

Mayor's Monthly Message: February 2020

Recently, I've had several engaging discussions where residents are pleased with our direction. The conversation always tends to go back to our strategic plan and our positive direction. The strategic plan is the product of reflection, consideration, and anticipation. We have reflected on not only what our Town government did right in the past, but also what could have been done differently. We have carefully considered the Town of Florence's existing challenges. In this context, we rededicate ourselves to building a future that will further advance the public health, safety, and well-being of all town of Florence residents – as well as the generation of residents yet to come. I also value these conversations and discussions that are occurring, as it provides feedback and insight in regards to make additional improvements. I'd like to take a moment to encourage you to look over the strategic plan document and reach out with any comments, concerns, or questions.

This month is a few of my personal favorite traditions, the Florence Home Tour and annual bike and car show. I'd like to invite everyone to the 35th Annual Historic Florence Home Tour on Saturday, February 8, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. You will have an opportunity to view diverse architectural styles in over 20 homes and buildings. Visitors may walk the tour route, which begins in downtown Florence. Transportation is provided to outlying historical structures on the tour. All visitors are welcome to celebrate Florence's rich territorial history. The history, culture and essence of a community are revealed in many ways. Books, journals, and other documents provide immediate, written information about a town. However, a deeper and stronger appreciation of a community's history is revealed in its homes and buildings. Tickets are only \$20 for adults the day of the event or \$15 in advance. Advance tickets are available anytime, at the Pinal County Historical Society and Museum, Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce, Florence Visitor's Center and the new Florence Library and Community Center. This is a wonderful event coordinated and facilitated in conjunction with many caring and involved volunteers.

The following weekend we have another spectacular event. Take a step back in time in Historic Downtown Florence! This is the third year of the Memories on Main Street Car and Bike show. There will be: Music, Food, Vendors and lots of awards for some amazing rides! 10th and Main will be rocking Main Stage. Come down and see what all the talk is about, Saturday, February 15, 2020.

As always, there are great things happening in Florence, AZ. We have the best community and people! Stay safe and enjoy. ☺

Sincerely,

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