



City Beat

March/April 2015



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Public Input Needed for CDBG Entitlement Process

The City of Casa Grande is applying to become a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement City to receive funds from the US Department of Housing & Community Development (HUD). In order for Casa Grande to become a CDBG Entitlement Community, the City must develop and submit a Five-Year Consolidated Plan which addresses community development needs affecting low-and moderate-income residents.

The public is invited to learn more and provide input at the public meeting scheduled in March:

Wednesday, March 11
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Armando Anaya Community Center,
1491 N. Crane Street

A survey is also available online:
www.casagrandeaz.gov

For more information contact Leila DeMaree, ldemaree@casagrandeaz.gov or Steven Turner, Steven_turner@casagrandeaz.gov.

Public Safety Awareness Day

 **Saturday, March 21**
10 a.m. - 2 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.

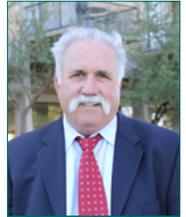
FREE services!

- VIN Etching
- Prescription Drug Turn-In
- Animal Care & Adoption Center
- Home Security Advice
- Neighborhood Watch Program
- S.W.A.T.

For more information call 421-8711 Ext. 6760.

State of the City Address on March 19

Casa Grande Mayor Bob Jackson will present his State of the City Address on Thursday, March 19 at 12:15 p.m. at the Holiday Inn located at 777 N. Pinal Avenue. The Mayor will highlight major accomplishments in 2014 and share his thoughts about future projects. A special video presentation will be shown that showcases Casa Grande as a destination for business, family, and recreation.



Mayor Bob Jackson

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 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.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week 2015

The City Attorney's Office, in partnership with other agencies in Pinal County, invites the community to participate in a week-long celebration to honor and remember those who have been a victim of crime. The week-long events are also an opportunity to learn about crime victims' rights.



National Crime Victims' Rights Week 2015 runs from April 19 through April 25. This year's theme is "Engaging Communities: Empowering Victims."

Events in Casa Grande

Wednesday, April 22 5:00 p.m.

Victims' Rights Training, 373 E. Val Vista Blvd.

A representative from the Arizona Attorney General's Office will talk about victims' rights and the resources and services available to them. Event contact: Sylvia Procela, (520) 208-0602.

Friday, April 24 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Community Event & Candlelight Vigil to honor all crime victims at Promenade Plaza near Harkins Theatre, 1005 N. Promenade Pkwy. Event contact: Sylvia Procela, (520) 208-0602.

For more information about all events, visit the Pinal County Attorney's Office online at www.pinalcountyaz.gov/countyattorney.

Locally, the City of Casa Grande Victim Assistance Program provides services to victims of crime. If you or someone you know is a victim of crime, call (520) 421-8600 Ext. 3440 and ask to speak with Victim Services Specialist Terry Montijo.

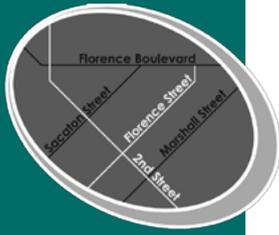
Arbor Day Tree Planting Celebration on March 13

The local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), in partnership with the City of Casa Grande and other sponsors, will host a tree planting ceremony to celebrate Arbor Day at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 13 at Peart Park located at 350 E. 6th Street. Students from local schools will help plant a tree. The community is invited to participate in the event.

This year's Arbor Day tree will be a Chinese Pistache, a tree that grows to about 40 feet high with a 35 foot spread in Arizona. The Chinese Pistache is remarkably tolerant of aridity, heat and alkaline soil. Its dark green foliage and umbrella top provide excellent shade on hot summer days.

For more information about the event, contact Ann Dessert at (520) 426-3710.

WHAT'S UP DOWN TOWN



FIRST Tuesdays Downtown Street Scene

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Florence Street and 2nd Street

"Western Heritage" - March 3

"Feria" - April 7

Live Entertainment, Food & More!

THIRD Tuesdays Day Out Downtown

9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Historical Walking Tour

Merchant Scavenger Hunt

Outdoor Market

To learn more, visit www.cgmainstreet.org

Creature Feature



Hi. My name is Boxcar. I am a 2-year-old male Yorkie/Terrier mix. I am white and brown in color. I am shy but sweet, and I walk well on a leash.

If you are interested in adopting me or any of my friends, call the City of Casa Grande Animal Care & Adoption Center at (520) 426-9300 and leave a message. Staff will call you back. The shelter is located at 202 E. First Ave. Most animals available for adoption can also be seen on Cox Cable Channel 11 and casagrandeaz.gov.



Get Your Plate Now!

Recycle Your E-Waste

The Sanitation Division will be hosting an E-Cycle event on Saturday, April 4 from 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Parks & Recreation Building parking lot located at 404 E. Florence Blvd.

Electronic devices accepted during the event include flat screen monitors, keyboards, copiers, printers, televisions (flat screen only), 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.

E-Cycle 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.

Learn How to Properly Use Alarms to Avoid False Alarms

Each year false alarms cost all of us millions of dollars and thousands of wasted man hours.

Properly installed, used, and maintained, security alarms are a real asset to homeowners because they help protect lives and property. In Casa Grande, all residents who operate a security alarm system are required to have a permit.

The Casa Grande Police Department offers FREE classes to residents interested in learning more about how to properly use their security alarm system. The instructor will explain how fees are assessed for false alarms, how police officers respond to false alarms, how to properly cancel false alarms, and how to avoid false alarms.

All who attend receive a \$50 waiver certificate toward their false alarm cost recovery fees. Waiver certificate expires one year from issue date. One per year allowed. One certificate per address. Non-transferable. Must have a valid permit at the time of registration. Only one class



Class Schedule

- Tuesday, March 17
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 7
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 21
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Location

Public Safety Facility
373 E. Val Vista Blvd.
Casa Grande, AZ 85122

Classes are FREE
Space is limited

To register, contact Alarm Coordinator Sheila Chavez at (520) 421-8711 ext. 6570 or schavez@casagrandeaz.gov

Cox Channel 11 Programs

City Scene: Your Inside Look at Casa Grande

Monthly program that features different projects/events happening in Casa Grande. The show offers movie tickets 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.

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.

BASIC INTERIOR DESIGN: PART 1

Learn about the effects of color on people, environment and space planning, focal point design, furniture arrangement, de-cluttering and organizing your space.

Instructor: CAC Staff

Location: Parks & Recreation, Armadillo Room

When: Saturday, Apr. 4 – Apr. 11
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Ages: 18+
Fee: \$29

GOLF 101: BEGINNER

Have you always wanted to learn how to play golf but have never made the time? Come learn the fundamentals of golf from a PGA professional. Students will learn the rules, proper etiquette of golf, stance, grip and swing technique.

Instructor: Jennifer Marsh, PGA

Location: Dave White Golf Course

When: Monday, Mar. 9 - Mar. 30
Time: 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Ages: 18+
Fee: \$35

SPANISH FOR TRAVELERS: INTERMEDIATE

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.

Instructor: CAC Staff

Location: Parks & Recreation, Armadillo Room

When: Wednesday, Mar. 4 – Apr. 8
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Ages: 18+
Fee: \$79

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, Mar. 3 - Apr. 9
Time: 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Ages: 5-12
Fee: \$55.00

ZUMBA FOR KIDS

Youth will be taught elements of salsa, merengue, cumbia, samba and other international music styles.

Instructor: Maria Ornelas

Location: Womans Club

When: Sat, Mar. 28 - May 12
Time: 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Ages: 6-12
Fee: \$25.00

BUILD! EXPLORATION AND CREATION WITH LEGO

Practice teamwork, communication and problem solving in group projects while practicing science and math.

Instructor: Bonanza Educational Staff

Location: Parks & Recreation

When: Mon. - Fri., Mar. 23 - Mar. 27
Time: 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Ages: 5-14
Fee: \$65.00

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 March will be Just Dance/ Dance Central and Bingo Night in April. 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

St. Patrick's Day Dance

MARCH 17, 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Dorothy Powell Senior Adult Center

Join us on Tuesday, March 17th for a little luck of the Irish! Afternoon dance from 2 pm – 4 pm DJ'd by Miele Entertainment. Wear your best green and join in the fun. Refreshments will be served. Cost is \$3.00 and tickets are available at the Dorothy Powell Senior Center, located at 405 E 8th Street. Seating is limited. For more information call 520-421-8760.

2015 FAMILY EASTER CELEBRATION

Paul Mason Sportsplex, 2525 N. Pinal Ave.

The 8th Annual Family Easter Celebration will be held on Saturday, April 4th at the Paul Mason Sportsplex from 9 to 11 AM. We will have Easter egg hunts for children 9 and under as well as Easter basket making, egg decorating, crafts and pictures with the Easter Bunny. Please stop by as this event is free to attend and is a great time for the whole family!

Egg Hunt Schedule:

9:30 AM – Ages 7 to 9
9:50 AM – Ages 5 to 6
10:10 AM – Ages 3 to 4
10:30 AM – Ages 2 and under



Lifeguard Training Course

Course is offered on the following dates from 8AM to 5PM at the Parks and Recreation Offices and the CAC Pool: Friday, April 3rd; Saturday, April 4th; Saturday, April 11th; Sunday, April 12th. Please call Parks and Recreation at 520-421-8677 with any questions.

This course teaches participants the knowledge and skills needed to prevent and respond to aquatic emergencies.



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

INTERMEDIATE IPAD/IPHONE

Wednesday Mar. 11th 11:00 -1:00pm Vista

BASIC EXCEL CLASS

Thursday Mar. 12th 2:30 pm-4:30pm Main

BORROW IT DIGITALLY

Wednesday Mar. 18th 11:00 -1:00pm Vista

BEGINNING FACEBOOK

Wednesday Apr. 8th 11:00 -1:00pm Vista

BASIC COMPUTERS

Thursday Apr. 9th 2:30-4:30pm Main

BASIC INTERNET

Thursday Apr. 16th 11:00-1:00pm Main

ALPHABET PARTY

Monday Apr. 6th 10:00am Main

LITERATI ADULT BOOK CLUB

"Mutiny on the Bounty"
Wed. Mar. 4th 11:45-1:00pm Vista

MUSIC FOR LIL' ONES

Fri. Mar. 6th 10:30-11:00am Main
Fri. Apr. 3rd 10:30-11:00am Main

ARIZONA HUMANITIES COUNCIL PRESENTER SERIES

Eloy's Gun and Cotton Stories
Wed. Mar. 25th 12:00-2:00pm Main

SOUTHWEST MOVIE SERIES @ MAIN

Wyatt Earp
Tue. Mar. 17th 1:30-3:30pm Main
Monumental Arizona
Tue. Apr. 7th 1:30-3:30pm Main

LEGO PARTY

Friday Mar. 27th 3:30pm Vista

EASTER STORYTIME & EGG HUNT

Tuesday Mar. 31st 10:30am Main

FRIDAY FAMILY FLICKS

Friday 3/6, 4/3 3:30pm Vista

LIBRARY BUDDIES PLAY GROUP

Mon Mar. 9th-30th 10:00-11:00am Main
Mon Apr. 13th-27th 10:00-11:00am Main

LUNCH BUNCH BOOK GROUP

"I'll Be Seeing You"
Tue. Mar. 10th 12:00-1:00pm Main
"The Shallows: What the Internet is Doing to Our Brains"
Tue. Apr. 14th 12:00-1:00pm Main

GOLF 102 - Intermediate

Gain a better understanding of equipment and learn how to perfect your golf swing.
Instructor: Jennifer Marsh, PGA
Location: Dave White Golf Course

When: Mondays, 4/6 - 4/27
Time: 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Ages: 18+ Fee: \$35

Call (520) 836-9216 to sign up.

Dave White Municipal Golf Course

March 1 through April 14 Rates

	Before 1 pm:	After 1 pm:
18 holes with cart	\$41.00	18 holes with cart \$34.00
18 holes walking	\$35.00	18 holes walking \$28.00
9 holes with cart	\$27.00	9 holes with cart \$27.00
9 holes walking	\$21.00	9 holes walking \$21.00

DaveWhiteGolf.org (520) 836-9216 2121 N. Thornton Road, Casa Grande *All rates are per person, tax not included. These rates are subject to change.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/MEETINGS

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

MARCH/APRIL 2015

Date	Event	Time	Location
3/2	City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.	4/2	City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.
3/3	Downtown Street Scene "Western Heritage" 5:30 p.m.	4/6	City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.
3/5	Planning & Zoning Commission, 6 p.m.	4/7	Downtown Street Scene "Feria: Latin Spring Festival" 5:30 p.m. Florence & Second Streets
3/16	City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.	4/17	Party in the Park Concert, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. "New Frequency", Peart Park
3/21	Party in the Park Concert, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. "Cowboy Up", Peart Park	4/18	Community Wide Clean Up, All Day Dorothy Powell Senior Adult Center
3/21	34th Annual Catfish Rodeo, 6 a.m. - 10 a.m.	4/18	Pitch, Hit & Run, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Paul Mason Sportsplex, 2525 N. Pinal Ave.
	Dave White Park, 2121 N. Thornton Road	4/20	City Council Meeting, 7 p.m. 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
Mary Kortsen, Mayor Pro Tempore
Dick Powell, Councilmember
Karl Montoya, Councilmember
Matt Herman, Councilmember
Lisa Fitzgibbons, Councilmember
Ralph Varela, Councilmember