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## Housing forum Aug. 18

By Ákos Kovach

Sometimes Growing Greenlee County means rocking the boat. Which is what we plan to do on at the next Greenlee County-wide Housing Forum.

On Friday August 18, the Greenlee County Economic Development Department is extending an invitation to anyone who is looking for existing homes, lots, land, rentals or new homes anywhere Greenlee County.

Starting at 9 a.m., be prepared to meet your elected officials, planning and zoning folks, social services personnel, builders, contractors, real estate professionals, employers and many others.

The venue will be 550 North Coronado Boulevard, offering over 5,000 SF of air-conditioned

### Economic Development 101

meeting space for booths, attendees and everyone is invited.

There will be up-to-date lists of homes for sale, lots and land for sale and all the professionals you need to help you find the right home to buy, have built for you or to find rental property.

Meet both the builders and the lenders. There will be five private consultation rooms ready to give you one-on-one privacy with these professionals.

The time to sign up for a booth is NOW; your RSVP is appreciated. Call 928-865-2072 and ask for housing forum support or email: [economicdevelopment@co.greenlee.az.us](mailto:economicdevelopment@co.greenlee.az.us)

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## SEAGO Executive Board meeting in Clifton

The SEAGO Executive Board meeting scheduled for Aug. 18 will be held in Clifton, hosted by the Town of Duncan.

This quarterly meeting of SEAGO Region elected officials will be co-locating at the same site (550 North Coronado Blvd.) as the Greenlee County-wide Housing Forum scheduled from 9 to 3, also on that Friday.

What a bonus for everyone

who plans to attend! The early list of RSVP's from vendors is growing fast. Homebuilders from as far away as Globe are signing up. Mortgage Lenders, Real Estate professionals, and an amazing array of social service groups – chambers of commerce – and many others.

By merging the two meetings into one location attendees

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# Reading Nook News

## Touring Library website 2

By Karen Soohy

Here we are at our next stop on the tour of the new Greenlee County Library Website.

The webpage can be found at [www.greenleelibraries.org](http://www.greenleelibraries.org). Today's tour takes you through the rotating announcements on the right side of the page.

This section will slide on its own to the next item of interest or you can click on the dots at the bottom to see the items on your own.

Two items highlighted on the rotating announcements include information about the Morenci Enrichment Center and the Safford Library. Both are open to any Greenlee County resident. All you need to get your free card to use their services is a form of identification.

The Morenci Enrichment Center (<http://www.morencitown.com/residents/library/>) offers its patrons access to TumbleBooks for children K-6th, 3M E-books, One Click Digital Audiobooks, an online card catalog, Comics Plus which features graphic novels, mangas and comics online, Ancestry free on the library computers, and Zinio online magazines. There is a link within the rotating announcements to this site.

The Safford City Library (<http://cityofsafford.us/index.aspx?nid=336>) which is also linked in the announcements offers an online catalog, OverDrive e-books, Pixels of Ink for free or reduced Kindle e-books, One Click Digital Audiobooks, Zinio online magazines, Tumblebooks, and Reading Arizona e-books. The site also offers many free research links, a calendar of events, Tutor.com, and an Ask The Librarian page where you can email questions to a staff member.

Another item in the rotating announcements is the National Geographic link to printable quadrant maps. There are also announcements of happenings

[click here to read more](#)



## Clifton Council Corner

Mayor Felix Callicotte

### Monsoon Weather

Each year, a variety of summer weather related dangers affect Arizona. Through a collaborative effort between National Weather Service offices that serve Arizona which includes offices located in Tucson, Phoenix, Flagstaff, the time period from June 15th through September 30th has been defined as "The Monsoon."

Monsoon Terminology:

- Flash Floods
- Downburst Winds
- Lightning
- Thunderstorms and Dust Storms
- Extreme Heat
- Wildfires
- Watches and Warnings mean that widespread severe weather is possible.
  - A watch means that severe weather has not occurred yet, but weather conditions are becoming highly volatile. Pay close attention to the weather, and tune into TV, radio, or NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts frequently.
  - Warnings (Severe Thunderstorm, Flash Flood, Dust Storm, or in rare cases, Tornado) mean that life-threatening weather is about to occur, or has been reported. Take action immediately.
  - Flood Advisories mean heavy rains will cause minor flooding of washes, streams, and typical flood-prone areas. Flooding in this situation is usually not serious. If the flooding does become life threatening, then the flood advisory is upgraded to a Flash Flood Warning.

### Graffiti

Clifton does not have an extensive graffiti problem; however, graffiti is having a negative effect on the appearance within our neighborhoods, on private, state and town property. Graffiti vandalism includes symbols, nicknames or pictures spray painted on walls, fences, signs and/or on other properties. Graffiti is not art; it is blatant vandalism, a blight to all and is used by taggers as a means of attempting to gain recognition. Graffiti is illegal and a growing concern in every community and in Clifton.

[click here to read more](#)

# SEAGO . . .

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to these meetings will have the added enhancement of meeting the public as well as the myriad of employers, healthcare professionals and others that add so much to the high quality of life found in Greenlee County.

Employees at the Morenci mine are the primary “target audience,” but housing is on the minds of many in our area as it becomes more and more evident that Greenlee is becoming a hub for economic growth and development. This is precisely why SEAGO is coming, why SWN-MCOG and regional Chambers of Commerce officials are on the list.

Chambers of Commerce help connect those dots between showing casing local businesses, providing a conduit to jobs and representing the strength of regionalism.

## Customer service

If you missed the in-depth seminar that was conducted in Greenlee County, you might want to consider the session on “Improve Your Customer Service,” being put on by the Cochise College SBDC.

The program will be held July 27, from 9-11 a.m. at the Cochise College downtown center in Sierra Vista.

This workshop is a must for all business owners and employees!

These days it is fashionable for companies to refer to customer service as “customer retention,” but that can lead to backwards thinking.

To retain a customer, simply serve them and do it well. If you focus on retention you’ll miss



### Clifton Council

Back row, from left, Luis Montoya, Ray Lorenzo, Barbara Waddell, and Ray West. Front row, from left, Laura Dorrell, Felix Callicotte (Mayor), and Barbara Ahmann.

**The Professionals:**  
Lenders, Builders,  
Service providers  
Elected officials  
Employers,  
Chamber leaders,  
Tourism  
volunteers

Questions?  
928-865-2072

Connecting the Dots to  
home ownership  
Friday August 18  
9 am to 3 pm  
door prizes, refreshments

**Did You Know?**

550 North Coronado  
Blvd, Clifton, AZ

what is important, which is the customer and their needs.

It is also cheaper than attracting new customers. According to the Customer Service Institute, 65% of a company’s business comes from existing customers,

and it costs five times as much to attract a new customer than to keep an existing one satisfied.

Cost to attend is \$30.00 per person and include handouts.

Registration is required; call Rachel at 520-515-5478.

## Fire cuts off 191 (north)

The SH Creek fire has cut off Highway 191 in the northern part of Greenlee County, some 40 miles south of Alpine.

The lightning-caused fire was discovered on June 27 and is not expected to be fully contained until July 25.

It was put into a monitor status due to limited access, steep terrain and firefighter safety. It recently shifted direction due to passing thunderstorms causing it to spread toward Highway 191.

On July 5, the White Mountain Zone Type 3 Incident Management Team took command of the fire from the Clifton Ranger District.

As of July 6, there were some 150 personnel involved in containment. It had burned about 1,380 acres at that time. The fire is being projected to move in all directions.

The fire-management team is prepping Highway 191 for the fire and is conducting burnout operations along the highway.

There are concerns that thunderstorm activity will produce gusty and erratic winds. The fire is running through brush, timber and tall grass.

The map below shows where Highway 191 is blocked north of the Clifton/Morenci area.



*Even several years later, this scene from the area of the 2011 Wallow fire in northern part of Greenlee County reminds us of the need to be extremely careful during the dry, hot season.*

## Greenlee County volunteer, nonprofit to be honored

Do you know people in your community who have distinguished themselves for their spirit of giving?

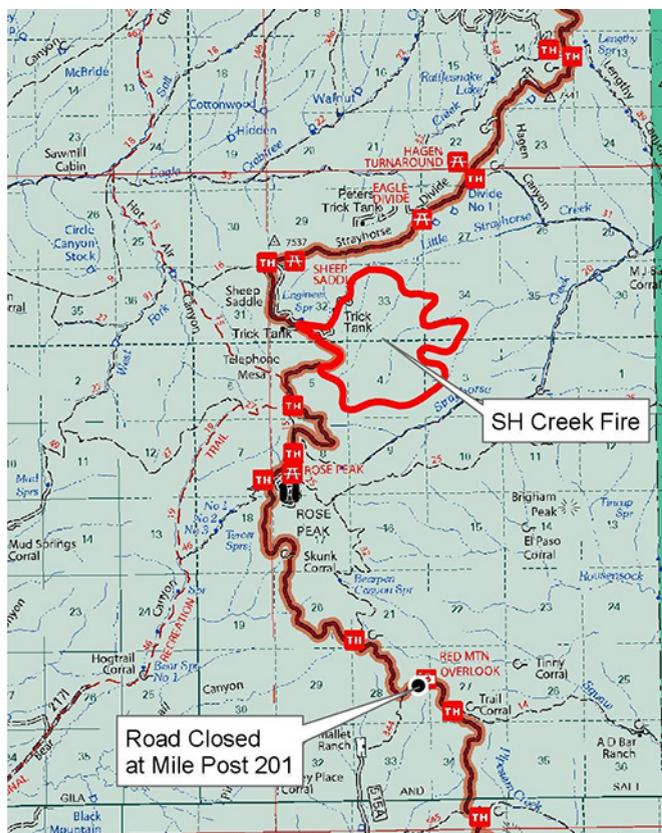
Whether they contribute time to volunteer, lend financial support to great causes or provide leadership for nonprofit organizations, this is your opportunity to honor them.

This will be the first annual Greenlee County Volunteer and Nonprofit Organization of the Year Awards to be present by the Arizona Community Foundation of the Gila Valley which serves both Greenlee and Graham County.

Please help us find and honor an individual and an organization in your County. Please take a little time and tells us about someone you would like honored.

Nominations must be postmarked or emailed no later than 5 p.m. on July 31 to be considered.

Nomination forms will be available online by July 10. The link to the forms will be displayed on the [Greenlee Clarion Facebook page](#), so head on over there after the 10th and make a nomination.



# Development photo contest under way

The 2017 NADO (National Association of Development Organizations) photo contest is under way and images of the region can be submitted through July 14.

The contest is an opportunity for our member organizations (such as Greenlee County) to tell the story of their regions through images that capture the people and places that make their communities great places to live, work, and play.

Photos submitted will be judged in five categories:

- ▶ Building Vibrant Places
- ▶ Strengthening the Built and Natural Environments
- ▶ Investing in Our Regional Economy
- ▶ Sustaining Our Communities
- ▶ 50 Years Retrospective

Prizes will be given to winning photos in these categories, as well as to a “People’s Choice” winner that will be selected by votes through our Facebook page.

All photos submitted will be shown in a slideshow at the Annual Training Conference (ATC) in Anchorage, AK on September 9-12, 2017 and may be featured in NADO and NADO Research Foundation publications and on the NADO website and social media platforms.

If you have photos which you think would be good to “show off” Greenlee County in these way, contact Ákos Kovach at (928) 865-2072 ext. 202



# South Annex Complex under construction

By Ákos Kovach

The long anticipated south annex is finally under construction!

Dirt work began several weeks ago, and now the first concrete footings are in place. The annex is being built near the Greenlee County Fairgrounds at Duncan.

The \$2.2 million project will be a state-of-the-art facility housing numerous entities: the JP Court, Cooperative Extension, County Health Dept., Sheriff's office and much needed extra space for meetings, gatherings, training sessions, etc.

Like and follow these Facebook pages for updates and news:

[Greenlee County Fair and Racing.](#)

[Greenlee Clarion](#)

## Prostate screenings

POP Prostate Cancer Screenings for Eastern Arizona Men in Globe, Safford, & Clifton will be available this August.

Special rates will be available to AZLGEBT & RAGHT employees, and for State of Arizona Employees. Call POP for details.

Call POP to schedule a screening at 480-964-3013 or 800-828-6139.



## Upcoming activities

**7/12 (and every following Wednesday)** 2-6 p.m., Clifton Farmers Market, Clifton Train Depot.

**7/19** 5:30-7 p.m., Tourism Council monthly meeting.

**7/26** 5:30-7:30, Greenlee Chamber Mixer - Church of New Beginnings, Morenci, hosted by Mt Graham Safe House

**8/8-10** 8-5, Arizona Rural Policy Forum, Safford

See Morenci School District calendar at [its website](#).

## North to south, some lodging in Greenlee

Hannagan Meadow Lodge - <http://www.hannaganmeadow.com/> 928-339-4370

Morenci Motel - <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Morenci-Motel/194742780573763>  
(928) 865-4111

Union Hall Suites - <http://visitcliftonaz.com/what-to-see/union-hall/> (928) 865-5956 <https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/15851937?guests=1&location=clifton%2C%20az&s=3KzioZn>

Chase Creek Suites - 928-865-3855 <https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/14029328?guests=1&location=clifton%2C%20az&s=QiVWXSE>

Galleria Retreat - 928-865-5956 <https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/18507401?guests=1&location=clifton%2C%20az&s=QiVWXSE>

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The map shows a winding trail starting from a 'Line Up' area at the bottom left and ending at a 'Runoff Area' at the top right. Key landmarks along the route include Henry's Roll, Oliphant's Rail, Cubby's Cliff, Picken's Corner, Bailey's Bash, Cook's Corner, Tami Threads The Needle, Clifton Cemetery, and Delaney's Dilemma. A compass rose is located in the upper left corner of the map area.

### Clifton Hillclimb

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Reardon Hotel – on the corner of Second Street and Coronado Blvd – Clifton, Az. (See photo on page 5.)

Secluded cabin on working ranch - <https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/7894579?guests=1&location=clifton%2C%20az&s=QiVWXSE>

Cold Creek Ranch – Guest ranch <https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/13149547?guests=1&location=clifton%2C%20az&s=QiVWXSE>

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## Girl Scouts improving tree project

Gracie Murillo, Lailah Arteche, Nikki Bennette and Avery Wilson (left to right in photo above) from Girl Scout Troop 1573 met with Ákos Kovach on Wednesday, May 18, to discuss how to improve their ongoing troop tree project at Loma Linda park.

This year, the girls want to add pipelines and sprinklers to connect all three trees to the current irrigation system.

Girl Scouts believes that every girl can become a leader who is a dedicated servant to her community.

Each year, the Morenci troop donates 10% of its cookie profits to improve Greenlee County. Juniors (3rd and 4th grade) can use this opportunity to earn their Bronze Award.

“I am very proud of our girls,” says Julie Sterr, the Troop Leader.

“They are smart and strong and, quite honestly, silly. But they are a great example of what Girl Scouts is all about: making leaders for tomorrow.”

Troop 1573 has an open enrollment period of July 1 to September 1.

If you are interested in having your daughter join the Morenci troop for the next school year, then please contact Julie Sterr at [gs1573.soaz@gmail.com](mailto:gs1573.soaz@gmail.com).

## Ideas for Summit on Volunteerism

The Arizona Summit on Volunteerism and Civic Engagement is looking for ideas for its meeting in Glendale in November.

Are you an expert in the field of Volunteerism, Civic Engagement or Service-Learning willing to share your talent and expertise with our field?

- Best and/or promising practices?
- Great tools and resources?
- Tracking of volunteer/student

outputs and outcomes?

- Program administration or development?
- Conducting outreach to sustain ongoing engagement?
- Adept at cultivating program advocates?
- Matching volunteers/students to the right positions and providing effective training for their roles and to work with each other?
- Implementing supportive

technology?

- Effectively communicating and sharing impact?
- Building partnerships to increase community engagement and reach?

Last year more than 500 people from around the state attended the Summit.

For more information, visit the website at <http://volunteer.az.gov/service-and-volunteerism/summit>.

# Value in Greenlee County's airport

By Philip Ronnerud

One of things I enjoy is to watch airplanes. The planes can be flying, landing, taking off, or just sitting at an airport or an article may be discussing them. The adventure that they portray fascinates me.

So when was the last time you took a lonnnng trip? Did you fly? Most would choose to fly! From experience, a road trip never seems to end through a landscape that never changes as you listen to well played CD's.

Even the "cattle car" commercial plane is better than the tedious car trip.

Intrinsically, we see airplanes as an efficient, safe means of going long distances in short periods and avoiding all the "joys" of travel in a vehicle.

No lengthy dissertation is necessary. The longest leg of your trip begins at a large regional airport.

Although I have often dreamt of flying from the closest General Aviation Airport (GAA) to the closest destination GAA the economics fail for GAA being passenger demarcation points.

While a local GAA would generally not be a terminus of your trip, others use and count on GAA's.

Businesses and private plane owners are the biggest GAA users, while air ambulances, law enforcement, resource managers (firefighting and wild game counting), the military, and host of others count on the facilities.

The large regional airports would be swamped if all the GAA traffic used them.

GAA's are very important because they allow Regional Airports to function. Also, GAA users can provide significant impact to local economies by creating jobs that are good paying.

The users provide needed services and can be cost effective. In Greenlee County's case, within 600 air miles live more than 28 million people in the metro areas of Los Angeles, San Diego, Phoenix, Tucson, El Paso, Albuquerque, Denver, and Salt Lake City. That is a very large market.

One challenge for Greenlee County is attracting businesses to our airport. Greenlee County Airport has been owned by the County since 1957 and yet no business are based at the airport.

At our airport, land is available and costs are low. While small rural communities surrounding GAA's offer many advantages, including great quality of life as compared to hustle and bustle of larger communities, competition among the GAA's is high.

By providing a well-managed airport, the County intends to find the right mix of private sector interest and business to the airport and make this facility even more attractive.

The next time you see an airplane, remember that the Greenlee County Airport could be its home port, providing jobs for the County. If the plane is here, supporting jobs will also be here.

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## Planning water projects

The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) of Arizona is soliciting applications for Planning and Design Technical Assistance funding.

These awards provide funding for planning and design to help prepare facilities for water and wastewater infrastructure construction.

WIFA has identified the following high priorities for funding this cycle: Projects that address a public health concern and projects that are green (primary purpose/majority of project).

Green projects may qualify for a waiver of the applicant match requirement. Examples of green projects include:

Water Efficiency, - Leak detection (drinking water), Water reuse projects that replace potable sources with non-potable sources, Effluent Reuse, Storm-

water management systems for streets and parking areas, Stormwater harvesting and reuse projects, establishment or restoration of wetlands, bioengineered stream banks

## Recycling landfills

Landfill sites can be a liability yet offer great redevelopment opportunities. Our nationally recognized landfill redevelopment experts will explain how to identify and capture the value beyond the liability.

Hear success stories and the latest regulatory, policy, and technology updates in landfill redevelopment.

For more information on the July 12 webinar, to the Center for Creative Land Recycling [website here](#).

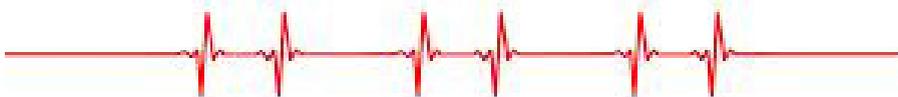
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