

Housing Programs & Services

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COVID-19

COVID-19 has brought up many questions over the past weeks. One question we may wish to ask is: how has the recent pandemic prepared you and your home for future situations that may require a quarantine? Here are a few ideas and things to consider...

Prepare a plan and checklist for if this type of situation should happen again. This could also include some sort of natural disaster. Create a checklist of the things you MUST have, like medications and food. Make these preparations to last for a couple of weeks, at least.

If you take daily medications, make sure you have enough to last a couple of weeks as long as you can get approval for an extended supply from your insurance and healthcare provider. Consider nonprescription medications like fever reducers and pain medicine.

Think about adding enough nonperishable foods to your pantry. This should include your go-to sickbed foods, like chicken or vegetable broth and crackers in case of illness, as well as hydrating drinks such as Gatorade and Pedialyte for kids. Other great items to have on hand are protein or supplement shakes. These do not have to be refrigerated and can help to supplement a meal. This could also include non refrigerated milk products.

Don't forget the cleaning products. As we saw with the COVID-19 situation, paper products and cleaning products were in short supply. Make adequate preparations for your household

size. This includes, bleach, vinegar, toilet paper, paper towels, disinfectant spray, dish soap, laundry detergent, and tissues. Try to stay with the basics.

Consider protective equipment like masks and gloves.

A sufficient supply of water can be life saving. Plan for a minimum of 64 ounces per person per day.

Start the process of learning to do more daily activities on-line. This could include paying bills, banking, and shopping.

Maintain a list of critical phone numbers and agencies that may offer help if needed.

This means, make certain you have the right equipment such as a computer, internet, and phone service.

Healthy habits begin at home. Remember to 1. wash your hands as soon as you walk through the door, 2. cough into your elbow, 3. make sure to throw out your used tissues, 4. wash and disinfect the frequently touched hard surfaces of your home including countertops, faucets, door knobs, and light switches, and 5. launder your clothes and bed sheets frequently.

Over the years, the Housing Newsletter has touched on a few helpful topics that would be applicable now. View previous newsletters at www.ajcity.net/.

1. Tips during hard economic times— Summer 2009
2. Back to basics, cleaning supplies— Spring 2010
3. Germy places in your home— Summer 2012
4. Preparing for emergencies—Fall 2012
5. Preparing a budget—Winter 2013
6. Cleaning the dirtiest places in your home—Summer 2014

Busy Bee Home Maintenance Tips

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, city offices and facilities are closed to the public. However, the city continues to provide services to its residents. As things change on a daily basis, it is important to stay connected locally by visiting:

- Website at www.ajcity.net, (<https://www.ajcity.net/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1834>),
- Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/cityofAJ/>, and
- Twitter at <https://twitter.com/AJCityAZ>

City staff hopes things will go back to business as usual soon. Until then, stay home and stay safe!

Other resources and information: <https://211arizona.org/covid-19/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

<https://az.gov/government-0>

<https://www.pinalcountyyaz.gov/publichealth/Pages/NovelCoronavirus.aspx>

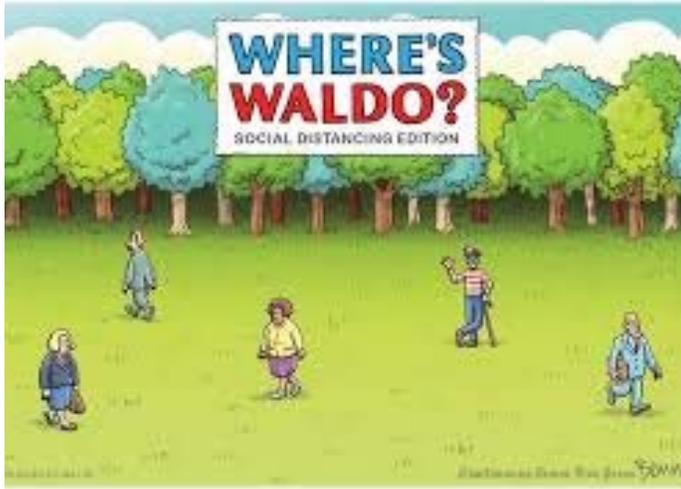
Bee's Wishes



Housing Funnies

COVID-19

is no laughing matter! Stay home, stay safe.



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;
- 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 CARES: The community has come together to help those in need during the COVID-18 pandemic. Apache Junction senior citizens, home-bound residents, low-income residents, vulnerable at risk, and homeless residents of Apache Junction and Gold Canyon may receive essential items by calling the Salvation Army at 480-9824110 between the hours of Monday – Friday from 9am – 3pm.

AJ INVESTS

Residents will be placed on a distribution list. Those in need of items will have the option to do curbside pickup at VFW Post #7968 or have their items delivered (free of charge). Individuals receiving donations will be required to present identification at the time of delivery to ensure that the name matches the order. Items distributed to clients will be limited to a maximum of two items per category. They will only be allowed to receive distribution once a week (as long as there are available supplies). Clients who have not received services will be given priority.

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. Additional information may be found at www.ajcity.net/ada.