

City of Willcox Newsletter **March 2009**

So what is being built over by the School? (Behind the Tennis Courts)

Pat McCourt, Willcox City Manager

By the time this article is published there should be visible activity behind the School and Tennis Courts. What is being built here is a new Soccer field. This is a joint activity between the Willcox School District and the City of Willcox to make sure that our citizens (young though they may be) have a decent place to practice and play Soccer. The School District recognized that the existing Soccer Field would be taken out of service with the Construction of the new building for Cochise College. The School knew that they were in a very tight financial situation and would have a very difficult if not impossible task of replacing the current Soccer field. Discussions were held with the City to see what could be accomplished. The City also is facing the same financial difficulties and does not have the means to replace the fields. Together the two governing bodies recognized the importance to our community and together found a way to meet the needs of the community. The City crews are clearing, leveling, trenching the ground for the field, providing the water meter and hookup to the water system, and the City will be providing the water to keep the field green. The School will be providing and installing the sprinkler system, seeding, and maintaining the fields. This is an excellent example of the cooperation between your elected officials to address the needs of the community rather than just looking at their one small piece of the picture.

Important News From The Department of Development Services!

Jeff Stoddard, Building Inspector

NOTIFICATION: Mobile Homes and Manufactured Housing Installation Procedures

Arizona Department of Fire, Building, and Life Safety has implemented some new laws pertaining to mobile homes and manufactured housing, **effective January 1, 2009**, which are listed below:

- All New or Used Mobile Homes and Manufactured homes will be installed by a Licensed Contractor in the State Of Arizona. These licensed Contractors will come through the Office of **Arizona Department of Fire, Building, and Life Safety**.
- Anchoring is now required on all Homes.
- Utility testing for all homes done by contractor.
- Green tags will be issued only after all work is complete on home.
- Soil Compaction: The foundation must be on firm, undisturbed soil or fill compacted to at least 90 percent of its maximum relative density. All organic materials such as grass, roots, twigs, and wood scraps must be removed.
- Soil Drainage: ½ inch per foot away from foundation for the first 10 feet. (except mobile home parks)
- A minimum clearance of 12 inches must be maintained between the lowest member of the main frame (I-beam or Channel beam) and the grade under all areas of the home.
- Crawl space openings and ventilation openings required.
- All homes in flood zones will need a site-specific foundation plan designed by an Arizona Registered Engineer and approved by the State of Arizona.

If you have **any** questions, please call the **AZ Department of Fire, Building and Life Safety** at:

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or, call or e-mail your State Senator or Representative at: www.azleg.gov. My number is 520-384-6419, or 520-384-2705 (fax), or drop by our new office at 300 W. Rex Allen Dr. Have a SAFE and happy 2009!

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
VACANCIES**

The Mayor & Council are soliciting letters of interest or resumes from interested persons who wish to serve on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. This committee currently has three (3) vacancies. The duties of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee are to act in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and City Council in matters pertaining to Parks and Recreation. The Committee assists in planning a recreation program for the citizens of Willcox and to promote public interest therein. The committee works with the school authorities and other public and private agencies to promote recreational activities within our Community. The committee makes recommendations to the Mayor and City Council for park improvements and brings forth suggestions and requests received from the citizens of Willcox. The committee's scheduled meeting is held on the fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Committee Conference Room located at 300 W. Rex Allen Drive. If you are interested in becoming a Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee member and would like more information, call Sherry Lynn Van Allen at 384-4271 x 4204. Submit letters of interest and/or resumes by **4 PM, Monday, March 30, 2009** to the Human Resources Office, 101 S. Railroad Ave., Suite B, Willcox, AZ 85643.

Library's Main Support Group Needs Your Help!

Tom Miner, Library Director

The **Friends of the Library** desperately needs help (literally) from members of the community. So, you ask, "What's the problem?" The problem is this: They need some good folks out there in the community to volunteer a little TIME at the **Friendly Bookstore**, located at 165 N. Haskell Ave, across the street from the Cochise Credit Union, to help keep the doors open all day, each day, Tuesday through Saturday. Just pull a short two or four-hour shift once a week, use that time you would have used driving up to Tucson to those 'other' bookstores, and take comfort in the thought that you're helping your friends and neighbors right here in Willcox. When you support the Friends, you're supporting the Library, and we thank you very much.