

City of Willcox Newsletter June 2014

Is It Time To Maintain Your Yard?

Jeff Stoddard, Administrator of Development Services

Maintaining your yard is something that all of us have to do at some point in our lives. If you own a home or rent one, this is part of your job. By keeping your yard maintained and orderly you will be enhancing your home and your neighborhood, and you also will 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 Sandi 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.

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

Sherry Van Allen-Teeters, Human Resources Office

If you are interested in community involvement and have new ideas on how to improve our City Parks and Facilities, our Public Library, or have a voice on the Planning and Zoning issues, then you'll be interested to learn that the Mayor and Council are currently soliciting letters of interest or resumes from persons who wish to serve on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, the Public Library Advisory Committee, and the Planning and Zoning Commission. These Committees and the P&Z Commission all have vacancies that begin July 01, 2014 and expire June 30, 2018. This is your golden opportunity to get involved with the City and serve your community!

If you are interested becoming a member of our volunteer Boards and would like more information, call Sherry Lynn Van Allen at 384-4271 x 4204. Submit letters of interest and/or resumes to the Human Resources Office, 101 S. Railroad Ave., Suite B, Willcox, AZ 85643 by Friday June 26, 2014. Additional requirements are listed on the City website at www.cityofwillcox.org.

Library Looks Forward to Next Fiscal Year!

Tom Miner, Library Director

On Friday, May 9th, we celebrated the end of the 5.25 year long Library Renovation Project! It was a long time in getting here, and many times I wondered if we would. There were quite a few obstacles we had to overcome along the way, but perseverance does pay off eventually, and we did. 263 people came out for the celebration, and we gave away a lot of door prizes, book bags, and sponsored gift certificates for various businesses around town. The Friends of the Library donated their time and energy to the festivities, and also held a fund-raiser which raised \$601 that day! Two fantastic pieces of art were raffled off, donated by former PLAC Chairwoman, Ms. Delah (Dee) Aiman. My staff member, Sylvia Stewart, coordinated most of the festivities and did a fantastic job! My hat is off to her and all of the library staff. We also had several volunteers helping out the staff throughout the day. Several local businesses stepped up and provided food, decorations, entertainment, labor and whatever else we needed that day. It was a very fine day indeed. We are now beginning to change from “construction” mode to “normal” mode of operation and are ready to buckle down and get back to doing our regular Library work.

We were just notified on May 1st that we have been approved once again by the State Library for a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant for **\$6,100**, titled Healthy Educated Living and Life Options (HELLO)!! It ties right in with one of our new 5-Year Strategic Plan goals of *Making Informed Decisions*. Some of the things we will be doing is providing workshops, presentations, and training programs to help the community learn how to access and make use of the resources the library has to offer that will enable them to identify and analyze risks, benefits, and alternatives before making decisions that affect their lives. We look forward to providing these services to this great community in the new fiscal year!

From the Office of the City Clerk...

Virginia A. Mefford

City Council Meetings

Thursday

July 3, 2014

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Thursday

July 17, 2014

6:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers

300 W. Rex Allen Drive

The General Election will be held on
Tuesday, August 26, 2014