

City of Willcox Newsletter May 2010

4th of July Fireworks

Pat McCourt, City Manager

As I write this on May 14th, I am looking ahead to the 4th of July celebration. It is a nice opportunity to sit back and enjoy the day with our families and friends. I am fortunate enough to be able to sit on my porch and watch the display each year.

The City of Willcox is a sponsor of the Fireworks and commits your tax dollars to purchase a significant part of fireworks materials (\$3,500.00). While other communities have either eliminated or cut back on the fireworks displays, your City Council has made sure this show was here for you. What many people do not know is that the City contribution is only a part of the total cost of the fireworks. The total out of pocket cost of the Fireworks is close to \$8,600 each year. The Willcox Rotary Club is a major sponsor this year, putting up \$2,640 for the 4th of July party. Individuals, businesses, and the aluminum can recycling program provide the rest of the cash that is required. (So remember, when you are throwing away that aluminum can you could be recycling to help provide the annual fireworks, *and* you can help the environment, there is a large recycling bin on Railroad Ave near Stewart).

A very big part of the Fireworks display is the time and efforts donated by our Willcox Volunteer Firemen. While we get to sit back and enjoy the show; they have been working all day and even after the show is over, to make sure everything runs smooth and safe. They have given up the time with their families, to give to you one of the best shows in southern Arizona. We often forget about the time and efforts of our volunteer firemen, not just for this 4th of July event, but of all the time and effort they put forth to train and to respond, when necessary, to protect us and our loved ones. Think of them while you enjoy the show.

Have a safe and Happy 4th of July and remember, if you choose to drink - don't drive!

Successful Informational Fair

Sherry Lynn Van Allen, Human Resources

The City of Willcox would like to thank everyone that participated in the Informational Fair that was held on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at the Willcox Community Center. The Fair was held from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. This special event featured various community businesses and organizations. We promoted the 2010 Census and were very pleased with the amount of people that completed Census forms. Please remember that if you have not completed and returned your 2010 Census form, *it is not too late!* The information collected for the Census is kept confidential and every person residing in the City or within the County that participates makes a difference. We encourage you to stand up and be counted.

We would like to thank the groups that set up booths and provided information to the public: Department of Economic Security (DES), Cochise County Health Department, SEACAP, WASA, Project Pep (PPEP), PSE III Seasonal Migrant Workers Program, Child and Family Resources, Chicanos Por La Casa, Northern Cochise Community Hospital (NCCH), Valley Telecom Group (VTC), Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative (SSVEC), Wesleyan Preschool and Daycare, Cochise Credit Union, Chase Bank, Compass Bank, the Willcox Chamber of Commerce and the U.S. Census Bureau.

We would also like to acknowledge and express our gratitude to those who assisted in providing refreshments. Thank you to McDonalds, Willcox Hometown IGA, and Paul Sheats; and a special "Thank You" to City Hall and the Public Works Department for their cooperation in this endeavor.

Again, thank you to everyone who participated and attended. The fair was very successful because of your contribution. We look forward to having additional Fairs of this nature in the future. Remember, the City is always looking for new ideas to promote and better our community. If you have an idea you would like to share, please call Human Resources at 520-766-4204.

Willcox Recycles!

Sherry Lynn Van Allen, Human Resources

The City of Willcox would like to thank those members of the community that responded to the Free E-Waste Recycling Event held on Saturday May 08, 2010. This was sponsored by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), Westech Recyclers and the City. Electronic items such as unwanted TVs, computers, monitors, printers, batteries, chargers, cell phones, VCRs, CD & DVD players, fax machines, small appliances, cables and cords were collected from 9:00 a.m. until noon at the Willcox Community Center. The City is pleased to report that we were able to collect eight pallets of items, weighing nearly **three tons!** Thank you all for assisting us in protecting our environment and for recycling.

From the Office of the City Clerk...

Cristina G. Whelan, CMC

City Council Meetings

Monday

Jun 7, 2010

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Monday

Jun 21, 2010

7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

300 West Rex Allen Drive

NOTE: There will be a Special Meeting held on Thursday, Jun 3, 2010 at 6:00 PM at the Council Chambers to swear in the newly-elected and re-elected Council Members. We invite all of you to come out to meet the new council members and become familiar with the elected leaders of our community.