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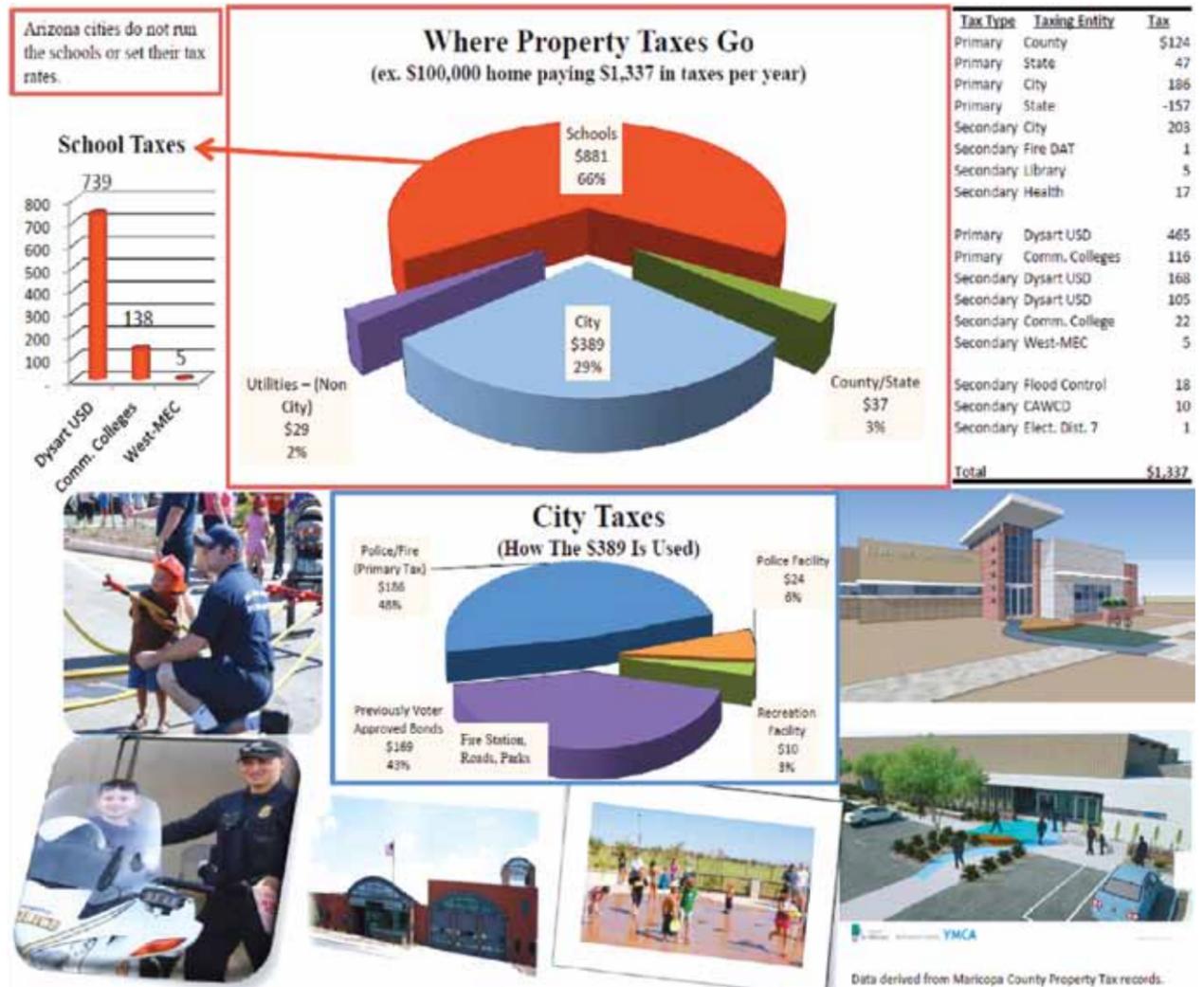
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### Mayor's Message: Your Tax Dollars at Work

Some of my Council colleagues and I receive questions from El Mirage property owners about the amount of property taxes they pay each year. A common misbelief is that the City levies all of the taxes on your tax bill. I want to take this opportunity to shed light on this issue in an effort to provide a better understanding of how your tax bill is divided.

Using a \$100,000 home as a benchmark, the amount of taxes paid annually is approximately \$1,337.00. The largest share of your property tax, \$739 or 55%, is collected by the Dysart Unified School District which serves not only El Mirage, but Surprise, Youngtown, and unincorporated parts of Maricopa County. Another \$143 or 11% is collected by the community college district and the Western Maricopa Education Center, with all facilities located outside of El Mirage. The State, County and other special districts account for another \$66 or 5% of the tax bill. These three categories account for approximately 71% of an El Mirage homeowner's property tax burden.

The City of El Mirage accounts for the remaining 29% or \$389 of your tax bill. But unlike many of the other entities, your City tax dollars stay right here in El Mirage for the benefit of each and every El Mirage resident, contributing to public safety (police and fire), parks and recreation, and roads. Your El Mirage tax dollars equate to a higher quality of life and property values for our residents. I hope this helps.



### Lower El Mirage Wash Improvements Mean Safer Neighborhoods and Visual Appeal

Work on improvements to the Lower El Mirage Wash continues to reshape the area at the southwest corner of El Mirage and Cactus Roads. The project is the result of a series of studies intended to help delineate the existing floodplain boundaries, identify known flood hazards, and refine drainage solutions to reduce these hazards. In addition to flood protections, the site is being developed to accommodate future recreational uses, which will make the wash both visually attractive and compatible with surrounding neighborhoods. Grass turf areas are among the numerous landscaping elements soon to be incorporated at the site to encourage casual recreational activities. Open space buffers will separate residences from the necessary drainage facilities. Completion of the wash project is slated for April 2014.

### An Update on Your Community Investments New Police Station and Recreation Facility with Swimming Pool (YMCA)

**Police Station.** Since breaking ground in January, progress on the City's new police station has been running ahead of schedule. By this December, Police Chief Steve Campbell indicated he should have keys to the new 22,600 square-foot facility. With structural elements such as ceilings, floors, and walls close to completion, attention now turns to the complex task of installing the communications equipment to support the larger station. The new station's communications system will incorporate emergency command center capabilities, to be used in rare instances of widespread, catastrophic events. An internal team of police personnel is focusing its efforts on creating greater cost efficiencies as selection of equipment, furniture, and fixtures progresses.

**Recreation Facility with Swimming Pool.** The groundbreaking ceremony for construction of a 26,500 square-foot community recreational facility with swimming pool occurred



New Police Station



Rendering: Architekton

August 1 and is scheduled to be completed in May 2014. Once completed, the Valley of the Sun YMCA will manage and operate the facility. The City's agreement with the YMCA is a unique arrangement that will save the El Mirage taxpayers millions

of dollars associated with the ongoing maintenance and operations of such a facility. The Valley of the Sun YMCA will bring to El Mirage an array of programs promoting youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. The YMCA will make El

Mirage a destination point in the region, increasing El Mirage home values and promoting economic development and commerce in the area. The facility will be called the Northwest Valley Family YMCA.

**MORE INVESTMENTS ON 4**

City of El Mirage and El Mirage Family Health Center

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**Healthy Sponsor:**

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**Community Resources:**

- City of El Mirage
- Maricopa County WIC
- Donor Network of Arizona
- University of Arizona Health Plans
- SNACK Program
- Helping Families in Need
- Hospice of the Valley
- And many more...

**FREE Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013 9 a.m - 1 p.m.**

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**More Information: 602.344.1841**

## Insights: El Mirage Economic Development

By **TOM DOYLE**  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

Are you an "Ambassador for El Mirage"? Most businesses considering a move to a new location will look at a variety of factors and narrow their choices to a few places. Some business owners (the smart ones) will visit the local barber, restaurant, or other social gathering place to see what people are saying about the community.

A couple of years ago, I visited a rural Arizona city on a Saturday afternoon. The city was hosting a community fair and I wanted to find out more about the area from the locals. No one knew me and I didn't identify my job or where I lived. I asked several random people about the city and was generally impressed by their responses. All spoke highly about their community, expressing passion and enthusiasm. The feedback was so impressive, I decided to ask the same questions to people from other cities and compare responses.

A week later, I asked the same questions to a random group of people from a similar city based on size, climate, and demographics. The responses from these residents were noticeably more negative than those from the first city. (A couple of people expressed outright contempt for the area.) I continued asking my standard series of questions to people in three other locations, and the responses were negative overall. In the end, the feedback from locals left a lasting impression on me about each of their communities.

My little experiment was not scientific by any standard; however, it does make a point about the importance of community image. Being an ambassador means having a sense of community pride and a willingness to promote our City, leaving a positive impression on those interested in investing in it. Every city is a work in progress. How we view our own progress and what has yet to be accomplished (i.e. a glass half empty or half full) defines us as a community.

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Contractor	Arizona Sun Control Prod.	1050 N. Eliseo C Felix	Avondale	623-466-7655
Contractor	Clean Energy Constructors	315 S. 48 <sup>th</sup> St.	Tempe	480-398-2381
Contractor	Commercial Ceramic	6650 N 47 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	Glendale	623-910-2675
Contractor	Convenient Home Svcs.	6747 University Dr.	Mesa	480-988-0098
Contractor	El Mirage Dev. Group	15627 N. Greasewood	Surprise	602-214-6909
Contractor	GWGS LLC	320 S. El Dorado Cir.	Mesa	480-987-6629
Contractor	Siemens Industry	371 Bel Martin Keys Blvd.	Novato	317-596-3260
Contractor	Triline	37915 N 17 <sup>th</sup> Place	Phoenix	623-465-9200
Contractor	Valmont Industries Inc.	28800 Ida St.	Valley	402-359-2201

### DYSART EDUCATION FOUNDATION

#### Dollars for Scholars Golf Tournament



The Dysart Education Foundation is sponsoring its second annual golf tournament, "Dollars for Scholars." The nonprofit organization is looking to raise money with a four-player scramble tournament on September 29 at the Falcon Dunes Golf Course at Luke Air Force Base. The \$199 per player fee includes breakfast, lunch, a silent auction, raffle prizes and more.

The foundation provides scholarships to graduating seniors and mini-grants to teachers. For more information, contact Roy Delgado at (623) 875-9891 or e-mail: [golf@defweb.org](mailto:golf@defweb.org).

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# El Mirage Community Uplift Program

The El Mirage Community Uplift Program is looking for a few properties that are in need of some tender loving care. The program provides assistance to homeowners or occupants of residential properties who are elderly, disabled, or simply facing some rough economic times and need some help keeping up with the exterior work. This program provides at no cost, a fresh coat of paint on the house, landscaping, and general exterior cleanup of the property. All work is done by community volunteers and all materials



are donated.

If the home or rental property is at least 15 years

old, a resident may pick up an application at El Mirage City Hall, the Fire Station, or the Dysart Community Center. Completing the application does not guarantee the property will be selected and properties with greater need will be served first. This program will run throughout the year so residents can reapply at any time.

For more information or questions about joining the citizen committee that oversees the Community Uplift Program, contact Mary Dickson at 623-251-3508 or mdickson@cityofelmirage.org and visit

<http://www.cityofelmirage.org/DocumentCenter/View/1345>.

To volunteer time, talents or materials for this program, contact Tina Revive at 623-688-0347 or tinar@helprevive.us. The Community Uplift Program is pleased to have as partners the Dysart Community Center and Revive working to bring communities to life.

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On Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 the El Mirage Senior Center is hosting a Rummage Sale from 7:30AM to 10AM

You can help by donating your gently used items!  
Clothing, Kitchen Items, Toys, CD's, DVD's, Electronics, Small Furniture, Baby Items, etc...

Drop-off items until 10/3/2013 from 8am – Noon at the Senior Center, 14010 N. El Mirage Rd. or by appointment- Contact: Ruby Arvizu at 623-876-4232 or email at rarvizu@cityofelmirage.org

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(623) 399-5672 or wilf91324@yahoo.com

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**Wednesday**  
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**\*Monthly Resident Rate**

Youth (0 – 14 Years of Age)	\$ 11.00
Student/Teen (15 – 17 Years of Age)	11.00
Adult (18 Years of Age and Up)	36.00
Couple (2 Adult Members Living in the Same Household)	54.00
Family 1 (1 Adult Member + Child(ren) under 18 and Living in Same Household)	52.00
Family 2 (2 Adult Members + Child(ren) under 18 and Living in Same Household)	63.00
Senior 1 (65 Years of Age and Up)	35.00
Senior 2 (2 Senior Members Living in Same Household)	53.00
Initial joining fee per household	** 0.00
Daily pool rate for non-member residents - 50% off non-member daily rate	

\* When appropriate, the YMCA will work with residents who have a demonstrated financial need. Monthly resident rates are discounted from monthly non-resident rates by 4-6 dollars. Residents will find these rates to be among the lowest in the Valley of the Sun YMCA network.  
 \*\* Initial joining fee is waived. If a resident membership is allowed to lapse, a joining fee will apply.

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- Fitness, wellness and social programs for seniors
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For information on the NW Valley Family YMCA visit: [www.valleyymca.org/branch/index.cfm?bid=23](http://www.valleyymca.org/branch/index.cfm?bid=23).

### Need to Report a Street Light Outage?



Contact Arizona Public Service at [aps.com/lights](http://aps.com/lights) or call (602) 371-7171. Make sure you have the pole number, which is located about 6 feet up on the street side of the pole. Also have the actual or nearest address or cross streets.

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Bringing this much needed service to El Mirage will help ease the burden of those working to provide for themselves and their families.

For more information, call 623-974-4156.

When: First Saturday of Every Month at 1 p.m.

Where: Dysart Community Center, 14414 N. El Mirage Rd, El Mirage, AZ 85335

**Móvil Distribución de Despensa en Dysart Community Center**  
Dysart Community



Center está orgullosos en anunciar su colaboración en traer el móvil de St Mary's Despensa Móvil a la comunidad de El Mirage. Empezando el Sábado Octubre 5 a la 1 pm, frutas frescas y vegetales van a ser distribuidos a todas las familias y personas individuales como sea necesario. Servicios están

abiertos al publico general y no identificación es necesario.

Es nuestro deseo de traer los servicios necesarios a El Mirage y que le puedan ayudar y facilitar a las personas que trabajan para mantenerse ellos mismos y sus familias.

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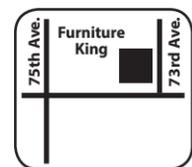
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- ▶ **Wednesday, Oct. 9**, LifeStream Senior Living at Youngtown, Virt Hall-North Campus, 11555 W. Peoria Ave., Youngtown.
- ▶ **Saturday, Oct. 12**, LifeStream Senior Living at Thunderbird, Chapel, 13617 N. 55th Ave., Glendale.
- ▶ **Both one-hour sessions are identical and begin at 9:00 a.m.**

Refreshments provided.

- ▶ **Be sure to register.**  
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# FOCUS ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT



## News from the El Mirage Fire Department

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### Preventing Kitchen Fires

October 6 – 12, is Fire Prevention Week and the El Mirage Fire Department is joining forces with the non-profit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to remind residents to ‘Prevent

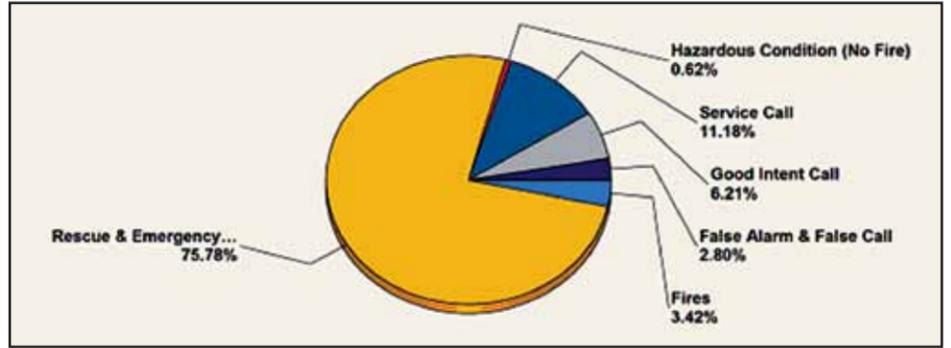
Kitchen Fires.’

According to NFPA research, cooking is the leading cause of home fires. Two of every five home fires begin in the kitchen. Cooking fires are also the leading cause of

home fire-related injuries. In 2012, 7% of all home fires occurred in the kitchen.

“Often, when we are called to a fire that started in the kitchen, the residents

**MORE FIRE ON 8**



### ANALYSIS OF INCIDENTS FOR AUGUST 2013

Fire Operations Division: August 2013	
El Mirage Fire Units responded to the following incidents:	Fire/Emergency Medical Training Hours 748.53
Fires = 11	
EMS Calls = 244	<b>Significant Incidents</b>
False Alarms = 9	• 8/1 – Patio fire
Other Calls for Service = 58	• 8/7 – Fatal Car/Bicycle accident
Total Calls for Service = 322	<b>Community Involvement</b>
Total Fire Loss = \$5,050	• 8/2 – Citizen recognition award ceremony
Total Value of Property Saved = \$435,000	
Save Factor = 98%	
Average Response time in El Mirage 00:05:22	

Fire, Building & Life Safety Division: August 2013	
Permit applications received = 64	
Plan reviews completed = 24	
Building Inspections = 260	
Fire Prevention Inspections = 26	
Revenue = \$25,609	

**West Valley Arts Council**

### Upcoming Events

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**OCT 26-NOV 2 Read 13**

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# THE BLUE BYLINE

News from the El Mirage Police Department

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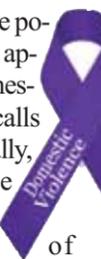
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## October Is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

In 2012, El Mirage police officers received approximately 749 domestic violence related calls for service. Historically, the victims in these cases were left to deal with the aftermath of family violence and the criminal justice system alone. In response, El Mirage Police Department's Victim Assistance Unit provides assistance to victims of domestic violence.

The El Mirage Police Department is proud to announce activities for the community to throughout the month of October.



SHOW YOUR SUPPORT! In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, patrol cars, officers and department staff will be outfitted with purple ribbons to signify the department's commitment to domestic violence prevention efforts. Beginning October 1st, ribbons can be picked up at the El Mirage Police Department Administration Office, 14405 North Palm Street, during business hours.

October 5, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Public Safety & Domestic Violence Awareness Event at Gateway Park.

This FREE event is an opportunity for the community to come together in support of a safe community. Entertainment, food vendors and more will be a part of the festivities.

To report domestic violence in progress, call 9-1-

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### El Mirage Sergeant Promotions

On September 3, Police Chief Steve Campbell promoted Officers Robert Peoples and AJ Vanderwerf to the rank of Sergeant. They will assume management of a patrol shift. Sergeant Peoples has worked for the El Mirage Police Department since January 2008 in Patrol, Investigations, and as the Public Information Officer. Sergeant Vanderwerf started with EMPD in October 2007 working solely in Patrol and has been an active Motor Officer for the department. Congratulations Sergeants!



Robert Peoples and AJ Vanderwerf

### Online Crime Tool Now Available!

Interested in reviewing crime statistics or receiving alerts about recent police activity? The El Mirage Police Department is now uploading police data to www.crime-mapping.com. On this website, visitors can view incidents, see statistical reports on activity, and register for email alerts.

Crimemapping.com is an exciting tool for citizens to utilize and the Police Department looks forward to hearing your feedback. For questions or comments, contact Crime Analyst Aimee Currey at 623-433-9519 or acurrey@cityofelmirage.org.



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Forms can be picked up at City Hall or at Customer Service.  
Deadline to pre-register is Monday, October 21, 2013.

**Music + Entertainment**

**Free Activities for Kids** Face Painting + Magic Show + Prize Wheel

**Book Sale** by El Mirage Friends of the Library

**Canned Food Drive** to benefit St. Mary's Food Bank

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### FIRE: Kitchen safety, From 6

tell us that they only left the kitchen for a few minutes," said Howard Munding, Fire Chief. "Sadly, that's all it takes for a dangerous fire to start. We hope that Fire Prevention Week will help us reach folks in the community before they've suffered a damaging lesson."

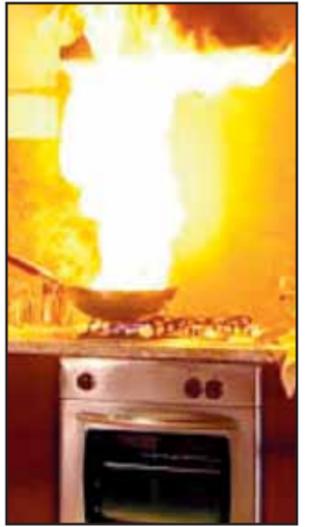
Among the safety tips that firefighters will be emphasizing:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, broiling, or boiling food. If you must leave the room, turn off the stove.

- When you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly and use a timer to remind you.

- If you have young children, use the stove's back burners whenever possible. Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the stove.

- When you cook, wear



clothing with tight-fitting sleeves.

- Keep potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper and plastic bags, towels, and anything else that can burn, away from your stovetop.

- Clean up food and grease from burners and stovetops.

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E13051346	Perez, Alexandra	Identification
E13071431	Kvochick, Teresa	Belt
E13072196	Escobedo, Louis	Bicycle
E13080706	Knox, Clifton	Currency (US)
E13080859	Unknown	Bicycle
E13080960	Garrison, Mark	Bicycle, Scooter
E13080962	Saiz, Marcus	Belt
E13081014	Alvarado-Maranda, Carlos	Bicycle
E13081423	Unknown	Purse, Black
E13082045	Arzaga, Anthony Robert	Misc. Clothing/ Wallet
E13082068	Godfrey, John	Backpack w/ items
E13082161	Unknown	Bicycle
E13082219	Gomez, Michael Anthony	I-pod/ Flashlight
E13082221	Unknown	Bicycle/ Shoes
E13082508	Hoyt, Gerald	Currency (US)
E13082533	Signor, Aaron	Credit Card
E13082580	Romero, Luis	Knife/ I-pod
E13090031	Esquivel, Jesus	Hat
E13090438	Unknown	Generator

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### Halloween Safety Tips

- Go trick-or-treating with a grown up.
- Visit only neighborhoods you know.
- Make sure your costume lets you move, see, and hear easily.
- Wear a light-colored or bright costume so drivers can see you.
- Put glow-in-the-dark patches or stripes on your costume.
- Carry a flashlight or glow stick.
- Stay in areas that are well lit.
- Travel in groups or with an adult and never enter a home.
- Do not let your children go alone.
- Watch for cars driving into or backing out of drive-ways.
- When crossing the streets, STOP and look both ways.
- Walk on the sidewalk or facing traffic if there are no sidewalks.
- Have your parents check your candy before eating it.
- Don't eat opened candy or homemade treats unless you know where they came from.
- Some hospitals will x-ray treat bag contents.
- Report any suspicious or criminal activity to the El

Mirage Police Department at 623-933-1341, or in case of an emergency, call 9-1-1. Have a safe and happy Halloween.

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2	Peoria btwn El Mirage and Dysart W/B P001	12100 BLK THUNDERBIRD E/B T007	Cactus west of El Mirage C004
3	129 Ave south of Thunderbird X001	127 Ave south of Thunderbird X004	Cactus west of El Mirage C004
4	Thompson Ranch Rd north of Grand E036	Peoria btwn El Mirage and Dysart E/B P002	Cactus west of El Mirage C004
5	Thompson Ranch Rd north of Grand E036	Peoria btwn El Mirage and Dysart E/B P002	Cactus west of El Mirage C004
6	Thompson Ranch Rd north of Grand E036	Peoria btwn El Mirage and Dysart E/B P002	Cactus west of El Mirage C004
7	Acoma A002	Cactus west of El Mirage w/b C005	Thunderbird east of El Mirage T007
8	Cactus west of El Mirage e/b C004	Thompson Ranch Rd north of Grand E036	Thunderbird east of El Mirage T007
9	129 Ave south of Thunderbird X001	El Mirage north of Cactus E025	Thunderbird east of El Mirage T007
10	El Mirage north of Cactus E025	Canterbury C002	Thunderbird east of El Mirage T007
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14	Cactus west of El Mirage w/b C005	Peoria btwn El Mirage and Dysart W/B P001	El Mirage north of Cactus E025
15	Thompson Ranch Rd north of Grand E036	12100 BLK THUNDERBIRD E/B T007	El Mirage north of Cactus E025

16	Thompson Ranch Rd north of Grand E036	Cactus west of El Mirage e/b C004	El Mirage north of Cactus E025
17	129 Ave south of Thunderbird X001	Dysart north of Cactus S/B D004	El Mirage north of Cactus E025
18	Cactus west of El Mirage e/b C004	12100 BLK THUNDERBIRD W/B T008	El Mirage north of Cactus E025
19	Cactus west of El Mirage e/b C004	12100 BLK THUNDERBIRD W/B T008	El Mirage north of Cactus E025
20	Cactus west of El Mirage e/b C004	12100 BLK THUNDERBIRD W/B T008	El Mirage north of Cactus E025
21	12100 BLK THUNDERBIRD E/B T007	Varney V001	Peoria btwn El Mirage and Dysart W/B P001
22	Acoma A002	12100 BLK THUNDERBIRD W/B T008	Peoria btwn El Mirage and Dysart W/B P001
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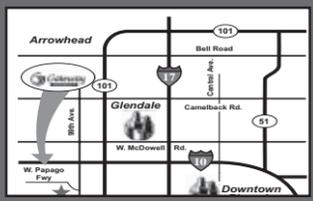
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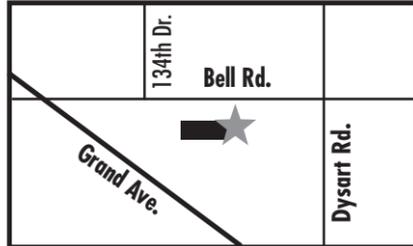
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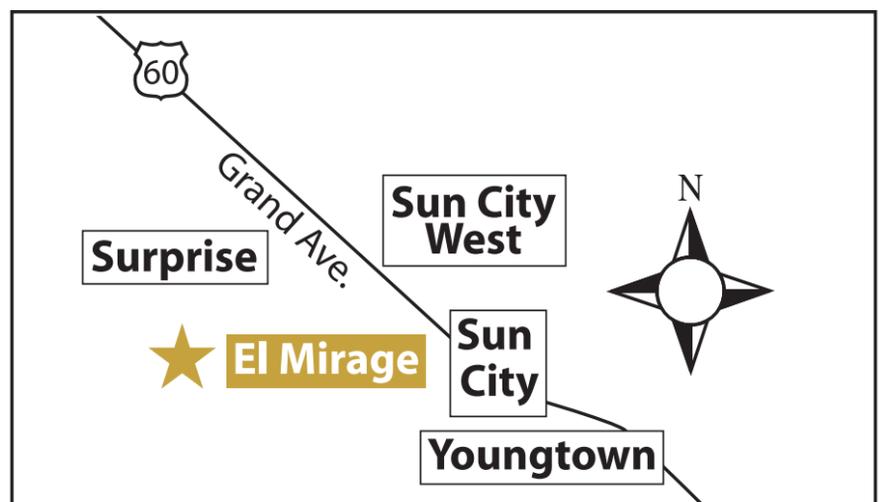
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