

Florence Parks and Recreation

# Activity Guide

Spring 2020



# A Message from the Director

## Disclaimer

Be patient with us, as we switch our software. Registration may be a bit longer than normal as we make the switch.

## Mission Statement

The mission of the Florence Community Services Department is to provide programs, services and facilities that enrich the quality of life for all residents.

## Vision Statement

The Town of Florence, Arizona has a rich and diverse history while serving as the county seat for Pinal County. Florence Community Services Department recognizes the town's heritage and emergence as a regional leader, and embraces our role in providing quality of life experiences for our citizens and visitors. We will continue to provide quality, affordable programming and events, as well as picture perfect parks and other park and recreation facilities. The Department will provide complete recreation centers, new and expanded parks and safe, developed trails. Parks and Recreation will continue to be a major partner in tourism opportunities as well as economic and cultural prospects.

## Values

Exceptional Customer Service, Professionalism, Partnerships, Health and Wellness, Quality, Fun, History, and Integrity.



I grew up in the Chicago suburbs, so I still have friends and family back there who are already braving the bitter cold temperatures as I write this. Every year around this time I get a call from someone looking to escape the cold. I always tell them the best time to visit Arizona is in the early part of the year, from January to April. The temperature

is perfect and there is always something to do. In the Valley, there are car auctions, sporting events, art festivals, music festivals, food festivals, and great hiking and biking.

We have many of those things here in Florence, too. The Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce will host its third car show on Main Street this February. The event has been a huge success the last two years, so we can expect a bigger showing of cars and participants this year. Staff is also working with partners on some new events in town this spring, including an obstacle run, a new music festival, and art festival. We also have the popular Historic Home Tour and Road to Country Thunder, both of which attract residents and visitors from all over Arizona. There are many other great events around town coordinated by organizations, so there is something to do every weekend this spring!

If you are interested in fresh produce, the Town is partnering with Borderlands Produce Rescue to host a new monthly POWWOW (Produce on Wheels With Out Waste) event. For \$12, residents get 70 pounds of produce each month. The event will be held in the Library and Community Center parking lot on the 4th Saturday of each month through May. Watch the Town's website or social media pages for more information.

Happy New Year and I hope you take advantage of all that Florence has to offer this spring!

Bryan Hughes

# Staff Directory

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## Veterans Memorial

Did you miss it? On Veteran's Day 2019 we debuted our newest addition to the Community Center. Honoring our veterans, this memorial stands tall in the courtyard. Come by and check it out!



# Community Spotlight

## **Volunteering**

The Town of Florence offers a variety of volunteer opportunities to the public. Community volunteers can contribute their energy, talents and ideas which improves the quality of life in Florence. If you are interested in volunteering with the Town of Florence, contact the Community Services Department for a volunteer application or stop by the Library and Community Center.

## **Durable Medical Equipment Loan Program**

The Durable Medical Equipment Loan Program provides necessary equipment on a temporary basis. The program, offered by the recreation division of Florence Community Services includes wheelchairs, rolling walkers and other similar equipment at the Florence Fitness Center, 133 N. Main Street. This unique program is possible through a partnership with Florence Gardens to loan medical equipment to citizens or visitors. Go to the Fitness Center during open hours and follow a simple check-out procedure. Users will sign a waiver before the requested equipment is issued. Individuals interested in borrowing medical equipment, may call the Fitness Center at (520) 868-7587 to check on equipment availability.

## **Sponsorship**

By taking advantage of sponsorship opportunities your business or organization will be able to maximize exposure to the residents of Florence and show community support. With a variety of sponsorship levels available, there is a sponsorship option available for businesses of any size. There are many popular events and activities that we have each year, such as the Fourth of July Freedom Fest, Florence Teen Council, Swim Team, and Breakfast with Santa. For sponsorship package details and fee, contact Alison Feliz at (520) 868-7585.

## **Americans with Disabilities Act**

The Town of Florence is committed to implementing the intent and spirit of ADA legislation. Those who may need assistance in order to enjoy our programs should contact the appropriate program director or the main Community Services office so we may arrange for assistance.

## **Give-A-Lift, Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

Do you need a ride to your medical appointments? If you are a Florence resident, aged 55+ or a person with a disability, call to request a ride from one of our amazing volunteer drivers. This is not an emergency transportation service. Please allow at least 2 weeks for scheduling a ride. Interested in being a volunteer driver? Here's what you need: clean and safe vehicle, good driving record, valid driver's license, auto insurance coverage, and background check clearance. To schedule a ride, sign up to volunteer, or obtain information, contact Carolyn Ballard at (520) 868-7648, or email at [carolyn.ballard@florenceaz.gov](mailto:carolyn.ballard@florenceaz.gov).

## **POWWOW Future Produce**

### **Distribution Location**

Florence Community Services Department has partnered with Borderlands Produce Rescue to become a distribution location offering fresh produce on a monthly basis through May. Produce on Wheels Without Waste (or POWWOW) will offer fresh produce for sale in the Community Center parking lot at 778 N. Main Street. Our next POWWOW is Saturday, December 21st from 8:00 am to 11:00 pm. Each customer may purchase up to 70 pounds of various produce for \$12 per person. Watch for more information as details become available. The department also needs community volunteers to help with distribution of the produce. A minimal commitment of hours per month is all that is required. Please call recreation superintendent John Nixon at (520) 868-7699 for more information.

# Registration

## Online Registration

### How do I get started?

To get started, simply visit [florenceaz.gov/parks-and-recreation](http://florenceaz.gov/parks-and-recreation) and open an account. You will be asked to set up a unique Login Name and Password. This account can be used for all members of your household.

*If you already have a Login Name and Password, please click on the "My Account" button and sign in.*

You will be able to access account information, such as your daily schedule, past receipts, prior transactions and much more.

### If I register online, will I know if I get into a program right away?

Yes, the registrations are in "real time." If a program has an opening, when you complete your registration you will be registered, and you will receive confirmation that your registration has been received. If a program is closed, you will be able to sign up online to be on the wait list.

### How do I know what programs are available online?

When browsing programs online, registration availability will be indicated.



Visit your local Community Services facility to register in person.  
Community Center - 778 N. Main St.  
Fitness Center - 133 N. Main St.



Online registration is available 24 hours a day!  
[www.florenceaz.gov/recreation](http://www.florenceaz.gov/recreation)

## Programming Details

### Legend

Age	Day	Date & Time	Fee
Any	Sat	May 18 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm	R: \$2 NR: \$4

M: Monday T: Tuesday W: Wednesday Th: Thursday F: Friday  
Sa: Saturday Su: Sunday

**+ ADULT** Adult participation required **DROP-IN** No preregistration required **PREREG** Preregistration required

### Verification of Residency

Residents live or own property in the Town of Florence. All others are non-residents.

### Payment Options

We accept cash, checks, Visa, Discover and Mastercard payments.

### Waitlist

If you are placed on a waitlist for a course or activity, there is no immediate payment taken. If a spot becomes available you will be notified to come in and pay the required activity fee.

### Refund

If a class is canceled you will receive a full refund. Allow 10 business days for refund of cash or check. All payments made by Visa, Discover, or Mastercard will be refunded to your credit card account.

### Youth Scholarship Program

The Youth Scholarship Program assists eligible Florence families by providing financial assistance to youth, 17 years and under. The scholarship program is applicable for only Florence Community Services recreation and aquatics programs which require fee payment. Scholarship financial assistance is \$200 maximum, per family per fiscal year. Eligibility and assistance are based on Federal Poverty Level Guidelines. The Program Fee Assistance Application is available at the Library and Community Center, 778 N. Main St. or online at [www.florenceaz.gov/parks](http://www.florenceaz.gov/parks). Applicants must submit a completed program registration form, financial documentation and the Program Fee Assistance Application to the Community Center.

### Cancellations

Some programs require a minimum number of participants and are subject to cancellation. Those who are registered will be contacted and provided a refund if this occurs.

# Special Events

## Historic Florence 3rd Friday

**Location: Historic Downtown Florence**  
Local shops with extended hours, restaurants, vendors, raffle, music, and kids activities.

Any	F	December 20	Free
Any	F	January 17	Free
Any	F	February 21	Free
Any	F	March 20	Free
Any	F	April 17	Free

## Florence Makes a Difference

**Location: Library & Community Center**  
The Florence Makes a Difference committee will choose projects for volunteers in the community to participate. Participants will receive their assignment and assist with items such as cleaning, painting, picking up trash, digging, planting etc... These projects will be recognized by town citizens and visitors. Want to Make a Difference? Contact Ali Feliz at (520) 868-7585 or by email at [alison.feliz@florenceaz.gov](mailto:alison.feliz@florenceaz.gov)

Any	Sa	January 25 7:00 am to 11:00 am	Free
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## Historic Home Tour

**Location: Jaques Square - 291 N. Main St.**  
The 35th Annual Historic Home Tour in Florence is on Saturday, February 8, 2020 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Come celebrate the Town's rich history. Unique homes and buildings are featured on this historic home tour. The route is planned for those to enjoy a leisurely stroll through Main Street or hop a ride to some of the outlying buildings. Tickets are only \$15 in advance for adults or \$20 the day of the event. Advance tickets are available in person at the Pinal County Historical Society and Museum, Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce and the Florence Community Services Department, or online at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4324397>. For questions or more information, please call (520) 868-7040.

### Commonly Asked Questions

- Q: Is this a guided tour?**  
A: While there are volunteers and booklets providing plenty of information about the tour stops, the tour is not guided. Visitors go at their own desired pace.
- Q: Are there buses?**  
A: Yes! There will be three trolleys running but the majority of the tour is walkable.
- Q: Where and when can I buy tickets?**  
A: Through Friday, February 7, you can buy tickets online or in person at the Florence Community Services Department, the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce or the Pinal County Historical Society and Museum. On the day of the tour, tickets are available at Jaques Square, 291 N. Main Street.

Any	Sa	February 8 10:00 am to 4:00 pm	Free
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# Special Events

## Pooch Party

**Location:** Central Bark Dog Park  
Pinal County Animal Care and Control will issue rabies shots and licensing. Take advantage of having these services done at the Central Bark Park. Call (520) 868-7040 for more details.

Any	Sa	February 22 9:00 am to 11:00 am	Service fees apply*
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## Easter Eggstravaganza

**Location:** Heritage Park  
Hop down to the park and hunt for thousands of prize filled eggs! There will be vendors, and crafts for all to enjoy. Hip Hop the bunny will also be available for pictures.

Any	Sa	April 4 8:30 am to 10:30 am	Free
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## Florence Music Festival

**Location:** Aquatic Center Multi-Purpose Field  
Come on out for a weekend filled with good music and fun times. We have nine great bands playing. There will be vendors, food trucks, beer gardens, a conhole tournament, on-site camping, and Sunday Cowboy Church. Additional Details

**Saturday:** 10th & Main, Curt N Rod, RJ Band, Rockin Blue Geckos, Dawson- Green Party of 5.

**Sunday:** Harry Luge, Ryan & the Renegades, The Highway Outlaws, and Bob Villa.

**Camp Sites:** \$60 for 3 nights

**Ticket Prices:**

\$21 Now to 11/30/2019

\$26 12/1/19 to 12/31/19

\$30 1/1/20 to 1/31/20

\$35 2/1/20 to 3/13/20

\$40 At the Door

Any	Sa/ Su	March 14 to March 15	\$21+ per ticket
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## Road to Country Thunder

**Location:** Historic Downtown Florence  
Join us in downtown Florence on Saturday, April 11th for the Road to Country Thunder music spectacular. We are celebrating the nearing of the Southwest's greatest country music event, Country Thunder, with a little party of our own. The pre-festival bash features cover bands, food, drinks and all of the fun you can handle. This event is brought to you by the Town of Florence and Country Thunder.

Any	Sa	April 11 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm	Free
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## Movie in the Park

**Location:** Heritage Park  
The stars are out, the air is crisp and the park is the perfect setting for a movie with the family. Join us at our popular family friendly Movies in the Park. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to further your viewing enjoyment. Pick up a bite to eat from your favorite local restaurant or bring extra cash to spend with the food vendors.

Any	Sa	April 25 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Free
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## Art Festival

**Location:** Historic Downtown Florence  
Keep an eye out for more information.

Any	Sa/ Su	April 21 to April 22	Free
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## Prison Break Run

**Location:**  
Details

# Special Interests

## Hanging After School

**Location:** Library & Community Center

Join us for After School Fun! Hanging After School has recreational based activities such as, organized sports fundamentals and games, arts and crafts, Library coding time, plus other activities. Our program is offered after school only. Hours: Monday through Friday; after school until 5:30 pm, closed on all holidays, and any days the school is closed. Transportation from the Anthem and Florence K-8 schools to the Florence Library and Community Center will be provided. All children must be pre-registered to be transported from the school to the Library and Community Center. If they are not registered they will not be allowed on the van. Students from Florence K-8 will meet a staff member in front of the gym. Children in K-1st will be picked up from their classrooms and walked to meet up with the group. Students from Anthem K-8 will meet a staff member in front of the cafeteria inside the building. Children in K-1st will be picked up from their classrooms and walked to meet up with the group.

4 to 13	M to F	Jan 6 to Jan 31 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm	R: \$85 NR: \$100
4 to 13	M to F	Feb 3 to Feb 28 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm	R: \$85 NR: \$100
4 to 13	M to F	March 2 to March 31 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm	R: \$42 NR: \$57
4 to 13	M to F	April 1 to April 30 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm	R: \$85 NR: \$100
4 to 13	M to F	May 1 to May 21 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm	R: \$85 NR: \$100



## Iddie Biddie Kiddie

**Location:** Library & Community Center

Looking for an activity for your little one? Not old enough for school? Want to engage your child with other kids their age? Well, look no more! Iddie Biddie Kiddies is for you! Basic social and educational skills are taught through play, songs, crafts, and games.

\*CHILDREN MUST BE POTTY-TRAINED

3 to 5	Tu/ Th	Jan 7 to Feb 13 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm	R: \$35 NR \$44
3 to 5	Tu/ Th	April 7 to May 14 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm	R: \$35 NR \$44

## Mother Son Dance

**Location:** Library & Community Center

Mothers and sons, come out and enjoy this memorable night filled with games, activities, and so much more. Please note we will not be accepting night of walk-ins. Each person must be pre-registered.

Any	F	January 24 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	\$14
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## Father Daughter Gala

**Location:** Library & Community Center

Fathers and daughters, come out and enjoy this memorable night filled with games, activities, and so much more.

Any	F	February 7 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	\$14
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## Mother Daughter Dance

**Location:** Library & Community Center

Mothers and daughters, come out and enjoy this memorable night filled with games, activities, crafts, and so much more.

Any	F	May 1 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	\$14
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## Hunters Education

Look out for an upcoming Hunters Education course coming this Spring. Dates and Times are TBA.

# Special Interests

## Spring Intersession Program

**Location:** Library & Community Center  
Need somewhere to go during Spring Break? Join us for one week or both weeks! Each day is filled with fun and excitement at the Florence Library and Community Center from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm daily! We have arts, crafts, games, movies, trips, and more. Don't delay register today! A bus will be available for transportation from Anthem K-8 to the Florence Library and Community Center. The morning Bus will arrive at 7:30 am and depart from the school at 8:00 am. The afternoon bus will depart from the Community Center at 5:00 pm and remain at the school until 5:30 pm.

5 to 12	M to F	March 9 to March 20 7:30 am to 5:30 pm	R: \$75 NR \$94
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## Arizona Humanities Lecture Series

### The Gila: River or History

**Location:** Library & Community Center  
Six hundred miles long from its source in the mountains of southwestern New Mexico to its confluence with the Colorado River above Yuma, the Gila River has been an important avenue for the movement of birds, animals, plants, and peoples across the desert for millennia. Think of it as 70 million years of history packed into an entertaining, informative hour.

Any	Tu	March 17 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm	Free
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## How we Survived Prohibition (100 Years)

**Location:** Library & Community Center  
Arizonans often didn't play well with others where they'd lived before, and that made them well-suited to survive a society that (supposedly) didn't serve alcohol. Hear some of the stories of how places you can still drink today made it through the speakeasy era... as well as what makes some of our other historic watering holes memorable besides what's laid down the bar. These include what thirst for spirits inspired in Arizonans, and the colorful, creative rascals and rakes who were drawn here. What some of them did here will surprise you.

Any	Tu	January 21 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm	Free
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## Arizona: A History of Snake Oil Salesmen, Scams, and Hoaxes

**Location:** Library & Community Center  
Since the earliest days, Arizonans have been visited by entrepreneurs offering all kinds of get rich quick schemes. Benefiting from tales of abundant resources in the territory, limited law enforcement and communication, a scoundrel could create enticing promise of riches and success without much external oversight. Newspapers often fanned the hysteria only to later denounce and expose the schemes. People from across America came west to seek a better life. When that better life proved too slow in materializing, they often fell prey to a quick and easy alternative being offered by the schemer. Using newspaper articles, quotes, photographs and ephemera, this program illustrates some of the most famous and some of the lesser known embarrassing scams and hoaxes that involved the gullible in Arizona.

Any	Tu	February 18 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm	Free
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# Youth and Teen Sports

## Rookie Division

**Location:** Heritage Park

This league is intended for participants three years of age. In this league they will use plastic bats and balls. Gloves are optional.

Late Fee: \$10 beginning January 25

**Deadline January 24.**

3 yrs	M/ W/ Sa	Feb 10 to March 28 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm	R: \$35 NR: \$45
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## Minors Division

**Location:** Heritage Park

This league is intended for participants 4 to 6 years of age. Players will learn the basics of the game from hitting, running, fielding, and sportsmanship.

Late Fee: \$10 beginning January 25

**Deadline January 24.**

4 to 6	M/ W/ Sa	Feb 10 to March 28 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm	R: \$35 NR: \$45
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## Coach Pitch Division

**Location:** Heritage Park

This division will have coaches pitching the ball to participants. Participants will learn fundamentals of defense, batting, and running. Outs will be recorded in this division along with scores. Win loss records will not be recorded.

Late Fee: \$10 beginning January 25

**Deadline January 24.**

7 to 8	M/ W/ Sa	Feb 10 to March 28 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm	R: \$35 NR: \$45
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## Florence Little League

This program is not through the Florence Parks and Recreation. Please see details below about registration.

Families with multiple children will receive a \$10 discount on each additional child. All registrations will be done online at [www.florencelittleleague.org](http://www.florencelittleleague.org)

Nov 9, 2019 to Jan 9, 2020	Early Bird: \$75 Standard: \$85
Jan 10, 2020 to Feb 27, 2020	



# Youth and Teen Activities

## Youth Soccer

**Location:** Aquatic Center Multipurpose Field  
In this division participants learn the rules, fundamentals, and sportsmanship. Scores will be kept.

**Late Fee:** \$10 beginning January 25

**Deadline** January 24.

9 to 12	Tu/ Th/ Sa	Feb 18 to March 28 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	R: \$40 NR: \$50
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## Lil Tykes Youth Soccer

**Location:** Aquatic Center Multipurpose Field  
3 -4 year olds: This division is to teach the participants team play and of course, fun.

5 - 8 year olds: This division is intended to teach the kids fundamentals, team play, rules, and of course fun. Scores will not be kept.

**Late Fee:** \$10 beginning March 5

**Deadline** March 4

3 to 4	W/ Sa	April 8 to May 16 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	R: \$40 NR: \$50
5 to 8	W/ Sa	April 8 to May 16 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	R: \$40 NR: \$50



## E Sports

### Madden Bowl 2020

**Location:** Library & Community Center

It's BACK!!! This all ages event will be held at the Florence Community Center. Game will be Madden 2020 and played on the PS4 console.

**Deadline** January 4.

8+	F	January 31 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm	R: \$25 NR: \$35
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### NBA 2K20 Tourney

**Location:** Library & Community Center

Let's find out who's the best 2K Basketball player. Tourney will be held using the PS4 console.

**Deadline** March 4.

8+	Tu	March 10 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm	R: \$25 NR: \$35
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## Calling all Volunteers!

We need volunteer coaches for a successful operation of our youth sports. High school students can volunteer to obtain community service hours, but reliability is a must. Volunteers must pass a background check. Call (520) 868-7040 for more info. We thank you for your contribution to our community.

# Florence Teen Council

## Requirements to join Florence Teen Council:

- You must attend six meetings and/or workshops.
- You must help run a Florence Teen Council event.

Once both requirements have been met, you will be gifted your member shirt.

We can't wait for your participation in the Florence Teen Council. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Stevie Lopez at [stevie.lopez@florenceaz.gov](mailto:stevie.lopez@florenceaz.gov)

## Teen Symposium

**Location:** Library & Community Center  
 Teen Council invites teen groups from all around to come and listen to amazing influential presenters, focusing on a wide range of topics. Teens from Florence and other communities will discuss challenges teens are facing and how they can create better communities and make a difference in their communities.



## Adult Sports



## Cornhole League

**Location:** Aquatic Center Multipurpose Field  
 Get your partner together for upcoming league. Games will be best out of three, with two matches per night. Single elimination post league tournament.

**Deadline January 24.**

13 to 18	Sa	February 22 9:00 am to 2:00 pm	Free
18+	Th	Jan 30 March 5 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm	\$40 Singles
18+	Th	Jan 30 March 5 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm	\$75 Doubles



# Arts and Culture



## Dabble in the Arts

Location: Suter House

A glimpse of different art techniques. For teens 12 and up only. Supplies included. FREE!

12 to 18	F	January 3 10:00 am to 12:00 pm	Free
12 to 18	F	March 13 to March 20 10:00 am to 12:00 pm	Free

## Drum Circle

Location: Suter House

A drum circle is any group of people playing (usually) hand-drums and percussion in a circle. They are distinct from a drumming group or troupe in that the drum circle is an end in itself rather than preparation for a performance. The program takes place the fourth Saturday of every month and is open to residents of all ages. Bring your own hand drum or percussion instrument and join in the fun.

10+	Sa	Jan 25 to May 23 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm	Free
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## Open Studio

Location: Suter House

Amateur and longtime artists are all invited to open studio time in January through May. Artists working in any medium are welcome. Bring your own materials to this creative setting and share your love of art with fellow residents. Tables, easels, stools, and chairs are available.

10+	W	Jan 15 to May 20 9:00 am to 12:00 pm	Free
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## Family Kite Festival

Location: Library & Community Center

Make kites and fly them at Aquatic Center Multi-Purpose Fields afterwards.

5+	Sa	March 7 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm	Free
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# Aquatics

## Lifeguard Challenge Re-Certification

**Location:** Florence Aquatic Center  
This class is for individuals that have had their Red Cross Lifeguard Certification expire.  
**Deadline February 26.**

15+	Th	March 12 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm	\$138
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## Florence Aquatic Center Opening & Water Safety Day

**Location:** Florence Aquatic Center  
This day will kickoff the opening of the Florence Aquatic Center for the 2020 season. Families are encouraged to attend and register for aquatic programs being offered for the season. Also, family and health resource vendors will be available on this day.

Any	Sa	May 16 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Call for details
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## WSI Water Safety Instructor Certification Course

**Location:** Florence Aquatic Center  
If you are interested in teaching swim lessons, WSI training is the course you need to take.  
**Deadline February 26.**

\*Dates subject to change

16+	Tu to Th	March 17 to March 19 8:30 am to 3:30 pm	\$225
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## Red Cross Lifeguard Certification

**Location:** Florence Aquatic Center  
If you are interested in becoming a lifeguard at the Florence Aquatic Center for the 2020 aquatic season, you must attend and pass the American Red Cross certification course. Passing the course does not guarantee a position with the Town of Florence.  
**Deadline February 26.**

\*Dates subject to change

15+	Tu to W	March 10 to March 11 8:30 am to 4:30 pm	\$175
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## Family Storytime

**Location: Library & Community Center**

Join library staff and special guest readers for 30 minutes of stories, finger plays, activities, and fun! Every Tuesday morning starting January 14 and ending April 28, at 10:30 am.

Any	Tu	January 14 10:30 am	Free
Any	Tu	January 21 10:30 am	Free
Any	Tu	January 28 10:30 am	Free
Any	Tu	February 4 10:30 am	Free
Any	Tu	February 11 10:30 am	Free
Any	Tu	February 18 10:30 am	Free
Any	Tu	February 25 10:30 am	Free
Any	Tu	March 3 10:30 am	Free
Any	Tu	March 10 10:30 am	Free
Any	Tu	March 17 10:30 am	Free
Any	Tu	March 24 10:30 am	Free
Any	Tu	March 31 10:30 am	Free
Any	Tu	April 7 10:30 am	Free
Any	Tu	April 14 10:30 am	Free
Any	Tu	April 21 10:30 am	Free
Any	Tu	April 28 10:30 am	Free

## Early Release Activities

**Location: Library & Community Center**

Join us on half days for a variety of fun activities!

Any	Family Flick	W	January 15 2:00 pm	Free
12 and Under	Craft	W	January 22 2:00 pm	Free
Any	Family Flick	W	January 29 2:00 pm	Free
Any	Family Flick	W	February 5 2:00 pm	Free
12 and Under	Craft	W	February 12 2:00 pm	Free
Any	Family Flick	W	February 19 2:00 pm	Free
12 and Under	Craft	W	February 26 2:00 pm	Free
12 and Under	Craft	W	March 11 2:00 pm	Free
12 and Under	Craft	W	March 18 2:00 pm	Free
Any	Family Flick	W	March 25 2:00 pm	Free
Any	Family Flick	W	April 1 2:00 pm	Free
12 and Under	Craft	W	April 8 2:00 pm	Free
12 and Under	Craft	W	April 15 2:00 pm	Free
Any	Family Flick	W	April 22 2:00 pm	Free
12 and Under	Craft	W	April 29 2:00 pm	Free



# Library

## Code Club

Location: Library & Community Center

5 to 16	W	January 15 3:45 pm	Free
5 to 16	W	January 29 3:45 pm	Free
5 to 16	W	February 12 3:45 pm	Free
5 to 16	W	February 26 3:45 pm	Free
5 to 16	W	March 11 3:45 pm	Free
5 to 16	W	March 25 3:45 pm	Free
5 to 16	W	April 8 3:45 pm	Free
5 to 16	W	April 22 3:45 pm	Free

## Leap into Science Wind Workshops

Location: Library & Community Center

Join the library for stories, experiments, and crafts all about wind! Children will explore science and literacy and how they work together!

3 to 5	Th	January 16 2:00 pm	Free
6 to 10	Th	February 27 4:00 pm	Free
3 to 10	Th	March 12 2:00 pm	Free

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## Girls Who Code

Location: Library & Community Center

5 to 16	W	January 22 3:45 pm	Free
5 to 16	W	February 5 3:45 pm	Free
5 to 16	W	February 19 3:45 pm	Free
5 to 16	W	March 4 3:45 pm	Free
5 to 16	W	March 18 3:45 pm	Free
5 to 16	W	April 1 3:45 pm	Free
5 to 16	W	April 15 3:45 pm	Free
5 to 16	W	April 29 3:45 pm	Free



## Create Together!

Location: Library & Community Center

Adults are invited to join the library monthly as we explore simple DIY crafting projects and other basic hobbies. Each month will feature something a little different, so stay tuned as we "Create Together!"

18+	W	January 22 6:00 pm	Free
18+	W	February 19 6:00 pm	Free
18+	W	March 25 6:00 pm	Free
18+	W	April 22 6:00 pm	Free

## No Crumbs Left

**Location: Library & Community Center**  
 Adults and teens are invited to this monthly activity as we whip up DIY No-Bake Treats. Each month will feature something new, so stay tuned as we leave "No Crumbs!"

13+	Th	January 23 3:00 pm	Free
13+	Th	February 20 3:00 pm	Free
13+	Th	March 19 3:00 pm	Free
13+	Th	April 30 3:00 pm	Free

## Positive Parenting Workshop: Positive Discipline

**Location: Library & Community Center**  
 Join Sybil Peters, Instructional Specialist with the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension as she helps empower parents. The positive parenting program focuses on using kindness, firmness, dignity and respect. After this workshop you will be empowered with skills to reduce problematic behaviors while strengthening your child's life skills. This is a five week course that is intended for parents only.

18+	Tu	January 28 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm	Free
18+	Tu	February 4 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm	Free
18+	Tu	February 11 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm	Free
18+	Tu	February 18 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm	Free
18+	Tu	February 25 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm	Free

## Mini Golf

**Location: Library & Community Center**  
 Come try the library's fun, book themed mini golf course! Drop in any time!

2 to 12	Tu	February 6 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Free
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## NEA Read Across America - Dr. Seuss Celebration Day

**Location: Library & Community Center**  
 You would not, could not, want to miss a celebration such as this! Celebrate the birthday of this beloved children's author, Seuss style! Come to the library to enjoy a special Storytime, crafts, and silly Seuss fun!

Any	W	March 4 3:00 pm	Free
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## Spring Break Activities

**Location: Library & Community Center**  
 Join the Library through Spring Break for crafts, movies, and STEAM Activities!

Any	Bricks n' Blocks	M	March 9 2:00 pm	Free
12 and under	Craft	W	March 11 2:00 pm	Free
3 to 10	Wind Workshop	Th	March 12 2:00 pm	Free
Any	Family Flick	F	March 13 2:00 pm	Free
Any	Bricks n' Blocks	M	March 16 2:00 pm	Free
12 and under	Craft	W	March 18 2:00 pm	Free
Any	Family Flick	F	March 20 2:00 pm	Free



# Library

## El Dia Del Nino / El Dia De Los Libros

**Location: Library & Community Center**

Also known as Dia, this initiative emphasizes the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds. Join us as we share a Bilingual Storytime, music, and fun to celebrate.

Any	Th	April 30 2:00 pm	Free
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## National Library Week

**Location: Library & Community Center**

Join us to celebrate national library week, Poem in Your Pocket Day, and the announcement of the winners of the annual Bookmark Design Contest!

April 20 to April 25

## Library Guest Speakers Series FRANK Talk: Through My Eyes - The Impact of Implicit Bias

**Location: Library & Community Center**

We come from different places and backgrounds. Our life experiences and backgrounds can affect the way we see the world and each other, for better or worse. What is implicit bias, and how does it shape our attitudes and actions towards others? How do stereotypes affect our understanding, actions, and decisions? "Implicit bias" can cause us to have feelings and attitudes about other people based on characteristics such as race, ethnicity, age, and appearance. How can we learn to navigate the world we see "through our eyes," and the world as seen through the eyes of people different from us? Join Matthew Whitaker as we explore through conversation.

Any	F	January 10 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm	Free
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## AZ Speaks Humanities Lecture: On the Road Since 1925: The Colorful History of Arizona Highways Magazine

**Location: Library & Community Center**

The first issue of Arizona Highways magazine was published in April, 1925. In this presentation, former publisher Win Holden will share the fascinating story of how a brochure produced by the Arizona Highway Department evolved into one of the most respected and revered publications in the world. Arizona Highways now reaches all 50 states and over 100 countries around the world. But the journey has been anything but uneventful. With a unique publishing model not dependent on advertising, the magazine has had to unearth new sources of revenue to sustain its operations – and, as part of the Arizona Department of Transportation, has had to survive without state funding. Learn how this remarkable magazine has beaten the odds to thrive in a competitive environment that has seen respected national magazines fall by the wayside.

Any	F	January 17 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm	Free
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## AZ Speaks Humanities Lecture: It Takes a Nation to Heal

**Location: Library & Community Center**

Indigenous tribes today are finding themselves in crisis. Community initiatives are mobilizing to sustain water, land, language, youth, and heritage. Speaker Megan LaRose will shine light on the root causes of these major issues in "Indian Country," and what healing looks like in the modern day.

Any	F	February 21 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm	Free
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## AZ Speaks Humanities Lecture: Borders, Walls, and Immigration in Arizona

**Location: Library & Community Center**  
 The Arizona-Mexico border is a line of separation and a place of coming together. In this talk, Dr. Scott Warren offers an overview of the formation of the Arizona- Mexico border and its evolution since the 1800s. The program discusses historical and contemporary efforts to demarcate the boundary through bi-national surveys, policing, and the construction of fences and walls. Warren will also offer a contemporary survey of what the border looks like today, from the New Mexico line to Yuma.

Any	F	April 24 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm	Free
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## AZ Speaks Humanities Lecture: Coded Messages and Songs of the Underground Railroad

**Location: Library & Community Center**  
 Communication and secrecy were key to the successful operation of the Underground Railroad. Safety was more important than quickness. Both fugitive slaves and members of the Underground Railroad learned to code and decode hidden messages, and to disguise signs to avoid capture. There were code names for routes and code numbers for towns. A quilt hanging on a clothesline with a house and a smoking chimney among its designs indicated a safe house. The song, "Follow the Drinking Gourd" served as directions to Canada. Using storytelling, activities and songs, this presentation will depict the ingenuity and resiliency used by those involved in the Underground Railroad to help over 100,000 slaves escape to freedom between 1810 and 1850.

Any	F	March 20 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm	Free
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# LIBRARIES TRANSFORM



# Senior Programs

## Yard Sale

**Location:** Dorothy Nolan Senior Center  
It's Back! The Dorothy Nolan Annual Senior Center Yard Sale has returned. Please stop by the center and find that treasure you can't live without. We will also have biscuits and gravy for sale, along with baked goods. We start accepting donations for our yard-sale in January.

Any	F	January 31 7:00 am to 12:00 pm	Free
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## "Pretty Up" Florence and Pizza Party

**Location:** Dorothy Nolan Senior Center  
Come help us walk a street or two in Old Florence and "pretty up" our town in the process. Afterwards enjoy pizza and drinks in our NEW room at the senior center. Registration deadline: Monday, February 3rd. Registration limited to 12 people.

Any	Th	February 6 11:30 am to 2:30 pm	Free
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## Friendly Hearts Club Party

**Location:** Dorothy Nolan Senior Center  
Our Valentine's Day Party is "Friend's " themed. Come celebrate the many friendships you've made at the Dorothy Nolan Senior Center. Lets see how well you know your friends!

Any	F	February 14 10:00 am to 12:00 pm	\$5
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## 5th Annual We Love our Talent/ No Talent Show

**Location:** Dorothy Nolan Senior Center  
Let your creative juices flow and let's have some fun! All appropriate acts are welcome. We provide a dinner too. Reservations required for dinner and to enter competition. Participants of talent show eat free. Call the senior center at (520) 868-7622 for more information or to register.

Any	W	February 19 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm	\$8
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## St Patty's Day Luncheon

**Location:** Dorothy Nolan Senior Center  
Enjoy a full corned beef and cabbage meal. There are door prizes and fun for all.

Any	Tu	March 17 10:00 am to 12:00 pm	\$10
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## Easter Party

**Location:** Dorothy Nolan Senior Center  
Join us for our Easter Party. We have a delicious Easter luncheon, with ham, baked beans and salads.

Any	F	April 10 10:00 am to 12:00 pm	\$8
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# Senior Trips



## Tucson 4th Ave Street Fair

**Depart Location:** Dorothy Nolan Senior Center  
This nearly 50 year old tradition brings over 500,000 people to the heart of Old Pueblo. The fair host artists from around the world, decadent food, local entertainment and lots of fun!

Any	F	March 20 9:00 am to 6:00 pm	\$15
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## Mesa Marketplace

**Depart Location:** Dorothy Nolan Senior Center  
Great way to pass a few hours! Come enjoy 'Recreational Shopping' at Mesa Market Place Swap Meet! This swap meet is 100 % handicap accessible with scooters and wheelchairs available for rent. Live entertainment is located in food court.

Any	F	April 3 8:00 am to 1:00 pm	\$12
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## Az Fish Farm/ Wild Horse Trip

**Depart Location:** Dorothy Nolan Senior Center  
Take a tour with us to the Arizona Department of Corrections unique fish farm and wild horse/ burro operations. The tour last about one hour and is a great opportunity to learn about this successful and unique program.

Any	W	January 8 9:30 am	\$10
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## Toggenburg Goats Of Arizona

**Depart Location:** Dorothy Nolan Senior Center  
Toggenburg Goats of Arizona, located in Florence is dedicated to providing natural and healthy artisan goat milk products to our local community and visitors. Toggenburg is a breed of goat named after the Toggenburg Valley region in Switzerland. These goats are the oldest know domesticated animals in the world.

Any	Tu	February 25 8:30 am to 12:30 pm	\$10
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## Give A Lift Program

**Location:** Dorothy Nolan Senior Center  
Florence residents, age 55+ and those with a disability, who are unable to drive and need transportation to medical appointments now have a solution. It's neighbors helping neighbors! This program is grant funded and successful due to wonderful volunteers. We are always looking for volunteer drivers to join our amazing team. If you would like to volunteer, schedule a ride, or want more information, contact Carolyn Ballard at (520) 868-7648 or email at Carolyn.ballard@florenceaz.gov. Come on in and give a lift!





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1st Street

Hwy 79

Ruggles Street



6th Street



8th Street



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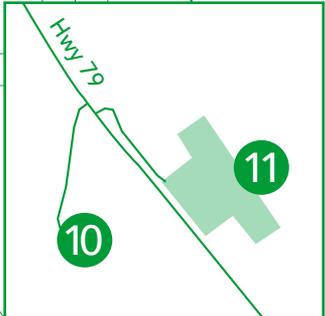
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# Parks and Facilities

## Florence Library & Community Center

Community Services Administration  
778 N. Main Street (520) 868-7040

Hours:  
Mon to Thur - 8:00 am to 8:00 pm  
Fri - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Sat - 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
Closed Holidays  
(Mon to Fri Library Opens at 9:00 am)

## Florence Aquatic Center

174 W. 1st Street (520) 868-7650  
Closed for the season after Labor Day

## Tennis & Pickleball Courts

174 W. 1st Street  
Hours:  
Sun to Sat - Sunrise to 10:00 pm

## Heritage Park

600 N. Main Street

## Padilla Park

77 W. Ruggles Street

## Little League Park & Central Bark Park

200 E. 8th Street

## Dorothy Nolan Senior Center

330 N. Pinal Street (520) 868-7622

Hours:  
Mon to Fri - 8:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Closed Holidays

## 1 Florence Fitness Center

133 N. Main Street (520) 868-7587

Hours:  
Mon to Thur - 5:00 am to 9:00 pm  
Fri - 5:00 am to 8:00 pm  
Sat - 6:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Closed Holidays

## Main Street Park

700 S. Main Street

## 2 Charles Whitlow Rodeo Grounds

4905 S. Pinal Parkway

## 3 Florence Aero Modeler Park

Hwy 79, 2 miles South of Florence at mile marker 130. Directly across the highway from Charles Whitlow Rodeo Park.

## 4 Poston Butte Preserve

Access to Poston Butte is off Hunt Highway, west of Poston Butte Loop, on the north side of road.

## 6 The parks are yours! Help us keep them clean and safe!

If you see someone abusing your park, please notify the Florence Police Department at 868-7681 or the Community Services Department at (520) 868-7589.

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## Fitness Center Fees

	Month	Bi-Annual	Annual
<b>Adult (18 to 54)</b>	\$20	\$99	\$198
<b>Senior (55+)</b>	\$13	\$66	\$132
<b>Youth (17 &amp; under)</b>	\$13	\$66	\$32
<b>Fitness Classes</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Non-Resident</b>	
	\$20 - \$57	\$25 - \$71	

## Facility Fees

	Resident	Non-Resident
<b>Community Center</b>	\$20 - \$60	\$37.50 - \$90
<b>Aquatic Center</b>	\$20 - \$250	\$25 - \$375
<b>Senior Center</b>	\$50 - \$150	\$75 - \$225
<b>Park Open Turf</b>	\$25	\$37.50
<b>Park Ramada</b>	\$5 - \$15	\$7.50 - \$22

Facility and park reservation fees are per hour with a two hour minimum.

**Florence Community Services Department**

**PO Box 2670**

**Florence, Az 85132**

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