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Mayor's Message:

Update from El Mirage Fire Department

The City of El Mirage Fire Department has had a broad focus. The focal points include the department's Community Uplift Program (CUP), service delivery to the community, cultural change, and continued progress.

New programs such as CUP have shown promise and early success. The program assists eligible community members with minor home repairs and property clean-up. More information is available at <http://www.cityofelmirage.org/index.aspx?NID=1603>. El Mirage Fire Department has also interacted with citizens through other initiatives such as Reading Across America,

City special events, an annual September 11th pancake breakfast, car seat inspections, and CPR classes. In recent months, the department reinforced its relationship with Baby Safe Haven, placing the organization's logo on each fire department vehicle. Baby Safe Haven identifies places including the El Mirage Fire Station, where mothers can safely and anonymously give up their babies who are 72 hours old or less without fear of prosecution.

Keeping the public informed about fire-related emergencies is a critical department responsibility. Therefore, a public information officer (PIO) is available each shift at the fire department to



disseminate this and other important information such as heat advisories, hazardous material spills, and safety tips to prevent household accidents.

Recruitment is particularly important to the fire department, and one of its core values is diversity.

Through the Cadet and Volunteer Program, the department maintains a steady pool of firefighter applicants. From February



Mayor Lana Mook

to June 2014 alone, program participants logged 377 volunteer hours assisting with various City projects.

The El Mirage Fire Department Honor Guard continues its participation in flag raisings, memorial services honoring fallen firefighters, grand openings of City facilities and other formal occasions where

the guard's special brand of ceremonial precision is called for.

Since its inception two years ago, the guard has dedicated more than 100 hours to public ceremonies in the City and throughout Arizona.

The growth of our City has meant a 58.6% increase in fire calls for service over the last three years. This means fire crews have had the opportunity to interact with our community 4,054 times in 2014.

The increased calls for service have not resulted in a significant increase in the fire department's response times, nor has there been a decrease in the level of customer service. The service delivery to our community remains a top

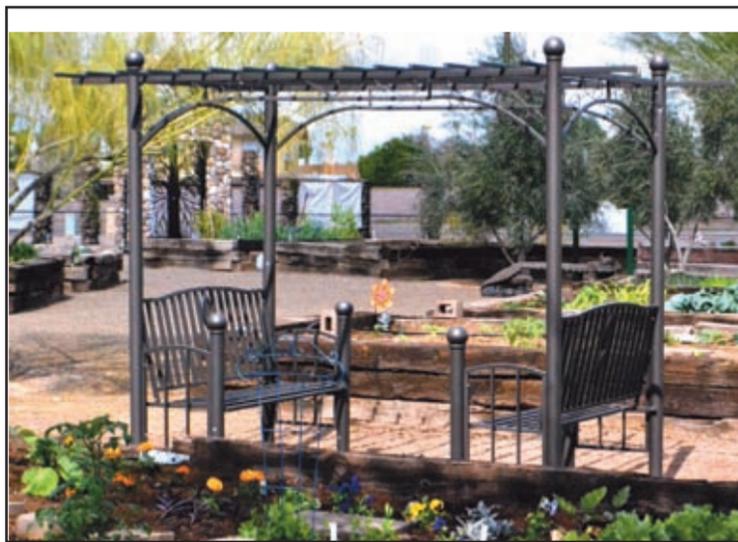
priority for the El Mirage Fire Department.

To build upon the positive change and programs the fire department supports, Fire, Building and Life Safety (FBLS) has hit its stride. FBLS has been partnered with the fire department for four years now and has seamlessly integrated into the operation. FBLS has 100-percent certified staff to serve the community's building and permitting needs.

The progress that El Mirage Fire Department has made in recent years is a testament to its employees, as well as the level of trust City Council and management has in the department. El Mirage Fire Department is one in which all of us can be proud.

Community Garden Tour Brings Enthusiasts From Around the State

On Saturday, March 14, garden lovers from around the state descended on the El Mirage Community Garden to spend time admiring the bounty of vegetables, flowers, and herbs local gardeners had grown in preparation for the Real Gardens for Real People Tour. The tour, in its thirteenth year, was the inspiration of master gardeners from the University of Arizona's Cooperative Extension Office. This year, the City's community garden was chosen as the only public garden on the tour, which also showcased six private gardens in the West Valley. In the months leading up to the tour, master gardeners conducted weekly workshops at the El Mirage garden with current gardeners, as well as prospective gardeners of all ages. Topics



Arbor seat and garden boxes

covering when, how, and what to grow in Arizona were discussed at length, and the result was the incredible plant life on display as tour visitors made their way

around the El Mirage garden.

Garden experts were also on hand on tour day to answer visitors' questions, along with vendors selling a variety of garden enhancing products. Approximately 800 visitors toured El Mirage Community Garden. Master gardener workshops will continue at the community garden each Saturday through April from 9 am - 12 noon. For more information about the garden, please visit the City website at www.cityofelmirage.org and click on the garden icon on the home page.

**MORE COMMUNITY
GARDEN PHOTOS ON 3**



Mayor Mook acknowledges a show of appreciation from master gardeners at the pre-tour luncheon.



Garden Wall Front. New garden wall and seat designed by Wham Art Studio and developed with help from community volunteers.



Garden Wall Back



Children's Garden

City Continues Park Enhancements



The City of El Mirage continues to focus on the enhancement of City parks for residents. The City recently completed the installation of 51 solar pathway security lights in Basin Park. The lights were installed to improve the park user experience by increasing security during the early morning and evening hours. The new pathway lights are solar powered and provide an efficient, green alternative to hard-wired lighting. The 51 lights were installed through a collaboration between the City's engineering and public works departments, saving an estimated \$87,000 over installation by an outside contractor.



Workers install lights at Basin Park.

The Basin Park security lights are a great example of the City enhancing the park user experience with a focus on innovation and efficiency.

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Clerk's Corner: The Role of a City Clerk



The role of a City Clerk is many-faceted, but one of the major functions is to administer the Election process.

The process includes candidate filings, preparation of any ballot issues, meeting various State/County deadline requirements and overseeing the election-day process within the respective municipality.

Our form of government allows every qualified citizen to participate in this election process and have a voice

in how we are governed. And while sometimes it may seem that our voice is very small or not even heard, there are many examples of candidates being elected or issues passed by very slim margins, illustrating and reinforcing the fact that every single vote counts.

The last election in November of 2014 was a mid-term election because it involved only House of Representatives and Senate seat races; the next election will be the Presidential election in November 2016.

In the election process, voters are given the opportunity to choose candidates and vote on issues at the national, state, county and municipal levels of government.

The entire process, from the Clerk's perspective, is a lengthy one; and from a voter's perspective, the process can sometimes be confusing.

Over the next months, this Clerk's Corner will focus on election issues and provide helpful information to make your voting experience convenient and informed. **YOUR VOTE COUNTS!**

**El Mirage Fire Department
Calendar of Events**

Community CPR Training
June 27, 2015
September 26, 2015
December 12, 2015
9:00am - Noon

Fire Extinguisher Class
TBD

Call 623- 251-3503 or 623-583-7968
to register or for more information

Watch your kids around water!

COMMUNITY GARDEN: Real Gardens for Real People Tour, From 1



Marlies Plaggenborg, lead master gardener for the El Mirage garden tour, conducts a garden workshop with community gardeners.



Christine Nunez, co-lead master gardener for the tour



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Make a difference in someone's life!

Benevilla's Home Delivered Meals on Wheels program is looking for volunteers (bilingual a plus) who can deliver midday meals during the week in El Mirage, Youngtown, and Peoria.

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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.)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

My contribution of \$_____ is enclosed.

Please make your check payable to: City of El Mirage Police K-9 Program. Send your contribution with this form to: City of El Mirage Police K-9 Program, 12145 Northwest Grand Avenue, El Mirage, AZ 85335

Note: The City of El Mirage (Tax I.D. #86-6000767) is a tax exempt organization under Section 170(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code and your contribution may qualify as a tax deduction. Please review this contribution with your CPA or other tax advisor.

Thank You for Your Generosity!

EL Mirage Police Department Property and Evidence Division UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

Report #	Owner	Item Description
E15012082	Unknown	Mongoose Bike
E15020788	Benally, Tyrone	iPod w/ Headphones
E15020800	Perez, Adrian	Currency (US)
E15020987	Mendoza, Luis	Debit Card
E15021321	Luna, Juanita	Cross Pendant
E15021941	Unknown	"NEXT" bike
E15022017	Langford, Wesley	Wallet w/ items
E15022080	Johnson Jr., Emon	Cell phone
E15022173	Ledesma, Stephanie	Wallet w/ items
E15031050	Unknown	Purse w/ clothes

Notice to Claim Property
Photo ID is Required
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for an appointment to claim your property.
Property not claimed by April 30, 2015
will be disposed of in accordance with the law.

El Mirage Welcomes New Canine Officer



Legend (left) and Dax

For several years, Canine Officer Dax has provided exceptional service to the El Mirage Police Department and made friends Citywide. He has been utilized to locate drugs, search buildings, capture suspects, and has made numerous event appearances throughout the City. Dax will be medically retiring soon and the department has identified a new service dog, Legend.

Legend is a registered two-and-a-half year old Belgian Malinois. Legend's background is in the civilian canine sport of French Ring, which requires skills in obedience, agility, and a strong protective streak.

Before a police dog can work the streets, he has to meet the standards of the National Police Canine Association (NPCA) to ensure he meets drug recognition and patrol proficiency standards. To Legend's

credit, he completed his drug recognition certification in just four days.

Currently, Legend is working toward his patrol certification. He will receive a minimum of 160 hours of patrol training before he tests for that certification. Once he completes that training and testing, Legend will be able to fully perform his duties, protecting the officers and citizens of El Mirage.

The City of El Mirage acquired Legend in part through the donations from some of our residents and businesses, and citizens from around the Valley. El Mirage Police Chief Steve Campbell stated, "We are very grateful for the generosity of our donors. The police canine provides our City with a valuable tool to help make our City safer and to build positive relations with our citizens."

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Did you know the City of El Mirage has three Code Enforcement Officers that are assigned to the Police Department? Their primary responsibility is ensuring public and private owned properties comply with El Mirage Zoning & City Codes addressing public health and safety issues. This includes regulations related to rubbish, other nuisances, removal of vegetation, overgrown shrubbery, and inoperable vehicles on private property. Code Enforcement works in partnership with other city departments and El Mirage citizens to provide safe and attractive neighborhoods.

Many of the cases generated during the spring time 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 6 inches in height on any property inside the city. This code alone will keep all three code officers busy for the next several months. Residents can assist in keeping their neighborhood attractive by cleaning their lots before the weeds become too tall.

Another common city code that is violated is parking. City code states that every vehicle stopped or parked upon a roadway shall do so with the flow of traffic. Vehicles that are parked facing on-

coming traffic may be cited. Citizens should be aware of HOA guidelines regarding parking, as some do not allow any street parking. Code Enforcement and El Mirage Police Officers cannot enforce

HOA guidelines.

The City of El Mirage encourages all residents to be community-minded and take pride in our city. Working together is the most effective program to keep our

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.

April 2015 Mobile Enforcement

Date	Van 1	Van 2	Trailer
1	Acoma @ 124 Ave s/b A004	Acoma @ 129 Ave e/b A005	12700 N El Mirage Rd s/b E025
2	13700 N Dysart Rd s/b D020	13300 N 127 Ave s/b X004	12700 N El Mirage Rd s/b E025
3	12600 W Peoria w/b P001	14600 N Dysart Rd s/b D002	12700 N El Mirage Rd s/b E025
4	12600 W Peoria w/b P001	14600 N Dysart Rd s/b D002	12700 N El Mirage Rd s/b E025
5	12600 W Peoria w/b P001	14600 N Dysart Rd s/b D002	12700 N El Mirage Rd s/b E025
6	12700 W Canterbury n/b C002	13200 Main St n/b M002	12100 W Thunderbird Rd e/b T007
7	Acoma @ 124 Ave n/b A003	12300 W Thunderbird Rd w/b T012	12100 W Thunderbird Rd e/b T007
8	12200 N Dysart Rd n/b D017	Acoma @ 129 Ave w/b A006	12100 W Thunderbird Rd e/b T007
9	12600 W Peoria e/b P002	127th Ave @ Sunnyside s/b X007	12100 W Thunderbird Rd e/b T007
10	12900 N 129 Ave n/b X001	13700 W 127 Ave n/b X003	12100 W Thunderbird Rd e/b T007
11	12900 N 129 Ave n/b X001	13700 W 127 Ave n/b X003	12100 W Thunderbird Rd e/b T007
12	12900 N 129 Ave n/b X001	13700 W 127 Ave n/b X003	12100 W Thunderbird Rd e/b T007
13	Acoma @ 124 Ave s/b A004	12500 W Varney w/b V001	12600 W Cactus Rd e/b C004
14	13700 N Dysart Rd s/b D020	Acoma @ 129 Ave e/b A005	12600 W Cactus Rd e/b C004
15	12600 W Peoria w/b P001	13300 N 127 Ave s/b X004	12600 W Cactus Rd e/b C004
16	12700 W Canterbury n/b C002	14600 N Dysart Rd s/b D002	12600 W Cactus Rd e/b C004
17	Acoma @ 124 Ave n/b A003	13200 Main St n/b M002	12600 W Cactus Rd e/b C004
18	Acoma @ 124 Ave n/b A003	13200 Main St n/b M002	12600 W Cactus Rd e/b C004
19	Acoma @ 124 Ave n/b A003	13200 Main St n/b M002	12600 W Cactus Rd e/b C004
20	12200 N Dysart Rd n/b D017	12300 W Thunderbird Rd w/b T012	12100 W Thunderbird Rd w/b T008
21	12600 W Peoria e/b P002	Acoma @ 129 Ave w/b A006	12100 W Thunderbird Rd w/b T008
22	12900 N 129 Ave n/b X001	127th Ave @ Sunnyside s/b X007	12100 W Thunderbird Rd w/b T008
23	Acoma @ 124 Ave s/b A004	13700 W 127 Ave n/b X003	12100 W Thunderbird Rd w/b T008
24	13700 N Dysart Rd s/b D020	12500 W Varney w/b V001	12100 W Thunderbird Rd w/b T008
25	13700 N Dysart Rd s/b D020	12500 W Varney w/b V001	12100 W Thunderbird Rd w/b T008
26	13700 N Dysart Rd s/b D020	12500 W Varney w/b V001	12100 W Thunderbird Rd w/b T008
27	12600 W Peoria w/b P001	Acoma @ 129 Ave e/b A005	12600 W Cactus Rd w/b C005
28	12700 W Canterbury n/b C002	13300 N 127 Ave s/b X004	12600 W Cactus Rd w/b C005
29	Acoma @ 124 Ave n/b A003	14600 N Dysart Rd s/b D002	12600 W Cactus Rd w/b C005
30	12200 N Dysart Rd n/b D017	13200 Main St n/b M002	12600 W Cactus Rd w/b C005

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Spring Cleaning and Fire Safety



Damage from Lint Fire in Clothes Dryer

Spring has arrived, and with spring cleaning comes a timely reminder to take steps to keep your home 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.

clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them.

- Clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum.

- Keep the area around your dryer clear of things that can burn like boxes, cleaning supplies, and clothing.

Fact: Most cooking fires in the home involve the stovetop.

- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from the stovetop.

- Always stay in the kitchen when frying on the stovetop.

Fact: Extension cord fires outnumber fires started with permanent or detachable power cords by two to one.

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

- Have a qualified electrician add more receptacle outlets so you don't have to use extension cords.

Important spring cleaning home fire safety tips from the National Fire Prevention Administration:

Fact: Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a home fire by 50%.

- Ensure smoke alarms are installed inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement.

- Test alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.

- 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.

Fact: The leading cause of home

EMFD

Community Connections

February 12, 2015

El Mirage Fire Department held Cadet and Volunteer make up orientation day.

February 26, 2015

El Mirage Fire Department crews participated with a fire truck display for pre-K students. Crews handed out stickers and hats for the children.

February 28, 2015

El Mirage Fire Department attended the El Mirage Classic Car Show at Gentry Park. Crews were on hand for any medical emergency and to answer any questions relating to fire and medical service.

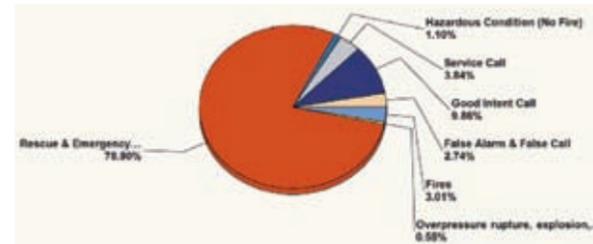
March 28, 2015

El Mirage Fire Department attended the El Mirage Easter Eggstravaganza at Gentry Park.

City of El Mirage Fire Department Operations Report - February 2015

Total Calls for Service
= 366

Average Response
Time for All Aid Types:
00:06:32



Community Involvement

- 02/01/2015 Continued car seat inspection and installations
- 02/12/2015 Cadet and Volunteer make up orientation day
- 02/26/2015 Crews from station 121 participated with a fire truck display for approximately 17 Pre-K students. Crews handed out stickers and hats
- 02/28/2015 Crews from station 121 participated in the car show at Gentry Park. Fire crews provided a fire truck display while providing medical stand-by

Significant Incidents

- 02/02/2015 Child drowning
- 02/04/2015 Injured child flown to PCH for spinal injuries
- 02/04/2015 EMFD responded to a reported fire at West Point Elementary School
- 02/07/2015 Structure fire upgraded to working house fire, one civilian injury

- 02/09/2015 Gunshot wound. Patient transported to WVH
- 02/09/2015 Vehicle fire, total loss
- 02/14/2015 Adult drowning in the City of Surprise, EMFD responded
- 02/18/2015 Motor vehicle incident involving three vehicles

Training Activities

- 400 total training hours, combined Fire and EMS

FIRE, BUILDING, AND LIFE SAFETY DIVISION REPORT (FBL)

For Period Ending: February 2015

- One apartment and two accessory structures were condemned for poor structural and/or living conditions. Three additional property owners were cited for allowing poor conditions to exist inside rental units.
- Community Uplift Program (CUP) provided paint to two homes. CUP volunteers

cleaned the community garden in preparation for a Garden Tour in mid-March. Dysart High School Football asked to be included on the volunteer list for all future work projects!

- A car ran into an apartment on Thunderbird Rd. No persons were injured and the building was struck in the storage and rear patio area, saving the main home from any structural damage.

- Habitat for Humanity will be replacing gas water heaters in 90 houses within the community over the next several months.

Statistics for period of February, 2015

- Permit applications received- 58
- Permits issued- 55
- Plan reviews- 2 Commercial, 46 Residential
- Inspections- 257@ 189 stops (14 daily average)
- Annual Business Inspections- 27
- Revenue from permits- \$16,072

El Mirage Fire's Building and Life Safety Staff 100% ICC Certified

All staff members of the El Mirage Fire Department's Building and Life Safety staff are now certified as permit technicians under the International Code Council, with the recent, successful completion of the ICC's rigorous exam by Ella Ochoa, the department's senior permit technician.

This exam is particularly challenging as testing involves five different subject areas.

Permit staff in only 13 jurisdictions in Arizona are 100% ICC certified, and less than 5% of all jurisdictions across the United States can claim such a distinction.



Ella Ochoa
Permit Technician

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9:00AM - HEALTHY KIDS DAY®

Come Join the Fun at the El Mirage Easter Eggstravaganza!

**Saturday
March 28
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Gentry Park
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ED Insights: El Mirage Real Estate Market

Every El Mirage homeowner and potential buyer should keep tabs on our local real estate market. A summary of recently collected data follows:

“Average price per square foot for El Mirage was \$84 at this writing, an increase of 5% compared to the same period last year. The median sales price for homes from November 2014 to Feb 2015 was \$135,000 based on 119 home sales. Compared to the same period a year ago, the median home sales price increased 5.5%, or \$7,000, and the number of home



Tom Doyle, Economic Development Specialist

sales increased 21.4%. There are currently 117 resale and new homes in El Mirage on Trulia, including 194 homes in the pre-foreclosure, auction, or bank-owned stages of the foreclosure process. The average

listing price for homes for sale in the City was \$144,389 for the week ending Feb 18, which represents a decrease of 0.4%, or \$633, compared to the prior week. Popular neighborhoods in El Mirage include Rancho El Mirage and Arizona Brisas, with average listing prices of \$151,720 and \$128,030 respectively.”

Household, family, and per capita income are lower than the state average, but keep in mind we have a lot of new families and first time home buyers. El Mirage also has a younger

average population than our neighboring communities, and that is good news if you want to attract businesses looking for a sustainable workforce. El Mirage appreciation in home values at 5% is also in alignment with Greater Phoenix residential housing projections. All in all, it seems the El Mirage real estate market is on track with the Greater Phoenix area. Home prices are rising moderately and are projected to continue.

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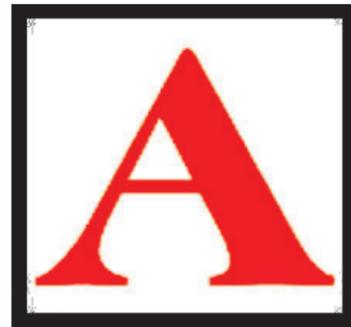
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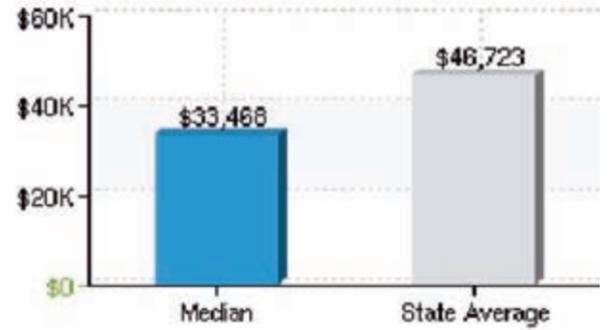


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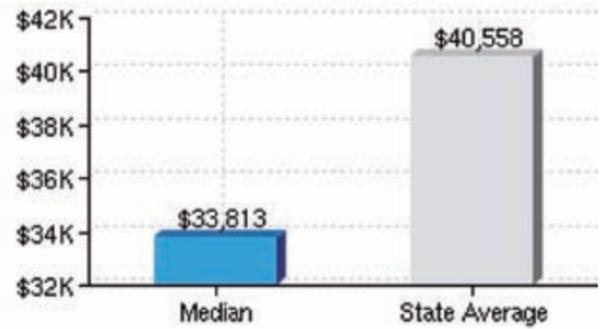
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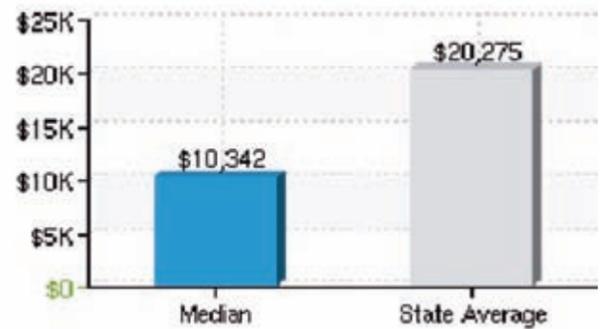
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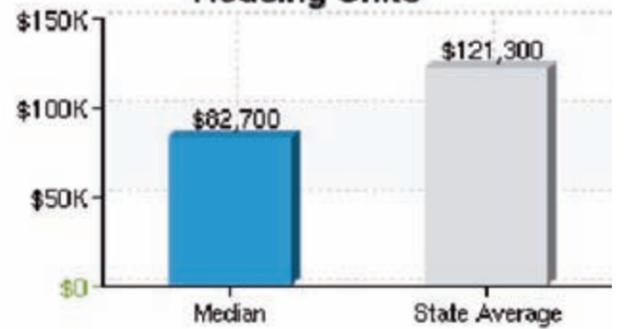
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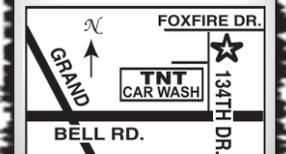
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Address	Price	Date Sold	Total SF
12304 N BST	\$136,000	2/25/2015	1,756
13406 N 127th Ln	\$ 118,000.00	2/25/2015	1,348
12109 W Flores Dr	\$ 130,000.00	2/24/2015	1,238
12701 W Lisbon Ln	\$ 160,000.00	2/24/2015	2,515
12805 W Paradise Dr	\$ 140,000.00	2/23/2015	1,832
11923 W Scotts Dr	\$ 122,000.00	2/20/2015	1,238
12305 W Dreyfus Dr	\$ 110,000.00	2/20/2015	1,106
121115 W Columbine Dr	\$ 114,000.00	2/20/2015	1,832
12023 W Windrose Dr	\$ 121,000.00	2/20/2015	1,238
12191 W Dreyfus Dr	\$ 140,000.00	2/20/2015	1,515
12810 N 130th Ln	\$ 137,000.00	2/20/2015	1,520
14518 N 124th Ln	\$ 135,000.00	2/19/2015	1,949
12510 N 126th Ln	\$ 144,900.00	2/19/2015	2,002
13041 W Scotts Dr	\$ 145,900.00	2/18/2015	1,588
12302 W Columbine Dr	\$ 120,000.00	2/18/2015	1,229
12501 W Windrose Dr	\$ 145,000.00	2/17/2015	1,862

Address	Price	Date Sold	Total SF
11702 W Laurel Ln	\$ 140,000.00	2/17/2015	1,832
12037 W Columbine Dr	\$ 116,750.00	2/17/2015	1,089
14213 N 5th Ave	\$ 86,000.00	2/13/2015	1,412
11737 W Maui Ln	\$ 209,990.00	2/13/2015	2,566
12814 W Heam Rd	\$ 130,000.00	2/12/2015	1,308
13372 N Alto St	\$ 144,500.00	2/12/2015	1,766
11806 W Port Royale Ln	\$ 139,000.00	2/11/2015	1,642
13001 W Bloomfield Rd	\$ 136,000.00	2/6/2015	2,225
12810 W Charter Oak Rd	\$ 159,600.00	2/6/2015	1,901
12215 W Windrose Dr	\$ 123,800.00	2/6/2015	1,238
13377 N Alto St	\$ 135,000.00	2/3/2015	1,515
12621 W Aster Dr	\$ 109,000.00	2/2/2015	1,199
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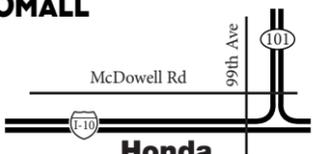


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- Prize BINGO
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We welcome all El Mirage seniors age 55 and older to participate in these and more activities.

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EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

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For information, contact Richard Gutkosky (623) 628-6725.

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El Mirage Library

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April is **National Poetry Month!** Stop by the El Mirage library during the month of April to pick up a free poem. Carry it with you all month and share it on Poem in Your Pocket Day, April 30th. Share the love of poetry!

Children/Tweens/Teens

Spring Storytime – April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (Wednesdays) 10 am. Ages 2 – 5 with parent or caregiver. Stories, songs, rhymes and more! Just right for your growing toddler or preschooler.

Earth Day Craft – April 22 (Wednesday) 3:15 – 4:30 pm. Reduce, reuse, recycle and make the planet a better place! Celebrate Earth Day by starting an herb garden. Join us to make a mini herb planter from a recycled plastic fruit cup. No registration necessary, but supplies are limited to first-come, first-served.

Ransom Note Poetry – April 25 (Saturday) 2 pm. Teens and tweens ages 10 to 18 are invited to create a ransom note poem. Cut out words and letters from magazines and paste them onto a poster in poetic form. Don't have any poems of your own? No problem! We'll have lots of examples to get your creative juices flowing. All supplies provided, just bring your imagination. No registration required but space is limited to first-come, first-served.

Poem in Your Pocket Day – April 30 (Thursday) All day. Stop by the El Mirage library all month long to pick up a preprinted poem, or choose one of your personal favorites to jot down on pocket-size paper. Keep it in your pocket and pull it out to share with family, friends, co-workers, even strangers. Share the love of poetry!

Adults

Morning Book Club – April 3 (Friday) 10:30 am. April's title is *THE GREAT NEW ORLEANS KIDNAPPING CASE: RACE, LAW, AND JUSTICE IN THE RECONSTRUCTION ERA* by Michael A. Ross. In *The Great New Orleans Kidnapping Case*, Michael Ross offers the first full account of this event that electrified the South at one of the most critical moments in the history of American race relations. Tracing the crime from the moment it was committed, through the highly publicized investigation and sensationalized trial that followed, all the while chronicling the public outcry and escalating hysteria as news and rumors surrounding the crime spread, Ross paints a vivid picture of the Reconstruction-era South, and the complexities and possibilities that faced the newly integrated society. A stunning work of historical recreation, *The Great New Orleans Kidnapping Case* is sure to captivate anyone interested in true crime, the Civil War and its aftermath, and the history of New Orleans and the American South.

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PARENTS NIGHTOUT APRIL 24, PH. (623) 583-2137

Every 4th Friday of the month from 6 – 10 pm, DCC now offers evening care for youth 5-17 so that parents and guardians can have a night out! Fun projects and activities, games, sports, movies, and dinner provided for all youth so that parents can go out to dinner, catch a movie, or have a quiet evening at home!

\$20/youth and \$10 for each additional sibling. All youth must be signed up for this month by April 23rd.

3 ON 3 INDOOR BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

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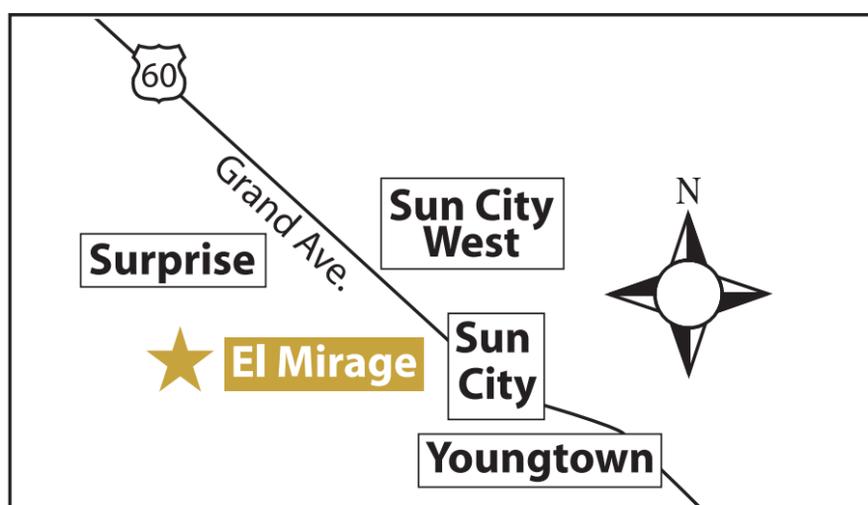
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