

# City of Eloy NEWSLETTER



## 2020 General Elections Key Dates

- October 5 Last day to register to vote
- October 7 First date to vote early in person
- October 23 Last day to request an early ballot
- October 30 Last day to vote early in person
- November 3 General Election Day!

## Never miss a City Council meeting again!

Eloy City Council meetings can be accessed online from the City website, [www.elayaz.gov](http://www.elayaz.gov), under “Local Government” CLICK on “City Council Live Meeting Videos”. Live meetings in progress will appear under “Upcoming Events”, while past meetings can be viewed under “Available Archives”.

## Bored? Are you Looking for something to do?

Check out the online programming with Community Services. Stay up to date - Follow us on social media @ Eloy Community Services



Instagram

## Eloy City Council

### Mayor

Joel G. Belloc

### Vice Mayor

Micah Powell

### Council Members

Jose Garcia  
George Reuter  
Andrew Rodriguez  
Dan Snyder  
J.W. Tidwell

### City Manager

Harvey Krauss

# Saving Animals. Serving Community.

By J. Childress

The City of Eloy and Pinal County is in the process of finalizing an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for animal care of our special furry residents. I was able to talk with Audra Michael, the Director for Pinal County Animal Care and Control on the programs and services for the animals.

**Question: How much area and time is spent on the animals to exercise and play each day?**

**Answer:** Our initiative, “Every Dog, Every Day!” is our commitment to spending every day from 6 a.m. -10 a.m. focusing on getting every single dog walked or 1:1 time in our play yards if they are not able to walk on a leash. We have a total of 11 yards on the property in varying sizes for exercise and play. Our cats receive attention in their kennels every day from a team of dedicated cat volunteers. Because of the flight risk, cats are not taken outside of their enclosures in the cat room. We are hoping for an outdoor cattery space to be completed in 2020.

**Question: Does the shelter have a “no-kill” policy?**

**Answer:** We do not have a “no-kill” policy per se, but we do not euthanize any healthy adoptable animals ever. We stopped euthanizing animals due to a lack of space in 2018. We have been a “no-kill” facility since 2018, but it isn’t easy. We have a great group of rescue partners and volunteers that help to identify temporary or permanent homes for our pets.

**Question: How can residents find out about adopting a new pet?**

**Answer:** They can go onto pet [harbor.com](http://harbor.com), type in 85194 zip code, and then select our shelter. They can also follow our Facebook page, where we share posts about our animals for adoption.

**Question: How can residents get involved?**

**Answer:** Volunteers are accepted from age 16 and up. Volunteers can specialize in cats, dogs, or both! We have public dog walks Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. -10 a.m. where anyone can participate in “Every Dog, Every Day!” program. Public dog walks are open to anyone ready and willing to walk with our dogs! Residents interested in being an official volunteer are required to attend three “Every Dog, Every Day!” training sessions before attending an in-person orientation. After they have completed orientation, volunteers can select shifts anytime between 6 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cat Volunteers are scheduled for orientation and a mentoring session with one of our established cat volunteers and then are able to select shifts to volunteer anytime during operating hours. Residents can go online to the PCACC Facebook or the Pinal County website for the link to sign up for volunteering. They can also reach out to [animalvolunteer@pinal.gov](mailto:animalvolunteer@pinal.gov) for further information.



Adoption Desk (above)



Dog in kennel (above)



Cattery Room (above)



Audra Michael, Director

# Eloy Nearly Complete on Main Street Renovation Project

By J. Fairman

Work has proceeded smoothly on the Downtown facade refurbishment and is expected to be completed later this month. Hopefully, you have seen the roofers, carpenters, painters and others working to make Main Street shine again. Other parts of the project include the addition of new trash receptacles and benches and decorating the building columns and murals for the building end caps. Lastly, a new sign package is being formulated, with the goal of attracting new customers and investment. With all the talk about Nikola Motors-with their Ground Breaking Ceremonies on July 23<sup>rd</sup>-the Downtown area and all of Eloy is starting to see more investor interest, several of which represent foreign capital. For more information, feel free to contact Jeff Fairman, Downtown Project Manager at [jfairman@eloyaz.gov](mailto:jfairman@eloyaz.gov).



## **Pinal County Mobile Voter Outreach Van in Eloy**

On July 27<sup>th</sup> over 50 residents participated in an Early Voting event. This was the first time Eloy and Pinal County partnered to provide residents with an opportunity to vote early as there are only three locations to vote early in Pinal County which are not located in Eloy. The mobile voter outreach (MVO) program provides a variety of services for county residents.



Edyvray Ruiz Jr., the Program Coordinator said, "The Mobile Voter Outreach Van program was created to reach residents in rural parts of Pinal County and its services include registering voters, providing voter information, collecting early ballots, and being an early voting site as well as becoming an emergency polling place on election day". The MVO van was launched in December 2019 and has provided services to 10 other communities including Coolidge, Maricopa, and Queen Creek.

Stay up to date on Eloy events by following us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/eloyaz.gov/>.

## New name and new look for Eloy Justice Court

By J. Childress

On July 1, 2020, the first amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Eloy and Pinal County went into effect, which resulted in a few minor changes to services and staffing for Eloy residents. First, Pinal County consolidated most of its court proceedings at the Central Pinal Justice Court in Coolidge, to increase efficiency of County resources. As a part of this agreement, Pinal County provides staffing at the Eloy Justice Court a minimum of one day a week. Second, due to the early termination of the cost sharing agreement, Pinal County did not seek any operating and personnel costs from the City. Lastly, the County transferred three court employees to the City of Eloy. Below, the team shares what they enjoy the most about working for the City of Eloy.

### Heather Greenfield

*What is your position at Eloy Justice Court?* Court Clerk , 1 year in the profession

*What is your favorite movie?* I don't have a favorite but I love action movies

*What do you enjoy most about serving Eloy residents?* I enjoy helping people that come in with issues on their cases, finding a solution and getting their problems solved

*What are your hobbies and interests?* I run a dog rescue in my free time

### Lluvia Cazares

*What is your position at Eloy Justice Court?* Court Clerk, 17 years in the profession

*What is your favorite movie?* The Blind Side

*What do you enjoy most about serving Eloy residents?* I enjoy serving the residents of Eloy with great customer service

*What are your hobbies and interests?* I like traveling, cooking and spending time with my family

### Julio Palacios

*What is your position at Eloy Justice Court?* Court Administrator, 7.5 years in the profession

*What is your favorite movie?* Sandlot

*What do you enjoy most about serving Eloy residents?* For me, it's mostly about educating the public about the court system and helping them understand the process

*What are your hobbies and interests?* For fun, I like to take long drives with my wife and two kids, through the state of Arizona, exploring the country side and finding new restaurants to eat at-especially mom and pop eateries

The Eloy Justice Court is open Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Due to COVID - 19, the lobby is limited to 10 people at a time to allow for social distancing per Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines. Open court (criminal arraignments, warrants, arrange payment contracts, etc.) is available each week on Thursdays, beginning at 9 a.m.



We need to talk. Yes, I'm speaking to you. You are after all reading this - aren't you?

See, I'm tired of writing about the 2020 Census. In fact, I'm not sure what more I can say to encourage you to complete the Census at this point.

The reality is Eloy will miss out of millions of dollars, over the next 10 years. This funding is used for road improvements, school lunch programs, SNAP benefits, CAHRA and other programs. Eloy's response rate for completing the Census is barely over 50%.

The Census Bureau has decided to end field data collection a month earlier, on September 30th. Which means, we have about 15 days left to increase our response rate. Will you help me?

### Do your part:

- Complete the Census @ [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov)
- Ask your family members and friends to complete the Census

~THANK YOU!