

Volunteers sought to help clean sculptures

Volunteers are needed to help with the Save Our Sculptures program to maintain the Town of Fountain Hills public art works.

The SOS program was designed to help preserve the life of many art pieces here in town. At a staggering 150 pieces of public art in Fountain Hills, the town is home to one of the largest public art collections in the state of Arizona.

The majority of these pieces are outdoors and in direct contact with sun, irrigation, dust and dirt. Cleaning these sculptures on a consistent basis is necessary to make sure they retain their beauty and longevity.

The SOS program consists of a group of volunteers that meet once a month to assist in the cleaning of art pieces at Fountain Park, Avenue of the Fountains and Centennial Circle.

The SOS volunteers are split into four groups and each group meets on their assigned Saturday of the month. For example, group one meets the first Saturday of the month; group Two meets the second Saturday of the month, etc.

The SOS program will begin work for the season on Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018.

For more information, contact Don Clark at 480-816-5130 or dsclark@fh.az.gov.



Volunteers of all ages are encouraged to turn out for the 10th event in Fountain Hills.

Get ready to 'Make a Difference'

The Town of Fountain Hills is gearing up for the 10th annual Make a Difference Day to be held in the community on Saturday, Oct. 27.

Hundreds of volunteers

will come together with a common mission – to improve the lives of others around town.

The Make a Difference Day event will need town volunteers to unite and

serve Fountain Hills residents who could use assistance with a variety of projects in their homes and yards.

"We are looking for volunteers and also for residents who, due to many different reasons – health, financial, lack of transportation and family and more – may need a hand with landscaping, painting, repairing, cleaning, building a wheel chair ramp and installing grab bars, hauling debris, and other minor home projects," said Town of Fountain Hills Volunteer Coordinator Heather Ware.

Anyone who knows of a resident or is interested in receiving assistance, call Heather at 480-816-5108, or email hware@fh.az.gov. Registration for volunteering is online at fh.az.gov/madd.

"This event is about neighbors helping neighbors," Ware said. "It will make a difference in the lives of vulnerable residents as well as the volunteers who participate."

Drugs

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these [pharmaceuticals] are the real deal, when in truth they are not what they are represented to be," Hebert said. "They contain the wrong ingredients, no ingredients or the incorrect quantity of ingredients."

According to the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy there are 11,000 online pharmacies with many representing themselves as Canadian sources. Approximately 96 percent of those are operating illegally with no real physical presence in Canada except for a PO Box, Hebert said.

About nine years ago the FDA began to see the opioid epidemic as a major problem and the pharmaceutical industry as a bigger threat than cartels. DEA enforcement operations began targeting doctors, pharmacies, pain clinics and drug distributors. Over the years enforcement has had an impact on how pharmaceuticals are legally distributed in the United States. Restrictions and state laws have had a significant impact in Arizona.

However, Hebert noted the unintended consequence of enforcement efforts is opening the market wide for counterfeit drugs.

"The criminal organizations have filled the void with counterfeits laced with fentanyl," Hebert said.

The FDA wants people to recognize there is a problem with counterfeit drugs and have implemented a "know your source" program encouraging people to know and understand where the drugs they are taking come from.

"See a licensed doctor, and obtain your drugs from a known pharmacy," Hebert said. "Just be aware that the first time you purchase [counterfeit drugs], may also be your last."

For more information or to learn more about "know your source" efforts, visit fda.gov/drugs/resourcesforyou.

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