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## Home Weatherization Event set for Buckeye Wednesday

## County initiative has aided nearly 2900 low-income households

A "National Weatherization Day" celebration is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Buckeye Senior Apartments to familiarize residents to the benefits of energy-saving improvements. Maricopa County Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox is expected to attend the event, which will include tours of the residences to show energy-saving improvements and discuss the financial and environmental advantages of the program.

The national Weatherization Assistance Program was authorized in 1976, during an energy shortage and as a means to assist low-income families make cost-saving improvements to their homes.

"This has been a small but effective program for Maricopa County, where over the years, nearly 2900 homes have become more energy efficient," commented Supervisor Wilcox. "This program helps to lower utility costs for low-income families, but reduce carbon emissions now and in the future."

The program is sponsored by Maricopa County, the Arizona Community Action Association and Arizona Public Service.

The Buckeye Senior Apartments is located at 605 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Buckeye.