

City of Willcox Newsletter

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THE TIME OF YEAR FOR GIVING

Glenn Childers, Director of Public Safety

Many people are captured in the spirit of the holidays, and decide that this is the time of year that they want to give back to the community. Some choose schools or churches, or some of the many service organizations such as the Red Cross or Scouting.

The City of Willcox provides many services that also accept donations. This time of year people like to donate to the annual toy drive, or the animal shelter. But there are several other worthwhile areas as well. The Library accepts donations to purchase new items, and you can specify if you want the money spent on books for children or adults. The Fire Department takes donations and uses the money to purchase protective suits, gloves and boots for the firefighters.

The City's Parks Division takes donations as well. And it's never too early to make a donation to next year's July 4th fireworks display, which would not be possible without the financial support of the community.

Any of the City offices can take a donation and provide you with a receipt. You can also find a link to donate to any of these great services on the City's website (cityofwillcox.org). There are also links to donate to the Salvation Army and the Community Food Pantry. Money is kept local and used in the manner that you designate.

So whether you're feeling generous this holiday season, or you're looking for a break on your taxes, your contribution is very appreciated and benefits the entire community.

SMOKELESS, BUT NOT HARMLESS...

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Most people know that it is illegal to provide a person under 18 years of age tobacco of any kind. However, some people may not be aware that it is also illegal for minors to possess or use electronic cigarettes. Electronic cigarettes also referred to as E-cigarettes or "Vapes" are devices designed to inhale vapor by heating up a liquid containing nicotine. Some bear the resemblance to an actual cigarette, but they can take on almost any size or shape, such as a pen, a cell phone, or a tube of lipstick. They often have an indicator light that will glow when activated.

The actual vapor is nearly odorless and dissipates quickly. Popular flavors are available, making them taste fruity, minty, or sweet. This addition of flavor and lack of odor make the devices appeal to not only adults, but also children who are attracted to the flavors or who are trying to avoid the common "smoke" smell associated with regular cigarettes. However, a young teen may not be aware that as little as four drops of the refill liquid could contain a fatal dose of nicotine if used improperly.

Parents should know that Arizona law prohibits minors from using or even being in possession of E-cigarettes, and it also makes it a crime to provide children with the devices or the liquid refills used in them. Please learn more about the hazards of Electronic cigarettes, and spend time discussing the dangers with your children.

From the Office of the City Clerk...

Virginia A. Mefford, City Clerk

City Council Meetings

Regular Meeting

Thursday

Jan 15, 2015

6:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers
300 W. Rex Allen Drive

**Reminder: Except for Emergency Services, All City Offices will be CLOSED at NOON, Wednesday, Dec 31, 2014 Thru Thursday, Jan 1, 2015 for the New Year's Holidays, and Monday, Jan 19, 2015 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.
The City of Willcox Wishes Everyone the Most Joyous Of Holiday Seasons!!**