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CONVENTION NEWS & MORE!

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PINAL COUNTY
wide open opportunity

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August 29, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

Subject: Arizona National Scenic Trail Trailhead Development Project

Pinal County Planning and Development staff will be holding an informal Open House to seek public comment on the design of trailheads for the Arizona National Scenic Trail. Pinal County has been awarded grant funding to construct two planned trailheads on the Arizona National Scenic Trail, one at the trail junction with Tiger Mine Road and the other at the trail Junction with the Florence/Kelvin Highway.

This meeting will be held in the Oracle Justice Court building, 1470 N. Justice Drive, Oracle AZ, 85623 on:
Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

We would appreciate your attendance and feedback on these trailheads. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (520) 866-6910 or by e-mail at kent.taylor@pinalcountyz.gov

Sincerely,

Kent A. Taylor
Strategic Planning Office Administrator
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For the 2011/2012 Arizona Parks and Recreation Association Annual Ballot, the results are in....



Vice President – Mike Holste

City of Mesa – Assistant Director of Recreation Programs and Operations.



West Regional Representative – P.J. Conover

City of Chandler – Recreation Coordinator



East Regional Representative – Jessica Compton

City of Show Low – Recreation Coordinator

I am very grateful to all the candidates for standing for election and for making a strong commitment to APRA. I would also like to thank the membership for actively participating in the election.

Shawn Wagner, APRA Past-President, Nominating Committee.

The Annual APRA Board of Directors Retreat will be hosted by incoming APRA President, Bryan Hughes, and the Town of Fountain Hills Community Services Department at the Fountain Hills Community Center. We will hold a “brainstorming session” in the morning followed by a regular Board Meeting after lunch.

Topics of discussion will include:

- Proposed FY 12 Budget
- Strategic Plan
- Goals and Objectives
- Mission Statement
- Website/Membership Management Update
- Professional Development
- Member Recruitment and Retention
- Conference and Trade Show

Refreshments will be provided but lunch will be on your own. Bryan will be making arrangements for the group to have lunch at Phil's Filling Station if you would like to join us.

The Fountain Hills Community Center is located at 13001 N. La Montana Dr., Fountain Hills, AZ 85268. 480-816-5135

An agenda will be emailed to all board members and will be posted on the website soon.

2011 APRA Award Winners

Order	Program/Individual/Facility	2011 Award Category	Organization Affiliation
1	Surprise Today	Media Award	City of Surprise
2	White Mountain Youth Leadership	Partnership Award	City of Show Low
3	Superstition Area Land & Trust/AJ Parks and Recreation	Partnership Award	City of Apache Junction
4	Rogers Lake County Natural Area	Natural Resources Award	Coconino County
5	Sensory Play Area	Adaptive Program Award	Town of Sahuarita
6	West Valley Senior Games	Active Adult 50+ Award	Luke West Valley Recreation
7	Water Safety Is For You	Aquatics Program Award	City of Tucson
8	Unity March and Celebration	Cultural Awareness Award	City of Casa Grande
9	The Green Crusaders	Educational Program Award	City of Glendale
10	Track & Field/Road Races Series	Sports Program Award	City of Tucson
11	House of Truthful Horrors	Youth Enrichment Award	City of Phoenix
12	Christmas in the Park	Community/Neighborhood Special Event, Populations Under 25,000	City of Litchfield Park
13	Dedication of Green Field & Angel of Steadfast Love Statue	Community/Neighborhood Special Event, Populations 25,000-100,000	Town of Oro Valley
14	Glendale Folk and Heritage Festival	Community/Neighborhood Special Event, Populations Over 100,000	City of Glendale
15	Nikolaus Homestead Park	Facility Award, Populations Under 25,000	City of Show Low
16	Len Colla Recreation Center	Facility Award, Populations 25,000 - 100,000	City of Casa Grande
17	White Tank Library and Nature Center	Facility Award, Populations Over 100,000	Maricopa County
18	Karen Larkin	Professional Emeritus Award	City of Tucson
19	Scott Stewart	Public Official Award	Town of Wickenburg
20	Frank & Sharon Duranti	Volunteer of the Year Award	City of Mesa
21	Jamie Sullivan	Young Professional Award	City of Apache Junction
22	Glenna Overstreet	Professional Award	City of Tucson
23	City of Phoenix	Presidents Award for Innovation	APRA Office

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

Photo Contest Winners:

The Grand Prize, which the judges felt "encompassed some beautiful imagery", goes to: **Jorga Riegenbach**, "Mud Puddle", video entry, City of Tucson.

1st place photo: **Melissa Hinkle**, "Dino Hunt", Town of Sahuarita

2nd place photo: **Craig Younger**, "Chandler's Paseo Vista Playground", City of Chandler

3rd place Photo: **Joey Brazil**, "Star Water Baby", City of Surprise

1st place video: **Julie Carpenter**, "Come Out and Play Chandler", City of Chandler

2nd place video: **Christina Underhill**, "Seniors on the Catwalk", City of Avondale

3rd place video: **Town of Sahuarita STAC committee**, "Rock your Park", Town of Sahuarita

1st place illustration: **Roberto Flores Jr.**, "Happy Recreation", Pima County Parks

2nd place illustration: **Oscar Venegas**, "Swimmer", City of Mesa

3rd place illustration: **Roberto Flores Jr.**, "Happy Day and Night", Pima County Parks

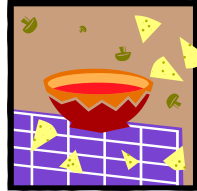
1st place creative writing: **Jorga Riegenbach**, "Good Job", City of Tucson

Thanks to all who submitted their entries and made this year a success!

The link for photos of the conference is: <http://www.pbase.com/jar3531/apra>

MARK YOUR CALENDERS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

“THE SALSA FESTIVAL”



Saturday, November 5

Tumbleweed Park, Chandler AZ

Visit azpra.org and click on the flyer for more info!

“ALPINE SKI TRIP”



February 3-6, 2012

Durango, Colorado

Visit azpra.org and click on 2012 events for more info!

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