

# El Mirage News

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El Mirage residents will pay their bills at the City's new customer service building located at 14406 N. Alto Street.

## New customer service location starts Feb. 21

Effective Feb. 21 City of El Mirage utility customers will pay their bills at the City's new customer service building located at 14406 N. Alto Street. The move is intended make City transactions more convenient while increasing the useful life of the City Hall facility. The new location will have a customer care center with friendly staff to greet and serve municipal customers. At this one-stop location, the public will be able to

pay utility bills, start or stop utility services, reserve a park ramada, and other municipal transactions.

City customers are still encouraged to mail their bills to City Hall at 12145 NW Grand Avenue, El Mirage, AZ 85335 or pay online at [www.xpressbillpay.com](http://www.xpressbillpay.com).

Please visit the City's website [www.cityofelmirage.org](http://www.cityofelmirage.org) for further information, or call Customer Service at 623-933-1228.

## Neighborhood Housing Services to administer new home buyer program

The City of El Mirage recently contracted with Neighborhood Housing Services of Southwestern Maricopa County (NHS) to administer the City's first-time home buyer pro-

gram. NHS is a federally certified provider of housing services with extensive experience in the West Valley.

Funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of

Housing and Urban Development, the first-time home buyer program assists eligible applicants with the required process to become homeowners in El Mirage. Through

NHS, an applicant may be eligible for up to \$25,000 in down payment and closing cost assistance if they meet income requirements, provide \$1,000 toward the purchase of a home, and agree to attend an eight-hour home buyer class.

"This program opens doors to well-maintained, affordable housing in El Mirage," said Dr. Spencer Isom, El Mirage City Manager. "The first time home buyer program also helps families improve their quality of life, while becoming invested in the future success of our community."

To learn more about the City's first-time home buyer program and Neighborhood Housing Services of Southwestern Maricopa County, interested individuals may contact NHS at 623-932-9077.



## Regionalism is key to economic success

The City of El Mirage is involved with numerous regional organizations in the Phoenix Metro area and over the last 14 months in office, I have worked diligently to strengthen the City's relationship with these organizations and the various partners. I believe in the importance of regionalism as it honors the unique strengths and assets of all the partners and sets the table for trust and

collaboration.

Regionalism occurs when two or more cities, state agencies, such as the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) or Maricopa County, decide to work together for the region's benefit. Some regional examples that El Mirage is involved with include the operation and maintenance of commuter transit and Dial-A-Ride services through Valley

Metro; transportation projects and funding through Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), such as the upcoming improvements to El Mirage Road from Northern Avenue to Grand Avenue; and collaboration with other West Valley Communities to support Luke Air Force Base through the Luke West Valley Council.

MORE MAYORS MESSAGE ON 2

## Free bulk trash disposal for residents

On Saturday, March 17 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., El Mirage residents may dispose of bulk trash items at the Glendale Landfill at no charge. The Glendale Landfill is located at 11480 W. Glendale Ave. just north of the Glendale Airport.

Residents will be required to show photo identification or a utility bill with an El Mirage address to take part in the free event. Items accepted for disposal include construction and demolition debris, yard clippings, and household waste such as paint, motor oil, and home cleaning products. "This event provides a much needed free service to City residents and helps keep our neighborhoods clean," Councilor Lynn Selby stated.

More detailed information is available on the City's website at [www.cityofelmirage.org](http://www.cityofelmirage.org) or 623-876-2977.



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## MAYORS MESSAGE:

### Regionalism key to success, From 1

There are many financial incentives to participating in regional efforts as many federal and state grants require cities and counties to work together to apply for or receive funds. There is also the ability for the City of El Mirage to save money since the costs of a program may be spread out through different agencies. In the on-going challenging economic climate, with decreasing revenue-sharing dollars from the state and bottomed-out property tax values, regional cooperation is rapidly becoming essential for local governments and the City.

Other benefits of regionalism include the efficiency in organizing and delivering services and administering policies, the opportunity to distribute benefits and services more evenly across boundaries, with less regard to the affluence of each locality, and that for some



Mayor Lana Mook

areas like public transit, the service area naturally occurs over larger geographical areas than the traditional political boundaries describe.

As your Mayor, I will continue to explore areas of regional cooperation with the surrounding communities, so that we can better serve the needs of our residents. We are a region; we are not just El Mirage.

## Council Corner: Domestic violence resources

According to the Arizona Governor's Office, every five minutes in Arizona, a law enforcement officer responds to a domestic violence call. The City supports regional efforts to stop domestic violence through membership on the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Regional Domestic Violence Council. Currently, Councilor Roy Delgado serves on the Council. According to Councilor Delgado, "it is very important that victims of domestic violence, both men and women, have access to resources to assist them in healing, recovery and rebuilding their self-esteem." Below are some resources for victims of domestic violence.

can also provide assistance navigating the legal system by helping victims understand the process, receive case related notifications, and apply for orders of protection.

### Help USA 1-800-422-4453

National child abuse hotline. Offers crisis intervention, information, literature and referrals.

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### Child Protective Services 1-888-767-2445

Arizona child abuse hotline.

### Parents Anonymous 1-800-352-0528

Parents can call 24 hours a day, toll-free, when under stress with their children.

(Spanish language capability.)

### El Mirage Police Department Victim's Advocate (623) 433-9539

Provides local resources and information to victims of Domestic Violence. Advocate

### Shelters

#### Phoenix Metro Area 602-263-8900

For help in locating an emergency, homeless, or domestic violence shelter in Maricopa County.

#### Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence - Phoenix Metro Area: 602-279-2900

Concerned citizens and professionals unite through this statewide organization to increase public awareness about the issue of domestic violence, enhance the safety of and services for domestic violence victims, and reduce the incidents of domestic violence in Arizona families. Legal advocacy services also available.

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# Resident responses important to success of transportation needs survey

Throughout the month of February and early March, the City of El Mirage is asking each resident to complete a survey regarding where and how they are traveling to destinations such as work, school, health

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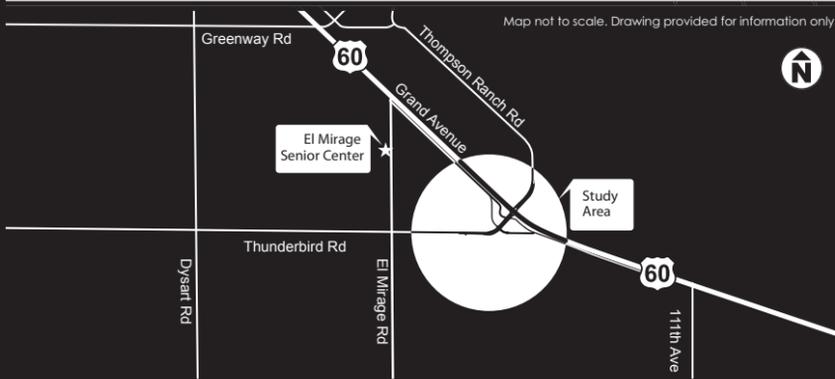
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## 60 Grand Avenue & Thunderbird Road Intersection Improvements

### Public Scoping Meeting

The Arizona Department of Transportation in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration is studying potential improvements at the intersection of US 60 (Grand Avenue) and Thunderbird Road/Thompson Ranch Road. This project will evaluate alternatives that would improve traffic flow.

A public meeting has been scheduled to introduce the project to the community and seek input regarding possible issues, concerns and opportunities.



### Your input is important!

- 1 Project website: [valleyfreeways.com/Tbird](http://valleyfreeways.com/Tbird)
- 2 Participate in the public meeting
- 3 Project hotline: 855-712-8530

**Thursday, March 22, 2012**

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm (a brief presentation will begin at 6:20 pm)  
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## Fire Department Statistics Analysis of incidents for January 2012:

El Mirage Fire Units responded to the following incidents during the month of January 2012:

Structure fires.....	2
Other fires.....	7
EMS calls.....	212
False Alarms.....	20
Other service calls.....	55
TOTAL.....	296

Total Fire Loss = \$15,000

Average Response Time to calls in El Mirage = 00:04:58

### Significant Incidents/Activities

• 1/1/12 – Vehicle fire started by the owner placing expended fireworks that he thought were extinguished into the bed of his pickup truck with fireworks that had not been expended. Estimated damage = \$5,000.

• 1/21/12 – A shed structure containing a motorcycle, various tools, and other items. The structure was not occupied and had no utilities. The cause of the fire was classified as UNDETERMIND and turned over to El Mirage Police for further investigation. Estimated loss = \$10,000.



## El Mirage Firefighter 2011 Toy Drive

During the 2011 holiday season, the El Mirage Firefighter Charities distributed nearly 400 toys to children throughout El Mirage. On December 23, the firefighters handed out 2 toys to each of the 170 kids at the fire station and on Christmas morning, the firefighters personally delivered presents to two families in the fire truck. These families were chosen by the firefighters

from which they personally witnessed the hardship. In addition, the firefighters distributed an additional 100 toys to children throughout El Mirage. Special thanks to the Dysart School District Facilities employees and bus drivers who donated over 150 toys. Also, thank you to all the local businesses and citizens who donated toys and helped to make this event happen.

### The El Mirage Firefighter Charities

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## Scalds: a burning issue

When people hear that someone was burned, most people immediately think of burns caused by a fire. However most burn injuries are from hot liquids like water or coffee.

Scald injuries are painful and require prolonged treatment. They may result in lifelong scarring and even death. Preventing scalds can be accomplished through simple changes in behavior and the home environment.

“Although anyone can sustain a scald burn, certain people are more likely to be scalded --- infants, young children, older adults and people with disabilities. These high risk groups are also more likely to require hospitalization, suffer complications and experience a difficult recovery,” states Howard Munding, El Mirage Fire Chief. “Most burn injuries occur in the person’s own home and the vast majority of these injuries are easily preventable.”

Tap water scalds are often more severe than cooking-related scalds. The American Burn Association recommends the following simple safety tips to decrease the risk to you, and those you love, from tap water scalds.

- Set home water heater thermostats to deliver water at a temperature no higher than 120 degrees Fahrenheit / 48 degree



Celsius. An easy method to test this is to allow hot water to run for three to five minutes, and then test with a candy, meat or water thermometer.

- Adjust the water heater and wait a day to let the temperature drop. Re-test and re-adjust as necessary.

- Provide constant adult supervision of young children or anyone who may experience difficulty removing themselves from hot water on their own. Gather all necessary supplies before placing a child in the tub and keep them within easy reach to remove them from hot water.

- Fill the tub to the desired level before getting in. Run cold water first and then add hot water. Turn off the hot water first. This can prevent scalding in case someone should fall in while the tub is

# THE BLUE BYLINE

## News from the El Mirage Police Department

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## Police department receives state grant

The El Mirage Police Department was awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Arizona Governor's Office of Children, Youth & Families. The 2012 STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant will fund a part-time

Victim Advocate, whose primary responsibility will be assisting victims of domestic violence. "The advocate is a valuable resource for victims as they navigate through the social service and legal systems," El Mi-

rage Police Chief Steve Campbell stated. "This effort is one more effort by the Department to help stop the cycle of violence that is all too often affecting families in our city." Continuing officer training and

community education are other components of the grant that will be implemented over next twelve months.

## El Mirage police and citizens partner to fight criminal activity

Creating a safe community is a partnership between the police department and citizens. With the community's assistance, police officers achieved successful outcomes in several recent cases, including arrests in residential and vehicle burglaries and a stolen vehicle. You can help combat criminal activity in your neighborhood in several ways.

- Get to know your neighborhood - Meet your neighbors and learn who belongs and who doesn't. This will help you identify suspicious activity.

- Secure your property - Lock your home property, vehicle doors and

windows. Utilizing products such as alarms and specialized property locks may also deter a break-in. Park in your garage and never leave property in your vehicle, particularly purses and wallets, electronic devices, and jewelry. Eliminating targets can often deter criminal activity.

- Be a good witness and report criminal activity. If you see a crime or suspicious activity, report it. Call 9-1-1 if you see a crime occurring. Be ready to provide the emergency operator with your location, a description of what is occurring, and a description of the suspects and vehicles.

## Police Department leads the way

Members of the El Mirage Police Department Investigations Unit are leading efforts to create a West Valley Child Abduction Response Team (CART). The team, modeled after a successful team in the East Valley, is still in the planning phase, but will include approximately ten agencies. The goal of the team is to equip departments with the training and resources to quickly and effectively respond to child

abductions. These teams will then be available to respond with other agencies as needed. The partnership is valuable so agencies are prepared should the need arise. Should a large scale response be needed for a child abduction, small agencies with limited resources, like El Mirage, will benefit greatly from having a trained team prepared to assist on short notice.

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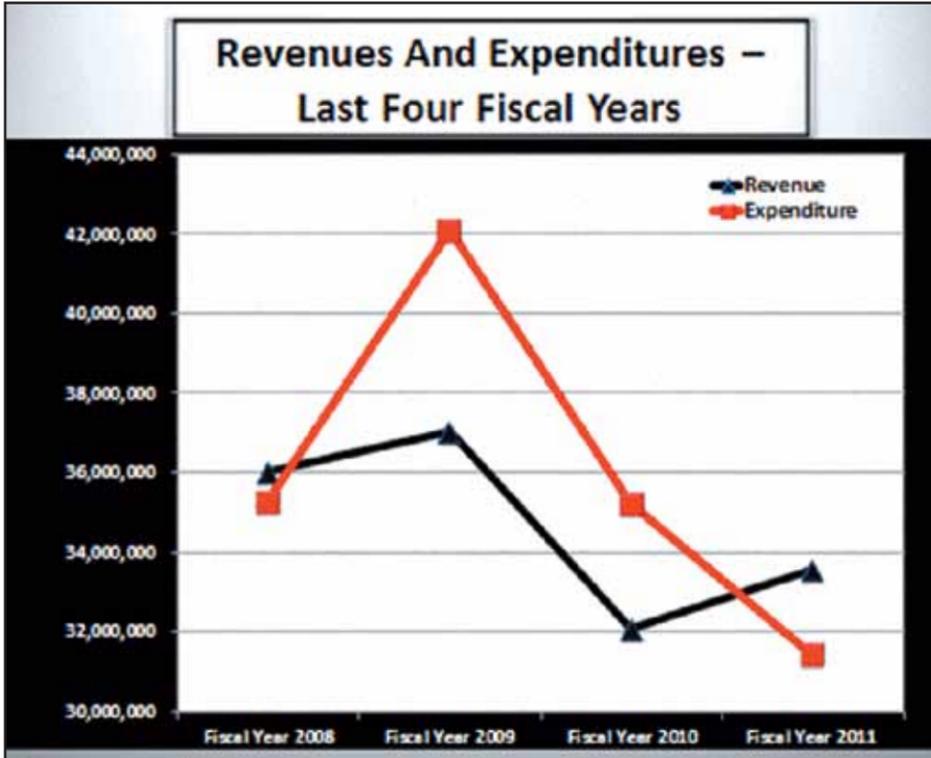
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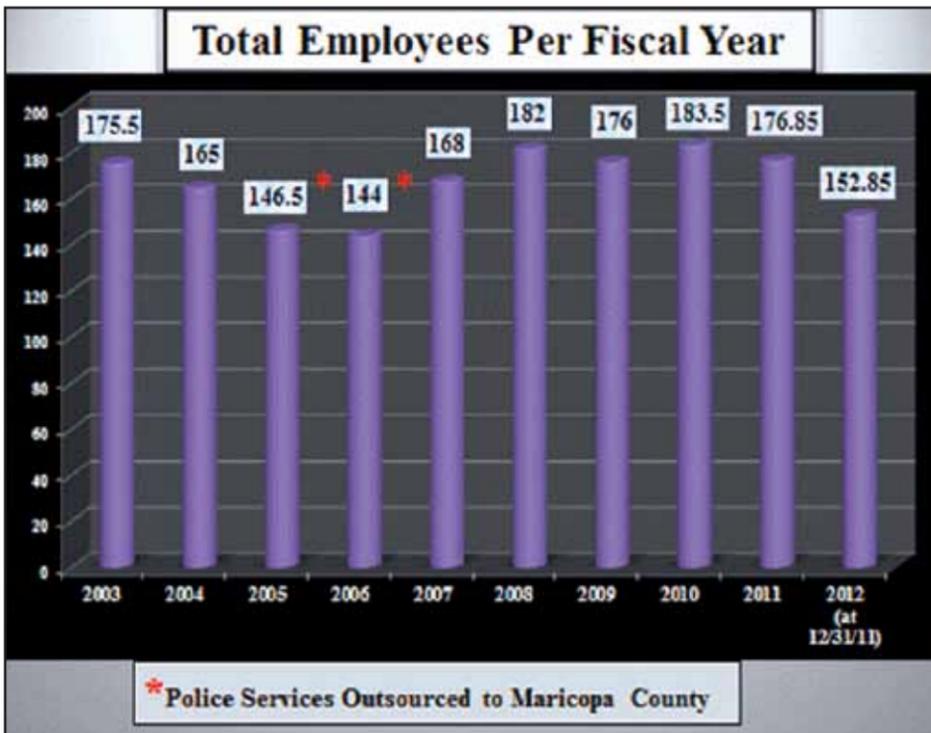
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# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

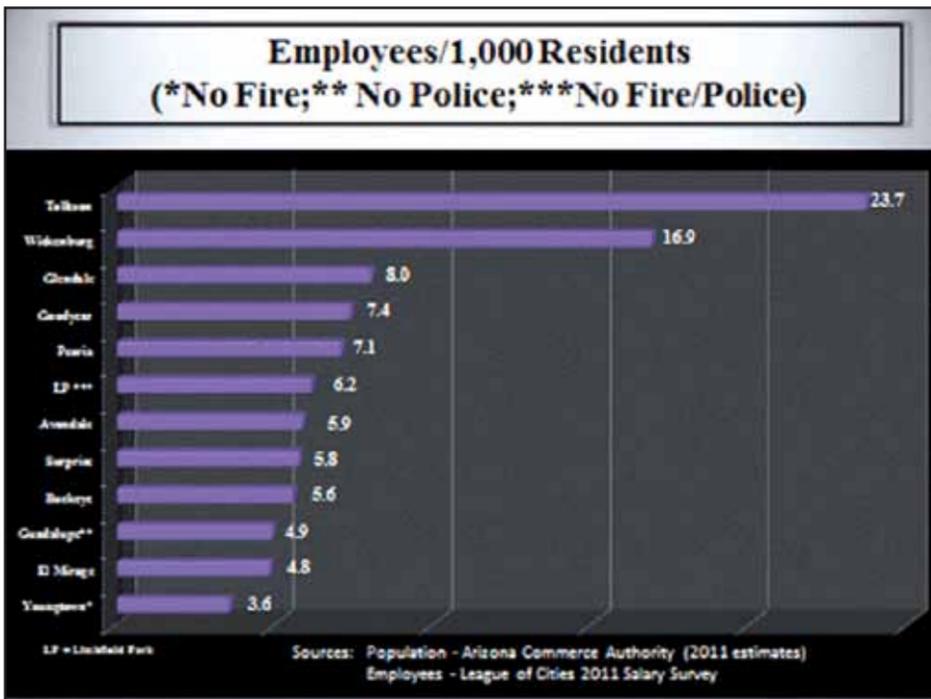
The following financial charts highlight the City's financial stability.



The above chart illustrates that revenue is increasing and expenses have decreased.



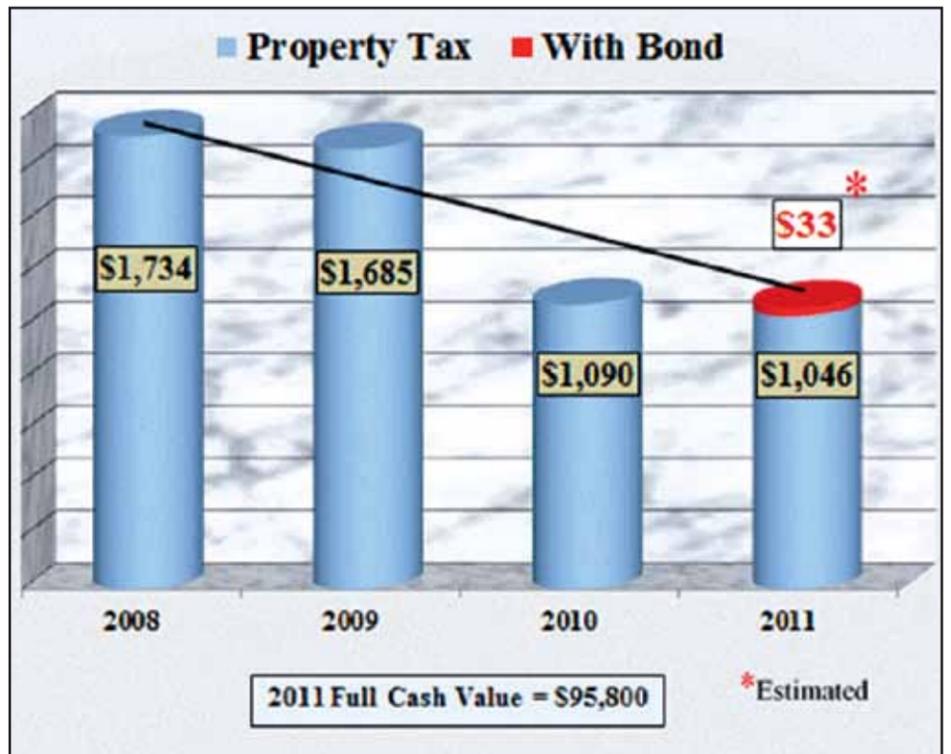
From 2012 to 2011, there are 24 fewer city employees.



El Mirage has a very lean employee ratio per 1,000 residents compared to other West Valley cities.



The above represents Mayor Lana Mook's property tax after the passage of the 2011 bond.



The above represents Vice Mayor David Shapera's property tax after the passage of the 2011 bond.

## FIRE: Scalds is a burning issue, From 1

filling. Mix the water thoroughly and check the temperature by moving your elbow, wrist or hand with spread fingers through the water before allowing someone to get in.

- Install grab bars, shower seats or non-slip flooring in tubs or showers if the person is unsteady or weak.
- Avoid flushing toilets, running water or using the dish- or clothes washer while anyone is showering.
- Install anti-scald or tempering devices. These heat sensitive instruments stop or interrupt the flow of water when the temperature reaches a pre-determined level and prevent hot water that is too hot from coming out of the tap.

Cooking-related scalds are also easy to prevent. Some things you can do to make your home safer from cooking-related burns include:

- Establish a "kid zone" out of the traffic path between the stove and sink where children can safely play

and still be supervised. Keep young children in high chairs or play yards, a safe distance from counter- or stovetops, hot liquids, hot surfaces or other cooking hazards.

- Cook on back burners when young children are present. Keep all pot handles turned back, away from the stove edge. All appliance cords should be coiled and away from the counter edge. During mealtime, place hot items in the center of the table, at least 10 inches from the table edge. Use non-slip placemats, instead of tablecloths, if toddlers are present.

• Never drink or carry hot liquids while carrying or holding a child. Quick motions may cause spilling of the liquid onto the child.

For more information about preventing scald burns, contact the El Mirage Fire Department at 623-583-7968 or the American Burn Association at (312) 642-9260 or [www.ameriburn.org](http://www.ameriburn.org).

### Hit and run driver sought by authorities

The El Mirage Police are searching for the driver of the vehicle that struck and killed a pedestrian on February 3, 2011 near the intersection of Thunderbird and Luna Streets. The suspect reportedly fled the

scene in a white late model Mitsubishi Eclipse with a rear spoiler and tinted windows. It is possible that the vehicle sustained front end damage and a broken windshield.

If you have infor-

mation that may lead to the identity of the driver or location of the vehicle, please contact the El Mirage Police Department at (623) 933-1341 or "Silent Witness" at (480) WITNESS or (480) 948-6377.

#### City of El Mirage contact information

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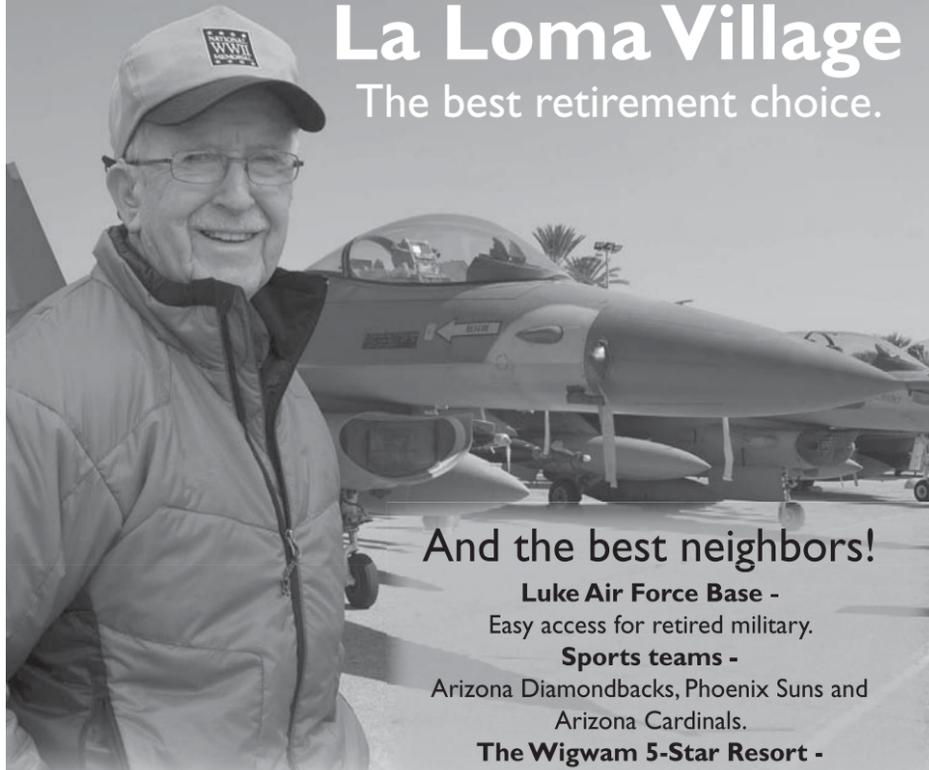
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**Web Surveys** - The survey is available on the homepage of the City's website at [www.cityofelmirage.org](http://www.cityofelmirage.org). To



begin the survey in English or in Spanish, click on the appropriate link provided.

**Phone surveys** - Some residents may be contacted to take the survey by phone.

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# Irish author brings folklore to life: A book review by Mark L. Smith

Irish author and authority on folklore Michael Scott has both a new book for adults and a new series for young readers. The adult book, "The Thirteen Hallows," tells the tale of thirteen sacred objects blessed 2,000 years ago to protect Britain from a host of demons. A young woman named Sarah becomes embroiled in the plot when she helps a stranger on the street who is one of the keepers of the sacred relics. Sarah promises the dying woman that she will deliver the object to her only living relative and suddenly Sarah becomes the target of unknown assailants bent on releasing the demons. It is an exciting, suspenseful read for mature readers due to its graphic descriptions of sex and violence.



For the young or young at heart, Scott has a new series just as replete with magic and suspense, but less explicit. "The Secrets

of Immortal Nicholas Flamel" harks back to the French Alchemist of "Harry Potter" fame who is reputed to have discovered the secret of immortality. The series begins with a book on Flamel himself entitled "The Alchemist" and now includes "The Magician," "The Sorceress," "The Necromancer," "The Warlock," and "The Death of Joan of Arc." If you love reading about magic folk and vampires, you will enjoy the new adventures involving the teenage twins Sophie and Josh Newman who have been prophesied will save the world

from chaos. It's an old theme reminiscent of Rick Riordan's novels, but with an Old World twist.

These and other fine materials are available around the corner at your El Mirage Branch Library. See for yourself on line at [www.mclidaz.org](http://www.mclidaz.org). Everything in the Maricopa County system can be sent right to the local branch for pick up. There is no cost to get a card or to have items delivered to the El Mirage branch.

If you are excited about your local branch, why not join the Friends of the Library? They will be

meeting on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 6 p.m. at the branch at 14011 N. 1st Ave. behind the Senior Center. Anyone is welcome to attend. They are looking for new members to help improve the branch. Cost is \$5 per year.

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## El Mirage Fire Department to conduct annual Driver's Training at Luke Air Force Base.

The El Mirage Fire Department will conduct their annual Driver's Training at the Luke Air Force Base Fire Emergency Services training area 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Feb. 22 and March. Twenty-four firefighters will conduct the training, which is a requirement and a cornerstone of a fire department's safety program.

El Mirage does not have a driver's

course. They work with Luke AFB throughout the year to meet their annual requirements. The purpose of the Driver's Training is to ensure drivers are proficient in driving skills to reduce the possibility of accidents and injury.

For media interested in covering the training, please contact Macario Mora, Media Relations Chief, Luke Air Force Base, at 623-856-6011.

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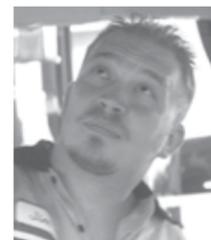
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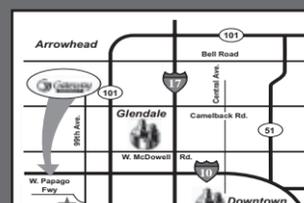
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## El Mirage Mayor Lana Mook speaks in support of F35

On February 14 at El Mirage Elementary School, the U.S. Air Force held a public hearing regarding the basing of F-35A training aircraft at Luke Air Force Base. The purpose of the meeting was to encourage public comment regarding potential im-

pact of basing a training mission at Luke. Public participation at this meeting, in addition to three other meetings held in the West Valley, are critical to helping the Air Force to determine whether to base the F35A at Luke. Currently, Luke serves

as an active duty F-16 training base and home to the 56th Fighter Wing and four tenant units. At this time, the Air Force's Preferred Alternative is to base the Pilot Training Center with 72 F-35A training aircraft at Luke. At the meeting, El

Mirage Mayor Lana Mook stated, "We want Luke to remain the best training base for fighter pilots in the world and train the majority of F-35 pilots." For more information on the F-35A Training Basing Environmental Impact Statement, visit [www.f-35atrainingeis.com](http://www.f-35atrainingeis.com).



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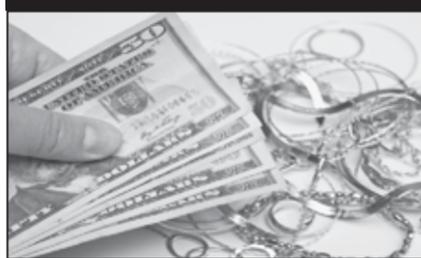
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# City welcomes new community gardeners

On Saturday, Feb. 11, El Mirage held a kick-off event to sign up its first group of volunteer gardeners under the City's new Community Garden project. The lure of sunshine and soil brought seasoned and would-be gardeners alike to the site at Thunderbird and El Mirage Roads where the garden is well underway. With access to water assured and garden boxes now filled with high quality soil, gardeners should be putting their first seeds in the ground in early March.

Currently, a limited number of garden boxes are available to residents for an annual lease of \$80. Each box is 7' wide x 18' long – quite large by most community garden standards - and the City encourages neighborhood groups and families to share a garden box. Lease fees help pay for water to the garden site, maintenance supplies, and construction of more garden boxes. In addition to gardening, there are many other ways to become involved with the project. Many volunteers are needed to maintain the garden as a safe, healthy place where food, gardening skills, and friendships will continue to flourish. Dona-

tions of equipment, lighting, signs, fencing, and rock will ensure the garden remains welcoming and beautiful. And most important, community support is necessary to build a culture of health and community connect-edness – the life lessons at the heart of the garden project.

For more information on becoming a part of the community garden project, call 623-876-2973.

**Councilman Roy Delgado with his dog, Shorty moves soil into garden boxes.**



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