

## EVENTS | HAVASU'S 'CONSTITUTION WEEK' KICKS OFF WITH BELL RINGING



Aligning with the nationwide celebration, Lake Havasu City began its 4th annual U.S. Constitution Week on Wednesday. The observance commemorates the 238th year of the U.S. Constitution's signing on Sept. 17, 1787. Attendees gathered on Wednesday afternoon for a bell ringing at Havasu's branch of the Mohave County Library. The Lake Havasu City Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution led the ceremony, which signified its continued importance for American citizens. The annual recognition continues with scheduled activities throughout the week. For updated information or to view the complete event schedule, visit [lakehavasucityus-constitutionweek.com](http://lakehavasucityus-constitutionweek.com). **TOP LEFT:** Homeschooling families attended Wednesday's bell ringing ceremony. Pictured from left, Heather Carter, Briann Cruz, Bryson Cruz, Kolton Carter, Taiven Carter, and J.D. Marotta. **TOP RIGHT:** Displays showcased various details about the U.S. Constitution and the articles and amendments contained within it. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Honorary Regent Sharon Eaton led the start of Wednesday's bell ringing with attendees.

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## Ex-firefighter, biz owner released on bond a second time

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A former Lake Havasu City firefighter has been released from custody for a second time, following a new arrest last week in an ongoing case of alleged prostitution, drug possession - and now, new accusations of possession of child pornography.

Richard A. Kelm, 48, was in custody at the Mohave County Jail until Tuesday, following an arrest last week on ten counts of sexual exploitation of a minor. Court records show that Kelm was released anew, on \$10,000 bond.

Kelm came under investigation in June, when a witness reportedly told Lake Havasu City Police detectives that Kelm hired two women to perform sex acts at his home in early May. Kelm allegedly hired at least one of the women twice per week, and paid for their services with quantities of Xanax, Ecstasy, cocaine and U.S. currency.

Police say that Kelm provided one of the women with a W-2 form, which

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## AZ senator seeks to rename Loop 202 in honor of Charlie Kirk



Warren Petersen

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Arizona Senate President Warren Petersen will propose during the upcoming session legislation that would rename State Route 202 to the "Charlie Kirk Memorial Loop 202."

Loop 202 encircles the eastern and southern portions

of the Phoenix metro area and serves as a key transportation link for Arizonans. According to a press release sent out by Petersen, the effort ensures that Kirk's "faith, influence on America's youth, and his devotion to God, family, and country will never be forgotten."

"Wednesday, September 10, 2025, will forever be noted in history as a dark day where evil in its truest form was on full display," Petersen said. "Charlie Kirk was assassinated in cold blood by a cowardly terrorist and was targeted for his influence. But we must press forward. While Charlie

Kirk cannot be replaced, this effort can make sure his legacy lives on."

Petersen went on to say that renaming this highway is a small step toward honoring Kirk's contributions.

Similar efforts were made during the 56th Legislative Session this year to rename

State Route 260 — which runs through rural areas between Cottonwood and Show Low — as "Donald J. Trump Highway." Senate Concurrent Memorial 1001 failed by a 15-9 vote.

The 57th Legislature, 2nd Regular Session will begin Monday, Jan. 12, 2026.

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