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A Message from your President

*I would like to welcome newest members **Vast Real Estate Solutions** and **Michaels Military Housing**. Just like any other business, SACA wants to retain its customers and appeal to new ones. Our General Membership Meetings are by far the most visible representation of our efforts to stay relevant. Every month a speaker of great quality delivers important information and before the speech our members have time to connect. We are now running a PowerPoint presentation which we hope shows our members we appreciate their business. This regular newsletter is put together with you in mind. A very important and timely article is about the new OSHA penalty fees that will go into effect on August 1st. Also, we want you to know how the ROC improved its website. The board and I keep an eye on national issues like the federal mandates Congresswoman McSally talked about. On page 6, we included some of the local information. We have scheduled a free CPR training class in August and working on an informational seminar on insurance needs for September. We are sure to keep working on your behalf and would like to hear your comments. And as I welcome new members I want to thank the renewing members for their continuing support.*



Mission focused in D.C.

U.S. Representative Martha McSally speaks at July GMM.

With an even, fact filled speech and a call for any questions, Arizona U.S. Representative Martha McSally held the attention of a receptive audience at SACA's July General Membership Meeting.

Addressing the "top-down mandates" which stifle the prosperity of businesses, McSally remarked that some professions are able to reinvent themselves through automation; however, we "still need people to build houses". When a business owner's choices come down to firing employees, hiring only part-timers or closing down because the requirements cannot be met, the economy is hurt. The restaurant industry is an example of vocal opponent to overtime and minimum wage policies.

The broader and more complex need to reform the tax code is not likely to be addressed until after the presidential election. Derek Jordan reporting on McSally's speech in the "Sierra Vista Herald" states "While the Republicans have the majority in Congress, McSally said that much

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SACA Calendar of Events

August 17, 2016 - General Membership Meeting

Simone McFarland & Matt McLachlan
City of Sierra Vista

August 18, 2016 - CPR Class

Free to SACA Members
KE&G office

September 21, 2016 - General Membership Meeting

LD-14 Candidates

October 19, 2016 - General Membership Meeting

Mayor Rick Mueller

Friday, November 4, 2016 - Golf Classic

Pueblo del Sol Country Club

**Membership Meetings are held 11:30 A.M. to 1 P.M.
at Pueblo del Sol Country Club.**

Cost is \$16. A buffet-style lunch will be provided.

Try your luck with our 50/50 raffle.

Please, **RSVP** by registering for this event online at:

www.saca-az.org or by calling (520)458-0488

Payment is not required to register. Credit card payments are available through the SACA website. Cash, check or credit card accepted on day of event.

Government Meetings

Cochise County Board of Supervisors	Every Tues, 10am	County Buildings, Bisbee
Sierra Vista City Council	2nd & 4th Thurs, 5pm	City Hall, 2nd Floor
Benson City Council	2nd & 4th Mon, 7pm	City Hall
Bisbee City Council	1st & 3rd Tues, 7 pm	City Hall
Willcox City Council	1st & 3rd Mon, 7pm	City Hall

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of their efforts have been defensive, something that they are trying to pivot away from with a new collection of policy goals called A Better Way. ‘We’ve spent a lot of time trying to stop things from happening under this administration – which are important to stop because a lot of things coming down are harmful to our businesses and our country – but (we) also need to show what our ideas are going forward’, she said.”

As a former Air Force officer and a recipient of both unclassified and classified information, Representative McSally gave a more full explanation on the significance of her strong support to continue funding for the A-10 program as well as missions based at Fort Huachuca. Southeast Arizona is easily dismissed, she says, in the insular world of Washington, D.C. However, she plans to change that by bringing key players to observe and recognize the value of our local resources. At McSally’s urging, Defense Secretary Ash Carter recently visited and discovered what a vital treasure Fort Huachuca is in dealing with asymmetric warfare. McSally’s mission is not over.

Many Reasons, One Powerful Voice

“In 2012, the IRC building codes Chapter 11 codes produced a new focus on Energy efficiency. The changes came in the form of testing, creating a tighter building envelope, many extra sheets on the plans for performance path based houses, and many new processes and materials. There were two paths to the code: the performance path or the prescriptive path. These both aided in achieving the codes requirements. These code changes obviously resulted in higher costs to produce houses. With pride in their products, many current builders in Sierra Vista already had in place building practices which exceeded the previous 2006 code. A handful of builders who had already higher energy standards contacted SACA. SACA represented local builders by requesting that the city of Sierra Vista roll back this section of the code to the 2006 IRC standards. The city welcomed the request and understood that the return on investment was not possible in the current local economic climate. A few meetings were held. The local development department looked at the code and came back with amendments to the code and proposed it to SACA. Both parties agreed to the proposal. Then the proposal was introduced to the city council which passed the proposal. The code was rolled back to 2006 standards with testing still needed. With Wayne Gegan as the active president, SACA came together as a representative of the members. The roll back of the code produced savings to builders, who in turn created savings to the consumer”.



Tait Wilcox, Castle & Cooke Arizona, Inc.



SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Attention SACA Members!

This is YOUR newsletter!

If you have news or a story that you would like to share about your business, please contact the SACA office.

SACA's General Membership Meetings
are held on the 3rd
Wednesday of each month

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wednesday, July 27, 2016

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AZ ROC Launches New Website

PHOENIX, Ariz., (July 27, 2016) – The Arizona Registrar of Contractors launches new, more intuitive website (roc.az.gov) to better assist Arizonans looking to become a licensed contracting professional or hire one.

On Tues., July 26, 2016, the Arizona Registrar of Contractors launched its new website. The new, completely mobile friendly site features many advances the Agency hopes will prove beneficial to consumers and contractors, alike.

In addition to reorganizing the content in a more intuitive manner, the information provided has been updated and reflects the Agency's current processes, forms, and requirements. Some of the features and upgrades highlighted by AZ ROC include:

Simplifying Menus and Site Structure—Menus and pages are now organized by Contractor Resources and Consumer Resources, rather than by agency department.

Creating a Licensed Complaint Process Flowchart—Never before has AZ ROC's process been so well-documented and readily available to the public. A complainant and respondent can now better understand the steps necessary to investigate a licensed complaint.

Enhancing the Contractor Search—Consumers can now more easily search for a contractor by a licensee's classification and city, i.e. I want a company licensed in residential plumbing in Peoria.

Updating the Most Wanted Unlicensed Entity Page—The page has a new look with links to the Agency's Tips Hotline, Local Law Enforcement and the Unlicensed Violations List.

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Adding a 'Before You Hire' page—The Agency now offers a simple list of suggested steps for consumers before they hire a contractor. (Hint: It begins with ensuring the company they're considering is licensed.)

Logically Organizing the 'Applying for a License' page—For the first time, there is now an online checklist of steps on the website to describe how to apply for a contractor's license.

In addition to the new website, AZ ROC is working to bring technology to the Agency that will enable it to accept online license applications, online complaint submissions, and other digital services previously not available to the public. Of these advancements, stay tuned.

Regarding the launch of the new website, AZ ROC Director Jeff Fleetham stated, "Though much of the information was available before, the disorganized manner in which it existed caused the Agency to exist within an online vacuum of information. The Agency is now continually seeking to become more available to and more transparent with Arizona's contractors and consumers and this is one of the steps we're taking toward that goal."

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OSHA Penalty Adjustments to Take Effect August 2016



In November 2015, Congress enacted legislation requiring federal agencies to adjust their civil penalties to account for inflation. The Department of Labor is adjusting penalties for its agencies, including the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

OSHA's maximum penalties, which were last adjusted in 1990, will increase by 78%. Going forward, the agency will continue to adjust its penalties for inflation each year based on the Consumer Price Index.

The new penalties will take effect after August 1, 2016. Any citations issued by OSHA after that date will be subject to the new penalties if the related violations occurred after November 2, 2015.

Type of Violation	Current Maximum Penalty	New Maximum Penalty
Serious	\$7,000 per violation	\$12,471 per violation
Other-Than-Serious	\$7,000 per day beyond the abatement date	\$12,471 per day beyond the abatement date
Failure to Abate	the abatement date	the abatement date
Willful or Repeated	\$70,000 per violation	\$124,709 per violation

Adjustments to Penalties

To provide guidance to field staff on the implementation of the new penalties, OSHA will issue revisions to its *Field Operations Manual* by August 1. To address the impact of these penalty increases on smaller businesses, OSHA will continue to provide penalty reductions based on the size of the employer and other factors.

State Plan States

States that operate their own [Occupational Safety and Health Plans](#) are required to adopt maximum penalty levels that are at least as effective as Federal OSHA's.

For More Assistance

OSHA offers a variety of options for employers looking for compliance assistance.

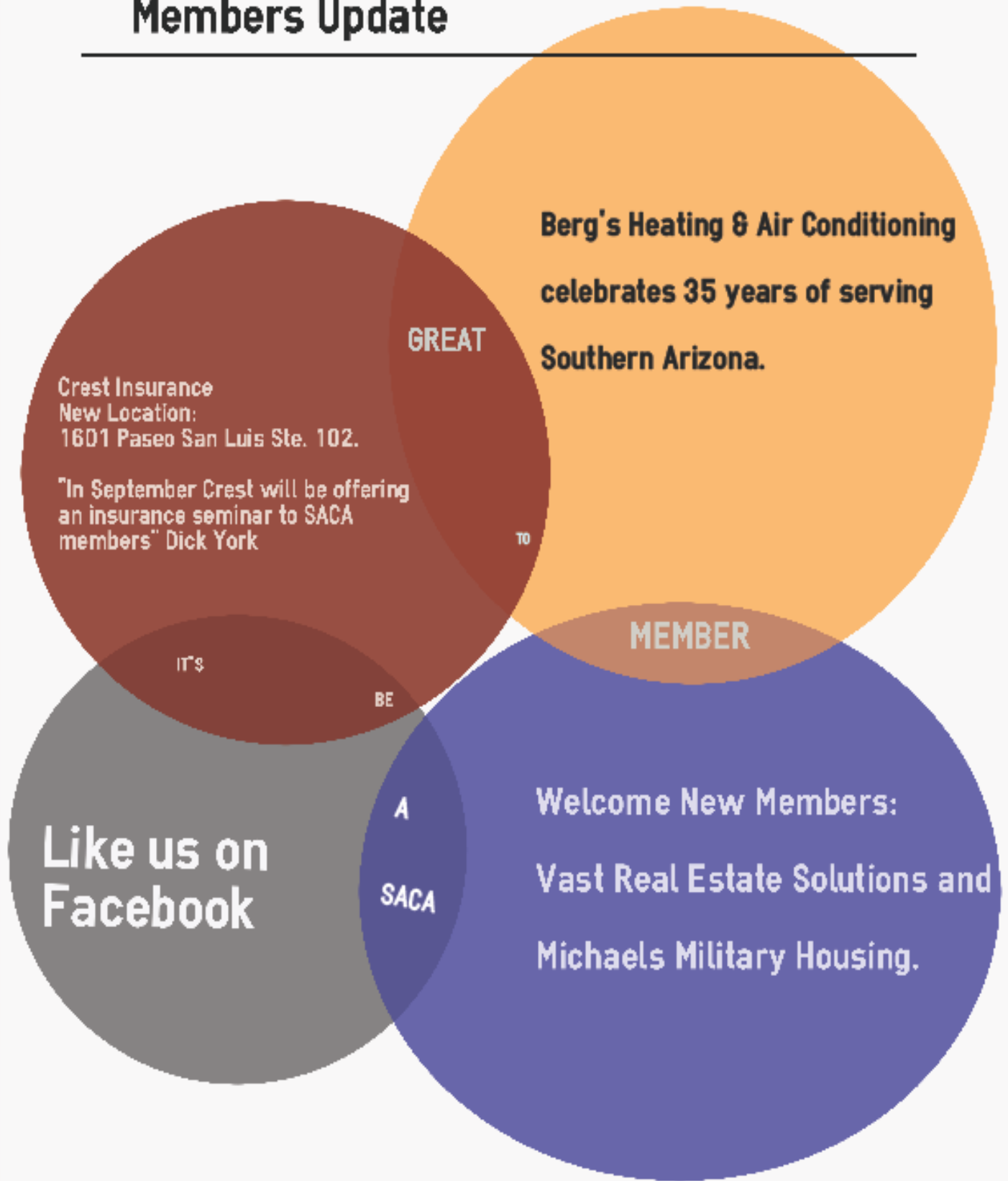
The [On-site Consultation Program](#) provides professional, high-quality, individualized assistance to small businesses at no cost.

OSHA also has compliance assistance specialists in most of our 85 Area Offices across the nation who provide robust outreach and education programs for employers and workers.

For more information, please contact the [Regional or Area Office](#) nearest you.

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Members Update





City Activity Report by Rachel Gray

Staff continues to conduct outreach activities inside the City's proactive annexation areas, educating property owners on potential real estate tax savings and other benefits of incorporation. The initial focus is being placed on commercial properties in the Fry Town Site area and frontage parcels along State Route 92. The Fry Town Site target area encompasses 65 parcels, constituting approximately 16 acres of land with a 2016 full cash appraised value of \$5,448,190. There are 41 distinct property owners. The SR 92 target area consists

of 19 parcels comprising approximately 22 acres of land with a full cash value of \$7,568,731. There are 18 separate property owners along the corridor.

On May 26, 2016, the City Council authorized staff to proceed with the annexation of eight parcels comprising 1.8 acres on the west side of 5th Avenue, north of Fry Boulevard. Petition signatures will be collected starting June 7, 2016. The City has received three signed petitions with a combined assessed valuation of \$344,693 which is sufficient to complete the annexation. Staff will advertise a public hearing before the City Council for August 11, 2016, for final acceptance of the annexation.

Staff has reviewed an abandonment petition for a platted alley and conditional use permit request for a place of worship on property located on Denman Avenue, between 4th Street and 5th Street, in the Fry Town Site subdivision. On July 5, 2016, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of both applications. Public hearings have been scheduled before the City Council on July 14, 2016.

On June 14, 2016, Staff met with the Parks and Recreation Commission to solicit feedback on the proposal to extend the Cochise-Vista Trail to create a 21-mile loop. The Commission voted unanimously in support. The sign panels were produced by Stronghold Signs at a lower cost than the County estimate. The signs will be installed using volunteers from the Cochise Bicycle Advocates by the end of July.



Early "birdie" call...

Ugly, rusty clubs are no excuse! Save the date for your next round of golf. SACA Charity Golf Classic is

Friday November 4th at Pueblo del Sol Country Club

Membership tips:

REFERRALS

When a consumer calls the SACA office, we promote our active members.

Help us keep your information updated: contact the SACA office at
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(520)378-9344
www.castlecookearizona.com

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City of Sierra Vista
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www.eldoradoholdings.net

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