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Dairy Manufacturing Companies Announce Plans to Open Facilities in Casa Grande

Two dairy manufacturing companies recently announced that they will be opening new processing plants in Casa Grande.

Franklin Foods, Inc., the world's fastest growing cream cheese company, will be operating out of the former Arizona Dairy Ingredients building located at 1221 West Gila Bend Highway. This is the second facility for the company, which is headquartered in Florida. Officials chose to open a facility in Casa Grande as part of the company's strategic growth initiative and to meet the growing demand of their products. Cream cheese production is planned to commence in early 2013.



Franklin Foods was established in Enosburg Falls, Vermont in 1899 and has a rich tradition of supporting local New England Dairy Farmers by purchasing fresh milk and cream from nearby farms and suppliers. The company will continue this tradition in Arizona by purchasing local milk and cream from United Dairymen of Arizona (UDA). Franklin Food's 90,000-square-foot facility in Casa Grande will produce a full line of cultured cream cheese and cream cheese based products. The facility is expected to create 80 new jobs over the next two years. To learn more about Franklin Foods, Inc. visit www.franklinfoods.com

Ehrmann and Commonwealth Dairy will be opening a yogurt manufacturing facility on a 25-acre site just west of the Property Conference Center at 1285 W. Gila Bend Highway. Company officials expect to employ 110 people initially, with a 250-member workforce by 2015.

The company said it selected Casa Grande because of its superior infrastructure, dedicated workforce and abundant milk supply, along with transportation accessibility to markets throughout the western states. The plant's partners, Ehrmann and Commonwealth Dairy, have owned and operated a dairy operation in Brattleboro, Vermont since 2011. The 89,999-square-foot dairy processing facility for manufacturing yogurt is slated for completion in September 2013. To learn more about Commonwealth Dairy, visit www.commonwealthdairy.com



State of the City Address

March 7, 2013

Casa Grande Mayor Bob Jackson will present his State of the City Address on Thursday, March 7 at 12:15 p.m. at the Property Conference Center located at 1251 W. Gila Bend Highway.

The Mayor will highlight major accomplishments in 2012 and share his thoughts about future projects. The event is free and open to the community. Attendees who would like to eat lunch must register and pay for lunch. Lunch tickets are \$25 each. To purchase lunch tickets and for more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at (520) 421-8608.

The Mayor's State of the City Address will be broadcast on Cox Channel 11 every Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Sunday at 8:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. It will also air on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday at 8:00 p.m. You can also watch it online at www.YouTube.com/CGAZGOV.

Funds Available to Help with Home Repairs

Do you have problems with your heating & cooling system, electrical system or even a leaky roof that needs to be repaired?

The City of Casa Grande has limited funds available in the form of low interest loans, interest free deferred payment loans, and/or grants to rehabilitate owner-occupied homes within the city limits. Income restrictions apply.

Household Size

1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons
\$37,200	\$42,500	\$47,800	\$53,100

Apply online: www.casagrandeaz.gov/web/guest/housingrehabilitation
Housing Office: 510 E. Florence Blvd. Questions? Call (520) 421-8670

This home had foundation problems. It was torn down and rebuilt under the program.



New Pavilion at Ed Hooper Rodeo Grounds

Visitors to the Ed Hooper Rodeo Grounds can now gather and enjoy entertainment under a shaded pavilion, all thanks to the Gila River Indian Community. The City of Casa Grande was awarded a \$65,700 grant from the tribe to build the structure.



The 600 square foot pavilion was formally dedicated at a ribbon cutting celebration on February 16 during Cowboy & Indian Days. Grant money was also used to make improvements and upgrades to the six aging bucking chutes originally built in the 1970s.

The Ed Hooper Rodeo Grounds is owned by the City and leased to the West Pinal County Mounted Sheriff's Posse. For a schedule of events, visit www.casagrandeaz.gov/web/guest/ed-hooper-rodeo-grounds.

Tri-Valley Central Expansion

Crews are busy at work constructing a 7,600 square foot commercial building on Florence Boulevard in the Tri-Valley Central Plaza. The three suite building will house a Mattress Firm Store and a Jimmy John's sandwich shop. A third tenant has not been announced. Construction is expected to be completed in April of this year.



Original Townsite Plaque & Pedestal Dedicated



If you've been to historic downtown Casa Grande recently, you've probably noticed the improvements made to the area, including new sidewalks, new benches and new trees that line Florence Street. And now, a new feature has been added to downtown - a bronze plaque with a replica of the Original Townsite map on a pedestal. A dedication ceremony for the plaque and pedestal was held last month during Main Street's Art in the Alley. The plaque and pedestal are located on the southwest corner of 3rd and Florence Streets.

According to Historic Preservation Commission member Marge Jantz, who spearheaded the project, the purpose of the plaque is to highlight Casa Grande's history in a public setting for everyone to enjoy. By 1890, Casa Grande had developed to a point where residents felt the need to organize the small community into an official townsite. In June 1890 a contract was signed with C.W. Lemon of Florence to survey the town into streets and lots. The survey was completed and on July 19, 1890 the "Original Townsite Map" was first recorded. Some of the original streets have been renamed since then.

The Original Townsite plaque and pedestal was made possible by the generous contributions of many individuals and businesses in the community. A limited edition of the Original Townsite map on parchment paper is available for purchase for \$10 each. The proceeds from the sales will be accessible to historic downtown property/business owners for purchase of history plaques for their buildings.



Members of the Casa Grande Historic Preservation Commission pose for a picture in downtown. (L-R) Thomas Poor, Marge Jantz, Mayor Bob Jackson, Ken Hodson, Clara Trulove, David Blatt, Warren Goff, Kathleen Dunley.

Locations selling Original Townsite Map on parchment paper:

- Adventures in Stained Glass (413 N. Florence St.)**
- Casa Grande Dispatch (200 W. 2nd St.)**
- City Hall Finance Department (510 E. Florence Blvd., Building B)**
- In A Pear Tree (412 N. Florence St.)**
- International Minute Press (703 N. Walnut Ave.)**
- Old Town Custom Framing & Gifts (719 N. Center Ave.)**

In-Roadway Warning Lights: Please Stop for Pedestrians



Trekell Road and E. 4th Street by Len Colla Recreation Center

In-Roadway Warning Lights (IRWL) were developed to reduce crosswalk accidents, improve pedestrian safety, and decrease the number of pedestrian injuries and deaths caused by driver inattention or limited visibility conditions.

In addition to the signage erected for pedestrian crossings, the In-Roadway Warning Light crosswalks include solar-powered LED lights placed within the roadway pavement along the marked crosswalk. They are activated by pedestrian push-buttons located on each side of the crosswalk.

The flashing lights warn motorists in advance of the crosswalk to brake to a full stop for crossing pedestrians.

There are 7 In-Roadway Warning Lights in Casa Grande:

- 1) Mission Valley subdivision on Arizola Road and the walkway by Desert Willow Elementary School
- 2) McMurray Blvd. and Center Ave. by Casa Grande Middle School
- 3) Trekell Road and E. Trinity Pl. by Trinity Baptist Church
- 4) Trekell Road and E. 4th Street by Len Colla Recreation Center
- 5) Trekell Road and the San Carlos Walkway by Palo Verde Elementary School
- 6) Brown Ave. and 1st Street
- 7) E. Sunset Drive and N. Colorado Street by Ironwood Elementary School



For your safety and the safety of others, please remember to stop at all crosswalks for pedestrians.

Free Events @ Your Public Library



E-Books and You!

Got an e-reader device and want to know how to get library e-books on them? We'll show you how!

Wed. March 6 11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Vista Library (1556 N. Arizola)

Wed. March 20 11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Main Library (449 N. Dry Lake)

Family Storytime

The whole family is welcome to join us for a short program with stories and songs followed by a craft. Parents/Guardians required.

Saturdays from 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Vista Library (1556 N. Arizola)

Growing Up Hearing Impaired

Lecture on how to deal with hearing impaired children. Tips and tricks offered. Se habla Español.

Wed. March 13 @ 5:30 p.m.

Vista Library (1556 N. Arizola)

Questions? Call (520) 421-8652

City Seeks Public Input on Use of CDBG Funds

The City of Casa Grande is expected to receive approximately \$120,000 in FY 2013 Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) Regional Account (RA). The City also intends to apply for \$300,000 in FY 2013 CDBG funds from the State Special Projects (SSP) Account.

These funds must be used to benefit low-and-moderate income persons, prevention or elimination of blight, or address community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community for which other funding is not available.

The City has scheduled two public hearings to gather citizen input on the use of the CDBG funds:

Tuesday, March 26 @ 5 p.m.

Len Colla Recreation Center
1105 E. 4th Street

Thursday, April 18 @ 5 p.m. (new date)

Parks & Recreation Building, Armadillo Room
404 E. Florence Blvd.

Examples of possible uses include the following:

- Public infrastructure (e.g. water, wastewater, streets)
- Community facilities (e.g. parks, health clinics, libraries)
- Housing (e.g. owner-occupied or multi family rehab, utility connections or new construction by a non-profit)
- Public services (e.g. salary for additional staff to expand Headstart, purchase of vehicle to transport persons with disabilities, equipment to start a job-training program)
- Economic development (e.g. business loan for job creation, micro-enterprise development, acquisition of land for existing business expansion).

For more information about hearing, grievances, the CDBG program, or to receive assistance in formulating prospective project ideas for presentation at the hearing, contact:

Leila DeMaree, Senior Planner/Housing Manager
City of Casa Grande Housing Division
510 E. Florence Blvd., Casa Grande, AZ 85122
(520) 421-8637 Ext. 3030 Phone
(520) 421-8602 Fax
ldemaree@casagrandeaz.gov

Public Safety Awareness Day



Saturday, March 9

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Target Parking Lot
951 N Promenade Pkwy

Mark your calendar for the annual Public Safety Awareness Day. Come join us for a fun-filled day of safety and security. Meet your local police officers, firefighters, volunteers and learn valuable public safety techniques.

-VIN Etching

-Watch Your Car Program

-Fingerprinting

-Casa Grande Alliance

-Prescription Drug Turn-In

-Animal Care & Adoption Center

-Home Security Advice

-Neighborhood Watch Program

-S.W.A.T.

-K9 Demo every hour on the hour

-Alarm and Graffiti Abatement

-Silent Witness

FREE services!

For more information call (520) 421-8711 Ext. 6760.

Lend a Hand to Wipe Out Graffiti: Adopt-a-Wall



Are you tired of seeing graffiti in the community? Would you like to lend a hand to wipe out graffiti? The Casa Grande Police Department provides anti-graffiti kits to individuals who are interested in adopting a wall. Several walls are available for adoption. If there is a particular wall that you would like to adopt, the Graffiti Abatement Coordinator will contact the owner and request their participation in the Adopt-a-Wall program.

How the Adopt-a-Wall Program Works:

-Owners of property who wish to have their wall "adopted" contact the Graffiti Abatement Coordinator.

-The Adopt-a-Wall interested party, group or individual, selects a wall or subdivision which they would like to adopt.

-There is a signed agreement between the two parties involved stating a release of liability and responsibilities of each party.

-The property owner is responsible for and handles the transaction for purchase of paint.

-If the property owner does not have the resources available to eradicate the graffiti, then the sponsors for the Adopt-a-Wall Program may be able to assist.

-The two parties communicate with each other for future tasking.

-All graffiti and eradication is reported to the Graffiti Abatement Coordinator.

-If you don't have a particular wall that you would like to adopt, the Graffiti Abatement Coordinator has a list of walls to choose from.

If you would like to have your property added to the Adopt-a-Wall program, or for any other information regarding this program, please contact Sheila Chavez, Casa Grande Police Department Graffiti Abatement Coordinator, (520) 421-8711 Ext. 6570 or schavez@casagrandeaz.gov

Cox Channel 11 Programs

City Scene

Monthly program that features different projects/events happening in Casa Grande. The show offers giveaways to lucky viewers. Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Sunday 7:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Parade of Paws

Program that features pets available for adoption. Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Sunday 7:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Council Meetings

Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Sunday 12:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

State of the City Address

Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8:00 p.m.

Down at the Depot Series:

History of the Casa Grande Fire Dept. Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

CPR & First Aid Classes for Healthcare Providers

The Casa Grande Fire Department offers classes once a month to healthcare professionals who need to learn how to perform CPR and other lifesaving skills in a wide variety of in-hospital and out-of-hospital settings using medical equipment & medical terminology.

These classes are geared for CNA's, EMT's, CEP's, RN's, MD's and students pursuing a career in the medical field. Upon completion of the class, students will receive a certification card. Please note that you must pass a written exam with 84% or better to receive a certification card.

Cost of the class is \$35. All classes are held at 377 E. Val Vista Blvd. from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To register and for more information, contact Isabel Vasquez at (520) 421-8777 Ext. 5980, ivasquez@casagrandeaz.gov

A minimum of 5 students required per class, otherwise, class will be canceled.



Upcoming Classes

March 20 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
(Register by March 15)
April 16 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
(Register by April 9)



Recycle Your E-Waste

The Sanitation Division will be hosting an E-Cycle event on Saturday, April 13 from 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Carr McNatt Park, located at 1115 N. Brown Ave.

Electronic devices accepted during the event include monitors, keyboards, copiers, printers, televisions, surge protectors, electronic toys, VCRs, DVD players, cell phones and much more. No light bulbs of any kind or refrigeration units with Freon accepted (without Freon is ok).

For more information about recycling e-waste, contact the Sanitation Division at (520) 421-8625.

Sponsors:



Did You Know?

Casa Grande residents can take their e-waste to the landfill for recycling during normal business hours (Monday-Saturday, 7am-4pm). The landfill is located at 5200 S. Chui Chu Rd.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/MEETINGS For more events/meetings, visit www.casagrandeaz.gov

EVENT	DATE/TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT	Area Code 520
City Council Meeting	3/4, 7pm	Council Chambers	City Clerk, 421-8608	
Planning/Zoning Commission	3/7, 6pm	Council Chambers	Planning, 421-8637	
Spring Fashion Show	3/9, 1pm	Teen Center	Parks & Recreation, 421-8677	
Passport Day in the USA	3/9, 8am	City Hall	City Clerk, 421-8608 \$	
Concert in the Park	3/15, 6pm	Peart Park	Parks & Recreation, 421-8677	
City Council Meeting	3/18, 7pm	Council Chambers	City Clerk, 421-8608	
Catfish Rodeo	3/16, 6am	Dave White Park	Parks & Recreation, 421-8677 \$	
Family Easter Celebration	3/30, 9am	Paul Mason Sportsplex	Parks & Recreation, 421-8677	
City Council Meeting	4/1, 7pm	Council Chambers	City Clerk, 421-8608	
Art in the Alley	4/2, 5:30pm	Downtown Casa Grande	Main Street, 836-8744	
Planning/Zoning Commission	4/4, 6pm	Council Chambers	Planning, 421-8637	
City Council Meeting	4/15, 7pm	Council Chambers	City Clerk, 421-8608	
Concert in the Park	4/19, 6pm	Peart Park	Parks & Recreation, 421-8677	

\$ Requires a Fee or Admission

Need a passport?



Questions? Call (520) 421-8608

As part of a national outreach event, the City Clerk's Office will be accepting passport applications on **Saturday, March 9** **8:00 AM - 12:00 PM** **City Clerk's Office** **510 E. Florence Blvd.**

Casa Grande Fine Art Explosion



Join us for the 6th Annual Casa Grande Fine Art Explosion!

Exhibitors selling fine art, photography, pottery, live music & more.

Free & open to the public.

Peart Park

350 E. 6th Street
Downtown

Saturday, March 9

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 10

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Featured Artists 2013

Edna Harris
Marilee Rosing