

City of Willcox Newsletter
Sep 2010

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY A HOME!

Pat McCourt, City Manager

I sit here now and it is September 8, 2010, but I know this will not be published until late in this month. So I write in anticipation.

I anticipate a turn out of community-minded people who will work together in the Fall Cleanup of our community.

I write in anticipation of the Rex Allen Days and all of the volunteers who put forth their time and efforts to celebrate not only Rex Allen's contributions to our community, but the recognition of the Cowboy Hall of Fame and our heritage.

I write in anticipation of the volunteers who work in the Library who help people gather the information they need to make their life better.

I write in anticipation of the volunteers who work in the Visitor Center every day and especially on weekends to help our visitors to the area find the attractions for which they are looking.

I write in anticipation of the volunteers who work at the hospital to help people when they are sick and in need.

I write in anticipation of the thousands of hours of volunteer work done through our local churches.

I know that these unsung volunteers normally receive nothing for their efforts. I thank them for keeping our community a home.

CITY CLEAN-UP DAY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25!

Pat McCourt, City Manager/Kathy Smith, Dir, Willcox Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture

As you are all probably aware, through flyers and other media, we are sponsoring a city-wide clean-up day this Saturday. This is our last chance to make the city of Willcox “shine” before the Rex Allen Days weekend, and to show our visitors the **pride** we have in our hometown. We encourage as many people as possible to participate so we can accomplish this goal more easily.

As a convenience for our residents and participants, we will have a large dumpster on station at the corner of Stewart St. and Railroad Ave. before and during the event. Please deposit all of your trash cleanup collections there. If you have large bulky items to dispose of and need assistance, please contact the Public Works Department **any time this week, at 384-6447**. Let’s put our best foot forward and make this Rex Allen Days celebration the best ever! Thank You!

MORE LIBRARY CHANGES COMING SOON!

Tom Miner, Library Director

Due to space limitations last month, my article on proper Library etiquette was incomplete. Here are a couple more areas I need to address, and ask for the public’s support and cooperation:

1. PLEASE - Help us keep the Library CLEAN, by picking up after yourself, especially those slips of paper for computer reservations. We have waste baskets positioned at each end of the computer workstation rows, in all three areas. We just had all of our carpets cleaned in mid-August. We ask that you wipe your feet at the door, on our door mats, not on our chair rollers. The Library is **yours**; it’s a gathering place – like the living room in your home – only with a **lot** more guests visiting (**131/day**, 6 days/wk, on average). You don’t want your guests trashing your living room, do you? There are fewer of us “housekeepers” here now to maintain the Library. **We want everyone to have a safe, wonderful, pleasant experience!** Please help us.

2. Before, I did not specifically mention FOOD AND DRINKS in the Library. Ever since we implemented a Teen Program five years ago, to encourage that age group to come back and use the Library, we started to allow it, *in certain designated areas and times*. That philosophy has worked pretty well so far, **but around computers**, in **all** age groups, is where I must draw the line. Most people ARE responsible, and are careful, but as we all know from experience, there is that other 10% that could care less, or are just plain careless. We cannot afford to replace any of our computers. I am hoping/praying that none of our Library computers break down this year...

With the possible future addition of a Solarium Room and accompanying Coffee Bar, and the addition of a snack and soda vending machine in the Vestibule, we are going to allow

food and drink in a couple of areas of the Library – *Designated Areas* - like the *Solarium Room* primarily, and the *Booth seating area* of the Teen Room. We must reiterate “**No Food or Drink allowed near *Library-owned computers!***” and enforce that rule. There will be signage posted in those areas, probably on the four power/data link poles. You may also bring in your own computers and use our Wi-Fi network. We encourage that.

Looking down the road a bit, I want people to be able to brown-bag their lunch here in the new Solarium Room or outside in the Patio Area, use the “Internet café” (Wi-Fi), and relax and enjoy themselves. Our goal is to be “**the Gathering Place**” here in the Community. Other good things like **more** activities and special programs or classes will soon follow. We are co-op’ing with the new Senior Center to complement their programs and activities, so please stay tuned! I have been asked to represent the City as a member of the Senior Center Advisory Committee, and in memory of Mrs. Rose C. Allan, I have accepted. We also have public meeting rooms now, so different classes and special programs will be happening in them from time to time. We are pretty well set up now for computer training in the big meeting room, with the addition of power and data connections in there, so it is logical to expect that *that* will be one area focused on by the community, local businesses, and educational institutions. We are on our way folks, to making this the BEST little Library in all of Southeast AZ! **Thank you** for your patronage, support and cooperation.

From the Office of the City Clerk...

Cristina G. Whelan, CMC

City Council Meetings

Monday
Oct 4, 2010

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Monday
Oct 18, 2010

7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

300 W. Rex Allen Drive