



GENERAL INFORMATION

May 2024

NOTABLE ITEMS:

- **Water Issues**

- Occasionally City residents will notice their water is not clear. This is the result of air entering into water lines. Typically, the air will quickly dissipate, and the water will become clear. Air does not contaminate the water. As a public water system, the city is required to submit water samples weekly to a third-party organization to test the water and ensure its safety as required by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality.

The recent issues with air are the result of a combination of factors that include the depletion of water in Well 1, construction activities and valves being exercised in city limits, and air release valves throughout the city in need of replacement. Staff is fixing the existing air relief valves and identifying potential areas for additional air relief valves.

In May 2024 well 1 began pumping air as the water level dropped below the well pump. Through analysis by consultants, staff believes the water drawdown is the result of a commercial well that is 400 ft away from well 1. The commercial well has been pumping large amounts of water that is transported for construction activities for the Sunzia energy transmission lines. Well 1 is estimated to be operational again the week of June 9. For a full report, please see the attached water memorandum.

- **Quail Park Playground Improvements**

- We have upgraded the playground equipment at Quail Park, enhancing safety features and ensuring full accessibility for wheelchair users, creating a more inclusive and secure environment for users. We have also installed a new shade structure and will be painting the poles.



- **New Twin Lakes Signage**

- We have successfully erected new signage at the entrance of Twin Lakes, which now clearly directs tourists towards both the golf course and the bird viewing area, enhancing the visitor experience.



- **Rex Allen Drive Median Improvements**

- The medians along Rex Allen Drive have been improved. New weed barriers and landscape rock have been installed at the main entrance to the city significantly improving the visual appeal to residents and visitors.



- **Scott St. Construction Progress**

- Streets has completed two courses of chip seal in the Scott Street area. Additional roads will be chip sealed near Scott Street the week of June 10 with a final fog seal taking place after. Streets crews will then begin work on Ironwood.



- **Cochise Credit Union Ribbon Cutting.**

- May 6, 2023 the City and the Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture held a ribbon cutting for the grand opening of the Cochise Credit Union building. There was a great turn out from the community supporting this event.



- **Haskell Ave. & Rex Allen Drive Ribbon Cutting.**

- On Wednesday May 29, 2024 the City welcomed Senator Gowan, Representative Diaz, Mr. Robles from Governor Hobbs Office, ADOT and Granite Construction to celebrate the rehabilitation of Rex Allen Drive and Haskell Avenue. To be noted, the project is not completed. There will be additional work to pavement, fog sealing and permanent striping.



- **Willcox Wine Festival**

- The 2024 Spring Wine Festival was a great success. The city saw an influx of tourists supporting local businesses.



- **Rex Allen Museum Car Show**

- The Annual Rex Allen Museum Car Show had a great turnout. The museum was able to raise needed funds to support the longevity of their non-profit.





GENERAL INFORMATION

May 2024

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

- **Lavender Festival - June 15th**
 - VisitWillcox.az.gov/lavender-festival/
- **Apple Annie's Season Opening - July 1st**
 - VisitWillcox.az.gov/Apple-Annies-Season-Opening/
- **Willcox Flyer Bike Ride - August 31st**
 - VisitWillcox.az.gov/willcox-flyer/

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND AGENDA ITEMS:

- June 6 - Budget Meetings
- June 20 - Budget Meetings

Willcox City Manager, Caleb Blaschke

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Blaschke".