



# City Beat

July/August 2014



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## Stay Connected & Informed



### CasaGrandeAz.gov

With more than 20,000 visits per month, the city website is your one stop for city information. View complete City Council packets, submit issues and concerns, watch streaming video of council meetings, search public records, view the complete code of ordinances, sign up for recreation classes, pay your sewer/trash bill, access the Casa Grande Public Library, and much more.



### E-Newsletters

Sign up to receive weekly e-newsletters at casagrandeaz.gov. Simply click on the E-News button on the bottom of the home page and enter your email address. Choose to receive information about recreation events/classes, library events/classes, general city news and city council agendas.



### Social Media: Facebook.com/cityofcg & Twitter.com/cgazgov

Follow or Like us on Twitter and Facebook. It's a great way to keep informed about City events and show your pride by letting your friends see why Casa Grande is a great place. View more city social media accounts online under the Residents tab, Public Information Office.



### Cable Channel 11

Watch local programs on Cable Channel 11, including **City Scene** and **City Council** meetings. City Scene is a monthly program that features different projects/events happening in Casa Grande. The show offers giveaways to lucky viewers. It airs every Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Sunday at 7:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. Council meetings are broadcast live and rebroadcast every Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Sunday at 12 Noon and 8:00 p.m.



### MyCasaGrande Mobile App

See a pothole that needs filling? Sewer issues? Graffiti? Use the City of Casa Grande's mobile app to report issues. The app is called **MyCasaGrande** and is free to download for Apple and Android devices. Visit Google play or the Apple App Store online to download today.

### TAKE A BRIEF SURVEY

Tell us how you connect with us! Visit [www.casagrandeaz.gov](http://www.casagrandeaz.gov) to take a brief communications survey. Your input is important to us.

## Public Input Sought on Proposed Traffic Interchange



The public is invited to an open house on Wednesday, July 23 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 510 E. Florence Blvd. to share information and solicit public comments on a proposed traffic interchange at Kortsen Road along Interstate 10. A brief presentation will be conducted at 6:00 p.m.

The City of Casa Grande has contracted Jacobs Engineering to conduct a traffic interchange study. The purpose of the new traffic interchange will be to address projected increases in traffic resulting from population growth, residential development, and business development including PhoenixMart.

The study will evaluate the potential impact of this anticipated growth and development, and propose alternatives to help address the increasing traffic demand to and from I-10 in the Florence Blvd. corridor and in eastern Casa Grande.

Public input is an important part of the process and comments provided will help the study team fully understand public issues and make informed decisions regarding the study.

For more information visit the study website at [www.casagrandeaz.gov/KortsenRoadInterchange](http://www.casagrandeaz.gov/KortsenRoadInterchange)

If you are unable to attend, you can send your comments via email to [michael.okamoto@jacobs.com](mailto:michael.okamoto@jacobs.com). Please subject your message, "I-10/Kortsen Road Traffic Interchange Public Meeting 1."

## Sam's Club Opens in Casa Grande

Casa Grande Mayor Bob Jackson and other elected officials joined the community in May to celebrate the grand opening of Sam's Club.



Watch a short video on YouTube /cgazgov

Measuring approximately 136,000 square feet, the new club features a variety of members-only amenities, including a bakery, tire and battery center, café and fuel station.

A number of health and wellness services are also available, including a Pharmacy, an Optical Center and a Hearing Aid Center, all of which are open to both members and the public.

"Residents have been asking for a Casa Grande club for a while," said local Sam's Club Manager Eddie Valles. "We are excited to finally be opening here, and have created a club full of the merchandise the community is looking for."

During the grand opening Sam's Club donated \$25,000 to local non-profits, including the Boys and Girls Club and the Casa Grande Food Bank. The new Casa Grande club store provides over 150 new jobs to the community.

Sam's Club is located at 2425 E. Florence Blvd. across from The Promenade Mall.

## Casa Grande Named Playful City USA Community

The City of Casa Grande was recognized by national non-profit KaBOOM! as a 2014 Playful City USA community for providing ample opportunities for play and developing unique local action plans to increase the quantity and quality of play in the community. Casa Grande was one of only 212 communities across the country to earn this honor. This is the sixth year Casa Grande has earned the national recognition.

Most recently, the City of Casa Grande received recognition by the National League of Cities Let's Move! initiative for mapping all play spaces in the community, completing an assessment of the play spaces, and developing an action plan to increase access to physical activity. The action plan identified more opportunities for recreation, including the Largest Swim Lesson at the Palm Island Aquatics Park in June, an Annual Day of Play at Carr McNatt Park and expanded hours at the Len Colla Recreation Center.

To learn more about recreational opportunities in Casa Grande, sign up for a class, or find a park near you, visit [www.casagrandeaz.gov/rec](http://www.casagrandeaz.gov/rec)



### RECREATION SURVEY

The Parks & Recreation Division wants to hear from you! Please visit the city website to take a brief survey about our marketing efforts & programs.



Casa Grande Municipal Court Administrator Dyani Marie Juarez became a Fellow of the Institute for Court Management (ICM) having successfully completed the rigorous requirements of ICM's Fellow Program. Juarez joined 18 other court professionals from across the United States in a graduation ceremony at the Supreme Court in Washington, D.C.

The ICM Fellows Program is the only program of its kind in the United States. This professional certification program was established more than 44 years ago, in part, by Chief Justice of the United States Warren E. Burger in his call for improving the management of court administration.

Juarez has been employed by the Casa Grande Municipal Court since 2001. She completed her first ICM course in 2006 and has since taken the necessary steps to become a Fellow. Juarez's research paper focused on alternatives for helping seriously mentally ill individuals navigate the criminal justice system, especially in limited jurisdiction courts dealing with minor offenses.

The National Center for State Courts is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the administration of justice by providing leadership, research, technology, education and training to the state courts.

## Casa Grande Municipal Airport Enhancement Project

Over the past two years, the City of Casa Grande has been making much needed improvements and repairs to the Casa Grande Municipal Airport located at 3232 N. Lear Avenue.

The most recent effort has been the Airport Enhancement Project, which aims to update and improve the terminal building and surrounding landscaping to promote the airport in a professional and welcoming manner. To accomplish this goal, the City held a design competition and invited Arizona universities and colleges with architectural and/or interior design programs to participate.



Two teams submitted design concepts: Ashley Dolph & Marquessa Powers from the Art Institute of Phoenix, and Christina Kenny, Lindsay Duval, Brooke Erickson and Mitch Chernow from the American Institute of Interior Design. Teams were asked to incorporate elements of the community into their design concepts.

The public also had an opportunity to vote for their favorite design concepts online during the month of May. The team members' names and school logo will be incorporated into the final design, which will be implemented at the municipal airport over the next six months.

View design concepts online at [www.casagrandeaz.gov](http://www.casagrandeaz.gov), just look under the "Items of Interest" tab on the homepage.

## Railroad Art Plaza in Downtown Casa Grande



The Casa Grande Arts & Humanities Commission works year-round to ensure that art and culture are alive and well in the community. The Commission's latest project is a grant-funded future railroad art plaza in downtown that will be located in the Life on Main area along Washington Street between Main Avenue and 1st Avenue. The Commission selected artist Evelyn Davis and landscape architect Allen Gross to create conceptual design plans for the construction and development of the future railroad art plaza.

Gross and Davis plan to install six life-size bronze statues of railroad figures, along with a caboose, in the area. A water feature, benches made from rail parts and cut-outs of historic trains are also planned. The artists held a public meeting in May to seek feedback from the community. Ideas and suggestions from resident input will be incorporated into the final design plans, which will be presented to the City Council and voted in August.

For more information about the project you can contact City Clerk Remy Miller at (520) 421-8608 or [rsmiller@casagrandeaz.gov](mailto:rsmiller@casagrandeaz.gov). You can also view design concepts online, [www.casagrandeaz.gov](http://www.casagrandeaz.gov). Just look under the "Items of Interest" tab on the homepage.

## Court Administrator Becomes Fellow of Institute for Court Management

## Mary Kortsen Appointed Mayor Pro Tempore

On June 2 members of the Casa Grande City Council unanimously voted to name Mary Kortsen the new Mayor Pro Tempore. Kortsen replaces Lisa Fitzgibbons, who served as Mayor Pro Tempore for a year. By City ordinance, a Mayor Pro Tempore is selected by the City Council every year to serve a one-year term.



The duties of the Mayor Pro Tempore are similar to those of a Vice Mayor, in that he/she conducts official city business in the absence of the Mayor. Kortsen has been a member of the Casa Grande City Council since 2007 and is currently serving her second term on the City Council. This is also her second time serving as Mayor Pro Tempore.

Contact Mayor Pro Tempore Kortsen at (520) 421-8600 or [mkortsen@casagrandeaz.gov](mailto:mkortsen@casagrandeaz.gov)

## City Offices Closed on July 4

### Trash & Recycling Schedule

Trash & recycling normally collected on Friday, July 4 will be collected on Saturday, July 5.



The Casa Grande Landfill will be closed on Friday, July 4. The landfill will return to normal operating hours (7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) on Saturday, July 5. If you have any questions, call (520) 421-8625.

## Wastewater Rate Change

Please note that all residential customers will see a \$2.75 increase in their city utility bill in September for August services. The City Council approved the sewer rate increase after a series of public meetings and hearings in June. This increase is solely attributed to existing debt service requirements to expand the wastewater plant. Visit the city website to view an entire wastewater rate report:

[www.casagrandeaz.gov](http://www.casagrandeaz.gov)  
Items of Interest  
FY 2015 Budget Information

## Summer Camp Offers Glimpse to Career in Fire Service



Watch a short video on [YouTube /cgazgov](https://www.youtube.com/c/cgazgov)

For the first time, the Casa Grande Fire Department offered a Fire Service Camp to middle school students interested in a career in fire service. The camp was held in June and was meant to teach children about fire safety, life-saving resources, and what it's like to have a career in the fire service industry.

Students had the opportunity to learn about a variety of public safety related services, including proper CPR procedures, incident management, arson investigations, and confined space rescue. They got to visit a hazardous materials crew and truck, a Native Air rescue helicopter, drive a fire truck simulator, and dress in firefighter gear. They also heard from several public safety professionals about how to prepare for a job interview and the characteristics of leadership. The week-long summer camp concluded with a graduation ceremony.



The summer camp was sponsored by the Casa Grande Elementary School District, the Arizona Business and Education Coalition, and other local sponsors. Students from Central Arizona Valley Institute of Technology (CAVIT) also participated in the camp. The Fire Service Camp was one of five career camps available to Casa Grande middle school students.



**FAST  
FACT**

The Casa Grande Fire Department offers a Fire Explorer program for youth ages 14 to 21. To learn more, call (520) 421-8777.

## PhoenixMart and Friends Make \$35k Investment to Casa Grande Middle School for Mobile Computer Science Lab

PhoenixMart and their business "Friends" in the community presented a \$35,000 check to Science Foundation Arizona (SFAz) and Casa Grande Middle School in May to fund a mobile computer science lab and allow for twice as many students to participate in Casa Grande Middle School's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Academy.



Watch the presentation on [YouTube /cgazgov](https://www.youtube.com/c/cgazgov)

The school's STEM Academy is key to ensuring students have the opportunity to become part of a skilled and qualified workforce for Arizona's future. Casa Grande Middle School's STEM program currently includes 90 sixth-graders. Next year, it's expected to reach 180 students with the new funding. The school eventually expects to expand the program to a school-wide model.

Other donating entities included Bank of America, Walton Development & Management (USA), Ultrastarmovies, Corporate Interior Systems, Family Entertainment Center of Maricopa and Leezie Kim, Attorney with Quarles & Brady.

# Make a Splash @ Palm Island Aquatics Park

1115 N. Brown Avenue

## ADMISSION

Children (Under 17).....\$1  
 Adults.....\$2

## SEASON FAMILY PASS

(Immediate family only).....\$75  
 (up to 4 members, \$15 add'l)

## SUMMER POOL PASS (20 VISITS)

Children (17 and under).....\$18  
 Adults.....\$28

## OPEN SWIM

**Now - August 3**

Tuesday-Sunday, 12:30PM-4:30PM

**August 9 - August 31**

Weekends only, 12:30PM-4:30PM

## POOL SAFETY TIPS

If you plan to swim elsewhere, always supervise children, create barriers & know CPR.

- Assign an adult to supervise children in and around the swimming pool and spa.
- Have a fence enclosure that isolates your swimming pool and spa from the home, play areas, front and side yards and the neighbor's yard.
- Learn how to perform Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). The Casa Grande Fire Department offers 1st Aid and CPR classes once a month for the public. To register for classes, visit [www.casagrandeaz.gov/cprclasses](http://www.casagrandeaz.gov/cprclasses) or call the Fire Department, (520) 421-8777.

# WHAT'S UP DOWN TOWN

## SUMMER 2014

### Weekend Events

### JULY

**July 5:** First Saturday, Exit 185 Comedy Improv, Western Trading Post, 520-426-7702  
**July 10:** Food Drinks and Fun Disco Bingo! @ The Museum, [www.cgvhs.org](http://www.cgvhs.org) or 520-836-2223  
**July 12:** Second Saturday @ The Museum, Pan Dulce Dance Party  
[www.cgvhs.org](http://www.cgvhs.org) or 520-836-2223  
**July 19:** Western Collectibles Auction, Western Trading Post, [TotallyWestern.com](http://TotallyWestern.com)  
**July 25:** State of Mind Cheeseburger Friday, Bedillon's, 520-836-2045

### AUGUST

**August 2:** First Saturday, Exit 185 Comedy Improv, Western Trading Post, 520-426-7702  
**August 9:** Second Saturday @ The Museum, With Her Voice Live Theatre  
[www.cgvhs.org](http://www.cgvhs.org) or 520-836-2223  
**August 16:** Western Collectibles Auction, Western Trading Post, [TotallyWestern.com](http://TotallyWestern.com)  
**August 29:** State of Mind Cheeseburger Friday, Bedillon's, 520-836-2045

## License & Rabies Clinic

**Saturday, July 19**  
**8 a.m. - 10 a.m.**  
**Gilbert Park**  
**1140 E. Trinity Place**

**Rabies Vaccinations \$10**

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

Questions? Call (520) 426-9300

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS/MEETINGS For more events/meetings, visit [www.casagrandeaz.gov](http://www.casagrandeaz.gov)

| EVENT                        | DATE/TIME          | LOCATION              | CONTACT                         | Area Code 520 |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Fourth of July Bash          | 7/4, 7pm           | Paul Mason Sportsplex | Parks & Recreation, 421-8677    |               |
| City Council Meeting         | 7/7, 7pm           | Council Chambers      | City Clerk, 421-8608            |               |
| Last Chance Summer Dance     | 7/11, 6pm          | Teen Center           | Parks & Recreation, 421-8677    |               |
| Peter Pan Jr. Theatre        | 7/11, 7:30pm       | Vista Grande          | Parks & Recreation, 421-8677 \$ |               |
| Peter Pan Jr. Theatre        | 7/12, 2:30, 7:30pm | Vista Grande          | Parks & Recreation, 421-8677 \$ |               |
| City Council Meeting         | 7/21, 7pm          | Council Chambers      | City Clerk, 421-8608            |               |
| Kids Park & Shop             | 7/26, 7am          | Peart Park            | Parks & Recreation, 421-8677 \$ |               |
| City Council Meeting         | 8/4, 7pm           | Council Chambers      | City Clerk, 421-8608            |               |
| Arts & Humanities Commission | 8/6, 4:30pm        | Council Chambers      | City Clerk, 421-8608            |               |
| Planning/Zoning Commission   | 8/7, 6pm           | Council Chambers      | Planning, 421-8637              |               |
| City Council Meeting         | 8/18, 7pm          | Council Chambers      | City Clerk, 421-8608            |               |

\$ Requires a Fee or Admission

# Dave White Municipal Golf Course

## 2014 Summer Passes

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(520) 836-9216 2121 N. Thornton Road, Casa Grande

## 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