

City Snapshot



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Change is inevitable — except from a vending machine. ~Robert C. Gallagher

Let the Activities Begin! A Bounty of Fall Favorites for Everyone

Last Issue of SnapShot

After much thought about how many avenues city employees have to receive information about city events and announcements, it was decided the October issue will be the last issue of the Snapshot. When the newsletter was first published in 2006 as the CSI (City Staff Informer), it was one of the few ways that employees were apprised of employee accomplishments and city events. Today, however, this information is readily available via many other sources.

We have the employee intranet (CitySpace), city website with a comprehensive calendar of events, Cox Channel 11, community bulletin board, social media sites, and the City Beat newsletter.

CityWire will continue to be sent to all employees every Friday but will be revamped to include new hire photos, birthday and anniversary lists, Shooting Star awards, and all the other fun things you've come to expect from City Snapshot. Announcements and photos will also be posted on CitySpace for all employees to see.

Streamlining the flow of information without compromising what is shared has always been the goal and will continue to be into the future.

Upcoming Events

Friday, Oct. 3, 6-9 p.m.: Silent Witness Anti-Crime Night, enjoy displays by local public safety organizations and fun games, including the Titanic tilt, All-American joust, soccer cage, obstacle course, and much more. Public safety vehicles and helicopters will also be on display for children to ride. Please visit [Anti-Crime Night](#) to learn more.

Saturday, Oct. 11, 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.: 8th Annual Smoke Alarm Installation. Sign-in begins at 7 a.m. with a continental breakfast, installation to begin at approximately 9 a.m. Lunch served when complete. Volunteers still needed. For more information please contact Andrew Hensley, Fire Prevention Officer, Ext. 5980.

Saturday, Oct. 11, 7:45 a.m.: 5K Fun Run/Walk, Casa Grande Airport, registration begins at 7:45 a.m. with run/walk beginning at 9 a.m.

Adopt a Shelter Dog or Cat



If you've been giving some thought to adding a dog or cat to your family keep in mind that during its Annual Open House on Saturday, Nov. 1, 10AM-2PM the city's Animal Care and Adoption Center will be holding a special adoption event with lower fees for both dogs and cats. All dogs will be \$50 and cats \$15. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, and a city license. Event takes place at 202 E. First Avenue.

ALS "Ice Bucket Challenge" Coming to City Hall



Come and cheer on the Mayor & City Council as they participate in the ALS "Ice Bucket Challenge." Ice drops at 5 p.m. in front of City Hall on Monday, October 6. ALS is often called Lou Gehrig's disease, after the famous baseball player who was diagnosed with it. ALS is a type of motor neuron disease that causes nerve cells to gradually break down and die.

RSVPs for City Picnic Due Oct. 25

City Picnic sign-up is currently underway. Be sure to bring the family out on Friday, November 14. Food service begins at 5:30 p.m. and runs until 7:30 p.m. By turning in your reservation you'll ensure there is enough seating and food. There will be face painting, horsehoes, raffles, and much more. Visit [CitySpace](#) for the RSVP form. Please remember, no glass containers are allowed.

Glad You're My Co-Worker



Rick Barnhart, Code Enforcement Officer, passed on the "Glad You're My Co-worker Balloon" for October to an unsuspecting Valerie Vanderpool, Sr. Accounting Clerk. Rick noted Valerie has, "...a very complicated, difficult job keeping exacting records for payroll...Your "old school" work ethic is something I admire. I am certainly not alone in appreciating what you do on a daily basis." Congratulations Valerie!

Leavitt Group New Insurance Broker

Effective this month the city has a new Insurance Broker. The Leavitt group comes to us highly recommended! They bring with them some great ideas for streamlining open enrollment, helping us with innovative Wellness initiatives, and providing assistance with disputes that sometimes arise around insurance claims. If you have an explanation of benefits (EOB) from United Health Care that doesn't appear correct, or have been referred for a procedure that UHC denies, contact Human Resources and, if needed, we can put you in contact with our Leavitt group representatives. We are excited to have them join our team to help us provide quality health care and partner with us as we bring more Wellness activities. We are working on the Wellness calendar now, so stay active, stay informed, and stay healthy!

Start Saving for Retirement Now

Talk to those who have retired and you'll find out it took a lot of proper investing to help them get to the point where retirement funds were available when needed. Randall Neis, the city's Deferred Comp representative will be here on Monday, October 13 to answer your questions, make changes to, or help you sign-up for Deferred Comp. Appointments are available at the Public Safety Building, Community Room between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. or at Human Resources, Bldg. B, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please call HR to schedule your appointment. Don't let this opportunity pass you by.

New City Staff



Daniel Kent,
Public Safety
Dispatcher.



Maree Archuleta,
GIS Technician



Edward Quigley,
Assistant City
Prosecuter

Notary Workshop Information



Save the date! The City Clerk's Office will host a "Notary Workshop" on Wednesday, October 22 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the Public Safety Bldg. Room 157-EOC. A Representative from the Arizona Secretary of State's office will conduct the workshop. The workshop is open to the public and free to anyone interested in learning the notary statutes, duties & responsibilities. The class registration information will be provided once it's listed and available on the State's website.

October Anniversaries

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>
Greg Garcia	24	Shannon Rennells	9
Carol Bojorquez	22	Nancy Downing	8
Tim Church	20	Melissa Engstrom	8
Sandra Apodaca	19	Nick Stalter	8
John Smith	19	Carlos Tapia	8
Linda Garcia	18	Raymond Torres	8
Juan DeLeon	16	Jennifer Downs	7
Bonnie Dunham	16	Matthew Duran	7
Frank Lujan	16	David Linehan	7
George Plumb	14	Mark Wilhite	7
Michael Withrow	14	Pedro Reyna	6
Isaac Davis	13	Mary Sanders	6
Russell Diggins	13	Daniel Timmons	4
Phillip Emmett	13	Gregory Roorda	3
Melissa Phillips	13	Donald Sutton	3
Clifton Sanders	13	Joyce Duplessis	2
Frank Alanis	12	Mark Lewis	2
Jeremy Bryant	12	Miguel Rodriguez	2
Byron Mays	12	Steven Shanafelt	2
Andrew Leary	11	Joshua Barbre	1
Thomas Anderson	10	Matthew Farmer	1
Michael Bloomer	10	Thomas Finucane	1
John Lawson	10		

Youth Commission Shred Day



The Casa Grande Youth Commission, First American Credit Union, and Public Works are teaming up to host its fall Community Shred Day. It will be held at the American First Credit Union, 1001 N Pinal Ave., Saturday, October 18, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Donations are welcome and will go to the Youth Commission.

Halloween Activities Aboard



Two very popular annual events are scheduled in October for double the fun. Community Services will once again be hosting the Trunk-'R-Treat festivities will take place at the Dorothy Powell Senior Adult Center on Wednesday, October 22, from 10-11 a.m. Decorate car trunks and fill with special treats for all the tots who come looking for sweets to fill their bags. Donations of bags of candy are being accepted by Community Services. Of course the ghoul-de-gras of all is the Annual Halloween Carnival to be held on Friday, October 31 at Carr McNatt Park from 6-9 p.m. Plenty of games, food, candy, prizes, contests for everyone. Come out enjoy some "Boo!" time with the kids and family. Both events are free.

A grandmother pretends she doesn't know who you are on Halloween. ~ Erma Bombeck

October Birthdays

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Brandon Baker	2	Jonathan Campa-Molina	20
Stephanie Campos	3	Brian Gragg	20
Robert Price	3	Michael Turley	20
Josea Cobb	6	Joyce Duplessis	22
Paul Acevedo	7	Erik Moe	22
Rick Berry	9	Thomas Anderson	24
Brian McCloskey	12	Quindy Carter	24
Edward Velazquez	13	Nancy Downing	26
Cecelia Scott	14	Robert Leary	26
Dick Powell	15	Mathew Soulgine	26
Anna Valenzuela	16	Brian Walsh	27
Ricardo Carranza	17	Clarence Edwards	29
Matthew Duran	17	Michael Wilson	29
Matthew Perry	18	Scott Ludwig	31
Curtis Kieser	19	Carlos Tapia	31

Some Wacky Days in October

<u>Date</u>	
4	National Golf Day
5	Do Something Nice Day
7	Bald & Free Day
9	Leif Erikson Day
9	Moldy Cheese Day
16	Dictionary Day
19	Evaluate Your Life Day
21	Count Your Buttons Day
25	World Pasta Day