

# El Mirage News

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## BNSF Holiday Express train rolls into El Mirage

### U.S. military families enjoy holiday train ride

On December 7 and 8, Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway paid tribute to U.S. military families with a special Holiday Express train trip. Families boarded vintage passenger cars decorated for the holidays at the company's auto facility in El Mirage and were taken to the Hassayampa River Canyon near Wickenburg. Guests were provided snacks and souvenirs, and even Santa made an appearance.

BNSF began the tradition of the Holiday Express five years ago with



train trips through Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Arizona. The latest trip in 2012 provided rides to more than 3,000 military family members during a 13-day excursion. On

board the Arizona leg of the trip, BNSF officials presented donations totaling \$20,000 to two non-profit organizations. In all, BNSF has donated \$110,000 to organizations

lending support to men and women in uniform.

The City of El Mirage takes pride in its long-standing, successful partnership with BNSF. As City Manager Spencer Isom noted, "The Holiday Express train offered a unique opportunity for the City to show support for our military during the holiday season, as well as appreciation for BNSF in our community."

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## Mayor's Message: Making Grand Avenue Grand

Grand Avenue is one of the gateways into the City of El Mirage. Thousands of people drive Grand Avenue every day and for some, that is the only glimpse of El Mirage they will see. City leaders know the importance of first impressions for visitors and businesses and are taking steps to improve this entry road to our community.

#### History of Grand Avenue

The construction of Grand Avenue more than a century ago helped lead to the birth of the West Valley. In 1895, rail

tracks running parallel to Grand Avenue were completed, connecting Prescott to Phoenix. The rail line enabled the West Valley to transform from an agriculture-centered region to an industrial/agricultural region and many West Valley cities like El Mirage developed along Grand Avenue and the rail line. Today, Grand Avenue still serves as an important link in the state highway system, connecting metro Phoenix with Las Vegas. It is the only major diagonal road in Phoenix, running across the one-mile grid system of arterial



Mayor Lana Mook streets.

#### Improvements to Grand Avenue

There are grand improvements coming to Grand Avenue. Through partnerships with the Arizona Department of

Transportation (ADOT) and Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), the intersection of Thunderbird Road/Thompson Ranch Road and Grand Avenue will be redesigned to improve traffic flow at the intersection. The proposed improvements will realign Thunderbird Road, including a traffic signal at the new Thunderbird Road/Frontage Road intersection. Improvements will also create dual right turn lanes onto Grand Avenue and a left turn lane on Thompson Ranch Road onto Grand Avenue.

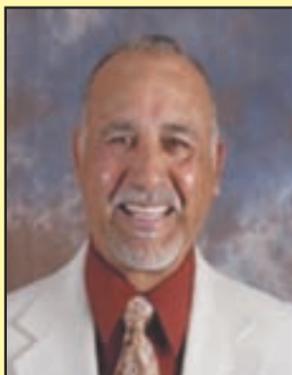
#### Vision of Grand Avenue

What will make Grand Avenue grand? The vision of Grand Avenue for El Mirage is an improved multi-modal transportation corridor for vehicles, public transit, and commuter rail. For El Mirage, this means economic development and a community that welcomes visitors and is open for business. MAG is conducting two studies that will change the

MORE MAYOR ON 2

## El Mirage Council selects new Vice Mayor

Joe Ramirez was unanimously selected the new vice mayor of El Mirage by fellow City Council members at their December 4 meeting. The council is required to select a new vice mayor every two years following the general election according to City code. Ramirez replaces outgoing Vice Mayor David Shapera.



Vice Mayor Joe Ramirez

Ramirez, who was originally elected to the council in 2000 and again

in 2010, has lived in El Mirage more than 50 years. In addition to his council duties, Ramirez owns a local construction company and volunteers his time at numerous charitable events. He is a strong advocate for educating citizens about local government operations and noted, "I encourage all residents to join me in working toward a better El Mirage."

### IMPORTANT CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 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 information.

#### 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**  
**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/EIMirage\\_HolidaySchedule.html](http://parksandsons.com/EIMirage_HolidaySchedule.html)

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Connect is a one-stop shop where individuals in need will have access to services and information that would normally take days, weeks, or months to access.

The monthly event takes place

at various locations around the Valley and offers assistance with health, financial, housing, food, and a host of other human service needs. More than 9,000 individuals have been

connected to essential services since Project Connect began in 2008. Volunteers play a crucial role in ensuring Project Connect guests receive services to meet their needs.

Community members interested in volunteering at an upcoming Project Connect event will find additional information at the Valley of the Sun United Way website at VSUW.org.



Integrated Medical Services marathon organizer, Debra Undhjem (l) presents a \$1,000 check to Mayor Mook in recognition of the City's participation in the Arizona marathon last February. On Sunday, February 17, 2013, the IMS Arizona Marathon will again be coming to El Mirage and eight other West Valley communities. The marathon includes a full Boston Marathon qualifying run, a half marathon, a marathon relay, and a 5K walk/run. For more information, go to [www.thearizonamarathon.com](http://www.thearizonamarathon.com).

## Irma Rojas retires after 26 years

City management and staff gathered Friday, November 30 for a special retirement celebration to honor employee Irma Rojas for her 26 years of service to the City. As the Finance Department's longest tenured employee, Ms. Rojas was an extraordinary source of financial assistance to every department. Her future

plans include spending time with her children and grandchildren, as well as working on occasional projects for the Finance Department.

Right, Mayor Lana Mook (r) presents Irma Rojas a clock commemorating her service to El Mirage.



## MAYOR: Making Grand Avenue Grand, From 1

face of Grand Avenue. Based on outcomes of the Compass Study, guidelines will be developed for signage, landscaping and aesthetic treatments on Grand Avenue. The other study, the Grand Avenue Commuter Rail Corridor Development Plan, will explore the feasibility of commuter rail to enhance

mobility in the northwestern metro region. As envisioned, commuter rail would share existing right-of-way with Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway, increasing the mobility of our citizens by offering an alternative mode of transportation. This will improve the quality of life for City

residents and for all citizens in the Northwest Valley.

The improvements and studies on Grand Avenue will have a significant and positive impact on El Mirage. City leadership is excited about the future transformation of Grand Avenue, making it truly "grand" for El Mirage.

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# New water service lines in progress

The construction project to replace the polybutylene water service lines serving 114 water customers in alleyways north of Ventura Avenue, and between El Mirage Road and 4th Avenue began November 27, 2012. The service lines are being replaced ahead of alleyway paving slated to begin January 2013. Several of the original lines were found to be leaking underground. Each time a leaking service line is discovered and repaired, unaccounted water inventory in the City is reduced and future repair costs, as well as future disruptions to customer water services are diminished.



## November Business License Applications

Type	Business Name	City	Phone
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MOBILE	Angie's Hot Dogs	El Mirage	623-451-5139
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SERVICE	CareScape Arbor Care, Inc.	Surprise	623-583-8700
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CONTRACTOR	Empire Fence LLC	Mesa	480-820-4595
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CONTRACTOR	J. Wise Corp	Chandler	602-501-7354
CONTRACTOR	Modern Technical Service	Phoenix	602-292-2066
CONTRACTOR	Olivas Plumbing Company LLC	Tolleson	602-810-3434
CONTRACTOR	Prompt Response Services	Tempe	602-753-9806
SERVICE	Redmond Martial Arts & Fitness	El Mirage	623-738-5309
CONTRACTOR	Sand Dollar Construction, Inc	Murrieta	951-894-2504
CONTRACTOR	Sand Dollar Construction, Inc.	Mesa	602-697-6696
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E12101787	Gonzales, Isidro	Backpack w/ misc. items
E121002070	UNKNOWN	Bicycles, Misc.
E12102200	Anzures, Manuel	Ladder, aluminum
E12102246	Boles, Nicolas	AZ identification
E12102250	Hedgpeth, Barry	Backpack w/ misc. items
E12110066	Kammauf, Tyler	Hat
E12110407	Rodriguez, Maria	String, pants: whi/pnk
E12110658	Montano, Bobby	AZ ID and Cell Phone
E12110677	Oneil, Peggy	Credit card
E12110926	Rios, Laticia	Knife and tools
E12111106	Purdiman, Robert	Helmet and Backpack
E12111111	Romero, Luis	Belt
E12111264	Tork, Timothy	Tools and Phone charger
E12111419	Hernandez, Melissa	Cell Phone
E12112116	Jones, Richard	Misc. boxes of Ammo
E12112155	Betani, Cody	Cologne

To claim property, photo identification is required. Call (623) 433-9540 to schedule an appointment to claim property. Property not claimed by January 31, 2013 will be disposed of according to police regulations.

## SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY A TOP PRIORITY

El Mirage children will be headed back to school after the holiday break, and the Police Department would like to remind residents of the important traffic rules associated with school zones.

› Slow down. Be aware of and obey all traffic laws and speed limits. The speed limit in school zones is 15 mph.

› Stop for school buses loading and unloading children.

› Watch for and obey signals from crossing guards.

› Do not pass other vehicles or



change lanes in school zones or at crosswalks. They may be stopping or slowing for pedestrian traffic.

› Do not make u-turns in school zones.

› Stay out of handicap or emergency vehicle lanes or spaces when picking up or dropping off students, unless authorized to be there.

› Stay off cell phones and do not text when driving. Inattention is the cause of many collisions and injuries.

According to Police Sergeant Craig Cormier, "The Police Department considers keeping students safe in and around school property a top department priority."

## PHOTO ENFORCEMENT MOBILE DEPLOYMENT

The following table details the scheduled deployment of the Police Department's mobile Photo Enforcement unit during January in the City of El Mirage.

JANUARY 2013			
1	127 Ave south of Thunderbird	El Mirage north of Cactus	Cactus east of El Mirage
2	129 Ave south of Thunderbird	El Mirage north of Cactus	Cactus east of El Mirage
3	Acoma	El Mirage north of Cactus	Cactus east of El Mirage
4	Canterbury	El Mirage north of Cactus	Cactus east of El Mirage
5	Thompson Ranch Rd north of Grand	El Mirage north of Cactus	Cactus east of El Mirage
6	Varney	Thunderbird east of El Mirage	Dysart north of Cactus
7	127 Ave south of Thunderbird	Thunderbird east of El Mirage	Dysart north of Cactus
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## Fire Captain graduates from National Fire Academy Course

El Mirage Fire Captain/Paramedic David Cleveland recently completed an intensive six-day, in-resident course on Emergency Medical Services-Quality Management



David Cleveland

at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Cleveland was one of 17 fire service professionals from across the country accepted into the course. The

course provided the critical components, background, and principles associated with implementation and

MORE FIRE ON 9



## Second Annual Pancake Breakfast Brings Smiles to City Kids

The second annual pancake breakfast with Santa hosted by the City of El Mirage and the El Mirage Firefighter Charities was a huge success. More than 400 people attended the event on December 9, enjoying the holiday atmosphere and hearty breakfast prepared by City firefighters.

Toys collected at the event provided 210 El Mirage children with presents to open on Christmas morning. "We'd like to thank everyone for their generosity and support. This is what Christmas is all about - helping our neighbors," said Steve Kruzel, President of the El Mirage Firefighter Charities.

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# El Mirage seniors delight, participate in area activities

El Mirage seniors joined their counterparts throughout the West Valley on November 17 for the fourth annual West Valley Senior Games. The event brought together participants 50 years of age and older for a wide range of competitive recreational events including swimming, tennis, pickleball, and Wii bowling. El Mirage seniors Dahlia Knight and Bertha McQueen competed against five other teams in Wii bowling, placing second in the rankings and taking home the silver medal in the event.



(from left) Dahlia Knight and Bertha McQueen, 2012 silver medalists in the West Valley Senior Games

### El Mirage Senior Center

The El Mirage Senior Center, located at 14010 North El Mirage Road, is a welcoming place for ev-

eryone 55+ years of age. The center offers social activities, lunch, and educational programs. The following list details some of the many ways seniors can enjoy the center:

- Classes: Arts and Crafts, Crochet, Spanish and English classes
- Lunch: Served Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m.
- Health and Education:

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Games: Wii Bowling, puzzles, table games, bingo, and loteria for prizes

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monthly. Proceeds benefit the El Mirage Senior Center Committee. Donations are welcome!

Crochet Club: Members make scarves, blankets, and other items to donate to domestic violence shelters. Yarn donations are accepted.

The activities calendar and menu may be picked up at the Senior

Center or viewed on the City website at [www.cityofelmirage.org](http://www.cityofelmirage.org). For more information, call 623-876-4232.

The El Mirage Senior Center Committee wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and is very grateful for all the donations received throughout the year!

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# City enters into landscape agreement with Cactus Park HOA

El Mirage has entered into an agreement with the Cactus Park Homeowners Association allowing the neighborhood to be responsible for its own landscape maintenance of parks,

common areas, and rights-of-way. The agreement was spearheaded by Bob Jones, President of the HOA. Dr. Spencer Isom, City Manager said, "The City has had a long-standing rela-

tionship with Cactus Park and we've worked together on many projects in the community. This is just one more example of the pride Cactus Park residents have in being part of

El Mirage."

The HOA had previously partnered with the City to complete installation and fertilization of new trees and shrubs. The latest agreement allows the HOA to

address neighborhood landscaping issues more frequently and to modify the neighborhood's entrance features and other landscaped areas to enhance property values. The

agreement helps the City realize substantial savings in landscape maintenance costs, while continuing to provide Cactus Park with water and irrigation system maintenance.

## El Mirage Fire Department Wins Training System Grant

The Firefighters Support Foundation of Greenfield, Massachusetts awarded the El Mirage Fire Department an \$11,000 grant to help fund the purchase of a live fire extinguisher training system. The system provides realistic flame patterns for fires of varying difficulty in trash cans, on stove tops, and in other confined spaces. It includes rechargeable extinguishers containing air and water vapor.

The fire department's initial plan is to use the new training system to educate City businesses serving vulnerable populations in the use of extinguishers. Long term, the department will use the system to train more business and resident groups in El Mirage, and make the system available to other emergency responders in the Valley.

Commenting on the grant award, Fire Chief Howard Munding said, "The grant allows us to provide live fire training, which produces the most effective, immediate learning results."





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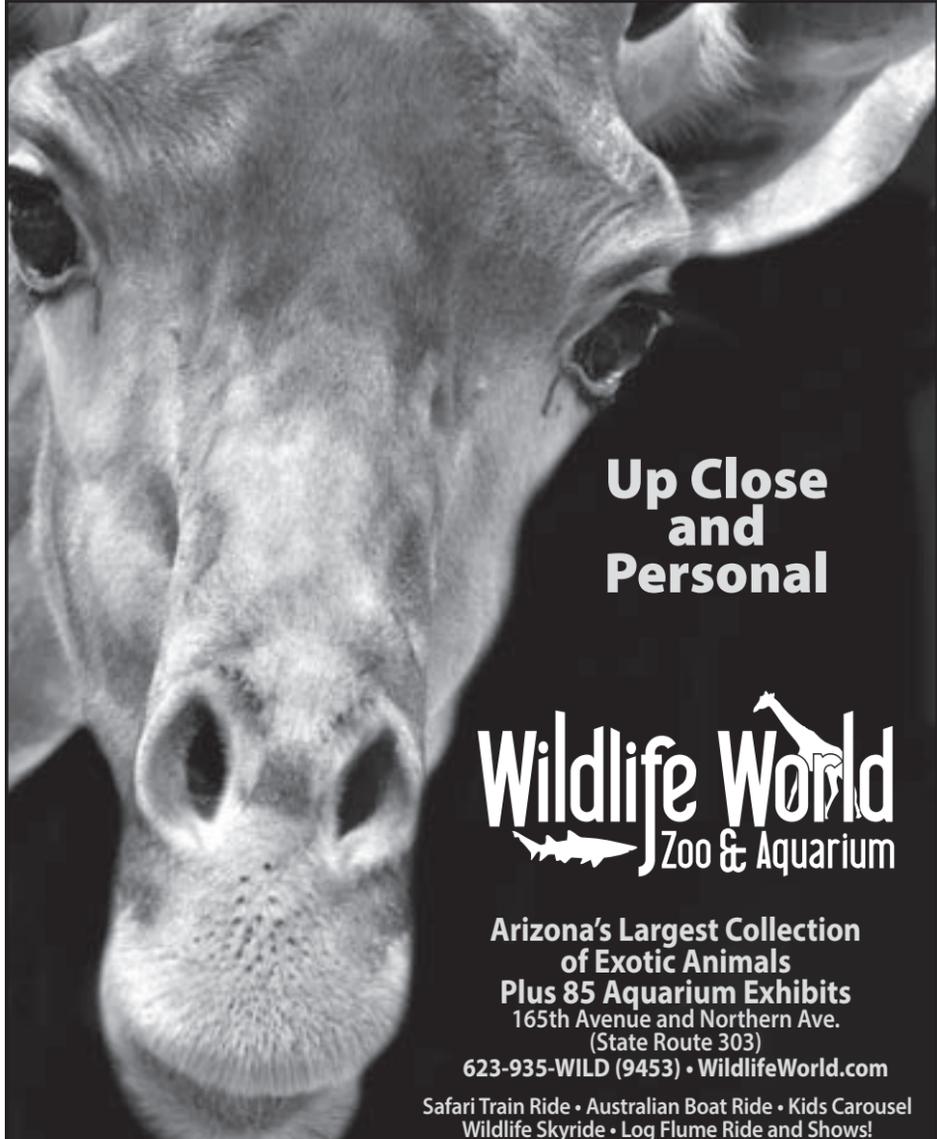
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55	<b>Low</b>	\$ 37,900	964	35.55	1
	<b>Avg</b>	102,183	1,553	67.54	37
	<b>High</b>	195,000	3,086	108.56	179

Address	Bed	Bth	SqFt	Year	Price[\$]
11770 W Aster Dr	4	2	1,518	2000	62,000
12818 W Ash St	4	2.5	1,691	2001	81,000
12506 W Lisbon Ln	3	2	1,518	2003	87,800
11630 W Charter Oak Rd	4	2	1,518	2001	90,000
12008 W Acapulco Dr	4	2	1,642	2005	115,000
14329 N 129th Ave	4	2	1,530	2001	117,000
15421 N Poppy St	3	2	1,400	2012	151,990
12118 W Bloomfield Rd	3	2	1,238	1999	112,500
12732 W Larkspur Rd	3	2	1,527	2002	120,000
11538 W Corrine Dr	3	1	1,068	2002	67,000
14018 N 130th Dr	3	2	1,308	2000	119,000
14820 N 130th Ln	3	2	1,058	2004	93,000
12109 W Tara Ln	4	3	1,907	2006	122,000
12729 W Calavar Rd	5	3	3,086	2002	195,000
11614 W Charter Oak Rd	2	1	964	2001	69,000
15505 N Poppy St	4	3	1,623	2006	97,000
11522 W Bloomfield Rd	3	2.5	2,180	2001	98,000
12722 W Pershing St	4	2	1,615	2002	70,000
12318 W Berry Ln	4	2.5	1,961	2000	158,500
12712 W Flores Dr	3	2	1,199	2002	98,000
12446 W Redfield Rd	4	2	1,534	2003	114,000
13046 W Bloomfield Rd	3	2.5	2,255	2002	128,500
13817 N El Frio St	3	1	977	1947	39,000
12465 W Via Camille	3	2	1,308	2002	95,000
11810 W Corrine Dr	4	2	1,518	2000	105,000
12305 W Bloomfield Rd	3	1.75	1,108	2003	109,000

12222 W Pershing Ave	4	2.5	2,243	2003	109,000
12220 W Tara Ln	4	3	1,907	2006	124,900
12813 W Varney Rd	5	3	2,436	2000	138,000
12509 W Bloomfield Rd	4	2	1,430	2001	85,000
12516 W Mauna Loa Ln	3	2	1,058	2003	75,000
12587 W Mauna Loa Ln	3	2	1,308	2003	80,100
12717 W Paradise Dr	4	2	1,832	2001	105,000
11901 N Pablo St	3	2	1,090	2002	109,900
12846 W Valentine Ave	4	2	1,615	2002	112,500
14301 N 129th Dr	3	2	1,308	2000	125,000
12412 N B St	4	2.5	2,193	2000	84,500
12237 W Aster Dr	3	2	1,238	2000	91,000
12402 N 121st Dr	3	2	1,238	1999	105,000
11820 W Bloomfield Rd	4	2	1,518	1999	108,000
11930 W Palo Verde Dr	3	2	1,066	1968	37,900
12711 W Sharon Dr	3	2	1,145	2000	85,700
12730 W Calavar Rd	3	2	1,934	2002	135,000
12033 W Scotts Dr	3	2	1,089	1999	66,900
11817 W Altadena Ave	4	2	1,832	2002	120,000
12830 W Windrose Dr	4	2	2,270	2002	136,000
12341 W Valentine Ave	2	2	988	2002	79,900
13046 W Larkspur Rd	2	1.75	1,243	2002	88,000
11922 W Larkspur Rd	4	1.75	1,832	1999	98,000
14808 N 124th Ln	3	2	1,308	2003	100,000
12414 W Windrose Dr	3	2.5	1,495	2001	89,000
12340 N Pablo St	3	2	1,662	2000	92,500
14209 N 125th Dr	3	2.5	2,178	2002	127,000
11802 W Sierra St	3	2	1,287	2002	90,000
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Structure Fires	4	11/3 – Gas leak inside a house
Other Fires	5	11/12 - Gunshot wound
EMS Calls	209	11/17 - Code
False Alarms	23	11/20 – Woman received 3rd degree burns from warming fire
Other Calls for Service	75	11/22 – Gunshot wound
Total Incidences	316	11/22 – Five-vehicle accident at Dysart & Olive
Total Fire Loss	\$4,000	11/22 – Vehicle fire at Butler & El Mirage
Fire/Emergency Medical Training Hrs	972	11/28 – Gunshot wound

#### Community Involvement

11/11 - Gave away 30 smoke detectors and 150 smoke detector batteries  
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### Fire, Building, and Life Safety Division: November 2012

Permit applications received	41	Building Inspections	393
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Plan reviews completed	19	Revenue	\$33,301

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**MORE CALENDAR ON 11**

# CALENDAR: Upcoming January events, From 10

information on process and timing. Presented by the Benevilla Family Resource Center.

**ALL AGES Friends Book Sale**  
January 25 (Friday)  
5 p.m.

Great deals on gently used books and movies! Includes Spanish and Large Print. Located at the El Mirage Civic and Cultural Center, right next to the library.

**TEENS Teen Book Club**  
January 24 (Thursday)  
4 p.m.

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**DYSART COMMUNITY CENTER**  
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Adult Education Classes  
**Citizenship**  
Date/Times: 11 classes every Wednesday 6-8PM

Price: \$25.00  
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Maximum Students: 20

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Date/Times: Wednesdays, 5-7:30PM  
Price: \$25.00  
Details: Learn computer basic skills: Microsoft Word, Internet, and creating an email account.  
Maximum Students: First 15 who sign up

**ESL**  
Price: \$60.00. Includes two free study books and access to Rosetta Stone computer program  
Call DCC for details.

**GED**  
Date/Times: Wednesday 6PM-8PM year-round, Tuesday-Thursday 9AM-11AM June-July  
Monday-Tuesday 10AM-12 Noon Nov-



**April**  
Price: \$30.00  
Details: Preparation course for the GED exam  
Maximum Students: Unlimited

**Rosetta Stone**  
Date/Times: Varies  
Price: \$25.00  
Details: Basic English vocabulary through a computer software program.  
Maximum Students: Unlimited  
To register, visit Susie at the Dysart Community Center, e-mail at susier@dysartcommunitycenter.org or call (623) 974-4156.

**After School Youth Program**  
Who: All school-aged youth

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## Teacher receives Dysart Education Grant

Jennifer Kelly (second from left), a special education teacher at Surprise Elementary received a \$1,000 grant award from the Dysart Education Foundation for her efforts to bring new communication tools into her classroom. Kelly is joined by School Principal, Karie Burns; Foundation Board

Member and El Mirage Councilman Roy Delgado; and Foundation President Jean Lewis. A surprised Kelly said, "This is the best Christmas present I could have asked for."

Lisa Gura, a Dysart Elementary school teacher, received a similar grant award from the foundation.

## Citizen Involvement Key to Managing Vandalism

Managing vandalism is an issue for most Valley cities and towns and El Mirage is no exception. Vandalism may include graffiti, damaged playground equipment, damaged neighborhood walls, destruction and theft of sprinkler equipment, and a host of other destructive activities that are costly and create an undesirable community environment.

Staff continues to make strides to improve the City's response to vandalism. Increased patrols, as well as prompt removal of graffiti and replacement of damaged equipment have mitigated the problem, but citizen involvement is really the key to vandalism prevention. Watchful citizens who report suspicious activity is an essential deterrent, especially during evening hours. The combined effort of City staff and local residents not only creates a safer and healthier community,



Public Works employee removes graffiti from sidewalk

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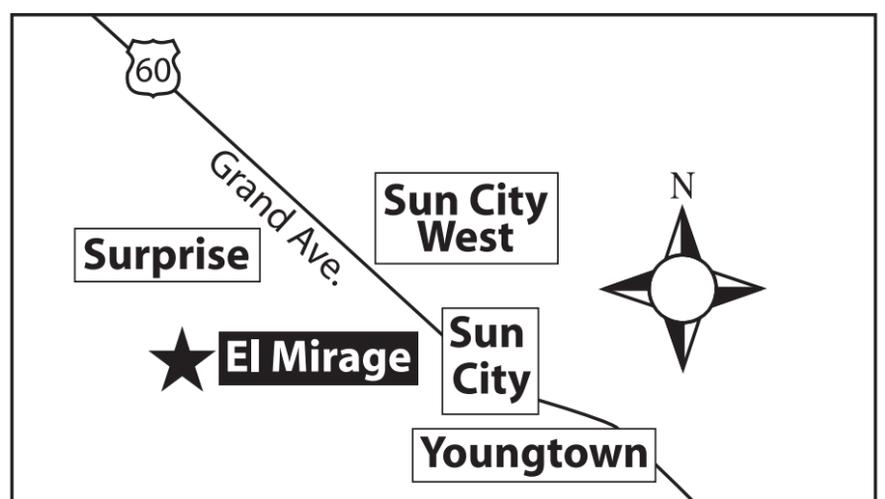
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