

City of Willcox Newsletter

July 2013

Independence Day Fireworks Celebration Postponed To Labor Day

Glenn Childers, Interim Chief, Willcox Dept of Public Safety

Those of you who have been in Willcox for a number of years know that our summer days are very unpredictable. What starts out as a nice warm day with a breeze can, within hours, evolve into a nasty wind and dust storm or thundershower. Of course, July 4th is no exception. The City of Willcox was very disappointed that our annual Independence Day fireworks celebration was held up by weather. We waited for an hour to see if it would pass, but the gusts created a hazard that just would not allow the show to go on.

Many of our fireworks celebrations over the years have had to be postponed at the last minute due to weather. Most of the community agrees that safety comes first and we at the City of Willcox are thankful for your patience and understanding. While we do want to provide the best service to the people of Willcox, we certainly do not want to injure anyone or cause damage to any property, turning a joyous event into a tragedy.

We have a batch of fireworks that need to be enjoyed. This year, our plan is to set them off on the evening of Labor Day, Monday, September 2. Please mark the date on your calendar and make plans to join us. If you have friends or family who live outside of Willcox, perhaps you would like to invite them to join us as well. The evening weather should be comfortable for everyone, and we will do our best to put on a great show for you.

LIBRARY NEEDS NEW BOARD MEMBER!

Sherry Lynn Van Allen, Human Resources Generalist

Serving as a volunteer is rewarding, and Community involvement is one of the best ways to get connected to your City. The City of Willcox has several volunteer advisory boards, and the best way to learn how these boards serve our community is to attend a meeting and volunteer to serve as a board member. With the simple gesture of offering your skills and enthusiasm, you will positively impact other lives, as well as your own.

If education, reading and expanding the technological skills of our community is an area of interest, you may consider a place on our Public Library Advisory Committee (PLAC). This board currently has one vacancy. The duties of the PLAC are to provide advisory assistance to the City Council in establishing library goals and objectives, policy information and review, public relations, evaluation and development of local library resources and services, and assisting in long range planning. The meetings are currently every other month on odd-numbered months,

and your input is invaluable and very much appreciated. The Library is going to be updating its 5-Year Strategic Plan, beginning in August, so **now** is your chance to get involved, influence the future direction of this Library, and let your voice (and those of your friends and neighbors) be heard.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Public Library Advisory Committee and would like more information, please call Sherry Lynn Van Allen at 384-4271 x 4204. Submit a letter of interest and/or a resume to the Human Resources Office, 101 S. Railroad Ave., Suite B, Willcox, AZ 85643. We encourage you to get involved in your community

LIBRARY NEEDS CITIZEN INPUT FOR NEW 5-YR STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

Tom Miner, Library Director

The Elsie S. Hogan Community Library is entering another exciting time period, and we need YOUR help! **All members of the community** are “stakeholders” in this Library, and **all** should have a say in what direction it moves forward. Unfortunately, we cannot get **everyone** together under one roof, so we need to form a “Citizen Committee” to **represent** all the different elements that make up our entire community. We want to know what **all of you** think, and where (and what) **you** envision your local Public Library should be in five or ten years from now, or perhaps even 15! Very soon now, our Library Advisory Committee members may be contacting **you**. If they do call and ask you to participate, we hope that you will accept their request, and give us about 12 hours (total) of your time, spread over three monthly meetings, all on Fridays, Sept 13th, Oct 18th and Nov 15th. Please understand that your ideas are **very important to us**, and that you represent not just your own views, but also those of your friends and neighbors in the community, and would be speaking for them as well. We ask that you talk to them, and bring their ideas along with you to the meetings. Our goal is to **listen closely** to what you tell us you want for your local Library, figure out the best way to deliver those services to all of you, write a 5-year plan, and then implement and follow it. We will measure our progress along the way, and keep everyone in the community informed. This is truly a joint effort, and by all of us working together, we can reach the goals that are set for your Library’s future!

From the Office of the City Clerk...

Virginia A. Mefford

City Council Meetings

Monday

Aug 5, 2013

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Monday

Aug 19, 2013

7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

300 West Rex Allen Drive

Reminder: Except for Emergency Services, All City Offices will be CLOSED Thursday, July 4th, for the Independence Day Holiday