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Johnson Utilities has been very vocal over the past several months in our opposition to the Curis Florence Copper Project. We have attended numerous community meetings, conducted our own in-depth research and attended a recent Florence Planning & Zoning hearing to share our deep concern over this risky project.

An untested in-situ mining operation, which will inject a sulfuric acid solution into the ground to extract copper, does not belong in the middle of a residential and commercial community. While Curis states the solution is 99.7% water and .3% acid, consider this: it takes 5 pounds of acid to extract 1 pound of copper. Curis has said they will extract 1.24 billion pounds of copper from the mine, which equals over 5 billion pounds of acid to get the expected amount of copper. Further, in our extensive research, we were unable to locate any examples of a commercially successful copper mine of this type in the world. We also discovered that when the in-situ process has been used, water conditions were never restored to pre-mining conditions. Furthermore, the process releases other contaminants from the ground including arsenic, heavy metals, sulfates, nitrates, and lead to name only a few. In fact, in one Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) report, the results showed that the very site of the proposed mine already contained high levels of radionuclides.

We cannot afford to take a chance on the unknown. We cannot afford to take a chance with the safety of our water supply. That is why we are asking you to please attend the next Florence Planning & Zoning hearing scheduled for October 6th at the Florence Town Hall Council Chambers at 775 North Main Street at 5:30 PM. We urge you to show your opposition by wearing a red top and please sign-in to speak to express your opposition. The Planning & Zoning Commission will make an important vote at this hearing and we need to demonstrate our steadfast opposition by asking them to vote against the General Plan Amendment proposed by Curis that would allow this risky project to go forward.

Now is the time to keep the momentum going! Please encourage your friends, family and neighbors to attend the upcoming public hearing in order for the opposition voice to truly be heard and seen. The Town needs to understand the community is against this project. We have all come too far to stop now. If you cannot attend, please continue to send letters and e-mails in opposition to the parties listed below. If you have been out of town and are returning home for the winter, please get informed and involved. We need your support to voice the opposition of Florence residents and businesses.

Additionally, stay informed and learn more at www.protectourwaterourfuture.com. Thank you so much for your continued opposition to this risky, untested project.

State your opposition in writing today.



**HELP US PROTECT OUR
WATER OUR FUTURE**

please visit:

www.protectourwaterourfuture.com

State your opposition in writing today.
Email the Florence Council or send a letter in mail.
You can mail your letters opposed to Florence Copper
Project to:

Mayor Kilvinger and City Council
TOWN OF FLORENCE
C/O MAYOR AND COUNCIL
P.O. Box 2670 Florence, Arizona 85132

You should also email them at:

Mayor Vicki Kilvinger: Mayor@florenceaz.gov
Councilwoman Barbara Brown: Council@florenceaz.gov
Councilman Thomas Celaya: Council@florenceaz.gov
Councilman Bill Hawkins: Council@florenceaz.gov
Councilman Arnie Raasch: Council@florenceaz.gov
Councilman Tom Smith: Council@florenceaz.gov
Councilwoman Vallarie Woolridge: Vallarie.Woolridge@florenceaz.gov

Email or call the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to tell them why you think the Florence Copper Project is bad for our environment.

Please contact Water Quality Division Director, Michael Fulton whose contact information is: (602) 771-2306 and e-mail is maf@azdeq.gov. Please reference application number 101704.

Email or call the Environmental Protection Agency to tell them why you think the Florence Copper Project is bad for our environment.

Please contact U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Groundwater Office representative Nancy Rumrill at (415) 972-3293 or Rumrill.Nancy@epa.gov and reference permit request AZ 396000001.



THE VILLAGES

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.

What ARE “The Villages” of San Tan Valley?

We've heard the census numbers and learned that San Tan Valley is an unincorporated area of 81,000 in Pinal County, Arizona. Due to its size, San Tan Valley is the largest population center in Pinal County.

The Pinal County Taxpayers' Association (PCTA) was formed by volunteers concerned that residents do not have a voice in governmental affairs. The PCTA recognized that, in the absence of a municipality, there is no structure for citizens to communicate with elected officials or to participate in the governmental decision making process.

As part of its mission, therefore, the PCTA laid the foundation for the formation of five villages in San Tan Valley. Each village is a coalition of neighbors who come together to share information and promote common interests. These villages will provide a vehicle for San Tan Valley residents to have a voice regarding matters that impact their quality of life.

Each of the five villages addresses the needs and concerns of their area. Volunteer representatives will participate in the San Tan Valley Village Council. The Council represents the community with a strong, unified voice that can take its place alongside lobbyists, special interest groups, friends of the Board, and developers in influencing county government.

The PCTA is assisting with leadership recruitment and development for the five villages. As the villages emerge with their own identities they will take on the responsibility of working within their areas to create an involved citizenry that communicates and interacts with elected officials, staff and other community leaders. Village leaders will host educational/informational meetings that will focus on local Village issues. Concerns, interests and solutions will be communicated to elected officials and staff by Village representatives commonly held positions on local issues. Citizen involvement is the key to improved quality of life and a better community.

The Village concept is not new. Nor is there any expense involved for taxpayers. Volunteers are laying the groundwork to provide an identity for San Tan Valley residents. The website is currently under construction. Presently the PCTA website includes all the information and history of the Villages. Visit www.azpcta.org to learn more. If you have questions or would like to get involved with the Villages please contact Ellen Babbitt at ebabbitt@azpcta.org.

For further information on Pinal County Taxpayers' Association contact Michael Timm at mtimm@azpcta.org

Pinal County Taxpayers' Association is a non-profit, independent, non-partisan, volunteer 501 (c) (4) organization dedicated to promoting acceptable and efficient government and opposing unnecessary fees and taxes.



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Our children Our Community Our Future



October 27-30th

Four amazing days of
 carnival rides, games,
 food and more that you
 don't want to miss!

On Saturday, October 29th we are excited to showcase our Annual Parade, Business & Wellness Expo, and Halloween Trick-or-Treat & Costume Contest that will take place during the event. This is a great opportunity for the entire community to be involved.

FUNDRAISING opportunities are available to all local schools through selling UNLIMITED DAY PASSES. These passes are being offered at a discounted rate prior to the "Kick-Off" of the Fall Festival. Please contact your local school to get your day pass today!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

OCTOBER 27th "Kick-Off"

- 4pm-9pm - CARNIVAL RIDES, GAMES & MORE!
- NFL Autograph signing

OCTOBER 28th "Friday Night Lights"

- 4pm-12am - CARNIVAL RIDES, GAMES & MORE!
- NFL Autograph Signing

OCTOBER 29th "Family Day"

- 11am-12am-CARNIVAL RIDES, GAMES & MORE!
- NFL Autograph Signing
- 11am - HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL PARADE
- 11am - 8pm - BUSINESS AND WELLNESS EXPO - This is a great opportunity for businesses to showcase their products and services. Health Screenings being given by local hospital and doctors.
- 5pm - 8pm - HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT & COSTUME CONTEST

OCTOBER 30th "2012 Senior Day"

- 12pm-7pm - CARNIVAL RIDES, GAMES & MORE!
- NFL Autograph Signing

Contact Information

<http://www.SanTanChamber.com> | <http://www.azsportsamps.com>
 480-626-7757 | 602-391-8876



Grand

Re-Opening

October 15, 2011

www.clubatoasis.com

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Florence, Arizona
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480-888-8890

info@clubatoasis.com

Look for Specials on page 4

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Start service or Cancel service online

FAQ's

Payment

Water Conservation tips

and so much more!



Did you know?

Monthly Statements

Everyone is mailed a bill through the United States Postal Service. If a Johnson Utilities monthly statement is not received please contact customer service and have another one sent to you. Please Note: Johnson Utilities statements are mailed out the last week of every month. For example: January's bills are mailed out the last week of December and are due January 15th. Residential, Commercial, and Builder's are all accounted for when leaving the Johnson Utilities Office. Johnson Utilities has no control OR can not be held responsible for the whereabouts of your statement once they are picked up by USPS and leaves our facility. You are still responsible for your monthly bill. Johnson Utilities Water/Waste Water statements are billed on a monthly basis and are due on the 15th of every month.

E-Bill

E-Bill enables you to access your monthly electric bill from the Internet using any available web browser. The Johnson Utilities monthly statement is emailed to the email address you provide and access is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Visit www.johnsonutilities.com and simply click on MY ACCOUNT to sign up today.

EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)

Electronic Funds Transfer, often called EFT, is a payment method that replaces sending a paper check. Your monthly balance will be withdrawn on the 15th of every month automatically. You no longer have to worry about whether your payment made it through the mail on time. Registration for EFT is a simple one-time process. In order to have your funds deducted electronically from your checking account you will have to provide us with a Voided Check and an EFT Form you can conveniently download online.

Online Payment

The PAY ONLINE option allows customers to pay their Johnson utility bill with Visa, Mastercard, or Discover. Online payments are processed (takes up to 3 days) through Authorized.net and there is a fee (\$1.00) for this service. HOWEVER you can not make a payment online if your account. 1. Received a Disconnect Notice. 2. Your account is about to be disconnected. 3. Your account has been disconnected due to delinquency. Please visit our FAQ's online for more information.

Pay in Person

Johnson Utilities is located at 968 E Hunt Hwy. Our lobby hours are Monday-Friday 8AM-4:45PM. We gladly accept payments during these business hours. Please bring your Johnson Utilities statement for faster service.

Pay over the phone

We gladly accept Visa, Mastercard, and Discover Payments over the phone. You may call 480-987-9870 Monday-Friday 8AM-4:45PM to make a payment to your account. Please have your Johnson Utilities account number available to ensure faster service. Please note that there is a longer on hold time on the 15th of the month.

Johnson Community Library Update

The Johnson Community Library would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that participated in our American Red Cross Blood Drive held September 16, 2011, Co-Hosted by the Pinal County Tax-payers' Association. For every pint of blood donated three lives will be saved. During our blood drive 32 bags of blood WERE donated, that's 96 people we saved with your help. Please also keep in mind that every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. You can always visit the Johnson Community Library, the American Red Cross, or the PCTA website for future Library Blood Drives.

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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 Welcomed
Arts-N-Crafts currently
being accepted

Golf Club at Oasis

Grand Re-Opening October 15, 2011

“Opening Week Special”

Book a foursome- Pay for three-get one free!

**Book your tee times early, reservations start on
Monday, October 10th.**

valid through October 21, 2011 - 1 discount per foursome,
must be 18 years or older, not valid with any other offers or discounts

