not reissuing the land lease (Mineral Lease 11-026500) to Curis. The environmental permits (i.e., ADEQ/EPA permits) would also need to be approved for any level of in-situ mining (pilot test or otherwise) on the State Land property, which we must fight as well. We need everyone's help to continue drafting letters to the State Land, EPA, and ADEQ as well as (when scheduled) to attend the EPA/ADEQ public meetings too. The EPA/ADEQ public meetings will be in Florence and should occur sometime next year (i.e. January or February), which we will keep everyone informed of when they are scheduled.

## HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM JOHNSON UTILITIES

As another holiday season begins we are feeling the holiday spirit spark through the community.

There will be many festivities in the San Tan Valley area celebrating the joy of giving, receiving and performing good works for others. We will say goodbye to 2011 and enter the second year of this decade.

Last March, the Johnson Family Foundation opened the Johnson Community Library which is open to all residents of San Tan Valley free of charge. We currently have over 11,000 books, 16 computers, great DVD's, CD's, games, WiFi and at this time, we are very pleased to announce we have over 4600 patrons! Thank you to the hundreds of people who donated books and other resources to the Library. Thank you to our volunteers who have been just wonderful! Many of you have enabled us to provide art and crafts programs for the children of our community. Please stop by the Library and enjoy the Christmas decorations. Bring a child in to pick out a paper snowman, Christmas tree or ornament to color and decorate for hanging in the Library!

In the Spring, we sponsored Central Arizona College and awarded several students with brand new mountain bikes. George Johnson had noticed several students walking to classes and wanted to help make getting an education just a little easier.

Many people and community organizations are struggling in these difficult times. We have teamed up with several of them throughout the year to volunteer and to help those in need. We all know the holiday spirit need not dissipate at the end of the season when the lights and garlands have been put away. George Johnson says it like this, "My loyal dedication to the residents of Pinal County is a tradition I intend to carry on for generations to come. Happy Holidays and a joyous, healthy New Year from my family, myself, Johnson Utilities, and the Johnson Community Library!"



## Johnson Community Library Update

968-1 E Hunt Hwy  
Queen Creek AZ 85143  
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**Library Cards are *FREE***

### Library Hours

Monday-Saturday  
9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

### Reading Time

Tuesday's and Thursday's  
11:00 AM - NOON

### Arts-N-Crafts

Wednesday's and Friday's  
NOON - 1:00 PM

**Donations *Always* Welcome**

Arts-N-Crafts donations  
currently being accepted

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