

NPOA approves six plans Express

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The Neighborhood Property Owners Association's Committee of Architecture reviewed and approved six permit applications during its Jan. 30 meeting, with no application in need of further review.

Approvals were as follows:

- *17030 Rand – Owner, Mastroianni; pool.
 - *12237 Barrel Cactus – Owner, Brahy; repaint.
 - *15852 Ponderosa – Owner, Dresslar; repaint.
 - *15533 El Lago – Owner, Walsh; repaint.
 - *15650 Mustang – Owner, Czerniak; repaint.
 - *15713 Kim – Owner, Payne; wall and driveway.
- The NPOA welcomes

member homeowners who are interested in serving the NPOA Board of Directors or the Neighborhood Committee of Architecture.

All interested members should contact the NPOA office at 480-837-5317 or visit the NPOA/NCOA website at npoafh.org for more information.

The NPOA Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 17, with additional details to be provided closer to the event.

The Neighborhood Committee of Architecture meets Tuesdays at 8 a.m. in the association's office at 16810 E. Avenue of the Fountains, suite 119, to review member property owners' plans for new construction or improvements.

The NPOA board of directors meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 8 a.m.

The association has an after-hours drop box for members' convenience outside the office.

Fountain Hills Post Office the team camps overnight along the Verde River at the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation.

Following a hearty breakfast on Friday morning, the posse members saddle up for the final leg of the trip to the Museum of the West in Scottsdale at 2nd Street and Marshall Way.

Saturday, the riders and horses participate in the annual Parada Del Sol Parade.

The original Pony Express was organized in 1860 to carry mail on

horseback as quickly as possible over the 2,000 miles between St. Joseph, Mo. and Sacramento, Calif. It operated only a scant 18 months before it was displaced by the railroads and telegraph. But even in that short time the Pony Express provided an indelible image for the American West.

The original Pony Express riders never set hoof in Arizona, but the modern riders pay homage to the 19th Century program with the only mail carried over any distance on horseback today.

Prevention

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related.

Through the years several arrests have been made from tips sent by students and others to MCSO.

Brandimarte said due to court-ordered mandates, MCSO had to start a new system of anonymous tips county-wide and essentially adopted the program launched by the Fountain Hills Coalition.

Coalition Executive Director Shelly Mowrey said it's terrific to see what's working in Fountain Hills shared with the rest of the county and thanked the Sheriff's Office for its cooperation with this program over the years.

She said the program has made a difference in the community of Fountain Hills.

For example, one tip last year resulted in an underage drinking party being broken up by deputies.

When a mother was called to the scene to pick up her child, she in turn was cited by deputies for driving while under the influence.

Mowrey said the mother later told a coalition member that the incident was a "wake up call" for her, causing her to get treatment for alcohol abuse.

"These are the types of positive things that can result from a tip program," Mowrey said. "And it has been effective in deterring alcohol and drug usage on our school campuses."

Drop box

Each year the Drug Enforcement Administration helps sponsor drug "take back" days, when citizens are encouraged to turn in unwanted or expired prescription pills to law enforcement personnel for proper disposal.

The Fountain Hills Coalition, working in cooperation with the Town of Fountain Hills and MCSO, a few years ago had a permanent drop box installed in the Town Hall lobby adjacent to the Sheriff's substation.

This has greatly increased the number of pills being dropped off on a year-round basis.

In 2017 alone in Fountain Hills, a total of 333 pounds of prescription drugs were collected on prescription take back days and through the drop-off box.

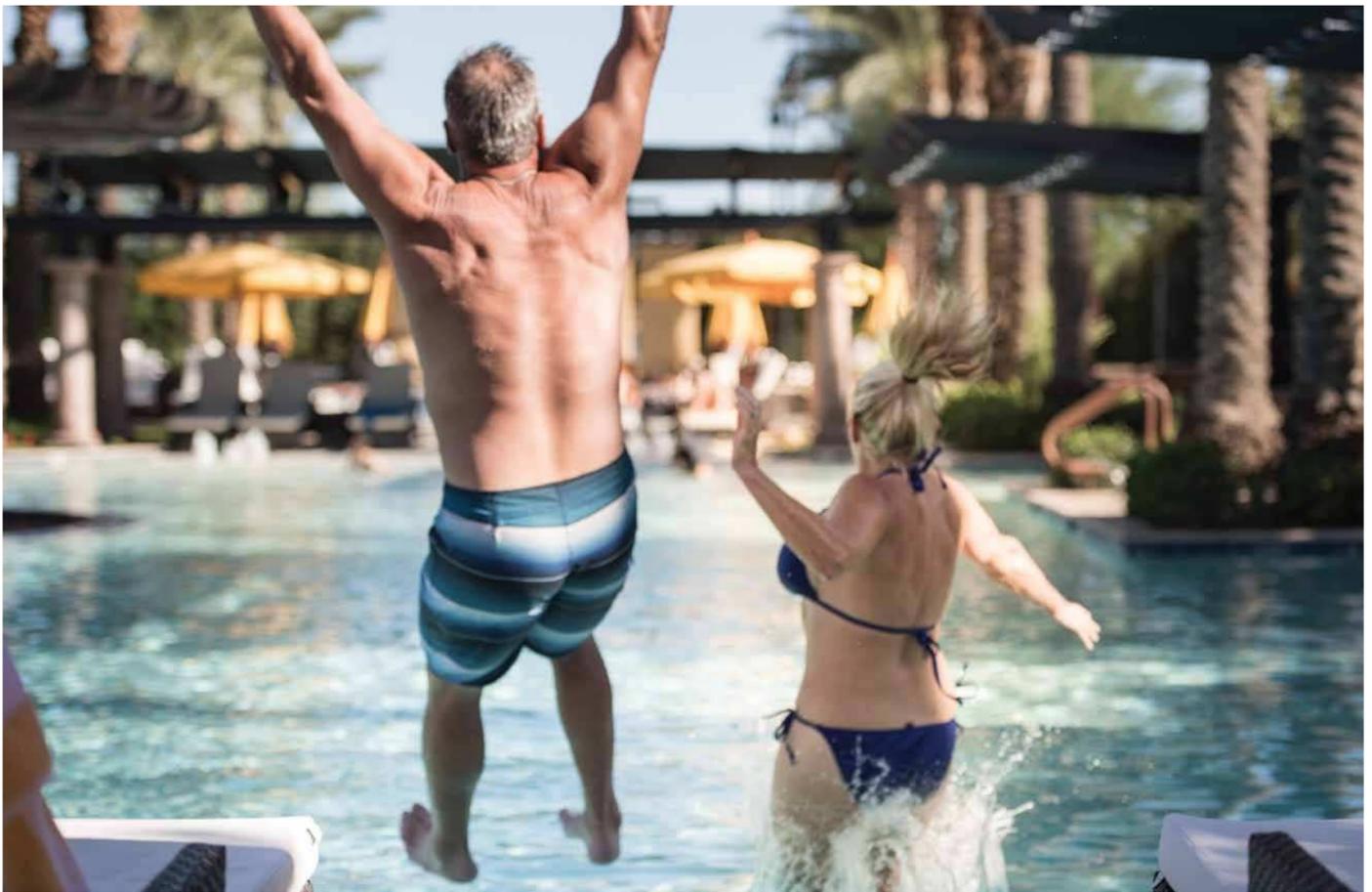
The intention is to get rid of these drugs in a safe manner so they cannot be stolen from someone's medicine cabinet or abused in some other manner.

Brandimarte told the coalition at a recent meeting that the Sheriff's Office is now working with other jurisdictions to have permanent drop boxes installed at all their substations throughout the county.

"We love the fact that the Sheriff's Office has seen the value in permanent drop boxes and is taking this idea forward to other locations," Mowrey said. "The more prevention efforts that are out there, the healthier our kids and communities will be."

"It's important we continue to protect our youth and give them safe alternatives. We're proud of the fact that our programs are working in Fountain Hills."

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