

## Can Greene stop, drop and roll into the District 3 seat?

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### Ex-city fire chief big on fiscal responsibility

Johnny Greene says there's a way to get McKinley County back to handling things the right way. That is, he's not disparaging anyone currently in office, but says the time is right for some new ideas.

"I think we have to get rid of this moniker that we are a drunk town," Greene said. "That's just one thing I'd like to put some focus on. We're obviously a lot more than that."

Greene, who worked for the city for just under 20 years, said places like the Na' Nizhoozhi Center, Inc., commonly called NCI, should be kept in place, but a continuous funding mechanism should be nailed down.

"In a situation like that, it's important to work with the governmental entities for ongoing funding," he said of dealing with NCI.

Greene, who was born and raised in Gallup, said he would not raise property taxes and said he'd put a lot of focus toward the improvement of county roads.

He said his years working at the fire department allowed him to see first-hand the conditions of various roads around McKinley County.

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“I think we have to be a lot more responsible in what we do,” he said. “These are taxpayer dollars. I’m talking about fiscal responsibility for the most part.”

Greene has served on the state Emergency Medical Systems board, among numerous other local boards, and attended the University of New Mexico.

Greene is a member of the Elks Club, is a certified state HAZMAT instructor and currently owns and operates Mr. Teez Custom Screen Printing and Embroidery at 807 U.S. 491 in north Gallup, as well as Fluff ‘N Fold laundry, which is next to Mr. Teez.

Greene, Gerald O’Hara, Bill Lee and David Dallago are also running for the District 3 commission seat. Each is a Democrat. The primary is June 7 and the general election is Nov. 8.

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