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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

Cottonwood, Arizona (February 24, 2016) – What is going on in the City of Cottonwood? Do you have some concerns or ideas about your city? Visit and talk with Mayor Diane Joens who wants to hear your thoughts and ideas about the City of Cottonwood by attending the Mayor's Coffee Talk on March 30th at 9:00a.m. at the Cottonwood Recreation Center in the Mingus Mountain Room located at 150 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Cottonwood.

Her special guest speaker will be the new Police Chief Steve Gesell. With over 25 years of police experience, Chief Gesell brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to our city. He served in the Atascadero, California Police Department as Commander and Acting Chief. He served in San Luis Obispo, California as the Chief of Police and took the lead to educate the public and find solutions for homeless issues. He has a wide variety of police experience to include five years as the commander of SWAT.

He has attained a Bachelor of Science Degree, Justice Studies, Arizona State University and Master of Education, Educational Leadership, Northern Arizona University. He has graduated from the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command.

Chief Gesell began his service to the community on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

Please join us and meet your new Police Chief and find out what is going on in the community and what plans Chief Gesell has for Cottonwood.

For questions or more information, contact Diane Joens at 634-4112 or email [djoens@cottonwoodaz.gov](mailto:djoens@cottonwoodaz.gov).

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