

Mayor's Monthly Message: November 2018

Earlier this month, John Jeffrey, Vice-President and Cholla Susini, Vice-President of Sales and Marketing for J, Carl Homes presented at the Town Council Meeting regarding their product and building in the Town of Florence. The original founder, Joseph Carl Muelack, has relaunched his namesake company, which is locally owned, and privately funded. He toured the valley for areas of future growth and communities that have finished, but undeveloped lots but that the infrastructure was in place and working. They will be working in five communities with a total of approximately 500 lots and have chosen Villa Adelaida in Florence as one of the communities. Sales are projected to open in January of 2019. There will be four open floor plans, ranging between 1,300 and 2,200 square feet. There are three single level homes and one two-story home. All homes will have two car garages and range between three to four bedrooms. There will be three elevations options for each plan, with several color paint schemes and three front yard landscaping packages. At this time, they do not have pricing options as of yet; however, their focus is to maintain affordable housing to a wide variety of people. The Town has worked very hard to encourage infill on existing residential lots. We believe that they will be highly successful as there is a demand for housing in the core area of Florence.

Over the past few years, Florence Gardens Phase IV and V Projects have been well communicated and prioritized. This project signals the culmination of a multi-year effort by the Town of Florence to provide an engineered surface storm drainage solution for residents within the Florence Gardens HOA community. The prior roadway profiles in this area did not lend themselves to adequate drainage away from properties. Florence Gardens Paving Phase 4 and 5 is bounded by Gila Blvd. to

the south, Florence Blvd. to the west, California Blvd., to the north, and Lancaster Cir./Colorado Blvd. to the east. Here are some "fun facts":

- Approximately 48,000 square yards of old asphalt pavement was removed.
- Approximately 38,600 square yards of new asphalt pavement was installed.
- Approximately 6,700 square feet of old concrete was removed.
- Approximately 100,800 square feet of new concrete was installed.

In upcoming activities and events, Gilbert Days Pony Express is Saturday, November 10th. The Jr. Parada is Friday, November 23rd to Sunday, November 25th, with a parade on Saturday, November 24th. Also, on Friday, December 7th, we will host Christmas on Main.

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

Sincerely,

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