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### Mayor's Message:

## Update from the El Mirage City Court

El Mirage City Court has the 6th largest caseload in Maricopa County. To improve court safety for customers and employees, as well as process court cases more efficiently, El Mirage has made major renovations to the court facility.

Electronic monitoring was

enhanced inside and outside of the Court. These enhancements enable court and security staff to respond more quickly to potentially problematic situations.

The Court has also installed video equipment, allowing arraignments to be conducted remotely through an

arrangement with the Maricopa County Jail.

This equipment saves the City from transporting prisoners and supports additional safety for staff and court customers. By spring 2015, new building access and secured parking will also be in place for court staff.

Among the

renovations made specifically for improved customer service and efficiency are the following:

- Additional service window
- Upgraded computer equipment and software
- New courtroom flooring
- New filing system to better organize,

track, and record court cases

- Integrated Voice Respond (IVR) phone system, which allows customer calls to be processed more timely.

El Mirage is proud of the professionalism and superior service court staff provides on a daily basis to every customer.



Mayor Lana Mook

## El Mirage Council Sets Goals for 2015-2016

El Mirage City Council met with City Manager Dr. Spencer A. Isom to establish the City's goals for 2015-2016. This is the third time since 2010 the Council, this time joined by newest Councilmember Bob Jones, has met to discuss and identify the City's goals and major projects for the next two-year period.

Past goal-setting efforts resulted in many public safety and quality-of-life improvements including the fire station, police station, Northwest Valley Family YMCA, El Mirage-Thunderbird Road improvements, Gentry Park improvements, City-wide pavement maintenance program, pocket park lighting improvements, Basin Park, and other flood control and utility improvements.

This year's efforts identified the following as "Significant Initiatives and Programs" to be pursued over the next two-years: 1) Improve appearance of businesses along Grand Avenue and

Thunderbird Road such as Food City, 2) Continue completion of the El Mirage Road project, and 3) Explore options for negotiating with public safety personnel. Also identified in the report are the following "Capital Project" goals: 1) Construct a new City Hall near police station, 2) Continue Police Department vehicle replacement program, and 3) Install a sidewalk on the north side of Varney to 125th Avenue so students do not have to walk in the street.

When asked about the new City Hall, Dr. Isom commented, "Councilmembers are often asked, 'When are you going build that City Hall voters were promised?' I believe this Council would like to make good on the promise made by their predecessors and finally construct a City Hall of which the citizens can be proud, and one that will contribute to the City's ongoing economic development efforts." The promise came in the

form of a ballot issue whereby El Mirage voters approved "...the issuance of bonds in the principal amount of \$2,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds to finance the costs of construction of a new City Hall/Complex within the City..." The bond authority remains valid and is in keeping with this Council's intention to pursue only those major projects which the voters have approved.

Commenting on the goal setting process, Mayor Lana Mook noted, "This process engages every member of the Council in an open exchange of ideas. Ultimately, we are able to agree upon those projects and initiatives viewed as essential to the continued development of our community and improvement of the quality of life for our citizens." The complete City Council Goal Setting 2015 Report may be viewed at: <http://www.cityofelmirage.org/DocumentCenter/Home/View/1324>.

### El Mirage Welcomes New Planning and Zoning Commissioners



From left to right: Justin McCarty, Robyn Freberg, Frank Carnal, Monica Dorcey, and Bryan Crosby. The El Mirage Planning and Zoning Commission is a five-member board appointed by City Council to hear and recommend action on plan amendments, rezoning, site plans, conditional uses, and preliminary plats. Monthly meetings, open to the public, are held at 6:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month.

### Update: Main Street and Santa Fe Lane Sidewalk Projects

In April 2014, El Mirage was awarded \$210,347 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to complete two important sidewalk projects. The first project is located on the east side of Main Street between Valentine Street and Myer Lane, and the second is located on the south side of Santa Fe Lane between Fifth Avenue and El Mirage Road. In addition to new sidewalks, these projects will also include ADA accessible ramps and minor pavement improvements. Work on the new sidewalks is expected to take approximately 90 days and should be completed by June 2015.

# El Mirage Receives 2014 Award for Lower El Mirage Wash Basin

The American Public Works Association (APWA) recently awarded El Mirage the prestigious Project of the Year Award for Structures under \$5 Million for design and construction of the Lower El Mirage Wash Basin. The project transformed the wash basin from a

rough graded, low lying area prone to flooding at the southwest corner of Cactus and El Mirage Roads, to a 24-acre passive park and retention basin. The new Basin Park boasts grassy areas, trees, and a paved walking path for informal recreational activities.

The City's project

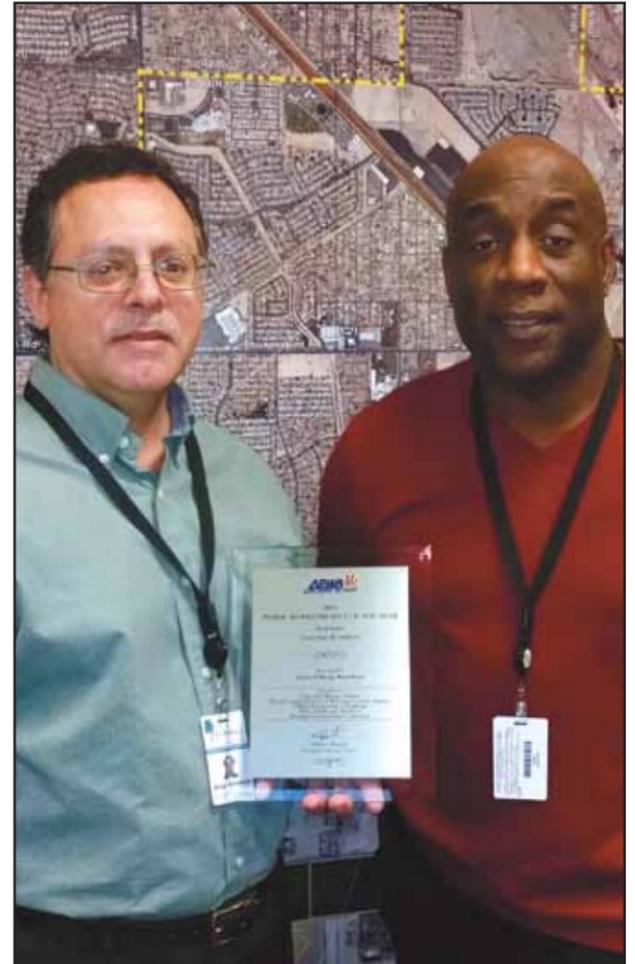
partner - the Flood Control District of Maricopa County - provided ongoing technical assistance that resulted in an integrated basin design, which met the district's regional flood hazard mitigation requirements, and gave the City a safe, attractive area that enhanced the

aesthetics of surrounding neighborhoods.

The new Lower El Mirage Wash Basin represents one of the best examples of how civil engineering and landscape architecture can be melded to produce a space addressing multiple community needs.



Lower El Mirage Wash Basin



Jorge Gastelum, Director of Development and Community Services/City Engineer and Dr. Spencer Isom, City Manager with APWA Award

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## El Mirage and Walmart Renew Partner Agreement

El Mirage and Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. have renewed the joint Transit Station License Agreement that designates a park-and-ride area in the El Mirage Walmart's parking lot. Signage and green striping identify the park-and-ride area, which consists of 42 parking spaces.

The park-and-ride area is intended to encourage commuters to take a bus to avoid the stress, congestion, and expense of driving their own vehicles.

It also helps reduce greenhouse emissions by reducing the number of

vehicles on area roadways.

Two new bus shelters, funded through state transit tax revenues, were completed in 2014 on the north and south sides of Thunderbird Road and 129th Avenue near Walmart.

The shelter's design incorporates low maintenance natural and recycled materials, which the City has used in other projects such as the community garden fence. The new shelters currently serve riders taking Express Route 571 buses.

## El Mirage "Young Earth" Children's Garden

The *Young Earth Children's Garden* is a special section of the El Mirage Community Garden dedicated to children 6 to 14 years of age to help them learn about the 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 children's garden boxes 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 groups, scout troops, and other similar groups.

All youth groups require adult supervision at the garden site and children's activities must be associated with learning goals concerning health, the environment, conservation, or other relevant topics. Garden tools and watering

cans are provided.

Master gardeners will be available at the community garden on Saturday mornings to assist children and their chaperones with many helpful tips about planting and maintaining their garden plots.

For information, contact Pat Gegan at 623-876-2973 or e-mail [pgegan@cityofelmirage.org](mailto:pgegan@cityofelmirage.org).

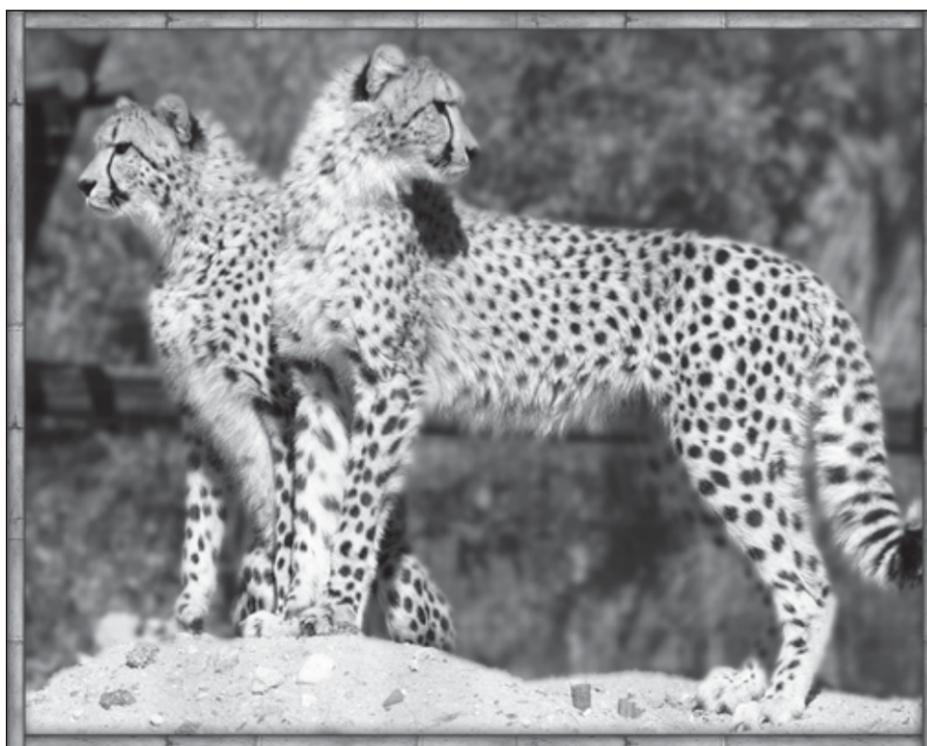
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## Police K9 Donation Campaign

The form below is part of a City-wide campaign to help the El Mirage Police Department acquire and care for a new, certified police K9 officer.

Dax, the department's current K9, is being retired from service, having been diagnosed with hip

dysplasia. The condition causes painful wear and tear on the dog's hip joints, preventing him from assisting with drug awareness demonstrations and education for youth, arrests, as well as the seizure of illegal drugs.



### Donation Form

**Yes, I would like to contribute to the El Mirage Police Department's campaign to acquire and care for a new police K9 officer.**

**(Please print.)**

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## Two employees retire, new officer sworn in



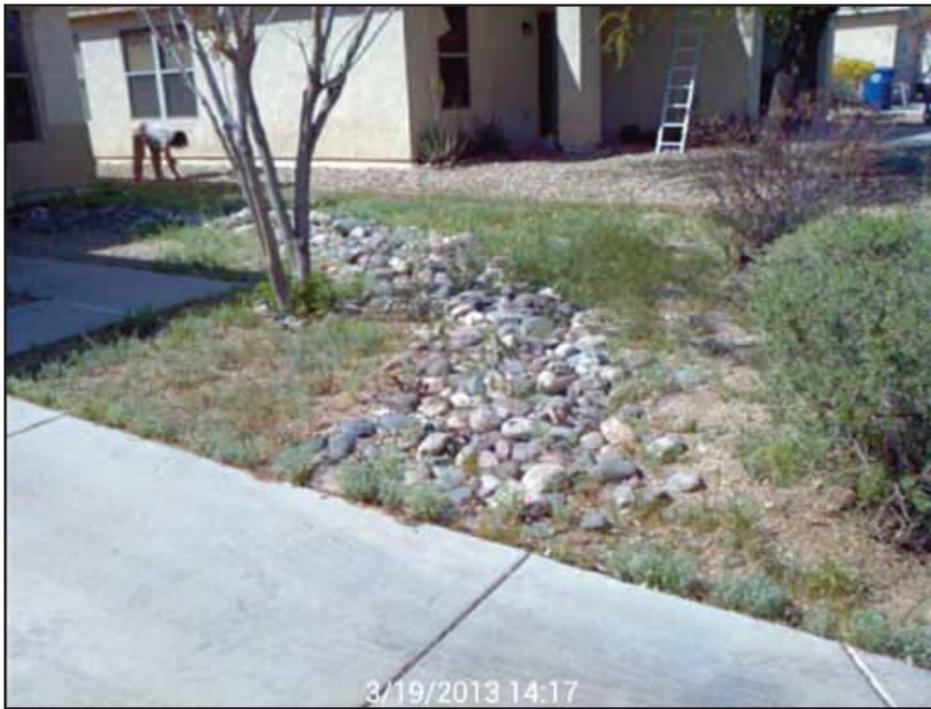
**El Mirage Lt. Laura Liuzzo**

In December, the El Mirage Police Department said goodbye to two long-term employees, and welcomed a new officer.

Police Records Clerk Gloria Jones retired after over 30 years of service to the El Mirage Police Department. Lieutenant David Wilson retired after seven years of leadership in the department. Both will be greatly missed.

Ms. Laura Liuzzo was sworn in as the department's new lieutenant. Lt. Liuzzo has over 20 years of police service with the Phoenix Police Department, serving in various assignments including patrol and the legal unit. She will be responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of patrol. Welcome, Lt. Liuzzo.

## Focus on Code Enforcement: Weed Control



**Before**



**After**

Many of the code enforcement violations generated during the springtime involve overgrown weeds. Even though winter rains are great for the state, they result in a large amount of excessive weeds on residential and business properties.

Weeds, by City Code, cannot be in excess of six inches in height on any property inside the City. This code alone will keep code officers busy for the next several months. Residents can assist in

keeping their neighborhoods attractive 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. The 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 [www.cityofelmirage.org](http://www.cityofelmirage.org).

**Mobile Enforcement February 2015**

Date	Van 1	Van 2	Trailer
1	12200 N Dysart Rd n/b D017	Acoma @ 129 Ave e/b A005	12100 W Thunderbird Rd w/b T008
2	12600 W Peoria e/b P002	13300 N 127 Ave s/b X004	12600 W Cactus Rd w/b C005
3	12900 N 129 Ave n/b X001	14600 N Dysart Rd s/b D002	12600 W Cactus Rd w/b C005
4	Acoma @ 124 Ave s/b A004	12300 W Thunderbird Rd w/b T012	12600 W Cactus Rd w/b C005
5	13700 N Dysart Rd s/b D020	Acoma @ 129 Ave w/b A006	12600 W Cactus Rd w/b C005
6	12600 W Peoria w/b P001	127th Ave @ Sunnyside s/b X007	12600 W Cactus Rd w/b C005
7	12600 W Peoria w/b P001	127th Ave @ Sunnyside s/b X007	12600 W Cactus Rd w/b C005
8	12600 W Peoria w/b P001	127th Ave @ Sunnyside s/b X007	12600 W Cactus Rd w/b C005
9	12700 W Canterbury n/b C002	13700 W 127 Ave n/b X003	12200 W Thompson Ranch Rd e/b T029
10	Acoma @ 124 Ave n/b A003	12500 W Varney w/b V001	12200 W Thompson Ranch Rd e/b T029
11	12200 N Dysart Rd n/b D017	Acoma @ 129 Ave e/b A005	12200 W Thompson Ranch Rd e/b T029
12	12600 W Peoria e/b P002	13300 N 127 Ave s/b X004	12200 W Thompson Ranch Rd e/b T029
13	12900 N 129 Ave n/b X001	14600 N Dysart Rd s/b D002	12200 W Thompson Ranch Rd e/b T029
14	12900 N 129 Ave n/b X001	14600 N Dysart Rd s/b D002	12200 W Thompson Ranch Rd e/b T029
15	12900 N 129 Ave n/b X001	14600 N Dysart Rd s/b D002	12200 W Thompson Ranch Rd e/b T029
16	Acoma @ 124 Ave s/b A004	12300 W Thunderbird Rd w/b T012	12700 N El Mirage Rd s/b E025
17	13700 N Dysart Rd s/b D020	Acoma @ 129 Ave w/b A006	12700 N El Mirage Rd s/b E025
18	12600 W Peoria w/b P001	127th Ave @ Sunnyside s/b X007	12700 N El Mirage Rd s/b E025
19	12700 W Canterbury n/b C002	13700 W 127 Ave n/b X003	12700 N El Mirage Rd s/b E025
20	Acoma @ 124 Ave n/b A003	12500 W Varney w/b V001	12700 N El Mirage Rd s/b E025
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24	12600 W Peoria e/b P002	13300 N 127 Ave s/b X004	12100 W Thunderbird Rd e/b T007
25	12900 N 129 Ave n/b X001	14600 N Dysart Rd s/b D002	12100 W Thunderbird Rd e/b T007
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27	13700 N Dysart Rd s/b D020	Acoma @ 129 Ave w/b A006	12100 W Thunderbird Rd e/b T007
28	13700 N Dysart Rd s/b D020	Acoma @ 129 Ave w/b A006	12100 W Thunderbird Rd e/b T007



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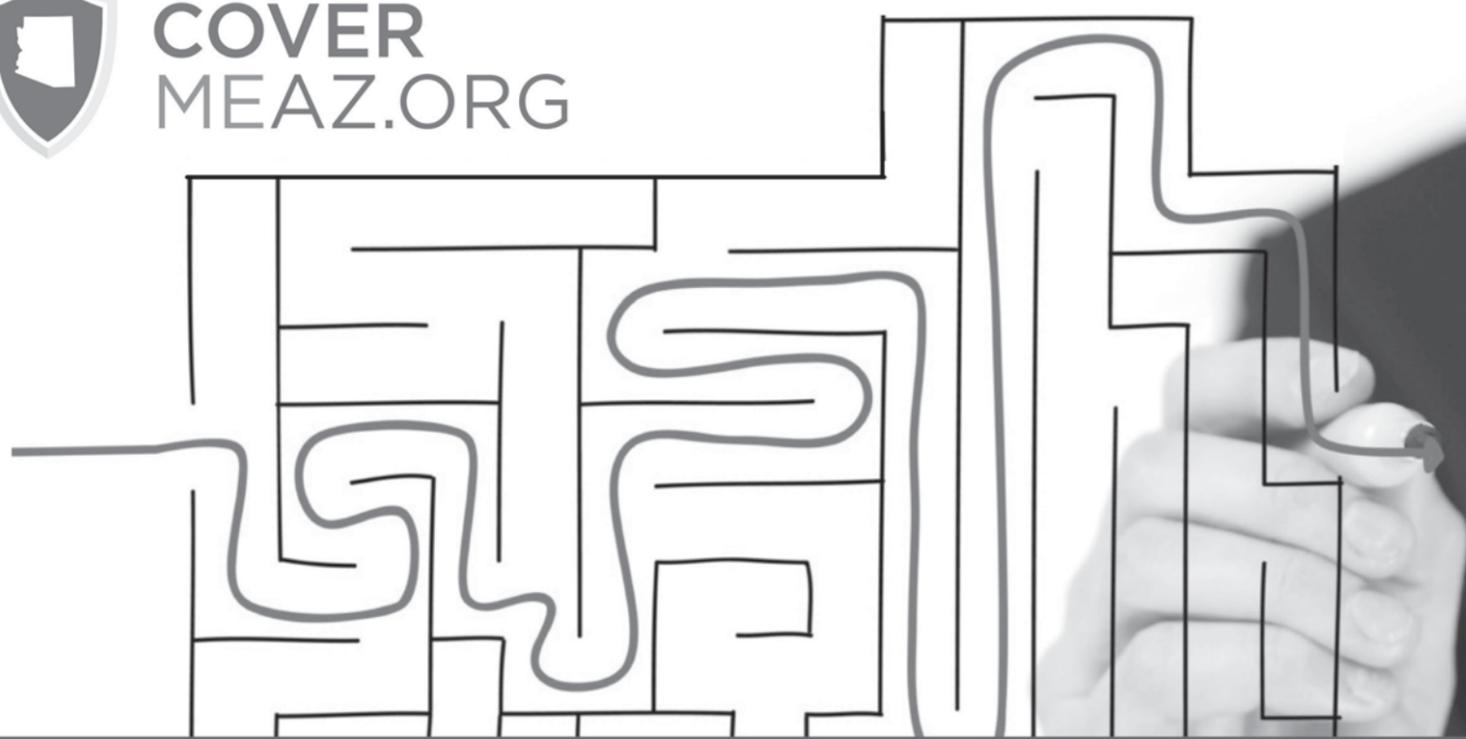
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E14112301	Koback, Brian	Bicycle
E14120281	Unknown	Bicycle
E14120523	Unknown	Bicycle
E14120849	Starr, Lloyd	Bicycle
E14121417	Moore, Christopher	Wallet
E14122251	Unknown	Bicycle

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## News from the El Mirage Fire Department

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### City of El Mirage Fire Department Operations Report December 2014

Total Calls for Service = 315

Average Response Time for  
All Aid Types: 00:06:37

#### Significant Incidents

- 12/05/2014 Structure Fire, two turtles rescued, family assisted by American Red Cross
- 12/07/2014 Incident involving motorcycle, critical condition

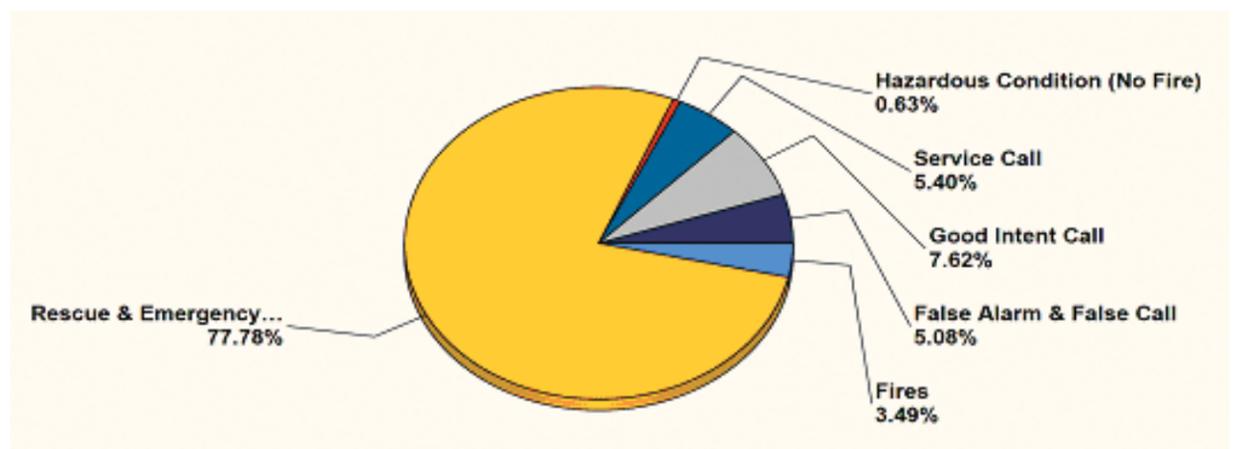
#### Training Activities

- 446 total training hours, combined Fire and EMS

#### FIRE, BUILDING, AND LIFE SAFETY DIVISION REPORT

For Period Ending December 2014

- A search warrant was served on a property on Alto Street. The property had been in non-compliance with City Code for both the exterior and interior of the property. Six people were displaced, two of whom were arrested on outstanding warrants and the property was condemned. The City is working with the property owner to bring the conditions back into compliance.



- The Community Uplift Program (CUP) made a presentation on its Make a Difference Day events at the December Council meeting. The presentation was well received by all in attendance.

- Annual Business Inspections -13
- Revenue from permits - \$11,560

#### Statistics for period of December 2014

- Permit applications received -34
- Permits issued -32
- Plan reviews -1 Commercial, 24 Residential, 0 Fire
- Inspections - 276 @ 158 stops (13 daily average)

#### Community Involvement

- 12/01/2014 Multiple car seat installations during the month of December
- 12/05/2014 Crews from station 121 participated with Santa at Gentry Park. Approximately 2,500 participants attended.
- 12/20/2014 The 2014 Toys for Kids event was a huge success; more than 300 kids came to the station and left with a smile.

## El Mirage Fire Department Community Connections

December 1, 2014 –  
Fire Hydrant Flushing

In the past couple of months, firefighters have been working around the City flushing fire hydrants. Flushing fire hydrants is one of the most important maintenance practices that can be performed on a water distribution system. This is the same water distribution system that provides the water to homes and businesses, and the same water that the Fire Department uses to protect El Mirage homes and businesses in the event of a fire.

The El Mirage Fire Department conducts fire hydrant flushing once a year in the fall/winter months. The department tries to minimize traffic interruptions and always takes steps to protect any landscaping from being damaged. Some discoloration of water may occur during the process. Running the cold water tap for a few minutes until the water is clear is advised.

December 5, 2014

EL Mirage Fire Department par-

ticipated in the Christmas Tree Lighting event at Gentry Park. Crews from station 121 transported Mr. and Mrs. Claus to the park and joined in with the photo shoots. It was a huge success with an estimated 2,500 participants.

December 20, 2014

The El Mirage Firefighter Charities hosted the 2014 Toys for Kids event. It was a huge success. On December 20, 2015, over 300 kids visited the fire station and left with a smile. The Charity handed out toys to kids from 6 months old to 11 years of age.

A special thanks goes out to the Valley Vista Fire Science program volunteers, El Mirage Permit Technician Ella Ochoa, Emily Ochoa, and the El Mirage firefighters and their extended family of volunteers. Thank you to the overwhelming support of donations from Walmart, Coyote Pass RV & Storage, City employees, and citizens who all donated toys/funds to make this event happen.

### El Mirage Fire Department Calendar of Events

El Mirage Youth Day  
January 23, 2014  
From 5:00PM to 9:00PM  
At Gentry Park

CPR Class  
March 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00AM  
Sign up at fire station 121

Fire Extinguisher Class  
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# ED Insights: Movement on the Horizon for El Mirage Businesses



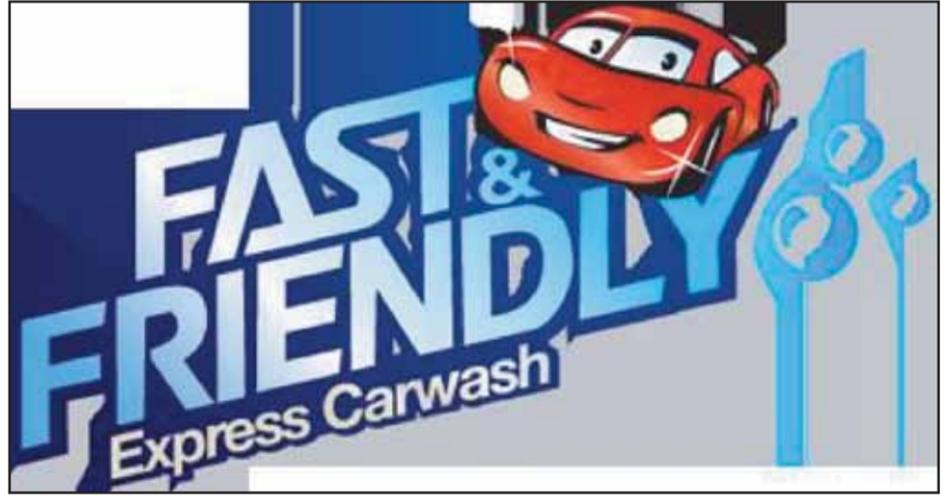
Family Dollar

The beginning of 2015 has brought significant new business activity to El Mirage. The City is

working with companies on four separate projects with more projects pending. The most recent

projects detailed here offer both convenience and greater consumer choice for residents, as well as visitors.

**Family Dollar.** The new Family Dollar Store is currently being built at 12101 West Thunderbird



Road. Family Dollar is a neighborhood discount store providing groceries, health and beauty products, and household goods and clothing. The store is scheduled for completion this spring.



It will not only improve the aesthetics of the area, but is expected to influence future retail development.

**Shell Station.** The Shell Station at El Mirage and Cactus Roads is under new management and will continue to offer fuel and the Minute Mart.

In addition, a new **Subway Restaurant** will open in the food mart area. Subway is the world's largest submarine sandwich chain with more than 37,000 locations around the world. Subway has become the leading choice for people seeking quick, nutritious meals that the whole family can enjoy.

**Fast & Friendly Express Carwash** is also coming to the Shell location. The car wash is a locally owned family business dedicated to providing excellent customer service at reasonable prices.

**Goodwill Industries.** The City recently approved the site plan for a new Goodwill Industries Retail Store. The site plan also includes four pads for

future commercial retail development totaling 48,536 square feet of new building space.

The site is next to the existing Valero Gas Station. Goodwill offers the gamut of conventional and not-so-conventional clothing and household items. Goodwill invests 90 percent of its revenue in programs that help Arizonans get jobs.

**Mirage Oasis.** The Mirage Oasis Retail Center at Dysart and Greenway is under new ownership. The new owners are excited to begin leasing the property and bringing new businesses to the area.

The center, built in 2008, has never had the level of occupancy for which it was originally built, but the new owners are excited about transforming the intersection into a major business hub for the City. Since purchasing the property, the new owners have been working to bring a fast food and convenience store to the site and pending City approval, hope to develop the back seven acres into a residential, multi-family development.



Mirage Oasis Retail Center

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Contractor	B-Line Dir. Drilling, LLC	3837 E Miami Ave	Phoenix	623-437-5444
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12765 W Sweetwater Ave	\$ 105,000.00	12/19/2014	988
11705 W Laurel Ln	\$ 139,900.00	12/19/2014	1,832
12813 W Corrine Dr	\$ 160,000.00	12/18/2014	1,972
12003 W Dahlia Dr	\$ 123,000.00	12/18/2014	1,090
15112 N B Cir	\$ 145,000.00	12/16/2014	1,978
15112 N Verbena St	\$ 139,000.00	12/15/2014	1,642
12228 W Desert Ln	\$ 153,000.00	12/15/2014	Not listed
12048 W Dahlia Dr	\$ 128,000.00	12/15/2014	1,089
12726 W Hearn Rd	\$ 137,000.00	12/15/2014	1,530
12228 W Columbine Dr	\$ 122,500.00	12/12/2014	1,832
13022 W Bloomfield Rd	\$ 159,900.00	12/12/2014	2,259
15231 N B Ct	\$ 145,000.00	12/12/2014	1,642
12509 W Columbine Dr	\$ 125,000.00	12/11/2014	1,862
11818 W Paradise Dr	\$ 118,000.00	12/11/2014	1,238
12438 W Scotts Dr	\$ 145,000.00	12/11/2014	1,978
12059 W Dahlia Dr	\$ 138,500.00	12/10/2014	1,832
12813 W Valentine Ave	\$ 139,000.00	12/10/2014	1,615
12405 W Columbine Dr	\$ 129,000.00	12/10/2014	1,978
11727 W Port Au Prince Ln	\$ 173,990.00	12/8/2014	1,806
12719 W Larkspur Rd	\$ 132,000.00	12/8/2014	1,862
10821 N 127th Ave	\$ 200,000.00	12/6/2014	1,537
12910 W Redfield Rd	\$ 132,000.00	12/5/2014	1,308
12626 W Surrey Ave	\$ 130,000.00	12/5/2014	1,615
12929 W Bloomfield Rd	\$ 156,500.00	12/5/2014	1,588
14906 N 129th Ave	\$ 161,500.00	12/5/2014	1,934
12718 W Saint Moritz Ln	\$ 142,000.00	12/5/2014	1,722
12520 W Myer Ln	\$ 134,500.00	12/5/2014	1,794
15137 N Verbena St	\$ 145,000.00	12/5/2014	1,978
11510 W Columbine Dr	\$ 100,000.00	12/5/2014	1,068
13001 W Evans Dr	\$ 150,000.00	12/4/2014	2,178
12329 W Corrine Dr	\$ 122,000.00	12/4/2014	988
13617 N 129th Dr	\$ 149,900.00	12/4/2014	1,559
12542 W Lisbon Ln	\$ 152,000.00	12/3/2014	2,178
12544 W Saint Moritz Ln	\$ 130,000.00	12/3/2014	1,308
11517 W Scotts Dr	\$ 104,000.00	12/2/2014	2,374
12306 W Dreyfus Dr	\$ 135,000.00	12/2/2014	1,978
11725 W Acapulco Ln	\$ 193,000.00	12/1/2014	1,806

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Selection of the community garden was made by the University of Arizona Extension Office – Maricopa County Master Gardeners (MCMG) group.

The community garden is among seven public and private gardens to be part of the paid tour for 2015, expected to draw between 300 and 400 visitors to El Mirage.

Preparations for the tour are already underway. Two MCMG master gardeners have already been assigned to the El Mirage garden. They will be at the garden most Saturdays between

9:00 am and 11:00 am over the next several weeks, offering ideas to current gardeners and others interested in learning great gardening tips during Arizona's prime growing season. In addition, the master gardeners will guide the garden's preparation for the upcoming tour, ensuring that it looks welcoming and vibrant. More information about

the tour will be available in the El Mirage News and on the City's website at [www.cityofelmirage.org](http://www.cityofelmirage.org) as the tour date gets closer.

The City still has some large garden boxes and some children's boxes available for new gardeners, and is also seeking garden volunteers. For more information, call 623-876-2973, or e-mail [pgregan@cityofelmirage.org](mailto:pgregan@cityofelmirage.org).

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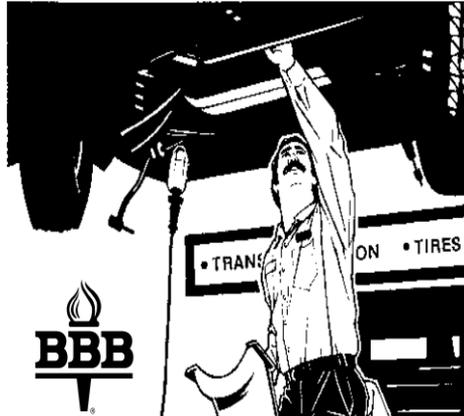
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	ONGOING ACTIVITIES
 <p><b>EL MIRAGE SENIOR CENTER</b>                      14010 NORTH EL MIRAGE ROAD                      PH. (623) 876-4232 - OPEN MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 8:00 AM – 12:00 N                      HOT MEALS SERVED DAILY AT 11:30 AM, \$2.50.</p>					<p><u>Co-ed Adult Soccer</u>                      Games played at Gateway Park. For information, go to <a href="http://www.azcoedsoccer.com">www.azcoedsoccer.com</a> or 1-800-BSA-0886</p>
<p><b>2</b>                      8:00 Chair Exercises                      8:30 1-Mile Indoor Walk                      9:30 Loteria</p>	<p><b>3</b>                      8:00 Chair Exercises                      8:30 1-Mile Indoor Walk                      10:00 Word Search</p>	<p><b>4</b>                      8:00 Chair Exercises                      8:30 1-Mile Indoor Walk                      9:30 Bingo</p>	<p><b>5</b>                      8:00 Chair Exercises                      8:30 1-Mile Indoor Walk                      9:00 Ageless Aerobics                      12:00 Field Trip – Casino</p>	<p><b>6</b>                      8:00 Chair Exercises                      8:30 1-Mile Indoor Walk                      9:30 Bingo</p>	<p><u>Benfica Youth Soccer</u>                      Mon –Thurs., 6 pm – 8 pm year round                      For information, go to <a href="http://www.azbenfica.org">www.azbenfica.org</a> or 1-800-BSA-0886</p>
<p><b>9</b>                      8:00 Chair Exercises                      8:30 1-Mile Indoor Walk                      9:30 Loteria</p>	<p><b>10</b>                      8:15 Avondale Wii Tournament</p>	<p><b>11</b>                      8:00 Chair Exercises                      8:30 1-Mile Indoor Walk                      9:30 Bingo</p>	<p><b>12</b>                      8:00 Chair Exercises                      8:30 1-Mile Indoor Walk                      9:00 Ageless Aerobics</p>	<p><b>13</b>                      8:00 Chair Exercises                      8:30 1-Mile Indoor Walk                      9:30 Bingo                      10:00 Valentine’s Day Celebration</p>	<p><u>White Tanks Little League</u>                      Now Taking Registration for Spring Season!                      Send registration inquiries to: <a href="mailto:Whitetanksl1@msn.com">Whitetanksl1@msn.com</a> or (623) 241-4602</p>
<p><b>16</b>                      Closed President’s Day</p>	<p><b>17</b>                      8:00 Chair Exercises                      8:30 1-Mile Indoor Walk                      10:00 Word Search</p>	<p><b>18</b>                      8:00 Chair Exercises                      8:30 1-Mile Indoor Walk                      9:30 Bingo</p>	<p><b>19</b>                      8:00 Chair Exercises                      8:30 1-Mile Indoor Walk                      9:00 Ageless Aerobics                      12:00 Pro’s Ranch Market</p>	<p><b>20</b>                      8:00 Chair Exercises                      8:30 1-Mile Indoor Walk                      9:30 Bingo</p>	<p><u>El Mirage Martial Arts Academy</u>                      Ages 6–12 learn traditional martial arts and life skills including “stranger danger.” \$45/month, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 6 pm – 7 pm.                      Ages 13+ train at their own speed in weaponless defense. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 7 pm – 8 pm.                      For information, contact Richard Gutkosky (623) 628-6725.</p>
<p><b>23</b>                      8:00 Chair Exercises                      8:30 1-Mile Indoor Walk                      9:30 Loteria</p>	<p><b>24</b>                      8:00 Chair Exercises                      8:30 1-Mile Indoor Walk                      10:00 Word Search</p>	<p><b>25</b>                      8:00 Chair Exercises                      8:30 1-Mile Indoor Walk                      9:30 Bingo</p>	<p><b>26</b>                      8:00 Chair Exercises                      8:30 1-Mile Indoor Walk                      9:00 Ageless Aerobics                      10:00 Poetry in Music</p>	<p><b>27</b>                      8:00 Chair Exercises                      8:30 1-Mile Indoor Walk                      9:30 Bingo</p>	<p><u>West Valley Youth Football</u>                      Ages 5 – 15 learn flag, tackle, cheer, dance, and step.                      For information, go to <a href="http://www.wvyfaz.com">www.wvyfaz.com</a> or email <a href="mailto:wvyouthfootball11@gmail.com">wvyouthfootball11@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>ATTENTION EL MIRAGE RESIDENTS</b></p> <p>The County Community Action Program (CAP) will be conducting client eligibility interviews in El Mirage every Wednesday from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm <u>by appointment only</u>. Call (602) 372-0728 for more information.</p>					

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Children

**Winter Story Time** – February 2, 9, 23 (Mondays) 10 am. Ages 1 – 5 with caregiver. Stories, songs, rhymes and more! Just right for your growing toddler or preschooler (with caregiver).

**Books and Brushes** – February 9 (Monday) 2 - 4 pm. Ages 8 –12. Books and Brushes is an interactive workshop for children ages 8 – 12 where reading and art come together. Children are read a book by a story teller and are then guided by a professional artist in creating a painting about the book. Basic art techniques are taught in a fun environment where children are encouraged to express themselves in unique ways. Space is limited. **Registration required.**

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**NEW Winter Reading Program** – Monday December 1, 2014 to Saturday February 28, 2015. Open to ages 18 years and up. More information at <http://winter.mclidaz.org/>

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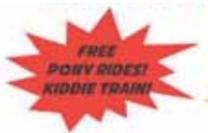
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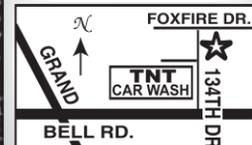
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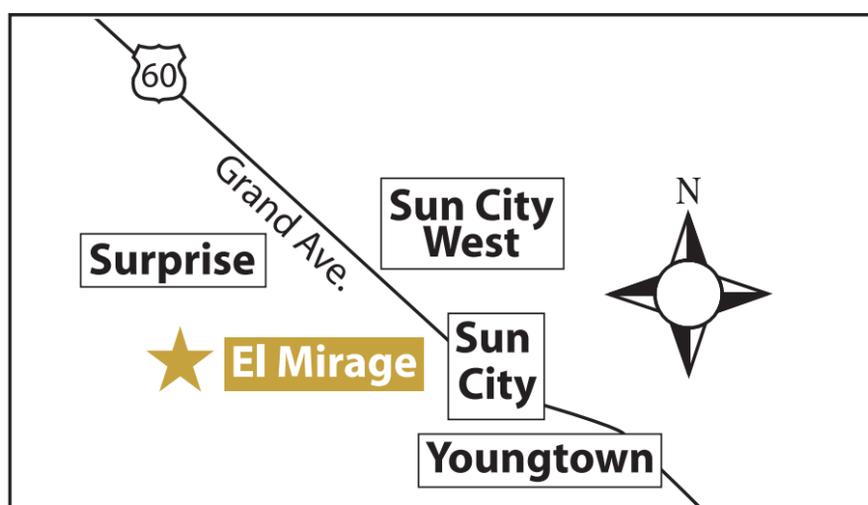
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