

Chamber Luncheon

You're invited to join us on Tuesday, August 4, 2009 at 12:00 Noon at the Best Western KIVA room for our community luncheon.

Our August program will be presented by **Mr. Pat McCourt, City Manager**. Feel free to bring a friend. Please R.S.V.P. your attendance to Teresa at 384-2272 or willcoxchamber@vtc.net

AUGUST CALENDAR

August 3 rd	City Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Council Chambers
August 4 th	Community Luncheon – 12:00 noon –
August 5 th	Final Opportunity to pick up your list from the Angel Bus
August 11 th	Chamber Board Meeting – 7:30 a.m. Holiday Inn Express
August 12 th	WUSD - SCHOOL BEGINS
August 17 th	City Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Council Chambers

Don't forget our U-Picks are now open! Invite your friends and family to spend a weekend in Willcox and visit the U-Pick farms. The Chamber has the 2009 U-Pick guides available at our office.

You can also find events on our community calendar at www.willcoxchamber.com

The Process of Business Development - Measuring the Financial Impact of Business Decisions

August 3rd - Cochise College, Benson Campus - 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Presented by - Jerone Davis - Training Manager - Micro-business Advancement Center

The Micro-business Advancement Center is non-profit organization that offers:

- Skills training
- Professional Support
- Direct financing through Small Business Loans

The Micro-business Advancement Center has helped hundreds of businesses and individuals turn their ideas into reality and has helped existing businesses become more successful.

The course is free, but space is limited. Please register by phone with the Benson/San Pedro Chamber of Commerce at 520-586-2842, the Willcox Chamber of Commerce 520-384-2272 or by e-mail at info-bensonchamberaz.com or willcoxchamber@vtc.net

HELP KEEP WILLCOX CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL WILLCOX CARES

The Chamber is instituting a new program called **Willcox Cares**. This program will target the elderly and those residents of Willcox that are not able to manage repairs such as painting, landscaping or roofing.

If you know of a person that may need these services please share the application below, or you may nominate someone who might appreciate a little help.

If you have questions please call the Chamber office at 520-384-2272.



WILLCOX CARES

APPLICANT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE #: _____

E-mail _____

NOMINATED BY: _____

Please give a brief description of what this project consists of: (i.e. landscape, painting, roof repair...only one project per form)

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Willcox Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture

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Director's
Report



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It struck me yesterday that we are now heading into the last half of 2009 and 2010 is just around the corner...well somewhat around the corner. I was thinking of all the positive effects the Willcox Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture has had on the community this year and it amazes me that so many people come together to help with Chamber events and projects.

I would like to thank the many volunteers that help clean up our streets and entrants to Willcox twice each year. We now have the signs with your organization's name ready to be placed in your zone. We hope to have them up before our next clean up, which is scheduled for September 26th.

I would also like to express my sincere thank you to Norma Smith for her dedication to the Christmas Apple Festival. Norma has already begun working on this year's Christmas Apple Festival. She is on the phone calling vendors and has met and talked with staff several times to make sure the applications are ready to go out.

Michelle Mullins took on the huge task of the Christmas Lighted Parade and the decorating of Railroad Park. Michelle found it a challenge...and she conquered it. The park was beautiful and the parade was enjoyed by many residents and visitors.

Delcie Schultz, the Chamber's Events Chairperson, works diligently to make sure all events are a success for the community. The Chamber was asked this year to help with the Tractor Pull, Dutch Oven Cook off and the Antique Show, and Delcie was the first one to say - "heck yes, we can do it".

The Chamber's role in the community is not just making sure our events are successful but also to promote Willcox, to build our quality of life and bring new dollars into our community. We do that through our marketing efforts and in partnerships. We partner with the Cochise County Tourism Council in regional marketing. CCTC invested thousands of dollars this year in our Cochise Origins DVD. This video exemplifies the attractions and the beauty of Cochise County...this video won the Governor's Award for Regional Marketing at the 2009 Governor's Tourism Conference...WE WON!

We have also responded to several leads from the Department of Commerce already this year and have worked with businesses such as Wilbur Ellis - who we would like to welcome as our newest business to Willcox.

We continue to promote our community, but we could not do it without your support...We couldn't do it without you!!