

City of Willcox Newsletter December 2012

Your Used Christmas Tree

Dave Bonner, Director, Public Services & Works

When you are finished with your Christmas tree (assuming you did not buy a live tree for replanting or have a reusable tree) you may disposal of the tree by taking it to the City's "Green Site". The Green Site is located near the Golf Course; take Rex Allen Jr. Drive toward the Golf course; just before the Driving Range, turn right on the dirt road; about a ¼ mile on the left is a large area for **green** waste (**not** for garbage, old sofas, concrete, or lumber). If you leave your tree there, the City will mulch it up. The mulch is free to anyone who would like to pick it up and use it. If you have a hard time getting to the Green Site, **for Christmas only**, you can drop off your used Christmas tree across the street from the Public Works yard on the railroad frontage at Delos and Railroad Ave. Please have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season.

Holiday Safety Tips

Jake Weaver, Director, Dept of Public Safety

At Home:

Lock your doors and windows if you are going out, no matter how short of a time you will be gone. Keep gifts away from windows, where they can be seen by outside travelers. Use a peep-hole when someone comes to your door. Never let anyone into your home that you do not know. When returning to your home from an outing, do not go in if there are signs that someone has forced entry while you were away. Go to a neighbors house and call the police immediately.

Traveling:

Take precautions to prevent your home from looking vacant: Have your mail or newspaper service stopped. Have your neighbors shovel your walk. Get an electric timer for your lights. Call the police dept and ask for vacation patrol checks. This will alert them that there should not be activity at your home while you are gone. If you are traveling in a car, know your route of travel; check the road conditions before you leave. Stay alert and aware of your surroundings no matter where you are.

Out and About:

Avoid carrying large amounts of cash or other valuables. Do not leave packages unattended in your car unless they are locked in the trunk. When carrying a purse, hold it close to your body. Always carry a wallet in an inside pocket or front pant pocket, never in a back pant pocket. Do not overburden yourself with packages. Stay in well-lit areas and on heavily-traveled streets. Avoid routes that take you through parking lots, alleys or other dark vacant areas. When going shopping, try to go with family or friends; there is safety in numbers. If shopping with your children, make sure they know who to go to in case they get lost in a store, the mall, or on the street; a store clerk, security guard, or police officer. Always trust your instincts. If people or locations are making you uneasy, leave or stay away. Use a debit

or credit card instead of cash if possible-it is easier to carry and replaceable if lost or stolen. Use ATMs during the day if possible. Be ready with card in hand as you approach the machine; do not linger any longer than necessary. Do not approach an ATM if you are uneasy of the surroundings.

Decorating:

When stringing lights, make sure the cords are in good working order – no wears or frays. Do not overload outlets; it is a good practice to stick to three sets of lights per extension cord. Make sure to test lights before hanging, and unplug before doing any maintenance on them. Keep candles in sturdy, non-combustible containers away from flammable objects. Keep burning candles out of children’s reach. Make sure that wax drips from candles are contained and do not fall on flammable objects. Clean fireplaces annually. Open the damper or flu before lighting a fireplace, and make sure that a screen or door is securely in place while the fire is burning. Make sure to extinguish candles and fireplaces and unplug lights before leaving or going to bed.

Donating:

Donating to charities is popular during the holidays; before donating, make sure that you know about the charity. Do not donate to a charity you are not familiar with. If solicited by an organization, ask for literature on them before you decide to donate. If solicited by an individual, offer food or other non-monetary donations.

The Parking Lot on South Haskell Avenue

Pat McCourt, Willcox City Manager

You may have noticed that the parking lot on Haskell Ave. near the Edward D. Jones office has recently been closed to the Public.

This property is owned by a private individual. For the last several years the individual has rented the property to the City of Willcox for use as a Parking lot. This year the individual told the City that he no longer wished to continue that arrangement. This is within his property rights as the owner of the property and the City respects his decision.

From the Office of the City Clerk...

Virginia A. Mefford, City Clerk

City Council Meetings

Regular Meeting

Monday

Jan 7, 2013

&

Special Meeting

Note Date: Tuesday

Jan 22, 2013

7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

300 W. Rex Allen Drive

Reminder: Except for Emergency Services, All City Offices will be CLOSED at NOON, Monday, Dec 31, 2012 Thru Tuesday, Jan 1, 2013 for the New Year's Holidays, and Monday, Jan 21, 2013 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. The City of Willcox Wishes Everyone the Most Joyous Of Holiday Seasons!!