



May/June 2015

City Beat



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NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF CASA GRANDE

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City Court Now Offers Online & Phone Payment Option



375 East 9th Street

The Casa Grande Municipal Court recently launched an online and phone payment option for offenders to pay citations quickly and conveniently. Until recently, the City Court only accepted payments in person, via a drop box or by mail. The online and phone payment feature allows offenders to make payments on their own time.

To make an online payment visit:

www.casagrandeaz.gov/dept/citycourt/pay-a-fine

Online payments can be made in English and Spanish. A court case number is necessary to make online payments. Please note that a fee of 2.59% (or a minimum of \$1) is added to all online payments.

Other Payment Options

Phone

To make a payment over the phone, call 855-748-1353.

In Person

You can make payments in person at the Casa Grande City Court at any time during normal business hours (8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.). The Court accepts payments in cash, money order, cashier's check, Visa, and MasterCard.

Drop-Box

You can also leave your payment in the form of a money order or cashier's check in the Court's drop box, located on the wall to the right of the main entrance to the Casa Grande City Court.

Please include the Defendant's name and case number on the payment. Do not leave personal checks or cash in the drop box.

Mail

You can mail your payment to the Court in the form of a money order or cashier's check to:

Casa Grande City Court
375 East 9th Street
Casa Grande, AZ 85122

New Automated System to Pay Trash & Sewer Bill

Online: <https://ipn.paymentus.com/epd/stde/cgaz>

Phone: 1-855-748-1071

Vial of Life Program Helps Save Lives



The Casa Grande Fire Department has partnered with Sun Life Family Health Center to help save lives through the Vial of Life Program. Residents are provided with a vial that contains an emergency form for them to fill out with personal medical information, including medication lists, medical history, primary care physician, and emergency contacts. The vials are meant to assist emergency personnel in administering the proper medical treatment in case of an emergency.



Anyone is eligible to participate in the Vial of Life Program. To receive a free vial, please contact the Casa Grande Fire Department at (520) 421-8777, 377 E. Val Vista Blvd. in Casa Grande or Sun Life Family Health Center at (520) 836-3446.

City Seeks Public Input on FY 2016 Budget

The City of Casa Grande prepares a city-wide budget each year to provide its residents with services such as police and fire protection, parks & recreation, sewer and garbage collection.

As part of the budget process, the City Council reviews changes to the City's consolidated fee schedule, which is a list of fees charged for certain services. City Council also establishes property tax rates on a yearly basis. The City's fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30 of each year.

How You Can Participate in the Budget Process

The budget is an ongoing process combining citizen input, Council vision and direction, and staff recommendations to meet community needs. The City of Casa Grande is required by law to adopt a balanced budget that is open to citizen input and participation. Each resident can have a voice in deciding what the budget will be spent on and how it will be paid for before it is adopted.

Budget comments and suggestions may be submitted in a number of ways:

-Email Finance Director Doug Sandstrom, dsandstrom@casagrandeaz.gov

-Email City Council members (visit www.casagrandeaz.gov/council for email addresses)

-Attend a City Council meeting (first and third Mondays of month at 7 p.m., 510 E. Florence Blvd.) and speak during the Public Comment portion.

-Attend a Budget Public Hearing held during the City Council meeting on June 1 and June 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., 510 E. Florence Blvd.

For more information about the budget process, visit www.casagrandeaz.gov/dept/finance/budget-process

Palm Island Family Aquatics Park Opens Memorial Day Weekend

The Palm Island Family Aquatic Park opens on May 23 and has a variety of aquatic programs for all ages.



Price of Admission

Children (Under 17).....\$1
Adults.....\$2/3

Family Pass

(Immediate family only).....\$75
4 family members, \$15 for each additional family member

Summer Pool Pass (20 visits)

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

Palm Island Family Aquatic Park
1115 N. Brown Ave - (520) 421-8650

OPEN SWIM (May 23 - Aug. 2)

Tuesday-Sunday - 12:30-4:30 p.m.

OPEN SWIM (Aug. 8 - Sept. 7)

Saturday & Sunday - 12:30-4:30 p.m.

Special Admission Days @ The Pool

SUMMER LUAU (6TH - 8TH GRADE)

Friday, May 22 2:00 - 5:00 PM \$3/student School ID required

DIVE IN MOVIE (TBD)

Friday, June 12 8:00 - 10:00 PM \$3/person

FATHER'S DAY AT THE ISLAND

Sunday, June 14 12:30 - 4:30 PM

(Free Dad admission when accompanied by their children.)

FAMILY NIGHT

Friday Evenings 5:00-7:00 pm from June 5 - July 24
\$3 for up to 4 members, add'l members 75¢ each.

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.



May Topics:

Too Hot for Your Tots
Golf Course Renovations

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.



City Offices Closed May 25 for Memorial Day

Trash & Recycling Schedule

Trash normally collected on Monday, May 25 will be collected on Tuesday, May 26. Trash collection normally made on Tuesday, May 26 will be collected on Wednesday, May 27.

Recycling collection normally made on Monday, May 25 will be collected on Tuesday, May 26 along with normal Tuesday pickup.

The Casa Grande Landfill will be closed on Monday, May 25 and will return to normal operating hours (7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) on Tuesday, May 26. Questions? Call (520) 421-8625

Pool Safety Tips

- Assign an adult to supervise children in and around the swimming pool and spa. This is needed whether there is one parent or guardian present or numerous adults present such as during a family event or party.
- 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, call the Fire Department, (520) 421-8777.

19 Citizens Graduate from Leadership Academy



Kathy Anderson
Maria Atienzo
Rand Bitter
Breanna Boland

Danielle Delsi
Mark Ebert
Dr. Jess Flores
Veronica Garza

Melvin Giral
Jahn Harden
Tanya Hayes
Ralph Lopez

Kim McWherter
Robert Miller
John Ontiveros
Seprina Packard

Margarita Sanchez
Melvin Scholoeser
Mark Vanderheyden

Report Issues Using Your Mobile Device



Download the [mycasagrande](#) mobile app to report potholes, graffiti and other service issues. The free app works on both Android and Apple devices.

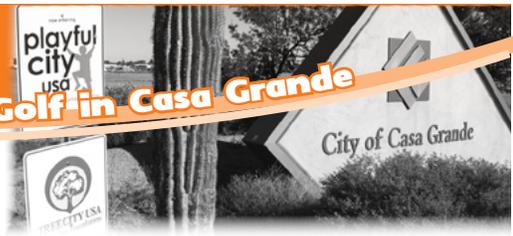


Nineteen local citizens recently graduated from the 2015 Leadership Academy. This unique program is a focused, in-depth look at the City and its operations in eight sessions spread over 8 weeks. The goal of the program is to connect citizens with their government and encourage participation in city-related activities.

Leadership Academy sessions are held once a year from February through April. If you would like to participate in the 2016 Leadership Academy, contact Public Information Officer Agustin Avalos at (520) 421-8627 or aavalos@casagrandeaz.gov

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 apm.activecommunities.com/casagranderecreation to register.

INSTANT PIANO FOR BUSY PEOPLE

Topics include: how chords work in a song, how to get more out of sheet music by reading less of it, how to form the three main types of chords, how to handle different keys and time signatures, and much more. Materials fee of \$28 plus tax will be collected in class by the instructor for workbook and 60 minute practice CD.

Location: Parks & Recreation, Armadillo Room

When: Wednesday, May 27
Time: 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Ages: 16+
Fee: \$25

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.

Location: Dave White Golf Course

When: Monday, June 8 - June 29
Time: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
Ages: 18+
Fee: \$35

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

When: Thursday
May 28
Time: 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Ages: 16+
Fee: \$25.00



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.

Location: Dave White Golf Course

When: M-F June 15 - June 19
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Ages: 6-10
Fee: \$25.00

When: M-F June 22 - June 26
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Ages: 11-17
Fee: \$25.00

CASA GRANDE YOUTH THEATER

This year's production will be Shrek the Musical Junior. An audition packet will be made available at the time of registration. A mandatory audition will be held on Thursday, June 4, as well as a call back audition on Friday, June 5. Performances are scheduled for: Friday, July 10 and Saturday, July 11

Location: Dorothy Powell Senior Adult Center

When: M-Th, June 8 - July 9
Time: 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Ages: 8-18
Fee: \$35.00

ROCKET CLUB

Learn how to build a model rocket from start to finish. To conclude this program, youth may participate in a rocket launch on Friday, June 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Paul Mason Sportsplex. Awards will be given to participants of the rocket club.

Location: Len Colla Recreation Center

When: Mon. - Fri., June 8 - June 12
Time: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Ages: 9-14
Fee: \$8.00

LEN COLLA RECREATION CENTER

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

Summer Drop In Program
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 11AM – 5PM
SATURDAY, 11AM – 3PM
FREE

The Summer Kids Club is a drop-in program for school age youth 5-17. The program starts May 26th and ends July 31st. Len Colla features a full size gym, multi-purpose/game room, computer lab, and activity room.

Thunderous Thursdays 2ND THURSDAYS

Thunderous Thursdays is a social club for developmentally/physically disabled teens and adults. All activities are free of charge.

5/14 Kickball 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
6/11 Hawaain Luau 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
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

Cinco De Mayo Celebration MAY 5, 2:00 - 4:00PM

Come celebrate with Mariachi Bands and a delicious Nacho Buffet. \$3.00 pre-sale tickets are available until April 24, and \$5.00 the day of the event! Tickets are available at the front desk and seating is limited.

Honor our Vets Memorial Event MAY 26, 1:00 - 3:00PM

The Dorothy Powell Senior Center will be sponsoring an event to honor our veterans and their families. Root beer floats will be served and a presentation will be shown throughout the day recognizing the veterans and their families in the community. If you have a veteran you would like to include in the presentation please drop off pictures, bios, news articles, etc. to the Dorothy Powell Senior Center.

PARTY IN THE PARK



RATTLECAT JUNCTION
(COUNTRY/ROCK/OLIDES)
MAY 15, 6:00 - 8:00PM
PEART PARK, 350 E. 6TH STREET
FREE

Limited seating, so blankets and/or lawn chairs are encouraged. Questions? Call (520) 421-8760.

Summer Registration Begins May 4

Summer Registration begins Monday, May 4 at 8:00 a.m. at the Parks & Recreation Office located at 404 E. Florence Blvd.

Parks & Recreation is switching to a new registration software. Please help the registration process by setting up your new account.

You can do so by logging on to:

apm.activecommunities.com/casagranderecreation

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

BASIC COMPUTERS

Wednesday May 6th 11:00-1:00pm Vista

BEGINNING IPAD/IPHONE

Thursday May 7th 2:30-4:30pm Main
Wednesday June 3th 11:00-1:00pm Vista

BASIC INTERNET & EMAIL

Wednesday May 13th 11:00-1:00pm Vista

INTERMEDIATE IPAD/IPHONE

Thursday May 14th 2:30 -4:30pm Main
Wednesday June 10th 11:00 -1:00pm Vista

BEGINNING FACEBOOK

Wednesday May 20th 11:00 -1:00pm Vista

BORROW IT DIGITALLY

Thursday May 21st 2:30 -4:30pm Main
Wednesday June 17th 11:00 -1:00pm Vista

WINDOWS 8

Wednesday May 27th 11:00-1:00pm Vista
Thursday June 25th 2:30 -4:30pm Main

BASIC EXCEL

Thursday May 28th 2:30 -4:30pm Main

SUMMER READING KICKOFF

Saturday May 30th 9:00-1:00pm Main

LOCAL HEROES @ YOUR LIBRARY

Monday June 1st 10:00-12:00pm Main

INTERMEDIATE EXCEL

Thursday June 4th 2:30 -4:30pm Main

MUSICAL GUEST: ROMAN BARTEN-SHERMAN

Monday June 8th 10:00-11:00am Main
Monday June 8th 1:00-2:00pm Vista

ANDROID

Thursday June 11th 2:30-4:30pm Main

WILDMAN PHIL & THE GUARDIANS OF THE PLANET

Monday June 15th 11:00-12:00pm Main
Monday June 15th 2:00-3:00pm Vista

KINDLE FIRE

Thursday June 18th 2:30 -4:30pm Main

MAGICIAN: PAUL WATSON

Monday June 22nd 10:00-11:00am Main
Monday June 22nd 1:00-2:00pm Vista

CASA GRANDE'S GOT TALENT AUDITION

Monday June 29th 11:00-2:00pm Vista

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, 7/6 - 7/27
Time: 7:00 - 8:00 a.m.
Ages: 18+ Fee: \$35

Call (520) 836-9216 to sign up.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/MEETINGS

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

MAY/JUNE 2015

5/4	City Council Meeting, 7 p.m. City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.	5/30	Summer Reading KickOff, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Main Library, 449 N. DryLake Street
5/5	Downtown Street Scene "Summer Splash" 5:30 p.m. Florence & Second Streets	6/1	City Council Meeting, 7 p.m. City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.
5/7	Planning & Zoning Commission, 6 p.m. City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.	6/4	Planning & Zoning Commission, 6 p.m. City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.
5/18	City Council Meeting, 7 p.m. City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.	6/12	Dive In Movie TBD, 8:00 p.m. \$3 Palm Island Family Aquatics Park 1115 N. Brown Ave.
5/15	Party in the Park Concert, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. "Rattlecat Junction"; Peart Park	6/14	Father's Day at The Island, 12:30 p.m. Palm Island Family Aquatics Park 1115 N. Brown Ave.
5/22	Summer Luau (6th-8th Grade), 2 p.m. -5 p.m. \$3 Palm Island Family Aquatics Park, 1115 N. Brown Ave.	6/15	City Council Meeting, 7 p.m. City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.
5/23	Pool Opens for the Season \$1-2 Palm Island Family Aquatics Park, 1115 N. Brown Ave.		\$ Requires a Fee or Admission

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*