

City Snapshot



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Q: How do bunnies stay healthy?

A: Egg-xercise!

~Author Unknown

Renovations Nearly Complete

After months of planning and anticipation the remodel of the Main Library and the former Police Station for communications is nearly complete. So much so, that barring any unforeseen issues, move in can be the latter part of this month. There have been a number of challenges with the library as there are with almost all older structures, but the project continues to move forward on a daily basis. The Main Library has seen an expansion of the public computer area, a new entrance on the north side rather than the east side, new meeting areas, library personnel offices, and an area to house a small coffee shop (about the size of Starbucks in Safeway) including outdoor seating. Upstairs, the once divided room has been repurposed into a large open space for classes, or meetings for larger groups.



The reconfiguration of the old floor plan provides improvement on flow and expansion of several areas. New lighting and ceiling design help with sound suppression and visual needs. Previously, the library felt disjointed and space confining. Today, there is an open feel to the area and space has been so improved it seems as though an addition was added.

The communications area has undergone the most transformation. From a cramped one-room hodge-podge of computer equipment and no windows to an open area with natural light features and room to move about their computer stations.



Our dispatch personnel are currently housed in a trailer parked next to the building. All are eager to move into the new facility. The whole main floor of the old Police Station was virtually gutted to revamp the space into a more user friendly arrangement.



The entryway of the old PD has been walled off with only the customer window still intact.

Not only is the dispatch area larger, but a new break room and meeting rooms are now available. There is an area also reserved for police officers to write reports or meet with the public during normal office hours. The downstairs, is being used for overflow evidence items. The holding cell will remain as a backup while the workout area will remain vacant. The plan is to one day utilize the space as a downtown substation for the police department. For now, this partial transformation will be a reality.

Glad You're My Co-Worker



The recipient of the March "Glad You're My Co-worker" balloon is Terry McKeon, civil engineer. Leticia Luse presented the balloon remarking that, "His dedication, knowledge, and helpfulness during all the construction at the wastewater treatment plant is very much appreciated." Congratulations Terry!

April Anniversaries

Name	Years	Name	Years
Kent Horn	26	Brian Berry	4
Douglas Dammonn	25	Lisa Fitzgibbons	4
Margo Center	23	Amber Kent	4
Michael Edwards	22	Richard Beedle	3
Juan Mejia, Jr.	20	Gregory Carbajal	3
David Rodriguez	18	Orlando Jimenez	3
Gilardo Rios	15	Dallin McClellan	3
Manuel Rodriguez	15	Kelly McCoy	3
Scott Miller	14	Sarah McKinney	3
Kevin Madden	13	Barbara Rice	2
Timothy Hess	10	Ralph Varela	2
Humberto Gutierrez	8	Johnny Cervantes	1
Dolores Minogue	7	Kevin Crandall	1
Diane James	5	Debra Turner	1

April Birthdays

Name	Date	Name	Date
Onisha Noland	2	Thomas Picklesimer	14
Jackie Frye	5	Jeffery Thornton	16
Bob Jackson	6	Cathren Hansen	18
Wes Mitchell	7	Yvette Rodriguez	18
John Minard	8	Scott Reed	20
Raymond Torres	8	Cesar Adamos	23
Jesus Noriega	9	Brian Langeliers	23
William Stephenson	9	Jamie White	23
Bianca Smith	10	Mark Anderson	25
Timothy Hess	11	Dawn Michelle Wood	26
Abraham Corralejo	14	James Carter	28

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 19:

8 - 11 a.m., **Citywide Clean-up**, help others keep Casa Grande Beautiful by pitching in to help clean the city's mile on Pinal Ave. Join fellow employees who want to help keep our city clean. For more information or to sign up, please contact Parks & Recreation, 421-8677. Bags and vests will be provided. Free breakfast burritos will be offered again at DPSAC between 8-11 a.m.



9:30 - 10:30 a.m., **Family Easter Celebration**, children from 2 & under up to 9 years old will have a great time filling their baskets with treats. Times are for specific ages as follows:



9:30 a.m., ages 7-9
 9:50 a.m., ages 5-6
 10:10 a.m., ages 3-4
 10:30 a.m., ages 2 & under.

Fun takes place at the Paul Mason Sports Complex, 2525 N Pinal Avenue. There will also be easter egg decorating, easter basket making, and photos with the Easter Bunny! Event is free.

April is Counseling Awareness Month

Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is a free, confidential program to help you balance your work, family, and personal life. This service is offered through our EAP benefit at no cost to you. Call Toll Free: 800-327-3517 to set up an appointment or visit www.eappreferred.com. To login use the following: username: COCG123; password: eappreferred. As a reminder, all activity is strictly confidential; no information is shared with city offices.



Welcome to the City of Casa Grande

Due to an oversight, the new hires listed below were not included in the February Snapshot. However, we welcome them no matter how long they've waited! From left to right are: Mario Ciarlo, Public Safety Dispatcher; Bobby Bartelson, Maintenance Worker, Recycling; Dure Salazar, Maintenance Worker, Streets; and Manuel Hernandez, Senior Maintenance Worker, Facilities Maintenance. As they say, "better late than never." Welcome to all of you!



Wacky Days in April

Date

- 1 International Fun Day at Work
- 7 No Housework Day
- 9 Name Yourself Day
- 10 Golfer's Day
- 11 National Submarine Day
- 13 Scrabble Day
- 16 National Librarian Day
- 17 Blah Blah Blah Day
- 19 National Garlic Day
- 22 National Jelly Bean Day
- 23 Take a Chance Day
- 25 World Penguin Day
- 29 National Shrimp Scampi Day
- 30 National Honesty Day

Disney's "Frozen" Headlines Movie Night

The EEC will be holding its semi-annual Movie Night on Friday, April 11, at Villago Park starting at 6:30 p.m. The movie will begin around 7 p.m. Popcorn will be available, however, it's a good idea to bring a picnic dinner to eat during the movie. The event is open to all city employees and their families. RSVPs are requested by Monday, April 6, to Laura Higgs, via email, lhiggs@casagrandeaz.gov. Please bring blankets or chairs to sit on as seating is limited.

Stay Connected

Today, it's easy to stay connected to what's happening in the city than ever before. From social media to website, it's all there. Listed below are the ways you can stay connected:

CasaGrandeAz.gov

With more than 20,000 views per month, the city website is your one stop for city information. View complete City Council packets, submit issues and concerns, watch streaming video of council meetings, search public records, view the complete code of ordinances, sign up for recreation classes, pay your sewer/trash bill, access the Casa Grande Public Library, and much more.

E-Newsletters

Sign up to receive weekly e-newsletters at casagrandeaz.gov. Simply click on the E-News button on the bottom of the home page and enter your email address. Choose to receive information about recreation events/classes, library events/classes, general city news and city council agendas.

Social Media

[Facebook.com/cityofcg](https://www.facebook.com/cityofcg)
[Facebook.com/cgpolice](https://www.facebook.com/cgpolice)
[Facebook.com/cgfiredept](https://www.facebook.com/cgfiredept)
[Facebook.com/cglibraryaz](https://www.facebook.com/cglibraryaz)
[Twitter.com/cgazgov](https://twitter.com/cgazgov)
[Twitter.com/casagrandepd](https://twitter.com/casagrandepd)
[Twitter.com/cglibrary](https://twitter.com/cglibrary)
[YouTube.com/cgazgov](https://www.youtube.com/cgazgov)

Cox Channel 11

Watch local programs on Cox Channel 11, including City Scene and City Council meetings. City Scene is a monthly program that features different projects/events happening in Casa Grande. The show offers giveaways to lucky viewers. It airs every Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Sunday at 7:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. Council meetings are broadcast live and rebroadcast every Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Sunday at 12 Noon and 8:00 p.m.

MyCasaGrande Mobile App

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 Apple online to download today.

Summer Plans?



As you begin planning your vacation don't forget to take advantage of discounts in the Employee Network pamphlet available through Administrative Services. Discounts include admission to many of the fun theme parks from Lego Land, Disneyland, Sea World, to local venues such as Out of Africa Wildlife Park (Camp Verde), the Phoenix Zoo, and Sea Life Aquarium (Arizona Mills Mall, Tempe). There are also discounts for hotels and motels if you plan a "staycation" here in Arizona. For more information be sure to visit www.theemployeenetwork.com. You might be surprised at what you find. For copies of the pamphlet contact Administrative Services.

Victims' Rights Week April 6 - 12



This year's Victims' Rights Week will kick off with a dedication ceremony at the City Hall Plaza on Monday, April 7, 10-11 a.m. Mayor Jackson will present the proclamation designating the week as Victims's Rights Week. There will be various events throughout the week at different locations within Pinal County. One of the most touching events will be the candlelight vigil scheduled for Friday, April 11, at the Harkins Theater plaza at the Promenade Mall, 4-8 p.m. At 6:30 p.m. participants will walk in honor of all victims throughout Arizona. This year's theme is "30 Years Restoring the Balance of Justice." Sponsors include the City of Casa Grande, Against Abuse, Pinal County Attorney's Office and the Victim Assistance Program for the Maricopa Police Department. For more information and a complete calendar of events please contact Terry Montijo, Victims' Advocate, Ext. 3440.

Shred Day and Ecycle Events Set for April 19

The Casa Grande Youth Commission will be holding its spring shred day on Saturday, April 19 at the First American Credit Union, 1001 N Pinal, from 9 a.m. - Noon. This is a great opportunity to have your sensitive documents destroyed properly. One of the top ten tips for protecting yourself against identity theft is to shred papers with any account numbers or other sensitive personal information. The Recycling division of the Public Works department will once again be on hand to help. Although not mandatory, donations are always welcome.

If you've been waiting for the opportunity to recycle your old electronic equipment you waited long enough! The Recycling division of Public Works will hold its annual event on Saturday, April 19, 7:30 a.m. - Noon, at Carr McNatt Park, 1115 N. Brown Ave. Items accepted include computer equipment, laptops, flat panel monitor, storage devices, circuit boards, power cords, telephone equipment, printers, fax machines, copiers, typewriters, radios, televisions (non CRT), cd players, and more. For a complete list of items please visit [Recycle](#). This is an opportunity you don't want to miss.