

City of Willcox Newsletter Oct 2010

Garbage Collection Services May Change!

Pat McCourt, City Manager

The City has begun preparations for bidding out the collection of garbage (Solid Waste is the correct term). The current contractor is Southwest Disposal and that contract ends June 30, 2011.

There will be some changes in the Solid Waste service due to changes in State Law. Under the new contract; any commercial unit may contract with any Licensed Hauler (Garbage collector licensed by the City of Willcox) for picking up and properly disposing of their Solid Waste.

The City is considering the possibility of having one-day-a-week pickup for residential units. The reason this is being considered is to try and reduce the cost of the service. The City will not know what the possible effect may be until after the bidding process is complete. There are pros and cons to this process and the process requires receiving approvals from the County Health Department and from the State Environmental Department.

Another change being considered is that **ANY** Person or Business, who is connected to the City's utility service, **whether inside the City or outside the City**, will be required to contract for Solid Waste services with the City.

There are some changes that affect landlords and the manner in which the rental accounts may be established. These are recommended to reduce the cost of operation; hence reduce the cost for the users of the service.

The Solid Waste Fund is a service provided by the City of Willcox. The Solid Waste Fund is an Enterprise fund; no Tax dollars are used to pay for the operation. The City Council periodically reviews and sets the rates at a level which will pay for the costs of pickup, administration and disposal of the garbage; there is no "profit" or use of the monies for other City purposes.

The City is constantly looking for ways to reduce the cost of service while maintaining the quality of service.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the City Manager at 384-4271, ext. 4201.

Maintaining Your Lots and Property

Jeff Stoddard, Safety and Code Enforcement Officer

To the Citizens & Businesses of Willcox:

The beautiful weather that the Southwest is famous for, also brings with it our yearly summer rains. This inevitably means tall grass and weeds that can be a fire hazard, draw mosquitoes and which are also unsightly when not kept mowed. We all want our community to be a fine place to live and work, a place we can be proud of. To reach that goal, we must each take care of the property or properties that we own.

The City of Willcox would like to remind all of our citizens and businesses, that keeping the grass and weeds mowed regularly makes the homes and businesses in our town look so much more attractive to our own citizens and to visitors. This is a responsibility that comes with property ownership. In fact, in Chapter 5 of the City of Willcox Municipal Code, it states that the property owner is responsible for mowing and maintenance of their lot(s) from the curb to the middle of the alley. This required yard and lot maintenance can be a good opportunity to get out and enjoy some of that beautiful weather, or a chance for our young people to earn some spending money by mowing and trimming yards. Any way you choose to accomplish this task makes the view out your windows and the scenery while driving in our community a joy. Let's all show we care.

Halloween Activities 2010

Pat McCourt, City Manager

This year, Halloween falls on a Sunday evening. This presents some concerns for some parents as it may conflict with their family plans for Sundays.

Fortunately, there are two events planned in the community: a 'Trunk or Treat' on Saturday evening in Keiller Park, from 6PM to 8PM, hosted by WASA; and a second event on Sunday at the Community Center, hosted by a group of Churches here in Willcox. We thank these groups and hope you all have a safe Halloween.

From the Office of the City Clerk...

Cristina G. Whelan, CMC

City Council Meetings

Monday

Nov 1, 2010

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Monday

Nov 15, 2010

7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

300 W. Rex Allen Drive

Reminder: Except for Emergency Services, all City Offices will be CLOSED Thursday, Nov 11, for Veteran's Day and Thursday thru Sunday, Nov 25 – 28, 2010 for the Thanksgiving Holidays.

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2010. Last Day to Request An Early Ballot- Recorder's Office: October 22, 2010; and the Last Day to Vote Early in Person at Recorder's Office: October 29, 2010. To request an Early Ballot or any questions, call (520) 432-8354, or 1-888-457-1513, or email at recorder@cochise.az.gov . Polls open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

La Elección General se llevará a cabo el Martes, día 2 de Noviembre, 2010. Fecha limite para solicitar una Balota Temprana de la Oficina del Registrador: día 22 de Octubre, 2010; Fecha limite para Votar Temprano en Persona en la Oficina del Registrador: día 29 de Octubre, 2010: Para solicitar un Balota Temprana o para cualquier pregunta, llame (520) 432-8354 o 1-888-457-1513 o por correo electronico al recorder@cochise.az.gov . Las urnas se abren a las 6:00 a.m. y cierran a las 7:00 p.m.