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## CHALLENGE TO CURIS WITHDRAWS APPLICATION! 2 WINS FOR THE COMMUNITY, 0 FOR CURIS!

**For the second time in two years Curis has withdrawn their application in the face of major opposition from Johnson Utilities, residents and surrounding landowners.**

Six times as many Florence residents showed up to oppose the proposed in-situ copper mine as compared to the number of Florence resident supporters at the last Planning and Zoning hearing. There was **NO** favorable recommendation to the Florence Town Council and in fact, no Planning Commissioner even made a motion to support the project!

Curis mistakenly states in their withdrawal that “None of the claims of environmental or economic harm promoted...created and...funded by land speculators, are based on fact or science.” **WE VIGOROUSLY DIFFER!** Curis completely ignored the water well just 1.2 miles from their property and the fact that wells as far as Johnson Ranch could be impacted! Curis refused to answer Johnson Utilities’ simple request for their remedy in the event of water contamination. Further, Curis’ ADEQ application contains 88 deficiencies – 78 of which are hydrological issues!

If you really want to ask questions – Ask County Supervisor Bryan Martyn why he is not taking a stand to protect our water and soil from contamination? Mr. Martyn has been told the risks. He claims the jobs are worth the risk. He claims he is neutral but he was the Keynote Speaker for a Curis luncheon at the Holiday Inn last month. Shame on you Bryan Martyn for agreeing to be a tool for Curis and Chuck Coughlin and for not considering the enormous damage to Florence and San Tan Valley that will be caused by this in-situ copper mine! **ASK HIM WHY!**

**CONTACT GOVERNOR JAN BREWER at [azgov@az.gov](mailto:azgov@az.gov).**

**ASK HER NOT TO ALLOW THE TOXIC FLORENCE COPPER IN-SITU MINE ON OUR STATE LAND.**

What’s next? Our bet is Curis will spin this withdrawal as if they are just deferring the GPA applications to wait for Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) permitting. **DON’T BE MISLED!** There will be public comment hearings for ADEQ AND EPA permits. It is critical that we attend these hearings and voice our concerns and disapproval. Hearing dates have not yet been set. You will be informed as soon as we get this information. We’ve been told these hearings will be held locally!

Curis is well aware that a Council vote to deny this risky venture will destroy the possibility of them raising the \$110 million they still need to start construction.

Withdrawal of the applications at this point is nothing more than an attempt by Curis to manipulate the Town process.. We believe a denial from the Town Council would destroy the unachievable expectations they have set with their investors, and their best option at this juncture is to withdraw before the investor community gets wind of the obstacles they have run into.

Spinning the facts to look like deference to ADEQ and the EPA permitting decisions is just another example of their insider lobbyists trying to game the Town through their political connections in hopes of overriding local control of what happens in this community. Our guess is we will see them at the State Legislature next session trying to convince our leaders that taking away a Town’s control of land use is some sort of good idea. As a long-term partner to the Town of Florence we will not stand by and allow this to occur. The Town has spoken, they don’t want this use in this location. We are 100% committed to the continuing fight. We have won a long, hard battle, **BUT THIS WAR IS STILL GOING ON!**

**As long as Curis is still trying to get permits from ADEQ and EPA they are still trying to force an in-situ copper mine on us. Stay in touch and visit [www.protectourwaterourfuture.com](http://www.protectourwaterourfuture.com) regularly for updates!**

## What's That Smell?



### 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.

A few JU customers have asked us about the odors that can be smelled occasionally while passing our Pecan Water Reclamation Plant on Gantzel Rd. What you smell is hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) gas that is being released into the atmosphere from the manholes in front of the plant. This gas is formed from the anaerobic (without oxygen) decomposition of organic matter containing sulfates in sewage. Pinal County Air Quality Control District rules prohibit H<sub>2</sub>S gas from leaving the site in concentrations greater than 0.03 parts per million (ppm). This level is far below the allowable exposure limit of 20 ppm set by OSHA for an 8-hour period. The average person can detect H<sub>2</sub>S gas at an odor threshold of 0.00047 ppm which is far below our air quality permit limit of 0.03 ppm. This is why you can smell an odor while we are in compliance with our air quality permit.

As stated above, H<sub>2</sub>S is produced in sewage when there is no oxygen. This is a common problem when sewage is pumped through force mains. The sewage uses up all the oxygen and starts to develop H<sub>2</sub>S. The longer it sits without oxygen the more H<sub>2</sub>S is produced. When the sewage is discharged into a manhole, the H<sub>2</sub>S is released as a gas into the atmosphere.

There are five lift stations pumping through a force main that discharge into the manholes in front of the plant. Sewer facilities are designed and constructed to handle flows from completed developments and subdivisions. At this time, all five lift stations are serving developments and subdivisions that are far from complete. Therefore, we have sewage sitting in the force mains for extended periods of time resulting in elevated levels of H<sub>2</sub>S gas that can escape from the manholes..

We have not found the perfect solution to this problem but we continue to investigate alternatives. We appreciate the opportunity to serve you. We will inform our customers of any changes in the situation and we thank you for your understanding.

### PCTA / VILLAGES

**The PCTA / VILLAGES meeting held last month had over 60 attendees. Pinal County Public Works Director, Greg Stanley spoke to the group about current and future plans for Hunt Highway and other major road works in San Tan Valley. Greg noted that the expansion of Hunt Hwy. is the County's number one priority but it is hindered by the lack of funds currently available for the project and is likely to take many years before completion.**

**San Tan Valley Village representatives attended the October 12 meeting of the Pinal County Board of Supervisors, introducing the Villages to the Supervisors and staff. Village representatives discussed the formation of our volunteer group who stand ready to work with the County, provide communications on neighborhood and community issues and act as a resource for both the County and San Tan Valley Village neighborhoods. We are a volunteer group. We encourage people to watch for our meeting notices and attend for information on what is happening in San Tan Valley and have the opportunity to meet one on one with elected officials and the staff members who work with and for all of us.**

**Visit [www.azpcta.org](http://www.azpcta.org) for more information or call Ellen Babbitt at 480-707-3955.**



**Veterans Day Event & Fundraiser**  
**'Restoring Honor and Service'**  
Saturday, November 12th - 11am-4pm

**Activities & Entertainment for all:**  
Live Bands, Choir, School Marching  
Bands, Family Games,  
Inflatable Fun, More... &  
Plenty of Great Food!!!!

**AWESOME!!**  
Car, Motorcycle & Unique  
Vehicle Show, Local Vendors &  
Notable Speakers

Proceeds go to  
**The Wounded Warriors & Families of Fallen Pinal County Deputies.**  
Honors Those That Protect Us!

**Poston Butte High School**  
**Charity Donations: \$5-Adults & \$1-Kids (16&Under)**

Our Children Our Community Our Future



**Grand Re-Opening Saturday November 5th**

**Come see our new look**

**Book your Tee Time today at 480-888-8890**

## Introducing the Golf Club at Oasis Staff

**Meet our Director of Golf, Lynn Mosher**



Lynn was born in Bristol, England and moved to the U.S. in 1983. She previously lived in California and Colorado before making the move to Arizona. Lynn and her husband started an electrical company in Colorado and she previously managed a bar/restaurant, worked as a fitness instructor and of course, plays golf. Her father was an avid golfer so she spent a lot of time at golf courses. With her background in management, food service, fitness and golf, Lynn brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to The Golf Club at Oasis.

She started the South Park Open with a group of friends- a golf tournament in Colorado that's raised tens of thousands of dollars for charity. Lynn left her position at the Collegiate Peaks Golf Course in Buena Vista, Colorado to re-locate here. She lives in the Oasis Community and is eager to meet all of her 'golf' neighbors. You'll see her passion for golf and social events as soon as you visit with her. She welcomes all questions and comments.

**Meet our Superintendent, Thomas Pemberton**



Thomas, originally from Arizona, joined the Army, was deployed several times, including Afghanistan, then came home and retired as a combat wounded veteran several years ago. He moved here to Oasis and enjoys this area and is an avid hunter and outdoorsman. He has many skills which led him to the Superintendent position here at Oasis. The golf course is his pride and joy and with extra guidance from our course architect, Kenny Watkins, is going to keep Oasis in top shape for our golfers.

**Meet our Outside Service Manager, Arthur "Art" Lund**



Art was born Chicago, Illinois in 1938. He attended College at North Park, IL then transferred to the University of Kansas. Art was married in 1957 and he now has five children, 10 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Art spent 36 years with Natural Gas Line in Chicago, Illinois, first in Chicago beginning in 1956 and then moving to Houston, TX in 1974 where he was Director of Operations. Art retired in 1993 and moved to Queen Creek in 2004.

**Meet our Chairman of Men's League, Richard "Rich" Connally**



Rich has been the Chairman of the Golf Club at Oasis Mens Club since 2007. He grew up in Phoenix and he's lived in this area for 5 years. He's played golf since the age of seven and has played in various area leagues for the past 20 years. His fondness and knowledge of golf led him to be more active in the sport in his spare time. He came to Oasis and he is now our Handicap Chairman. His current handicap is 13 and he is also an AGA Member. He's excited to be the Chairman of our Men's Club and welcomes any new men to our league.

**Meet our Golf Course Architect, Kenny Watkins**



Kenny Watkins, our Golf Course Architect, has a long history in the golf industry as he grew up on a family owned golf course in Southern Arizona and is the son of a Golf Professional.

He worked on the golf course through his younger years and moved to Tucson after graduating High School. There he worked at the El Conquistador Resort in Tucson, and after 7 years was promoted to his first superintendent's position.

This new status awarded him the opportunity to build another 36 holes there, making the course a 45 hole facility.

He's been involved with the building and maintenance of golf facilities in Mexico, Utah, and several courses in the Valley including the building of Tatum Ranch Golf Club, Palm Valley Golf Club and The Golf Club at Johnson Ranch. He designed and built Golf Club at Oasis and is the current superintendent at FireRock Country Club.



## NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES AND CHARGES

On October 14, 2011, the Arizona Corporation Commission approved a change to Johnson Utilities, LLC's Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District ("CAGR") adjuster fee for its water service in Decision 72634. The new rates listed below will go into effect for all service rendered on and after October 1, 2011.

Questions regarding the new rates and charges should be directed to the Johnson Utilities business office during normal business hours (Mon-Fri, 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.) at 480-987-9870.

### WATER DIVISION

<u>AMA Where Customer Resides:</u>	<u>Rate Per Thousand Gallons of Water Delivered:</u>
Phoenix AMA	\$.84
Pinal AMA	\$.21

## FREE RECYCLING!

San Tan Valley partners CENTRAL ARIZONA SOLID WASTE & ALLIED WASTE SERVICES /Republic are bringing FREE CURBSIDE RECYCLING to HOA communities in the STV area. We provide weekly pick up of your trash and recyclable items!

Paper / cardboard, plastic, aluminum / metal & glass items can and should be recycled into other products. Did you know that the average household can recycle over 50% of the trash?

Why is recycling important? Each year more than 200 billion beverage cans and bottles are land-filled, littered or incinerated in the U.S.! Enough paper is thrown away every year to build a 12 foot wall from New York to Los Angeles! We use enough plastic wrap to wrap all of Texas every year.

### How Long Will Our Trash Be Around?

Aluminum cans	500 years
Glass bottles	1,000 years
Plastic bags	10-20 years
Plastic coated paper	5 years
Plastic film containers	20-30 years
Nylon fabric	30-40 years
Tin cans	50 years
Plastic bottles and Styrofoam	Indefinitely

Across the country, Allied Waste / Republic's recycling efforts result in an estimated saving of 20 million trees, five billion kilowatt hours of energy and 8.5 billion gallons of water each year. From its 86 recycling centers across the nation, nearly two million tons of recyclables are removed from the waste stream.

Call or email our "Trash Ladies" to find out how to get free recycling in your San Tan Valley HOA community! Together we CAN make a difference!



Ellen Babbitt  
Central AZ Solid Waste  
trashladies@gmail.com

Kathleen Gonzalez  
Allied Waste Services  
602-605-4000

**Save the Date! December 29, 2011 Johnson Community Library & American Red Cross Blood Drive!**

## Johnson Community Library Update

968-1 E Hunt Hwy  
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480-353-2770

**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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