



City Beat



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November/December 2016

NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF CASA GRANDE

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Let's Be Social!



Alarm Registration and Payment Information

Since October 2015, the City has implemented a new program to help reduce the number of false alarms.



Residents and businesses are still required to register their alarms annually with this system, but must now do so through the Public Safety Corporation (Crywolf Services). The cost remains \$10.

For questions, or to register your alarm, please contact Crywolf Services directly by calling 1-855-905-0605 or visit them online at www.crywolfservices.com/casagrandeaz.

Join us for the 22nd Annual Electric Light Parade and Winter Wonderland Saturday, December 3

Winter Wonderland
12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Historic Downtown
Ice skating rink, craft area, food vendors, music, live entertainment, and game booths.

Pictures with Santa
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Historic Downtown
Free of charge.



22nd Annual Electric Light Parade
Begins promptly at 5:45 p.m.
Route begins at intersection of Florence Blvd. and Colorado St. and will continue onto Florence St., where it will continue until its conclusion at 2nd Street.

Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony
6:00 p.m.
In Front of City Hall | 510 E. Florence Blvd.
Mayor Bob Jackson will throw the switch to light over 21,000 multicolored lights on a 30-foot Christmas tree. Join the countdown!

Vote for your favorite parade float on the day of the parade online at 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. and 7:30 p.m. or online at www.casagrandeaz.gov/channel11.

City Seeks Input to Improve Communication with Residents

In an effort to improve the way information is shared with residents and businesses, the City of Casa Grande has launched a survey to gather input on the community's communication and engagement preferences.

The online survey will be open from October 17 through November 25, and the feedback will be used to keep residents better informed and develop a more effective communication strategy. Survey questions request input on the ways residents prefer to receive information, as well as the topics that are of most interest to them.

Those who complete the survey have the option of including their email address to be entered into a drawing for two free movie tickets. Residents are encouraged to share their thoughts by completing the survey at www.casagrandeaz.gov/communications.

For additional information or questions, please contact Public Information Officer, Kayla Fulmer at (520) 421-8627 or email kayla_fulmer@casagrandeaz.gov.

Registration Now Open for Leadership Academy

Whether you have lived in Casa Grande all your life or recently moved here, you may have questions about why and how the City does what it does. Find out what it takes to build roads and parks, keep the community safe, and plan for future growth. Through department presentations, tours, and more, the Leadership Academy will give you a special look inside Casa Grande.

This unique program is a focused, in-depth look at the City and its operations in eight sessions spread over eight weeks. You may be interested in the Leadership Academy if you are:



- Interested in your City and community and want to learn more.
- Involved in the community or curious how the City works.
- New to Casa Grande or have lived here for a long time.
- Pay taxes and want to know how that money is being spent.
- Like to meet new, interesting people.
- Want to peek behind the scenes.

The Leadership Academy is held from January 26 through March 16. Classes are open to Casa Grande residents 18 and older. For more information, contact Public Information Officer, Kayla Fulmer, at kayla_fulmer@casagrandeaz.gov or call (520) 421-8627.

Christmas Tree Recycling Drop-Off Locations

The City of Casa Grande Sanitation Division will collect expired Christmas trees for recycling at six (6) 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". Drop-off locations include:

1. Villago Park: 3368 N. Pinal Ave. (Northeast corner of parking lot)
2. Ed Hooper Rodeo Park: 2525 N. Pinal Ave. (Northeast corner of Pinal Ave. and Rodeo Rd.)
3. Rotary Park: 2220 N. Trekeil Rd. (South end of Park parking lot)
4. Kortsen Rd. and Thornton Rd. (Northwest corner)
5. Carr McNatt Park: 1115 N. Brown Ave. (Southwest parking lot of Casa Grande Ave. and 10th St.)
6. Casa Grande Landfill: 5200 S. Chui Chu Rd. (Please inform gate attendant that you have a Christmas tree to recycle and you will be directed to the drop-off location onsite)



Christmas trees will be chipped at the landfill (5200 S. Chui Chu Rd.) and made available, at no fee, to the public to use as mulch. Residents requesting to receive the mulch are asked to bring necessary equipment to load and haul the tree chippings.

Questions? Contact the Public Works Sanitation Division at (520) 421-8625.

Don't Flush Your Old Medications

Unused medications improperly disposed of can harm you and the environment. When drugs are flushed, they are not removed by the sewage system and can enter the soil, surface water and groundwater. Drugs can be scavenged and illegally sold. Children and animals could be poisoned if they find and swallow drugs.

Help fight prescription drug abuse by properly disposing of expired or unused medications. Drop the pills off at an approved disposal site. The Casa Grande Police Department has drop-off locations in the lobby at 373 E. Val Vista Blvd. as well as 520 N. Marshall St. Both are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

To learn more about preventing prescription drug abuse, visit www.casagrandealliance.org.



Want to Stay in Touch?



Stay connected with the City of Casa Grande by joining our email list! Sign up to receive interesting news, meeting agendas, events, and updates delivered directly to your email inbox.

All you have to do is text "CASAGRANDE" to 22828 to get started. Or, visit the City website at www.casagrandeaz.gov and select the topics that interest you!

Day Out Downtown Returns on Third Thursdays



Casa Grande Main Street invites you to join them for their monthly Day Out Downtown event, which runs October through April (except January). Guests meet on the Main Street Patio at 9:30 a.m. for refreshments and an orientation before heading out for a one-hour historical walking tour at 10:00 a.m.

Restaurant specials, a Merchant Scavenger Hunt, and tours of the Museum of Casa Grande and the Casa Grande Arts Museum complete your day out downtown experience. Groups are welcome with prior notification.

For more information, visit www.cgmainstreet.org or call (520) 836-8744.

Creature Feature



Hi, my name is DeNae. I am a five month old female black & white domestic long hair. I may be five months old, but I would like you to treat me as if I was five weeks. Will you hold me, love me and cuddle with me?

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 or online at www.casagrandeaz.gov.



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.

November Topics: Veteran's Day Parade and Ride for the Warrior Music Festival

December Topics: Electric Light Parade and Community Recreation Center Update

Parade of Paws

Program that features pets available for adoption.

Daily: 11:00 a.m. | Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Sunday: 7:00 p.m.

Play Grande

Program that highlights the events, activities, and facilities offered by the Casa Grande Community Services Department.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Sunday: 10:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

City Council Meetings

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



City Offices Closed for Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays

Trash & Recycling Schedule

All City offices, including both branches of the library, will be closed for the following holidays. Trash and recycling services will be affected.

Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25 | Thanksgiving

Trash normally collected on Thursday will be collected on Friday, November 25 along with normal Friday pick up. Recycling will be collected on Friday, November 25 along with normal Friday pick up. The landfill will be closed on Thursday, November 24.

Monday, December 26 | Christmas

Trash normally collected on Monday will be collected on Tuesday, December 27. Tuesday trash will be collected on Wednesday, December 28. Recycling will be collected on Tuesday December 27 along with normal Tuesday pick up. The landfill will be closed on Monday, December 26.

Questions? Please contact the Public Works Sanitation Division at (520) 421-8625.



Report Issues Using Your Mobile Device

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.



Scan the QR code with your phone's QR reader

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 apm.activecommunities.com/casagranderecreation to register.

GOLF ALL-LEVELS

This class is for those interested in learning the game of golf or who have played before and want to dust off their clubs and get back in the game. The class is taught by a PGA professional who will assist participants in gaining a better understanding of equipment, swing mechanics and on-course management. Students are encouraged to bring their own clubs.

Location: Dave White Golf Course
2121 N. Thornton Road.

When: Tuesdays
November 8 - November 29
Time: 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Ages: 18+
Fee: \$30

YOGA

Two different Yoga classes are offered based on the user's level of experience. Classes include Yoga Power and Yoga All-Levels Hatha.

Location: Woman's Club
407 N. Sacaton St.

When: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
November 2 - December 19
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Ages: 18+
Fee: \$40

BELLY DANCING BASICS

Belly Dance Basics teaches you all the basic movements used in Belly Dance! Come join us for a fun class, full of empowerment, sisterhood, and the joy of movement! Learn the beautiful art of belly dance while getting in shape in a no-impact, full body workout that will build core strength, grace, and confidence. Belly dancing is a lot of fun and there's NO size requirement! Big belly? No problem! No belly? No problem!

Location: Peart Center
350 E. 6th St.

When: Tuesdays
November 8 - December 13
Time: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Ages: 18+
Fee: \$30

ADAPTIVE RECREATION

405 E. 6th Street
(520) 421-8670

THUNDEROUS THURSDAYS

Thunderous Thursdays is a social club for developmentally or physically disabled teens and adults. All activities are free of charge and begin at 5:30 p.m.

November 10 Line Dancing
December 8 Winter Wonderland

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

LEN COLLA RECREATION CENTER

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

FREE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Applications are now being accepted for youth ages 5-17 for the 2016-2017 After School Program. It is free to register, and the program includes homework time, a snack bar, arts and crafts, game room, computer lab, and a full size gymnasium.

TEEN NIGHTS

Teen Nights will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on November 4 and 18 and December 2 and 16. Teen Nights are hosted for students in grades 7-12.

OPEN GYM PICKLEBALL

Open gym pickleball is offered on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The fee is \$2 per visit.

Questions? Call (520) 421-8677, ext. 4560.

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



DOROTHY POWELL SENIOR ADULT CENTER

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

Evening Dances 7:00 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.

The Dorothy Powell Senior Center will be hosting evening dances from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on November 8 and 22 as well as December 13 and 27. The cost is \$5 per person to attend. Dances will feature live entertainment with a variety of music scheduled for each dance.

Friday Breakfast 7:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.

Friday Breakfast will be offered on November 4 and 18 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$5 per plate and is open to the public. Proceeds benefit the Home Delivered Meals Program.

History Speaks Series 2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

The History Speaks Series will be scheduled for November 17 and December 15. Upcoming presentation topics include:

November 17: Dia de Los Muertos | A Celebration of Life and Death

December 15: On the Arizona Frontier Ranch Medicine

All activities are held at the Dorothy Powell Senior Adult Center at 405 E. 6th Street. For a list of daily activities or additional information, please call (520) 421-8760.

Concert in the Park Series: Winter Line-Up

The Community Services Department is pleased to announce the winter line-up for the Concert in the Park series. Concerts will be held in Peart Park on the third Friday of the month from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Peart Park is located at 350 E. 6th Street. The upcoming line-up includes:

Troubadour Experience
Friday, November 18
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Holiday Tribute
Friday, December 16
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Concerts are free to attend. Limited seating is available so blankets and/or lawn chairs are encouraged.

For additional information, please call (520) 421-8677, ext. 4523.



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

DOCUMENTARY SERIES

Tuesdays 11/1 & 11/15 1:30 p.m. Main
 Wednesdays 12/6 & 12/20 1:30 p.m. Vista

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Tuesdays 11/1-11/20 10:30 a.m. Main
 Wednesdays 11/2-11/16 10:30 a.m. Vista
 Wednesdays 11/30-12/14 10:30 a.m. Vista

TUESDAY TRIVIA FOR TEENS

Tuesdays 11/1-12/20 3:00 p.m. Vista

LITERATI BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

Wednesday 11/2 & 12/7 12:00 p.m. Vista

TODDLER STORYTIME

Thursdays 11/3-12/15 9:30 a.m. Vista

ENCHANTED TEA PARTY

Thursdays 11/3-12/1 10:00 a.m. Vista

TEEN DROP IN CRAFT

Wednesdays 11/2-11/16 3:00 p.m. Vista
 Wednesdays 11/30-12/21 3:00 p.m. Vista

YOGA FOR KIDS

Fridays 11/4-12/16 9:15 a.m. Main

SCI-TECH SATURDAYS

Saturdays 11/5-11/19 2:00 p.m. Vista
 Saturdays 12/3-12/17 2:00 p.m. Vista

MAKER MONDAY!

Mondays 11/7-12/12 3:30 p.m. Vista

MUSIC FOR LIL' ONES

Monday 11/7 10:30 a.m. Main
 Monday 12/5 10:30 a.m. Main

LUNCH BUNCH BOOK CLUB

Tuesdays 11/8 & 12/13 12:00 p.m. Main

LIBRARY BUDDIES PLAY GROUP

Mondays 11/14-11/28 10:00 a.m. Main
 Monday 12/12 10:00 a.m. Main

AZ HUMANITIES PRESENTATION: ORIGIN OF CIVIL RIGHTS

Friday 11/18 1:30 p.m. Main

THANKSGIVING PUPPET SHOW AND CRAFT

Join us for a special Thanksgiving program with stories, puppet show, and a craft.
 Tuesday 11/22 10:30 a.m. Main

CHRISTMAS EVENING AT MAIN

Listen to Santa read a Christmas story while enjoying hot chocolate (or chocolate milk), and cookies. Santa will also be available to take pictures with your child(ren) until 6:50 p.m. Please bring your own camera.
 Monday 12/19 6:00 p.m. Main

Dave White Municipal Golf Course
 Rates for November 1 through December 31

	Before 1:00 p.m.	After 1:00 p.m.
18 holes with cart	\$34.00	\$28.00
18 holes walking	\$27.00	\$21.00
9 holes with cart	\$25.00	\$23.00
9 holes walking	\$18.00	\$16.00

(520) 836-9216 | 2121 N. Thornton Road | davewhitegolf.org

*All rates are per person, tax not included. These rates are subject to change.

HOLIDAY BOOK FAIR

November 28 - December 2
Main Library
 Items available will include picture books, activity books, coloring books, and educational books. Many items are \$5 or less and each purchase supports the library!
 Call (520) 421-8710 for details!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS & MEETINGS For more events/meetings, visit www.casagrandeaz.gov

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2016	
11/2	Arts & Humanities Commission, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.
11/3	Planning & Zoning Commission, 6:00 p.m. City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.
11/4-5	Ride for the Warrior Music Festival, 4:00 p.m. Paul Mason Sportsplex, 2525 N. Pinal Ave.
11/5	Veteran's Day Parade, 10:00 a.m. Florence Boulevard & Historic Downtown
11/7	City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.
11/12	Youth Commission, 8:30 a.m. City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.
11/18	Concert in the Park, 6:00 p.m. Troubadour Experience Peart Park, 350 E. 6th St.
11/21	City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.
12/3	Electric Light Parade & Festivities, 12:30 p.m. Florence Boulevard & Historic Downtown
12/5	City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.
12/7	Arts & Humanities Commission, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.
12/8	Planning & Zoning Commission, 6:00 p.m. City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.
12/10	Youth Commission, 8:30 a.m. City Hall, 510 E. Florence Blvd.
12/16	Concert in the Park, 6:00 p.m. Holiday Tribute Peart Park, 350 E. 6th St.

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*
 Karl Montoya, *Mayor Pro Tempore*
 Dick Powell, *Councilmember*
 Mary Kortsen, *Councilmember*
 Matt Herman, *Councilmember*
 Lisa Fitzgibbons, *Councilmember*
 Ralph Varela, *Councilmember*