

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon, Jun 1 – Town Hall reopens, by appointment only

Tues, Jun 2 – Library enters Phase 2 of reopening. Computer use and copy/fax services by appointment only.

Thu, Jun 4 – **COVID-19 Testing Blitz**, 7 am – 9 am @ Senior Ctr/Library Parking Lot

Thu, Jun 11 – Council Meeting @ 7 pm @ Town Hall

Sat, Jun 13 – Community Meeting for Park Project @ 9 am @ Leffingwell Park, next to library

Sun, Jun 14 – Flag Day

Thu, Jun 18 – Community Meeting for Park Project @ 6 pm @ Hunt Park, next to Community Center

Fri, Jun 19 – Community Food Bank Distribution @ 8 am @ Senior Center

Thu, Jun 25 – Council Meeting @ 7 pm @ Town Hall

Have you completed your 2020 Census? Huachuca City is leading the way in Cochise County, but we are still only at 57%. The Census data has a direct effect on funding for our town and for representation in congress. Please do your part and complete your census today! You can do it online, by mail or by phone. Be counted!

SUNSET CITY NEWS

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A Note from our Town Manager

Dear Citizens and Residents of Huachuca City,

May is the month of Mothers and Memorial Day and we should show our appreciation and gratitude to both our Mothers and the Veterans, especially those who sacrificed much in the name of Freedom. Please welcome our new Landfill Director, Mr. Jay Howe! Jay comes highly recommended and with considerable experience and impressive credentials in landfill management. We are also excited that Town Hall is opening for by-appointment services. Mayor and Council directed that we use the CDBG for our Town's parks. Over the next few weeks, we are going to have informal meetings in each of our parks where the community can provide us feedback and perspective on what needs to be done and in what order and in what priority. While \$450,000 is a lot of money, it can be spent very quickly and we need to spend it where it is the most effective.

As you know, the Mayor & Council have directed me to address several issues that affect our community and I want to provide you an update. First, our Police Department passed their 2019 Audit which speaks highly of their performance in keeping our community safe. Furthermore, they issued 31 speeding citations along Huachuca Blvd over the last 30 days. This enforcement method helps to slow the speeding and dangerous drivers. During this same period, our Building Official reported that he had 225 open cases for unmaintained property, junked cars, uncleared alleyways, and other code & safety violations. Huachuca City has a lot of advantages that should be attractive to new businesses; for example, low crime rate, low sales tax, low property tax, low rental costs for commercial property, a good location near airports and highways, a large military installation nearby, a fiscally solvent local government, exceptional fire and emergency services, and a large population that has to pass through Huachuca City just to get anywhere. So why do we have so much empty commercial property along Huachuca Boulevard when we have all these advantages? I think it has to do with the few irresponsible property owners, most of whom do not live here, who choose to junk up the Town or fail to maintain their property. Now that Doc Johnson has citation authority, we will address this issue more aggressively. While on the topic of business, we are also proud to issue licenses to the following businesses: Mesquite Builders, James K. LLC (Attorney), and Gunny's BBQ. Furthermore, we are excited that SW Motors is expanding to provide welding and fabrication services. Please tell these businesses how much you appreciate that they are here in Huachuca City.

Chiricahua Mobile Health Clinic - Chiricahua Community Health Centers are currently only offering telehealth appointments. Call 459-3011 or text 678-7356 to schedule your appointment!

JOB OPENINGS

The Town of Huachuca City currently has several job openings:

Lifeguards - Lifeguard positions are seasonal positions and employment is contingent upon red cross certification. For more information about the lifeguard positions, call Suzanne at 456-1063.

Town Clerk – The Town Clerk position is a full-time position with benefits. For more information, see our website or inquire at Town Hall at 456-1354.

Finance Director – The Finance Director position is a full-time position with benefits. For more information inquire at Town Hall at 456-1354.

Summer Events

-Summer Splash has been cancelled this year.

-The pool will open mid-June, exact date to be determined.

-Summer Reading will begin on Jun 9. Make an appointment to sign up and pick up weekly summer reading activity bags.

SVMPO Emergency Traffic Signal – Work on the new emergency traffic signal on Huachuca Blvd will begin next month. Information on the groundbreaking ceremony will be coming out soon via social media and our website. Stay tuned!



PUBLIC WORKS NEWS – A big Hurrah for Public Works. They have worked hard to get the pool up and running. Thanks to their hard work, we expect to be able to open the pool in mid-June!

LIBRARY NEWS – The library will open for computer use, by appointment only on June 2. Patrons will be limited to one hour on the computer and will be required to wear masks. Please call 456-1063 to make an appointment.

SUMMER READING “RE-IMAGINED” – We will be having a “Re-Imagined” summer reading program this year for children ages 3-12. Call the library to sign up and then pick up your summer reading kit each weekly. Kits will include a reading log and various activities/crafts.

PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS - Rocky (pictured left) was found trespassing at the Huachuca City Animal Shelter on 05/20/2020, He has since been cited and released for criminal damage, and trespassing. He was re-located and told not to return to the shelter. K9-11



COVID-19 TESTING BLITZ – Chiricahua Community Health centers will be conducting a drive-thru testing blitz on Thu, Jun 4 from 7 am to 9 am at the Senior Center/Library Parking lot. You can pre-register on Mon, Jun 1st and Tue, Jun 2nd from 8 am to 5 pm and by calling 515-8648. Testing is free and open to all. Walk-thru’s can also be tested but are requested to wear a mask. If people do not pre-register, they can still be tested but the process will take slightly longer. This is not an antibody test. This test determines if you currently have COVID-19. You do not have to be symptomatic to be tested.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – At the last town council meeting the council approved a park improvement project. The Town would like input from the community on specific improvements. We will hold a meeting at 9:00 am on Sat, Jun 13 at Leffingwell Park, next to the library, to discuss improvements there. Another community meeting will be held on Thu, Jun 18, at 6:00 pm at Hunt Park, next to the community center. We welcome community feedback. If you cannot attend the meetings, please feel free to reach out through email to sharvey@huachucacityaz.gov.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS! - Code Enforcement Dept. needs volunteers who are willing to mow alleyways or yards for homeowners that are unable to do so. Must have own equipment. If interested please contact Building Official Dr. Jim Johnson at 520-249-5504 or jjohnson@huachucacityaz.gov.