

Housing Programs & Services

NEWSLETTER

Fire Safety

Here are some tips you should talk to your family about regarding fire safety in your home:

- 1) Install and maintain smoke detectors in each bedroom, in the kitchen, and outside the heating equipment area. Test your smoke alarms each month and replace the batteries each year. If you hear a chirping sound, that means your battery needs to be replaced. Never remove a battery and fail to replace it.
- 2) Keep fire extinguishers handy in the kitchen and near the furnace. Remember the word PASS—pull, aim, squeeze and shoot.
- 3) The heating system should be checked by a qualified technician each year. Never use the heating room for storage.
- 4) Debris collected in or around the home is a perfect kindle for the fire. It may spark and smolder for some time before you are made aware of the fire. Regular cleaning and remov-



al of trash and debris not only helps with fire safety but pest control as well.

- 5) Know where your circuit breaker is located and how it works. Have all circuits clearly marked. Do not overload the circuits and do not use extension cords for permanent electrical service. Never run wires under carpets or through hallways. Lights that flicker or dim spontaneously are a sign of danger. Only use a qualified technician to make the proper repairs.
- 6) Make certain every bedroom has either an exterior door or window for easy exiting in case of a fire. Test the window to make certain you can open it. If you are unable to open the window during a fire, you can break the glass with a chair to escape.
- 7) Do not block doorways.
- 8) Never leave the home with the clothes dryer running. Clean the lint screens after each use. Clean vents frequently.
- 9) Store flammable liquids outside in approved containers.

Stay Fire Safe!

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Notable News

Construction has begun on the Flatiron Community Park in Downtown AJ which will host special events, concerts and activities. A webpage has been created to update the public on the construction www.ajcity.net/flatiron. Initial plans call for more than one acre of turf, sidewalks, parking, and a splash pad to be completed in early 2017. The park is funded mostly by development fees, grants and sponsorships. The 3.5 acre lot was acquired by the city through a land exchange which included the demolition of the blighted, abandoned duplex subdivision.

Calendar

- November 10—city offices are closed
- November 24—Thanksgiving Day—city offices are closed
- December 26—city offices are closed
- January 2—city offices are closed
- January 16—city offices closed

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;
- 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 November 7-11. 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 participated in the annual paint a thon and painted three homes for the elderly and disabled members of the community. Thank you to our teams who participated from the city, Rotary, SEVRAR, and several wards of the LDS church.

Busy Bee Home Maintenance Tips

Pest control tips:

- Keep ants away from your home by mixing 1 cup sugar and 1 cup borax in a quart jar. Punch holes in the jar's lid, and sprinkle the mixture outdoors around the foundation of your home and around the baseboards inside your house. The ants are attracted by the sugar and poisoned by the borax.
- If you have cockroaches, sprinkle borax powder in the kitchen and bathroom cabinets. Avoid sprinkling where children and pets could be affected.
- If there's a hornet, wasp, bee or other flying insect in your house and you have no insect spray, kill it with hair spray.
- If your home becomes infested with fleas, vacuum rugs thoroughly before spraying, and throw the dust bag out at once.
- The presence of carpenter ants indicates another problem. Because they're fond of damp wood, you should check your pipes, roof and windowsills for water leaks.
- You can distinguish termite damage from other insect damage by examining any holes you find in wood. Termites usually eat only the soft part of wood, leaving the annual rings intact.

Bees Wishes



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RESOURCES

The city is offering Apache Junction residents free house numbers and wood stain with help from the Friends of Apache Junction, the Allstate Foundation and Frontier Ace Hardware. This offer is on a first come first serve basis, so call today 480-474-2635.

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.



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.