



Fredonia Front-Page Town of Fredonia, Arizona Gateway to the Canyons

Sen. Peshlakai reminds LD-7 to remain vigilant against wildfires

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX — After media reports of outbreaks of wildfires in Arizona, State Senator Jamescita Mae Peshlakai cautions LD-7 residents to "remain vigilant."

Of particular concern to the senator is the Boundary Fire, burning on the northwest side of state Highway 180 near Kendrick Mountain since June 1st, it has scorched 5,661 acres and is five percent contained, according to the National Wildfire Coordinating Group's website. A portion of Highway 180 remains closed, and the incident management team held a community meeting in Tuba City, Ariz., yesterday to apprise residents of potential dangers.

Sen. Peshlakai released the following statement in response to the wildfires:

"In light of the recent wildfires in our state, I remind all LD-7 communities to remain vigilant and responsible." said Sen. Peshlakai. "With the summer season upon us, travelers are visiting sites throughout northern Arizona to enjoy its beauty. Whether local families on weekend camping trips or international tourists driving through our parks and monuments to explore, we all share the sacred responsibility to protect and preserve our environment. Smoke from wildfires is potentially harmful, causing inflammation of pre-existing breathing conditions and can cause eye irritation, so it's important to monitor air-quality reports. For the residents of Cameron and Grey Mountain—please take extra caution driving, as smoke from the Boundary Fire may decrease visibility.

"Thank you to all the fire crews battling this blaze, and other fires throughout the state. Please stay safe and enjoy Arizona's outdoors responsibly."

Important Tidbit News

1. There is a ban on burning permits as of 5-30-2017 until further notice.
2. The Town is still working towards re-establishing the Northern Arizona Fair.

Dates are not set yet but hopefully it will take place in late August or early September.

3. We still need to clean up a few more weeds and debris and most of all trash.

Remember we want our town to truly be like a desert rose and be a town we are proud to say, "Yes I am from Fredonia and proud of it!"

4. Town council meetings are: July 11th and July 25th

Are you interested in a rewarding and challenging career in law enforcement? The Fredonia Marshal's Office is encouraging men and women to apply for the position of Deputy Marshal. We are a professional, progressive agency committed to providing quality police service to the community.

Benefits

Salary range \$28,000 to \$35,000 DOE
13 paid holidays
25 year retirement
Family health, vision, and dental insurance provided(employee does not pay any premium)
Paid vacation, sick leave

Requirements to apply

21 years of age
High school Diploma or GED equivalent
No residence requirement to apply. If appointed must reside within 15 miles
Must be a US Citizen
Must be of good moral character, be in good physical condition, no felony convictions
Must hold a valid AZ driver's license
Applicant must undergo and successfully pass physical agility test, written exam, and oral exam
Background screening prior to appointment to include background investigation, medical exam by a licensed POST certified physician, drug screen and polygraph examination.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: 928-643-7241 OR CONTACT US AT
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SENIOR CENTER NEWS

July 2017

We are getting ready for summer, lots of sun and air conditioning. We welcome all seniors to come visit us at the senior center. It is a fun place to come for lunch and to hang out. We have puzzles every day, also games on Mondays and Thursdays. We have exercise equipment, Xbox, and Wii game consoles with all sorts of games. We welcome everyone.

Suggested Donations

We are open Monday- Friday 7:30-2:00

We have a bake sale every 2nd Friday of the month, this month lands on

July 14th

Come join us for our 4th of July Lunch on July 03rd!!!!

Come and have fun at the Fredonia Senior Center with us!

Our History of Our Little Town Fredonia

As recorded with the Historical Society

History of Fredonia

Fredonia was originally started as a business venture by five men who invested time, money, and energy to build a dam so they could create farmland under irrigation. Fredonia was officially established in 1885 and families began to build u1 the town reached its goal of expanding to 24 families. Virtually all of the early settlers who established the town of Fredonia were seasoned pioneers. Many of them were in their forties and fifties by the time they moved to the red sands of northern Arizona. They knew before they came to this area just how hard it would be, but they also knew what the rewards could be. Many had been burned out, driven out, and flooded out of their previous homes. When they came to Fredonia, it was the last move many of them would make. Here they were and here they would stay.

There has been some controversy over the years on how Fredonia received it's name. In 1889 the Town Water Company Minutes refer to the name of the town as Fredonia, and thus it has been ever since. It is interesting to note that fourteen other locations in the United States are also called Fredonia. The name 'Fredonia' was originated by Dr. Samuel Latham Mitchil (1764-1831), who served both as United States Senator and Representative from the State of New York. He first coined the word shortly after 1800 from the English word freedom with a Latin ending, with an idea of its meaning "place of freedom." Dr Mitchil proposed it as a name for the nation, but it was never a serious contender.

When Fredonia was first settled, the only water available for culinary use was secured from the irrigation ditches that ran near the houses. When water was not in the ditch, it was necessary to haul drinking water from the Kanab Creek. Later, the more modern homes were built with tin roofs. The people caught rain water and stored it in cisterns. Wells were dug to supplement rain water, but frequently the water had a very unpleasant alkali taste and was not much use. A culinary water system was installed in the town around 1935. It is interesting to note that very little illness was noted due to the unsanitary water used for over forty years. When irrigation water was plentiful, the soil was found to be fertile and produced good crops. The early settlers planted gardens, orchards, currants and grapevines successfully. Alfalfa and cane were early crops that also did well in the area.