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## 2023 GCI Year in Review!

**Dear Greer Coalition Members and Members of the Greer Community,**

2023 was a busy year for the Greer Coalition. Here is a brief description of our activities!

### **Article 6**

Article 6 was ratified August 2022. Apache County development services has been moving forward with enforcement of new and old provisions of Greer's zoning ordinance.

### **Annual Meeting July 15<sup>th</sup>**

The GCI Annual Meeting took place on July 15<sup>th</sup> at the Butterfly Lodge Museum Pavilion. 30+ people were in attendance.

The meeting kicked off with an 8 minute slide show of photography by professional photographer Lisa Wood: wildlife, landscapes, natural splendor. Everything we love about Greer! Thank you, Lisa!

Next, Mr. Jim Goughnour, Former Commissioner of Arizona Game and Fish presented to the group on the role of AZ Game & Fish and its mission to conserve and protect wildlife in a setting of growing population. He discussed a brief history of the agency and its governing structure, how it is funded, and the interests represented.

Demographic data about Arizona's population and how it has evolved and continues to change at a rapid pace was reviewed as well as demographic data about Arizona wildlife populations, bear status, wildlife feeding ordinances, the wolf program, the big horn sheep program, fisheries, how aggressive animals are handled, relocation of wildlife due to urban sprawl, how the state agency collaborates with Federal partners and all the variety of issued Game and Fish are charged with managing. After the presentation, questions were fielded and the audience appeared to be very engaged.

Lastly, the Business Meeting of GCI was called to order. The Financial Report was approved. A friendly and informal discussion of issues of concern in Greer followed, along with light snacks and refreshments. A big thanks to all who attended!

### **Ongoing efforts of the Article 24 Working Group**

Article 24 is the Apache County ordinance governing short term rentals. Growth of online rental sites has been an issue for Greer as it has been throughout Arizona and the country at large. Encroachment of commercial activity into residential areas has generated much discussion and new laws to protect health and safety within neighborhoods throughout Arizona. GCI has been in discussions with Apache County officials regarding enforcement of specific elements of Article 24 that impact Greer.



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### **GCI Board Members**

Matt Tank joined the board as Treasurer and Kate Darling joined as Secretary. Fred Fiastro continues in the role of President and Dave Bennett is Vice President.

Board members serve a 2 year term and new members take up their roles on a rotating schedule. GCI members are invited to explore opportunities for active involvement, whether on the board or otherwise.

We are especially eager to add full time residents of Greer to the active member and leadership roster. As a community, we can increase our leverage with the county by enrolling as many property owners as possible to get involved.

### **What's Next for 2024**

- Ongoing advocacy regarding Short Term Rental issues and enforcement of Article 24.
- Fact-finding, problem solving and outreach on issues related to Homeowners Insurance for Greer properties. A number of insurers have placed Greer and other areas in the White Mountains on a 'do not insure' list based on area fire risk. GCI is attempting to understand the scope of this problem and inform Greer owners of what it learns.
- Ongoing collaboration with Arizona Game & Fish regarding Greer wildlife management, conservation and public education.

### **Become a Member**

Membership to GCI is free to anyone who cares about Greer: Full time residents, part time residents, property owners, business owners, community leaders. While membership is free and all are welcome to join our work, it takes funding to cover expenses related to our efforts. The Greer Coalition Board is asking you for your financial support for the coming year, 2024.

### **Make a Donation**

GCI needs your financial support! All donated funds go to cover organizational expenses as well as to cover costs for professional and legal expertise as needed as land issues vital to the community arise. Please consider making a financial donation to support our efforts! GCI is a 501©(3) non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible. Go to the "Donate" link at [www.greercoalition.org](http://www.greercoalition.org) to contribute!

### **Check out the Greer Coalition Website**

Go to [www.greercoalition.org](http://www.greercoalition.org) to get the latest updates on our efforts, find links to important relevant websites that impact the Greer Community, and find out about opportunities to get involved. Join our effort TODAY!

Questions? Please email us at: [admin@greercoalition.org](mailto:admin@greercoalition.org)

**Thank you for your support!**