



# GENERAL INFORMATION

## June 2024

### NOTABLE ITEMS:

- Inaugural 'Willcox on the Move' Q&A

- This month, the city hosted its inaugural 'Willcox on the Move' session, a monthly Q&A and public discussion event with city leaders. The meeting was led by City Manager Caleb Blaschke, Mayor Mike Laws, Vice Mayor Greg Hancock, and Councilmember Carl Hestand, and took place at Dos Cabezas Coffee Co. Several community members participated, engaging directly with officials on key issues. The main topic for this session was the city's parks, with a particular focus on the construction progress of the new city pool. Looking ahead, next month's discussion will address city streets and is scheduled to be held at the KOA's Roadrunner Café on Tuesday, July 23rd.

### Budget Reduction

|                         |                        | Reduction     | New Cost               |
|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Pool Construction       | \$ 1,705,000.00        |               | \$ 1,705,000.00        |
| Decking                 | \$ 320,900.00          | \$ 100,000.00 | \$ 220,900.00          |
| Splash Pad Construction | \$ 393,100.00          |               | \$ 393,100.00          |
| Slide Installation      | \$ 399,400.00          | \$ 200,000.00 | \$ 199,400.00          |
| Site Electric           | \$ 190,100.00          |               | \$ 190,100.00          |
| Fencing                 | \$ 72,050.00           |               | \$ 18,000.00           |
| Shade Sail Installation | \$ 335,100.00          | \$ 335,100.00 |                        |
| Landscaping             | \$ 106,750.00          | \$ 106,750.00 |                        |
| Taxes                   | \$ 100,000.00          |               | \$50,000               |
|                         | <b>\$ 3,622,400.00</b> |               | <b>\$ 2,776,500.00</b> |



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### Pool Timeline

- 10/2019 – City Council evaluates pool including operating expenses, revenue, capital costs. At the time pool companies estimated the cost to repair the liner, deck, chlorine and heating system to be \$520,000. This did not include replacing pipes or possible cracks in the pool foundation once the liner was removed. The City planned to use CDBG funds to pay for the improvements.
- 1/20 – COVID Pandemic Begins
- 01/21 – City staff began applying for AZ State Parks and Trails with Susan Pater
  - 3/21 – City staff meet with Mickey Rogers, Grant Director \$1,312,600 sought for pool
- 03/21 – Began working with Imperial Pools for reconstruction of existing pool after contacting over 30 pool companies in AZ, Texas and California.
- 6/21 – City Council officially applies for AZ State Parks and Trails funding and began rolling savings from pool operations into a reserve account.
- 1/2022 – City is officially awarded funds by Arizona State Parks and Trails
- 3/2022 – City awards bid to Aqua Design for Pool Design \$99,750
- 9/2022 – City goes out to bid for pool construction and does not receive any bids.
- 1/2023 – City goes out to bid under a Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Contract Rock House Construction, Shasta, Climmarron
- 04/2023 - Based on evaluations Climmarron was selected
- 04-06/2023 - Staff began negotiating with Climmarron on price and value engineering.
- 07/2023 – Contract approved by Willcox City Council
- 10/2023 – Pool Construction begins

### Slide/Pool Donors

Laura Bethel \$25,000

Cochise County \$25,000

GNS \$10,000

Riverview Dairy \$10,000

KE&G \$10,000

Valley Telecom \$5,000

Rock House \$5,000

Maid Rite \$5,000

DC Carriers \$5,000

SSVEC \$6,000

Southwest Disposal \$5,000

- AZ G&T Cooperative \$1,000
- Cochise Credit Union \$1,000
- Anonymous \$1,500
- Hydra Pest \$1,000
- Steve and Cheri Metts \$1,000
- Klump Materials \$1,000
- Anonymous \$900
- Apple Annie's \$500
- JDD Farms \$500
- Martin Rubber \$500
- Lambda Chi Omega \$500
- Susan Arbutnot \$500
- Tommy Todd and Peta Anne Tenney \$250
- Mark and Susan Pater, Patina Thompson, Cameron Carter, Lori White, Wayne Brewster, Vicki Cooke-Schindler, Blaschke Family \$150
- Eureka Springs, Gerald Lindsey, Betsy Ajeman, Buckskin Ranch, Unknown, \$100

- **Scott Street, Flagstaff Ave. & Prescott Ave.**  
**Construction Progress**

- The road construction on Scott Street, Flagstaff Avenue, and Prescott Avenue has been completed, including the final fog sealing. These improvements have significantly enhanced driving conditions, providing a smoother and more durable surface for our community.



- **Lavender Festival at Rhumb Line Vineyard**

- Rhumb Line Vineyard's third annual Lavender Festival drew a large crowd, boosting tourism and local spending in Willcox.



- **Willcox Public Safety Community Engagement**

- The Willcox Police and Fire Department joined the community for WAMM Fest and Ace Hardware's Customer Appreciation Day, showcasing their commitment to local involvement and public safety.



- City Well Update

- City Well #1 is back in action with new, deeper piping and is now fully operational. Staff is submitting a grant with WIFA for emergency funds to cover the cost of repairs and to seek funding to identify a location for a new well. Staff is now evaluating Well #2.



June General Information Continues



- Independence Day Events

- Below is a flyer listing various events going on in Willcox to celebrate Independence Day.



CITY OF **WILLCOX**

# 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

**7AM - 900 ENCANTO ST.**  
(SPONSORED BY THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS)

- COMMUNITY BREAKFAST & FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

**2PM - KEILLER PARK**  
(SPONSORED BY EXTENDED HANDS MINISTRIES)

- JUMBO WATER SLIDE
- BOUNCY CASTLE
- PIE EATING CONTEST
- WATERMELON EATING CONTEST
- DUNK BOOTH
- FREE HOT DOGS
- VARIETY OF GAMES

**8PM - WHS FOOTBALL FIELD**

- BEST FIREWORK SHOW IN THE CITY ;)

EVERYTHING IS **FREE** TO THE PUBLIC



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ARIZONA



# GENERAL INFORMATION

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- **Local Election Information**

- Below is a flyer detailing voting information for the upcoming local election.

## **City of Willcox 2024 Local Election**

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**JULY 30TH | 7AM - 5PM**

**WILLCOX COMMUNITY CENTER**

**312 W STEWART ST.**



### **CANDIDATES:**

- **Councilmember Carl Hestand**
- **Vice-Mayor Greg Hancock**
- **Councilmember Rachel Garza**
- **Tyler Bowen**

There are 4 candidates running for 3 councilmember positions.

For more information contact the Cochise County Records Office at (520) 432 - 8350



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### COMMUNITY EVENTS:

- **Apple Annie's Season Opening - July 1st**
  - [VisitWillcox.az.gov/Apple-Annies-Season-Opening/](https://www.visitwillcox.gov/apple-annies-season-opening/)
- **Willcox Flyer Bike Ride - August 31st**
  - [VisitWillcox.az.gov/willcox-flyer/](https://www.visitwillcox.gov/willcox-flyer/)

### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND AGENDA ITEMS:

- July 9th - Arts Commission Meeting
- July 11th - City Council Meeting
- July 18th - City Council Meeting

Willcox City Manager, Caleb Blaschke

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. Blaschke", is located below the typed name of the City Manager.