

City of Willcox Newsletter August 2014

LIBRARY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Tom Miner, Library Director

As we move forward into a brand new fiscal year, we unfortunately find ourselves faced with a situation today where it will be difficult to assess what direction our community wants their newly-renovated Library to go. You may ask yourself, “*What can I do to help?*” I will answer that in a moment. Yes – we did receive great feedback from the public on our annual Customer Satisfaction Survey, and yes, 15 members of the community came together recently to help us build a brand new five-year Strategic Plan for the Library. We sincerely thank all those folks that participated in those two events! But that is not what I am here to talk about today.

As the Director, I depend on input from members of the community, both City and County residents, to provide me with feedback, as well as having those members communicate factual information back to the rest of the community, concerning events and activities the Library is *currently* engaged in, as well as possible *future* events. The City Council takes great stock in obtaining this feedback, regarding it as one of the most effective ways of communication, and to ensure the Library stays on track providing accurate information to all of our residents and meeting their needs. They do this by appointing five members of the community, three City and two County residents, to a Board they call the Willcox Public Library Advisory Committee (P-L-A-C). Sadly, we currently have a vacancy on the Committee, a City-resident position, leaving barely enough members to have a quorum in which to conduct business meetings. We have advertised for many weeks to fill this vacant position as well as other Boards within the City, with **no** response. Advertising costs money, taxpayer money, and we want all of you to get the most bang for your buck. That is why I am speaking to you from this forum today. Apathy is about the worst thing that can happen to any community. Everything falls apart when nobody cares.

Folks, we have a *wonderful* community here, a community with tremendous heart, a community that comes together in times of crisis, pain and sorrow, as well as on joyous occasions. Someone once said, “You only get out of it what you put into it.” That is so true! I urge you as citizens to *get involved* in your community, your local government, and with each other. Reach out and touch someone! Don’t withdraw into your cell phones, tablets and computers, and become a vegetable, i.e., a couch potato. They are an aid, not an end-all. So, what can **you** do to help?

Submit a Letter of Interest for any of our Boards and Commission vacancies (listed on the City website), to the City Council, via Human Resources at City Hall, be over 18 yrs of age and eligible to vote, and in my particular case, a City resident with a keen interest in Library affairs (sorry, both of my County positions are currently filled), and have the Council vote to approve your nomination. That is all there is to it! You speak, I listen and try to provide. Thank You!

From the Office of the City Clerk...

Virginia A. Mefford, City Clerk

City Council Meetings

Thursday
Sept 4, 2014

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Thursday
Sept 18, 2014

6:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers

300 W. Rex Allen Drive

**Reminder: Except for Emergency Services, All City Offices will be
CLOSED Monday, September 1st, for the Labor Day Holiday**