



# City Beat

November/December 2014



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## Tractor Supply Company Coming to Casa Grande

Tractor Supply Company has selected Casa Grande as the site of its first western distribution center. The Tennessee-based company plans on opening a new 640,000-square-foot distribution center on about 100 acres in the Central Arizona Commerce Park near Peters and Burris Roads. The company plans on hiring over 200 employees when they open in 2015.

The \$100 million Casa Grande distribution center will deliver merchandise to stores in Arizona, Nevada, Utah, southern California and New Mexico.

The Fortune 500 Company also plans on opening a retail store in Casa Grande on Florence Blvd.

Tractor Supply is the largest retail farm and ranch supply store chain in the United States with more than 1,300 stores in 48 states.



## Why Shop Local?

**Support:  
Community  
Jobs  
Businesses**

Casa Grande's quality of life and local economy rely on where our residents spend their money and do their shopping. Sales tax is a direct and vital lifeline to essential services like public safety, facilities, projects, programs and services. Shopping locally keeps businesses here, providing jobs, and benefiting community schools and non-profits.

If there's one thing we can all do to make our dollars work for this community, it's to shop local. When purchases are made locally and sales tax is applied, the City of Casa Grande receives 2% of the taxable sale. When you shop in another community, your tax dollars pay for services that benefit residents in that community.

## Casa Grande Receives National Award for Redesigned Website

The City of Casa Grande received an Award of Excellence by the national City-County Communications & Marketing Association (3CMA) for its redesigned website, [www.casagrandeaz.gov](http://www.casagrandeaz.gov). Casa Grande was one of three winners in the category of **Digital Interactive - Overall Website**. Over 600 entries in 37 categories were submitted from across the country in this year's 3CMA awards competition.



The City launched its redesigned website in July 2013. The new website was designed entirely in-house by the City's webmaster using WordPress, an open-source content management system (CMS). Some of the new features of the website include live video streaming of council meetings and a "How do I" tab to take visitors directly to job openings, pay city utility bill, report graffiti and much more.

"Love the simple format of the homepage," said the judges. "Makes a great argument for use of Wordpress as a CMS, versus expensive third party software."

3CMA awards recognize skilled and effective city, county, agency or district professionals who have creatively planned and carried out successful innovations in communications and marketing.

## New Snack Bar @ Main Library



Cook E. Jar Bakery and Cafe opened a new snack bar at the Casa Grande Main Library, 449 N. Dry Lake Street. The snack bar has a variety of coffee products, custom-made sandwiches, cookies, brownies and other snacks.

So next time you visit the Main Library you can grab a snack to go with that book.

### SNACK BAR HOURS

Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## Residents Invited to Participate in Holiday Home Decorating Contest



Do you have the best decorated house in your neighborhood? The City of Casa Grande invites residents to participate in the second annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest. Three winners will be chosen from three categories: **Most Creative, Most Twinkling Lights, and Mayor's Choice**.

The winner in each category will receive a special yard sign and a certificate at the December 15 City Council meeting.

To enter your house in the Holiday Home Decorating Contest, fill out an entry form on the City's website, [www.casagrandeaz.gov/holiday-home-decorating-contest](http://www.casagrandeaz.gov/holiday-home-decorating-contest). Paper copies of the entry forms are also available at the following locations:

City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.  
Administrative Services Building, 510 E. Florence Blvd., Bldg. B  
Parks & Recreation Office, 404 E. Florence Blvd.  
Public Safety Facility, 373 E. Val Vista Blvd.

**Submission deadline is December 8  
Judging will take place on December 11**

## Holiday Season Events

Saturday, December 6

### Winter Wonderland

12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Historic Downtown  
Ice skating, crafts, music,  
and much more!

### Tree Lighting Ceremony

5:45 p.m.  
In front of City Hall  
(510 E. Florence Blvd.)  
Mayor Bob Jackson will  
throw the switch to  
light over 21,000 multi-  
colored lights on a  
30-foot Christmas tree.  
Join the countdown!



### 20th Annual Electric Light Parade

Begins promptly at 5:45 p.m.  
Florence Blvd. to Historic Downtown  
Longer route this year; parade begins on  
Colorado Street!

Vote for your favorite parade float the day of  
the parade by texting (623) 295-9207 or online  
at [www.elpvote.com](http://www.elpvote.com)

If you miss the parade, you can watch it on Cox  
Channel 11 on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays  
at 12:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. or online at  
[channel11.casagrandeaz.gov](http://channel11.casagrandeaz.gov)

### Food for Fines

The Casa Grande Public Libraries will be sponsoring their semi-annual "Food For Fines" program during November 1-30, 2014. Patrons may clear their Casa Grande/Vista Grande overdue fines by bringing in one non-perishable food item for every dollar owed in fines. (This does not apply to replacement or damaged item charges)



The library then donates all the food items to the local Casa Grande Food Bank. This is a great opportunity for our library patrons to get their accounts paid down, and a wonderful gift to the CG Food Bank at an important time of year.

### Report Issues Using Your Mobile Device



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



## Adopt-a-Wall Sponsors: Keeping Casa Grande Clean & Beautiful

The Casa Grande Police Department would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for helping keep Casa Grande clean and beautiful. These individuals and groups have taken the responsibility of watching over walls that had been previously tagged by graffiti vandals.

David and Joanne Blatt  
Marge Jantz  
Ramiro (Ray) Sanchez  
James Kenny  
Fred & Kim Tucker  
Patricia Castillo  
Rose, Benjamin & Joseph Riggs  
Banner Casa Grande Medical Center, HR Department  
Cactus Middle School National Junior Honor Society  
Vista Grande Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)  
Boys & Girls Club of the Casa Grande Valley

**THANK YOU!**  
For Keeping  
Casa Grande  
Clean & Beautiful



The Casa Grande Police Department provides anti-graffiti kits to individuals who are interested in adopting a wall. Several walls are available for adoption. If you would like to adopt-a-wall, contact Graffiti Abatement Coordinator Sheila Chavez at (520) 421-8711 ext. 6570, [schavez@casagrandeaz.gov](mailto:schavez@casagrandeaz.gov)

## Tree-Cycle Your Christmas Tree

The 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 23 through January 10. All collection containers will be marked with signs labeled "Christmas Tree Recycling."

### Tree-Cycle Drop-Off Locations:

**Carr McNatt Park:** 1115 N. Casa Grande Ave.  
(South West parking lot of Casa Grande Ave. and 10th St.)

**Cottonwood Ln. and Trell Rd.**  
(South end corner of the Safeway parking lot.)

**6th St. and Trell Rd.** (Center of property).

**Schultz St. and O'Neil Dr.** (South East corner).

**Peart Rd. and Cottonwood Ln.** (North West corner).

**Villago Park:** 3368 N. Pinal Ave. (North East corner of parking lot).

**Rotary Park:** 2220 N. Trell Rd. (South end of park parking lot).

**Ed Hooper Rodeo Park:** 2525 N. Pinal Ave.  
(South East corner of Pinal Ave. and Rodeo Rd.)

**City of Casa Grande Landfill:** 5200 S. Chui Chu Rd.



**NOTE:** Please remember to remove nails, tinsel, tree stands, lights and decorations before recycling. Wreaths (with décor left on them) and artificial trees cannot be recycled. These items need to be placed in the regular trash container for disposal.

Questions? Call the Sanitation Division at (520) 421-8625.

## Holiday Trash & Recycling Schedule

All City offices, including the landfill & municipal airport, will be closed Thursday, November 27, Friday, November 28, Thursday, December 25 and Thursday, January 1 in observance of Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day.

There will be no trash or recycling collection on Thursday, November 27. All Thursday trash and recycling will be collected on Friday, November 28, along with normal Friday trash collection.

All trash collection for the Christmas and New Year's holidays will be delayed by one day.

Questions? Call the Sanitation Division at (520) 421-8625.



# Recreation Connection

Parks, Recreation, Library & Golf in Casa Grande

For a list of all classes/programs visit [casagrandeaz.gov/rec](http://casagrandeaz.gov/rec)



## ADULT CLASSES

Please note that pre-registration is required for all classes. Visit [casagrandeaz.gov/rec](http://casagrandeaz.gov/rec) to register.

### YOGA-ALL LEVELS FLOW

Be guided by your breath as you move through traditional salutations and rhythmic vinyasas using familiar poses. Compliment motion with stillness with sustained stretches. Find balance between effort and surrender. Strong beginners and more seasoned students alike are welcome.

**Instructor: Robyn Bukovina**

**Location: Woman's Club**

When: Mon & Wed, Nov 3 – Dec 17  
Time: 5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.  
Ages: 18+  
Fee: \$70.00

### YOGA – UNWIND & RESTORE

This class will blend yoga therapy to increase range of motion, yin yoga to increase flexibility, and classic yoga poses and movements to increase strength and stamina. Breathing techniques and meditation will also be explored. This class is perfect for those seeking a gentle practice. Beginners welcome.

**Instructor: Robyn Bukovina**

**Location: Woman's Club**

When: Mon & Wed  
Nov 3 – Dec 17  
Time: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Ages: 18+  
Fee: \$70.00



### YOGA – POWER FLOW

This active class will link poses with the breath in a flow to build heat and stamina. Unique and dynamic transitions will challenge body and mind. We will compassionately explore intermediate postures, and finish with long stretches to quiet the mind. For those with a well established hatha yoga practice. Pre-registration is required or you may pay a per day drop in fee.

**Instructor: Mike Stauffer**

**Location: Woman's Club**

When: Tue & Thur, Nov 4 – Dec 18  
Time: 5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.  
Ages: 18+  
Fee: \$70.00 or \$10.00 drop in fee

### ZUMBA FOR ADULTS

Zumba is an aerobics program that combines Latin and international music with dance that makes exercise fun! Zumba combines elements of salsa, merengue, cumbia, reggaeton, samba and other international music styles and forms.

**Instructor: Maria Ornelas**

**Location: Len Colla Recreation Center (Gymnasium)**

When: Wednesday, November 5 - 26  
Time: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
Ages: 18+  
Fee: \$25.00 per month

## YOUTH CLASSES

### HOLIDAY COOKING & CRAFTS

Youth will make, bake and decorate a variety of cookies in this 4 hour class. Youth will also make a variety of holiday crafts including cards, candy cane ornaments and more. Cost includes supplies.

**Instructor: Recreation Staff**

**Location: Peart Center**

When: Saturday, December 20  
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Ages: 5-8  
Fee: \$20.00

When: Saturday, December 20  
Time: 1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
Ages: 9-12  
Fee: \$20.00

## 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 November will be Wiffle Ball and Holiday Craft in December. All activities are free of charge. Questions? Call (520) 421-8677, ext. 4523.

Community Services Department  
(520) 421-8677 / [www.casagrandeaz.gov/rec](http://www.casagrandeaz.gov/rec)

## DOROTHY POWELL SENIOR ADULT CENTER

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

### Breakfast is Served

11/14 & 12/12, 7:30AM-9:30AM

The menu includes biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, fried potatoes, sausage, juice and coffee. The cost is \$4.00 per person. To-go orders are available for \$4.50. Proceeds benefit the Meals & Transportation Program.

### Holiday Fiesta

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

9AM - 10:30AM

The Holiday Fiesta will feature a live performance by the Santa Cruz High School Mariachi group and choir, pictures with Santa, and your choice of menudo or pancakes. Free (pre-event RSVP) or \$3.00 day of admission.

## TEEN CENTER

540 N. Camino Mercado, Suite 1-12  
(520) 374-2764

The Teen Center offers a free supervised program, open to all Casa Grande teens in grades 6-12. Activities include: homework help, arts and crafts, computer lab, educational programs, video games, pool table, ping pong, foosball, dance programs and more! Register @ the Recreation Office, 404 E. Florence Blvd. or the Teen Center. Questions? Call Jeff Molner @ (520) 421-8677, ext. 4560.

### Santa Calls and Letters Program

Casa Grande children ages 4 - 8 can receive a telephone call from Santa Claus or Mrs. Claus or a letter from Santa. Calls from the North Pole will take place on Saturday, December 13 between 9:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m. Letters from Santa will be mailed starting the week of December 8. To include your child, pick up a flyer at the Parks & Recreation Office or download it at [www.casagrandeaz.gov/rec](http://www.casagrandeaz.gov/rec). Deadline to participate is December 1, 2014.



## Luminary Kits on Sale!

\$4 per kit

Available December 1 @ Parks and Rec Office



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

**ANDROID CLASS**

Thursday Nov. 6th 2:30-4:30pm Main

**BASIC COMPUTER CLASS**

Thursday Nov. 20th 2:30-4:30pm Main

**BASIC INTERNET CLASS**

Thursday Dec. 4th 2:30-4:30pm Main

**BEGINNING IPAD CLASS**

Wednesday Nov. 5th 11:00-1:00pm Vista

**MUSIC FOR LIL ONES**

Friday Dec. 5th 10:30am Main

**INTERMEDIATE IPAD CLASS**

Wednesday Nov. 12th 11:00-1:00pm Vista

**BORROW DIGITALLY CLASS**

Wednesday Nov. 19th 11:00-1:00pm Vista

**KINDLE FIRE CLASS**

Thursday Nov. 13th 2:30-4:30pm Main

**PRESCHOOL STORYTIME**

Tuesday Nov. 4th-18th 10:30-11:00am Main

Tuesday Dec. 2nd-9th 10:30-11:00am Main

Wed. Nov. 5th-19th 10:30-11:00am Vista

Wed. Dec. 3rd-10th 10:30-11:00am Vista

**TODDLER STORYTIME**

Thursday Nov. 6th-20th 9:30-10:00am Vista

Thursday Dec. 4th-11th 9:30-10:00am Vista

**TWEEN WEDNESDAYS**

Wed. Nov. 5th-19th 3:30-4:30pm Vista

Wed. Dec. 3rd-10th 3:30-4:30pm Vista

**THANKSGIVING PUPPET SHOW & CRAFT**

Thursday Nov. 20th 6:00pm Main

**FAMILY GAMING**

Sat. Nov. 22nd, Dec. 13th 2:00pm Vista

**CHRISTMAS EVENING @ YOUR LIBRARY**

Monday Dec. 15th 6:00pm Main

**LIBRARY BUDDIES PLAY GROUP**

Monday Nov. 3rd 10:00-11:00am Main

Monday Nov. 17th 10:00-11:00am Main

Monday Dec. 1st-8th 10:00-11:00am Main

**TEEN MAKER SPACE**

A creative space for teens to make music, art, poetry and more!

Tuesday Nov. 18th 3:00-4:45pm Vista

Tuesday Dec. 16th 3:00-4:45pm Vista

**FREE GOLF CLINICS**

**Beginning Women Golfers**

November 13, 4:30 p.m.  
The clinic will cover the basics of the golf swing and if time permits some putting tips.

**Putting Clinic (Open to all)**

December 11, 4:30 p.m.

Call (520) 836-9216 to sign up for a clinic.

**Dave White Municipal Golf Course**  
**GOLF 102 - Intermediate**  
Mondays, 11/3-11/24 OR Wednesdays, 11/5-11/26  
Instructor: Jennifer Marsh, PGA  
Time: 5 - 6pm  
Ages: 18+  
Fee: \$35  
This class is designed for those who have already taken Golf 101 or need to dust off their clubs and get back in the game. Class is taught by a PGA professional who will help you gain a better understanding of equipment, how to perfect your golf swing as well as on-course management. Students are encouraged to bring their own clubs.  
(520) 836-9216 2121 N. Thornton Road, Casa Grande DaveWhiteGolf.org

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS/MEETINGS**

For more events/meetings, visit [www.casagrandeaz.gov](http://www.casagrandeaz.gov)

**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2014**

11/3	City Council Meeting, 7 p.m. City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.	12/2	Winter Wonderland, 12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Historic Downtown
11/6	Planning & Zoning Commission, 6 p.m. City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.	12/4	Planning & Zoning Commission, 6 p.m. City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.
11/8	Veterans Day Parade, 9 a.m. Florence Blvd.	12/6	Christmas Tree Lighting, 5:45 p.m. City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.
11/17	City Council Meeting, 7 p.m. City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.	12/6	Electric Light Parade, 5:45 p.m. Florence Blvd.
11/18	Day Out Downtown, 9:30 a.m. Florence & Second Streets	12/15	City Council Meeting, 7 p.m. City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.
11/27	Thanksgiving	12/16	Day Out Downtown, 9:30 a.m. Florence & Second Streets
11/28	City Offices Closed	12/25	Christmas City Offices Closed
12/1	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

**Happy Holidays!**