

## City of Willcox Newsletter February 2010

### **'Thanks' to All Volunteers**

Pat McCourt, Willcox City Manager

The Community of Willcox includes many organizations: the City Government Boards, Churches, the School District, Little League, Softball Leagues, Soccer Leagues, Friends of the Library, Sororities, Rotary, Rex Allen Days, Rex Allen Museum, and the list goes on much longer than I am able to know. Volunteers provide an enormous amount of service within our community, and I want to thank **everyone** who puts forth their efforts to make our community a better place to live.

Since I only know a small number of the accomplishments of the volunteers of Willcox, I have to try to focus on only a couple of examples that I know of, that I do not think many in our community know about.

This fall, Jose Pacheco donated his time and talents to help rewire Railroad Park; this was no small task. The follow up result was that Monica Pacheco and Michelle Mullins were able to volunteer their time, efforts and materials to much more extensively decorate the Park for the Holidays (they have also done this in past years). I thought the Park looked great. If you agree, thank these volunteers for their efforts to make our holiday better for us and the visitors to the City.

Keith, Phillip, and Steven Klump rebuilt the fence around two sides of the Historical Cemetery. I don't think anyone living knows how long the old fence stood (well, it wasn't actually standing), but it certainly needed to be repaired and they did a great job in erecting the new fence which will protect the cemetery. If you happen to see them, tell them thanks.

### **Library Renovation Progressing Ahead of Schedule**

Tom Miner, Library Director

After many years of planning and coordination with many of you in the community, we are now UNDER CONSTRUCTION. Things are moving along very rapidly, and we estimate they are approximately four weeks ahead of schedule. We are keeping the Library open as much as possible for your convenience, but we ask that **everyone** visiting the Library during this time, **take extra care** to protect yourself and your loved ones. Think before you act. If you have breathing difficulties, you may want to limit your exposure inside. It does get pretty dusty from time to time, depending on what the contractors are working on that particular day. They are trying very hard to make it as safe as possible for our patrons. Remember, SAFETY FIRST. You are all very important to us!

So much has happened in the space of a few short weeks, it is hard to know where to begin. We are building four new rooms for the Public, and one for the staff, plus an AV/Conference Support closet. We are vacating one office and reallocating its use exclusively as the TAG Magazine Production/Tri-TAG Media Office, and that's just in the other half of the building! On the main Library floor, we are adding a new, larger Conference/Study Room where the old entry foyer was, plus it will be the new home for the "Jobs" computer. Patrons will be able to search for a new job, update their resumes, and talk to a qualified job counselor from the Cochise County Workforce Development team twice a month. We are revamping all of the heating and lighting throughout the building, and balancing those systems. We extended the main library area by approx 280 sq ft, including a new entry vestibule. We enlarged the Children's and Teen areas by 70% and 40% respectively and gave them their own rooms. The Library supervisor's office will have a new door and a window, and new paint. The Director's office got rid of that old fire hazard – the indoor book drop, and the pony wall divider. The water fountains have been relocated for better accessibility by the public, especially those attending after-hour meetings. All of these things have been constructed in just the first four weeks! We are very excited and hope that you all will be proud of the results of your newly renovated Library when we are done!

### **Library Thanks Its Volunteers!**

Tom Miner, Library Director

I would like to take this opportunity to piggyback on the City Manager's article this month, and especially thank all of our Library volunteers for donating over **635.5** man-hours in calendar year 2009. Chris Miner took the top honors this year with over 281.67 hours. Thanks also to Gayle Berry, Donna Boehm, Linda Coffman, Kathleen Collins, Bonnie Diehl, Antoinette Espinoza, Lori Guerrero, Kim Healey, Ben Noland, Peggy Ottens, Terry Rowden, Jeffrey Shroyer, Debbie Soto, and Jesse Valencio. I also wish to thank the 70+ members of our main volunteer support group, The Friends of the Library, for all the many good things they do throughout the year for us, like running The Friendly Bookstore at 165 N. Haskell Ave. **Thank You All Very, Very Much!**

**From the Office of the City Clerk...**

Cristina G. Whelan, CMC

**Primary Election: Mar 9, 2010**

**Polling Place: Council Chambers-300 W Rex Allen Drive**

**Polls Open: 6:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.**

**Request Early Ballot as of: Feb. 4, 2010 Call 1-888-457-4513**

**Early Voting begins: Feb. 11, 2010**

**Eleccion Primaria: marzo 3, 2010**

**Votacion Empieza: 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Lugar para votar: Council Chambers-300 W Rex Allen Drive**

**Solicitud para votar temprano empieza: febrero 2, 2010**

**Llamar: 1-888-457-4513**

**Votar temprano empieza: febrero 11, 2010**

**City Council Meetings**

Monday

Mar. 1, 2010

Work Session – Budget at 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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Mar. 15, 2010

Work Session – Budget at 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

300 W. Rex Allen Drive