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## Rio Mirage Café Gives Back

On March 21, 2013 Mayor Lana Mook, along with 15 other mayors from throughout the Valley, served as a judge for the Battle of the Tamales contest at the 78th Annual Tamale Dinner Fundraiser to benefit Friendly House of Phoenix. Since 1920, Friendly House has served the residents of Arizona and those seeking to become U.S. citizens by providing a broad spectrum of education, workforce development, immigration, and family service programs to help individuals achieve sustaining self-sufficiency.

El Mirage's own Rio Mirage Café was among the

many eateries participating in the tamale contest. The café, established in 1999, is well known throughout the Valley for excellent food and for giving back to the community. Owner Alex Gomez was raised in El Mirage. He and his wife, Rachel and family are also active in Project HOPE, serving food to the homeless who seek permanent housing assistance through the organization.

"It is truly wonderful to see an El Mirage business, a landmark restaurant in our community, help those who are less fortunate," said Mayor Lana Mook. "I am very proud to have such great people like



Mayor Mook with Rio Mirage Café Owners Rachel and Alex Gomez

Rachel and Alex Gomez a part of our community."

For more information

regarding Friendly House, please visit <http://www.friendlyhouse.org> and for more in-

formation on Project HOPE, please visit <http://www.1.usw.salvationarmy.org>.

## Dakota Fabricating to Open New U.S. Headquarters New Location Bringing Jobs to El Mirage

Dakota Fabricating, Inc. recently announced plans to relocate the company's U.S. headquarters from an unincorporated area of Maricopa County to El Mirage. Since 1989, Dakota has been developing custom conveyors, feeders, crushers and other heavy equipment for the aggregate and mining industries. They also offer a wide range of services from equipment maintenance; replacement parts and wear media installation; equipment design and plant layout; and equipment rebuilds. Dakota works closely with customers to find safe, durable solutions tailored to each customer's specifications, providing turnkey systems throughout the United States, as well as Central and South America.

During the City Council meeting March 19, Dakota Fabricating Vice-President Tim Holmberg thanked El Mirage staff for facilitating the company's move adding, "The Dakota family is looking forward to a great



partnership with the City. We feel this move allows us to continue expanding opportunities in Arizona and globally, while creating skilled, stable jobs in the mining industry - a key industry for the state." Commenting on behalf of the El Mirage Council, Mayor Lana Mook welcomed Dakota

Fabricating to the City and commended the company for its long tradition of extraordinary customer service. City Manager Spencer Isom agreed. "We are proud Dakota Fabricating chose El Mirage. Such businesses will boost sales and tax revenues for the entire City, supporting incremental growth and development that are the foundation of our future planning efforts."

Dakota Fabricating plans to open its new headquarters at 12519 West Butler Drive by August 2013, employing 60 initially with plans to hire up to 250 employees when the new site is fully operational. According to the city's latest financial reports, Dakota is on track to become the fifth largest employer in El Mirage just behind Parks & Sons with 134 employees. Ultimately, the company will add approximately 220,000 square feet of manufacturing and office space to the El Mirage location.

Currently, Dakota Fabricating is working to establish a foreign trade zone designation for the new location, which will be a first for El Mirage.

## A Message About Water Rates

*Communicating with El Mirage residents is an essential element of good governance for the City Council. This means we consider the time responding to your questions and concerns as time well spent, so citizens understand their voices are heard and given thoughtful consideration as projects and policy matters are decided. In recent weeks, one specific concern - monthly water rates - has reemerged, which I feel merits an in-depth response to residents as a whole.*

### A Brief History

In 1983, the State of Arizona and the federal Department of the Interior developed a water strategic plan allowing Arizona cities to receive an allocation of Central

Arizona Project (CAP) water under a long-term water resource plan. CAP water comes from Lake Havasu and is the largest single surface water source in the State. All West Valley cities par-

ticipated in the original CAP water allocation program with the exception of El Mirage. In 1999, a second allocation of CAP water became available; however, the City purchased a very small allocation which was insufficient for long-term needs. The City's lack of vision in 1983 regarding CAP water has contributed to higher water rates in El Mirage.

Water resources are a vital component of water utility operations, and the



Mayor Lana Mook

City must currently rely on groundwater. As required under water management regulations, the City must replenish every

gallon of groundwater drawn for its water wells. The lack of foresight discussed above resulted in the necessity for the City to purchase much more expensive water from other resources during the last several years. The current Administration has been working diligently to identify alternative, less expensive water options to minimize both present and future costs. Negotiations

are ongoing with the Central Arizona Project, the Arizona Department of Water Resources, as well as other water providers to purchase excess water credits to come up with a more secure, less expensive, long-term water resource plan.

As you know, the economic downturn that lingered into 2011 presented hardships for every community. That year in El Mirage, an estimated 25%

**MORE MAYOR'S MESSAGE on 7**

## MARCH BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATIONS

BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	PHONE
Isner Tax Services	12829 W Redfield Rd	El Mirage	602-370-0898
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Bluemedi, Inc	8920 S McKemy St	Tempe	480-317-1333
Snap-On Tools Inc	1133 N Quail Ave	Mesa	480-363-8167
AZ Steel Construction & Repair	2990 N Litchfield Rd	Goodyear	623-853-1711
Boart Longyear Co Env Drilling	7103 W Augusta Ave	Glendale	623-935-0124
Distinctive Roofing, LLC	7642 W Vogel Ave #1	Peoria	602-943-2047
East Valley Disaster Services, Inc	257 W Broadway	Mesa	480-833-4583
Exersiz with a Twist	14414 N El Mirage Rd	Elmirage	480-228-1756
G.G Granite Countertops	13802 N Luna St	El Mirage	602-460-7143
Romano's Landscaping	12405 N El Frio St	El Mirage	623-977-4949
Grand Canyon Pools & Spas	4354 N Cotton Ln	Goodyear	623-414-1343
Loyalty Senior Living	15214 N Honcho Ct	El Mirage	623-374-2778
On It Construction LLC	3835 E Sheena Dr	Phoenix	602-687-9794
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Resolute Performance Contracting	627 S 48th St Ste 105	Tempe	623-208-7560
RT Underground LLC	908 N. 90th Pl	Mesa	480-247-3736
Ryan Rapp & Underwood PLC	3200 N Central Ave Ste 1600	Phoenix	602-280-1000
Secure Source International, LLC	8628 N Dysart Rd	El Mirage	623-476-2575
Synergy Service Solutions, LLC	12109 W Ocotillo Ln	El Mirage	480-257-4080
Wire One Electrical Services	1050 E Ray Rd A5-126	Chandler	480-835-1696



Mayor Mook with Police Volunteer Johnny Huerta

### City Council Presents Certificate of Appreciation to PD Volunteer Johnny Huerta

The El Mirage City Council presented a certificate of appreciation to Police Department Volunteer Johnny Huerta at the March 19 Council meeting. Huerta has devoted hundreds of hours assisting the Police Department as an interpreter during emergencies, on patrols, and at DUI task force events. He has also been a fixture at numerous police-sponsored community functions and lends his tremendous singing voice to enrich other special gatherings in the City. During the Council meeting, Mayor Lana Mook requested a song from Huerta, who wowed Council meeting attendees with an impromptu aria.

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# Building Safety Month: A Celebration of Safe Construction and Code Compliance

When someone enters a house or other type of building, the assumption is that the structure is safely and properly constructed, and complies with state and local building codes. Fortunately, local safety experts work hard to ensure buildings are safe. To help raise awareness of building safety, the City of El Mirage proudly celebrates Building Safety Month during May.

This year's theme is Building Safety Month: Code Officials Keep You Safe. Each week, Building Safety Month spotlights a specific area of building safety:

- ✓ Fire Safety and Awareness, May 6-12
- ✓ Disaster Safety and Mitigation, May 13-19
- ✓ Backyard and Pool Safety, May 20-26



✓ Energy and Green Building, May 27-31

“When our building safety and fire prevention experts inspect buildings during and after construction, they help to ensure that the places where you live, learn, work, worship and play are safe,” said El Mirage Building Official, Mary Dickson. “Ensuring public safety is something we think about and do every day working with homebuilders, plumbers, roofers and other construction industry trades and contractors.”

Building codes

address all aspects of construction from structural to fire prevention, plumbing and mechanical systems, and energy efficiency. To ensure buildings are safe requires the active participation of code officials, fire inspectors, architects, builders, engineers, contractors and others in the construction industry, as well as property owners.

“Public safety is our number one concern,” said Dickson. “During Building Safety Month and all year long, building safety and fire prevention officials are here to help protect you, your family and our community.”

Building Safety staff holds an annual charity drive in conjunction with Building Safety Month. This year, it will be a Shoe and Sock Drive to benefit

The Clothing Shop, an El Mirage charity. Drop-off boxes will be located in every City building to accept donations of new or gently used shoes and socks. The Clothing Shop is particularly in need of boys' and men's shoes and boots.

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# FOCUS ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT



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## Adult Supervision the Best Approach to Child Drowning Prevention

Arizona is second in the nation for child drownings with an average of 20 drownings per year in Maricopa County alone. In El Mirage, three drownings have occurred in the past 10 years and one near drowning has already occurred this year. Even when numbers decrease, the importance of vigilance and education remain high.



cess to the pool area.

- Think about installing a phone near the pool area or take a cell phone to the pool area each time.

### Remember your ABC's

- Adults: Children must be told they always need an adult with them whenever they are around water. They must learn that they are never old enough to swim alone.
- Barriers: Barriers can be a fence, locked door, and even a closed toilet lid.

- Classes: Children should learn how to swim and their caregivers should know CPR.

El Mirage Fire Department offers CPR classes every quarter. The next training is June 29 from 9 am -11 am. Contact the Fire Department at 623-583-7968 for more information.

### Other Pool Safety Tips

- Do not allow children to play in or around the pool area.
- Mount life saving devices near the pool.
- Keep tables, chairs, and ladders away from pool fences.
- Check placement of doggie doors for direct ac-

### If a child is found in any source of water...

- Yell for help and pull the child out of the water.
  - Call 9-1-1 immediately!
  - Begin CPR if trained.
- If not trained, follow the instructions from the 9-1-1 operator until help arrives.

To start talking about water safety with young children (2-6 years old), go to [www.Stewietheduck.com](http://www.Stewietheduck.com) for a story about water safety. The website includes games and interactive fun for youngsters, including an iPhone app that is free to download.

## Fire Operations Division: March 2013

El Mirage Fire Units responded to the following incidents:		Significant Incidents/Activities:
Fires	14	• 3/15 – Vehicle Accident Requiring Extrication, Butler at Dysart
Special Hazards	3	• 3/22 - Crews Assisted Sun City with Working House Fire
EMS Calls	228	• 3/28 – Car/Pedestrian Accident (Child)
False Alarms	19	Community Involvement: • Station Tours • Community CPR class • Fire Safety Talk to Youth at Church • Car Seat Installation
Other Calls for Service	68	
TOTAL	332	
Average Response time in El Mirage	00:05:35	
Total Fire Loss	\$21,400	
Fire/Emergency Medical Training Hours	716	

## Fire, Building & Life Safety Division

Permit applications received	43
Permits Issued	32
Plan reviews completed	29
Building Inspections	385
Fire Prevention Inspections	27
Revenue	\$21,097

# Speed Enforcement - Mobile Deployment MAY 2013

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## FOCUS ON CODE ENFORCEMENT

The City of El Mirage has three Code Enforcement officers who are assigned to the Police Department. Their primary responsibility is ensuring publicly and privately owned properties comply with established El Mirage zoning and City codes that address public health and safety issues including regulations related to rubbish; removal of vegetation such as weeds, overgrown shrubbery, and junk vehicles on private property; and other nuisances. Code Enforcement works in partnership with other City departments and El Mirage citizens to provide safe and attractive neighborhoods.

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# Reminders...



## Same Day Trash and Recycle Collection begins May 6

El Mirage residents will now receive trash and recycling services one day per week beginning in May. The new once-a-week collection will keep neighborhoods looking nicer and residents will only need to remember to put containers out one day each week.

Collection for neighborhoods east of El Mirage Road starts Monday, May 6 and collection for neighborhoods west of El Mirage Road starts Thursday, May 9.

Please ensure both containers are placed at the edge of the sidewalk or your property and leave 3 to 4 feet of separation between containers so the automated pick-up arm can easily access each container. Do not place containers in streets or alleys. Containers may be set out after 6:00 pm of the day preceding regular collection and should be removed by 6:00 am of the day after collection. For more information, please contact Customer Service at 623-933-1228.

# Curbside bulk trash collection begins April 29

El Mirage residents who receive City provided solid waste services may dispose of bulk trash items without having to drive to the neighboring landfill. This convenient way of getting rid of large unwanted items will benefit the resident and enhance the look of the City. The map shown identifies the week residents can place items "CURBSIDE". Do not place items on street, alley, near water meters, utility boxes, mail boxes or existing landscaping.

Please view the list of acceptable and unacceptable items below:

### Acceptable items:

- Furniture (indoor/outdoor)
- Mattresses
- Appliances (no FREON)
- Yard waste, cacti (boxed), grass/leaves in bags
- Wood fences

### Unacceptable items:

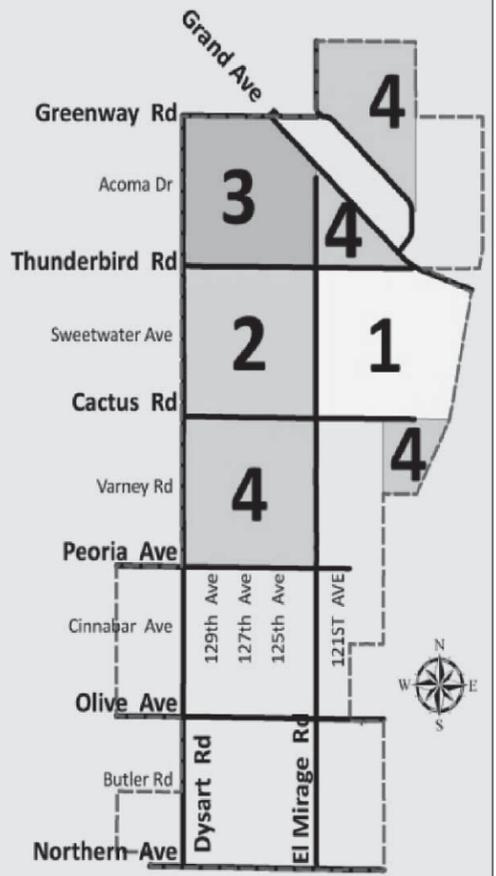
- Hazardous material, chemicals, oil
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## CURBSIDE BULK TRASH PICKUP DATES

- SECTION 1 - April 29-May 4
- SECTION 2 - May 6-May 11
- SECTION 3 - May 13-May 17
- SECTION 4 - May 20-May 25

Please place items neatly stacked/bagged on the edge of property or sidewalk.

Items may not be placed out earlier than 6 am on Saturday and no later than 5:30 am the Monday of scheduled week.



- Refrigerators, freezers
- Rocks, dirt
- Glass, windows
- Medical or animal waste

A link provided by Parks & Sons may be viewed on the City website at [www.cityofelmirage.org](http://www.cityofelmirage.org). This

tutorial will provide the status of the collection as each area is completed.

Keep in mind items not placed out on time will not be picked up and will need to be removed. If your pick up was missed due to not placing it out on time you

may call Parks & Sons at 623-974-4791. Residents will be charged for the service directly by Parks & Sons.

If you have any questions please contact Customer Service at 623-933-1228.

# Maria M. Gonzalez



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# MAYOR'S MESSAGE: Water Rates, From 1

of El Mirage neighborhoods were still in foreclosure distress and the City faced a potential \$4.7 million deficit due to lost property tax revenues, state shared revenues, and utilities income. Previous City Councils had not raised residents' water rates in at least five years, nor had the Councils authorized development of a long-range plan to ensure an adequate supply of quality drinking water for the growing population. These issues, coupled with aging water infrastructure, compelled the Council seated in 2010 to commission an extensive study of all utility rates (water, sewer, and sanitation) because existing rates simply did not generate enough revenue to cover needed infrastructure improvements or system operating expenditures. In addition, the Utilities Fund did not include reserve funds to address emergencies.

### The Results

The lack of long-range

planning for the City's water system essentially produced the following results:

- Based on the utility study completed in March 2011, the current Council inherited the responsibility of enacting the study's recommendations, which called for a 10% increase in water rates in 2011 and again in 2012 to pay for system needs.

- Neither capital nor reserve funds were available to address much needed maintenance and replacement of aging water infrastructure. This lack of a financing plan also meant that funds were unavailable for ongoing and increasing operational costs such as chemicals, electricity, water resources, and equipment.

The City is currently working toward a long-term solution to its historic water problems. In the meantime, we must use the higher costs associated with groundwater to calculate water rates.

Water rate increases during the last two years have been necessary, but they have helped fund the cost of installing much needed new waterlines and fire hydrants along Tonya Street, Pablo Street, River Road, and Soledad Street at an estimated cost of \$470,000 (including \$320,000 in grant funds). In addition, these revenues, although limited, had to be used to build an additional well to ensure adequate water supplies during the summer months. That well - the Brisas Well on the west side of "B" Street just south of Windrose Avenue - will be completed in May at an estimated cost of \$3.3 million. With every project, there is an obligation to ensure the long-term integrity of the work through routine repairs and maintenance, which may run several hundreds of thousands of dollars annually and must be at least partially funded through water rates as well.

This Council takes very seriously its obligation to find more long-term, stable water solutions, mindful that costs charged to our City may increase in the future. Like you, Council members are also El Mirage residents and want the very best for El Mirage without the imposition of more fees than necessary.

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Firefighters Ryan Kiser (l) and Jonathan Weber (r) join the Easter Bunny during the Eggstravaganza.



Mayor Mook (third from left) joins other mayors from throughout the State for a press conference at the League of Arizona Cities and Towns to discuss the importance of simplifying the State's tax system.

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# El Mirage Earns 2012 AMRRP Silver Safety Award

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Accepting the AMRRP 2012 Award were (from left) Environmental Compliance Coordinator Jamie McCullough; Councilmen Joe Ramirez and David Shapera; Mayor Lana Mook; Councilmen Jack Palladino, Lynn Selby, and Jim McPhetres; and Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director Larry Dobrosky.

to the City Council by Public Works staff at the March 19 Council meeting. The awards put the

City's property and casualty loss ratio at 10%, resulting in a reduction in insurance premiums.

According to Larry Dobrosky, Public Works Director, "It is the City's eventual goal to achieve the

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Address	Bed	Bath	SqFt	Year	Price	\$/Sq Ft
13121 N EL FRIO ST	3	2	1,238	2000	102,000	82.39
12805 W CROCUS DR	3	2	1,308	2005	115,500	88.30
12854 W CHERRY HILLS DR	3	2	1,238	2001	100,000	80.78
13901 N 126TH AVE	4	2	1,534	2002	108,900	70.99
12851 W ROSEWOOD DR	4	3	2,232	2002	131,500	58.92
11510 W CHARTER OAK RD	2	1	964	2001	73,000	75.73
12802 N 126TH AVE	3	2	1,374	2001	75,000	54.59
12406 W WINDROSE DR	3	2	1,106	2001	80,100	72.42
11701 W RIVER RD	4	2.50	1,834	1926	86,000	46.89
13013 W SAINT MORITZ LN	4	2	1,533	2004	95,100	62.04
11726 W BANFF LN	3	2	1,132	2004	105,500	93.20
13002 W SCOTTS DR	4	2	1,584	2002	111,000	70.08
12902 W DREYFUS DR	3	2	1,890	2002	118,000	62.43
12729 W VOLTAIRE AVE	3	2.50	1,691	2000	120,000	70.96
12301 W ROSEWOOD DR	4	2.50	1,978	2001	145,000	73.31
12501 W BLOOMFIELD RD	3	2	1,183	2001	100,000	84.53
12181 W SURREY ST	4	2.50	2,453	2003	108,000	44.03
12805 W CHARTER OAK RD	3	2	1,901	2002	109,900	57.81
12025 W ASTER DR	3	2	1,238	2000	111,000	89.66
12704 W FLORES DR	3	2.50	1,862	2002	140,000	75.19
13029 W ASTER DR	3	2	1,256	2002	102,000	81.21
11926 W LARKSPUR RD	4	2	1,524	1999	122,000	80.05
14820 N EL FRIO ST	4	2	1,642	2006	113,000	68.82
12955 W VOLTAIRE AVE	4	2	1,480	2002	117,500	79.39
12213 W FLORES DR	4	2	1,832	2000	120,000	65.50
12809 N 115TH LN	3	2	1,756	2002	123,000	70.05
12701 W VENTURA ST	4	2.50	2,178	2002	135,000	61.98
12813 W EVANS DR	4	2	1,946	2001	139,900	71.89
12031 W DAHLIA DR	4	2	1,524	2000	104,900	68.83
13044 W SAINT MORITZ LN	4	2.50	2,178	2004	105,850	48.60
12413 W ASTER DR	4	2.50	1,995	2001	117,000	58.65

12522 W ASTER DR	4	2	1,737	2001	130,000	74.84
13005 W MAUNA LOA LN	4	3	2,178	2004	149,000	68.41
12502 W COLUMBINE DR	3	2.50	1,776	2001	98,000	55.18
14804 N EL FRIO ST	4	2	1,642	2006	105,000	63.95
12610 W PARADISE DR	3	2	1,090	2001	88,000	80.73
12135 W WINDROSE DR	3	2	0	2000	92,500	NA
12544 W SAINT MORITZ LN	3	2	1,308	2004	95,000	72.63
12617 W LAUREL LN	3	2	1,238	2001	100,000	80.78
12738 N MAIN ST	4	2	1,756	2000	108,000	61.50
11810 W POINSETTIA DR	4	2	1,832	2002	110,000	60.04
12750 W CALAVAR RD	4	2.50	3,086	2002	115,000	37.27
14314 N 126TH AVE	3	2	1,534	2002	115,000	74.97
13010 W PERSHING ST	3	2	1,531	2002	133,900	87.46
12914 W PARADISE DR	4	2	1,833	2001	137,000	74.74
12541 W MAUNA LOA LN	4	2	1,534	2003	112,500	73.34
11804 W MAUI LN	4	2	1,642	2005	120,000	73.08
12434 W REDFIELD RD	3	2.50	2,178	2003	136,500	62.67
14844 N 130TH LN	3	2	1,308	2004	115,500	88.30
13008 W MAUNA LOA LN	4	3	2,178	2004	88,500	40.63
12744 W COLUMBINE DR	3	2	1,376	2002	114,000	82.85
12430 W SAINT MORITZ LN	3	2	1,308	2003	114,900	87.84
15125 N VERBENA ST	4	2.50	1,978	2006	125,000	63.20
12613 W PARADISE DR	4	2.50	1,832	2001	128,900	70.36
12505 W LISBON LN	4	2.50	2,178	2004	133,000	61.07
12231 W SCOTTS DR	3	2	1,089	1999	94,500	86.78
12530 W VIA CAMILLE	3	2	1,068	2003	60,000	56.18
12317 W ASTER DR	2	2	1,106	2001	106,000	95.84
11709 W POINSETTIA DR	4	2	1,832	2002	112,600	61.46
13033 W PORT ROYALE LN	5	3	2,178	2005	128,000	58.77
11930 W LARKSPUR RD	3	2.50	1,385	1999	105,000	75.81
11809 W LARKSPUR RD	3	2	1,296	1999	105,000	81.02
12316 N B ST	4	2	1,756	2000	66,000	37.59
11780 W LARKSPUR RD	2	2	1,423	1999	95,000	66.76
13014 W SURREY AVE	3	2	1,872	2001	105,000	56.09
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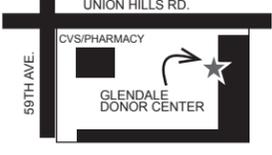
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The City of El Mirage has taken significant steps to increase safety in wash areas. Wash areas are posted "No Trespassing" and El Mirage police officers have the authority to cite violators. Rather than issue citations, the City and the Police Department would rather see



residents stay out of the washes and stay safe.

## POLICE: Code Enforcement, From 5

Code Enforcement has also handled 119 cases of graffiti including its prompt removal.

Many of the cases generated during the spring time involve overgrown weeds. Even though winter rains are great for the State, they result in excessive weeds on residential and business properties. Weeds, by City code, cannot be in excess of 6 inches high on any property inside the City. This code alone will keep all three code officers busy for the next several months. Residents can assist by cleaning their lots before the weeds become too tall.

When code officers identify a violation, the property owner or resident will first receive a written warning notice and

a reasonable amount of time to correct the problem. If, upon re-inspection, the violation has not been resolved, a citation may be issued and a fine assessed. Code Enforcement's primary goal is to gain voluntary compliance and eliminate the violation.

The City of El Mirage encourages all residents to be community minded and take pride in the city. Working together is the most effective way to keep neighborhoods healthy, safe, and inviting to all who work and live here.

For further information, visit the Police Department Code Enforcement web page at <http://www.cityofelmirage.org/index.aspx?nid=1193>. To report a graffiti crime in progress, dial 9-1-1.

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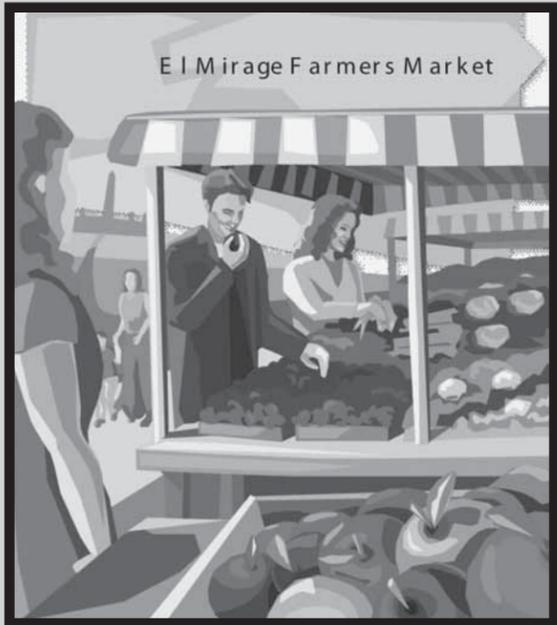
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Ages 5 – 15 learn flag, tackle, cheer, dance, and step. For information, go to [www.wvyfz.com](http://www.wvyfz.com) or [wvyouthfootball11@gmail.com](mailto:wvyouthfootball11@gmail.com).

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# REMINDER... FARMERS MARKET SURVEY



**The City is still seeking responses to the survey concerning start-up of the El Mirage Farmers Market this fall. Please go to the home page of the City's website at [www.cityofelmirage.org](http://www.cityofelmirage.org) and click on the GARDEN icon to access the farmers market survey. The survey will be available until April 30.**

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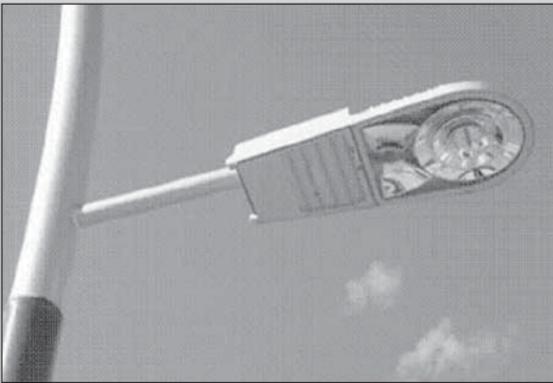
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## El Mirage Celebrates Newly Renovated Library

April 2, 2013 marked the formal re-opening of the newly renovated El Mirage Library. Renovations including a new reception area, computers and furniture for the customer research area, and expanded office space were completed as part of a long-standing partnership between the Maricopa County Library District and the City, which is committed to an environment conducive to learning as well as community connectedness.

El Mirage leaders were joined by several dignitaries in attendance from throughout the Valley including newly appointed Maricopa County Supervisor Clint Hickman, who will oversee West Valley



Friends of the Library members (from left) Frank Carnal, Lori Carnal, and Sue Delgado welcomed guests to the El Mirage Library renovation ceremony.

District 4.

In 2012, the El Mirage Library welcomed an estimated 66,000 customers, and more than a thousand children participated in

the library's reading program. A group of residents known as the Friends of the Library provide ongoing support to the children's reading program through

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Mayor Mook (c) stands with (from left) Dee Bond, Jeff Eifer, Tayler Markland, Taylor Tracey (winner of the Buddy Poppy Princess contest), Brynn Kelley, Dennis Grau, Brittany Greer, and Sheila Lee.



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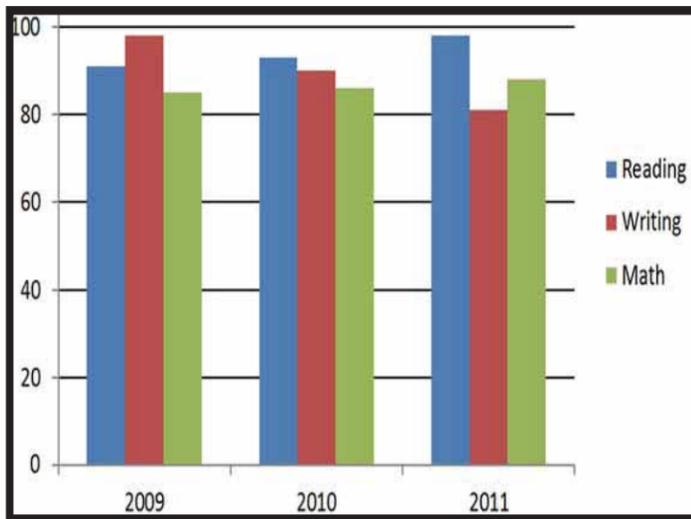
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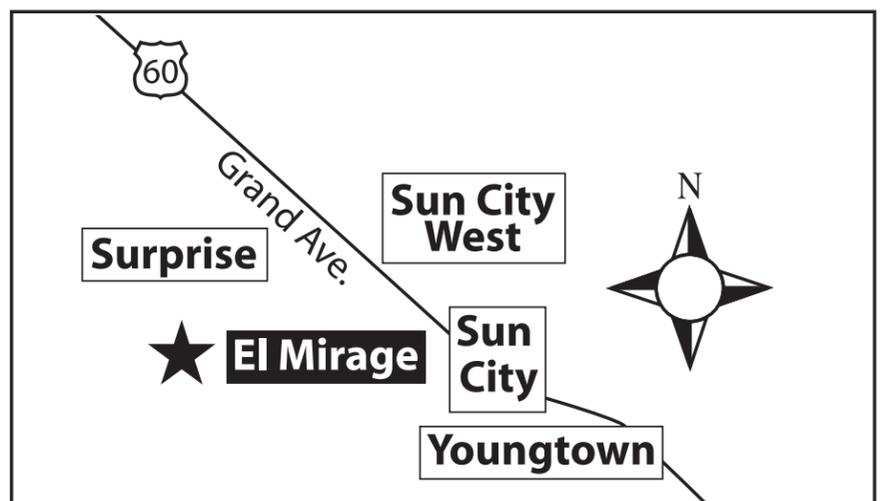
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