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### Project Connect

The city and its partners will be hosting a Project Connect Event on February 8, 2020.

A project connect event is a one day community event which brings together service providers to offer on-site information, referrals, and services beyond what is offered at the weekly Community Resource Center.

Service providers include: Horizon Health and Wellness, First Things First, HOPE, Inc., Community Alliance Against Family Abuse, Pinal County Attorney's Office, Head Start, Pinal County Public Health, Child & Family Resources, Arizona Legal Aid, Vision screenings from Lion's Club, Community Action Human Resource Agency, Apache Junction Food Bank, Empowerment Systems, Genesis Project, La Frontera, Otherside Ministries, City of Apache Junction Housing Rehabilitation Program, and the Apache Junction Public Library Fun Van. New agencies are added daily to the schedule.



All members of the community are invited to attend. Join us on February 8, 2020 at the Apache Junction Multigenerational Center, the Apache Junction Community Resource Center, the Genesis Project, and the Apache Junction Food Bank for an afternoon full of information that ends at the Gazebo for a light dinner.

Proposed schedule:

12:00—2:00 lunch at the Genesis Project

2:00—4:00 Food box distribution and cooking demonstration at the Food Bank

2:00—6:00 Agency booths at the Apache Junction Community Resource Center and the Apache Junction Multi-Generational Center

4:00—6:00 dinner and entertainment at the Veterans Memorial Park Gazebo. Food is provided by the Mesa Sunrise Rotary Club.

For more information, contact Heather Patel at 480-474-2635.

### Busy Bee Home Maintenance Tips

At least once a year empty absolutely everything out of the fridge and clean top to bottom. Then go through everything and toss any expired items, combine duplicates into one container. Now it is time to reorganize.

Store fruits and eggs in a pretty bowl. This will make it easier to grab and will look nice too.

Store condiments in a shallow tray. This will make it easier to pull out and find what you need. You can also have a few trays for different items such as salsas and hot sauces in one, jams in another, and baking items in another.

Separate your meats and cheeses in different drawers or containers. Keep uncooked meat separate from these to prevent odors.

Use a lazy susan to place small items in awkward spaces for easy access.

Have a separate container filled with snacks for children to grab.

Don't forget the baking soda to help absorb odors.

Finally, wipe everything down with hot soap and water and a light bleach spray.



## Housing Funnies

February 8, 2020  
An afternoon of information, referrals, and services.

12-2 lunch at Genesis  
2-4 food boxes and cooking demo at the food bank  
2-6 resources at the MGC and Community resource Center  
4-6 dinner at the Veterans Gazebo



**Project Connect**  
Saturday, February 8th 2020  
2:00pm - 6:00pm

Three Convenient Locations  
Multi-Gen Center - 1035 N. Idaho Road  
Genesis Project - 564 N. Idaho Road Ste 11  
Apache Junction Food Bank - 575 N. Idaho Road  
Food Bank Hours: 2PM to 4PM

Project Connect is a one-day, one-stop event to provide access to free services, resources and referrals for community members.

Dinner and entertainment will be provided at the Veterans gazebo from 4pm- 6pm  
Local musician Mike Dodd will be performing  
Dinner is generously provided by the Mesa Sunrise Rotary Club.

**Free On-site Services**

Rental Agreements	Cooking Classes/Food Bank
Vision Screening	Children's Activities
Employment Assistance	Health Services
Tax Assistance	Warrant Quashing
Dog Grooming/Walking	And Many More!

empowerment systems, inc.  
a non-profit family of health education and wellness programs

An event brought to you by the Apache Junction Homeless Coalition

## Programs and Resources

### Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program

Funding is available for homeowners within the City of Apache Junction city limits to make improvements to their homes. Applications are available:

- 1) online at [www.ajcity.net/rehab](http://www.ajcity.net/rehab);
- 2) by phone at (480) 474-2635; or
- 3) at City Hall 300 East Superstition Blvd in the Development Services Building

### Eviction Prevention and Utility Payment Services

For information and assistance contact CAHRA at (520) 466-1112.

### Free Dump Week

Provided one week every quarter, Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information and dates, contact the AJ Landfill at (480) 982-7003.

If you have a question or comment about anything written in this newsletter, please contact:

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Monday to Thursday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION VISION:** Apache Junction is a diverse community of natural beauty and heritage that offers prosperity, compassion, and forward thinking to its residents, businesses, and visitors.

**MISSION:** We will focus on and invest in quality of life and planned improvements for serving residents, businesses, and visitors.

### HOUSING PROGRAM GOALS:



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

AJ Invests is a philosophy backed by the city's vision and mission to invest in our residents by working with various community organizations to provide compassion and forward thinking which creates prosperity and a quality of life unmatched.

## AJ INVESTS

The city accomplishes this is through the Strategic Plan on Homelessness. The plan seeks to create a collaborative network of quality resources and services to assist the homeless and at risk residents of Apache Junction.

One way this is achieved is through the weekly Community Resource Center located at 564 North Idaho Road Suite 11, every Monday and Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This resource center is open to all residents. An updated monthly schedule can be found on Facebook @AJCommunityResource.

**ACCESSIBILITY** The City of Apache Junction invites and welcomes people of all abilities to use our programs, sites and facilities. Any question about our service for people with disabilities can be answered by the city's ADA Coordinator (480) 474-2635, TDD (480) 983-0095, or [adacoordinator@ajcity.net](mailto:adacoordinator@ajcity.net). Additional information may be found at [www.ajcity.net/ada](http://www.ajcity.net/ada).