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Mayor's Message:

Public Works and Code Enforcement Work Together on Community Beautification



Public Works Team

From left to right: Maintenance Worker I Jose Ruelas, Operations Supervisor Marc Johnson, Maintenance Worker II Tijuan Dial, Operations Supervisor Wayne Smith, Maintenance Worker I Uriel Ramirez, Maintenance Worker III Richard Miranda, Maintenance Worker I George Lopez, Maintenance Worker II Elias Navarrette, Maintenance Worker I Luis Avila, Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director Jim Shano, and Maintenance Worker I Angel Quintana

One of the goals of the City Council is the focus on residents' quality of life, particularly through community appearance. For example, the main reason you see all of the roadway projects underway is to improve the quality of life for our residents and attract new businesses. I would like to encourage our residents and business owners to take pride in their homes and buildings by maintaining the appearance of their

properties. Residents and staff alike can take pride in a clean community and I wanted to highlight two departments that are working together to make this happen.

The Public Works Department and Code Enforcement work hard every day to make El Mirage a better place. Recently, they have combined their efforts and focused on City right of ways and the reduction of trash, debris, and weeds.



Code Enforcement Team

From left to right: Community Engagement Sgt. Robert Peoples, Code Enforcement Officer Barbara Carneiro, Chief Terry McDonald, Code Enforcement Officer Chris Herrbach, Code Enforcement Officer Karyn Mucci and Assistant Chief Laura Liuzzo

The City implemented a new streets beautification program in the fall of 2015 and the success can be seen throughout the community. The program designated staff hours and equipment specifically for the cleanup

of debris and trash in the community. Pickups are documented daily and to date, the program has eliminated over 130 tons of trash from City streets and right of ways:

MORE BEAUTIFICATION ON 2

El Mirage Receives Award for Supporting Disabled American Veterans



From left to right: City Manager Dr. Spencer A. Isom, Mayor Lana Mook, DAV STAR Commander Scott Burdick, Service Officer Jon Crockett, and Special Events Coordinator Jeffrey Anderson

The City of El Mirage recently received an award from the Disabled American Veterans STAR Chapter #24 for Service to Disabled American Veterans.



Downtown Alleyway Clean Up – Before and After





2016 ELECTION INFORMATION

General Election: Tuesday, Nov. 8



Clerk's Corner

The November 8, 2016 **General Election is a Presidential election** this year, and all registered voters can vote by mail, in person at an early voting site, or at a polling location on Election Day.

Dates to be aware of for the General Election:

October 10, 2016, Monday – Last day to register to vote in the General Election; you can register to vote by contacting Maricopa County Elections Department at 602-506-1511, going to their website at <http://recorder.maricopa.gov/>, or picking up a registration form at the front counter of City Hall.

October 12, 2016, Wednesday – first day for mailing

ballots to voters registered on the Permanent Early Voters List (PEVL).

October 17, 2016, Monday – first day to vote early at an Early Voting Site; City of El Mirage City Hall is one of several early voting sites and will be open for voters to cast their ballots Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 5 PM. Any legally registered voter in Maricopa County can come to City Hall and a ballot will be printed for them to vote. Avoid potential long lines on Election Day and vote early!

November 4, 2016, Friday – Last day to vote early at an early voting site.

NOVEMBER 8, 2016, TUESDAY – ELECTION DAY – You MUST vote at your designated polling location; there will be four polling locations in El Mirage. You may drop off voted ballots at any polling location in Maricopa County. There will also be a bin at El Mirage City Hall to drop off voted ballots only on Election Day. All Polls will be open from 6:00 AM – 7:00 PM.

For More Information - please contact either City Clerk Sharon Antes at 623-876-2943, santes@cityofelmirage.org, or Maricopa County Elections Department at 602-506-1511, <http://recorder.maricopa.gov/>.

YOUR VOICE, YOUR VOTE - BE COUNTED

Economic Development Insights:

The City has large construction projects on Thunderbird and El Mirage Roads. We understand the inconvenience and will do as much as possible to assist you. El Mirage supports all businesses in the community and to honor local businesses the city will highlight three businesses in construction areas each month in the El Mirage Newsletter. Every business has a story to tell and I hope this article will give you a better feel for what they offer and how you can help them.



Tom Doyle, Economic Development Specialist
tdoyle@cityofelmirage.org

Metro PCS- Metro PCS is a retail cell phone and accessory store located on Thunderbird Road. The company has operated in El Mirage for over two years. Metro PCS is best known for creating flexible plans to meet customer needs.

Address: 12002 W. Thunderbird Road, El Mirage
Phone: 623-748-3600

www.metropcs.com
Mon - Fri: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sat: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sun: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Oasis Insurance/Western Union- Oasis Insurance has been servicing El Mirage for over 18 years. Oasis Insurance brokers offer great deals with auto, home, commercial, and motorcycle insurance with a network of 20 insurance carriers. Western Union is located at the front of the building providing financial products like money orders and transfers.

Address: 11922 W. Thunderbird Road, El Mirage
Phone: 623-933-2221
Mon - Fri: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Leo Barber Shop & Beauty Salon- Leo's is a full service hair salon offering a variety of styles at affordable prices. They are best known for their highlights, hair coloring, perms, hair-cuts and more.

Address: 11922 W. Thunderbird Road
Phone: 623-680-7085
Mon – Fri: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sat: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sun: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Next month we will feature three other businesses and we hope you join us by supporting local businesses.

BEAUTIFICATION: From 1

Additionally, the reduction in weeds present throughout the City can be attributed to the strong partnership between the Code Enforcement and Public Works. Based on communication and a can-do attitude, the Code Enforcement division has

processed over 1663 areas that were in need of attention this year related to weed control. A team-based approach to weed control between the two departments has resulted in a cleaner community for residents to enjoy.



Right of Way 2016

The progress we are making in the community needs to continue. I am seeking the support of El Mirage

residents: please join our team in keeping El Mirage a beautiful, clean, and great place to call home!

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Public Works: Working hard for El Mirage

Fall 2016 Bulk Trash Update

The City's curbside bulk trash collection program continues to provide residents with an opportunity to clean up their properties and support the Council's goals for community beautification. The current focus of the program is awareness and education in an effort to ensure that the program continues to maximize value for residents.

The spring 2016 event was highly successful and saw a continued increase in program efficiency. The program was well received and there were minimal amounts of compliance issues, which were addressed in a timely manner.

The fall 2016 event consists of two pickup dates listed to the right:

Fall 2016 Curbside Bulk Trash Program Pickup Dates	
Section 1 (East of El Mirage Road)	Monday, October 24
Section 1 (West of El Mirage Road)	Monday, November 7

Residents are asked to have their bulk trash items ready for pickup no later than 5:30 AM on collection day.

The Public Works Department will continue outreach efforts in order to educate the public about this program and staff will be active in the community prior to each pickup date to assist residents. Any program questions can be directed to the Public Works at 623-935-6405.

As the popularity of the program continues to rise and demand remains high, the City will continue to look for efficiencies in the bulk trash program moving forward in order to provide this valuable service in the most efficient manner.



El Mirage Transit Enhancement



Beginning **July 1, 2016**, you may travel beyond the area served by your local Dial-a-Ride provider without making a transfer. Simply contact Valley Metro's Regional ADA Paratransit provider at 602.716.2200 daily between 6 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. to schedule your trip. You must be ADA certified and your trip must fall within the Regional ADA Paratransit service area and during the Regional ADA paratransit service hours.

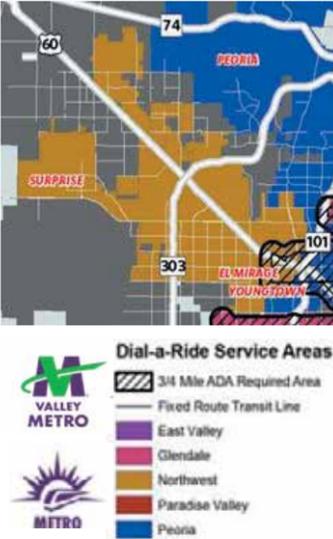
What is Dial-a-Ride (DAR)?
DAR service is a door-to-door shared-ride transportation service for qualified residents of El Mirage. Service is provided by Northwest Valley DAR which is operated through a contractor by Valley Metro. Northwest Valley DAR uses sedans, vans and accessible vans to deliver service throughout the Northwest Valley cities of El Mirage, Sun City, Sun City West, Surprise and Youngtown and adjacent unincorporated areas of Maricopa County. You can reach Northwest Valley DAR by calling 602.266.8723.

Who is eligible for Dial-a-Ride?
Any El Mirage resident who is 65 years of age or more and verified by Valley Metro ADA paratransit certified by Valley Metro. Call 602.716.2100 or visit http://www.valleymetro.org/dial_a_ride for eligibility-related questions.

Days and Hours of Service
Service is available on non-holiday weekdays between the hours of 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM and on Saturdays between 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM for life sustaining medical trips only.

Dial-a-Ride Fares (One Way)
Within El Mirage and the Northwest Valley DAR service area: **\$2.00**
Beyond the Northwest Valley (Peoria, Glendale, Phoenix and East Valley): **\$4.00.**
Payable in cash or with EVDAR/NWVDAR tickets or Regional DAR tickets
A Personal Care Attendant (PCA) may travel with an ADA certified resident at no additional charge. You may also travel with a companion who will be charged the same fare as you.

Scheduling a Dial-a-Ride Trip
If your trip is within El Mirage or the Northwest Valley, call Northwest Valley Dial-a-Ride at 602.266.8723.
If your trip is to Peoria, Glendale, Phoenix or the East Valley, call Regional Paratransit at 602.716.2200.
Both Northwest Valley DAR and Regional Paratransit reservations hours are daily between 6:00 AM - 7:30 PM.



FREE PAINT



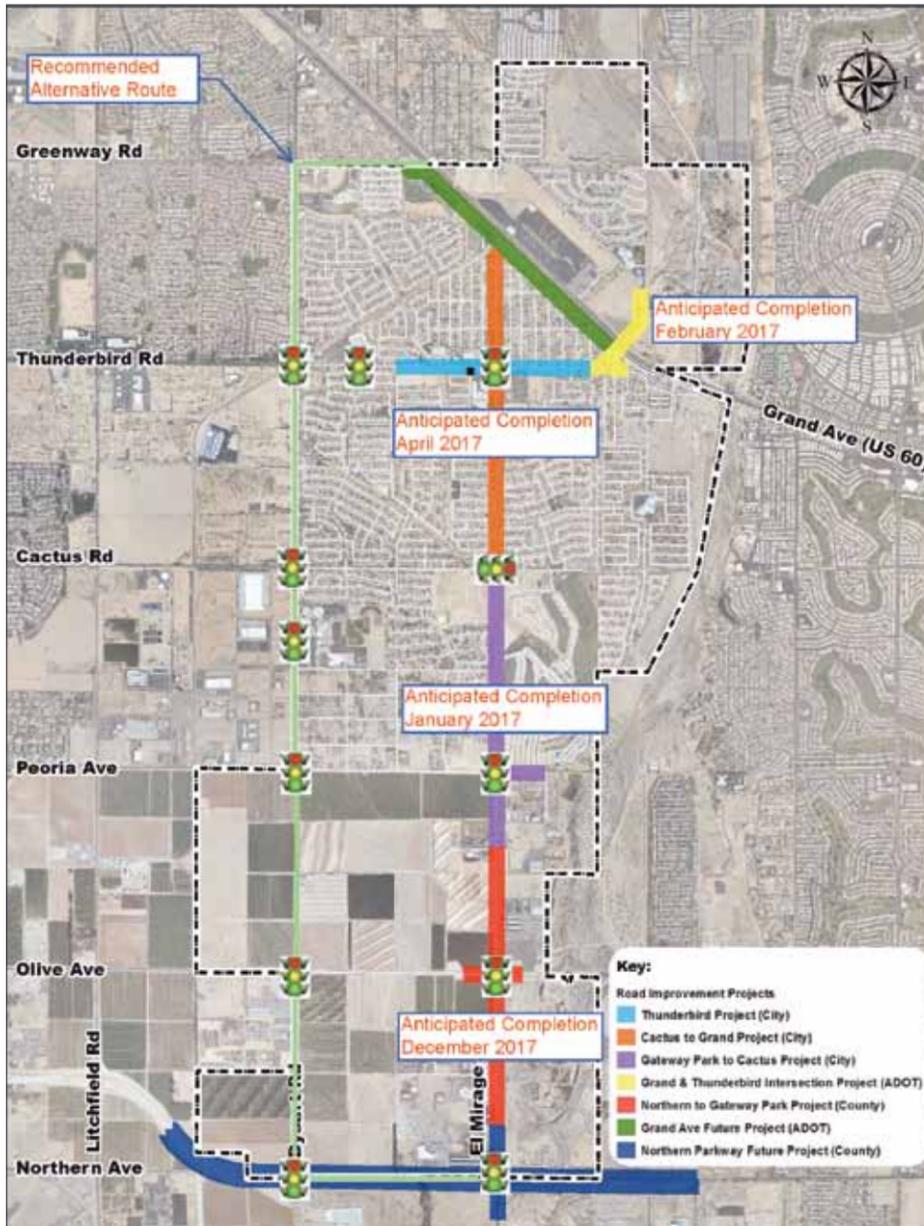
CUP has received another donation of exterior paint from Top Coat Painting. The paint does NOT match any HOA approved colors but may be good for other homes. To select your colors contact Mary Dickson 623-251-3508 or via email at mdickson@cityofelmirage.org



El Mirage Construction Update

Thunderbird Road is under construction from 127th Avenue to Grand Avenue. APS is working on converting power lines from overhead to underground. Most of the work is being done at night to minimize disruptions to customers. Cox and CenturyLink are relocating some of their underground lines to avoid conflicts with proposed improvements. After utility work is complete, crews will pave the south half and concentrate efforts on the north half. The completed roadway will consist of two through lanes in each direction, center median with landscaping, bicycle lane, wide sidewalks, and many other multimodal and safety enhancements.

El Mirage Road is under construction from Cinnabar Avenue to Grand Avenue. The section between Peoria Avenue and Cactus Road is close to completion. The contractors are finishing the sidewalk and APS is installing new transit style light poles. Utility relocation work is ongoing north of Cactus and south of Peoria.



ADOT's Thunderbird and Grand project is under construction. In addition to the connection with Thompson Ranch Road. Grand Avenue, this project will widen a portion of

with renderings of the proposed improvements can be found at: www.azdot.gov/tbird

Maricopa County completed the design for El Mirage Road from Northern Bell Road and Grand Ave/US 60 interchange project. Utility companies are relocating in advance of construction. The county is preparing to solicit bids for construction of this portion. Underground storm sewer work between Butler Drive and Northern Avenue is expected to

begin in October and finish by the end of the year. The rest of the roadwork should start in January.

ADOT and the City of Surprise are managing the Bell Road and Grand Ave/US 60 interchange project. This project will have a major impact on regional traffic flow. Further project information is available at:

<http://azdot.gov/bellandgrand>
<http://www.surpriseaz.gov/bellandgrand>

For more information, visit www.cityofelmirage.org/ConstructionUpdate or contact:
Chris Hauser, P.E. – Assistant City Engineer
12145 NW Grand Ave., El Mirage, AZ 85335
P: 623-876-2971 | E: chauser@cityofelmirage.org

Need to Report a Street Light Outage?



Contact Arizona Public Service at aps.com/lights or call (602) 371-6140. 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.

THE BLUE BYLINE



News from the El Mirage Police Department

12401 W. Cinnabar Ave. • 623-933-1341 • www.cityofelmirage.org/police

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TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SCHOOL CAMPAIGN



El Mirage officers enforced safe driving practices as children went back to school early August.



Officer Claxton talking with Dysart Elementary students about safety during the first week of school

The El Mirage Police Department conducted a Back to School Traffic Enforcement Campaign during the first two weeks of August. During the campaign, multiple officers conducted traffic enforcement within all five Dysart Unified School Zones. Officers contacted drivers and provided educational steps to remind the community to obey all traffic laws, especially

when children are walking to and from school. Community members, parents, and school officials were appreciative of the proactive community policing. Officer visibility resulted in safety enforcement for children, parents, crossing guards, and drivers. The additional traffic enforcement was funded through a grant from the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

El Mirage Running Man Challenge



Sergeant Robert Peoples dancing with local residents during the Running Man Challenge

The El Mirage Police Department is grateful to all of the community members and businesses that participated in the El Mirage Police Department's Running Man Challenge video.

Community Policing is essential to building good relationships with citizens. Dysart Community Center teens are working with the City of El Mirage to actively create a new community culture

that welcomes daily communication and interaction between diverse populations.

Officer Myron Williams worked with the teens and staff of the Dysart Community Center to create, record, and assemble the video that is available for viewing at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=We8R0W2_mFo.

The video has received positive feedback from viewers.

El Mirage Police Department Property and Evidence Division UNCLAIMED PROPERTY NOTICE TO CLAIM PROPERTY

Case #	Description	Item Belongs to
E16071159	Misc. Personal Items	Carlos Hernandez
E16071344	Jewelry	James Wright
E16071907	Jewelry	Jason Terry
E16072195	Cell Phone	Jinho John Yu
E16080296	Backpack	Erik Krezmain
E16080355	Cell Phone	Angel R. Gonzalez

Photo ID is required.

Call 623-500-3038 for an appointment to claim your property.

Property not claimed by 09/30/16 will be disposed of in accordance with the law.

Hazardous Waste Disposal Information

For help on how to identify and properly dispose of hazardous material, visit www.cityofelmirage.org/recycling, or contact the City's Public Works Department at 623-935-6405.



FOCUS ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT



News from the El Mirage Fire Department

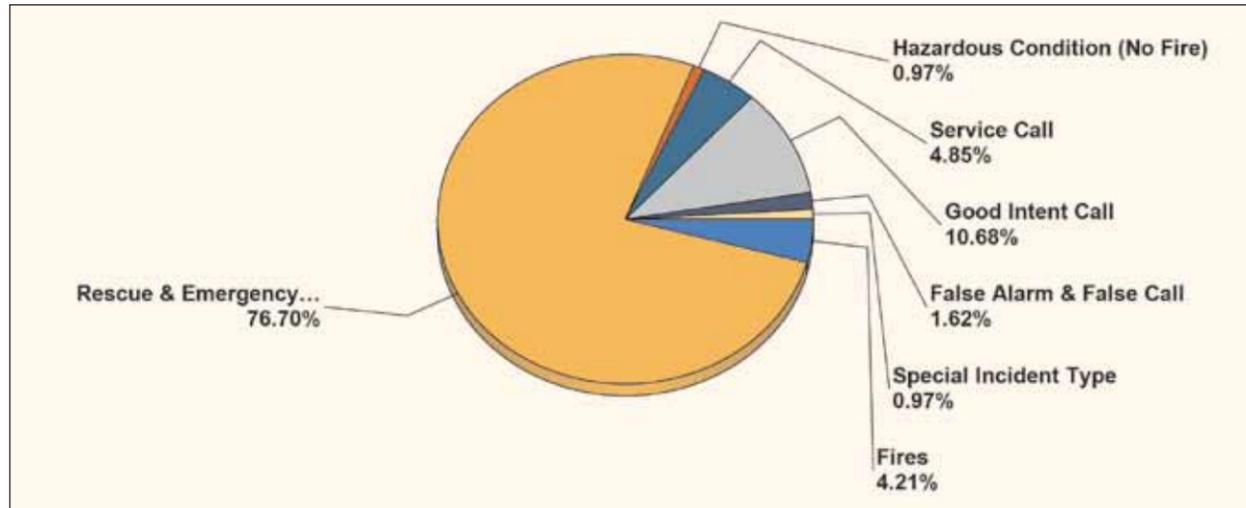
13601 N. El Mirage Road • 623-583-7968 • www.cityofelmirage.org/fire
Operations and Administration open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday



City of El Mirage Fire Department Operations Report July 2016

Total Calls for Service = 309

Average Response Time for All Aid Types: 00:07:43



Community Involvement

- 07/05/2016: El Mirage Fire Department hosted a community CPR/First Aid class.
- 07/30/2016: El Mirage Fire Department participated with the Life Spring Church for their back to school event, approximately 80 people attended the four-hour event.

Significant Incidents

- 07/05/2016: El Mirage Fire Department responded to a natural gas leak with no injuries.
- 07/08/2016: El Mirage Fire Department responded to a vehicle rollover incident requiring extrication; minor injuries.
- 07/09/2016: Crews responded to a gunshot wound, patient transported to local hospital in stable condition.
- 07/29/2016: Crews responded to a residential structure fire, multiple agencies assisted, no injuries reported.

Training Activities

- 1,305 total training hours, combined Fire/EMS

Fire, Building, and Life Safety Division Report For Period Ending: July 2016

- Staff viewed a webinar presented by FEMA on how to identify dangerous subjects and strange behavior. It provided a basis for determining what is out of the norm

and when to be concerned. The webinar covered what information to recall about subjects and their behavior and when to notify authorities.

- Staff member met with the AZ Building Officials Board members to present the Permit Technicians annual report.

• New processes for annual business inspections put in place last March have greatly reduced the backlog of businesses that have not had annual fire inspections. These inspections are critical for keeping public buildings safe for everyone and acquaint fire fighters with the interior of businesses they normally may not go into.

- All City buildings and facilities were inspected for ADA compliance as required by the Department of Justice. The City has improved the accessibility issues at the older buildings and is in full compliance at all new facilities. These buildings also received their annual fire inspections at the same time.

Statistics for period of July 2016

- Permits issued: 51
- Plan reviews:
 - 4 Commercial
 - 39 Residential
 - 1 Fire
- Inspections - 216 at 138 stops (11 daily average)
- Annual Business Inspections - 55
- Revenue from permits - \$22,924

EMFD Community Connections

August 31, 2016

The City of El Mirage Fire Department will be concluding the Hydration Station for the year. Once again this has been a very successful program and a heartfelt thank you goes out to Coco's towing and all the citizens that donated to the program, thank you!!!

August 22, 2016

The El Mirage Fire Department Using Electronic Patient Reports and Upgrades Lifepak 15

This has been an exciting year at the El Mirage Fire Department and August was no exception. The EMFD made a couple of upgrades that will greatly improve its ability to care for patients and serve the community. The first upgrade was switching from paper patient care reports to electronic patient care reports or ePCR's. Now, instead of carrying and filling out paper reports on scene, crews will utilize a tablet loaded with the software that runs the new system. The data collection and ease of retrieval will provide the department with key performance metrics and critical information about patient care. The ePCR's will allow more accuracy and completeness as well as improved security of patient data. The new system will also allow reports to be generated that will greatly improve the department's quality assurance and quality improvement process, resulting in improved patient care and outcomes. The department is shooting for an implementation date of August 22nd.

Additionally, the department made a major upgrade to its Lifepak 15 heart monitor/defibrillator. The Lifepak 15 was integrated with a 3G modem that allows paramedics to transmit an Electro Cardio Gram (ECG) done in the field on critical heart patients directly to the local hospital. The ability to transmit this critical heart related information to the hospital long before patient arrival allows the receiving hospital to be better prepared for the cardiac patient, which will also greatly improve patient outcomes.

September 24, 2016

The City of El Mirage Fire Department will be providing a CPR class on September 24 at 9 a.m. at the fire department located at 13601 N. El Mirage Road.

**MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**

Make A Difference Day
Saturday, October 22, 2016

City of EL MIRAGE
Community Uplift Program

The Community Uplift program is seeking volunteers and projects for the October 22nd Make A Difference Day clean up event. All HOA's, businesses, churches and civic groups are welcome to join in the event from 8AM to Noon with projects of their own or join in a CUP designated project. Properties needing assistance with clean up or sprucing up can complete a CUP application that is available online, at City Hall or the Fire Station. All applications will be considered and property owners will be notified if they are selected as part of the cleanup.

Contact Mary Dickson at mdickson@cityofelmirage.org or 623-251-3508 to volunteer or with questions about applying for help.

El Mirage Fire Department Calendar of Events

Community CPR Training
CPR + First Aid

September 24, 2016
December 10, 2016

9:00am - Noon

Conclusion of the Hydration Station is
August 31st

Fire Extinguisher Class
Call for more information

El Mirage Fire Department
623-583-7968

Watch your kids around water!

EL MIRAGE SALUTE TO VETERANS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2016 NOON - 9:00 P.M. GATEWAY PARK ★ EL MIRAGE AZ.



**THE VIETNAM TRAVELING WALL
OPEN FOR VIEWING
24 HOURS A DAY
THURSDAY, NOV. 3, 11:00 A.M.
THRU SUNDAY, NOV. 6, 2:30 P.M.**





PEBBLE ROCK BAND BEHIND THE BADGE BAND BALLOON GLOW

FEATURING: VIETNAM TRAVELING WALL

FREE KID'S ZONE WITH RIDES

SKATEBOARD DEMO ★ BEER GARDEN

FOOD TRUCKS ★ BANDS ★ 5K RUN/WALK

GIANT HOT AIR BALLOON GLOW

CLASSIC CAR SHOW ★ MOTORCYCLE RALLY

FREE ADMISSION!















**FOR INFO OR TO REGISTER FOR CAR SHOW OR 5K RUN CALL 623-876-2942
OR EMAIL TO JANDERSON@CITYOFELMIRAGE.ORG OR WWW.CITYOFELMIRAGE.ORG**



EL MIRAGE VETERANS' CAMPAIGN

The City of El Mirage proudly supports Military Veterans through a variety of activities that honors veterans of the past, present and future. Please help us expand and sustain our initiatives by donating to the campaign.

Print Name: _____ Email: _____
 Address: _____ Phone #: _____
 Donation amount \$ _____ Please make check payable to City of El Mirage: Check #: _____
 Visa Master Card #: _____ Card Code #: _____ Expiration: _____
 Donation Description: _____

Please indicate the gift choice(s) by placing a check mark on all that apply.

Engraved Memorial Brick Paver

\$200.00 Each

Engraved memorial brick pavers will surround the new monument at the new El Mirage City Hall Veterans' Memorial Plaza. Each paver has up to three lines with no more than 20 characters per line.

Veteran Programs & Projects

\$ _____

El Mirage's staff oversees City sponsored Veterans' programs and projects. We appreciate donations of any amount to assist with the new El Mirage City Hall Veterans' Memorial Plaza and other events, activities and initiatives.

Please specify the characters that will be engraved on the memorial brick paver if applicable.

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2 nd Line																				
3 rd Line																				

I understand that government units are tax-deductible under section 170(c) (1) of the Internal Revenue Code if made for a public purpose. I also understand that the City of El Mirage makes no representation to donors with respect to the state or federal income tax treatment of donor's gifts. Donors are advised to consult their tax attorney regarding this transaction.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Staff Signature: _____ Date: _____

For more information please contact: Janeen Gaskins at 623.876.2973 or jgaskins@cityofelmirage.org.
Please mail checks and forms to: 12145 NW Grand Avenue, El Mirage, Arizona 85335

July 2016 Home Sales

Address	Price \$	Date Sold	Total SF
11721 W Acapulco Ln	224,900	7/27	2,556
12531 W Charter Oak Rd	145,000	7/27	1,776
12904 N 122 nd Dr	150,000	7/27	1,385
12805 W Sweetwater Ave	153,000	7/25	1,229
11920 N Olive St	143,500	7/22	1,090
14905 N 125 th Ln	170,000	7/22	1,543
12829 N 127 th Ln	140,000	7/22	988
12325 W Canterbury Dr	250,900	7/20	2,635
11936 W Columbia Dr	169,900	7/19	1,832
12931 W Mauna Loa Ln	144,400	7/19	1,534
11550 W Columbine Dr	163,000	7/15	1,572
11814 W Shaw Butte Dr	168,000	7/15	1,832
12124 W Desert Ln	200,000	7/15	2,556
12642 W Ash St	139,000	7/15	988
12330 W Sweetwater Ave	155,000	7/15	1,106
12941 W Ash St	176,000	7/13	2,108
13008 W Mauna Loa Ln	177,000	7/13	2,178
12338 W Bloomfield Rd	141,000	7/11	1,106
15200 N El Frio Ct	168,000	7/11	1,642
11821 W Rosewood Dr	137,000	7/11	2,374
12338 W Columbine Dr	167,500	7/8	1,978
12606 W Aster Dr	156,000	7/8	1,446
14105 N 3 rd Ave	113,850	7/8	1,390
12629 W Paradise Dr	153,500	7/8	1,832
13005 W Windrose Dr	158,501	7/7	1,407
13412 N Alto St	199,000	7/7	2,779
12433 W Scotts Dr	150,000	7/7	1,495
11822 W Paradise Dr	145,000	7/6	1,238
12337 W Columbine Dr	135,000	7/6	1,106
12602 W Columbine Dr	131,000	7/5	2,002
13029 W Scotts Dr	161,400	7/5	1,588
13026 W Bloomfield Rd	148,000	7/1	1,243
Avg. Home Price Sold	160,448		

July 2016 Business Licenses

Type	Business Name	City	Zip	Phone
Contractor	Arizona Solar Solutions	Phoenix	85027	602-254-2040
Contractor	David Madrid Enterprises	El Mirage	85335	602-513-0379
Contractor	Mangum Civil Constructors	Phoenix	85024	602-466-3926
Retail	Swire Pacific Group	Tempe	85283	480-345-3000
Contractor	Valleywide Restoration	Mesa	75204	480-984-5071



**CITY OF EL MIRAGE
VETERANS' MEMORIAL PLAZA**

ESSAY COMPETITION - 2016 SCHOLARSHIP
DUE: September 9, 2016 by 3:00 pm
 For more information visit
<http://www.cityofelmirage.org/>

Many Thanks to:
 Tohono O'odham Nation for Program Funding Support
 Supporting Partners of Read on Arizona - Greater Surprise






BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES!

NORTHWEST VALLEY FAMILY YMCA

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM OPENING!

In August, we will be opening our Early Learning program! This is a part day, part week preschool setting, where kids can use self-exploration to learn language skills sensory perception, muscle development and more!

3yrs - Tue/Thu,
4-5yrs - Mon/Wed/Fri

ENROLLMENT IS OPEN NOW!

Come in today to register!
We are a licensed site with the State of AZ.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

School is back in session, and the Y is here for your childcare needs! We're excited to continue serving the community, now with even lower prices for our members! Plus, we offer awesome activities, such as swimming, sports, STEM projects and more!

ENROLLMENT IS OPEN NOW!

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We are a licensed site with the State of AZ.

FREE SWIM LESSONS!

We are thrilled to announce, as part of our commitment to keeping communities safe around water, that we are now offering FREE beginner swim lessons to our Family Members! The next session of classes begin in August!

AUGUST ENROLLMENT IS OPEN NOW!

Come in today to register!

60lbs of Produce for \$10 donation!

The Northwest Valley Family YMCA has teamed up with Borderlands Food Bank! With your \$10 donation, you will be able to take quite a bit of produce home for yourself or share! Bring your own bags or carts! We will be set up at Gateway Park. Parking will be beyond the produce stand in the YMCA Parking Lot.

SATURDAY, JULY 30TH, 2016
6:00AM-9:00AM (registration table opens at 6:00am)

NORTHWEST VALLEY FAMILY YMCA • 12450 W. Cinnabar Ave. El Mirage, AZ 85335 • 602.688.5335 • www.valleyymca.org

COMMUNITY EVENTS - SEPTEMBER 2016

SENIOR CENTER

1441 N. El Mirage Rd., El Mirage, AZ 85335

Come visit El Mirage's Senior Center and socialize with other seniors from the City of El Mirage.

Senior Center Activities Include:

Hot lunches for \$2.50

BINGO, Board Games, Card Games, Art & Crafts
Exercise Classes, Health & Wellness Speakers
Monthly Birthday & Holiday Parties



The Senior Center also takes donations for rummage sales For more information call: 623-876-4243 or

Email: rarvizu@cityofelmirage.org

Visit: www.cityofelmirage.org

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

<http://www.friendsofthesurpriselibraries.org>

El Mirage Elementary PTSO is seeking donations to revitalize the school's library. Students, businesses, and local leaders can help by collecting coins and designating them to any of the classrooms competing in this coin campaign. The Friends of the Surprise Library is a 501(c) 3 charity that supports local libraries and literacy. For more information contact Aly Cline at: 623.826.4959 or ajcline21@gmail.com



EL MIRAGE UP COMING SPECIAL EVENTS

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Co-ed Adult Soccer
Games played at Gateway Park. For information, go to www.azcoedsoccer.com or 1-800-BSA- 0886

Benfica Youth Soccer
Mon -Thurs., 6 pm - 8 pm year round
For information, go to www.azbenfica.org or 1-800-BSA-0886

White Tanks Little League
Baseball and Softball
Ages 4 to 16
Whitetanksl1@msn.com or (623) 241-4602

West Valley Youth Football
Ages 5 - 15 learn flag, tackle, cheer, dance, and step.
For information, go to www.wvyfaz.com or email wvyouthfootball11@gmail.com

El Mirage Martial Arts Academy
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.

EL MIRAGE LIBRARY

14011 North 1st Avenue, El Mirage Arizona 85335 | 6202-652-3000 | <http://mcladaz.org/events/elmirage>
please see the online calendar for full program description

YOUTH

Storytime for Preschoolers - September 8, 22, 29 (Thursdays), 10:30 am. Children three to five years old with parent or caregiver. Join us for stories, songs and fun action rhymes in an interactive program for the preschool crowd. Audience participation is encouraged for tots and grownups alike. Registration not required but space is limited.

Purposeful Play Group - September 12 and 26 (Mondays), 10:00 am - 11:00 am. For children ages one to five years old with parent or caregiver. Are you interested in socialization, creative play and stimulating brain development for your little one? Learn why and how to play with your child to maximize brain and skill development. Purposeful Play Groups are led by Family Educators from the Benevilla Family Resource Center. Registration is not required but space is limited.

Celebrate Roald Dahl's 100th Birthday! - September 12 (Monday), 1:15 pm. Join us after school to celebrate the life of Roald Dahl. We'll watch a *splendiferous* movie based on one of his books and enjoy some *delumptious* refreshments. There will be some *phizz-whizzing* activity pages and puzzles that test your Roald Dahl knowledge. Plus, find out your Roald Dahl character name (mine is "The Muddled Hornswaggler"). It's going to be more fun than a factory of Oompa-Loompas! Registration is not required but seating is limited.

ALL AGES

Color Together Family Coloring - September 15 and 22 (Thursdays), 5 - 6:30 pm; September 17 and 24 (Saturdays), 10 - 11:30 am. People of all ages who feel stressed are quieting their minds and souls by putting away the smart phones and tablets and picking up pencils, markers, and crayons to color beautiful designs. Now make it a fun family event! Bring the kids and color together in the cool of the library. All supplies are provided; however feel free to bring your own. Seating is very limited. First come, first served. For more information, call 602-652-3000.

ADULT

NEW! Armchair Explorers Book Club - September 6 (Tuesday), 10 - 11:30 am. Join us for a new book discussion group! We will be reading fiction and nonfiction titles that take place all around the world. We will also sample refreshments that reflect the locale of the book. The title for September is *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George. Internationally bestselling and filled with warmth and adventure, *The Little Paris Bookshop* is for book lovers and anyone who believes in the power of stories to shape people's lives. Copies of the book will be available at the El Mirage Library Customer Service desk and online electronically through Overdrive on the Library's homepage. The October title will be *300 Days of Sun* by Deborah Laurenson.

Note: The Friday Morning Book Discussion Group will resume meeting in November. Check back for the first title to be announced soon.

DYSART COMMUNITY CENTER

14414 North El Mirage Road | info@dysartcommunitycenter.org | dysartcommunitycenter.org | 623-974-4156

YOUTH AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM (623) 583-2137

Mon 1-7 PM, Tues, Wed, Thurs 3-7 PM. \$1/day. Youth receive homework help, late lunch, physical activities, games, arts/crafts, social development opportunities, and more!
All programming is delivered by caring and qualified staff committed to helping local youth succeed!

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES (623) 974-4156

Clases de Ingles (ESL) - Clases individuales y en grupo disponibles incluyendo los libros de estudio y el programa Rosetta Stone, \$60
GED - Twice per week with professional instructor, classes Mon through Thurs, 10 AM - 12 PM and 6 - 8 PM, \$30
Citizenship - Full instruction for passing US citizenship test, \$25

LOCAL TEENS MAKING AN IMPACT IN OUR COMMUNITY

DCC is helping local teens make a positive impact in our community through the arts. Please visit YouTube.com and search "El Mirage PD Running Man Challenge" to view our collaboration with the El Mirage PD!
Thank you for your support!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=We8R0W2_mFo

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY 623-974-4156

at Dysart Community Center
Sept 3rd at 10:00 am
First Saturday of Each Month 10:00 am 623-974-4156
Movil Distribucion de Despensa en **Dysart Community Center**
Primer Sabado de cada mes a la 10 am.





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