

City of Willcox Newsletter **December 2009**

HOLIDAY HOME SAFETY AND SHOPPING TIPS

Chief Jake Weaver, Willcox Department of Public Safety

Don't let the rush of the holiday season make you careless in protecting your home from potential criminals.

The holiday season is a time when busy people can become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. The following tips from the Willcox Department of Public Safety can help you be more careful, prepared and aware during the holiday season.

- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave the house, even for a few minutes.
- When leaving home for an extended time, have a neighbor or family member watch your house and pick up your newspapers and mail, notify the Police Dept. when you are departing and when you will be returning.
- Indoor and outdoor lights should be on an automatic timer.
- Leave a radio or television on so the house and sounds occupied.
- Large displays of holiday gifts should not be visible through the windows of your home.
- When setting up a Christmas tree or other holiday display, make sure doors and passageways are clear inside your home.
- Be sure your Christmas tree is mounted on a sturdy base so children, elderly persons, or family pets cannot pull it over on themselves.
- If you use lights on your Christmas tree ensure the wiring is not damaged or frayed. Frayed or damaged wiring can cause a fire.
- Place your Christmas tree in water or wet sand to keep it green.
- Never place wrapping paper in your fireplace.
- Insure smoke detectors are operating properly.
- Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member.
- Avoid wearing expensive jewelry.
- Do not carry a purse or wallet, if possible.

- Always carry your driver's license or identification card along with the necessary cash, checks and/or credit card you expect to use.
- Stay alert to your surroundings while shopping.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Keep cash in your front pocket.
- Notify the credit card issuer if your credit card is lost, stolen, or misused.
- Keep a record of all your credit card numbers in a safe place at home.
- Be extra careful if you do carry a wallet or purse. They are the prime targets of criminals in crowded shopping areas, transportation terminals, bus stops, on buses, and other forms of transit.
- Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps.
- Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. At this time of year, con-artists may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings.

The staff of the Willcox Department of Public Safety wish you a Happy Holiday Season!

LIBRARY WISHES ALL CITIZENS HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Tom Miner, Library Director

On behalf of the entire Library staff, I want to wish ALL of you readers out there a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! 2009 has been a very fast and busy year for us, and we are **eagerly** looking forward to 2010, when we begin our renovation project in mid-January and hopefully be finished by the end of April, or first part of May.

From the City Clerk's Desk: (City Council elections)

Cristina G. Whelan, CMC

The **Primary Election** for the City of Willcox City Council members will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, and if necessary, the **General Election** will be held May 18, 2010. The following **Candidate Packets** were returned to the City Clerk by 5:00 p.m., December 9, 2009: Each of the four incumbents have submitted packets for re-election, including Mayor Gerald "Sam" Lindsey, Vice Mayor Larry Schultz, Councilwoman Monika Cronberg, and Councilman Jimmy Norris. Also running are Robert A. "Bob" Irvin, Pastor Paul Sheats, and retired WUSD Administrator William "Bill" Holloway. **Write-In Candidates'** (name will not appear on ballot) last day to submit is January 28, 2010. **Voter Registration deadline** is February 8, 2010 and voter applications are available at all City offices, the Post Office and the Office of Motor Vehicles. For more information please contact Cristina G. Whelan, City Clerk, at 766-4203 or 384-4271 x 4203 or cwhelan@willcoxcity.org. **Exercise YOUR RIGHTS, register to vote & vote!**

**** (Below NEEDS UPDATING to reflect above language) ****

La **Eleccion Primaria** para miembros del concejo municipal de la ciudad de Willcox sera sostenida el martes, **dia 9 de marzo 2010. Paquetes de Candidatura** estan disponibles en la Oficina de la Secretaria Municipal, 101 S. Railroad Avenue, Suite B, y deben ser presentados a la Secretaria Municipal a mas tardar las 5:00 p.m. el dia 9 de diciembre 2009. **Fecha limite para registrarse para votar** es el dia 8 de febrero 2010 y aplicaciones de votacion están disponibles en todas las oficinas de la Ciudad, Correo Postal, y en la Oficina de Automoviles. . Para mas informacion ponerse en contacto con Cristina G. Whelan, secretaria municipal, al 766-4203 o 384-4271 x 4203 o cwhelan@willcoxcity.org. **Ejercite SUS DERECHOS, registre a votar y vote!**