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Monthly Newsletter

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Mayor's Message: GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

When most people think of giving back they think of monetary contributions and although I believe that is very important, there are many other ways we can give back to our community. From doing activities such as park clean ups, tutoring at schools, or volunteering at community centers, everyone can find something that is suitable for them.

We have to become a City that invests in our future and giving back to the community will not only improve our City, but will provide opportunities for our children to become successful. Also, as our City grows, we need great public spaces to serve our

residents. Spaces like the new City Hall with the Veterans Memorial Plaza located near Gateway Park and the Northwest Family YMCA. This facility will open later this winter. These are the type of spaces where families can play together, where neighbors can have conversations, and where citizens can go to reflect.

Giving back to the community can take a variety of forms. Depending on your own skill set, you will find many opportunities to help those around you. Here are a few ideas to spark your giving side and get you serving those in your community.

Donate

Sometimes giving back to the community is as simple as giving. Whether you have an overabundance of something or merely have something others could use, donating makes an immediate difference in others' lives. From clothes to food, to that old cell phone in the back of your closet, in-kind gifts move seamlessly from you to local organizations and into the hands of those in need. One option to donate items is the El Mirage Goodwill Store located at 13055 W. Thunderbird Road.

Volunteer

If you have more time than money, volunteering may be a more effective and viable way of giving back to the community. Consider places you already spend a lot of time with, such as your child's school or your congregation. Those who work, and give their time, in these local places can often use an hour or two from volunteers to take extra tasks off their

hands.

The El Mirage Community Uplift Program (CUP) holds events throughout the year that work to clean up our neighborhoods. Contact Mary Dickson at 623-251-3508, or mdickson@cityofelmirage.org for more information. El Mirage Senior Center located at 14010 N. El Mirage Road/Ruby Arvizu

623-876-4232, or rarvizu@cityofelmirage.org and the Dysart Community Center located at 4414 N. El Mirage Road/623-583-0016 are also great places to volunteer.

Adopt a Brick

At the new City Hall Veterans Memorial Plaza you have the opportunity to purchase a brick to honor a Veteran or a loved one at the plaza. The bricks are \$50 and are engraved with three lines of text. If you are interested in purchasing a brick, please contact Janeen Gaskins at 623- 876-2973, or jgaskins@cityofelmirage.org.

Step Up and Ask

If you aren't sure what to do to give back or where your time or resources

could be best used, the first place to start is to ask.

Contact a representative at a local organization and let them know about your desire to help. Be specific about what you might be able to do – whether it's donating your time, offering in-kind donations, or providing funding. Some suggestions on where to start: El Mirage Fire/623-583-7968, El Mirage Police/623-500-3000, animal shelters, and your local schools.

By finding ways you can donate and volunteer at local events and organizations, you will be able to come up with your own unique way of giving back to our community. "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others," Mahatma Gandhi.

City Recognition from Friends of the Library

El Mirage Mayor and City Council were recognized by the Friends of the Surprise Libraries President Alyson Cline for their help in the El Mirage Elementary School Revitalization campaign.



Friends of the Surprise Libraries President Alyson Cline with Mayor Lana Mook

CITY OF EL MIRAGE OFFICE CLOSURE NOTICE



City Hall offices and Customer Service will be closed in recognition of the following holidays:

Christmas Holiday
New Year's Day

Monday, December 26, 2016
Monday, January 2, 2017

Fire and Police Emergency and Non-Emergency Services are fully operational during the holiday closures.

Utility Payments: Residents wishing to make payments for utility bills may utilize the drop box located in the Customer Service parking lot on Alto Street or the <http://www.XpressBillPay.com> feature on the City's website at <http://www.cityofelmirage.org>.

Trash collection schedule: www.cityofelmirage.org/DocumentCenter/View/1702

If you have any questions, please call El Mirage City Hall 623-972-8116.



First Annual El Mirage Salute to Veterans Event



Thank you to everyone who came out to see the largest traveling Vietnam Wall and to our sponsors that made this event possible!





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.

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| James Brigilio PFC 462 S Corp USA 1943-1946 | Larry Kitchens Staff Sergeant USAF 1966-1970 | James I. Iwamoto Cpl USA Gider 1st USA 17 Apr 1941 |
| Lindebaum 1st Class USA 1955 | Michael D. Sanchez Sgt 101st Airborne USA 1965-1968 | Michael D. Combs Airman USAF 1968-1969 |
| Malvin S. Hegreness Lieutenant | Vincent T. Jones WWII UDT Team 3 | Thomas V. San T. Sergeant |

Engraved Memorial Brick Paver

\$50.00 Each

Engraved memorial brick pavers will surround the new monument at the new Veterans' Memorial Plaza. Each paver has up to three lines with no more than 15 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 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

Curbside and drop-off location for Christmas tree disposal



Properly placed Christmas tree for Curbside Disposal

The City of El Mirage will be offering two ways of disposing Christmas trees after the holidays.

For Curbside Disposal Tree Only:
Tree, without the ornaments and stands, must be placed at curbside by **5:30 a.m. Jan. 2, 2017**. It is important that the Christmas tree does not block the trash barrel so crews are not prevented from providing regular service.

Drop-off Disposal Tree Only:
Tree drop-off is available the **week of Jan. 2, 2017 – Jan. 6, 2017**. The designated drop-off location is at the Wastewater Reclamation Facility located at 10355 N. 121st Ave.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
City of El Mirage

PUBLIC MEETINGS

EL MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL meets for regular sessions on the first and third Thursday of each month in Council Chambers, 14010 N. El Mirage Road, starting at 6 PM. Council packets are posted on the City website, www.cityofelmirage.org, in the week prior to the meeting. There is one meeting held early July and one late August, allowing for a summer hiatus, and one meeting the first Tuesday in November and December, allowing for holidays. Special meetings and Workshops may be held 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 PM in Council Chambers, 14010 N. El Mirage Road. Agendas are posted on the City website, www.cityofelmirage.org. For questions, contact the Planning Administrator at 623-876-2996.

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Clerk's Corner

2016 ELECTION

At the time of this writing, the 2016 Election is drawing to a close! Early voting at City Hall was quite brisk, especially the week that ended November 4, 2016, and we believe it provided yet another means to insure that all registered voters are provided the opportunity to exercise their right to vote.

YOUR VOICE, YOUR VOTE – YOU WERE COUNTED!

HOA ACADEMY

The first El Mirage Homeowners Association (HOA) Academy is planned for early 2017. Five Monday evening sessions with guest speakers have been scheduled to address many HOA topics, including pets, parking, dues, neighbors, CC&Rs, legal matters, HOA boards, insurance, code enforcement, etc.

The HOA Academy is FREE to El Mirage residents and will be held at the New City Hall located on El Mirage Road. Participants will need to register and application forms will be available in December 2016. Seating is limited so early registration is recommended. For more information about the first El Mirage HOA Academy, please contact City Clerk Sharon Antes at 623-876-2943, or santes@elmirageaz.gov.

City Hall is Moving

January, 2017
 City of El Mirage
 10000 N. El Mirage Road
 El Mirage, Arizona 85335
(Between Peoria Avenue & Olive Avenue)

New
City Hall

New
Council
Chambers

New
Veterans
Memorial
Plaza

Customer Service Utilities Office and Payment Drop Box
 The physical address will remain at: 14406 N. Alto St, El Mirage, AZ 85335
 For details visit: <http://www.cityofelmirage.org/326/Customer-Service> | Call 623.933.1228

Dysart High School Football Region Winners

Dysart High School beat Coronado 34-6 to win their first region football Championship.



Dysart High School Volleyball Region Winners

Dysart High School Volleyball wins their first Region Championship since 1976. Final record 10-7 and players led the region in the following stats: Kills (Rickard), Aces (Richard), Blocks (Hood) and Digs (Mckenna)



Front Row: Alexis Wallen, Hailey McKenna, Courtney Rooks, Aniya Hughes

Second Row: Haley Carter, Melissa Villafana, Tatum Rickard, Haleigh Wheat, Tionna Hood, Maya Terry, Esmi Diaz, Demara Carr.

Dysart Community Center Mural Celebrates El Mirage



Teens from TAAP proudly stand in front of the Dysart Community Center Mural

Dysart Community Center and its Teen Arts and Action Program (TAAP) have completed a mural celebrating the rich history and bright future of the City of El Mirage. This vibrant work of art expresses a deep love and appreciation for the communal ancestors that built the foundation for the City, and the desire of local youth to

utilize the skills and values that have been passed down to them in order to ensure the community is healthy and strong. Emphasizing the importance of opportunity, safety, justice, equality, and education, TAAP hopes that this mural will serve as inspiration for young people to carry on a tradition of growth and progress.

Holiday Safety

Now that the holiday season is here, it is time to ensure that homes are protected from the typical associated fire hazards.



Based on data from the National Fire Protection Association and the U.S. Fire Administration, an estimated 250 home fires involving Christmas trees and another 170 home fires involving holiday lights and other decorative lighting occur each year. Together, these fires resulted in 21 deaths and 43 injuries last year nationwide.

The City of El Mirage Fire Department offers the following safety tips:

Live Christmas Trees

- Always pick a fresh tree; one of the best and easiest ways to check are in the needles. Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches.
- Never put the tree near a heat source like a fireplace, space heater or

decorative candles.

- Make sure the tree stays hydrated, **WATER WATER!**

Artificial Christmas Trees

- Make sure the tree

is flame retardant.

Holiday Lights

- Maintain the lights; inspect them each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets and excessive kinking or wear.
- Do not overload electrical outlets.

Never link more than three strands unless directions indicate it is safe to do so.

Holiday Decorations

- Use only non-flammable decorations and place all items away from heat sources.
- Do not burn wrapping paper or packaging. All items should be disposed of properly and recycle whenever possible.

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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From left to right: Police Chief Terry McDonald, Deputy Director of Police Administration Michael Ashley, Sergeant Travis Slater, Lieutenant Randy Stewart, and Assistant Chief Laura Liuzzo

Congratulations Sergeant Slater

El Mirage Police Sergeant Travis Slater graduated from the Arizona Leadership Program (ALP) on October 27, 2016. ALP provides training and education on modern behavioral science and leadership theories used by law enforcement leaders to increase credibility with followers and effectiveness within the organization. All El Mirage police supervisors attend the four-week class. Congratulations Sgt. Slater!

Congratulations El Mirage Explorers



From left to right: Brett Ringenberg, Haleigh Wheat, Christine McMullen, Tyler Johnston, Jadon Sobarzo, Michael Rodriguez, Evan Berger, Xitlaly Luna, Ashley Quintana, and Clayton Haigh

El Mirage Police Explorer Post 2780 participated in the Southern Arizona Law Enforcement Explorer Competition in October. The post earned a 1st place award in the obstacle course and a 2nd place award in tubular assaults.

In addition to learning about the field of law enforcement, EMPD Explorers are also making a difference in the community. In October, they participated in several community events including

National Night Out, the Career and College Expo at the Dysart School District Office, and Fry's Fuel of Dreams, a fundraiser for Special Olympics. Explorers also represented the City at the Arizona State Fair Public Safety Day. They helped to educate the community on seatbelt and DUI awareness as well as victim services. The event was hosted by the Arizona Governor's office of Highway Safety.

Chief McDonald Participates In Community Forum

The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) invited Chief Terry McDonald of the El Mirage Police Department to participate as a panel member in the Westside Community Forum based on his dedication and work within the community. The Arizona chapter of the NOBLE and the Latino Police Officers Association sponsored the event on October 1, 2016, with nearly 100 community members in attendance from around the valley. Chief McDonald spoke about creating and

maintaining police and community conversation. His efforts and experience helped to further trust and transparency within the community.

Chief McDonald has a long history of developing partnerships with citizens and his contributions of inclusion were appreciated by the President of the Arizona Chapter of NOBLE, Bruce Walls. Mr. Walls said he was "extremely grateful to have had such a talented spokesperson to lead this crucial conversation."

Chief McDonald exemplifies commitment to community in keeping with the mission of the police department. During his administration, the El Mirage Police Department created a Community Engagement Program, led by Sergeant Chris Culp. The goal of the program is to build and maintain community trust and engagement through accountability and transparency. The El Mirage Police Department believes that every citizen contact is an opportunity to make a difference.

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

| Primary Case # | Description | Item Belongs to |
|----------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| E16022085 | Identification | Jacob Henderson |
| E16022085 | Misc. Paperwork | Linda Ames |
| E16022085 | Misc. Personal Items | Jerrett Lilly |
| E16081292 | Tools | Charles Harris |
| E16090477 | Bicycle | Unknown |
| E16090614 | Bicycle | Anthony Martinez |
| E16091889 | Cellphone with no battery | Unknown |
| E16091897 | Cell Phone | Unknown |
| E16091971 | Bicycle | Unknown |
| E16100178 | Mountain Bike | Unknown |
| E16100927 | Bicycle | Unknown |
| E16101199 | Tools | Henry Altamirano |
| E16101280 | Misc. Clothing | Unknown |
| E16101291 | Backpack w/ Misc. items | Unknown |
| E16101314 | Backpack w/ Misc. items | Isak Duran |
| E16101964 | Misc. Personal Items | Monroe Monroe |
| E16102024 | Purse w/ Misc. Items | Alexsandra Saenz |
| E16102155 | Bicycle | Unknown |
| E16102159 | Backpack w/ Misc. items | Erik Krezmian |

Photo ID is required. Call 623-500-3038 for an appointment to claim your property. Property not claimed by 12/30/16 will be disposed of in accordance with the law.



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Police Department
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www.cityofelmirage.org

EL MIRAGE POLICE EXPLORER POST #2780



Police Explorers are young persons with an interest in law enforcement and community service as a career. The Explorer program is an intensive, long-term process designed to assist youth in meeting the hiring requirements of local police departments. As the hiring standards for police employees are very high, our program seeks to select Explorers who can commit several years of study and participation in order to best achieve their career goals.

Overview of Explorer Selection Process

- Be between 14 1/2 and 20 1/2.
- Have completed the 8th grade.
- Bring proof of a C average or better in school.
- Be free of felony arrests, current drug or alcohol use, and criminal activity.
- Attend two general meetings a month.
- Submit required application forms and pass a background check.
- Complete a 2 week academy in the summer, monthly training, and six-month probation period.

Applicants and their parent/guardian are encouraged to attend a meeting to have their questions answered about the Explorer program. If however, more information is required prior to attending a meeting, the Explorer Advisor, Officer Joe Johnston, can be reached at (623)500-3076 or jjohnston@cityofelmirage.org.

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



EL MIRAGE MADE A DIFFERENCE



On Saturday, Oct. 22, National Make A Difference Day, the Community Uplift Program had over 150 volunteers working to improve properties throughout the community. Three houses were painted. One home had numerous repairs which included window replacements, new doors, interior and exterior trash clean-up and more.. Six properties were cleaned and landscaping trimmed. One home benefited from the installation new landscaping rock. The CUP volunteers also improved landscaping along sections of Myer Road. El Mirage Road received new plants and landscaping rock treatments which made a huge visual improvement. The Clothing Shop fence was painted and the interior walls were scrubbed clean. An additional 225 feet of fencing was painted along 127th Ave. Two additional homes will be painted on November 27th.

MANY THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS:

- Sunset View Baptist Church
- Grace Church
- Victory Outreach
- Life Spring Church
- El Mirage Latter Day Saints
- West Valley Bible Church
- Reveal Church
- Dysart High HOSA club
- El Mirage Firefighter Charities
- Dysart Community Center
- And many El Mirage citizens!

SPECIAL THANKS TO LOCAL BUSINESSES:

- Urban Greenhouse- trash bags
- Younger Bros, Construction- new doors
- Clear Cut Glass- new windows
- Grand Materials- rock for landscaping
- Coco's Towing- water and paint supplies

El Mirage Fire Department Receives New Fido Bag



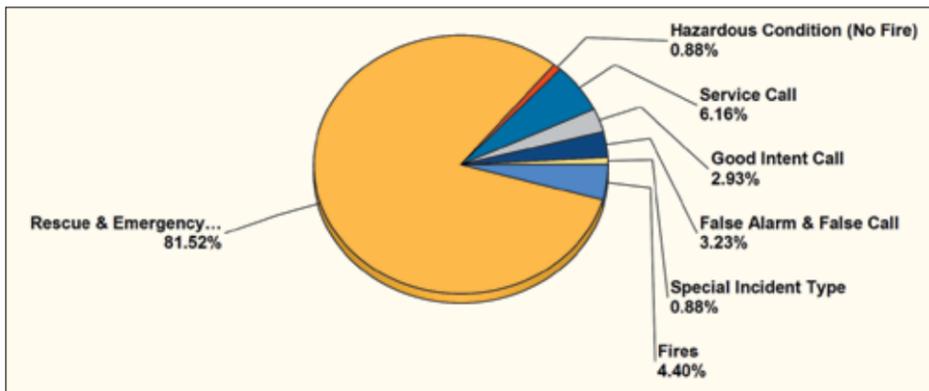
The El Mirage Fire Department would like to thank Sun City resident Stewart Porter for graciously donating a brand new Fido Bag to the department. Fido Bags contain equipment that help firefighters treat family pets after being rescued from fires. They contain specialized pet oxygen masks, burn sheets, bandages, thick protective gloves for the rescuer, and rinsing saline. These bags are an important piece of equipment for fire departments to carry because, according to the Fetch Foundation, over 40,000 pets die from smoke inhalation each year.

Mr. Porter wished to donate the Fido Bag in memory of his late daughter, Abby Porter, who had a love for animals. The El Mirage Fire Department would like to thank Mr. Porter and his family for their generous donation.

City of El Mirage Fire Department Operations Report October 2016

Total Calls for Service = 349

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



Community Involvement

- 10/03: El Mirage FD provided a station tour for a local family.
- 10/09: Received a donated Fido Bag from the Porter family in loving memory of their daughter. The Fido Bag will assist in the breathing of dogs and cats after smoke inhalation.
- 10/21: Supported the City's Annual Halloween Harvest Festival; an estimated 5000 participants attended.
- 10/28: Continues to support Dysart High School with medical standby during football events
- 10/29: Participated with the Thompson Ranch HOA Halloween party. Crews handed out stickers and goodies to the children

Significant Incidents

- 10/05: Responded to a multiple vehicle crash at Dysart and Orchid. A total of 4 patients were treated and transported to local hospitals.
- 10/05: El Mirage FD, with the assistance of Surprise and Sun City fire departments, responded to a structure fire. Crews quickly got the upper hand; minor injury to a Surprise Firefighter.
- 10/06: Responded to a gunshot wound.
- 10/06: Responded to a reported car

vs. bicycle incident; minor injuries, patient treated and transported to local hospital.

- 10/10: Assisted Phoenix Police Department and MCSO in reference to a stolen vehicle out of Phoenix
- 10/15: Responded to a two vehicle incident which required additional resources.
- 10/23: Responded to and assisted Surprise Fire with a First Alarm medical at the intersection of Grand and Bell.

Training Activities

- 358 total training hours, combined Fire/EMS

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

- Staff hosted a booth at Dysart Union School District Career and College Expo. Hundreds attended the event where El Mirage Fire, Building & Life Safety answered many career questions for attendees.

Statistics for period of Oct. 2016

- Permits issued: 45
- Plan reviews: 2 Commercial, 41 Residential, 2 Fire
- Inspections - 210 at 134 stops (10 daily average)

- Annual Business Inspections - 22
- Revenue from permits - \$9,582

Thanksgiving Time!!

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, Thanksgiving is the peak day for home fires involving cooking equipment. By making safety part of the Thanksgiving dinner menu, you can avoid preventable cooking fires.

Here are some steps to follow when preparing your holiday feast:

- Test your smoke alarms to make sure they are working
- Keep children at least 3 feet away from the stove
- Keep an eye on what you are cooking

In recent years, deep-frying turkeys has become a popular cooking method. While fried turkey may be a tasty addition to your meal, cooking with deep-fat turkey fryers can be a recipe for disaster! They have a high risk of tipping over, overheating or spilling hot oil - which can lead to fires, burns and other injuries.

For a safer alternative to deep-frying your bird, the National Fire Protection Association encourages the use of an outdoor turkey cooking appliance that does not use oil.

Turkey Frying Safety Tips

According to data from State Farm, more cooking fires occur on Thanksgiving than any other day of the year. November is the No. 1 month for grease and cooking related fire and December is the second highest.

If you plan to deep-fry your holiday bird, be sure you know how to safely use the fryer, and take these precautions to protect yourself, your guests and your home:

1. Keep outdoor fryers off decks, out of garages and a safe distance away from trees and other structures.
2. Make sure the turkey is thawed and dry before cooking. Ice or water that mixes into the hot oil can cause flare-ups.
3. Place the fryer on a level surface, and avoid moving it once it's in use.

4. Leave at least 2 feet between the tank and the burner when using a propane-powered fryer.

5. Follow the manufacturer's instructions to avoid overfilling. Oil can ignite when it makes contact with the burner.

6. Choose a smaller turkey for frying. A bird that's 8 to 10 pounds is best; pass on turkeys over 12 pounds.

7. Never leave fryers unattended, keep children and pets away from the fryer at all times.

8. Purchase a fryer with temperature controls, and watch the oil temperature carefully. Cooking oil that is heated beyond its smoke point can catch fire. If you notice the oil is smoking, turn the fryer off.

9. Turn off the burner before lowering the turkey into the oil. Once the turkey is submerged, turn the burner on.

10. Wear goggles to shield your eyes, use oven mitts to protect your hands and arms and keep a grease-rated fire extinguisher close by.

11. Skip the stuffing when frying turkey, and avoid water-based marinades.

12. Once finished, carefully remove the pot from the burner; place it on a level surface and cover to let the oil cool overnight before disposing.

**Class B fires involve flammable or combustible liquids such as gasoline, kerosene, grease and oil. The numerical rating for class B extinguishers indicates the approximate number of square feet of fire it can extinguish. Geometric symbol (red square)

**Class K fire extinguishers are for fires that involve cooking oils, trans-fats, or fats in cooking appliances and are typically found in restaurant and cafeteria kitchens. Geometric symbol (black hexagon)

Referenced:
<http://www.dovedesigns.com/blogs/thenest/74948803-15-tips-to-safely-fry-a-turkey?>
 Posted by Jeffery Wilson on 03 November, 2015
<http://www.fire-extinguisher101.com/>

Economic Development Insights: El Mirage Construction Update

Local business highlights

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 businesses in construction areas 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.

Klimate King Air Conditioning- Klimate King is located on Thunderbird Road east of Thompson Ranch Road and Thunderbird intersection. The company is family owned and operated providing services to residential and commercial customers.

Address: 11713 W. Thunderbird Road
Phone: 623-933-4127
www.klimateking.com
Call to schedule an appointment.

Carniceria Uruapan- Carniceria Uruapan was established in 2004 as a butcher shop. The business has a great reputation with local customers and several claim it has the best Carne Asada in the area.

Address: 11926 W. Thunderbird Road
Phone: 623-815-7765
Please call to schedule an appointment.

Desert Mesa Painting- Desert Mesa Painting is a family owned business with over 30 years of experience. They offer interior and exterior painting services. The company also provides

drywall and stucco repair and roof coating options.

Address: 11705 W. Thunderbird Road
Phone: 623-340-9866
Please call to schedule an appointment.

Fightertown Paintball Park- The paintball/airsoft field has been operating in El Mirage for almost four years. Henry Ruiz and Tony Cariscia are partners in this fun entertainment enterprise. The park has special group rates for 12+ players and accommodates up to 60 people (ages 6+). Several companies (e.g., Home Depot, Luke AFB) use the park for team building and the park is also great for birthday parties or just having fun with family/friends. You don't need to be in a group to play or make a reservation; however, they encourage large groups to make reservations in advance. Remember no sandals or open toed shoes. The paint washes off your clothes and your payment covers the entire day.

Address: 9825 N. 121st Ave.
Phone: 602-421-7039
www.fightertownpaintballpark.com



Henry Ruiz Tony Cariscia

Public Works: Working hard for El Mirage

Pavement Maintenance Update

One of the ways the Public Works Department supports the City Council's goals for El Mirage is through the annual pavement maintenance program. As part of the program, all 240-lane miles of El Mirage roadways are evaluated bi-annually and placed into a rotating maintenance schedule.

The focus of the program is pavement preservation. El Mirage

takes a proactive approach to maintaining roads that are in good condition in an effort to prolong the life of the roadways and provide long-term savings on maintenance. The industry rule on this type of maintenance is that every dollar spent on preservation precludes spending \$6-\$14 on rehabilitation.

In 2016/2017, the pavement

maintenance program will turn its attention to the residential sections north of Thunderbird and also some main arterial roads. Preventative sealant will be applied to these areas in addition to crack filling and striping refreshment. For more details on the program, please contact the Public Works department at 623-935-6405.

"Walk the Loop"

With the beautiful Arizona Fall Season in full swing, getting out and staying active will be a pastime for many El Mirage residents in the next few months. The City offers a wide variety of different outdoor opportunities perfect for the season. This month we would like to highlight Basin Park, located on the southwest corner of El Mirage Road and

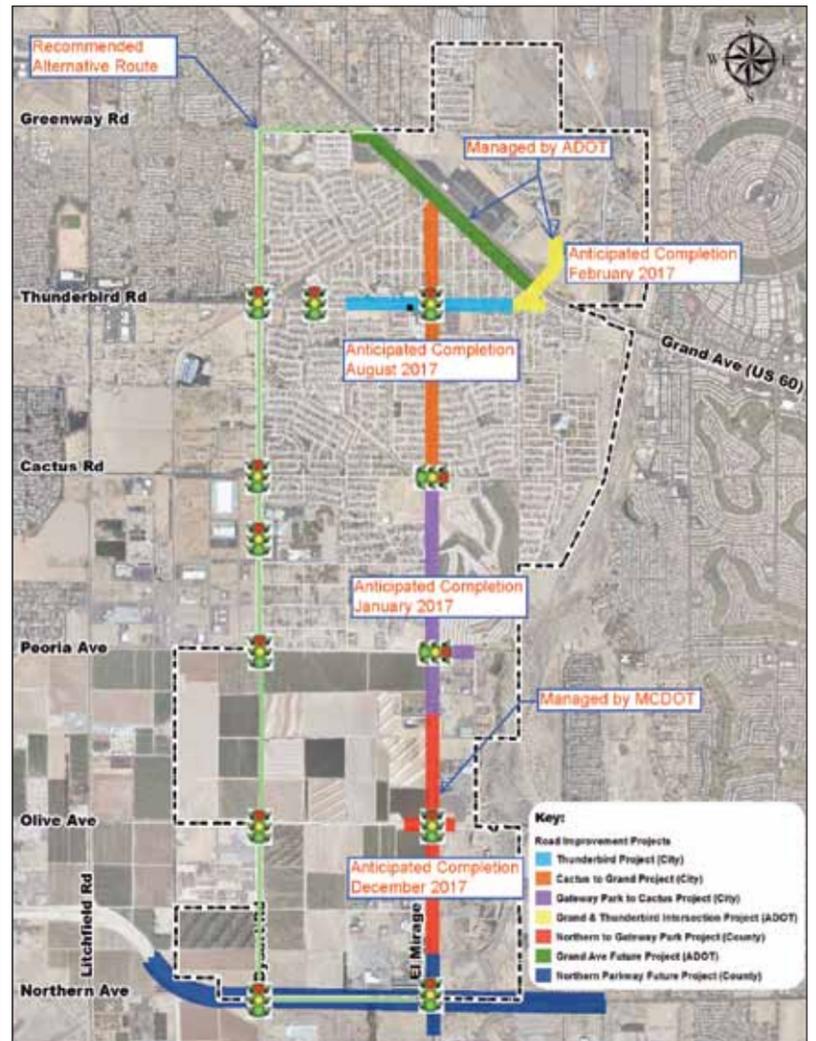
Cactus Road. Basin Park is a unique, passive recreation area where residents are encouraged to come walk the many lighted paths through the natural desert and turf landscaped areas.

Recently the Public Works department completed installation of the Basin Loop information station – just off the Canterbury entrance on the south

side of the park. The Basin Loop information sign is pictured below:

The loop at Basin Park measures just over 1/3 of a mile, and offers a nice change in elevation over the walk with a great view of the park from the South entrance. As the wonderful weather of fall and winter in Arizona continue, the City welcomes residents to come

enjoy its amenities. We encourage residents to come out to Basin Park for a short evening walk or even to add it as part of your daily routine. Don't miss an opportunity to enjoy the season and come "walk the loop!"



Thunderbird Road is under construction from 127th Avenue to Grand Avenue. APS is finishing 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. Sunland Asphalt has started curb and sidewalk on the south half of the road. 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 roadwork 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 new connection with Grand Avenue, this project widened a portion of Thompson Ranch Road. The west half of the new intersection is under construction. Specific information about the project along with renderings of the proposed improvements can be found at: www.azdot.gov/tbird

Maricopa County

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

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 out to bid and they hope to have a contractor selected 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: azdot.gov/bellandgrand and surpriseaz.gov/bellandgrand

WINTER FUN AT THE YMCA!

EVENTS

- ◆ Breakfast with Santa *December 10th from 9am-11am.
- ◆ Winter Break Camp *Ages 5-12 *December 26th thru 30th *January 2nd thru 6th
- ◆ Group Fitness Classes *Monday thru Saturday *Schedule is available on our website at <https://valleyymca.org/northwest-valley/schedules-downloads/>
- ◆ Personal Training options for everybody

HOURS OF OPERATION
Christmas Eve 7:00am to 12:00pm
Christmas Day CLOSED
New Year's Eve 8:00am to 12:00pm

FREE DAY PASS
Bring this pass in for a free visit to the Northwest Valley YMCA to experience all that the YMCA has to offer!
Expires: 1/31/2017



COMMUNITY EVENTS - DECEMBER 2016

| SENIOR CENTER | EL MIRAGE SPECIAL EVENTS AT GENTRY PARK | ONGOING ACTIVITIES |
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| <p>14010 N. El Mirage Rd., El Mirage, AZ 85335 623-876.4232 rarvizu@cityofelmirage.org</p> <p>Come visit El Mirage’s Senior Center and socialize with other seniors from the City.</p> <p>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</p> <p>ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS Come enjoy Marysol Ortiz She will be performing at the El Mirage Senior Center on December 21, 2016 from 10:00am-11:00am.</p> <p>Free Fitness Classes Monday’s and Wednesdays from 10:00 - 11:00 am Must be 55 and better. We offer free variety classes that include Zumba Gold, Standing Yoga, Safe Weight Lifting, and Resistance Bands</p> <p>Sewing Tuesdays, from 9:00 -11:00 am Learn to sew with confidence! 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.</p> <p>The Senior Center also takes donations. For more information: Call: 623-876-4243 or Email: rarvizu@cityofelmirage.org or Visit: www.cityofelmirage.org</p> |  <p>EL MIRAGE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION FRIDAY, DEC. 9, 2016 GENTRY PARK, 5 - 9 P.M.</p> <p>Special Guest Performer Marysol Ortiz</p> <p>Free Santa Photos! Free Giant Kid's Zone! Play in 2 Tons of Real Snow! Free Arts and Crafts! Music! Food! Vendors!</p> <p>Free Admission!</p> <p>City of EL MIRAGE aps COCO'S TOWING PARKS & SONS OF SUN OTL, INC. Walmart Renewal Mattresses Andersen Windows</p> <p>623-878-2942 www.cityofelmirage.org</p> | <p>Co-ed Adult Soccer Games played at Gateway Park. For information, go to www.azcoedsoccer.com or 1-800-BSA- 0886</p> <p>Benfica Youth Soccer Mon –Thurs., 6 pm – 8 pm year round For information, go to www.azbenfica.org or 1-800-BSA-0886</p> <p>White Tanks Little League Baseball and Softball Ages 4 to 16 Whitetanksl1@msn.com or (623) 241-4602</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> |

EL MIRAGE LIBRARY

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

YOUTH

Storytime for Preschoolers – December 1, 15, 29 (Thursdays) 10:30 am - 11:30 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 – *NOTE – New day and time* December 8 & 22 (Thursdays) 10:30 am - 11:30 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.

Santa Claus is coming to town! – December 7 (Wednesday) 10:30 am - 11:30 am. For all kids who have been naughty or nice, Santa is coming to El Mirage Library! He’ll read stories, chat with the kids and provide photo opportunities as time permits. Presentation will take place in the Library. Space is limited.

Crystal Claus is coming to town! – December 14 (Wednesday) 10:30 am - 11:30 am. Meet Santa’s daughter, Crystal Claus. She will entertain kids of all ages with Jingles the elf puppet and Christmas magic. Program is in the library. Space is limited.

ADULTS

Friday Morning Book Discussion – December 2 (Friday) 10 am – 11:30 am. The December title *1000 White Women* by Jim Fergus. 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 January 2017 title will be *My Name is Lucy Barton* by Elizabeth Strout.

Armchair Explorers Book Club – December 6 (Tuesday) 10 am – 11:30 am. Join us as we travel the world through books! The December title is *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George. 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.

Swing Into History Holiday Program – December 7 (Weds) 2 pm - 3 pm. Arizona Speaks presenter Erik Larsen will talk about holiday-themed big bands of the 30s and 40s; how iconic artists like Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Bing Crosby and Ella Fitzgerald got their start, along with fellow bands, vocalists, composers and musicians. Erik will play holiday favorites from his personal collection of recordings and sharing obscure historical trivia. *This is a program for everyone to enjoy at the El Mirage Senior Center.* Space is limited.

OK Chorale Cowboy Trio! – December 13 (Tuesday) Starting time not available at press time – please see library customer service desk or online events calendar. This cowboy trio combines the wonderful sounds of traditional cowboy music with the fascinating history of Arizona in the 1880s to create a unique entertainment experience. Come enjoy this great show! *Program will be in the El Mirage Senior Center.* Space is limited.

DYSART COMMUNITY CENTER

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| YOUTH AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM (623) 583-2137 | ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES (623) 974-4156 | TEEN ARTS & ACTION PROGRAM (TAAP) (623) 933-4242 | MOBILE FOOD PANTRY (623) 974-4156 |
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| <p>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!</p> <p>All programming is delivered by caring and qualified staff committed to helping local youth succeed</p> | <p>Clases de Ingles (ESL) – Clases individuales y en grupo disponibles incluyendo los libros de estudio y el programa Rosetta Stone, \$60</p> <p>GED – Twice per week with professional instructor, classes available Mon through Thurs, 10 AM – 12 PM and 6 – 8 PM, \$40</p> <p>Citizenship – Full instruction for passing US citizenship test, \$25</p> | <p>Tues/Thurs 3:30-6 PM. FREE. Local teens are making a difference in our community! TAAP offers creative project-based curriculum focusing on the arts and community engagement.</p> | <p>Mobile Food Pantry 623-974-4156 at Dysart Community Center Dec 2nd at 10:00 am First Saturday of Each Month 10:00 am 623-974-4156</p> <p>Movil Distribucion de Despensa en Dysart Community Center Primer Sabado de cada mes a la 10 am.</p>  <p>bringing hope to the hungry</p> |

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