

Housing Programs & Services

NEWSLETTER

Housing News

Energy Efficiency is all the rage. There are a wide variety of ways that you can help reduce the amount of energy you consume and save the environment.

1. When considering purchasing new appliances or renovating your home go Energy Star or environmentally friendly. There are available tax credits, rebates and programs that help homeowners finance this earth conscience decision.

2. Check with your utility service provider for programs that they are offering. SRP has a variety of rebates and information available on their website.

3. Certain circumstances may make you eligible to receive energy efficiency rehabilitation services through the City's Housing Rehabilitation Program. Additional organizations also offer weatherization for income eligible homeowners. Contact the Program Coordinator at 480-474-2635 for more information.

4. Don't forget to recycle. There are a variety of outlets available for you to recycle the products you use in your home whether it be everyday aluminum cans, paper, or plastics at the bins located near Parks and Recreation on Idaho and Superstition Blvd or you can reuse, recycle and donate your old products and materials when renovating.

5. Check out the Energy Star website for federal tax rebates



and energy saving ideas at www.energystar.gov.

CAHRA will be pre-screening for the low-income utility assistance program non-emergency assistance on August 22, 2009 at CAC. Be certain to bring with you:

1. Proof of U.S. Citizenship.
2. Photo Identification of the applicant.
3. Most recent (SWG, APS) Utility provider bill. (Bill must be current).
4. Social Security Cards for everyone in the Household.
5. Proof of Income for everyone in the household. This may include: Social Security Award Letter, Paystubs, Verification of Unemployment and Insurance payments. Income must meet eligibility guidelines. For information call CAHRA at 520-466-1112.

Between August 10th and 15th, Apache Junction residents can take one free load to the Apache Junction landfill. Additional options for disposing of residential bulk trash by contacting your current trash provider for curbside bulk trash pickup options or by delivering your bulk trash to the Apache Junction landfill year round for only \$8.50. For further information contact the Public Works Department at (480) 982-1055.

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Notable News

Each October the City of Apache Junction, in collaboration with Rebuilding Together, searches to find eligible homeowners to take part in the Rock n Roll Paint a Thon. This nationwide community event will take place on October 24, 2009, where volunteers will paint the exterior of homes for low income elderly or disabled homeowners. If you or someone you know could use some sprucing up. Please contact the City's Program Coordinator at 480-474-2635 for information and an application.

The City is also seeking volunteers to assist in the effort. Please contact the Program Coordinator to sign up for a Saturday of painting and Rock n Roll!

Calendar

- **8/10—8/15/09** Free Dump Day
- **8/22/09** Utility Assistance Pre-screening
- **9/7/09** Labor Day—City offices closed
- **10/12/09** Columbus Day—City offices closed
- **10/24/09** Rock n Roll Paint a Thon.

Housing Programs

If you are current on your mortgage payments and have a Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac loan and owe up to 5% less than the current value of your home, you may be eligible to refinance at a lower interest rate through the federal Making Home Affordable Program. Interested homeowners should visit www.makinghomeaffordable.gov for more information.

Fulton Homes has a program to help people install fencing around their pool to prevent drowning accidents in children. Contact Fulton Homes at 602-452-1000.

Applications are being accepted for eligible homeowners to participate in the City's Housing Rehabilitation Program. This program assists homeowners with the rehabili-

tation of their home by addressing health and safety issues, correcting code violations and accumulated deferred home maintenance projects. Contact the Program Coordinator for information at (480) 474-2635 or visit the City's website at www.aicity.net/housing for an application.

New programs by the Arizona Department of Housing can help you purchase a home. Your Way Home AZ offers you options to purchase recently foreclosed homes. Visit www.YourWayHomeAZ.com to see if you are eligible, find a participating lender, and contact a housing counselor at 520-446-1112. Available homes are listed on the Your Way Home AZ website. Check it out! For additional information on this program and more, visit www.azhousing.gov.

RESOURCES

- For resources and agencies that can offer help statewide check out www.cir.org or by phone at 602-263-8856
- Statewide Foreclosure Hotline: 1-877-448-1211
- United Way and CAAFA offer a special resource guide for human services throughout Northern Pinal County. Check out their website at <http://www.npcresources.org/>
- Subsidized or low rent apartments: socialserve.com
- Section 8 and public housing: 520-866-7201
- Can't afford to spay or neuter your pets? Apache Junction Animal Control has a program to help. Call 480-983-4405.

Housing Funnies

HOUSING PROGRAM PURPOSE AND GOALS:

1. Eliminate health and safety hazards in homes;
2. Benefit low to moderate income residents; and
3. Improve neighborhoods and encourage stability.



Have a graffiti problem? Contact the police department at 982-8260.

Busy Bee Home Maintenance Tips

Energy costs are rising and incomes are decreasing. The Arizona Department of Commerce Energy Office offers these energy saving tips to help you save money in your home.

- Adjust thermostat settings.
- Use energy intensive appliances (dryers, washers, dishwashers) in early morning or late evening.
- Replace less efficient incandescent lights with fluorescent lights.
- Lower the setting on the hot water heater.
- Install flow restrictors in shower heads to reduce water flow.
- Take short showers rather than baths.
- Repair leaky faucets.
- Air-dry dishes by turning off the dry cycle on the dishwasher.
- Run the dishwasher only when full.
- Avoid frequently opening the refrigerator and freezer doors.
- Remove clothes from dryer as soon as dry (don't over dry) or line dry.
- Keep the lint screen clean on washers and dryers.

Did you know that you should use the right size pot on the right size burner of your stove. If you use a 6" pot on an 8" burner you are wasting over 40% of the heat. Remember to cover your pots and pans to keep the heat in.

For more energy saving tips and federal rebate programs check out the energy star website at: www.energystar.gov

If you are unable to weatherize your own home or need assistance with your utility bills there are programs to help. Contact the City's Housing Program Coordinator for more information at (480) 474-2635.

Bees Wishes

