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Mayor's Message: Curbside Bulk Trash – Fall 2016

The El Mirage City Council and administration continue to promote residents' quality of life through important community programs such as the Curbside Bulk Trash collection program. This program provides residents with an opportunity to clean up their properties and support the Council's goals for community beautification. Every year the City reviews the program, makes improvements and as a result the program has seen great success. Community outreach and education will continue to be two of the main goals of the program this year.

Collection areas have been split into two sections to mirror the regular trash pickup routes provided by Parks & Sons. This year, bulk trash collection will be held:

SECTION 1 - Monday, October 24th - residents East of El Mirage Road

SECTION 2 - Monday, November 7th - residents West of El Mirage Road

Below are some guidelines on proper placement and the do's and don'ts of the program to assist with a successful event.

PLACEMENT:

Please ensure all yard waste and trash is bagged and tied - **no loose trash will be collected.** To prevent any damage to your property and assist in the collection process, do not place items near water meters, utility or mail boxes, fences, vehicles, decorative landscaping, alleys, or on streets.

When items are blocked or are hard to reach, crews have difficulty removing them. This increases collection times and cost of the collection program. Place items on the edge of your property or sidewalk no later than Monday at 5:30 am of week assigned. Placing items outside too early before the

collection day has the potential to create a mess and invite animals, in addition to detracting from the aesthetics of the community. After removal, please rake up and remove small debris that may have been left behind.

In an effort to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the program, the

City focused on compliance awareness when it implemented program changes last year. Compliance issues arise when items are either placed out incorrectly and/or the items are deemed unacceptable. In order to ensure proper placement and item compliance, the following process is in place.

NON-COMPLIANCE:

Non-compliance of placement and/or items deemed unacceptable will not be collected as part of the bulk trash program. The resident will be given notification to correct or remove items by a specific date. If items are not corrected after notification has been given, items will not be collected as part of the bulk trash program and a fee will be assessed on your water bill. Unacceptable items not removed after notification is a violation of City Code: §52.15.

PREPARATION OF REFUSE

Examples of **acceptable** items:

- Indoor/outdoor furniture
- Mattresses, appliances (no Freon)
- Bagged yard waste and trash
- Boxed cacti
- Wood fences (stacked)
- Tree limbs in 3-4 ft sections & tied

Examples of **unacceptable** items:

- Construction or roofing material

- Rocks, dirt, concrete, blocks
- Mirrors, glass, windows
- Hazardous materials, chemicals, oils, paints
- Tires, car batteries or parts
- Medical, animal or food waste
- Tree trunks
- Loose debris

If you have missed your scheduled pick-up, have a large construction project, or need to dispose of items that are not on the acceptable list, you can call Parks & Sons to schedule a special pick-up at 623-974-4791. Residents who use this optional service may be charged a fee. If you have any further questions or need additional information, please call Customer Service at 623-933-1228, or Public Works at 623-935-6405, or you can visit the City's website at www.cityofelmirage.org.

The goal of the bulk trash program is to improve community appearance by providing residents with an easy, convenient method of disposing unwanted items. Keeping El Mirage clean improves residents' quality of life, increases property values, creates a pollution free environment, and demonstrates community pride. I would like to thank residents for their continued involvement and support of this important program!

**CITY OF EL MIRAGE
FALL 2016
CURBSIDE BULK TRASH PICK-UP DATES**

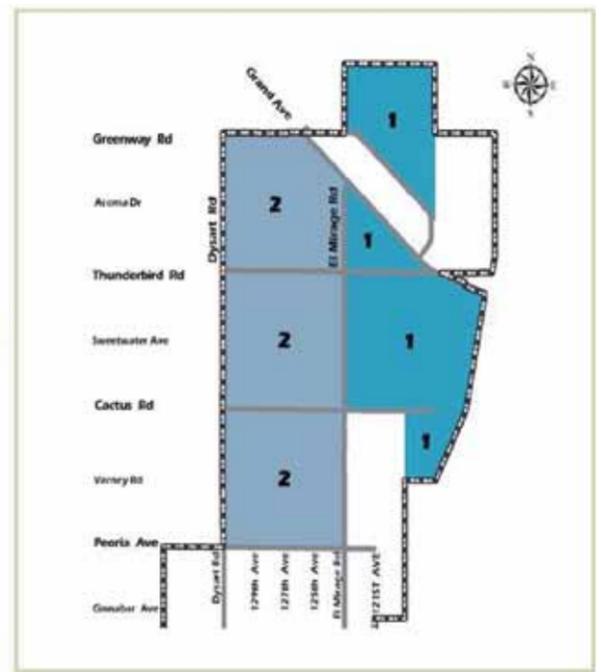
Section 1: Monday, October 24

Section 2: Monday, November 7

Please place acceptable items neatly stacked/bagged/boxed on the edge of property.

***Place items out by 5:30 am Monday on collection day**

For more information on bulk trash please check the City website at www.cityofelmirage.org click on the Public Works Department link or call 623-935-6405.



Example of Proper Placement



Example of Improper Placement/Unacceptable



Picture left to right: Mayor Lana Mook, Dysart High School Junior, Justin Kenney; Dysart High School Senior, Rebecca Marsh and Dysart School representative, Leslie Palombo

El Mirage and Dysart High School Community Garden Charrette

The City of El Mirage hosted a Community Garden Charrette for Dysart High School students in June. Harrington Planning + Design firm's Principal Planner Jason Harrington facilitated a hands-on workshop that taught students about landscape architecture, engineering, and agriculture. The input from the students were incorporated into the newly propose community garden design and student were presented with a Professional Development Award from Mayor Mook.



2016 ELECTION INFORMATION

Clerk's Corner... Every Vote Counts!



Clerk's Corner

August 30, 2016 Primary Election Results

CONGRATULATIONS to incumbent Council Members Roy Delgado, Lynn Selby and David Shapera for obtaining the required number of votes to fill the three Council seats and retain their Council positions for the next four year term, 2017-2021. Voter turnout for El Mirage was 17% of the total registered voters – small, but fairly typical for a Primary election.

GENERAL ELECTION – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016

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. Please see the chart below for specific information on the upcoming General Election:

IMPORTANT DATES	EVENT	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Monday, October 10, 2016	Last Day to Register – voter registration ends at 5:00 pm to be eligible to vote in the General Election.	Voters who register after October 10, 2016 will not be eligible to vote at the General Election on November 8, 2016
Wednesday, October 12, 2016	First day of Early Voting at City Hall Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	All registered voters that reside in Maricopa County can vote at the City Hall early voting site – 12145 NW Grand Avenue, El Mirage, AZ 85335 or drop off a voted ballot
Wednesday, October 12, 2016	Early ballots to be mailed out by Maricopa County	Only voters who are signed up on the Permanent Early Voter List (PEVL) will receive a ballot in the mail automatically. Normal delivery time is 3-5 days.
Friday, November 4, 2016	Last day to vote an early ballot at City Hall Open 8 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Early voting ends at 5:00 p.m.; there will NOT be voting at City Hall on Monday or Tuesday, November 7 and 8, 2016
Tuesday, November 8, 2016	General Election Day – at four precinct Polling Locations in El Mirage. Voters going to polls must vote at their designated polling location; watch for your notification in the mail from Maricopa County	All polling locations will be open from 6 a.m. – 7 p.m. and will have a ballot box to drop-off voted ballots. City Hall WILL also have a ballot box but can only collect ballots on Election Day.

WHY WAIT IN LINE ON ELECTION DAY? VOTE EARLY – EITHER BY MAIL or at an EARLY VOTING SITE TO CAST YOUR BALLOT BETWEEN October 12 and November 4, 2016

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

EL MIRAGE

SALUTE TO VETERANS

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



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24 HOURS A DAY
THURSDAY, NOV. 3, 11:00 A.M.
THRU SUNDAY, NOV. 6, 2:30 P.M.**





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FEATURING: **VIETNAM TRAVELING WALL**
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GIANT HOT AIR BALLOON GLOW
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**FOR INFO OR TO REGISTER FOR CAR SHOW OR 5K RUN CALL 623-876-2942
OR EMAIL TO [JANDERSON@CITYOFELMIRAGE.ORG](mailto:janderson@cityofelmirage.org) OR WWW.CITYOFELMIRAGE.ORG**

Never Leave Your Dog in a Parked Car

Parked cars quickly trap the sun's heat. Even on a day when it's 70 degrees outside, the temperature inside a car with all the windows closed can hit 90 degrees in just 10 minutes.

ON A 78° DAY:
Car parked in SHADE = 90°
Car parked in SUN = 160°

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR DOG IN THE CAR!

For more information visit: www.dontleave.org

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Make A Difference Day
Saturday, October 22, 2016




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.

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El Mirage Seniors Sweep Staff in Annual Wii Bowling Tournament

At the Annual Seniors vs. City staff Wii Bowling Tournament held at the El Mirage Senior Center on August 30, 2016, the seniors remained undefeated in their victory over the City staff.



From left to right: third place winners Pam Dahlberg and Floyd Brown; second place winners Dalia Knight and Bertha McQueen; first place winners Roger Mungillo and Richard Vaughn



From left to right: Development and Community Services Director/City Engineer Jorge Gastelum, El Mirage Senior Omar Diaz and his daughter Patricia Diaz, Mayor Lana Mook, and Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director Jim Shano



From left to right: Firefighters Clinton Giramur, Quinton Jones, Cesar Urena, Nick Falbo, Battalion Chief Chris Richardson, Battalion Chief Joe Fusco, Fire Chief Jim Wise, Battalion Chief David Cleveland, Battalion Chief Juan Rodriguez, Firefighters William Flohr, Carla Markowski, Brad Haggard, Michael Branham

El Mirage Holds Badge Pinning Ceremony for Eight New Firefighters

On September 1, 2016, the El Mirage Fire Department held a badge pinning ceremony for eight new firefighters. These firefighters have completed their first year on the job, or probationary period, and were sworn in by Fire Chief Jim Wise as full firefighters.

POLICE OFFICER RECOGNITION



Police Chief Terry McDonald, Officer Myron Williams, Mayor Lana Mook

On September 2, 2016, Officer Myron Williams was awarded the Gloria Washington Officer of the Year award from ABLE (Arizona Black Law Enforcement Employees). The award is presented to a police officer whose performance exemplifies the mission and values of law enforcement. Officer Williams was nominated for the award due to his commitment and dedication to the community of El Mirage, as demonstrated by his partnerships with youth, schools, and HOA's. He recently worked closely with the Dysart Community Center to create the El Mirage Running Man Challenge video. Officer Williams personifies the ideal police officer in our community.

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

Primary Case #	Description	Item Belongs to
E16070338	Bicycle	Jesus Guerero
E16071271	Misc. Personal Property	Richard Urenda
E16071344	Jewelry	James Wright
E16071349	Bicycle	Isaiah Pena
E16071901	Polaroid Camera iE826	Barbara Mendoza
E16080007	Backpack w/ Misc. Items	Unknown
E16080304	Purse with Misc. Items	Unknown
E16080658	Backpack with Misc. Items	Juan Astorga
E16080945	Pocket Knife	Omar Palomino
E16080972	LEATHER BELT	Gabriel Castaneda
E16081224	Skateboard	Unknown
E16081292	LIGHTER AND HOLDER	Charles Harris
E16081296	Ipod Nano	Freddy Ramirez
E16081297	Jewelry	Amber Bryant
E16081404	Purse with Misc. Items	Ann Dora Suarez
E16081467	Wallet w/ misc. cards	Jinho Yu
E16081508	Bicycle	Alexander Palma
E16081841	Wallet/ sunglasses	Daniel Romano
E16081885	Bicycle	Erik Krezmien
E16082122	Wallet w/ misc. cards	David James
E16082241	Misc. Personal Property	Manuel Avina
E16082315	Backpack / Clothing	Stevon Gonzales
E16090149	Tool	Manuel zuniga Torres
E16090210	Wallet w/ misc. cards	Ivan Wolfe
E16090238	vehicle FOB	Unknown
E16090333	Backpack w/ Misc. Items / Bicycle	Justin Cuellar
E16090358	Cell Phone	Maricella Pedrego
E16090370	Misc. Personal Property	Jacquelyn Navarrette

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.

Public Meetings

EL MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL meets for regular sessions on the first and third Thursday of each month in Council Chambers at 14010 N. El Mirage Road, normally starting at 6:00 PM. Council packets are posted on the City website at www.cityofelmirage.org in the week prior to the meeting.

There is one meeting held in early July and one in late August allowing for a Summer Hiatus and one meeting on the first Tuesday in November and December allowing for holidays.

Special meetings and Workshops may

be held either at a regularly scheduled Council meeting or alternate day as may be set by the Mayor. For questions, contact the City Clerk at 623-876-2943.

EL MIRAGE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION meets monthly on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers at 14010 N. El Mirage Road.

Agendas are posted on the City website at www.cityofelmirage.org. For questions, contact the Planning Administrator at 623-876-2996.

Community Garden Updates Coming Late Fall!

For more information contact:
Janeen Gaskins
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THE BLUE BYLINE



News from the El Mirage Police Department

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Building a Better Police Department 2011 – 2016

The El Mirage Police Department has evolved into one of the most professional law enforcement agencies in the West Valley. This Council and Administration proudly supports our first responders and will continue to provide superior public safety for our community.

Building a Better Police Department

Fiscal Year 11/12



The architectural design for the new police station began during this fiscal year. Council made this their number one priority. Voters approved a bond measure that allowed the City to build the new station, allowing the agency to relocate into a purpose-built station from the modular units it had been using (\$6,000,000).

The Police Department received grant funding and implemented new records management software that allowed for cloud storage of records. This new records management storage system allowed our police department to operate more efficiently by utilizing scanning technology (\$3,556).

The introduction of a much-needed Victim Assistance Unit began with grant funding of one part-time position. This enabled the Police Department to provide support and assistance to crime victims, with an emphasis on domestic violence (\$15,300).

The Police Department received grant funding from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) enforcement overtime and traffic safety education. This helped the Police Department to keep roadways safe from impaired drivers and educate youth about traffic safety, including school zones, bicycle safety, and seatbelt use (\$10,000).

Fiscal Year 12/13

During this fiscal year, funding for two police officer positions was restored to improve response times and increase officer safety (\$156,000). Furthermore, several outdated computers and printers were replaced or upgraded (\$13,000).



Three police vehicles were replaced, two due to deterioration and cost of repair, and one due to a collision (\$135,000).

The Police Department continued to receive grant funding for the Victim Assistance Unit. The Victim Assistance Unit focused on interventions for domestic violence while providing services to all crime victims (\$15,300).

The Department received grant funding from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for collision investigation training and overtime for DUI enforcement. The Department received additional funding for upgrades to the DUI van, and a new DUI enforcement truck. This funding allowed the police department to place an emphasis on traffic safety, education and enforcement (\$74,220).

Fiscal Year 13/14

This was a big year for the Police Department with the completion of the new station in January, 2014.

The Police Explorer program for young adults was reestablished in March, 2014. The program promotes youth leadership and prepares young people for a career in law enforcement.

Four police vehicles were replaced (\$135,000), and all of the mobile computers in police vehicles were upgraded (\$147,000).

The Police Department received grant funding for a full-time victim advocate (while it continued to receive grant funding for a part-time victim advocate) (\$116,842).

The Department hired a professional standards manager to handle recruiting, administrative investigations, and policy (\$78,000). The Department received funding for one additional police officer to



enhance the safety and security of the community (\$81,000).

The Police Department purchased a live scan fingerprint machine and software that allows officers to take fingerprints electronically and enter them into the state database for comparison purposes. This allows police officers to more quickly identify and remove wanted and dangerous criminals from our streets (\$30,000).

The Police Department received grant funding from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for DUI enforcement overtime, as well as a new speed trailer and radar recorder. The speed trailer and radar recorder are proactively used to address neighborhood speeding complaints (\$25,066).

Fiscal Year 14/15

The Victim Assistance Unit received additional grant funds from the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission to expand victim services to the citizens of El Mirage. This program continues to grow to benefit the citizens of El Mirage who are victims of crime or in need of services (\$135,052).

Three police vehicles were replaced due to age-related deterioration and increased costs of repair (\$140,000).

A full-time office assistant was hired to enhance customer service for citizens (\$41,000).

The Police Department received grant funding from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for DUI enforcement overtime, portable breathalyzers to better detect impaired drivers, and new software to better handle traffic records and collision reports (\$39,000).

Fiscal Year 15/16

Three police vehicles were replaced due to age-related deterioration and cost of repair (\$150,000).

Fifty mobile radios and accessories were replaced to enable interoperability and connectivity among first responders across different jurisdictions. The new radios will comply with future FCC-mandated radio system upgrades anticipated in FY17-18 (\$380,000). Working with the vendor, our administrative staff was able to repurpose the old radios to agencies in another state, resulting in the vendor crediting \$4,000 to our account.



Two additional code enforcement officers were hired to improve the aesthetics of El Mirage (\$67,000).

Grant funding was received from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for DUI enforcement overtime and purchase of a LIDAR gun for speed enforcement. This equipment increases traffic safety and education (\$22,000).



The Department purchased body-worn cameras for all first responders. The cameras have been effective in capturing evidence used in the investigation and prosecution of offenses, as well as identifying and correcting training deficiencies (\$97,341).

The Department purchased a new police K9 to replace the former K9 that retired due to medical issues. The K9 is used to support patrol operations, for tracking and apprehension of suspects, and for drug detection (\$10,000).



The Police Department received grant funding for Victim Advocate positions (\$160,456).

Fiscal Year 16/17

Four police vehicles will be replaced due to age-related deterioration and costs of repair (\$200,000) and four outdated police radios will be replaced (\$28,000).

One pole camera for investigations will be purchased. The camera will be used to assist officers engaged in surveillance of areas suspected of having drug or other ongoing criminal activity (\$8,000).

The police department received grant funding from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for DUI enforcement overtime, traffic safety education and enforcement, two radar units and a vehicle wrap for education. The vehicle wrap will encourage citizens to utilize a designated driver or taxi service in lieu of driving impaired (\$31,500).

FOCUS ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT



News from the El Mirage Fire Department

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Operations and Administration open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday



Building a Better Fire Department 2011 – 2016

The City of El Mirage Fire Department has seen significant change over the past five fiscal years and is now one of the leading fire agencies in the West Valley. The support from this Council and Administration has ensured that our Fire Professionals have the latest tools and equipment to meet and exceed the demand of providing public safety to our community.

Building a Better Fire Department Fiscal Year 11/12



Construction began on the new fire station thanks to voter-approved bonds. The new station was needed because the Department had outgrown the aging Fire Station (\$4,309,500). The City was also able to rehire two firefighters that were laid off in 2010 and hired one new recruit. The three previously laid off positions were reinstated at an annual cost of \$200,000 - \$300,000.

Fire, Building, and Life Safety (FBLS) transitioned from the Community Development Department into the Fire Department. FBLS partnered with the Fire Department for the previous four years and seamlessly integrated into the Fire Department operations. FBLS staff received fire certification through the International Code Council (ICC) and through the National Incident Management System (NIMS) to serve the community's building and permitting needs.

FBLS reviewed, inspected, and permitted the very first solar installation for WalMart stores in Arizona at the El Mirage WalMart on Thunderbird Road.

The Fire Department improved the Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating. This organization sets the insurance fees for both residential and commercial properties based on fire department capability, water supply, and communications. The evaluation was performed by ISO in October of 2011. The rating was 5 out of 9 (1 out of 9 is the highest score that can be received) and has improved to a 3 out of 9. This was a major accomplishment for the City, as it lowered insurance fees.

The Fire Department was able to purchase a new LifePak heart monitor, which replaced an aging unit allowing the department to utilize current technology when treating patients (\$37,000).

Fiscal Year 12/13

A 2008 voter-approved bond allowed the community to witness the completion of a new Fire Station which opened in September, 2012.



The Fire Department purchased a new vehicle (\$70,000), 3 dual band mobile radios which upgraded to the 800 MHz system (\$33,475), new fire hoses (\$16,000), personal protective gear (\$11,000), and office equipment (\$8,500).

The Department established a car seat program with three certified technicians for car seat checks and correct installation for the community at no charge (\$4,154).

The Fire Department ramped up its public education program that included CPR classes, first aid classes, Reading Across America in local schools, participating

in City events, and being a good partner with the school district.

FBLS began fire marshal duties by reviewing, inspecting, and permitting fire suppression systems in new and existing buildings. FBLS also began conducting fire plan reviews and inspections for new construction. FBLS Building Official received certification to perform damage assessments in Arizona through Arizona Emergency Management.

Mayor creates Revitalization and Rehabilitation Committee to improve visible conditions in El Mirage with a focus on the older areas. Councilman Lynn Selby and Mary Dickson are charged with leading the committee to obtain donated labor and materials.

Fiscal Year 13/14

The Fire Department established an Assistant Fire Chief position (\$120,000). The Assistant Chief manages all of the field operations for the Fire Department. The Department also established the Honor Guard program in partnership with El Mirage Firefighters Association.

The Department established a public information officer (PIO) position to keep the public informed about fire-related emergencies. This is a critical department responsibility. The PIO is available each shift at the fire department to disseminate information and other important information such as heat advisories, hazardous material spills, and safety tips to prevent household accidents.

The Fire Department purchased a heart monitor (\$37,000), software for a new records management system (\$19,000), and two portable radios (\$16,000) through a Federal Emergency Management Association's Assistance to Firefighters Grant (FEMA) (AFG).

The City had a 58.6% increase in fire and emergency medical calls over the last three years. Fire crews interacted with the community 4,054 times in 2014 with an average of 2.58 people per household equating to interacting with 11,481 citizens.

The Fire Department implemented the City's hydration station located at the Fire Administration building on El Mirage Road. The program is an annual event, which runs from June-August with an average of 4000 bottles each year.

FBLS staff received State awards for Arizona Permit Technician of the Year and Arizona Building Official Chairman's Award for Excellence in Education.

Renamed Mayor's Revitalization and Rehabilitation Committee to Community Uplift Program (CUP). CUP holds two major clean up events - Make A Difference Day in the fall and another in the spring; 14 properties improved. CUP received a donation of 200 gallons of paint from Habitat for Humanity.

Fiscal Year 14/15

For the first time in the Department's history, the Department met all the qualifications to become a member of the Maricopa County Multi Jurisdiction All Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The department also secured funding for another dual band mobile radio (\$15,000) and through two separate grants, a thermal imaging camera (\$10,000) and four climate-pharmaceutical cases (\$7,132).

FBLS began utilizing the free services of The Compliance Engine. This service tracks the servicing dates of fire suppression systems within our jurisdiction and reduced re-

inspections by 50%.

CUP receives money from the Job Opportunity Zone (JOZ) grant to purchase a tool trailer and stock it with yard tools and painting supplies. Community businesses donate materials and supplies for 26 property improvements. CUP receives donation of 50 gallons of paint from Habitat for Humanity. Two major clean up events held with over 120 volunteers.

Fiscal Year 15/16

The position of Battalion Chief was established (\$90,000). The Department was able to promote three Battalion Chiefs. This position is responsible for incident command at fire incidents.



The Department upgraded to the Lifepak 15, a heart monitor defibrillator. (\$37,000) The department also obtained an electronic patient care reporting (ePCR) system. (\$17,071) The defibrillator communicates

to the ePCR, which provides paramedics the ability to read and transmit critical information to local hospitals for faster treatment and better patient outcomes.

The Department purchased a new vehicle to replace an aging one (\$48,000) and purchased a new radio system (\$8,000). The new radio system will enhance the department's ability to provide effective, safe, and efficient communication on the fire ground.

Fire Chief Jim Wise, Battalion Chief Juan Rodriguez, and Firefighter Ryan Kiser earned their Arson IV Investigator certification. This is an intensive program that takes approximately two years to complete. With this accomplishment it brings the capability of the department to an all-new level. The department will be able to investigate most fires on the origin/cause, as well as any fire that is determined to be arson.

FBLS staff member earned Permit Technician Certification through ICC. This qualified the City for the 100% certified staff designation. Less than 5% of jurisdictions nationwide have this designation. FBLS building official received National level Disaster Damage Assessment certification and continues to teach code classes through Arizona Building Officials Education Institute.

The Fire Department and FBLS were appointed by the Arizona State Fire Marshal's Office for three Deputy Fire Marshall Positions to act on the behalf of the State to conduct inspections. FBLS Building Official oversees these activities as the City's Fire Marshall.

FBLS has seen a 42% increase in permit application over the past 5 years. This has resulted in a 36% increase in building inspections and 68% increase in plan reviews. Annual inspections of existing businesses improved from fewer than 100 businesses inspected to nearly 90% of all businesses inspected annually.

CUP held two major clean up events with 75 volunteers tackling 18 property improvements. Community businesses donate materials, supplies, food and water. Beazer Homes donates 250 gallons of paint. Twenty-two homes, three businesses, and two churches benefit from the donation.

Fire Department Futures

In FY 17/18 the department will replace a front line fire engine (\$450,000).

Futures of FBLS

Research online permit submittal, permit payment, and online inspection tracking software. Utilize improved technology for building and fire inspections.

Futures of CUP

Continue to create partnerships with area churches and businesses. Seek grant funding to replenish supplies, purchase HOA approved paint colors, and coordinate with agencies that can make interior improvements and repairs. Establish a traditional citywide event out of Make a Difference Day.

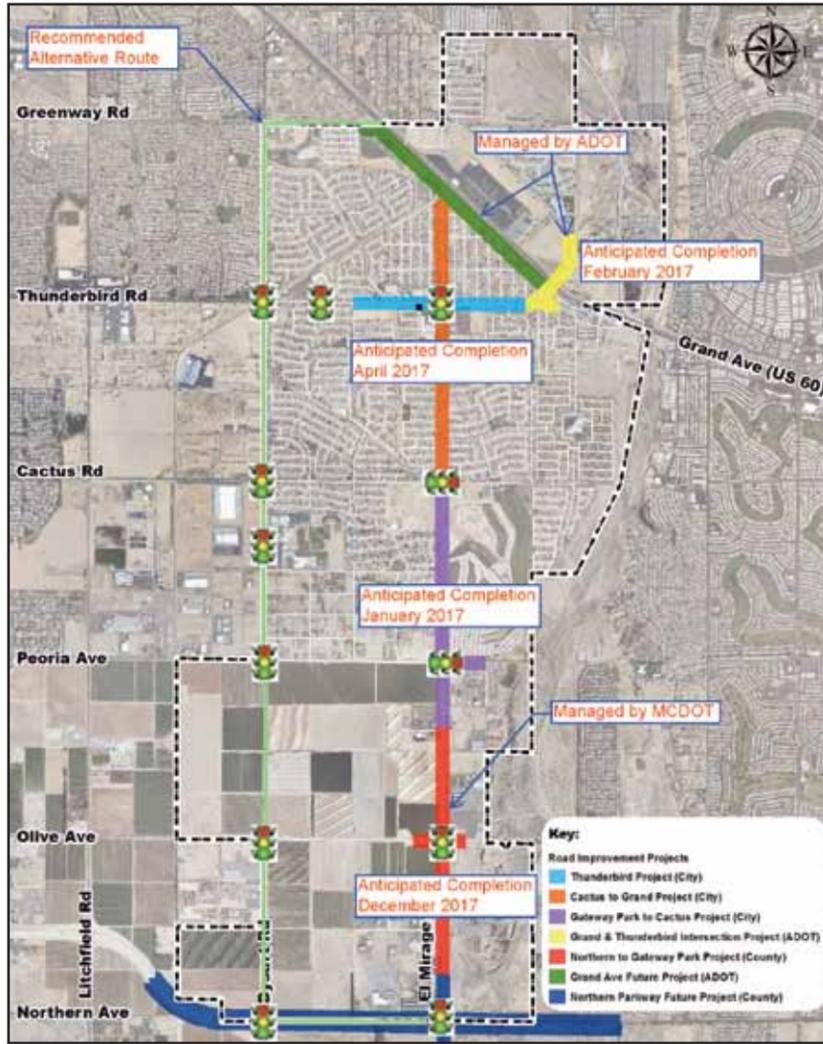


El Mirage Construction Update

Thunderbird Road is under construction from 127th Avenue to Grand Avenue. APS is working on converting power lines from overhead to underground. Most of their 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 our proposed improvements. After utility work is complete, crews will pave the south half and concentrate their 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 will be complete in December. The contractors are finishing the sidewalk and APS is installing our 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 Grand Avenue, this project will widen a portion of Thompson Ranch Road. Specific information about the project along 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 Avenue to Gateway Park. 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>
www.surpriseaz.gov/bellandgrand

City Hall construction is progressing and should be completed by Christmas.

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

THANK YOU!
 Thank you to Coco's Towing for supplying over 14,000 water bottles at the El Mirage Fire and Police Public Safety Hydration stations and at Special Events!

El Mirage Fire Dept. Calendar of Events

Community CPR Training
 CPR + First Aid

December 19, 2016
 9:00am - Noon

Fire Extinguisher Class
 TBD

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

Watch your kids around water!

ATTENTION MEMBERS

SEASONAL POOL CLOSURE

Beginning October 2, 2016

Effective Sunday, October 2nd, the Northwest Valley YMCA pool will be closed for the season and will re-open in the Spring of 2017. Members can visit the following branches complimentary as a part of your membership;

El Mirage non-member residents can pay the day rate of \$5 to swim.

- Desert Foothills
- Lincoln Downtown
- Ahwatukee Foothills



SALUTE TO HEROES FAMILY 5K RUN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

Join our **FREE*** family-friendly fun-run event that pays tribute to our men and women in uniform! Dress up in patriotic colors! There will be prizes for best spirit/patriotic/costumes!

Immediately following the run stay for the **FREE*** Annual El Mirage Firefighters Charity Pancake Breakfast!

*(Donation for 5K and Breakfast Requested)

Check-In at 6:30am/Race at 7:30am

Begins and Ends at Beautiful Gateway Park!
 Gateway Park is located at 10100 N. El Mirage Road in El Mirage, AZ.

Participants who register by Oct. 15th receive a free shirt!
In lieu of an entry fee, we ask that you donate to your favorite Veteran charity or at the event.

Registration Forms Available at www.valleymca.org or at www.cityofelmirage.org
 (Registration Form on Back of This Poster)

Submit Race Entries to: janderson@cityofelmirage.org or Incorral@valleymca.org
 Or call Jeffrey Anderson, El Mirage Special Events Coordinator at 623-876-2942

SALUTE TO VETERANS

VIETNAM TRAVELING WALL WILL BE OPEN FOR VIEWING AT THIS EVENT



in Gateway Park!



CLASSIC CAR SHOW

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2016
GATEWAY PARK 2:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
 GATEWAY PARK IS LOCATED AT 10100 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD IN EL MIRAGE, AZ

SALUTE TO VETERANS EVENT INCLUDES THE VIETNAM TRAVELING WALL, BANDS, BEER GARDEN, FREE KID'S ZONE WITH CARNIVAL RIDES, FOOD TRUCKS, 5K RUN, MOTORCYCLE RALLY, SKATEBOARD DEMO, & MORE. EVENT IS 12 - 9 P.M.

\$10 PER CAR ENTRY FEE INCLUDES PLAQUE (\$5 FOR VETS, MILITARY)

FREE ADMISSION FOR EVERYONE!

Walmart, aps, PARKS & SONS OF SUN CITY, INC., Dibble Engineering, HAYDON, Renewal by Andersen, Dibble CM, RV CONSIGNMENT SPECIALISTS, City of EL MIRAGE, SUNLAND ASPHALT, Arbonne Lottery, COCO'S TOWING

Info: 623-876-2942 | janderson@cityofelmirage.org

COMMUNITY EVENTS - OCTOBER 2016

SENIOR CENTER

1441 N. El Mirage Rd., El Mirage, AZ 85335
623-876-4243 | rarvizu@cityofelmirage.org

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

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

NEW ACTIVITY

Learn to sew with confidence! Come join us every Tuesday, from 9:00-11:00 AM, at the Senior Center. Whether you are a beginner or just need inspiration to pick up sewing again, all are welcome. Learn which notions are essential for the home sewist; how to thread; operate sewing machines; and, complete selected projects. The 1st project will be holiday table toppers, while we talk about sewing trends, techniques and tips. Bring your sewing machine, if you can, and we will provide the materials, notions and a few machines for the 1st project.

The Senior Center also takes donations.

For more information: Call: 623-876-4243 or
Email: rarvizu@cityofelmirage.org or
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 EVENT



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.wvyfz.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://mclidaz.org/events/elmirage>
please see the online calendar for full program description

YOUTH

Storytime for Preschoolers – October 6, 13, 27 (Thursdays), 10:30 am.
Children 3 to 5 years old with parent or caregiver. 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 – October 10 and 24 (Mondays), 10:00 am – 11:00 am.
For children ages 1 to 5 with parent or caregiver. 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.

Wendy the Friendly Witch Storytime – October 20 (Thursday), 10:30 am.
Join Wendy the Friendly Witch for storytime with songs, magic and more. Kids of all ages love her and you will, too! Come in your Halloween costume to join in the fun and “Trick or Treat” with Wendy after the program. Registration not required but space is limited. Recommended for ages 3 - 5 with parent or caregiver, but all ages are welcome to join in the fun!

Cute and Spooky Crafts for Kids! – October 25 (Tuesday), 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm. Join us for an afternoon of fun making paper plate pumpkins, bats and Frankensteins! All supplies provided. Registration is recommended as supplies are limited. First come, first served.

TWEENS

NEW! El Mirage Code Club – October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 (Mondays), 1:15 – 2:30 pm. Ages 8 – 13 years. Have you ever wanted to learn how to code? Come to the library to learn the basics on how get started making apps, games, and websites. No computer or coding experience needed. Absolute beginners are most welcome! *Space is limited to 10 students, registration is required.* Please note this class runs for 12 weeks. If your schedule does not allow for participation in at least 10 of the 12 meetings, please consider signing up for a future session. See Customer Service Desk for a full list of class meeting dates.

ALL AGES

Color Together Family Coloring – October 1 and 29 (Saturdays), 10 – 11:30 am. Adults 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 – October 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. 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 is *300 Days of Sun* by Deborah Laurenson. See online calendar for more information. <http://mclidaz.org/events/elmirage>
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 available Mon - Thurs, 10 AM – 12 PM and 6 – 8 PM, \$40

Citizenship – Full instruction for passing US citizenship test, \$25

Local Teens Making an Impact in our Community

DCC is helping local teens prepare for college. Please visit YouTube.com and search “Dysart Community Center TAAP Retreat 2016” to view footage from their recent summer retreat! Our teens had the opportunity to tour UCLA, complete a team-building workshop, and more in CA!

Thank you for your support!

Mobile Food Pantry 623-974-4156

at [Dysart Community Center](http://DysartCommunityCenter) Oct 1st at 10:00 am
First Saturday of Each Month 10:00 am
623-974-4156

Movil Distribucion de Despensa en [Dysart Community Center](http://DysartCommunityCenter) Primer Sabado de cada mes a la 10 am.



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