

City of Willcox Newsletter August 2011

History is Always in the Making!

Dave Bonner, Director of Public Works

In Mid-2000, the City of Willcox obtained the Mascot & Western passenger rail car which served the town of Dos Cabezas during the mining boom of the early 1900's. The rail car was set in its current location on South Railroad Ave. and it was refurbished. Over the past few years, rainwater has infiltrated and the result has been failure of the wood siding. The City has received grants and donations to help with the restoration of the rail car. This would include replacement and painting of the siding. The City has purchased a cedar siding with the same appearance as the existing siding. Cedar material has a higher resistance to failure when repeatedly exposed to moisture then allowed to dry. Ideally, the water will be sealed out with proper flashing, caulking and paint. However, in the event that moisture does infiltrate, the cedar material will not deteriorate as quickly as we have seen with the pine material.

On September 10, 2011 from 7:30 am – 3:00 pm and September 11, 2011 from 12:30 pm – 5:00 pm, work will begin to restore the rail car to its former glory. We would like to invite any and all volunteers who are interested in preserving railroad history in the City of Willcox to come and join with other like-minded members of the community. There should be an opportunity to develop new relationships, renew old ones and at the end of the day, provide renewed life to the Mascot & Western rail car.

The City had requested volunteers in the past, without specific timeframes to accomplish the work. We are hoping that this will spark some enthusiasm. Call your neighbors, friends and relatives to come and work for a couple of days and be a part of making your own history in downtown Willcox.

Show up to work at the rail car. Bring your favorite tools and equipment that will help move the project along. Lunch will be provided on Saturday.

For additional information, please call Dave Bonner, 520-384-6447, or schedule an appointment by calling the same number.

New Library Renovation Project Timelines!

Tom Miner, Library Director

The Library is beginning the final phase of our Renovation Project. I thought it would be nice to share with you our latest **preliminary** timeline projections. As a quick refresher, there are five elements that make up this phase: (1) the Solarium Room addition – which should have begun production at the factory last week, and should be completed by 10/19; (2) Installing new carpeting in the Main Library to match the already-renovated areas, should be completed by 10/27; (3) Painting the Building exterior, and touching up the existing (and adding some new) murals, completed by 1/6/12; (4) Installing a new Video Camera Surveillance Security System; including detectors at all exits, should be completed by 10/10; and (5) Landscaping the east (front) side and installing new ADA handicap parking/van unloading ramps and walkways for easier access into the Library. There is no exact timeline on that, except “early spring”.

Is It Time To Maintain Your Yard?

Jeff Stoddard, Safety/Code Enforcement Officer

Maintaining your yard is something that all of us have to do at some point in our life. If you own a home or rent, this is a part of your job. By keeping your yard maintained and orderly, you will be enhancing your home and your neighborhood, and you will also be creating a fire control and pest control area around your house. Fire will only burn if fuel is present. Fuel can be your landscaping, woodpiles, decks, etc. These areas are also places where unwanted pests and critters tend to make their homes if not maintained. The summer months require extra watering, mowing and pruning of landscaped areas. Mowing your grass on a set schedule is a good idea. You don't want to let your grass grow too long, and when you do mow, make sure you don't cut it too short. If you leave it a little longer, it will require less water and will look greener. You also will need to trim and edge your yard to keep it looking nice. The final step in maintaining your yard and the neighborhood appearance is maintaining the grass and weeds between your property line and the curb, and your property line and the middle of the alley. If you don't have the equipment or the time to accomplish all of this, it may be a good idea to hire someone to do it for you. You can hire a landscape contractor to do this. You will be assured that things are done professionally and correctly. If you need a list of contractors, please call Sandy Thomas or Jeff Stoddard at 766-4224. **You don't want to be the guy with knee-high weeds. Not only will it be the eyesore of the neighborhood, but it could also draw some code enforcement fines from your city.**

Thank you for your efforts in maintaining the aesthetics of your community.

From the Office of the City Clerk...

Cristina G. Whelan, CMC

City Council Meetings

PLEASE NOTE DAY: TUESDAY
PLEASE NOTE DATE: Sept 6, 2011
(due to the Labor Day Holiday)

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Monday
Sept 19, 2011

7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

300 W. Rex Allen Drive