



City Beat



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March/April 2016

NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF CASA GRANDE

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Public Safety Awareness Day



Saturday, April 2
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sam's Club Parking Lot
2425 E. Florence Blvd.

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

FREE services include:

- Substance Abuse Education
- Car Seat Installation
- Prescription Drug Turn-In
- Home Safety and Security
- VIN Etching
- K9s Wyatt, Floki and Angel
- Animal Care and Adoption Showcase
- Native Air Pilots and Helicopter
- S.W.A.T.

For more information call (520) 421-8711 Ext. 6760 or Ext. 6140.

Party in the Park Concert Series Returns for Spring Season

The City of Casa Grande Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce the Spring season lineup of its free concert series, Party in the Park:

Arizona Diamond Band
Friday, March 25
6:00 p.m to 8:00 p.m.
Peart Park
350 E. 6th Street



New Frequency Band
Friday, April 15
6:00 p.m to 8:00 p.m.
Peart Park
350 E. 6th Street

Limited seating is available so blankets and/or lawn chairs are encouraged.

For additional information, please contact Katie Bradbury at (520) 421-8760.

State of the City Address on March 9

Casa Grande Mayor Bob Jackson will present his State of the City Address on Wednesday, March 9 at 12:15 p.m. at The Property Conference Center, located at 1251 W. Gila Bend Highway. The Mayor will highlight major accomplishments in 2015 and share his thoughts about the State of the City - present and future. A special video presentation will be provided that showcases Casa Grande as a destination for business, family, and recreation.



Mayor Bob Jackson

Attendees who would like to eat must register and pay for lunch. Lunch tickets are \$25 each. Limited free seating will be available to citizens wishing to hear the Mayor speak who are not attending lunch. To purchase lunch tickets or for more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at (520) 421-8600.

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 7:00 p.m. You can also watch it online at www.YouTube.com/CGAZGOV.

Recruitment Now Open for Summer Positions

The City of Casa Grande is currently accepting applications for the following summer employment.

SUMMER RECREATION

Positions are available in the following areas: Len Colla Recreation Center Summer Drop In Program, Youth Theater, Arts and Crafts programs, Summer Club for Kids, Tumbling, Sport Camps, and Pre-school age programs. Apply online at www.casagrandeaz.gov. EOE/AA Employer.

SUMMER AQUATICS

Cashiers, Swim Lesson Instructors, Lifeguards, Swim Team Coach, Assistant Pool Manager, and Pool Manager. Aquatic applicants must have a current Lifeguard training certificate or the ability to obtain certification prior to their start date. Experience is highly desired for all positions. Swim Lesson certification desired. Apply online at www.casagrandeaz.gov. EOE/AA Employer.

Vista Grande Library Offers New Makerspace Area



The Vista Grande Library has opened a new area called Makerspace to be used for arts, science and technology. In addition to regularly scheduled classes such as wood carving, flower pressing and teen crafts, the space is open to public for other uses.

This project is supported by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records, a division of the Secretary of State, with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

For more information on the class schedule, registration and reservations, please contact the Vista Grande Library at (520) 421-8652, or visit their website at www.casagrandeaz.gov/rec/library/.

City Receives Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

The City of Casa Grande is the proud recipient of the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). In order to receive this award, a governmental entity must meet several nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation.

GFOA presented the award to the City's Finance Department for its annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015. In order to receive this award, a governmental entity must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device. Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

This is the 18th year that the City of Casa Grande Finance Department has received this award.

Upcoming Community Events

10th Annual Casa Grande Fine Art Explosion

Peart Park

Free Admission

March 12 | 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

March 13 | 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

www.southwesternpremierartists.com

Enjoy the award winning creations of the best Native, Western, Southwestern and Contemporary Artists in the United States, and add a treasured piece of art to your collection.

\$5.00 Food Festival

Carr McNatt Park

April 2 | 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

www.FiveDollarFoodFest.com

Come join us for awesome & delicious eats from local food entrepreneurs, renowned chefs, food trucks, trailers, booths, carts, and more for a day of fun in the sun.

Creature Feature



Hi. My name is Shaker. I am a 3-year-old male Mastiff mix. I am so full of love it wiggles out of me. If you like to be loved, I am the dog for you!

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.

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!

AZPETPLATES.ORG



The "Driving Force" For Fighting Pet Overpopulation

Cox Channel 11 Programming

City Scene: Your Inside Look at Casa Grande

Monthly program that features different projects and events happening in Casa Grande. The show offers movie tickets to lucky viewers who answer a trivia question.

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.

Daily - 11:00 a.m.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Sunday - 7:00 p.m.

Council Meetings

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



Casa Grande Police Department Launches Smartphone App



The Casa Grande Police Department has launched a new smartphone app for residents to more easily communicate with and receive public safety information.

With industry leading menu options, easy navigation, and impressive graphics, CGPD is engaging our community with the most complete mobile app available for law enforcement agencies.

Users of the app can:

- See CGPD's Most Wanted
- View Crime Map and Safety Tips
- Send Tips to CGPD
- Catalog Personal Property
- And More!

The app is available on the iTunes App Store and Google Play. Just search for "Casa Grande Police Department" to download.



First Fridays Downtown

Street Scene

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

Florence Street and 2nd Street

Live Entertainment, Food & More!

April 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Night at the Museum

Dinner, live music, drinks, silents auction and open galleries.

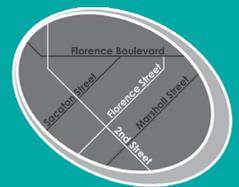
Tuesdays & Fridays

Outdoor Markets

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Visit the weekly Downtown Marketplace at the corner of 4th and Florence Street.

To learn more, visit www.cgmainstreet.org



Second Saturdays

At the Museum

March 12th at 7:00 p.m.

Comedy Night at the Museum

Drinks, concessions, and unlimited laughter.

34th Annual Catfish Rodeo

March 19 | 6:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

Calling all children 15 years old and younger for a morning of fishing! Prizes will be awarded in seven different categories!

Entry fee is \$3.00.

Bring your fishing pole and tackle. Bait will be sold.

For more information, please call Raylene Johns at (520) 421-8677 ext. 4523.

Recreation Connection

Parks, Recreation, Library & Golf in Casa Grande

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

ADULT CLASSES

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

BASIC DOG OBEDIENCE AND MANNERS

This class is intended to help train dogs and to bring dog and owner closer together. The owner and dog will learn basic obedience such as sit, down, come, wait and walk politely on the leash. The class will also cover no jumping on people. Students should bring a regular leash and small soft treats. No retractable leashes.

Location: Leash on Life Dog Park
2525 N. Pinal Ave.

When: Fridays, March 25 - April 29
Time: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Fee: \$80

DETOX AND RESET

Get back on track through a three week detoxification program. All of the indulgences can add weight, inflammation, toxins and add to system imbalances. Cleanse, replace, and rebalance your body to optimize your health.

Location: Casa Grande Woman's Club

When: Tuesdays, March 8 - March 22
Time: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Fee: \$35

YOUTH CLASSES

YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT 3 VS 3 SPRING CLASSIC

Three co-ed divisions of play will be offered: Rookie (Ages 9-11); Junior (Ages 12-14); and Pro (Ages 15-17). Double elimination format. Entry fee is \$15 and prizes awarded to the top finishers in each division. Entry forms can be picked up at the Parks and Recreation Office or Len Colla Recreation Center. Pre-registration is required. Registration deadline is Friday, March 25.

Location: Len Colla Recreation Center

When: April 1 at 6:00 p.m.
(Junior/Pro Divisions)
April 2 at 9:00 a.m.
(Rookie Division)
Fee: \$15.00

PITCH, HIT, AND RUN SKILLS COMPETITION

The Parks and Recreation Department will host its Annual Major League Baseball Youth Pitch, Hit, and Run Skills Competition on April 16. Participants will compete in three important aspects of baseball: batting, throwing, and base running. Champions of each skill event along with the "All-Around" high scores in each age group at local competitions will advance to an assigned sectional competition.

Location: Little League Complex

When: Saturday, April 16
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Ages: 7-14 (Boys and Girls)
Fee: FREE

LEN COLLA RECREATION CENTER

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

After School Kids Club

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 2:50 - 6:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, 11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

\$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, 5:00 P.M.

Thunderous Thursdays is a social club for developmentally/physically disabled teens and adults. Activities are scheduled on the second Thursday of the month. The featured activity for March will be Movie Night and April will be a Food Demo. Pre-registration is required. All activities are free of charge and begin at 5:00 p.m. Questions? Call (520) 421-8677, ext. 4523.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Paul Mason Sportsplex, 2525 N. Pinal Ave.

The 9th Annual Family Easter Celebration will be held on Saturday, March 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. 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.

Egg Hunt Schedule:

9:30 a.m. - Ages 7 to 9
9:50 a.m. - Ages 5 to 6
10:10 a.m. - Ages 3 to 4
10:30 a.m. - Ages 2 and under



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



DOROTHY POWELL SENIOR ADULT CENTER

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

Breakfast is Served!

MARCH 11, 7:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.
APRIL 8, 7:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.

Dorothy Powell Senior Adult Center

Please join us for breakfast on March 11 and April 8. The menu will vary but may include biscuits and gravy, pancakes or french toast, eggs, sausage, fried potatoes, coffee, and juice. Breakfast is open to the public and is \$4.00 for dine in or to go orders. All proceeds benefit the Meals on Wheels program.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

MARCH 16, 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Dorothy Powell Senior Adult Center

Join us as we celebrate early for a little luck of the Irish! On Wednesday, March 16 wear your best green and join in the fun! Entertainment and lunch will be provided. This is open to the public. Cost is \$4.00 (suggested donation for those 60+) and \$6.00 for those under 60. Seating is limited. Please RSVP by Tuesday, March 8.

For more information, call (520) 421-8760.

Lifeguard Training Course

This course teaches the knowledge and skills needed to prevent and respond to aquatic emergencies. After successfully completing this course, candidates will receive certification in Lifeguarding, CPR, First Aid, and AED.



Class will begin April 23 at 8:00 a.m. and be held over a period of four (4) days: April 23, 24, 30, and May 1. Attendance at all classes is mandatory. Classroom sessions will be held at the Parks and Recreation offices from 8:00 a.m. - noon each day, and then will meet at the Palm Island Family Aquatic Park from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Class fee is \$125 for all participants, and Lifeguard manuals must be purchased in either hard copy form (\$40) or in digital form (10) on the first day of class.

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

ADULT BASIC EDUCATION

Tue. Mar. 1-Apr. 26 9:00-11:30 a.m. Main

BEGINNING IPAD/IPHONE

Wed. Mar. 9 11:00-1:00 p.m. Vista

WINDOWS 10

Thurs. Mar. 10 2:30-4:30 p.m. Main

INTERMEDIATE IPAD/IPHONE

Wed. Mar. 16 11:00-1:00 p.m. Vista

KINDLE FIRE

Thurs. Mar. 17 2:30-4:30 p.m. Main

APPS FOR YOU

Wed. Mar. 23 11:00-1:00 p.m. Main

ANDROID

Thurs. Mar. 24 2:30-4:30 p.m. Main

LITERATI ADULT BOOK CLUB

Wed. Mar. 2 12:00-1:15 p.m. Vista

“Way of the Coyote (Season Finale)”

Wed. Apr. 6 12:00-1:30 p.m. Vista

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Tue. Mar. 1-Apr. 26 10:30-11:00 a.m. Main

Wed. Mar. 2-Apr. 27 10:30-11:15 a.m. Main

ARIZONA HUMANITIES COUNCIL PRESENTER SERIES

“Art of the Internment Camps: Culture Behind

Barbed Wire”

Tue. Mar. 22 12:00-2:00 p.m. Main

EASTER STORYTIME

Tues. Mar. 22 10:30-11:00 a.m. Main

BASIC COMPUTERS

Thurs. Mar. 31 2:30-4:30 p.m. Vista

LUNCH BUNCH BOOK GROUP

“Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet”

Tue. Mar. 8 12:00-1:00 p.m. Main

“The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those

Who Survived The Great American Dust Bowl”

Tue. Apr. 12 12:00-1:00 p.m. Main

BASIC INTERNET AND EMAIL

Thurs. Apr. 7 2:30-4:30 p.m. Main

INTERMEDIATE EXCEL

Wed. Apr. 13 11:00-1:00 p.m. Vista

FACEBOOK

Thurs. Apr. 14 2:30-4:30 p.m. Main

BASIC EXCEL

Wed. Apr. 6 11:00-1:00 p.m. Vista

SIDEWALK BOOK SALES

Saturday, April 16

Vista Library from 9 am - 4 pm

Friday, May 20

Main Library from 9 am - 4 pm

Presented by the Friends of the Casa Grande Library

www.friendscglibrary.org

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 2016

		3/26	Easter Eggstravaganza, 9:00 a.m. Paul Mason Sportsplex, 2525 N. Pinal Ave.
3/2	Arts & Humanities Commission, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.	4/4	City Council Study Session, 6:00 p.m. City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.
3/3	Planning & Zoning Commission, 6:00 p.m. City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.	4/4	City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.
3/7	City Council Special Meeting, 5:30 p.m. City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.	4/6	Arts & Humanities Commission, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.
3/7	City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.	4/7	Planning & Zoning Commission, 6:00 p.m. City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.
3/19	34th Annual Catfish Rodeo, 6:00 a.m. Dave White Park, 2121 N. Thornton Road	4/15	Party in the Park Concert, 6:00 p.m. “New Frequency Band”, Peart Park
3/21	City Council Study Session, 6:00 p.m. City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.	4/16	Pitch, Hit & Run, 10:00 a.m. Little League Complex
3/21	City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.	4/18	City Council Study Session, 6:00 p.m. City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.
3/25	Party in the Park Concert, 6:00 p.m. “AZ Diamond Band”, Peart Park	4/18	City Council Meeting, 7:00 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

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Mary Kortsen, Councilmember
Matt Herman, Councilmember
Lisa Fitzgibbons, Councilmember
Ralph Varela, Councilmember