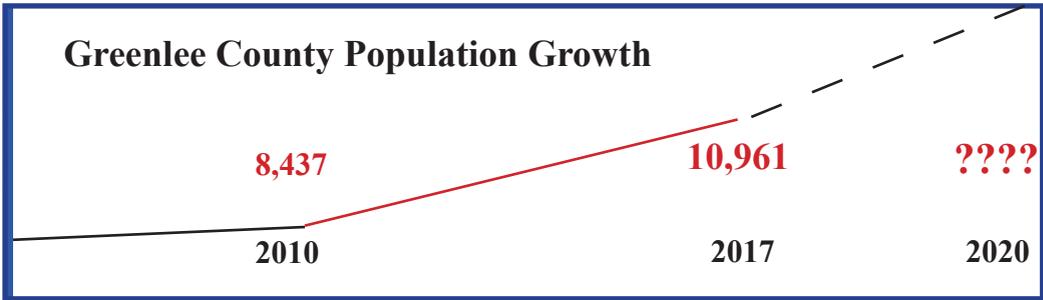




### Greenlee County Population Growth



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Housing ready to go vertical

## Catch the buzz!

By Ákos Kovach

The real estate community in neighboring Graham County is all a-buzz.

In the past two weeks no fewer than six real estate professionals have asked us “where can we buy enough land to build 4 or 5 homes?”

Or “we hear your county needs homes.”

And my favorite inquiry is: “we have clients who want to live in Greenlee County but can’t find a home to buy.”

Yes, this is Greenlee County, Arizona,

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Expect to see five new homes going up on Highway 75 near DVEC; expect new homes going up on Fairway Road in York Valley, and 3 or more homes going up behind the Golf and Country Club House in York Valley. Bigger announcements coming soon.

## Everyone’s on board

By Philip Runnerud  
Greenlee County Engineer

The Planning and Zoning Commission has been extremely supportive of requests that allow additional housing to be developed.

Once the requests have been approved, the new dwelling units constructed are almost immediately occupied. At this time, almost all new units are owner occupied.

Developers who desire to build can find parcels that are for sale. Only 6% of the

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Racing through Duncan in 2017.

## Bike race shows growth

The Javelina Chase is an annual event that draws competitive and non-competitive cyclists to South-eastern Arizona, the town of Duncan, AZ (population 800) and the Greenlee County Fairgrounds. The event is overseen by a volunteer committee and guided by USA Cycling. The Javelina Chase has grown in each of its 4 years from 24 participants in 2014 to over 250 in 2017.

[Click here for Spring Rampage schedule](#)

The goal of the Javelina Chase is to bring an exciting cycling event to Duncan and Greenlee County which enhances cycling and its associated health, fun and environmental benefits.

This event also provides funds for a scholarship for two graduating Greenlee County seniors. And that is not all. This year The Chase will be held in concert with the Greenlee

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tucked away in Eastern Arizona along the border with our friends and neighbors in New Mexico.

Although we have mostly State and Federal Land ownership in Greenlee County there is private land available on which to build single family homes, multi-family dwellings or even apartment complexes.

Just look around – where else is the biggest economic engine/ employer adding hundreds of full time jobs with amazing benefits?

Where else can you find running rivers all year long that flow from mountains full of wildlife and camping opportunities?

Who has a superior school systems?

And best of all where are the lowest property taxes in the State of Arizona?

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So what are you waiting for? Questions? [economicdevelopment@co.greenlee.az.us](mailto:economicdevelopment@co.greenlee.az.us)

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all land in Greenlee County is privately owned; the rest is federal or state owned. Big swaths of land in active mining operations while other large sections of Greenlee County are farmer/ranchers.

With this said, parcels often must be split. These land splits often require a change of zoning which take about 2 months. A process that, unlike in some more populous counties, is relatively inexpensive and uncontroversial.

Individuals who want to

build and have never acted as a developer are often shocked at the amount of effort required and decisions that are needed.

Nevertheless, just taking one step at a time and keeping momentum going are important to completing your dream.

We have noted that more contractors are now willing to build here.

As more building occurs, then contractors will see that the County has a huge demand and speculative building will pick up.

With the continued growth of the Morenci mine, demand for local housing will continue into the future.

Currently, there are many mine workers asking for company housing. As other options become available some may choose to buy.

Buying real estate, including your own home, is an amazing method of investing for the future. Get good advice before buying and develop a budget.

County staff believes that we are ripe for an explosion of private homes with many options from which to choose. The Board of Supervisor supports development and would like the population of the County to grow. As growth occurs most everyone in the County will benefit.

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County Spring Rampage.

The Chase is a two day event, April 14-15, and will cover new territory as it expands into nearby Lordsburg, New Mexico.

For registration and further details please visit: <http://www.javelinachase.com/> or contact: [javchaseaz@gmail.com](mailto:javchaseaz@gmail.com)

## Hiring fairs

A hiring fair for BK Cacti will be held March 2 from 10-2 at the Benson Chamber of Commerce, 168 E 4th St, Benson.

Hiring laborers. Full and part time. Contact Bruce Hart at 520-268-2355. more information.

Interview day for Indochine Restaurant, will be March 2, from 10-2, at the Sierra Vista Job Center, 2600 E Wilcox Drive.

Hiring Kitchen Helpers. Apply in advance. Contact Coye Trujillo at 520-458-9309. more information.

Mark your calendars to attend the Southern Arizona Hiring Conference on March 28 at University of Arizona, Sierra Vista Campus!

Job seekers can pre-register [HERE](#). The first 50 registered job seekers will receive a Professional Power Pack.

A Military/Veteran Hiring Event will be held March 29 from 9-4 at the Thunder Mountain Activity Center, Ft. Huachuca.

Contact: [events@arizonacoalition.org](mailto:events@arizonacoalition.org)

For more information, [go here](#).

Open to all military, veterans, and spouses.

### Volunteers for Chase

Call for volunteers for The Chase. We have several spots still open. There is one feed zone still open along with the need for safety drivers/escorts. Please contact us at Javelina Chase <[javchaseaz@gmail.com](mailto:javchaseaz@gmail.com)> .

# Former inmates a great resource

First let's start out sharing the good word about the resource we have in the form of Arizona@Work.

They perform an amazing array of services including training, pre-screening and matching prospective employees to the employers seeking qualified skilled help.

But what about the wasted resource of potential employees who are non-violent felons? How do we expect them to reintegrate into society, pay taxes and be productive unless they get a chance a decent job?

Every day our prisons and jails release skilled truck drivers, electricians, welders, carpenters, laborers and many others who could fill hundreds of jobs in numerous industries if only – if only they would see beyond the check list quest have you ever been convicted of a felony?

Served time in prison? Did something stupid under the influence and now you will pay for that bad judgement the rest of your life?

Vickie Simmons (AZ@Work) is working closely with the Co-

chise County Re-entry Coalition to help find solutions and address this topic.

Brad Harvey, the Veteran Business Services Representative for Az@Work is a big advocate for clients with barriers in their backgrounds.

Also Lisa Lane, Manager for the Safford One Stop Office, is conducting employment classes at the Prison.

All of this helps client pre-

pare to be better candidates for employers. Hopefully, more and more employers are willing to hire after they see they are a qualified candidates with a blemish. For more information contact:

Angelica Hernandez  
Business Outreach Coordinator

Arizona@Work-Southeastern Arizona

O - 520-458-9309 Cell 520-236-2844.

## Hannagan Meadow Lodge offerings

The only lodge in Arizona that offers snowmobile tours is at Hannagan Meadow, located in Greenlee County at an elevation of 9,000 feet.

Hannagan Meadow Lodge offers horseback riding (seasonally), cross country skiing and numerous nearby hiking trails. In fact snow is falling there at this writing on Feb 28, with more snow expected over the weekend.

There is even some discussion of perhaps hosting a Greenlee Chamber of Commerce Mixer at the Lodge and offering attendees a chance to spend the night or

stay the weekend. Ask a Chamber member.

Tourism activities in Greenlee County have continued to grow and improve, and we are fortunate to have a recreational lodge, with a great restaurant and lounge in our high country.

Visit <http://www.hannagan-meadow.com/> or contact Gini @ info@hannaganmeadow.com

## Looking at opportunities

The upcoming National Association of Counties meeting in Washington March 3-7 will look at a number of issues impacting counties around the nation.

One of the topics will be the Opportunity Zones program, enacted in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act legislation, which creates a new tax incentive tool for community development projects. The Opportunity Zones program will provide long-term capital to economically distressed communities by providing tax incentives to investors.

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## New director for veteran business

Margaret Evangelesta is the newly appointed director of the Veteran Business Outreach Center (VBOC) serving the State of Arizona.

Here office has met with Economic Development Teams and Chambers of Commerce, with great success.

She says they are open to meeting with interested parties to discuss how they can best serve the businesses and residents of

Greenlee County.

Services are provided at no cost and are paid for by a grant from the Small Business Administration. She said her office wants to collaborate in a way that will best serve the county's veterans to create and run businesses.

Evangelesta, Director, Veteran Business Outreach Center at Cochise College, can be reached at 520-335-2953 or by email at evangelestam@cochise.edu

# March 29 is mom-and-pop business day

National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day is observed annually on March 29. This day honors all small business owners.

Small businesses are a vital part of the United States economy. These businesses are not always appreciated for the critical role that they play. We can show them their much-deserved appreciation on National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day.

According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, there are more than 27 million small businesses in the United States.

Owning your own business is a goal that many people strive to attain. It takes long hours, hard work and much dedication. Countless hours of nurturing the business are needed in the process of growing the business. From starting out to building and expanding, a successful small business is the goal of every owner.

Some of these Mom and Pop shops are handed down from one generation to the next while others are new start-ups. "Mom and Pop" businesses offer superior customer service as the owners take personal pride in their operations as well as pride in their communities.

## How to observe

Support the privately owned small businesses in your communities. Use #MomPopBusinessOwnersDay to post on social media.

## History

Rick and Margie Segel founded National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day in honor of couples like his parents whose successful hat shop opened in 1939 and grew into a 10,000 square feet and \$2 million dollar clothing store.

*Editor's note: As our readers know, most of the businesses in Greenlee County fall into this category, providing many vital services and commodities to local residents.*

*While any day is appropriate to learn more about the businesses in our communities, certainly March 29 is the perfect day to get out into your community and visit a mom-and-pop business, perhaps one you trade with frequently, or perhaps one you've been meaning to get to know.*



*Nabor's Barber Shop , run by brothers Eddie & Max Nabor.*



*Hilda's Market and restaurant, run by Hilda Goeking.*



*Rock-a-buy, run by Doug Barlow,*

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