

City of Willcox Newsletter

August 2013

September Events @Your Library®

Tom Miner, Library Director

School has started and books are center stage once again. Two important events are happening at the Library this coming month: **National Library Card Sign-up Month**. Come in and get yours today! September 22-28 is also **National Banned Books Week**. Celebrate one of our most precious liberties: the Freedom to Read!

Help Clean Up Willcox

Jeff Stoddard, Development Services Supervisor

Oh, the satisfaction of a cleaning or restoration project! Whether it's de-cluttering your home, sprucing up the yard, painting walls in your home, working with others to pick up trash in a park or neighborhood, or even restoring an old automobile, there's definite satisfaction in putting effort into cleaning and restoration. When all the hard work is over, the resulting fresh new look is worth the effort. As a community, how about expending some energy and consciously working together to clean up Willcox? Cleaning up Willcox benefits not only those of us living here (who likes to live in a dirty house?), but also those people visiting our city; it even benefits future generations.

As individuals, simple actions on our part can make a big difference in keeping our city clean. Throw garbage in the proper place and not on the road. Pick up garbage littering the sidewalk or road and properly dispose of it. Throw household waste where it belongs, and not outside the house. Encourage others to make the same effort to help promote a better community. Little by little, we will notice an improvement in the overall appearance of the city.

As groups, we can tackle areas of our city that need cleaning, and work together to make it happen. Follow all that hard work with a celebratory barbecue!

Some people may be thinking, but why make the effort? Besides the simple answer that it feels good to live in a clean space, there are other advantages, as well. This article consists of additional reasons to keep our city clean.

IMPARTS GOOD QUALITIES AMONG INDIVIDUALS

Having the mindset of keeping our city clean, helps impart a sense of civic duty which may help us in the long run to achieve something even bigger in life. While keeping the community around us clean will impress visitors to our city and make them want to return, having the same mindset at work may help us to impress our boss as we work to keep our workplace clean and tidy. Being involved in civic duty and responsibility may modify our character for the good and help impart leadership qualities in us which will help us to achieve greater success in life.

ATTRACTING NEW BUSINESS

Attracting new businesses to a city offers many benefits to a community. Just a few of the benefits offered by new businesses are that they provide additional revenues to the city and may lower taxes; they secure work for local residents; and, they may reduce the prices of consumer goods. Cleaning up Willcox and keeping it clean will help to attract new businesses.

TO PROMOTE TOURISM

Tourists increase the economic base of the communities that draw them. As tourists are primarily attracted to those cities which are beautiful in appearance as well as rich in historical and scenic activities, we want to work to keep our city clean. A dirty, unattractive city will leave a negative impression on our local lifestyle, and tourists will be more likely to visit other cities.

FOR BETTER HEALTH OF PEOPLE

A clean city is a healthier city. Accumulated garbage gives rise to insects, mosquitoes, flies, mice and rats, which in turn can lead to various diseases. By preventing the accumulation of wastes and keeping our city clean, a healthier community results.

FOR PRESERVING THE ENVIRONMENT

Throwing waste products such as soda cans, food wrappers, and fountain drink cups, in the parks, gardens, and other areas degrades the environment. These items do not decompose and are a blight in our environment. To foster the health and preservation of our environment for present and future generations, avoid throwing waste products in public places; use provided trash bins instead.

FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Let this present generation work to secure the same benefits we've had for the future generation. By being conscious of what and how much we consume in terms of natural resources, by being caretakers of our natural reserves, monuments, and historical buildings, and by working to keep our community clean, we will have a heritage to pass onto the next generation. This attitude of caretaking begins at home and in our communities.

So, as residents of Willcox, let's do our part every day to make it a little cleaner. If you belong to a community group and would like to participate in a project to clean up Willcox, give us a call, and let's see if we can get a community project going. Let's share together in the satisfaction of bringing new life to Willcox!

ANNUAL CITY CLEAN-UP

Our Fall Clean-up Day is scheduled for September 28th beginning at 7:30 AM. Bags for the clean-up will be available at Railroad Park from 7:30 AM until 9:00 AM. A dumpster will be located on the lot at the corner of Stewart Street and Railroad Avenue. Hope to see you there!

From the Office of the City Clerk...

Virginia A. Mefford, City Clerk

City Council Meetings

PLEASE NOTE DAY: TUESDAY

PLEASE NOTE DATE: Sept 3, 2013

(due to the Labor Day Holiday)

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Monday

Sept 16, 2013

7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

300 W. Rex Allen Drive