

## **City of Willcox Newsletter**

### **June 2010**

#### **Looking Forward**

Pat McCourt, City Manager

As the City looks forward to the new year (the City budget year runs from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011), we know it will be a tough year to make ends meet. While on the National scene there is clear evidence that this economic depression is ending, the State of Arizona is likely to lag behind the rest of the Nation. Regardless, your City Council has put forth a program to maintain the level of services to our community; this does require using cash reserves, which cannot continue for long without dire consequences. The future is looking better and it is anticipated that IF the City maintains a tight belt, we will get through this situation.

On a brighter picture, the services are being maintained, the swimming pool is open for business, the Fourth of July fireworks will go on (thanks to the cash donations from the people and the Willcox Rotary Club, also, the individuals who recycle aluminum cans, the City Council, and the volunteer firefighters who donate their time and skills).

There are many events that are put on all the time in our community by dedicated volunteers: Car Shows, Rex Allen Days, the Wine Fests, swim meets, Halloween in the park, Cowboy Hall of Fame, Rodeos, Little League, Girl's Softball, and lots of parades. Speaking of the Fourth of July, did you notice all of the Flags that get put out in our town? Did you ever wonder how that happens? Well, in addition to all the individuals who put out their own flags, the Willcox Rotary Club runs a program to put out and take down flags on 10 days each year. The Rotary does this as a fund raiser to support local scholarships, community projects, and international relief efforts. If you would like to be part of this program you can call: Justin Allred 384-3094, Mick Easthouse 384-3445, or Joel Todd 507-2771.

Please remember that School is out, there are a lot of kids out playing, they are often not paying close attention; we need to watch out for them, keep your eyes open and watch your speed.

## **NEWS ON THE STREETS**

Dave Bonner, Director, Public Services & Works

The Streets Division of Public Services and Works continues to maintain and upgrade your local streets. Work started on Fremont last fall in preparation for the work completed in May. Last fall, all of the curbs and gutters were replaced at the intersection to insure water flow. Streets crews replaced the curb and gutters at each of the alley intersections. In April, the asphalt layer was placed to level the street and provide a smoother surface. After the asphalt had cured, a double chip seal was put down. This is the same process that we used on Stewart Street. Stewart and Fremont are very heavily traveled streets and the repairs were long overdue.

The following streets between Haskell and Railroad Avenue are planned for chip seal to round out this fiscal year: **Delos, Grant, McCourt, Wasson, Soto, and Parker.**

With HURF funds being reduced almost yearly, the 1% sales tax approved by the Mayor and Council a number of years ago, is what is allowing us continue to move forward.

## **Backyard Safety**

Jeff Stoddard, Development Services

As summer approaches, homeowners need to take the time to check their outdoor areas for potential safety hazards. While most people know that pools are a safety hazard for kids, there are lot more things to watch out for in your back yard, like barbecues and grills, lawn equipment and toys. Zero to low cost simple steps can help to keep your family and friends safe in the future:

- Practice constant, adult supervision around any body of water, including pools and spas.
- If you're considering a swimming pool purchase, contact your local Building Department first to determine exactly what permits are needed and what requirements you must follow.
- Designate the grilling area a "No Play Zone" and keep kids and pets well away until grill equipment is completely cool.
- Check propane cylinder hoses for leaks before use. (Source: USFA)
- Do not move hot grills.
- Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals or kindling have already been ignited, and never use any flammable or combustible liquid other than charcoal starter fluid to get the fire going.
- Dispose of charcoal properly, keeping ash containers outside and away from combustible construction.

- Place the grill away from siding, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Your Willcox Fire Department ask you not to use charcoal and gas grills and other open burning devices on combustible porches or within 10 feet of combustible construction.
- Don't leave toys, tools and equipment in the yard.
- Reserve a spot on a wall or fence near the pool for lifesaving devices.
- Keep steps, sidewalks and patios in good repair.
- A common safety hazard occurs when porches are nailed to buildings rather than being attached with the proper anchors or bolts. Nails are a poor method for attaching porches to buildings because they work their way loose over time.
- Check all swings, slides, playhouses and other structures for sharp objects, rusty metal pieces, breaks or weakened support pieces.
- Learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Have a Safe and Happy Summer!

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

Cristina G. Whelan, CMC

**City Council Meetings**

**NOTE DATE: Tuesday**  
Jul 6, 2010

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Monday  
Jul 19, 2010

7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

**300 West Rex Allen Drive**

**Note: Congratulations to the newly-elected and re-elected Council members, and the appointments as Mayor to Gerald (Sam) Lindsey and Vice-Mayor Monika Cronberg!**