

Housing Programs & Services

NEWSLETTER

Residential Security Assessment

The Apache Junction Police Department subscribes to the concept of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design. Which in short means, what can you do around your home to be more visible and deter criminals from attempting to enter your home.

Visit the Police Department's website for additional information at: <http://www.ajcity.net/838/CPTED>

Here are a few things you can do:

- 1) Is your address visible from the street? Do you have address numbers on your home, mailbox or on the curb. This inexpensive and simple item makes it easier for public safety, fire and medical to find your home should there be an emergency.
- 2) Are your trees and shrubs trimmed? Trees should be 6' and shrubs 3' in height.
- 3) Do you have a lock on your garage, side gate, or fuse box?
- 4) Is there lighting when someone approaches your home. This could be a motion light or a basic outdoor light.
- 5) Is your property secured?
- 6) Is there a lock on a back gate or shed?



- 7) Do you have a solid core front door?
- 8) Do you have a security screen door, deadbolt, or peep hole?
- 9) Do your windows have a lock that works? A simple wooden dowel may also be placed in the track of the window or you can pick up screw locks at your local hardware store.
- 10) Is the dog door secured or locked?

We often go on vacation or head north for the winter. Empty homes are a magnet for crime. Find a trusted neighbor to watch your home, deactivate your garage door, and place your lights and television on timers.

It might be best to take photos of your valuables and store your valuables in a bank safety deposit box. You may also choose to install a burglar/fire alarm system.

All of these items will help to deter crime in or around your home.

The Apache Junction Police Department can help you start a Neighborhood Block Watch program. Contact the Police Department's Community Resource Coordinator at 480-474-5442 or visit <http://www.ajcity.net/173/Block-Watch>

Stay safe!

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Notable News

Pinal County has created 311, an easy to remember, easy to dial phone number for non-emergency local government services and information within Pinal County. Operators use a state-of-the-art database of information about local government that can be continually updated so the most current facts are available. The 311 Citizen Contact Center takes service requests for a variety of county services and departments and can quickly incorporate real time information when necessary for events like flooded streets, wildfires, or public health-related incidents.

Calendar

- May 30—Memorial day, city offices closed
- June—Schools out for summer
- July 4—4th of July, city offices closed. Celebrate with the Parks and Recreation department.



Programs

Housing Rehab Assistance

The City of Apache Junction has funding available for homeowners within the City of Apache Junction city limits. Funding is available to make improvements to owner occupied homes where one of the occupants is either elderly, under the age of 18, or disabled. Improvements can include, but is not limited to, electrical, plumbing, roofing, heating and air conditioning, and ADA accessibility improvements. Homeowners may obtain an application either:

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

Funding is available on a first come first serve basis, so applicants are advised not to wait. For more information call (480) 474-2635.

Free Dump Week

The Apache Junction Landfill is offering a free dump week on May 9-14. Residents of Apache Junction may bring one load of household trash, debris and yard clippings for free. Proof of residency and safety gear is required. Call 480-982-7003 for additional information.

Annual Paint –a– Thon

The city is seeking homeowners to have the exterior of their home painted for free. Volunteers are also being sought to do the painting. Call 480-474-2635 for more information.

RESOURCES

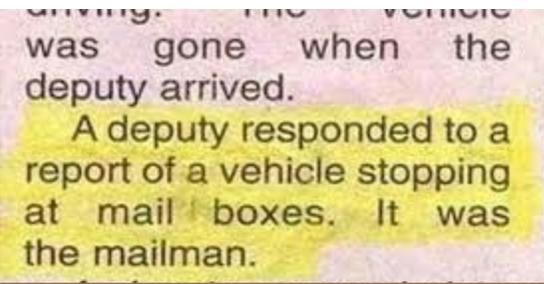
There are many programs and services available through the Apache Junction Police Department. Visit their website at <http://www.ajcity.net/170/Community-Resources> for detailed information. Some programs include: bicycle registration, neighborhood watch, business watch, car seat safety, child ID and fingerprinting, prescription drug disposal program, senior ID and fingerprinting, Stranger Danger for Seniors, Watch your Car and TRIAD Senior Program.

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.

Housing Funnies

An actual news article...



Busy Bee Home Maintenance Tips

Imagine driving down the road searching for a house but you can not find the address. It takes minutes longer and often you have to turn around because you passed the home.

Now imagine your grandmother is having a medical emergency and calls 9-1-1. A police officer, firefighter or an EMT is desperately trying to find her home to render aide but there is no address on the home, mailbox, or curb.

From anywhere from \$6-\$15 you can purchase house numbers that are clearly visible for such a situation providing the emergency personnel the added seconds they need to save a life.

Visit your local hardware store today and don't wait until an emergency has happened.

Bees Wishes



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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.