

# El Mirage News

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**IMPORTANT CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**El Mirage Office Closure Notice**

City Hall, 12145 N.W. Grand Avenue, will be closed in recognition of the following holidays:

**Christmas:** Dec. 24 – 28 and Dec. 31, 2012\*  
**New Year's Day:** Jan. 1, 2013

\* The Municipal Court, 14010 N. El Mirage Road, will remain open Dec. 26 – 28 and Dec. 31, 2012.

The Senior Center will be open between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to serve meals Dec. 26 – 28 and Dec. 31, 2012.

Fire and Police Emergency and Non-emergency calls for service will be fully operational during the holiday closures.

**Utility Payments:** Residents wishing to pay utility bills may use the drop box in the Customer Service parking lot on Alto Street or use the Xpress Bill Pay feature at [www.XpressBillPay.com](http://www.XpressBillPay.com) on the City's web site at [www.cityofelmirage.org](http://www.cityofelmirage.org).

**Holiday Trash Collection Schedule:** Go to [http://parksandsons.com/ElMirage\\_HolidaySchedule.html](http://parksandsons.com/ElMirage_HolidaySchedule.html)

For information, call (623) 972-8116.



## El Mirage among 'Best of the West' award winners

A multi-city collaborative including El Mirage, Avondale, Youngtown, and Apache Junction, received the coveted 2012 Excellence in Innovation award during the Best of the West celebration held in Glendale November 1st. The award winning communities were recognized for creating the

Arizona Metropolitan Trust, a self-funded benefits plan designed to help stem the rising cost of health benefits for municipal government employees.

The trust, which maintains an operating budget of approximately \$7 million, allows each member community to act as its

own insurance company. It currently serves over 1,900 employees and their dependents, offering a mix of benefit packages, as well

as extensive work site programs including wellness screenings, chronic disease

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### Mayor's Holiday Message

Throughout the year, I have been privileged to be a part of our City's continuing progress as a safe, welcoming community for all ages. Such progress is due in no small measure to the meaningful work, responsible finances, and clear goals set forth by the City Council in response to the community's needs. Yet, our successes would not be possible without the community spirit that is the true wealth of El Mirage. You have encouraged us to bring improvements to roadways, parks, and public safety. You have supported us in building the business and military relationships that have raised the stature of El Mirage in the West Valley. And you have entrusted us with a vision for the future marked by measured eco-



**Mayor Lana Mook**

nomie prosperity and environmental stewardship.

On behalf of the City Council and all the staff of El Mirage, please accept our thanks for your continuing support. From gathering around the dinner table with family, to festive celebrations with friends, we wish you all a safe and joyous holiday season.

Sincerely,  
 Mayor Lana Mook

## Downtown alley paving to reduce dust, improve drainage

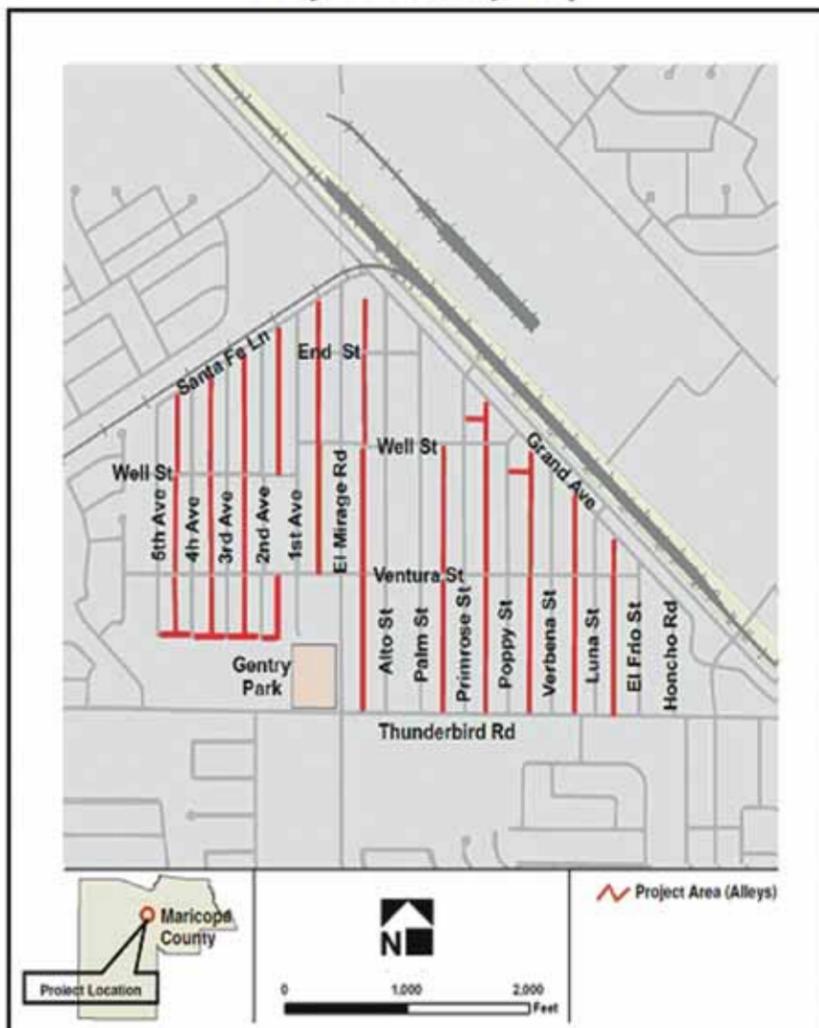
The City of El Mirage has been awarded over \$500,000 in federal grant funds to pave alleys in the downtown area. This pavement project will reduce the amount of dust generated by alley traffic and eliminate the dirt tracked onto adjacent paved streets. The project will also help the City meet federal dust control standards.

Construction of the project will be managed by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and is expected to begin in the spring of 2013. In addition to dust control, the project will help the City improve pedestrian traffic and drainage conditions by providing a better walking surface and removing many of the spots that retain water. Work will include asphalt paving, aggregate/millings shoulders, and utility box relocations.

Four miles of alleys will be paved, which are located in the residential area bounded by 5th Avenue to the west, El Frio Street to the east, Thunderbird Road to the south, and Santa Fe Lane/Grand Avenue to the north, as depicted in the Project Vicinity Map.

Visit the City's website at <http://www.cityofelmirage.org/DocumentCenter/View/1612> for more information.

**Project Vicinity Map**



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Activities include field trips, potlucks, rummage sales, bingo for prizes, puzzles, and games. Seniors can make friends and socialize.

The activities calendar may be viewed on the City's website at <http://www.cityofelmirage.org>, or copies may be picked up at the Senior Center.

For more information call the Senior Center at 623-876-4232.

# Business Highlights... Johnson Automotive a Family Affair

Johnson Automotive is a family owned and operated auto repair shop that has been part of the El Mirage business community for five years, and has been in business over 23 years. The shop specializes in lift kits and lowering kits, as well as custom fabrications including bumpers, wench attachments, tow hitches,

skid plates, and rock sliders for all types of vehicles.

Randy Johnson, the shop's owner, moved the business to El Mirage because of the great visibility afforded by the El Mirage Road location, and to be closer to relatives in El Mirage. Johnson likes the city's environment and its people, and he has watched his business grow because he gets to know his customers. Some customers have even moved to El Mirage to be closer to



Randy Johnson, owner, Johnson Automotive

Johnson's shop.

Johnson Automotive, located at 10111 North El Mirage Road, is open from

9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, call (623) 937-2230.

## New Wayfinding Sign Program

El Mirage has inaugurated a new Wayfinding Sign Program to assist business patrons and motorists in locating City facilities and local businesses. City staff performed a cost-benefit analysis and identified significant cost savings by implementing and administering the program in house rather than outsourcing it.

The new wayfinding signs will have the City's new logo, as well as the new F-35 logo showing the City's support for Luke Air Force



Base. The signs will also display five or six name placards. The top placards will be designated for City facilities and the remaining placards will be available for local

business owners to lease on a first-come-first-served basis. A proposed annual lease fee of \$500.00 per placard and a \$250.00 annual renewal fee per placard will be presented to the City Council for consideration at the January 8 Council meeting. If the fee schedule is approved, information and forms regarding lease of the placards will be available on the City's website and at Customer Service. For information, contact the Public Works Department at (623) 935-6405.

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## El Mirage and YMCA Launch Fundraising Campaign

Jim Farley, owner of Coco's Towing in El Mirage has made the first philanthropic gift in support of the new Northwest Valley Family YMCA soon to be constructed adjacent to Gateway Park. Jim and his wife, Julie are longtime supporters of the community and have committed \$10,000 to the new family Y. Farley, who generally prefers to



Jim Farley

remain anonymous with respect to his charitable

giving, believes the new Y is going to be of tremendous value to children and families in El Mirage and surrounding communities.

With Farley's gift, a \$500,000 fundraising campaign to sustain the new Y has been officially launched. The campaign is chaired by LaTonya Finch, Regional Manager of Economic Develop-

ment for BNSF Railway and includes business and community leaders from throughout the Valley. Construction of the new facility is expected to begin in early 2013 and be completed by the end of the year.

For more information, please contact Patricia Leach at the Valley of the Sun YMCA at 602-257-5165.



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## John Ramirez Employee of the Quarter

John Ramirez, Maintenance Worker II in the City's Public Works Department was recently named Employee of the Quarter for the third quarter of 2012.

Ramirez was selected by members of a senior management committee, who were impressed by his work skills, as well as his positive, can-do attitude. Thanks to a broad range of experience in electrical, plumbing, masonry, and HVAC systems, Ramirez was able to complete several projects at considerable cost savings to the City.

According to Public Works Director Larry Dobrosky, "John's work ethic and creativity are highly commendable."



John Ramirez is congratulated by Mayor Lana Mook.

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# FOCUS ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT



*News from the El Mirage Fire Department*

13513 N. El Mirage Road • 623-583-7968 • [www.cityofelmirage.org/fire](http://www.cityofelmirage.org/fire)  
Operations and Administration open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday



## Home Heating Safety

It's a cold winter night, and the family decides to use a space heater, or perhaps light a fire in the fireplace to save on the heating bill. Comfortable from its warmth as bedtime approaches, the family thinks, "What harm could it cause to leave the space heater on overnight?"

Think again. While these heating devices may help people feel cozy and warm, they can become extremely dangerous if not used properly. Home heating equipment are involved in an estimated 60,000 home fires each year, with half of those occurring during December, January, and February according to the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). The cost of these fires is more than just property damage. The cost includes roughly 700 lives and 1,500 injuries.



Home heating fires are largely preventable when people know the rules. The El Mirage Fire Department's goal is to reduce the number of home heating fires in the community, but the department needs the public's help.

To help keep the community safe and warm this season, follow these guidelines:

- Space heaters need space. Keep all things that can burn such as paper, bedding, or furniture, at

least three feet away from heating equipment.

- Turn portable heaters off when going to bed or leaving the room.

- Plug power cords into outlets with sufficient capacity and never into an extension cord.

- Inspect for cracked, frayed, or broken plugs or loose connections. Replace before using.

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home. For the best protection, interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home — when one sounds, they all sound. Test smoke alarms at least once a month.

- Install and maintain a carbon monoxide alarm in a central location outside each sleeping area.

- Never use an oven to heat the home.

## Playing with Fire

Youth fire setting is an often overlooked behavior that can have devastating consequences. In September, El Mirage had an apartment fire that was started by juveniles playing with fire.

There are four common factors that influence fire setting behavior among children and adolescents. These factors impact all types of fire setting and include:

1. Easy access to ignition materials. Easy access to ignition materials often proves deadly for children who start fires. In many homes where a child has been involved in starting a fire, the child easily discovered the ignition source or already knew where it was located and how to obtain it.

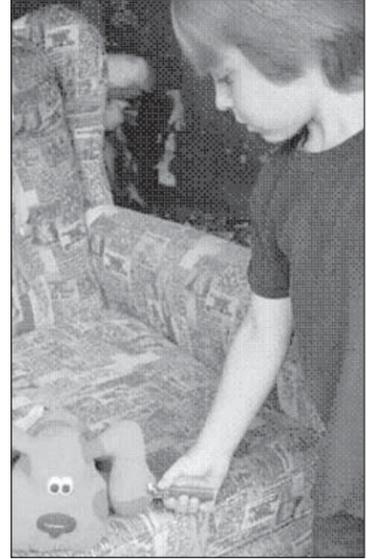
2. Lack of adequate supervision. The lack of adequate supervision is a factor that can influence all ages of fire setting among children and adolescents. Parents are often shocked to discover their child has engaged in fire setting over a prolonged period of time.

3. A failure to practice fire safety. A failure to practice fire safety is a factor that often affects children and their parents in the following ways:

- a. Young children often lack understanding of the dangers associated with fire setting and safety rules about fire.

- b. Older children and adolescents may not have received school-based fire safety education about the dangers of the inappropriate use of fire, penalties for such behavior, and direction on what to do if a fire occurs.

- c. Parents/Care providers may not be aware of the significance of youth fire setting,



appropriate fire safety education, penalties, or what action to take in the event a fire occurs. They may not be aware of local youth fire setting prevention and intervention programs.

4. Easy access to information on the Internet. Information regarding fire setting, designing explosives, and how to do tricks with fire is a problem that demands attention. Technology has made explicit media available to youths on many dangerous and often illegal activities. They are able to experiment with fire or incendiary materials and instantaneously post results for the world to see and often replicate.

The El Mirage Fire Department participates with other Valley fire departments in a Youth Fire Setter Intervention Program. This program is taught by specially trained area firefighters and fire safety specialists to break the chain of events that could lead to a devastating tragedy.

Don't wait until it is too late. If a child is playing with fire, matches, or lighters contact the El Mirage Fire Department at 623-251-3503 for more information.

## Analysis of incidents for October 2012:

### Fire Operations Division: October 2012

El Mirage Fire Units responded to the following incidents:	Significant Incidents/Activities:
Structure Fires 2	10/2 – Natural Gas Leak, 11201 N El Mirage Rd.
Other Fires 6	10/12 – House Fire, 129 <sup>th</sup> Ave & Charter Oak.
EMS Calls 212	
False Alarms 27	
Other Calls for Service 70	
TOTAL 317	<b>Community Involvement</b>
Total Fire Loss \$300	Participated in 12 events reaching 332 adults and 1,761 children
Fire/Emergency Medical Training Hours 993	

### Fire, Building & Life Safety Division: October 2012

Permit applications received	50
Permits Issued	38
Plan reviews completed	18
Building Inspections	312
Fire Prevention Inspections	28
Revenue	\$43,348

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News from the El Mirage Police Department

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## Police department receives traffic enforcement grant

The El Mirage Police Department was recently awarded a grant through the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) to fund traffic related enforcement projects. The department received approximately \$15,000 to pay for El Mirage officers to participate in DUI Task Force events during the next year. Police agencies from around the Phoenix area join efforts to provide saturated DUI patrols in a specified area, often over holiday periods. Another \$5,000 was received from GOHS to provide specialized collision investigation training for El Mirage police officers.

The El Mirage Police Department is thankful to the Arizona Governor's Of-

fice of Highway Safety for awarding these grants. Such funding is crucial in allowing officers the opportunity to devote efforts specifically to traffic related issues.

## Police department sponsors toy drive

With the holidays right around the corner, the El Mirage Police Department needs the community's help. The Department has a long-standing tradition of helping the children of El Mirage enjoy Christmas. Donate a new, unwrapped toy that will be distributed to a child in need within the community. The donation could be the only gift that child receives.

Donations will be accepted in the lobby of the Police Department, or at Coco's Towing, Kopyy's Body Shop, or Pueblo El

Mirage through Dec. 10.

## Domestic violence awareness month

The El Mirage Police Department actively promoted October as Domestic Violence Awareness month. Several activities aimed at increasing awareness and education were held reaching a large number of El Mirage residents. Mayor Lana Mook proclaimed October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and during the month, the department distributed approximately 230 purple ribbon pins to City employees and residents.

Informational posters were distributed and displayed at various community businesses. EMPD employees provided educational information at HOA meetings and attended the

City's Halloween Festival.

For assistance or further information, contact the El Mirage Police Department at 623-433-9500, or the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence at 602-279-2900 or www.azcadv.org.

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## Spotlight on Garden Contributors

In the year since the El Mirage Community Garden began taking shape, one group of City employees has been instrumental in the project's continued success.

The Parks and Streets crew from the Public Works Department has often worked extra hours and even devoted personal time on weekends to install the irrigation system, build

garden boxes, and assist volunteer groups with site clean-up. Dave Grace, the crew's superintendent, is a certified arborist. He speaks with pride about the quality of work he and his crew have performed at the garden, noting recently that, "...the trees are doing well and my guys were pretty stoked about installing the chimes, not something they get to do every day."

Pictured with the garden's newly-installed chimes are (from left) George Lopez, Angel Quintana, Gilbert Gomez, Dave Grace, Andy Gertz, Richard Ojeda, and Edgar Sanchez (not pictured - Juan Lucero and Richard Miranda).



### Christmas Tree Collection Schedule

The City of El Mirage and Parks & Sons have partnered to provide free Christmas tree curbside collection for City residents.

Residents are asked to place their Christmas trees at the curb of their properties no later than 5 a.m. Dec. 28. All trees will be collected by the weekend.

In addition, a roll-off dumpster will be available Jan. 2 through Jan. 7, 2013 to residents who wish to drop off their trees. The dumpster will be at the City Wastewater Treatment Plant, 12000 W. Peoria Ave.

Contact the Public Works Field Operations Department at 623-935-6405 for additional information.



### Christmas Tree Lighting Festival

Join the City of El Mirage to start the season with the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.

**Friday, December 7, 2012**  
5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

- ~ Free Event ~
- ~ Santa Arrives by Fire Engine at 5:30 p.m. ~
- ~ Letters to Santa ~
- ~ Vendors, Food\* & Drinks\* ~
- ~ Family Holiday Photos\* with Santa by the Dysart High School Shutterbugs ~
- ~ Free Balloon Animals ~
- ~ Musical & Entertainment Performances ~
- ~ Friends of the Library Book Sale ~
- ~ El Mirage Police Department Toy Drive ~
- ~ Bring Canned Food Donations to benefit St. Mary's Food Bank ~

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### 2ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PANCAKE BREAKFAST & TOY DRIVE

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Mike Cassidy has been selected as Dysart Community Center's new executive director. In this position, Cassidy will be primarily responsible for fundraising; maintaining high quality, efficient programming; and ensuring all resources are utilized for maximum benefit to center customers.



**Mike Cassidy**

Cassidy was born and raised in Phoenix where he lives with his wife, Nichole and two children. He graduated summa cum laude from Arizona State University with a B.A. in history, and is currently working toward an M.A. in social justice and human rights with a focus on immigration and other issues affecting the Hispanic community.

forward to utilizing his community service experience and education to expand DCC's scope and impact in El Mirage to better assist community members in reaching their full potential.

Dysart Community Center is located at 14414 North El Mirage Road, El Mirage AZ 85335, Phone (623) 583-0016.

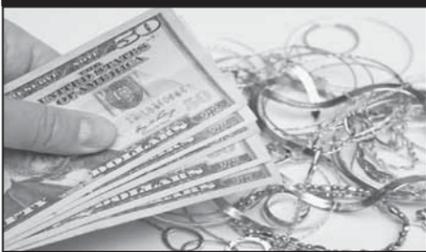
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121000682	Shackleford, Dennis	Folding knife	Yes	10/11/2012	SFK
120801899	UNKNOWN	Wallet	No Address Listed	N/A	FND
120900498	North, Kelly	Driver's License	Yes	10/11/2012	SFK
120900596	Ruiz-Soto, Juvenal	Cash	Yes	10/11/2012	SFK
120900918	UNKNOWN	BMX style bike	No Address Listed	N/A	FND
120901160	Aispuro, Sadrach	Jewelry, ring	Yes	10/11/2012	SFK
120901167	UNKNOWN	Mountain Bike	No Address Listed	N/A	FND
120901169	Ditzenberger, Robert	Firearm	Yes	10/11/2012	SFK
120901212	Mireles, Steve	Key chain w/ keys	Yes	10/11/2012	SFK
120901566	Arroyo, Arturo	Cash	Yes	10/11/2012	SFK
120901647	Alexander, Ryan	Firearm	Yes	10/11/2012	SFK
120901761	UNKNOWN	Air soft gun	No Address Listed	N/A	FND
120901763	UNKNOWN	Cell phone	No Address Listed	N/A	FND
120901994	Solis, Carlos	Wallet, Belt	Yes	10/11/2012	SFK
120902025	Shepard, Cynthis	dart	Yes	10/11/2012	SFK
120902126	Johnson, James	Bicycle & bag	Yes	10/11/2012	SFK
121000039	Bernal, Manuel	Firearm	Yes	10/11/2012	SFK
121000551	Graetner, David	Bicycle, knife	No Address Listed	N/A	SFK

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#	Price [\$]	SQFT	\$/SQFT	Days On Market	Address	Beds	Baths	SqFt	Year	Price[\$]	
Low	42,500	956	38.69	0	13220 N 130th Ln	3	2	2,071	2000	110,000	
Avg	95,301	1,566	63.09	46	12710 W Aster Dr	3	2.50	1,794	2001	114,500	
High	139,500	3,086	98.26	193	12020 W Larkspur Rd	2	2	956	1999	53,000	
Address	Bed	Bth	SqFt	Year	Price[\$]						
14206 N 126 Ave	3	2	1,308	2002	55,000	12829 W Valentine Ave	2	2	988	2002	74,900
12509 N El Frio St	2	2	956	1999	75,000	11625 W Charter Oak Rd	3	2	1,930	2001	104,000
12705 W Ventura St	3	2	1,685	2002	80,100	12437 W Aster Dr	4	2.50	1,978	2001	117,000
12318 N 117th Ave	3	1	1,068	2001	85,000	14605 N 125th Ave	5	2.50	2,515	2003	139,500
11509 W Columbine Dr	3	2	1,662	2001	88,000	14209 N Poppy St	3	1.50	1,234	1992	50,000
11709 W Poinsettia Dr	4	2	1,832	2002	105,100	12118 W Flores Dr	3	2	1,238	2000	71,500
12810 W Willow Ave	3	2.50	1,691	2000	122,000	12558 W Mandalay Ln	3	2	1,308	2004	93,000
12136 W Caribbean Ln	3	2	1,642	2005	70,000	12912 W Mandalay Ln	3	2	1,534	2004	106,000
12741 W Dreyfus Dr	4	2.50	1,495	2002	75,000	13025 N 130th Ln	3	2	1,480	2002	111,500
11914 W Corrine Dr	3	2	1,238	1999	89,000						

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Cataract Builders, LLC	Phoenix	623-242-9667
Charros Grill LLC	12313F&G NW Grand Ave	623-933-3023
Top Flight Tang Soo Do Academy	12420 W Thunderbird Rd	602-435-5539
Encima Construction LLC	Mesa	480-292-0779
Fernandos Remodeling LLC	Peoria	623-570-0942
G & R Foreclosure & Rental Cleanup	11817 W Charter Oak Rd	623-476-2062
Go-Sho-Kai Karate for Kids	12420 W Thunderbird Rd	602-435-0764
ISS Grounds Control, Inc	Phoenix	602-304-0304
La Cocina, Mexican & Seafood	12006 W Thunderbird Rd	623-972-3638
MA Carlson Construction, LLC	Phoenix	480-730-9928
Scout Solar LLC	Tempe	602-288-3650
Shaughnessy Contracting, Inc.	Glendale	623-939-1336
Southwest Concrete Paving Co	Phoenix	623-516-0013
TDA Enterprises, LLC	Peoria	623-334-3505
Tel Tech Networks Inc.	Phoenix	602-431-9399
Terracon Consultants, Inc.	Tempe	480-897-8200
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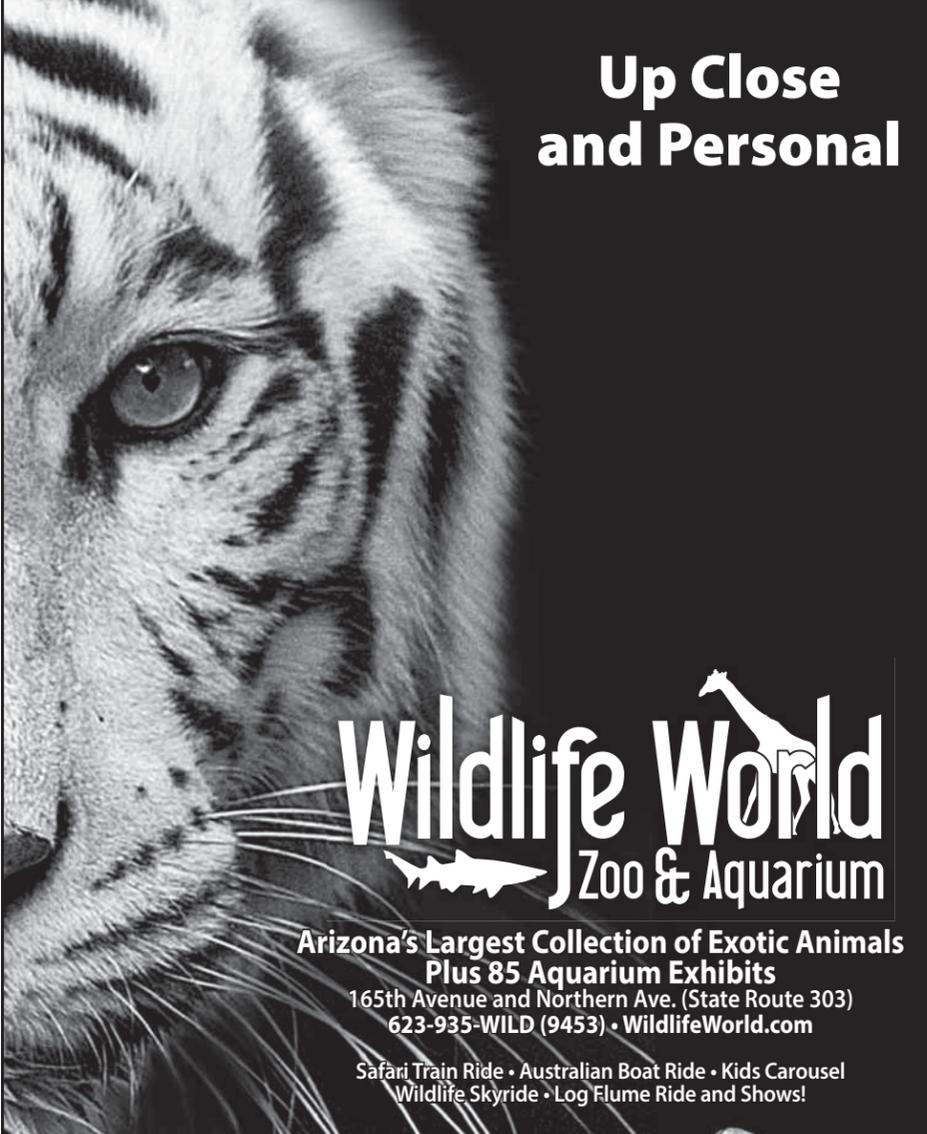
  


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13033 W Laurel Ln	3	1.75	1,832	2000	130,000	12633 W Aster Dr	3	2.50	1,794	2001	107,000	14808 N 130th Ln	3	2	1,534	2004	95,000
14505 N 3rd Ave	3	2	1,066	1971	49,900	12469 W Via Camille	4	2	1,534	2002	117,500	12409 W Bloomfield Ct	4	2	1,615	2003	116,530
12139 W Soledad St	5	3	2,453	2003	106,500	13329 N 124th Ave	3	2.50	1,862	2001	125,000	11834 W Port Royale Ln	4	2.50	1,978	2006	135,000
13518 N Poppy St	3	2	0	1969	42,500	12406 W Pershing St	3	2	1,183	2002	65,500	11823 W Scotts Dr	3	1	1,068	1999	80,000
11801 W Wethersfield Rd	3	2	1,066	2001	52,000	12025 W Aster Dr	3	2	1,238	2000	78,858	12409 W Dreyfus Dr	3	2	1,106	2002	90,000
11834 W Scotts Dr	2	2	1,208	1999	85,900	12710 W Via Camille	4	2	1,530	2001	92,000	12168 W Soledad St	4	2	1,638	2003	116,000
11937 W Bloomfield Rd	3	2	1,089	1999	107,000	11818 W Poinsettia Dr	4	1.75	1,832	2002	102,000	12510 W Laurel Ln	3	2	1,238	2001	85,000
12842 W Windrose Dr	4	2	2,249	2002	107,000	15510 N Alto St	4	3	1,907	2006	113,000	12163 W Valentine Ave	4	2.50	2,453	2004	94,900
12205 W Ironwood St	4	3	1,907	2006	120,000	11515 W Windrose Ave	2	1	964	2002	76,000	12242 W Aster Dr	3	2.50	1,385	2000	110,000
11518 W Wethersfield Rd	3	2	1,518	2001	92,200	12810 W Via Camille	3	2	1,308	2001	99,500	12710 W Sharon Dr	3	2	1,559	2000	112,000
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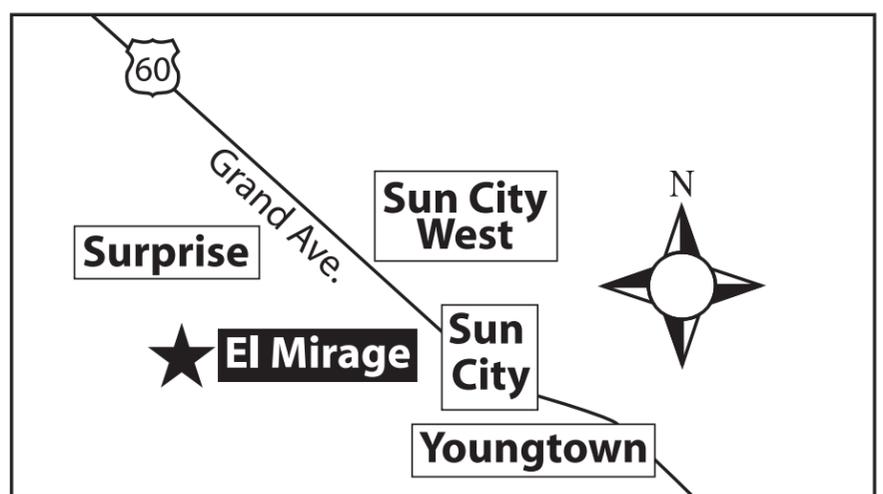
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