City Beat

January/February 2016

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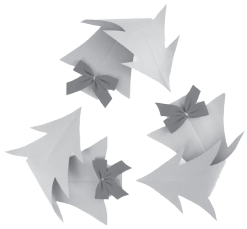
Christmas Tree Recycling Drop-Off Locations



The City of Casa Grande Sanitation Division will collect expired Christmas trees for recycling at nine (9) Tree-Cycle sites located throughout the City. Tree-Cycle containers will be made available to the public from December 26th through January 8th. All collection containers will be marked with signs labeled "Christmas Tree Recycling".

Tree Cycle Drop-Off Locations

1. Carr McNatt Park: 1115 N. Casa Grande Ave. (South West parking lot of Casa Grande Ave. and 10th St).
2. Trekell Rd. and Palm Park Blvd. (South West corner onto the empty lot).
3. 6th St. and Trekell Rd. (Center of property).
4. Schultz St. and O'Neil Dr. (South East corner).
5. Peart Rd. and Cottonwood Ln. (800 feet North of Cottonwood Ln., East side of Peart Road).
6. Villago Park: 3368 N. Pinal Ave. (North East corner of parking lot).
7. Rotary Park: 2220 N. Trekell Rd. (South end of parking lot).
8. Ed Hooper Rodeo Park: 2525 N. Pinal Ave. (North West corner of Pinal Ave. and Rodeo Rd.)
9. City of Casa Grande Landfill: 5200 S. Chui Chu Rd. (Please inform the gate attendant that you have a Christmas tree to recycle and you will be directed to the drop off location onsite).

Christmas trees will be chipped at the landfill (5200 S. Chui Chu Rd.) and made available, at no fee, to the public to use as mulch. Residents requesting to receive the mulch are asked to bring necessary equipment to load and haul the tree chippings.

Questions? Contact the Public Works Sanitation Division at (520) 421-8625. You may also visit the website to view Tree-Cycle locations at www.casagrandeaz.gov under "Quick Links".

City Launches New Alarm Registration Program

The City has implemented a new system to help reduce the number of false alarms. Residents and businesses will continue to be required to register their alarms annually with this new system. The cost remains $10. Registration can be done by phone at 1-855-905-0605 or online at www.crywolfservices.com/casagrandeaz. Questions? Visit www.casagrandeaz.gov/alarmpermit or call (520) 421-8627.

CITY OF CASA GRANDE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

DISCOVER HOW OUR CITY WORKS

TOUR CITY FACILITIES

FREE TO JOIN

YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN THE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY IF YOU ARE:

- Interested in your community and want to learn more.
- Involved in the community or want to know how the City works.
- New to Casa Grande or have lived here for a long time.
- Curious how your tax dollars are being spent.
- Wanting to peek behind the scenes.

THURSDAYS FEB 4 - MAR 24 @ 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

APPLY ONLINE BETWEEN DEC 14 - JAN 8 FOR THIS 8 WEEK CLASS.
THE 2016 CLASS IS LIMITED TO 25 PARTICIPANTS.
OPEN TO CASA GRANDE RESIDENTS ONLY.

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

City of Casa Grande

Help Reduce Pet Overpopulation: Spay or Neuter Your Pet for FREE!

The Arizona Companion Animal Spay and Neuter Committee awarded the City of Casa Grande Animal Care & Adoption Center a $10,000 grant to assist with spay and neuter surgery costs. This is the fourth year the City has been awarded this grant. The grant funds were made available from the support and sales of the Arizona Companion Animal Spay and Neuter Pet Friendly License Plates.

AZPETPLATES.ORG
The "Driving Force" For Fighting Pet Overpopulation

Residents who live in the Casa Grande city limits can apply to spay or neuter their pets at no cost. Only two pets per household are eligible. Pets must be at least three months old and have a current rabies vaccination. A rabies vaccination certificate must be presented or one will be provided at the time of the surgery at a cost of $10.

Pet owners who are interested in participating in the program must fill out an application to receive a voucher. Application forms are available at the Finance Office (510 E. Florence Blvd., Building B) or by calling the Animal Care & Adoption Center at (520) 426-9300. The voucher only covers the cost of the spay or neuter. The pet owner has no obligation to receive additional services other than the rabies vaccination. Once applications have been submitted, staff will call within a week to schedule a surgery date.

The Animal Care & Adoption Center will continue to give out spay and neuter vouchers to residents who live in the Casa Grande city limits until grant money is depleted.

Street Fair & Car Show

January 16 & 17

2nd & Florence Streets in Historic Downtown

January 16 - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
January 17 - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Over 200 exhibitors selling art, pottery, jewelry, clothing, great food, entertainment & more!

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

WHAT'S UP DOWN TOWN

Cox Channel 11 Programming

City Scene: Your Inside Look at Casa Grande

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

Parade of Paws

Program that features pets available for adoption.
Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Sunday
7:00 am, 11:00 am, & 7:00 pm

Council Meetings

Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Sunday
12:00 pm & 8:00 pm

Electric Light Parade

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday
12:00 pm & 8:00 pm

Funds Available to Help with Home Repairs

The City of Casa Grande has limited funds available in the form of grants to rehabilitate owner-occupied homes within the city limits. Items eligible for repair may be individual or a combination of roof, heating and cooling, electrical, flooring, plumbing and structural components. Income restrictions apply.

Household Size

1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons
$35,850	$41,000	$46,100	$51,200

Housing staff also provides housing related counseling and referrals to other agenceis when necessary.

To learn more about housing assistance programs, visit www.casagrandeaz.gov/dept/planning/housing-division or call the Housing Office at (520) 421-8670.

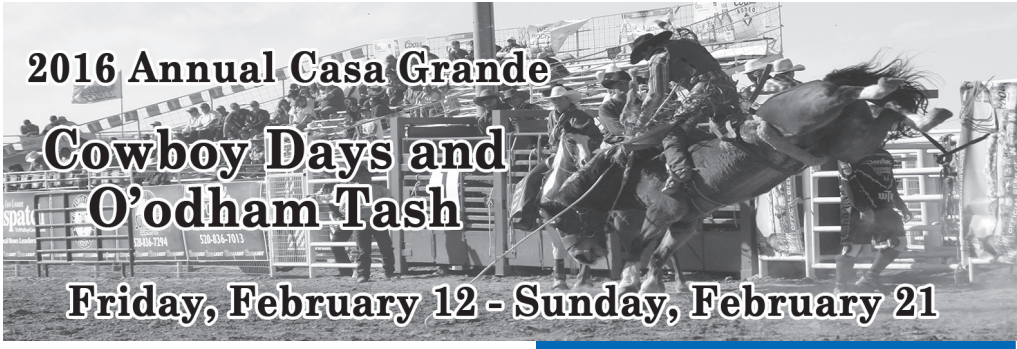
The Housing Office is located at 510 E. Florence Blvd. and is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

City Offices Closed on January 18 and February 15

All City offices, including the Landfill, and both libraries, will be closed Monday, January 18 and Monday, February 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Presidents' Day.

Trash and recycling collection will be affected. Trash normally picked up on a Monday will be picked up on Tuesday, and Tuesday collection will be picked up on Wednesday. Recycling normally picked up on Monday will be picked up on Tuesday along with normal Tuesday pick up.

See the complete holiday trash schedule at www.casagrandeaz.gov/dept/publicworks/solid-waste/trash-schedule.



Ed Hooper Rodeo Grounds
2525 N. Pinal Ave.

Cowboy Days & O'odham Tash returns to Casa Grande in 2016 for some wild west action, including professional ropings, barrel racing, all-Indian rodeos, and a parade on Florence Blvd. which will showcase the best of Native American and Western culture.

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

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

Parks and Recreation Launches Adopt-a-Trail Program

The Parks and Recreation Department has developed an Adopt-a-Trail Program so volunteers can adopt trail sections to assist with maintaining, enhancing and monitoring the trails and trailhead at Casa Grande Mountain.

Who Can Adopt a Trail?

Anyone with an interest in trails and the outdoors is welcome to participate. Individuals, families, businesses, community and service organizations, churches, schools and scout troops are all examples of volunteers. Individuals under 16 years of age, however, must be accompanied by an adult.

Why Should You Participate?

Adopting a trail section provides an opportunity for you to be actively involved in conservation and preservation. Helping to maintain and enhance the trails improves the resource for all to enjoy. The effort brings trail and nature enthusiasts closer to the environment and their community. Volunteers will enjoy the time they spend outdoors and the personal satisfaction gained through volunteerism.

What Do Volunteers Do?

Adopt-A-Trail volunteers assist park maintenance staff in maintaining the trail system, including:

- Keeping the trail surface free of sticks, rocks and other debris
- Pruning small limbs from the trail corridor
- Cleaning debris from trails and trailhead
- Litter clean-up
- Cleaning water bars and drainage ditches
- Reporting erosion problems, suspicious or illegal activities, vandalism and safety issues

Questions? Contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (520) 421-8600 ext. 4690 or visit www.casagrandeaz.gov/rec/parks/adopt-a-trail/ for an information packet and application.

Recreation Connection

Parks, Recreation, Library & Golf in Casa Grande

For a complete list of classes and programs, visit casagrandeaz.gov/rec

ADULT CLASSES

Please note that pre-registration is required for all classes. Visit casagrandeaz.gov/rec to view a complete list of Spring classes or to register. Registration begins January 4.

BELLY DANCE BASICS

This class teaches you all the basic movements used in belly dance! Learn the beautiful art of belly dance while getting in shape in a no-impact, full body workout that will build core strength, grace, and confidence.

Location: Parks and Recreation

When: Tuesdays, Jan 12– Feb 23
Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Ages: 16+
Fee: $30.00

POST HOLIDAY DETOX AND RESET

Get back on track after the holiday season through a three week detoxification program. Cleanse, replace, and rebalance your body to optimize your health for a healthy start to a new year.

Location: Woman's Club

When: Thursdays, Jan 7 - 21
Time: 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm
Ages: 18+
Fee: $35.00

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.

Location: Parks & Recreation

When: Tuesday January 12
Time: 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Ages: 16+
Fee: $25.00

FUN WHILE LEARNING TO COUPON

Would you like to save hundreds of dollars per year by learning how to coupon? By starting slowly, you will learn how to collect and organize your coupons in as little as 5 to 10 minutes per week. Cost of required supplies is not included.

Location: Parks and Recreation

When: Saturday, February 27
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Ages: 18+
Fee: $29.00

ADULT SPORTS

SPRING ADULT SPORTS

Several adult sports will be offered throughout the Spring season, including men's and co-rec softball, men's basketball, and co-rec volleyball. Various days and times are available.

Locations: Len Colla Recreation Center
Paul Mason Sportsplex

For more information regarding adult sports leagues, please contact Matt Jankowski at (520) 421-8677 ext. 4540.

YOUTH CLASSES

YOUTH GYMNASTICS

A variety of youth gymnastics classes will be offered this Spring, from Beginner level to Advanced. Ages range from 42 months to 17 years old. Classes begin on Monday, January 25 and times vary. For more information, please contact Jeff Molner at (520) 421-8677, ext. 4560.

MOMMY AND ME TUMBLING

Mom and toddler will learn basic tumbling skills while exploring the gymnastic equipment.

Location: Parks & Recreation

When: Mondays, Jan 25 - April 11
Time: 10:45 am – 11:35 am
Ages: 2yrs - 42 months
Fee: $50.00

LEN COLLA RECREATION CENTER

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

After School Kids Club

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 2:50 PM – 6 PM
SATURDAY, 11AM – 3 PM
$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 and crafts, and gym activities. Questions? Call (520) 421-8655.

Thunderous Thursdays

2ND THURSDAYS, 5:00 PM

Thunderous Thursdays is a social club for developmentally/physically disabled teens and adults. Bingo Night will be January's activity and Februrary's will be a Valentine craft. Pre-registration is required. 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 24, 3:00 PM AND
FEBRUARY 25, 7:00 PM
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 5th 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 January 19, 2016. Auditions will be held on a first-come, first-served basis at the Dorothy Powell Senior Adult Center. All types of talent are welcome.

UNITY MARCH & CELEBRATION

Len Colla Recreation Center
1105 E. 4th Street
January 15th | 12:30 pm

The City of Casa Grande Community Services Department and Villago Middle School, with the support of the Casa Grande Police Department, woud like to invite you for the Unity March! This annual celebration honors the legacy of civil rights leader, Martin Luther King, Jr.

Please join our youth as they march from Len Colla Recreation Center to City Hall. Questions? Call Raylene Johns at (520) 421-8677, ext. 4523.

Pinal County Libary District Wants to Hear from You!

The Pinal County Library District is conducting a survey to find out what kind of books, videos, and other items would bring in more patrons. This process will find out what residents enjoy most about their libraries, and why they visit the library.

Share your thoughts with them by accessing the survey on the City website at www.casagrandeaz.gov/rec/library/

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.

WINDOWS 10
Wed. Jan. 20 11:00am-1:00pm Vista

KINDLE FIRE
Wed. Jan. 27 11:00am-1:00pm Vista

FACEBOOK
Wed. Feb. 24 11:00am-1:00pm Vista

BEGINNING IPAD
Thur. Jan. 21 2:30-4:30pm Main

APPS AND YOU
Thur. Feb. 4 2:30-4:30pm Main

BORROW IT DIGITALLY
Thur. Feb. 11 2:30-4:30pm Main

INTERMEDIATE EXCEL
Thur. Feb. 19 2:30-4:30pm Main

LUNCH BUNCH BOOK GROUP
Tue. Jan. 12 12:00-1:00pm Main
Tue. Feb. 9 12:00-1:00pm Main

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME
Tue. Jan. 5-26 10:30-11:00am Main
Tue. Feb. 2, 16, 23 10:30-11:00am Vista

YOGA FOR TOTS (AGES 3-5)
Fri. Jan. 8-29 11:00-11:30am Main
Fri. Feb. 5-26 11:00-11:30am Main

ARIZONA HUMANITIES COUNCIL PRESENTER SERIES
Armed with Our Language, We Went to War: The Navajo Code Talkers
Fri. Jan. 22 12:00-2:00pm Main
The New Deal in Arizona
Mon. Feb. 16 12:00-2:00pm Main

LITERATI ADULT BOOK CLUB
Wed. Jan. 6 12:00-1:00pm Vista
Wed. Feb. 3 12:00-1:00pm Vista

VALENTINE'S DAY STORYTIME
Tues. Feb. 9 10:30-11:00am Main

RESPAWN ADULT GAMING
Mon. Jan. 18 5:00-7:00pm Main
Mon. Feb. 15 5:00-7:00pm Main

LIBRARY BUDDIES PLAY GROUP
Mon. Jan. 25 10:00-11:00am Main
Mon. Feb. 22 & 29 10:00-11:00am Main

TEEN ACTIVITIES
Drop-in gaming, trivia, crafts, and movies.
Mon.-Fri. 3:00-4:30pm Vista

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 will be available online and recruitment will begin in early Spring.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/MEETINGS

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

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2016

1/4 City Council Meeting, 7 pm
City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.

1/6 Arts and Humanities Commission, 4:30 pm
City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.

1/6 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, 6 pm
City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.

1/7 Planning and Zoning Commission, 6 pm
City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.

1/9 Casa Grande Youth Commission, 10 am
City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.

1/15 Unity March and Celebration, 12:30 pm
Len Colla, 1105 E. 4th Street

1/19 City Council Meeting, 7 pm
City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.

1/25 Historic Preservation Commission, 6 pm
City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.

2/1 City Council Meeting, 7 pm
City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.

2/3 Arts and Humanities Commission, 4:30 pm
City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.

2/3 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, 6 pm
City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.

2/4 Planning and Zoning Commission, 6 pm
City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.

2/13 Casa Grande Youth Commission, 10 am
City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.

2/12-21 Casa Grande Cowboy Days & O'odham Tash
Ed Hooper Rodeo Grounds
2525 N. Pinal Ave.

2/16 City Council Meeting, 7 pm
City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.

2/22 Historic Preservation Commission, 6 pm
City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.

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