City Beat

January/February 2015

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Casa Grande Receives "Best Master Plan" Award for Life on Main Master Plan

The City of Casa Grande received a "Best Master Plan" award by the Arizona Chapter of the American Planning Association for the Life on Main Master Plan in downtown Casa Grande.

The Life on Main Master Plan provides a blue print for developing approximately 15 acres of vacant land that the City owns south of the Union Pacific Railroad in downtown Casa Grande. The City worked closely with Matrix Design Group to develop the Master Plan, which was approved by the Casa Grande City Council in August 2013.

The Master Plan is the result of a year-long planning process that included input from several meetings with the public, community stakeholders, and city officials. The Master Plan will help guide development in the area to attract more businesses, residents and an overall sense of vibrant downtown community.

To view the Life on Main Master Plan, visit www.casagrandeaz.gov and look under the "Items of Interest" tab.

Main Library Open House

Casa Grande Public Library will celebrate the renovations at the Main Library with an open house on Saturday, January 10 beginning with a ribbon cutting at 10:00 a.m. Activities will include a puppet show, magic show, crafts, and tours of the library.

The open house is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Casa Grande Public Library, who donated $50,000 toward new furniture at the Main Library.

WHEN

Saturday, January 10
10:00 a.m.
449 N. Dry Lake Street
Tours, Games & Shows!

CITY OF CASA GRANDE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

DISCOVER HOW **OUR CITY** WORKS

TOUR CITY FACILITIES

FREE TO JOIN

You Might Be Interested If You Are:

- Interested in your City and community and want to learn more.
- Involved in the community or you are just curious how the City works.
- New to Casa Grande or have lived here for a long time.
- Pay taxes and want to know how that money is being spent.
- Like to meet new, interesting people.
- Want to peek behind the scenes.

THURSDAYS FEB 5 – MAR 26 @ 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

APPLY ONLINE BETWEEN JAN 1ST - JAN 31ST FOR THIS 8 WEEK CLASS. THE 2015 CLASS IS LIMITED TO 25 PARTICIPANTS. OPEN TO CASA GRANDE RESIDENTS ONLY.

www.casagrandeaz.gov/LeadershipAcademy
(520) 421-8627

City of Casa Grande

Next Municipal Election in 2016

The City of Casa Grande will hold its next municipal election in August and November of 2016, a change that was made to comply with the City's charter and changes in state law.

Under its charter and in accordance with state law at the time, Casa Grande has traditionally held municipal elections in odd-numbered years, with the primary in March and general election in May. The next election in this cycle would normally be in March and May of 2015. Beginning with elections held in 2014, however, state law now requires all municipalities to hold local elections on the same schedule as those for statewide offices, in August and November of even-numbered years.

Due to the change in state law and pursuant to the City's charter, the terms of the Mayor and Council Members whose terms would ordinarily expire in 2015 or 2017 must now be extended until their successors are elected in 2016 or 2018.

Those interested in running for Mayor or a seat on the City Council in the 2016 election will be required to file a candidate packet with the City Clerk three months before the primary election. To learn more about the election process, contact the City Clerk at (520) 421-8608.

Street Fair & Car/Bike Show

January 17 & 18

2nd & Florence Streets in Historic Downtown

WHAT'S UP DOWN TOWN

Street Fair
January 17 - 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
January 18 - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Over 200 exhibitors selling art, pottery, jewelry, clothing, great food, entertainment & more!

Car & Bike Show
January 17 - 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Free Show & Shine
January 18- 10:00 am. - 3:00 p.m.

More info: (520) 836-8744
www.cgmainstreet.org

Local Librarian Recognized as Emerging Leader

Casa Grande Librarian Deanna Davis was the recipient of the 2014 Emerging Leader Award given by the Arizona Library Association.

The award recognizes individuals with strong leadership potential and encourages them to take on roles of increasing responsibility in library work. Davis is active in organizing many library programs for the community, including the Literati Book Club, which promotes literature through creative discussions and enlightening productions. She has worked for the Casa Grande Public Library since 2009.

License & Rabies Clinic

In Casa Grande, dogs and cats must have current rabies vaccinations and must be licensed if over 3 months old. This clinic is a convenient, affordable way to comply with the law and keep your pets healthy and safe.

Saturday, February 7
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
A Leash on Life Dog Park
2525 N. Pinal Avenue

Rabies Vaccinations $10

License Fee	Dog	Cat
Unaltered	$30	$20
Altered (spay/neuter)	$15	$10

Get Your Plate Now!
AZPETPLATES.ORG
The "Driving Force" For Fighting Pet Overpopulation

For more information, call the Finance Office at (520) 421-8600 or the Animal Care & Adoption Center at (520) 426-9300.

Earn it, Keep it, Save it

Have your taxes done for FREE!

United Way

If your household income is below $52,427 per year, you may qualify for an Earned Income Tax Credit of up to $6,143. United Way of Pinal County can help with IRS certified volunteers.

Call Frances at (520) 836-0736 or visit www.unitedwayofpc.org.

Ed Hooper Rodeo Grounds
2525 N. Pinal Ave.

Cowboy Days & O'odham Tash return to Casa Grande in 2015 for some wild west action, including professional ropings, barrel racing, all-Indian rodeos, and a parade on Florence Blvd. that will showcase the best of Native American and Western culture.

Admission tickets to O'odham Tash rodeo are $15 each, children 12 and under free. Admission tickets to the Ranch rodeo are $10 each, children 12 and under free. All proceeds benefit local organizations. All other arena events are free!

Schedule of Events

Saturday & Sunday, Feb. 14 & 15
1:00 p.m. - Ranch Rodeo

Monday, February 16
9:00 a.m. - Maple Leaf Classic

Friday, February 20
2:00 p.m. - Quad Nation Roping

Saturday, February 21
10:00 a.m. - Parade on Florence Blvd.

Saturday & Sunday, Feb. 21 & 22
1:00 p.m. - O'odham Tash Rodeo
All Native American softball tournament

For a complete schedule of events, visit www.casagrandecowboydays.com

Casa Grande HOA Academy 2015

The Leadership Centre is offering a six-session HOA Academy in Casa Grande beginning in February. This is a great opportunity to learn some basics about how HOAs operate in your community.

Classes are free for Casa Grande residents, $10 for non-Casa Grande residents. Sessions are planned from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Public Safety Facility located at 373 E. Val Vista Blvd.

Schedule and Topics

February 5, 2015 - Legal Aspects of HOAs

February 12, 2015 - CCRs

February 19, 2015 - Reserves

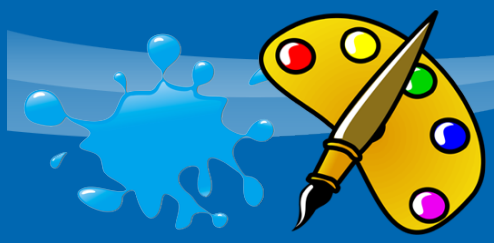
February 26, 2015 - HOA Insurance

March 5, 2015 - The Art of Dealing with Complaints

March 12, 2015 - Let's Party; Planning Events to Build Community

For more information and to register, contact The Leadership Centre at (480) 420-8521 or register online, www.theleadershipcentre.org

Plein Air Painting Event



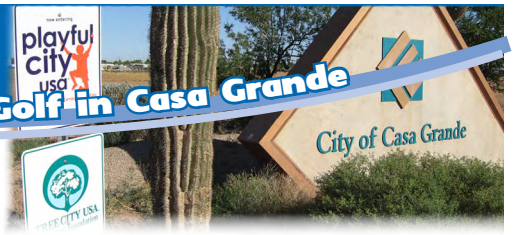
The Casa Grande Arts & Humanities Commission is sponsoring a Plein Air Painting Event on Saturday, February 21. The event is open to any artist who paints using the Plein Air technique in oil, watercolor, acrylic, or pastel. Plein Air paintings are executed outdoors from real life, as opposed to being painted from photographs in a studio.

All painting will take place within the Casa Grande city limits. Register the day of the event between 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. at the Woman's Club, 407 N. Sacaton Street.

For more information about the event, call the City Clerk's Office at (520)-421-8608.

Recreation Connection

Parks, Recreation, Library & Golf in Casa Grande



For a list of all classes/programs visit casagrandeaz.gov/rec

ADULT CLASSES

Please note that pre-registration is required for all classes. Visit casagrandeaz.gov/rec to register.

BELLY DANCE BASICS

This ancient art form improves posture and flexibility, increases self-confidence and tones and strengthens the muscles. All ability levels are welcome, so grab a hip scarf and let's shimmy!

Instructor: Samantha Page

Location: Peart Center

When: Tuesday, Jan. 13 – Feb. 17
Time: 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Ages: 16+
Fee: $30.00

INTRO TO PROFESSIONAL VOICE OVERS

This exciting class will explore numerous aspects of voice over work for television, film, radio, audio books, documentaries and the internet,

Location: Parks & Recreation, Armadillo Room

When: Wednesday, February 4
Time: 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Ages: 18+
Fee: $20.00

INSTANT GUITAR

This crash course will teach you some basic chords and get you playing along with your favorite songs right away. Bring your acoustic guitar. Required materials fee of $28 for workbook and practice DVD.

Instructor: Craig Coffman

Location: Parks & Recreation Bobcat Room

When: Tuesday February 10
Time: 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Ages: 16+
Fee: $25.00

SPANISH FOR TRAVELERS

Learn the essentials of conversational Spanish through opportunities to develop Spanish speaking and listening skills by pattern practice, repetition, and practical application. Course will feature basic sentence structure, pronunciation, and vocabulary to be applied to real life conversations. This class is offered in partnership with Central Arizona College (CAC).

Location: Parks & Recreation, Armadillo Room

When: Tue & Thur, Jan 21 – Feb 25
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Ages: 18+
Fee: $79

ZUMBA FOR ADULTS

Zumba is an aerobics program that combines Latin and international music with dance that makes exercise fun!

Instructor: Maria Ornelas

Location: Len Colla Recreation Center (Gymnasium)

When: Wednesday, January 7 - 28
Time: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Ages: 18+
Fee: $25.00 per month

YOUTH CLASSES

JUNIOR GOLF

Instruction includes putting, chipping, full swing, rules and etiquette. Some sessions may include on-course practice. We have junior clubs if you don't have your own clubs. Low student to instructor ratios; some sessions may require instructor approval. All skill levels.

Instructor: Jennifer Marsh, PGA

Location: Dave White Golf Course

When: Tue & Thu, Jan 13 - Feb 19
Time: 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Ages: 5-12
Fee: $55.00

LEN COLLA RECREATION CENTER

1105 E. 4th Street
(520) 421-8655

After School Kids Club

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 2:50 – 6PM
SATURDAY, 11AM – 3PM
$10 REGISTRATION FEE

The After School Kids Club program is a drop-in program for school age youth ages 5-17. We offer various activities such as homework help, arts & crafts, and gym activities. Questions? Call (520) 421-8655.

Thunderous Thursdays

2ND THURSDAYS, 5:30PM

Thunderous Thursdays is a social club for developmentally/physically disabled teens and adults. The activity in January will be Wii Bowling and Valentine's Craft in February. All activities are free of charge. Questions? Call (520) 421-8677, ext. 4523.

Community Services Department
(520) 421-8677 / www.casagrandeaz.gov/rec

DOROTHY POWELL SENIOR ADULTCENTER

405 E. 6th Street
(520) 421-8760

Senior Follies

FEBRUARY 26, 7:00 P.M.
Central Arizona College

Grab your guitar, dust off that old saxophone, start warming up your vocals and tapping your feet…it's time for the Casa Grande Senior Follies: A Senior Talent Showcase.

The 4th annual Senior Follies will provide an eclectic combination of talent over the age of 50. If you have a talent that can amaze an audience and earn you the crown, check out the open auditions for the show on Tuesday, Jan. 13 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. or on Wednesday, Jan. 14 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Auditions will be held at the Dorothy Powell Senior Adult Center. All types of talent are welcome.

TEEN CENTER

540 N. Camino Mercado, Suite 1-12
(520) 374-2764

The Teen Center offers a free supervised program, open to all Casa Grande teens in grades 6-12. Activities include: homework help, arts and crafts, computer lab, educational programs, video games, pool table, ping pong, foosball, dance programs and more! Register @ the Recreation Office, 404 E. Florence Blvd. or the Teen Center. Questions? Call Jeff Molner @ (520) 421-8677, ext. 4560.

Looking for a Summer Job?

We're looking for enthusiastic teens and adults to work with children's recreation programs or as staff at the aquatic center this summer.

Applications are available online and may be completed at www.casagrandeaz.gov **starting February 2, 2015.**

Classes @ Your Public Library

Branches: Main 449 N. Drylake St./Vista 1556 N. Arizola Rd.

All classes are free. For more information call (520) 421-8710 or (520) 421-8652.

BASIC COMPUTER CLASS
Wednesday Feb. 11th 11:00-1:00pm Vista

BASIC EXCEL CLASS
Wednesday Jan. 14th 11:00am-1:00pm Vista

INTERMEDIATE IPAD/IPHONE CLASS
Thursday Jan. 15th 2:30-4:30pm Main

ANDROID CLASS
Thursday Feb. 5th 2:30-4:30pm Main

MUSIC FOR LIL ONES
Friday Feb. 6th 10:30am Main

BEGINNING FACEBOOK CLASS
Thursday Feb. 12th 2:30-4:30pm Main

BEGINNING GENEALOGY
Friday Feb. 6th 10:00-11:30am Vista

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME
Tuesday Jan. 6th-27th 10:30-11:00am Main
Tue. Feb. 3rd, 17th, 24th 10:30-11:00am Main
Wed. Jan. 7th-28th 10:30-11:00am Vista
Wed. Feb. 4th-26th 10:30-11:00am Vista

TODDLER STORYTIME
Thu. Jan. 8th-29th 9:30-11:00am Vista
Thu. Feb. 5th-27th 9:30-11:00am Vista

ARIZONA HUMANITIES COUNCIL PRESENTER SERIES
The Ballad of Arizona: Our First 100 Years
Friday Jan. 23rd 12:00-2:00pm Main
Ancient Landscapes of Arizona
Monday Feb. 23rd 12:00-2:00pm Main

SONORAN DESERT NATURE ACTIVITIES
Saturday Feb. 7th 1:00-2:00pm Vista

VALENTINE'S DAY STORYTIME
Tuesday Feb. 10th 10:30-11:00am Main

RELATIONSHIP GURU
Wednesday Feb. 11th 2:00pm Vista

MATCHBOX CARS PLAY DAY
Monday Feb. 2nd 10:00am Main

LIBRARY BUDDIES PLAY GROUP
Mon Jan. 12th & 26th 10:00-11:00am Main
Mon Feb. 9th & 23rd 10:00-11:00am Main

TEEN MAKER SPACE
A creative space for teens to make music, art, poetry and more!
Tuesday Jan. 13th 3:00-4:45pm Vista
Tuesday Feb. 10th 3:00-4:45pm Vista

GOLF 101 - Beginner
Learn the fundamentals of golf: rules, etiquette, stance, grip, and swing techniques.
Instructor: Jennifer Marsh, PGA
Location: Dave White Golf Course

When: Mondays, 2/2 - 3/2
Time: 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Ages: 18+ Fee: $35

Call (520) 836-9216 to sign up.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/MEETINGS

For more events/meetings, visit www.casagrandeaz.gov

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2015

1/5 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.

1/6 Planning & Zoning Commission, 6 p.m.
City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.

1/6 Unity March & Celebration, 12:30 p.m.
City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.

1/17-18 2015 Street Fair & Car Show
Historic Downtown Casa Grande
Florence & Second Streets

2/2 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.

2/3 Downtown Street Scene
"Art and Jazz Fest," 5:30 p.m.
Florence & Second Streets

2/5 Planning & Zoning Commission, 6 p.m.
City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.

2/13-22 Casa Grande Cowboy Days & O'Odham Tash $
Ed Hooper Rodeo Grounds
2525 N. Pinal Ave.

2/17 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.

2/21 Plein Air Painting Event, 8a.m. - 4p.m.
Woman's Club, 407 N. Sacaton St.

2/21 Casa Grande Cowboy Days & O'Odham Tash Parade, 10a.m.
Florence Blvd., Florence St.

$ Requires a fee or admission

City Offices Closed on January 19 and February 16

All City offices, including the Landfill, will be closed Monday, January 19 and Monday, February 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Presidents' Day.

Trash/recycling collection will be affected. Learn more at www.casagrandeaz.gov/dept/publicworks/solid-waste/trash-schedule

City Contacts

Area Code is 520

Animal Control	426-9300
Building	421-8630
City Attorney	421-8600
City Clerk	421-8608
City Court	421-8675
City Manager	421-8600
Finance	421-8601
Fire Department	421-8777
Golf Course	836-9216
Housing	421-8670
Human Resources	421-8600
Landfill	421-8628
Library	421-8710
Parks & Recreation	421-8677
Police Department	421-8711
Planning/Zoning	421-8637
Public Works	421-8625
Senior Center	421-8760

City Council

Robert Jackson, *Mayor*
Mary Kortsen, *Mayor Pro Tempore*
Dick Powell, *Councilmember*
Karl Montoya, *Councilmember*
Matt Herman, *Councilmember*
Lisa Fitzgibbons, *Councilmember*
Ralph Varela, *Councilmember*

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