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Q & A with Mayor Mook about the YMCA

I have been asked questions about El Mirage's new recreation facility with swimming pool currently under construction adjacent to Gateway Park and across from the new Police Station. I would like to take this opportunity to answer those questions.

Q: Why did the City of El Mirage decide to build a recreation facility with swimming pool in the first place?

A: The City did not make the decision to build the facility. You, the residents of El Mirage, expressed a strong desire for a recreation facility with pool, based on an in-depth third-party survey conducted in 2009. The City Council placed the issue on the 2011 bond election and you, the voters, decided it was time



Rendering of the YMCA Front Entrance

for El Mirage to have such a facility. Because these facilities can be expensive to operate, the City negotiated an agreement with the Valley of the Sun YMCA, an Arizona non-profit organization, to operate and maintain the facility. Essentially, the YMCA will lease the building from the City and operate it as the new Northwest Valley Family YMCA.

Q: Is the City giving the building to the YMCA?

A: THE CITY IS NOT GIVING THE BUILDING TO THE YMCA. Again, the City owns the facility. The YMCA and the City entered into a long-term lease agreement in which the YMCA agreed to manage the day-to-day operations, paying the City an annual lease payment of \$100k per year. The

City will act as the landlord in this arrangement.

Q: What is the value of the land on which the YMCA is being built?

A: The John F. Long family donated the five acres on which the recreation facility is being built. In October 2012, the land was appraised at \$734,300. The land donation helped significantly reduce the cost of

the recreation facility by an estimated 13%.

Q: Why is the YMCA being built at the current location?

A: The location complements the amenities at Gateway Park, allowing the City to expand its recreational offerings. Both facilities are directly across from the new Police Station, making the location ideal for implementing the City's community policing model which

encourages interaction between the City's young people, their parents, and public safety personnel.

Q: What are the membership costs for El Mirage residents vs. nonresidents?

A: The YMCA will be publishing rates for nonresidents in the coming months. The City's agreement with the YMCA provides for the following discounted rates to residents:

Resident Member Rates

Youth (0 – 14 Years of Age):	\$11
Student/Teen (15 – 17 Years of Age):	\$11
Adult (18 Years of Age and Up):	\$36
Couple (2 Adult Members Living in the Same Household):	\$54
Family 1 (1 Adult Member + Child(ren) under 18 and Living in Same Household):	\$52
Family 2 (2 Adult Members + Child(ren) under 18 and Living in Same Household):	\$63
Senior 1 (65 Years of Age and Up):	\$35
Senior 2 (2 Senior Members Living in Same Household):	\$53
Daily pool rate for nonmember residents:	50% off

nonmember daily rate

MORE Q & A ON 10

Farmers' Market Vendors Needed!

Attention farmers, crafters, artists, gardeners, and entertainers. The City of El Mirage is accepting vendor applications for the City's New Farmers' Market. Vendor application packets are available at www.cityofelmirage.org/index.aspx?nid=1601. A meeting of prospective vendors will be held February 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the El Mirage Senior Center, 14010 N. El Mirage Road. Contact Pat Gregan at (623) 876-2973, or via e-mail at pgregan@cityofelmirage.org for additional information or to obtain a vendor packet by mail.

BECOME A GARDENER AT THE EL MIRAGE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Garden box leases start at just \$40/year. Lease includes water supply, garden soil, and seeds. Groups welcome! El Mirage residency not required. Call (623) 876-2973 or e-mail pgregan@cityofelmirage.org for more information.



New children's garden

The Young Earth Children's Garden is a recently completed section of the El Mirage Community Garden dedicated to teaching children 6 – 14 years of age the significant health and environmental benefits of gardening and growing their own produce.

Thanks to a grant from the Gila River Indian Community, the City is offering the 16 garden boxes in the children's garden **at no cost** to youth groups in El Mirage and surrounding communities on a first come, first serve basis. Youth groups may include children in elementary or middle school, faith-based, scout troops, and other formally organized groups. All youth groups require adult supervision at the garden site and children's activities must be associated with lesson plans concerning health, the environment, conservation, or other relevant topics.

For information on reserving a garden box at the Young Earth Children's Garden, call (623) 876-2973 or e-mail pgregan@cityofelmirage.org.



Mayor Lana Mook (center), City Manager Dr. Spencer A. Isom (4th from left), Police Chief Steve Campbell (center right), and Assistant Chief Terry McDonald (center left) are joined by El Mirage police officers and staff

El Mirage Celebrates New Police Station

On January 23, 2014, the City of El Mirage celebrated the grand opening of its new police station located at 12401 W. Cinnabar Ave. City officials were joined by El Mirage residents, law enforcement officials, and dignitaries from around the Valley.

The newly constructed facility is over 22,000 square feet and is adjacent to the City's award winning Gateway Park and the Northwest Valley Family YMCA to be completed this summer. The new station contributes to the City's goal for a sustainable El Mirage. The design

incorporates cutting-edge innovation while honoring the area's agricultural roots.

According to Police Chief Steve Campbell, "This station represents a significant milestone in the police department's history. City staff is grateful to the citizens of El Mirage, Arrington/Watkins Architects, and D.L. Withers Construction for their support to build a modern police facility that will serve our community for many years."

For more information, contact the El Mirage Police Department at 623-500-3000.

Lower El Mirage Wash Basin Dedication

On January 30, 2014, the City of El Mirage and the Flood Control District of Maricopa County celebrated the dedication and official opening of the Lower El Mirage Wash Basin located at the southwest corner of Cactus and El Mirage Roads.

Maricopa County Flood Control District partnered with the City to design and ultimately build a beautiful 24-acre passive park and retention basin in El Mirage.

"The once rough-graded eyesore that had standing water after storms, attracted illegal dumping, and presented a significant nuisance to our community was transformed into a space that not only protects us from flooding, but gives us an additional area to enjoy,"



From left to right: Chief Engineer and General Manager of the Flood Control District of Maricopa County Tim Phillips, El Mirage City Manager Spencer A. Isom, El Mirage Mayor Lana Mook, and Maricopa County Supervisor Clint Hickman at the Lower El Mirage Wash Basin Dedication

stated Mayor Mook.

Supervisor Hickman stressed the importance of the flood basin and said, "The integrated design of the wash marries engineering and landscape architecture throughout the process. Aesthetic and

multiple use elements were developed in concert with the safety requirements for 100-year flood protection."

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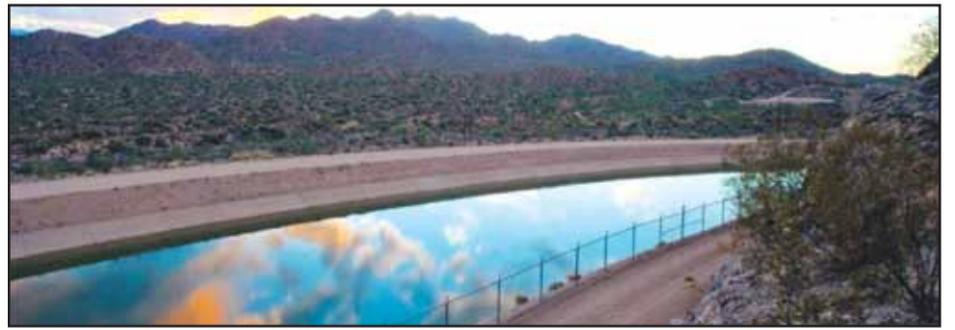
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El Mirage Recommended for CAP Water

The El Mirage City Council and management established a goal of stabilizing the City's water resources and customer water rates. A historic step toward accomplishing this goal occurred in January, as the City was notified that Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) Director Sandy Fabritz-Whitney was recommending to the U.S. Secretary of the Interior that El Mirage receive 1,318 acre-feet of Non-Indian Agricultural Water via the Central Arizona



Central Arizona Project Canal

Project (CAP). In a January 16 letter to the U.S. Secretary, Ms. Fabritz-Whitney identifies El Mirage as one of eight municipal applicants recommended to receive an allocation of CAP water. For a copy of ADWR's January 16, 2014 recommendation letter, visit www.azwater.gov/azdwr/PublicInformationOfficer/documents/2014-01-16ADWRNIARreallocationRecommendationLettertoSecretary.pdf

"Whenever CAP water is made available, there is stiff competition to receive an allocation, and we are ecstatic to receive the ADWR Director's recommendation. We will continue looking for opportunities for additional allocations to further reduce the City's reliance on groundwater. Our goal

is to provide quality water to our residents and customers at the lowest possible cost," said Mayor Lana Mook.

As many residents and business owners are aware, City leaders' decisions made decades ago to forego applying for CAP water allocations resulted in unavoidable water rate increases over the last several years. With the lack of CAP allocations, the City has had to seek alternative water resource alternatives, which have been more expensive. In addition, the increases became necessary to fund capital improvements and increased operating costs for the City's aging water infrastructure. In the last three years, these infrastructure improvements have included construction of new downtown waterlines and

hydrants along Pablo, Tonya, and Soledad Streets, as well as River Road; construction of the Brisas well on the west side of "B" Street, just south of Windrose Avenue; and replacement of aging water service lines and technology.

Beginning in Fiscal Year 2015, water rates are expected to stabilize and remain stable the next few years, barring unforeseen capital needs or unfunded mandates. The CAP allocation for which the City has been recommended provides added assurance that El Mirage will have a reliable, more economical, water replenishment source for its 32,000 residents, as well as the estimated 1,500 residences of the City of Surprise Original Town Site, which El Mirage serves.

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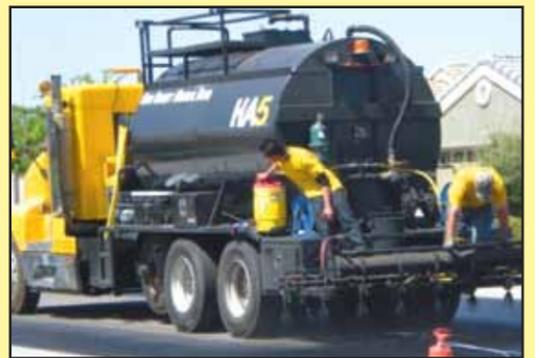
Family of 4 earning below \$94,200 per year

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PAVEMENT PRESERVATION PROJECT RESUMING

The City's roadway pavement preservation project will resume beginning March 10. A specialized mineral bond will be applied to streets in the Cactus Park, Dysart Park, Brisas, and Sunnyvale neighborhoods. For information regarding the bonding schedule, go to www.cityofelmirage.org or contact Public Works at 623-935-6405.



January 2014 Business Licenses

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Retail	Desert Mtn. Company	120 E Corp Pk. Ste 16	Chandler	480-355-3800
Home Occ.	GHA Technologies Inc.	12938 W Voltaire Ave	El Mirage	480-627-0118
Contractor	Innovation Light. Design	P.O. Box 4822	Scottsdale	480-513-2099
Contractor	Keller Elect. Industries	1881 E University Dr.	Phoenix	602-437-3015
Contractor	RF Pipeline	2206 S 82nd Ave.	Phoenix	623-696-5558
Reality	Richard Real Estate	563 S 230th Ave.	Buckeye	623-386-8762
Service	Towing Professional of AZ	2801 W Osborn Rd	El Mirage	Pending

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Contact Arizona Public Service at 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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Insights: The City of El Mirage Cares About Small Businesses

By **TOM DOYLE,**
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

The first in a new series of monthly meetings among El Mirage management representatives and members of the local small business

community was held in early February to discuss business topics and provide updates on City initiatives including capital improvement projects. I know other cities and towns meet with businesses, but I believe the level of commit-

ment to helping businesses starts at the highest levels of our City's government and encompasses multiple departments.

Small business meetings will include the City Manager, representatives from the City Council, and staff from police, fire, planning, and engineering. Business attendees at the February meeting were impressed by the City's efforts to reach out to them, and appreciated the opportunity to express their own ideas and concerns about business operations in El Mirage.

Successful cities and towns have a simpatico relationship with local small businesses. The City relies on sales taxes to help operate the City, while small businesses benefit from well-maintained roads, police

and fire protection, parks and recreation, and other amenities that help expand their customer base, creating a win-win for everyone.

El Mirage will hold meetings with small businesses the first Monday of the month at 2 PM at the new Police Station on 12401 W. Cinnabar Ave. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow business owners, share information, and promote the City to other businesses. For more information, call 623-876-2935 or e-mail tdoyle@cityofelmirage.org.

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- Meet the new police liaison for El Mirage businesses.
- Hear about the City's capital improvement plans.
- Learn about the RFP and RFQ submission process.
- Understand the do's and don'ts for permanent and temporary signage.

RSVP Tom Doyle, 623-876-2935 or tdoyle@cityofelmirage.org
by
March 2nd, 2014

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Location of Photo Mobile Enforcement - March 2014

Date	Van 1	Van 2	Trailer
1	Dysart north of Cactus N/B D003	Cactus west of El Mirage w/b C005	Peoria btwn El Mirage and Dysart W/B P001
2	Dysart north of Cactus N/B D003	Cactus west of El Mirage w/b C005	Peoria btwn El Mirage and Dysart W/B P001
3	*Canterbury C002	12100 BLK Thunderbird W/B T008	Cactus west of El Mirage C004
4	129 Ave south of Thunderbird X001	Cactus west of El Mirage e/b C004	Cactus west of El Mirage C004
5	Peoria btwn El Mirage and Dysart W/B P001	Thompson Ranch Rd north of Grand E036	Cactus west of El Mirage C004
6	12100 BLK Thunderbird E/B T007	Vamey V001	Cactus west of El Mirage C004
7	Thompson Ranch Rd north of Grand E036	129th and Acoma	Cactus west of El Mirage C004
8	Thompson Ranch Rd north of Grand E036	129th and Acoma	Cactus west of El Mirage C004
9	Thompson Ranch Rd north of Grand E036	129th and Acoma	Cactus west of El Mirage C004
10	129 Ave south of Thunderbird X001	Cactus west of El Mirage w/b C005	Peoria btwn El Mirage and Dysart W/B P001
11	*Vamey V001	Peoria btwn El Mirage and Dysart W/B P001	Peoria btwn El Mirage and Dysart W/B P001
12	124th and Acoma	El Mirage north of Cactus E025	Peoria btwn El Mirage and Dysart W/B P001
13	12100 BLK Thunderbird W/B T008	Cactus west of El Mirage e/b C004	Peoria btwn El Mirage and Dysart W/B P001
14	Peoria btwn El Mirage and Dysart E/B P002	El Mirage north of Cactus E025	Peoria btwn El Mirage and Dysart W/B P001
15	Peoria btwn El Mirage and Dysart E/B P002	El Mirage north of Cactus E025	Peoria btwn El Mirage and Dysart W/B P001
16	Peoria btwn El Mirage and Dysart E/B P002	El Mirage north of Cactus E025	Peoria btwn El Mirage and Dysart W/B P001
17	Cactus west of El Mirage w/b C005	127 Ave south of Thunderbird X004	El Mirage north of Cactus E025
18	El Mirage north of Cactus E025	Thompson Ranch Rd north of Grand E036	El Mirage north of Cactus E025
19	*Canterbury C002	Peoria btwn El Mirage and Dysart W/B P001	El Mirage north of Cactus E025
20	124th and Acoma	12100 BLK Thunderbird W/B T008	El Mirage north of Cactus E025
21	129 Ave south of Thunderbird X001	Dysart north of Cactus S/B D004	El Mirage north of Cactus E025
22	129 Ave south of Thunderbird X001	Dysart north of Cactus S/B D004	El Mirage north of Cactus E025
23	129 Ave south of Thunderbird X001	Dysart north of Cactus S/B D004	El Mirage north of Cactus E025
24	12100 BLK Thunderbird E/B T007	129th and Acoma	12100 BLK Thunderbird W/B T008
25	Dysart north of Cactus N/B D003	Vamey V001	12100 BLK Thunderbird W/B T008
26	Peoria btwn El Mirage and Dysart W/B P001	Peoria btwn El Mirage and Dysart E/B P002	12100 BLK Thunderbird W/B T008
27	Thompson Ranch Rd north of Grand E036	Canterbury C002	12100 BLK Thunderbird W/B T008
28	124th and Acoma	Peoria btwn El Mirage and Dysart E/B P002	12100 BLK Thunderbird W/B T008
29	124th and Acoma	Peoria btwn El Mirage and Dysart E/B P002	12100 BLK Thunderbird W/B T008
30	124th and Acoma	Peoria btwn El Mirage and Dysart E/B P002	12100 BLK Thunderbird W/B T008
31	*Vamey V001	127 Ave south of Thunderbird X004	Cactus west of El Mirage C004

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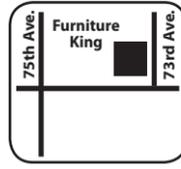
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El Mirage Community Uplift Program

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 home owners or occupants of residential properties who are elderly, disabled, or simply facing some rough economic times and need some help keeping up with 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, pick up an application at El Mirage City Hall, the Fire Station, or at 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 over-



sees the Community Uplift Program, contact Mary Dickson at 623-251-3508 or mdickson@cityofelmirage.org and visit [http://www.cityofelmirage.org/Docu-](http://www.cityofelmirage.org/DocumentCenter/View/1345)

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El programa de Community Uplift Program

El programa de Community Uplift Program está buscando algunas propiedades que están en necesidad de un poco de mantenimiento. Este programa de El Mirage ofrece asistencia a los propietarios u ocupantes de las viviendas que son ancianos, discapacitados o simplemente pasando por unos momentos económicos difíciles y necesitan ayuda para mantenerse al día con el trabajo en el exterior de su propiedad. Este comité proveerá, sin costo alguno para el dueño de la propiedad, una nueva capa de pintura en la casa, jardinería y limpieza en general del exterior de la propiedad. Todo el trabajo es realizado por voluntarios de la comunidad y todos los materiales son donados!

Si usted necesita ayuda con su casa, y su casa tiene 15 años o' más, recoja una solicitud del City Hall de El Mirage, de la Estación de Bomberos o' en el Dysart Community Center. El completar la solicitud no garantiza que su casa va a ser seleccionado, las propiedades con mayor necesidad serán

seleccionadas primero. Este será un programa de todo el año, así que si usted no es seleccionado en esta ocasión, se puede aplicar de nuevo!

Anime a sus vecinos para aplicar y mejorar el valor de su propia propiedad!

Para más información o preguntas acerca de cómo unirse al comité de ciudadanos que supervisan el programa de Community Uplift Program, contactar a Mary Dickson- 623-251-3508 o para español 623-251-3503 y por correo electrónico mdickson@cityofelmirage.org y visite la página <http://www.cityofelmirage.org/DocumentCenter/View/1345>.

Para ser voluntario, ofrecer talento o materiales para este programa, póngase en contacto con Tina de Revive- 623-688-0347 o tinar@helprevive.us. El programa Community Uplift Program se complace en tener como socios a el Dysart Community Center y Revive, 'Trabajando para unir a las comunidades a la vida'.

WARNING!

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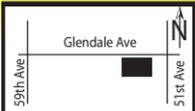
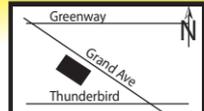
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New Eagle Scout Receives City Council Recognition

Sam Alger, a member of Boy Scout Troop 86 of the LDS Church in El Mirage, attended a recent Council meeting to be recognized for his exceptional volunteer work in the City's community garden. Sam approached the City about donating his time and those of his fellow scouts, scout leaders, parents and other volunteers to complete a major community service project in El Mirage that would benefit the citizens and help Sam achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.

The community garden became the focus of Sam's Eagle Scout project, and thanks to his hard work, 16 new garden boxes have been completed in the children's



Vice-Mayor Joe Ramirez congratulates new Eagle Scout Sam Alger. presented the City's 60th Anniversary commemorative coin for his efforts.

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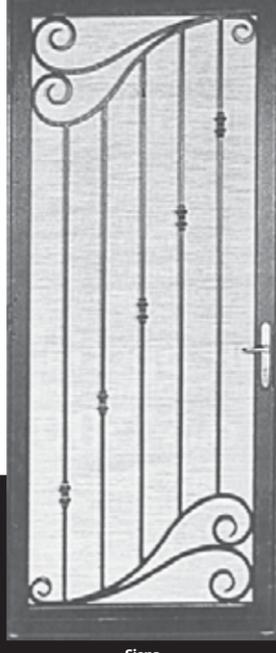


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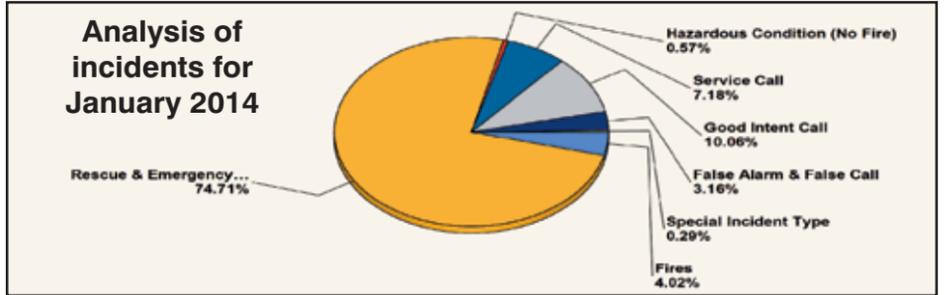
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False Alarms = 11	• 1/22 – Debris fire 125 th Ave & Paradise
Other Calls for Service = 63	• 1/23 – Patient with Gunshot Wound
Total Calls for Service = 348	• 1/25 – RV fire
Total Fire Loss = \$55,192	Community Involvement
Total Value of Property Saved = \$213,692	• 1/14 – United Way Project Connect Event
Save Factor = 74%	• 1/24 – Health Fair Pueblo El Mirage
Average Response time: 00:04:56	• 1/24 – Youth Day
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Spring Cleaning Safety Tips From El Mirage FD

Spring has arrived, and with spring cleaning comes a timely reminder to take steps to keep homes safe from the threat of fire. Keeping fire safety in mind when adding things to a to-do list, like cleaning a dryer's lint filter after each load of laundry and keeping the stovetop clean and clear of clutter, will help prevent fires.

Important spring cleaning home fire safety tips:

- Ensure smoke alarms are installed inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level



A dryer fire caused by lint build up

of the home, including the basement.

- Replace batteries in all smoke alarms at least once a year. If an alarm "chirps," warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.
- Clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum.
- Keep anything that can

catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

- Check electrical cords to make sure they are not running across doorways or under carpets. Extension cords are intended for temporary use.

For information, contact the El Mirage Fire Department at 623-583-7968.

El Mirage Fire Department Calendar

March 22
CPR Training
9am to Noon

April 26
Fire Extinguisher Training
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Q & A: Mayor answers YMCA questions, From 1

Residents will find these rates to be among the lowest in the Valley of the Sun YMCA network.

Q: What can residents expect for property value increases for the new YMCA?

A: According to a July 22, 2013 article in the Arizona Republic, the average sale price per square foot on new and resale homes in El Mirage has risen 40% since 2012. The YMCA is one of several recent capital improvements including the police station, fire station, and major roadway improvements that have, collectively, made El Mirage more attractive to new residents and businesses. Using the 2013 increase of 40%, a home valued at \$75,000 in 2012 was worth \$105,000 in 2013, representing a significant return on a residential invest-

ment in El Mirage. This upward trend in home values continues in 2014. The July 22, 2013 article may be viewed at www.azcentral.com/community/glendale/articles/20130719buyers-seeing-home-prices-skyrocket-prog.html

Q: What are the average property taxes paid by each homeowner for the YMCA?

A: The increase in the secondary property tax for the YMCA based on the average El Mirage home is approximately 67 cents a month, which equates to \$8.04 per year.

I trust the answers provided in this article are informative and will help eliminate misconceptions surrounding the ownership, project cost, and membership opportunities available to El Mirage citizens when the new YMCA opens this summer.

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Community Calendar – March 2014

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<p>3 8:00 Sit and Be Fit 8:30 1-mile Walk 9:00 ESL Classes 9:30 Loteria 11:00 Wii Bowling</p>	<p>4 8:00 Sit and Be Fit 8:30 1-mile Walk 10:00 Word Search 12:00 Wii Bowling</p>	<p>5 8:00 Sit and Be Fit 8:30 Chair Exercises 9:30 Bingo</p>	<p>6 8:00 Sit and Be Fit 9:00 Ageless Aerobics 10:00 ESL Classes 10:30 Puzzles/Games</p>	<p>7 8:00 Sit and Be Fit 8:30 1-mile Walk 9:30 Bingo</p>	<p>EL MIRAGE BRANCH LIBRARY 14011 N. 1ST AVE. • PH. (602) 652-3000</p> <p>Children Springtime Story Time– March 4, 18, 25 (Tuesdays) 10 am. Ages 1 – 5 with caregiver. Fun stories and silly songs for spring.</p> <p>Teens Teen Book Discussion – March 26 (Wednesday) 4 pm. Ages 12 – 18. Discuss what you’re reading with other book loving teens. Learn about new bestselling teen books. Snacks provided.</p> <p>Make-up Tips for Teens – March 27 (Thursday) 4 pm. Sharon Fierro from Avon will show you how to apply and wear make-up. Learn about skin care and which products and colors are best for your face. Registration required beginning March 1.</p> <p>Adults Winter Morning Book Club - March 6 (Thursday) 10:30 am. This month’s book, <i>Talk Before Sleep</i> by Elizabeth Berg. Only best friends understand devil’s food cake for breakfast when nothing else will do. After years of shared secrets, guilty pleasures, family life and divorce, these friends face a crisis that redefines the meaning of friendship and unconditional love. Meets Thursday this month only. Refreshments served.</p> <p>Friends of the Library – March 19 (Wednesday) 3:30 pm. John the Friends and help support the library. New members welcome. Meeting at the El Mirage Senior Center.</p>	
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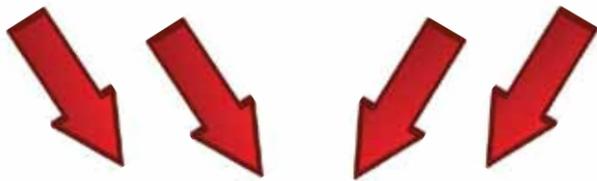
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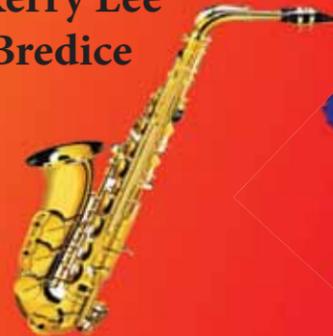
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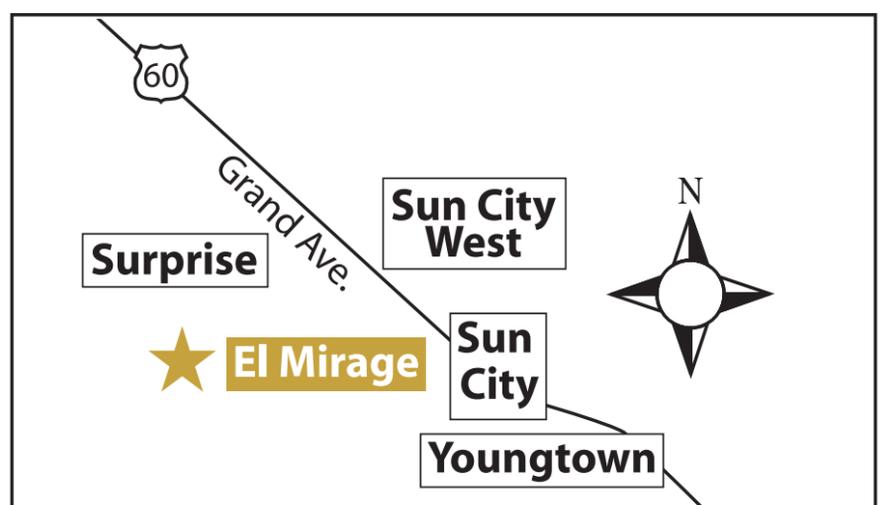
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