



Safford was ranked one of the safest cities in Arizona in a recent study!

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# The City View

## 2017 June

### Glenn Meadows Park

Opening Soon! This project will install an irrigation system, landscape improvements, new playground equipment, new sanitary sewer line and drainage improvements. Below is a photo of the new shade structure for play equipment being erected.



4th of July parade entrants and food vendors wanted  
More information [here](#).

### Summertime Fun

The Safford City-Graham County Library is offering many great, free programs for all ages this summer. Check out their [website](#) or [Facebook](#) page for more information.

View the Safford Pool Schedule [here](#).

### GED Distance Learning

Currently there is only one option for Graham County residents to get the coursework they need to prepare for and take the GED test. They can enroll to receive GED tutoring through Eastern Arizona College. However, this option does not serve many who want to participate. Some do not have transportation to the campus. Some do not have the time available to take an evening class three times a week. Others do not have the money to enroll in the course or they are uncomfortable in a college classroom setting. The library and other organizations in the Gila Valley have heard directly from individuals without a high school diploma that these are barriers stopping them from getting their GED.

Inspired by the Clifton Library, the Safford Library is in the process of becoming a GED Distance Learning Site. Through the Arizona Department of Education's Adult Services Section, library and Arizona@Work staff members received training in March on registering participants for the program and testing protocols. We plan to begin offering this service by the end of FY2017. We also received grant funding to cover the cost of becoming a GED testing site. We hope to begin this service by the end of CY2017.



### Street Sealing

You may have noticed our Streets crews re-sealing some of our roads recently. Pavement preservation is crucial in order to extend the life of the streets. The Public Works Department will continue to utilize the Pavement Preservation Schedule while continuing to review street conditions to plan priority needs of the upcoming years.

### Employee Recognition:

On the morning of Tuesday, May 23, Art Mata was conducting city business with the Safford Post Office. Needing to return again about an hour later to speak with the postmaster, he noticed the same truck parked in front of the post office with a gentleman in the drivers seat still there. A passerby approached Art and asked if he spoke Spanish because the passerby could not make sense of what the man in the truck was saying. Art approached the gentleman speaking to him in both Spanish and English and immediately realized the gentleman was having a medical issue and called dispatch for a welfare check. The gentleman was taken by ambulance to the hospital and then flown to Tucson. Our thoughts and prayers are with this gentleman and his family.