

## City of Willcox Newsletter September 2014

### **Winter is just around the Corner -Prepare Your Home**

Jeff Stoddard, Administrator of Development Services

Although periods of extreme cold cannot always be predicted far in advance, weather forecasts can sometimes provide you with several days' notice. Listen to weather forecasts regularly and check your emergency supplies whenever a period of extreme cold is predicted.

If you plan to use a fireplace or wood stove for emergency heating, have your chimney or flue inspected each year. Ask your local fire department to recommend an inspector or find one in the yellow pages of your telephone directory under "chimney cleaning."

Also, if you'll be using a fireplace, wood stove, or kerosene heater, install a smoke detector and a battery-operated carbon monoxide detector near the area to be heated. Test them monthly and replace batteries twice a year. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside.

Insulate any water lines that run along exterior walls so your water supply will be less likely to freeze. To the extent possible, weatherproof your home by adding weather-stripping, insulation, insulated doors, and storm windows or thermal-pane windows.

If you have pets, bring them indoors. If you cannot bring them inside, provide adequate shelter to keep them warm and make sure they have access to unfrozen water.

### **Checklist**

- Insulate walls and attic.
- Caulk and weather-strip doors and windows.
- Install storm windows or cover windows with plastic from the inside.
- Insulate any water lines that run along outer walls. This will make water less likely to freeze.
- Have Heater inspected and serviced.
- Have chimney and flue inspected.
- Repair roof leaks and cut away tree branches that could fall on your home or other structure during a storm.

### **Centennial Celebration Planning in Progress!**

Sherry Lynn Van Allen-Teeters, Human Resources Office

On May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015 Willcox celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> year of incorporation. The City is currently assisting in organizing a celebration committee with those that would like to get involved. Our next meeting will be Thursday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm at the Council Chambers. The committee is open to all organizations, businesses, and individuals. Those who would like to

assist, offer ideas, organize an event, or just attend and listen to what is being discussed are all welcome.

We are hoping to make the event memorable and fun! We want this to be an event for the entire community to enjoy, so assistance from everyone will be needed and appreciated. Our goal is to have something for all age groups to enjoy.

We have already discussed things such as a parade, vendors, various forms of entertainment, and a vintage baseball game. This is also when the Sulpher Springs Historical Society will honor the one hundred members of the Wheels of Progress.

Again, we encourage your participation and your ideas to make this an event to remember! If you would like more information, please contact Sherry Lynn at City Hall, 520-766-4204.

### **City Clean-Up Day Approaches!**

Kevin Hagerich, Director of Public Services and Works

The City of Willcox and the Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their “Bi-annual Clean-Up Days” on September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014. City crews will be busy with their portion of the activity on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The Chamber of Commerce and Volunteers will begin their Clean-Up on September 27<sup>th</sup> at 0730 a.m. Anyone interested in volunteering are requested to meet on Railroad Avenue the morning of the event. Garbage bags will be provided and it is recommended that individuals bring gloves. This is a good opportunity for citizen involvement as well as a great event for organizations. The Clean-Up is expected to only take a few hours. What better way to give back to the community than to make it a better, cleaner place to live?

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

Virginia A. Mefford, City Clerk

## **City Council Meetings**

Thursday  
Oct 4, 2014

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Thursday  
Oct 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, October 13th, for the Columbus Day Holiday.**

