

## City of Willcox Newsletter April 2011

### **Spring Clean-Up Time is Here!**

Pat McCourt, Willcox City Manager

Spring Clean Up time has arrived! Saturday, April 30 is the date set for the biannual city-wide cleanup.

Starting at 7:30 AM in Railroad Park, led by the Willcox Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture Director Kathy Smith, volunteers will launch an assault on the garbage accumulated throughout the City during the winter months. There have been *numerous* positive comments made over the last two years on how the appearance of the community has improved as the accumulated garbage has been hauled away.

**YOU** can be a part of this action team to make Willcox a better place to live, visit and prosper. Just show up, bring a good attitude and a willingness to clean up the town.

The world is a big place and sometimes it is hard to feel we are making a difference. You can see the difference you make when you help 'Clean Up Willcox'.

Look forward to seeing you on Saturday morning, April 30, 7:30 AM, Railroad Park

### **ILLEGAL DUMPING IN CITY DUMPSTERS**

Gary Adams, Streets Supervisor, Public Services & Works

The city has dumpsters located throughout the city parks and on Railroad Ave. There are also many commercial dumpsters located around the city. People have been dumping their household trash in our City and commercial dumpsters illegally. Household garbage is to be dumped at the Cochise County Transfer Station off of East Maley Street if you do not have a contract with a sanitation company. The City is asking the public to stop dumping household trash in these dumpsters, and reminds you that anyone caught dumping illegally may be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law: A.A.C.R18-13-312.

The City also has a compost area for dumping green waste such as grass cuttings and tree limbs. This area is located on Fairway Lane behind the Golf Course. If you live inside the City and have tree limbs or grass cuttings to be picked up, please prepare these items for disposal. Tree limbs need to be cut in lengths no longer than 4 to 5 feet and tied in a bundle. Grass cuttings and leaves need to be bagged and tied. Bags are not to weigh more 35 pounds. If you have bulky items that need to be picked up, please contact Southwest Disposal at (520)384-0765.

The City of Willcox continues to encourage Willcox residents to take pride in our community, and to help us provide you with quick and efficient service.

If you are unsure of your pickup days, have a damaged or lost container, or have any other questions, please call the City of Willcox Public Works at (520)384-6447 or Southwest Disposal at (520)384-0765.

Please help keep our City clean and report any illegal dumping. Thank you!

## **RECOGNITION FOR DEDICATION**

Sherry Van Allen-Teeters, Human Resources Office

The City of Willcox would like to thank and recognize those employees who have dedicated **over 20 years** of service to the City. In today's fast paced world, most employers expect to retain their employees on an average of 2 to 5 years. The City is proud to say that we currently have five employees who have been employed twenty-plus years, and they continue to proudly serve the community.

Joe Ayala – Utilities Department in Public Works - 22 years of service.

Patricia Ackerson-Rodriquez – Communications Supervisor in the Department of Public Safety - 23 years of service. Patti also serves the City as the Assistant Fire Chief.

Anita Herrera – Communications (Dispatch) Department of Public Safety - 24 years of service

Gary Lauve – Head Mechanic – Vehicle Maintenance for Public Services and Works - 26 years of service.

Cristina Whelan – City Clerk. Christy has served the City of Willcox for 30 years. The Mayor and Council recently recognized her for her continued dedication and service. Christy has held the City Clerk title for 25 years.

These dedicated employees are an inspiration to all current and future City employees. They have demonstrated through their longevity, that the City of Willcox is a great place to build a career while serving the residents of the City and supporting our community. Sincere congratulations to those who have passed their twenty-year mark. We hope to have many others follow their example and continue to serve the City with such dedication and loyalty.

## **APRIL - BUSIEST MONTH FOR THE LIBRARY!**

Tom Miner, Library Director

April is the month marked by **many** Library-related events. This year, in just the first half of the month, we celebrated both **National Library Week** and **National & Willcox Volunteer Week** the same week: April 10-16th. Before that busy week, volunteer Terry Rowden conducted two well-attended Genealogy Classes, on Apr 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. April 12<sup>th</sup> was also **National Library Worker's Day**, so we held a potluck luncheon and **Volunteer Recognition Event**, recognizing all of our staff and volunteers, including the Friends of the Library. April 14th, we had the fifth lecture in our Brown Bag Lunch history series. Kathy Klump, President of the Sulfur Springs Valley Historical Society, gave a wonderfully-insightful and well-researched presentation covering Willcox's first

20 years: 1880 – 1900. On April 15<sup>th</sup>, we hosted a Resume Writing Workshop, to help our job seekers in the community. All in all, a very busy month, *and it's not over yet!*

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

Cristina G. Whelan, CMC

**City Council Meetings**

Monday  
May 2, 2011

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Monday  
May 16, 2011

7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers  
*300 W. Rex Allen Driv*