

Mayor's City Report for July 10, 2007

**Fantastic Family Fourth of July--
a Warm and Spectacular Success**



Despite the high near record-breaking temperatures for the day, the Fantastic Fourth of July Celebration was a great success. The City and others sponsored Northern Arizona's Biggest and Best Fourth of July Fireworks Display. Thanks to Fire Chief Mike Casson and the Cottonwood Fire Department for their watchful eyes and pledge for safety.

A patriotic program honoring Veterans and acknowledging those men and women fighting for our freedom today was provided by Mayor Joens, Pastor Jim of the Southern Baptist Church, and Parks and Recreation Director Richard Faust. The Arizona Skyhawks Parachute Team was absolutely spectacular, and the VFW Color Guard Patriotic Salute to Veterans made the day even more memorable.

The area's families enjoyed pie and watermelon contests and free hot dogs, hamburgers, and watermelon donated by Fry's and served by Kiwanis. Thanks to the Cottonwood Youth Advisory Commission for making Pepsi, glow necklaces and ice cream available to the public, and to Air Force Retired Lt. Chuck Spiteri and the Civil Air Patrol Cadets for managing the parking at the Cottonwood Kids' Park and Fairgrounds.

Many thanks to Cottonwood's Spectacular Parks and Rec staff for making this community fun day possible: Richard Faust, Robin Babbitt, Jason Little and Hezekiah Allen, AND City Manager Brian Mickelsen, who slaved over a barbeque grill cooking hamburgers and hotdogs on a 112 degree record-heat day. (Along with many heroes from Kiwanis.)

Thanks to the Cottonwood City Council for providing funding for the event, and support of co-sponsors Cottonwood Chamber of Commerce, Salt River Materials Group, Fry's Food & Drug, Chase Bank, Green Valley Portable Restrooms, NAWS, Clarkdale-Verde Kiwanis, Verde Valley Pepsi-Cola, Verde Valley Fair Association and Yavapai Broadcasting.

Two unsolicited email thanks were received from community members:

Madam Mayor,

I'm normally out of town on the 4th, and being English I tend to keep my head down anyway, but I was here yesterday and I thought the fireworks were spectacular. Well done and many thanks from my family and guests. J.R.

Hi, Please pass on my thanks for the great fireworks show on the 4th. D.C.
