

## City of Willcox Newsletter December 2013

### **Recycle' Your Used Christmas Tree!**

Gary Adams, Streets Supervisor, Public 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 *undecorated* 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 *undecorated* 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 Holidays.

### **'Tis The Season To Give Safe Gifts**

Jeff Stoddard, Safety Officer

Keep your kids **S.A.F.E.** These tips cover toy safety from purchase to play.

**S** = Supervision:

Watch young children closely as they play—if you're not playing with them yourselves.

Teach children how to use their toys safely.

Teach older children to keep their toys away from younger siblings.

Inspect kids' toys regularly. Fix broken toys immediately or throw them out.

**A** = Age appropriate:

Choose toys that are developmentally appropriate and suit the age, ability, and interest level of

your child.

Read labels on toys or containers to guide you in choosing safe items.

**F** = **Free of inherent hazards:**

Toys for children under the age of 3 should be free of small parts, sharp points and edges, and

long cords.

Look for labels with warnings, such as: "NOT RECOMMENDED FOR CHILDREN UNDER

THREE. CONTAINS SMALL PARTS."

**E = Equipment:**

Require kids to wear helmets when using bicycles, skateboards, or in-line roller blades. Wear them yourselves when sharing these activities with kids.

Require kids to wear gloves, wrist, elbow, and knee pads when using skateboards or in-line roller blades.

**Why It Matters:**

Over 3 billion toys and games are sold every year in the U.S.

· Around 15 children under the age of 14 die from a toy-related incident every year.

· Around 217,000 toy-related injuries are treated in hospital emergency rooms.

In one recent year, 20 children died from toy-related deaths. In the same year, there were 75,000 toy-related injuries in children under the age of 14.

**The Willcox Fire Department Wishes Everyone A Safe And Happy Holiday Season And Offers These Fire Safety Tips:**

First and foremost, make sure you have a working smoke detector. Ensure the battery is fresh and the detector is working. (If you don't have one, the Willcox Fire Dept. still has some smoke detectors that we can provide you for free after you fill out a small application form). Contact the Fire Dept. for info at 384-4673.

Turkey Fryers are a major cause of residential fires and burn injuries during the Holiday Season.

**Here are some tips for safe use:**

- Keep the fryer in FULL VIEW while the burner is on. Never leave it unattended.
- Place fryer in an open area AWAY from all walls, fences and other structures.
- Never use IN, ON, or UNDER a garage, breezeway, carport, or porch.
- Raise and lower food SLOWLY to reduce splatter and avoid burns.
- COVER bare skin when adding or removing food from the fryer.
- Check the oil temperature often. If oil begins to smoke, immediately turn the unit OFF.
- Never place a wet, frozen, or partially frozen turkey into a fryer.
- Partially frozen, frozen and/or wet turkeys can produce excessive hot oil splatter and could cause a fire.
- Do not overfill the fryer with oil, doing so could cause the oil to overflow when adding food and cause a fire.
- If a fire does occur, IMMEDIATELY call 911. DO NOT attempt to put out the fire yourself!!

## **Library ‘Wraps Up’ a Banner Year!**

Tom Miner, Library Director

Many wonderful things have happened this year at your local Library. Most recently, we have completed a six-month-long project resulting in a new 5-Yr Strategic Plan, and a new direction for the Library to move forward in the next five years. We will be focusing on three main areas: **Making Career Choices; Making Informed Decisions; and Understanding How to Find, Evaluate and Use Information.** The Library is becoming the central hub in the community for job hunters and information seekers. We will be partnering with many different agencies that provide job information and resources to help our residents better their lives. In the past two weeks, our new I-T Dept (WUSD), has installed eight brand new, top of the line computers for the public, thanks to a generous donation by our Friends of the Library! We are so thankful for that gift. We have a new flagpole, and we will soon be finishing the renovation of our facility! Altogether, it has been a banner year of changes, making your Library a great place to visit!

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

Virginia A. Mefford, City Clerk

### **City Council Meetings**

#### **Regular Meeting**

Monday

Jan 6, 2014

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#### **Special Meeting**

**Note Date: Tuesday**

Jan 21, 2014

7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers  
300 W. Rex Allen Drive

**Reminder:** Except for Emergency Services, All City Offices will be CLOSED from NOON, Tuesday, Dec 24 thru Wednesday, Dec 25 for the Christmas Holidays; and also at NOON, Tuesday, Dec 31 thru Wednesday, Jan 1, 2014 for the New Year’s Holidays, and Monday, Jan 20, 2014 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday..

**The City of Willcox Wishes Everyone the Most Joyous Of Holiday Seasons!!**