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ANTHEM YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL APPLICATION PROCESS OPENS FOR AREA TEENS

Anthem, Ariz. -- The Anthem Community Council has begun accepting applications for membership to the newly created Anthem Youth Advisory Council, a 13-member advisory board for youth 12-18 years old (grades 7-12).

At the June ACC Board meeting, the formation of the group was approved with a number of goals in mind according to ACC Board member Robert Linder, who spearheaded the idea. One goal is to help teens find positive and fun activities to utilize their free time.

"Anthem has a great deal of activities for kids under 12, but when they enter those more difficult years, many of them talk about the lack of things to do in Anthem," Linder said. "This is one positive outlet where they can have a voice."

Through their service on the Anthem Youth Advisory Council, students will:

- Learn how local government works and how community services are provided;
- Raise awareness about the ACC, its mission and proposals among Anthem youth;
- Share ideas about youth issues, needs and suggest community enhancements;
- Develop, operate and market an Anthem Youth Mentoring program; and
- Develop leadership and operational skills and contribute to the future development and enhancement of Anthem.

The youth council will be advised by a team of directors from the ACC Board and appointed members of the ACC staff. One male and female student from each of seventh through twelfth grades will be selected, with a 13th member a student body officer from Boulder Creek High School.

To apply, students must complete a formal application including an essay portion, submit two letters of recommendation and complete an interview with a selection team.

Selected candidates will serve one-year terms during which time they will attend regular meetings and events, participate in ACC Board and committee meetings, and assist in planning and implementing AYCA programs. They also will be expected to uphold a moral code of conduct.

For more information about the Anthem Youth Advisory Council or to download an application, visit OnlineAtAnthem.com/AYAC. Application deadline is September 8 at 5 p.m. With questions, contact Jenna Kollings at 623-742-6064 or email jkollings@anthemcouncil.com.

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