
AJO CONNECTS: CPP HIGHLIGHTS Q1 2026



This newsletter provides updates from our recent Community Partnership Panel. It is part of our commitment to keeping the community informed about site activities and fostering open and ongoing dialogue.

Learn more about our commitment to communities:

[Freeport In My Community](#)

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SITE OPERATIONS UPDATE

Water System Maintenance ✓

- Domestic water system maintenance was completed at Childs Field, including cleaning and inspection of storage tanks between December and January as part of a 5-year maintenance cycle.
- Submersible groundwater pumps and motors were replaced in December and January, and the replacement schedule was shifted to a proactive 5-year cycle to reduce emergency failures and allow planned maintenance.

Electrical Infrastructure Reliability ✓

- Electrical infrastructure upgrades are underway between Childs Field, the golf course, and the airfield.

- Work includes replacement of power poles, transmission lines, and transformers following damage from a past microburst.
- Completion is anticipated in late March to early April, with short, coordinated outages to minimize disruption.

Ajo Improvement Company Projects

- Sewer lagoon sludge removal is scheduled to begin April 13 and is expected to last 30–40 days, restoring lagoon capacity with no service interruptions anticipated.
 - Copper Street pole and conductor replacement will cover approximately 4,500 feet, starting mid-March with scheduled outages and traffic control.
 - Advanced metering infrastructure installation is nearing completion, enabling real-time water monitoring for approximately 1,200 customers and supporting automated billing by the April billing cycle.
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SITE ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

Geophysical Survey Overview ✓

- A Direct Current Induced Polarization geophysical survey is planned to study subsurface geology using a non-invasive method with minimal surface disturbance.

Environmental and Cultural Resource Protection

- Cultural and biological surveys were completed in December 2025 to map known cultural and biological resources and identify any potential new resources.
- The project layout was adjusted to avoid all identified resources.
- The activity was classified as casual use due to its low level of disturbance, requiring no formal Notice of Intent.

Coordination and Schedule

- Coordination efforts include work with the Arizona Department of Transportation for encroachment permit, engagement with the Tohono O’odham Nation Natural Resources Department, and secured access agreement with nearby private landowner.
 - The planned start date for the survey is March 30, 2026
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SOCIAL PERFORMANCE UPDATE

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YEAR IN REVIEW

2025

We shared a first look at the newest Social Performance Year in Review during the CPP meeting. [Click here](#) to view the full document!

Community Engagement

- Community engagement highlights included participation in the Sonoran Desert Hub ribbon cutting and progress on Mine Overlook signage and storytelling to support destination development.
- Arizona Gives Day nonprofit training with a community session scheduled for March 17

Community Investment

- **Recent Investments**
 - Recent community investments and collaborations included youth archery programs, American Legion flag project support, the Ajo Golf Course Old Fiddlers contest, the Chamber of Commerce Cinco de Mayo event and community health fair support.
- **Local Site Investment Funding Requests ✓**
 - Effective January 2026, Freeport's North American sites have updated the process for requesting site funding, incorporating funding cycles as well as a [new online application](#).
- **Social Investment Fund ✓**
 - The Freeport Social Investment Fund is driven by three priority areas: Education and Workforce Development, Economic Opportunity and Capacity and Leadership.
 - The SIF opens May 13 and closes June 26, 2026
 - Learn more [here](#).
- **Upcoming Scholarship Opportunities and Programs**
 - **Guarantee Your Future With Freeport** is a scholarship program that provides education, training, and job placement in several critical skilled-trades areas. The deadline to apply is March 30. Learn more at [GuaranteeYourFutureWithFreeport.com](#).

- **Native American scholarships** open February 1 through April 1. Learn more [here](#). ✓
- **DreamCatcher**, a free business training program for Native American women, has it's next cohort from May 3 to May 8. The deadline to apply is March 22. Learn more [here](#).

GRIEVANCE MANAGEMENT

Freeport maintains a formal Grievance Management System allowing community stakeholders to share concerns directly with company officials. Learn more about our Grievance Management process at FreeportInMyCommunity.com.

The topics of concern received included

- N/A

Grievance Report

Q4 2025: 0

YTD Active: 0

YTD Closed: 0

Community Information & Grievance Line

To share a grievance, ask a question, or request information, please call:

(877)629-2609

24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

COMPANY UPDATE



Freeport Reports Fourth-Quarter And Year Ended 2025 Results

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We want to hear from you!

We value your feedback. Please share your thoughts on the CPP by completing this quick survey.

Thanks for reading! Join us for the next CPP: **June 4, 2026.**



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