

Mayor's Monthly Message: August 2018

It is time to start thinking about what types of projects we would like to see for the 2nd Annual Florence Makes a Difference Day this coming October 27th. Last year, the committee chose projects for volunteers in the community to participate. Participants will receive their assignment and assist with items such as cleaning, painting, picking up trash, digging, planting etc. If you are in need of help in the community and/or have a suggestion, please send me a message at: Mayor@florenceaz.gov and I'll share it with the committee.

Speaking of volunteers, The Town of Florence Council seeks qualified applicants to serve on the following Boards and Commissions:

- Arts and Culture Commission (1 position)
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (1 position)
- Planning and Zoning Commission (1 positions)

Applicants must be a qualified elector and at least eighteen years of age. Applications are available at Town Hall, located at 775 N. Main Street or download the [Board Application here](#). Applications must be returned to the Town Clerk at 775 North Main Street. If you would like more information, please call (520) 868-7552.

Our council and staff are in the works of establishing a youth commission in the Town of Florence. In 2017, the Town Council adopted a Strategic Plan that included the creation of a youth commission as an objective related to Community Vitality. Our current Florence Teen Council (FTC), created in July 2016, emphasizes the planning, coordination, and implementation of teen programs and events. While the FTC has occasionally expanded into areas of community service, its emphasis remains in programming and events. The vision for the proposed Youth Commission shifts emphasis to involvement with town government operations and to serve as a direct voice to the Mayor and Council.

As a reminder, the Primary Election Day is August 28th. **Can I vote early for Town elections?** Yes. Deadline to request an early ballot from the Pinal County Recorder's Office is 11 days prior to Election Day. Ballots must be received by the Pinal County Recorder by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. The ballots must be mailed back via the self-addressed stamped envelope or can be dropped off at the Recorder's Office in Casa Grande, AZ or Florence, AZ by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. If you wish to vote in person, on Election Day, that is also an option. If you have questions regarding your polling location, please visit the following website for additional details: <https://voter.azsos.gov/VoterView/PollingPlaceSearch.do>

To find upcoming events and activities, please visit our Town website: www.florenceaz.gov. As always, stay safe and enjoy. 😊

Sincerely,

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