

### **Mayor's Monthly Message: December 2017**

Here we are amidst the 2017 Holiday Season! I always look forward to this time of year because the holidays tend to bring out the best in all of us. December is a time for holiday traditions with family and friends. It is also a time to reflect on 2017 and all that has happened over the past year. The challenges we faced bring strength and refinement. The lessons that we've learned, give us the knowledge to make better decisions. Lastly, the gratitude we have in our hearts help us have a deeper understanding and respect in every aspect of our life.

In our great town of Florence, AZ, you don't have to look very far to find kindness and selflessness on display, especially during this time of year. As is the case in many communities, we are blessed with a variety of local civic organizations that regularly host events and fund raisers in support of good causes. In addition to the outstanding civic organizations that make Florence a wonderful community, we also have many individual residents who donate their time, talents, and treasures.

During this holiday season, I would like to give a heartfelt 'Thank You' for the accomplishments this year. First of all, to our many businesses and governmental agencies providing employment opportunities and contribute to our local economy. I sincerely appreciate your commitment to our town, hard work, and quality of services. To those who are serving in the capacity as a volunteer and in community groups, thank you for making our Town one of the best places for anyone to live and for enriching and enhancing the lives of others. Last, but not least, our Town of Florence employees, thank you for all that you do each and every day. Your dedication, loyalty, and hard work are very much appreciated. It is an honor to serve as your mayor and I'll continue to work hard to bring positive growth into our community, while maintaining our #1 Safe Town in AZ. There are many exciting projects in the planning stages for the upcoming year.

I would like to invite you to join us on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm, as Historic Main Street becomes a winter wonderland for our Christmas on Main Street celebration. Main Street business owners join in the festivities by decorating their storefronts and providing special deals for the evening. This event is sure to get you in the holiday spirit. Our parade concludes the evening at 8:00 p.m.

Clearly, we have a lot of reasons to be thankful in Florence, AZ. As a final thought of the 2017 year to all of our residents, thank you again for this opportunity to serve you, it means the world to me to give back to our town and help make the future a better and more beautiful place for generations to come. My wish for you and yours is to have a peaceful and joyous holiday season and a prosperous, happy and healthy New Year.