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Mayor's Message: Balanced budget for 2012 - 2013

The City of El Mirage's theme for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012-13 is "Creating Stability and Meeting Expectations Responsibly." For the second year in a row, Council will approve a needs-based budget, a product of Council goals established based upon citizen input. As a result, the City is turning a corner financially.

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). For the first time, a five-year CIP adopted by Council guides City expenditures. The CIP contains almost \$50M in projects, including \$6M of voter-approved bonds to help construct more than \$30M in road improvements along El Mirage and Thunderbird Roads. The improvements will enhance the City's traffic system, placing a new face on El Mirage that will encourage economic development and redevelopment without

impacting Luke Air Force Base operations. The City's CIP is on-line and details funding for a new voter-approved police headquarters and a recreational facility with swimming pool. Other additions include a police canine unit, new patrol cars, new fire apparatus, and a City-wide street maintenance program to extend the life of City streets.

Utility Rate Study. Recommendations from an in-depth utility rates study commissioned by the Council support the reasonableness of adjusted rates serving as the catalyst for a City-wide recycling program. The same study aided the City Council in deciding on a new well that makes water available now and in the future where the need will be greatest.

Emphasis on Public Safety. The FY 2012-13 budget places



Mayor Lana Mook

special emphasis on public safety. The Council took the unprecedented step of dedicating the City's primary property taxes for public safety, providing support for future improvements to both police and fire operations. This year, the City will add two officers and a part-time victims' advocate to the Police Department. The

additions will address an existing staff shortage resulting from the economic downturn. In the next few months, the El Mirage Fire Department will be moving into a new station with room to accommodate two engine companies, fire administration, and the City's building standards personnel.

Signs of Growth. We have seen promising signs with respect to business and residential growth in El Mirage. Construction will begin on 80 new homes in an existing subdivision north of Grand Avenue. Aarons Rents, Inc. and Auto Zone opened in recent months and a new Valero gas station opened May 10. Sales tax collections are running 6% higher than expected and State Shared Revenues are up for the first time in five years. Improved revenues, coupled with conservative spending, add cre-

dence to Council plans to keep the primary tax levy stable this fiscal year.

While many cities and towns struggle to afford new capital projects, maintain staffing levels, and pay down debt, the City of El Mirage is making positive strides to address such matters. El Mirage's current debt is 100% voter approved and does not rely on sales tax revenues for repayment. Additionally, the City has a fully funded capital improvements plan and continues to maintain a minimum \$6M rainy day fund.

Needs-based decision making, cost consciousness, and a desire to make El Mirage a destination are the focus of this fiscal year's budget. The Council and I are proud of the strides we have made. Most of all, we are proud of a citizenry that entrusts their quality of life to us.



Attendees provide input at a design workshop.

El Mirage Road, Thunderbird Road improvements design

Design continues for improvements to El Mirage Road, from Cactus Road to Grand Avenue, including Thunderbird Road, from 126th Avenue to El Frio Street. The project

also includes an extension of Poppy Street south of Thunderbird Road to connect to Cesar Chavez Parkway.

MORE IMPROVEMENTS ON 9

Valero Corner Store now open for business

On Thursday, May 10, 2012, a new Valero Corner Store located at Thunderbird and Dysart Roads opened. This location offers fuel including E85 (gasoline blended with up to 85 percent ethanol), fresh baked daily pastries, whoopie pies and cookies. You can also find Cibolo Mountain coffee brewed with 100 percent Columbian coffee beans, ICEEs, and an extensive Flavors 2-Go fountain drink selection. Come by for breakfast, lunch, or anytime where you can find fresh baked hot kolaches and tacos made with homemade tortillas. The Store is open 24 hours a day. This store created 15 new jobs in El



El Mirage resident and City Manager, Dr. Spencer A. Isom, is Valero's first customer on opening day.

Mirage and was constructed by MSCS LTD.

An official ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, June 1. Customers may help celebrate this

Corner Store's opening by sampling fresh baked foods and having a chance to win free items.

Come see the Valero Corner Store.

El Mirage – City Relations with Police and Fire at an All-Time High

Tuesday (May 22) the El Mirage City Council approved two-year extensions to police and fire association labor agreements. Police Association President Doug Jones and Fire Association President Tom Jury commended the Council for choosing Dr. Spencer Isom as City Manager. They also thanked the Council for its leadership in guiding the City through some tough economic times. Tom Jury reflected, "Just a short time ago, I was fighting a different Council and City Manager, challenging the layoff

of six fire fighters. Now, not only has this Council returned the firefighters to duty, but we are seeing significant improvements throughout the organization and the Community."

Doug Jones spoke of stability and professionalism within the Police Department, thanking Mayor Lana Mook, Vice Mayor David Shapera, and the Council for setting a course that allows the Police Department to enjoy "...a professional reputation, increasing morale, a can-do attitude, and an optimism for the future that

any organization, public or private sector, would envy."

Mayor Mook stated, "I'm proud at what this community has been able to accomplish in such a short period of time. I thank the Council, City Manager, Fire Chief Howard Munding, Police Chief Steve Campbell and our public safety association employees for working to turn this situation around."

The agreement extensions provide a one-time lump sum payment to **MORE LABOR AGREEMENTS ON 3**

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Volunteer opportunities with the City of El Mirage

The value of a volunteer is priceless and there is no better way to give back to one's community than by volunteering. People volunteer for a number of different reasons ranging from an affinity to a certain organization or cause, to earning required community service hours for students in service clubs or college. Many non profit groups and local organizations rely heav-

ily on volunteers to meet their mission. The value of a volunteer is more than just helping a favorite organization or supporting a cause. The value can also be quantified and measured. According to the Independent Sector, a coalition of charities, foundations, corporations, and individuals that publishes research important to the nonprofit sector, the value of a volunteer for the State of Arizona is \$19.71 per hour.

There are numerous volunteer opportunities with the City of El Mirage, depending on one's interests and time parameters. From working with children, and being outdoors, or special events, El Mirage could be a perfect fit to give back. Office

tasks, like writing, filing, database entry or other clerical assignments, are always in demand in City departments. Interested in how law enforcement

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Principal named Distinguished Administrator

Surprise Elementary School, located in El Mirage, principal, Dr. David Dumon, was named Arizona School Administrators (ASA) Distinguished Administrator for the Elementary Division. This recognition is indicative of the quality of leadership Dr. Dumon provides, as well as the overall respect and professional appreciation given to him by his peers. Dr. Dumon will be presented the award during the ASA Summer Conference Awards Luncheon June 11 in Tucson.

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EL MIRAGE

2012
Events

Fall Events

Hispanic Heritage Fiesta - Friday, Sept. 28th
El Mirage City Plaza - Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month featuring a car show, cultural performances, music, entertainment, food, arts and crafts, vendors and more.

Halloween Celebration - Friday, Oct. 26th
El Mirage City Plaza - Celebrate Halloween as the event will feature an all ages costume contest, pet costume contest, car show, cake walk, face painter, music, entertainment, vendors and more.

City Carnival - Saturday, Nov. 17th
Gateway Park - The City of El Mirage is having a party featuring a carnival and everyone is invited! More details to come!

Christmas Celebration - Friday, Dec. 7th
El Mirage City Plaza - It's the most wonderful time of the year. El Mirage will host a special Christmas Celebration with the jolly man himself, Santa! Don't miss this event!

Christmas Breakfast - Saturday, Dec. 8th
El Mirage Fire Station - The tradition continues with the 2nd Annual Christmas Pancake Breakfast! The breakfast will be hosted by City Council and prepared by members of the El Mirage Firefighter Association Charity.

Please Join Us!
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LABOR AGREEMENTS:

Police and Fire, From 2 recognize association members, 3.33% for Police and 2% for Fire. In year two, members are eligible for a one-time step increase as outlined in their agreements. City Manager Isom announced all non-association full-time regular employees will be recognized with a 2% one-time lump sum payment around July 1.



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News from the El Mirage Fire Department

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Fire department participates in Adopt-a-Pool Fence program

The El Mirage Fire Department and the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 4361 are partnering with the United Way for the Adopt-a-Pool Fence Program. This program is designed to help families in need receive a free pool fence. If a home with young children does not currently have a pool fence, homeowners may be eligible to receive a free fence.

Members of the El Mirage Fire Department will be knocking on doors Saturday, June 2 from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon to identify eligible families for the Adopt-a-Pool Fence Program. For more information on participating in this program, contact the El Mirage Fire Department at (623) 583-7968 or visit www.saverkids.org.

Father pins newly promoted El Mirage Fire Captain

El Mirage Fire Engineer Joe Fusco, a twelve-year veteran, was promoted to Captain at the El Mirage Fire Station on May 6, 2012. Fusco was selected following a lengthy testing process that included a written exam and practicum designed to test each candidate's knowledge of fire skills, as well as their ability to manage a first-alarm structure fire and first-alarm medical assignment.

Attending Fusco's badge pinning ceremony were Vice Mayor David Shapera, Fire Chief Howard Munding, Police Chief Steve Campbell, and Fusco's father, Mike, who is a retired fire chief from the Peoria Fire Department.



Newly promoted Fire Captain Joe Fusco (r) receives his captain's badge from his father, retired Peoria Fire Chief Mike Fusco.

El Mirage Firefighters Charities Scholarship awarded to Valley Vista student

The El Mirage Firefighters Charities partnered with the Dysart Education Foundation to offer a Firefighters Charity Scholarship for the 2012-2013 school year. The student was selected by the Dysart Education Foundation and awarded to the student on May 14 at Valley Vista's Scholarship Night.

The scholarship requirements were that the student attends Dysart High School or lives in El Mirage.

The award-winning student, Justin Schimmer, had a long list of

impressive accomplishments, including National Honor Society, 4.0+ grade point average, holds a part time job and many more.

He has been a resident of El Mirage his entire life and transferred to Valley Vista for their fire science program and he plans on attending Arizona State University in August to pursue his degree.

For more information for next year's available scholarships, go to defweb.org or email emfdcharities@hotmail.com.



Firefighter Jonathan Weber, Councilman Roy Delgado, Award Winner Justin Schimmer, and Steve Kruzel El Mirage Firefighter Association Charity President celebrate the occasion.

El Mirage Police Department - Property and Evidence Division Unclaimed Property

Report #	Owner	Item Description	Notice sent by Mail	Date Sent	Impound Type
110800452	Jose A. Sanchez	Tongue ring	No Address Listed	n/a	SFK
120200053	Victor A. Artiaga	belt	Yes	2/8/2012	SFK
120200741	Rachel R. Raymond	Bag, pink	No Address Listed	n/a	SFK
120200800	Sarah G. Garcia	Misc. Property	No Address Listed	n/a	SFK
120201220	Chrissy (?)	Hospital Badge	No Address Listed	n/a	FND
120201312	Unknown	Jewelry, ring	No Address Listed	n/a	FND
120201824	Jovany F. Lopez	Lighter & Cigarettes	No Address Listed	n/a	SFK
120202125	Carlos Cruz	Currency (US)	No Address Listed	n/a	SFK
120202153	Unknown	Key ring w/ 7 keys	No Address Listed	n/a	FND
120300111	Juan Gomez	Wallet	No Address Listed	n/a	SFK
120300111	Juan Padilla	Wallet w/ ID	Yes	4/12/2012	SFK
120300127	Norberto Munoz	Identification	Yes	4/12/2012	SFK
120300127	Juan Gomez	Nokia Cell Phone	Yes	4/12/2012	SFK
120300625	Unknown	Blk/Gry Beanie Hat	No Address Listed	n/a	FND
120300893	Unknown	Currency (US)	No Address Listed	n/a	FND
120301407	Bobby McBride	String, Jacket	Yes	4/12/2012	SFK
120301469	Jesus Barrera	Gry/Blk Huffy Style Bike	No Address Listed	n/a	SFK
120302089	Thomas Hernandez	Currency (US)	Yes	4/12/2012	SFK
120302250	Jeremiah Vasas	Misc. Property	Yes	4/12/2012	SFK
120302463	Sylvan M. Crowfeather	Identification	Yes	4/12/2012	SFK
120302555	John P. Meyers	Currency (US)	Yes	4/12/2012	SFK
120302694	Christopher Swartzbeck	Cell Phone w/ Case	Yes	4/12/2012	SFK
120400205	Unknown	Key ring w/ 4 keys	No Address Listed	n/a	FND
120400257	Unknown	Bike, BMX Style	No Address Listed	n/a	FND
120400726	Reynaldo, Gonzales Jr.	Bike, BMX Style	Yes	4/12/2012	SFK

Notice to Claim Property Photo ID is Required

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Fire Operations Division

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

Structure fires4

Other fires.....11

EMS calls213

False Alarms19

Other service calls.....79

TOTAL.....326

Total Fire Loss = \$13,400

Average Response Time to calls in El Mirage = 00:05:23

Training Hours = 1,824 hours

Significant Incidents/Activities

• 4/2 – Outdoor grill fire at 12517 Well St. - \$350 loss

• 4/6 – Stove fire at 12818 W. Cherry Hills, Fire contained to stove. Estimated Damage = \$350

• 4/18 - House fire at 14848 N 129th Ave. E121 and E122 were first on scene. The fire was contained to the room of origin. The cause of the fire was a carelessly discarded match. Estimated Damage = \$13,000

• 4/19 – Brush 121 was the first on scene of a working garage fire in Surprise and was in command until relieved by Surprise Engine 301 two minutes later.

• 4/25 – Brush 121 provided assistance on a 1st alarm brush fire in Wittmann.

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News from the El Mirage Police Department

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Teens Pledge Not To Text and Drive

On April 27, teens from Dysart High School took a pledge to put their cell phones down and focus on the road as part of the national "X the TXT" campaign.

Allstate Insurance Exclusive Agency Owner Peter Zipp teamed with the El Mirage Police Department to discuss the dangers of texting while driving. Participants added their thumbprints to an oversized pledge

banner to symbolize their promise not to text and drive.

Texting is one of the most dangerous distractions facing drivers today, particularly for teens. According to a recent study by The Allstate Foundation, 49 percent of teens admit to being extremely distracted by texting and instant messaging while driving; however 82 percent of teens still say they use their cell phone



School Resource Officer Michael Warren assists students in making the "X the TXT" pledge.

National Take Back Initiative

The El Mirage Police Department collected 48.3 pounds of drugs during the National Take Back Initiative on April 28. This nationwide effort is a partnership between the Drug Enforcement Administration and local police departments and collects expired and un-needed prescriptions and over the counter medications for proper destruction. Removing these medications helps keep our community safe. Thank you to all those that participated!

One in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. You CAN break the cycle of violence. The El Mirage Police Department is here to help. Call 623-933-1341 or 9-1-1.

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Home Sales in El Mirage in April 2012

70 homes sold in El Mirage in April according to the Phoenix Multiple Listing Service (MLS), courtesy of David Hancock of Realty ONE Group. The average sale price was \$90,924 or approximately \$53.04/sq. ft. Information on each is below:

Address	SqFt	Year	Address	SqFt	Year
11834 W Corrine Dr	1,296	1999	12203 W Windrose Dr	1,090	2000
12929 W Bloomfield Rd	1,588	2002	15209 N Honcho Ct	1,265	2006
13016 W Lisbon Ln	1,518	2004	12636 W Desert Cove	3,564	1983
12828 W Ash St	1,691	2001	12831 W Ash St	2,058	2001
12527 W Rosewood Ln	1,862	2001	14605 N 125 th Ave	2,515	2003
13318 N 126 th Ave	1,776	2002	12904 N 122nd Dr	1,385	2000
13092 N B St	1,518	2000	13010 W Dreyfus Dr	1,872	2002
12756 N B St	1,572	1999	13007 W Desert Cove	4,291	1975
12429 W Ash St	1,776	2002	12926 W Rosewood Dr	1,527	2002
12036 W Dahlia Dr	1,832	2000	11835 W Scotts Dr	1,068	1999
11801 W Sunnyside Dr	1,832	2002	11849 W Wethersfield	1,518	2001
11722 W Banff Ln	1,104	2004	12333 W Valentine Ave	1,978	2002
11733 W Shaw Butte Dr	1,090	2002	12421 W Pershing St	1,776	2002
12321 W Larkspur Rd	1,495	2001	11939 W Scotts Dr	1,238	1999
11509 W Wetherfiled Rd	1,662	2001	12938 W Scotts Dr	1,273	2002
13018 N Poppy St	1,090	1999	11529 W Charter Oak Rd	1,572	2001
12425 W Canterbury Dr	2,255	2000	12725 W Via Camille	1,530	2001
12805 W Hearn Rd	1,308	2001	12410 W Sweetwater	1,978	2002
12713 W Paradise Dr	1,839	2001	14908 N 130th Ln	1,058	2004
13309 N 123rd Ln	1,430	2002	12702 W Redfield DR	1,308	2001
14917 N 125th Ln	2,178	2003	13019 W Via Camille	1,949	2000
12719 W Larkspur Rd	1,862	2002	12413 W Ash St	1,776	2002
12802 W Cherry Hills Dr	1,832	2001	12301 W Bloomfield Rd	1,615	2003
13910 N 127th Ln	3,086	2002	12246 W Ironwood St	2,117	2005
12111 W Windrose Dr	1,090	2000	12134 W Ironwood ST	1,680	2005
12302 N Palm St	1,089	1999	13038 W Laurel Ln	1,238	2001
12709 W Ventura St	2,178	2002	12239 W Dahlia Dr	1,832	2000
12649 W Ash St	1,615	2003	11818 W Shaw Butte Dr	1,832	2002
11818 N Olive St	1,832	2002	12602 W Pershing St	1,862	2002
12118 W Flores Dr	1,238	2000	12605 W Boca Raton Rd	1,722	2002
13001 W Evans Dr	2,178	2000	12818 W PEORIA AVE	3,114	2005
12009 W Scotts Dr	1,238	1999	11839 W Windrose Ave	1,827	2000
12706 W Ash St	1,559	2001	11905 W Port Royale Ln	1,642	2006
12857 W Aster Dr	2,252	2002	12728 W Flores Dr	1,446	2002
12226 W Flores Dr	953	2000			
15137 N Verbena St	1,978	2006			



Public Safety Telecommunications Week honors hard-workers

Vice Mayor David Shapera (left) looks on as Mayor Lana Mook (center) recognizes Domela McHenry, Communications Manager and Shannon Stutsman, Communications Supervisor for Public Safety Telecommunications Week.

New Business Licenses Issued In El Mirage

BizConnectPro received applications for the following new businesses in April 2012:

Business Type	Business Name	City
CONTRACTOR	Alarm911 Inc.	Phoenix
RENTAL	All Over Towing	El Mirage
REALTY	Angelo R Rivers P C	El Mirage
UTILITY	Barton Dynamics LLC	El Mirage
MOBILE	Chemy's	El Mirage
RETAIL	Credit Masters Truck & Auto	El Mirage
SERVICE	Donna's Nails & Spa	El Mirage
CONTRACTOR	Dougherty Builders Inc.	Glendale
CONTRACTOR	Golash Enterprises Inc	Youngtown
CONTRACTOR	JZ Property Mangement	El Mirage
CONTRACTOR	Lennar Arizona Inc.	Tempe
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June 5, 12, 19, 26 (Tuesdays) 10 a.m.

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BOOKS & BRUSHES

June 20 & 21 (Wednesday & Thursday) 3 p.m.

Ages 6-10. Two day program begins with a story, Isabella: Girl on the Go, then each participant paints their own painting about the story. All supplies provided. Program is generously provided by EMAG, El Mirage Arts Group. Registration needed.

ALL AGES

WILDMAN PHIL AT THE DYSART CENTER

June 7 (Thursday) 1:45 p.m.
Naturalist & humorist Phil Rakoci has a living laboratory of the desert and Phil takes his 'pets' on the road to educate and entertain all ages. Performance is at the Dysart Community Center, 14414 N. El Mirage Rd.

FAMILY MOVIE

June 14 & 28 (Thursdays) 1 p.m.
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TEENS

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June 6 (Wednesday) 2 p.m.
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June 12 (Tuesday) 1 p.m.
Create or edit a resume and learn about editing techniques. Using

O'Net, participants will also be able to modify existing job descriptions or cut/paste to create their specific job description. Taught by Goodwill of Central Arizona. Registration needed. Seating limited.

INTERVIEWING STRATEGIES

June 19 (Tuesday) 1 p.m.
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Class: Citizenship

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Class: Computer Basics

Date/Times: Wednesdays, 5-7:30 p.m.
Last class will be October 5th

Price: \$25.00

Details: Learning computer basic skills: Microsoft Word, Internet and creating an email account.

Class: ESL

Date/Times: Classes resume in Fall 2012

Price: \$60 includes two free study books and access to Rosetta Stone computer program

Details: Registration Wednesday, September 5th, 2012

Registration Time: 8:00AM-8:00PM

Class: GED

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Class: Rosetta Stone

Date/Times: Times vary

Price: \$25

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Who: Youth, ages 5-17, of El Mirage and surrounding communities
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When: Mondays through Thursdays, June 4th - July 26th, 8 am-3 pm

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For more information contact Priscilla Pena at priscillap@dysartcommunitycenter.org 623-583-2137.

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Adults ages 13 and

up will train at their own speed. Students work to develop into healthy, well-conditioned individuals, both physically and mentally. They train to master the art of weapon-less defense. Ages 13 and up meet 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

For more information, call martial arts instructor Richard Gutkosky at 623-628-6725.

IMPROVEMENTS, From 1

The project's design will incorporate functionality and aesthetics, and may include features such as bike lanes, enhanced landscaping with opportunities for shade, wide sidewalks, lighting, entry monuments and signage, and site furnishings. The design team recently held meetings for area businesses and residents to provide their input and comments as part of the design process. Input regarding El Mirage Road indicated this area should have an intimate, residential feel; while input related to Thunderbird Road promoted increased pedestrian activity citing a need for wider sidewalks, safer crosswalks and more of them, landscaping to provide shade, and other components

to encourage a downtown feel. Meeting participants felt that increased pedestrian activity on Thunderbird Road could spur business development and redevelopment in the corridor.

The design team will take the information from these meetings to further design development for the project, and update the City Council at an upcoming work session. Additional meetings will be held with area businesses and residents to review proposed designs in September 2012.

If you have questions, comments, or would like additional information related to the project, visit www.ElMirageDowntown.com or contact the project hotline at 602-532-6100.

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Construction is being managed by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and the project is currently 25% complete. The project is slated for completion by July with Combs Construction as

the general contractor. Combs Construction has been working diligently on earthwork consisting of excavating and removing the existing aggregate/millings, sub-grade grading, prepping and placing concrete curb and gutters, removing mailboxes, removing and replacing water meters, and drainage work. Still to come will be furnishing and placing new aggregate base, asphalt paving, and mailbox relocating.

Specific streets within the

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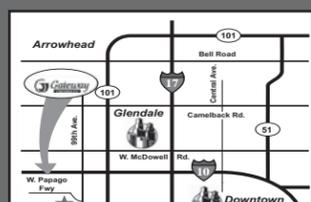
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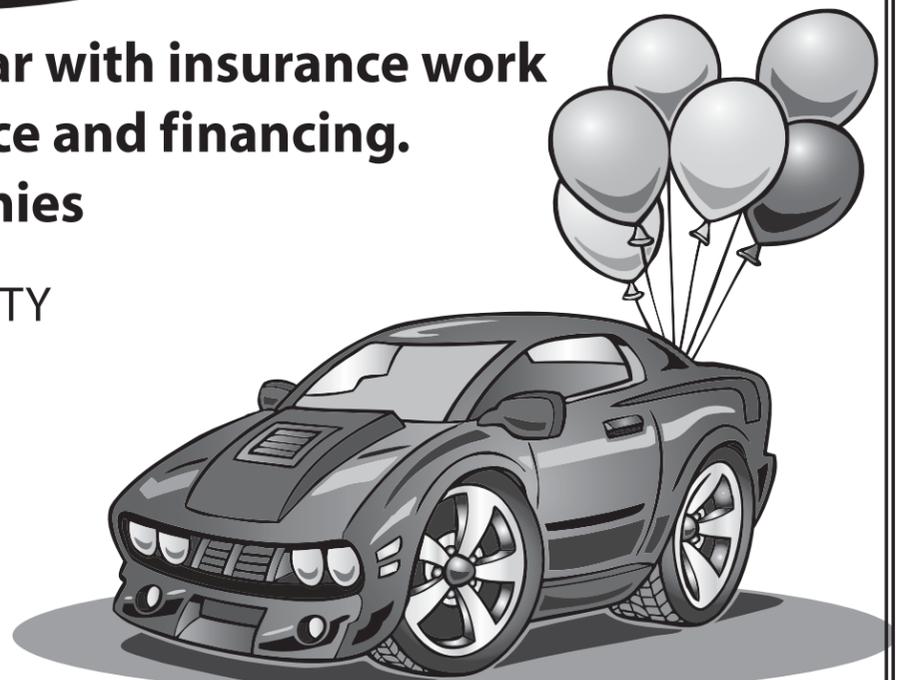


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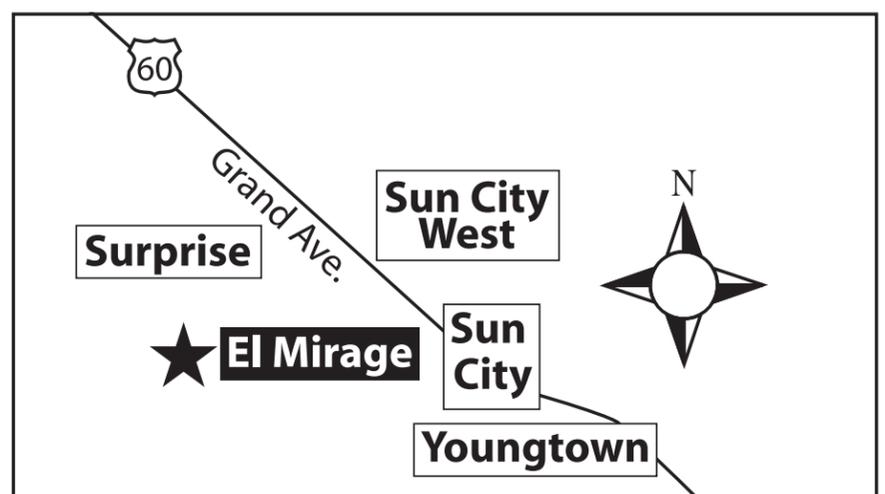
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