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Our Town. Our Choices. Town Hall #2 **Making Strategic Choices**

The second and final strategic planning Town Hall meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 13, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Community Center. This event is co-sponsored by the Town of Fountain Hills and the Fountain Hills Civic Association. Previous citizen input meetings and interviews set the stage by defining the core values and vision of the Town. Building upon the strategic direction set in the initial Town Hall held in April, the August Town Hall will involve weighing options and making choices based on financial realities. The citizen-driven planning process has been successful in engaging community residents in the task of charting the Town's future with over 270 residents participating in Town Hall #1. "We hope to have an even larger turnout and broader cross-section of the Town's residents at the August meeting," said Roger Riggert, President of the Fountain Hills Civic Association and member of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

Prior to the Town Hall, registrants will receive a packet of information to help prepare for the day's activities. The packet will contain citizen input from Town Hall #1, as well as information about the Town's current financial position and future projections. "The issues are complex and citizens will need to make trade-offs in terms of financial, social and environmental impacts. This is a real opportunity for Town residents to exchange ideas and set priorities," added Curt Dunham, member of the TAC and Town Hall Subcommittee Chair.

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Citizens can register for the Town Hall meeting and find detailed information about the strategic planning process at www.fh.az.gov/ourtownourchoices or by calling the Strategic Plan Update Line at (480) 816-5295. There is no fee to attend the meeting and a complimentary continental breakfast and box lunch will be provided. Pre-registration is necessary to ensure adequate food and resources are available. A registration form is required for each individual attending the Town Hall meeting. To encourage families with young children to attend, the Fountain Hills Boys and Girls Club will provide free child care for children kindergarten through 8th grade when parents drop off their children at the Fountain Hills Boys and Girls Club – 14605 N. Del Cambre Avenue.

What: *Our Town. Our Choices.*
 Town Hall #2 Making Strategic Choices

When: Saturday August 13, 2005
 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Where: Fountain Hills Community Center
 13001 N. La Montana Drive
 (East side of La Montana between El Lago & Avenue of the Fountains)

The Town Hall subcommittee is one of four volunteer teams of the TAC working on the year-long strategic planning process. “Residents are defining the future at these meetings, making our plan truly citizen-designed and citizen-driven” said Peggy Fiandaca, co-chair of the Youth Visioning Institute and member of the TAC.

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