

City Snapshot



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It will be celebrated...
with pomp and parade...
bonfires and illuminations
from one end of this continent
to the other. John Adams (1735-1826)

Seeking Your Input

Public input is being sought for a proposed traffic interchange at Kortsen Road and I-10. There will be an open house on Wednesday, July 23 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber to include a brief presentation at 6 p.m. The City has contracted Jacobs Engineering to conduct a traffic interchange study. The purpose of the new interchange will be to address projected increases in traffic resulting from population growth, residential development, and business development including PhoenixMart. The study will evaluate the potential impact of this anticipated growth and development and propose alternatives to help address the increasing traffic demand to and from I-10 in the Florence Blvd. corridor and in eastern Casa Grande. Public input is a very important part of the process and comments provided will help the study team fully understand public issues and make informed decisions regarding the study. If you are unable to attend, but wish to comment, you may send your comments via email to michael.okamoto@jacobs.com.

Vaccination and License Clinic

It's that time of year that all our pets love! Vaccination and licensing. The Animal Care & Adoption Center will be holding it's annual mid-year vaccination and licensing clinic on Saturday, July 19, from 8-10 a.m. at Gilbert Park, 1140 E. Trinity Place.

Licensing Fees:

Dogs		Cats
Unaltered	\$30	\$20
Altered	\$15	\$10
Sr. Citizen	\$10	\$ 5
Rabies Shot	\$10	



City Statute requires all dogs and cats over the age of 3 months to be vaccinated and licensed.

Your animal is required to be on a leash at all times.

Glad You're My Co-Worker



Jason Morales, Parks Maintenance, presented Bill Tiegen, Fleet Maintenance, with the July "Glad You're My Co-worker" balloon. Jason let Bill know that he appreciated Bill's help no matter when he needs it. "Bill is always willing to drop what he's doing to fix the problem." Congratulations Bill!

July Anniversaries

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>
Gregory Bigham	29	Kevin Louis	8
Laugro Gomez	28	Mark Anderson	7
Mike Brashier	22	Sheila Chavez	7
Margaret Pieper	21	Cody Deuel	7
Galen Flynn	19	Julian Rodriguez Jr.	7
Scott Sjerven	19	William Stephenson	7
Martha Spelbring	19	Abdul Rashid	6
Tonya Stager	19	Shirley Ward	6
Cornelius Riley III	18	Maria Chairez	5
Brian Ramirez	17	Deanna Davis	5
Carlos Reyes	17	Sarah Sisco	5
Robert Matzinger	15	Judith Vianna	5
Shawn McCarville	15	Michael Tobie	3
Scott Tracy	15	Christopher Vasquez	3
Gay Barnhart	14	Stephanie Campos	2
Greg Cortez	14	Robert Dodson Jr.	2
Mary Dill	13	Matthew Jankowski	2
Cathren Hansen	12	Christine Prezant	2
Esmael Perez	12	David Reffner	2
Kim Schmitz	12	Anna Valenzuela	2
Brett Wallace	9	Christopher O'Neil	1
Jeffrey Cardita	8	Steven Turner	1
Mark Graffius	8		

Shooting Star Recipient Announced



Clara Estrada, Finance Clerk, was chosen by her peers as the June Shooting Star recipient. Clara's nomination noted, "Clara always remains calm even when dealing with the most difficult customers." Also, her ability to anticipate department and employee needs before being asked is appreciated. "Her outstanding customer/employee service is "exceptional" on a daily basis." Clara will enjoy 8 hours of paid time off, her name on the perpetual plaque at City Hall, and a desk-top award. Larry Waite, Housing Division, and Jeff Palmer, Code Enforcement Officer, were also nominated. The underlying theme of all three nominations was exceptional customer service, ability to "get the job done," and working at a higher than expected level. Congratulations to all nominees for being our great co-workers!

July Birthdays

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
James Fults	1	Arthur Marcello	18
Alyssa Bingochea	2	Judith Vianna	18
Lydia Cordova	2	Gary Cummings	19
Chris Stephens	6	Shannon Rennells	19
David Woodward	6	Charlotte Barr	20
Sonia Olveda	7	Rockne Anderson	22
Mark Wilhite	8	Jonathan Larson	22
Jeremy Ybarra	8	Gerardo Gonzales	23
Bobby Gordon	9	Melissa Marcucci	23
Rick Barnhart	10	David Engstrom	24
Richard Beedle	10	Deborah Jewell-Cannon	25
Larry Waite	11	Jeanne Michie	25
Ana Woodward	12	Kaitlyn Baisch	26
Steven Crandall	13	Catherine Macias	26
Richard Ramirez	13	Jonathan Kiesel	27
Clara Estrada	14	Johnny Cervantes	28
Pedro Reyna	14	Cathy Zapata	28
Matthew Harper	15	Barbara Zeck	28
Erica Perez	15	Alonzo Lopez	29
Billy Hatton	18		

Watch your mail for a new ID card from United Health care during the first week of July. Please use the new card and discard the old one. Avesis Vision and Principal Dental cards are unchanged. Remember to contact Human Resources if you experience a qualifying event for insurance purposes. Changes include: marriage, divorce, or legal separation, birth or adoption of a child, or change in spouse's employment status that may affect his/her benefits. Notice is required within 30 days of such an event.

Wacky Days in July

Date

- 2 I Forgot Day
- 7 Chocolate Day
- 10 Teddy Bear Picnic Day
- 12 Pecan Pie Day
- 13 Embrace Your Geekness Day
- 15 Tapioca Pudding Day
- 20 Ugly Truck Day
- 22 Hammock Day
- 23 National Hot Dog Day
- 25 Threading Needle Day
- 26 Aunt and Uncle Day
- 27 Take Your Pants for a Walk Day
- 31 Mutt's Day

Employee Awards & Recognition

On Wednesday, June 11, employees were recognized for their years of service with the city. The next luncheon will be held in December to honor those hired at least 5 years ago between June 30 and December 31.

25 Year Awards



Doug Dammann (left) and Dan Greenfield (right), both from Public Works.

20 Year Awards



(L-R), Henry Mejia, Parks Maintenance; Lupe Reyes, Police Department; Linda Harris, Development Center; Chris Lawson, Streets; Clarence Edwards, Sanitation; and John Hill, Police Department.

15 Year Awards



(L-R) Gil Rios, Public Works; Rick Barnhart, Code Enforcement; and Manuel Rodriguez, Public Works. Not pictured, Mary Ann Solano, Library. It should be noted here that Rick retired after 20 years with the CGPD so has actually been a part of the city for over 35 years!

10 Year Awards



Martha Lewallen, Human Resources, and Jim Thompson, City Manager. Not pictured: Chris Palmer, Police Department; Jacob Robinson, Police Department; Tim Hess, Fire Department; and Gerardo Gonzales, Public Works.

5 Year Awards



Art Marcello, Finance; and Diane James, Police Department. Not pictured: Kevin Fahey, Library.

New Hires



New staff joining the city from left to right are: Raylene Johns, Recreation Programmer, Community Services; Alexis Ramirez, Management Analyst, Community Services; and Chelsea Costillos, Administrative Assistant, Police Department. Not pictured, Police Officer Thomas Sheurn who was sworn in on June 16.