

City of Willcox Newsletter October 2009

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

J. Weaver, Director of Public Safety

Halloween is always a fun time of year for children. It's a time for trick-or-treating door-to-door and scaring their friends and neighbors. However, at this time of year, there are precautions every parent should take to insure this is a safe and enjoyable holiday.

CHILDREN SHOULD

- NEVER go trick or treating without an adult
- Always carry a flashlight with fresh batteries
- Wear non-flammable costumes
- Wear some reflective clothing
- Never wear masks that hinder their vision
- Never eat any treats before they are inspected by an adult
- Cross the street at crosswalks
- NEVER go into a stranger's house
- Never wear costumes that drag the ground
- Carry a whistle on a cord to signal for attention or help
- **HAVE A FUN AND SAFE HALLOWEEN!!**

WREDA PARTNERS WITH CITY TO SPUR ECONOMIC GROWTH

Pat McCourt, City Manager

The Willcox Regional Economic Development Alliance (WREDA) is a board-governed group that is a first contact unit for Economic Development in Willcox and its trade area. Last year, the City of Willcox signed a Memorandum of Understanding, recognizing the group as such. WREDA works in direct partnership with the City of Willcox to help recruit, retain, and expand current and new businesses in the area. WREDA receives leads from the Arizona Department of Commerce for businesses that are interested in re-locating to Arizona. The organization takes these leads and determines whether Willcox would be a good fit for the business based on current infrastructure and possible sites and buildings. WREDA uses its board of directors to communicate with local, county, and state contacts to further Economic Development in the Willcox area. In conjunction with Cochise County, WREDA was instrumental in helping to pave the road behind Simflo, which helps their business run smoothly. WREDA has worked closely with Wilbur-Ellis in their locating to Willcox. They have also been in direct contact with Baycor Fiber; helping to get their needs met for their future in Willcox and possible expansion over time. WREDA has also been in contact with Inde Motorsports Ranch and has welcomed them with open arms. In partnership with other Economic Development groups in Cochise County, SEAGO, and Cochise College, WREDA participated in completing an asset inventory. This inventory helps the county and all of its regional partners understand what each community's assets are and how communities can use this information in recruitment and retention. Results of this inventory can be found at:

www.cochise.edu/deptsdirs/organizations/cer/documents/web/Asset_Inventory_Cochise.htm

WREDA is a firm believer in partnering and helping the communities they represent. If you have ideas that you believe are worth hearing, please contact a member of the WREDA board. They are open to helping and making the areas they serve stronger.

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2010 Census – Stand Up and Be Counted!

Pat McCourt, Willcox City Manager

Every ten years in our nation the United States Government performs a Census (we count the number of people living in the United States). The information collected in the Census is restricted in what may be released publicly and when it can be released. This Census will be different than the Census taken in the year 2000. The form has been considerably shortened. There are some other changes as well. If you use a Post Office Box to receive your mail, you will not receive a census form. Only street addresses will receive the Census Form. If you have a PO Box, you will be able to go to a Census station and request a census form. The purpose of this rule is to avoid “double counting”, but the effect may be that if you don’t go to a Census station, you will not be counted in the Census.

The information collected by the Census is used in a variety of ways. One of the most important is to determine how the Congressional District lines are drawn and how much representation we will have in both Washington, DC and in Phoenix, AZ. I want my voice heard and I want my representation. I hope you share this feeling, and I hope you will participate in the 2010 Census, if for no other reason than getting our fair share of representation.

Another way in which the Census head count is used is in giving back to Willcox and Cochise County our share of the State and Federal tax money that is collected. I am not saying I like to pay taxes, what I am saying is that I would like to get our fair share back in the local community. I feel that we can have better control of how the money is used and we can make sure it is used for what we want it to be used for, rather than letting the people in Phoenix or Washington make that decision.

Census day is April 1, 2010. I encourage **everyone** to participate. **You count**, so be counted.