

# City Snapshot



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## getting ready for school

It's hard to believe that many of you will be getting your children ready for school in the next few weeks. August 7 will be here before we know it. Are our children prepared with the supplies they need to help them succeed? For many Casa Grande elementary school students, the first day of class is very daunting and filled with stress. And that's even if they have the supplies they need. Imagine not having pencils, paper, and erasers.



To help alleviate the stress, the Employee Excellence Committee is spearheading a school supplies drive. Joining city employees will be many local businesses to make this school drive the best ever. According to Jamie White, Chairman of the EEC, the School Supply Drive will begin on Monday, July 1 and end on Wednesday, July 31. On August 6, the school supplies will be delivered to the Casa Grande Elementary School District offices for distribution to students in grades K-6. Supplies will also be distributed to Child Protective Services who will distribute to those students who could use some help. "The goal communitywide is to collect enough for 500 children for the upcoming school year," Jamie said.

APS has provided the donation drop-off boxes which will be appearing at various places around city departments. To order boxes, please contact Jamie by email at [jwhite@casagrandeaz.gov](mailto:jwhite@casagrandeaz.gov) with the number of collection boxes your department will need.

"They that can give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety." -- Ben Franklin, 1759

Items on the collection list:

- Backpacks (major item)
- Packages of #2 pencils
- Erasers
- Crayola Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- 3x5 Index Cards
- Glue Sticks
- Highlighters
- Dry Erase Markers
- Black & White Composition Books
- Reams of wide or college ruled paper
- Reams of copy paper
- Tissues
- Crayola Markers (Washable)
- Paint Brushes
- Watercolor Paints (Washable)

Let's do our best to help these students.

## glad you're my co-worker



Tuesday, George Plumb, Parks Maintenance, was surprised during a department meeting by Gay Barnhart, Finance. As she delivered the "I'm Glad You're My Co-worker" balloon Gay told George she appreciates his always upbeat personality and thanked him for keeping our grounds looking great. Congratulations George!

## July Anniversaries

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>
Greg Bingham	28	Jeffery Carditas	7
Laugro Gomez	27	Mark Graffius	7
Michael Brashier	21	Kevin Louis	7
Margaret Pieper	20	Terry Pickett	7
Galen Flynn	18	Mark Anderson	6
Scott Sjerven	18	Cody Deuel	6
Martha Spelbring	18	Julian Rodriguez Jr.	6
Tonya Stager	18	William Stephenson	6
Cornelious Riley III	17	Abdul Rashid	5
Brian Ramirez	16	Shirley Ward	5
Carlos Reyes	16	Maria Chairez	4
Robert Metzinger	14	Deanna Davis	4
Shawn McCarville	14	Sarah Sisco	4
Scott Tracy	14	Judith Vianna	4
Gay Barnhart	13	Michael Tobie	2
Greg Cortez	13	Christopher Vasquez	2
Mary Dill	12	Stephanie Campos	1
Oscar Garcia	12	Robert Dodson Jr.	1
Willis Currier	11	Matthew Jankowski	1
Cathern Hansen	11	Christine Prezant	1
Esmael Perez	11	David Reffner	1
Kim Schmitz	11	Anna Valenzuela	1
Brett Wallace	8		

## July Birthdays

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
James Fults	1	Arthur Marcello	18
Lydia Cordova	2	Judith Vianna	18
Diane Archer	5	Gary Cummings	19
David Woodward	6	Shannon Rennells	19
James Morgan	7	Charlotte Barr	20
Sonia Olveda	7	Rockne Anderson	22
David Standridge	8	Jonathan Larson	22
Mark Wilhite	8	Alvin Nall	22
Jeremy Ybarra	8	Gerardo Gonzales	23
Bobby Gordon	9	Melissa Marcucci	23
Rick Barnhart	10	David Engstrom	24
Richard Beedle	10	Deborah Jewell	25
Larry Waite	11	Kaitlyn Baish	26
Ana Woodward	12	David Espinoza Jr.	26
Jerry Armstrong	13	Johnny Cervantes	28
Kevin Crandall	13	Judy Ferguson	28
Richard Ramirez	13	Cathy Zapata	28
Clara Estrada	14	Barbara Zeck	28
Pedro Reyna	14	Alonzo Lopez	29
Matthew Harper	15	Anita Avila	30
Erica Perez	15	Christopher Vasquez	30
Billy Hatton	18		

## welcome aboard



Left to right: Yvette Granados, Permit Tech; Teri Hogue, Library Page; Sue Anderson, DPSAC Site Mgr.



Jim Gagliardi, Planner and Stephanie Apodaca, Dispatch. Not Pictured: Michelle Wood, Maintenance.

## shooting star awarded



June's Shooting Star recipient was Anita Avila, Community Services. Other nominees were Valerie Vanderpool, Finance Dept., and Felicia Rodriguez, Finance Dept. Anita will enjoy 8 hours paid time-off along with the desktop award. Congratulations Anita!

## hip-hip hurray!

The June 2013 Employee Recognition & Awards luncheon was held on Wednesday, June 19. Below are photos of those in attendance who received recognition for 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of service with the city. Our Shooting Star Award winner was also recognized. The group of 46 (25 employees and Mayor Jackson, Councilman Montoya and Department Directors) attended the luncheon held in their honor. In all, 48 employees received recognition.

### 25 years of service



Gerald West, Parks, is joined by Mayor Jackson.  
Not pictured: Kent Horn, PD.

### 20 years of service



Pedro Apodaca, Streets; Laura Blakeman, Planning & Development; and Richard Cardena, Len Colla. Not pictured: Claudio Garcia, Parks, Brian Flynn, FD

### 10 & 15 years of service



Rojelio Sotelo, Streets; Al Grijalva, PD; Laura Martinez, PD. Not pictured: Adam Rodriguez, PD; Brian Gragg, PD; Lupe Vidal, Engineering; Don Lauderback, FD, Tony LaFalce, FD.



### 5 years of service



Back row: Michelle Mata, Library; Kristina Schiltz, City Attorney; Danny Allen, Wastewater; Rachel Valencia, Sanitation; Joe Regnell, Streets; Norm Gumenik, Sanitation; Gary Cummings, Equip. Maintenance; Clyde Wilkinson, Streets; Suzie Holmes, Equip. Maintenance; Brian Aguero, Landfill; Gabriel Aguero, Recycling; and Edward Ford, Sanitation. Front row: Iveta Swan, FD; Frank Ricci, FD; Kevin Booth, FD; Bobby Gordon, FD; Charles Schmidlin, PD; and Tyler Miller, PD. Not pictured: Laura Hinz, Landfill; Justin Higgs, IT; Robert Price, PD; Ryan Adams, FD; Peter Benzing, FD; Rick Berry, Golf Course; Christopher Cauthen, FD; Rick Cratte, FD; Ernesto Delgado, FD; Richard Haapala, FD; David Kelman, FD; Ryan Littrell, FD; Derek Peters, PD; Cory Vance, FD; Curtis Voight, FD; Adam Walker, FD.

## upcoming events



It's that time again, for a nice cold frosty Root Beer float. Join fellow staff on Wednesday, July 3 at any of these three locations from 2-3PM: City Hall, Conference Room, NOC Break Room, and Public Safety Facility, Break Room. It's one way to beat the heat!



Kick back and enjoy a fun-filled day ending with an impressive display of fireworks on Thursday, July 4 at Ed Hooper Park from 6:30 - 10PM. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, BBQ, fun in the sun, and an evening filled with music and games. What a great way to spend the 4th of July!



It's Pool Party Time: Saturday, July 13, 6-8PM at the Palm Island Family Aquatics Park. Bring the family for old-fashioned fun at the pool. Food and drinks will be supplied by the EEC. Be sure to make your reservation by contacting Jamie White, [jwhite@casagrandeaz.gov](mailto:jwhite@casagrandeaz.gov) by Friday, July 5.



United Blood Services will be holding its blood drive on Thursday, July 11, from 1-4PM at the Parks & Rec. building. All who donate will be entered in a contest to win a new 2013 VW Passat! Please contact Laura Higgs at Ext. 5250 to make your appointment or sign in [here](#).



Animal Care & Adoption will be holding its semi-annual Rabies Clinic 8-10AM on Saturday, July 20 at Gilbert Park. Rabies shots are \$10 and licensing will be on site. Other vaccinations will be available at various prices. Please visit [rabies clinic](#) for more information. Remember all dogs must be leashed.