A man in a dark suit and blue patterned tie is holding a pink piggy bank. He is inserting a \$100 bill into the slot on top of the piggy bank. The piggy bank has the text "CITY OF SURPRISE RESERVE FUND" printed on its side. The background is a plain, light color.

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Work Session 7th and 21st (4pm)
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*Chris Hillman,  
Surprise City Manager*

# FY14 Budget: Restoring the Reserve



**A**s the Surprise City Council works towards a final June vote on the FY14 budget, City Manager Chris Hillman says the spending plan will reflect the Council’s two-year strategy announced last spring: maintain the budget reductions of the last year as revenues improve, and use the resulting surplus to restore the battered reserve fund.

“We also stand by the commitments the Council made to the community last year: no increase in taxes or fees and no diminution in critical services,” Hillman said. “We will continue to provide excellent customer service as we restore our reserves.”

Hillman noted that so far this year, revenues have been slightly above what planners forecast while expenses have been slightly below budget. “We seem to be in good shape to meet the deadline and replenish our reserves by no later than June 30, 2014.”

Hillman notes that while maintaining budget cuts, some additional spending will be required next year. For example, city agreements to take over operation of Asante Park and the expense of operating the Regional Library on Bullard will add approximately \$1 million to FY 14 expenditures just in CRS, he said. “We have known these additional expenses have been coming and are prepared to meet them,” he added.

He said the City continues to explore options such as restructuring debt to reach the replenishment goal more quickly

and fund important capital projects. “The community is not standing still,” he said. “We can’t lose sight of the need to improve all kinds of infrastructure.”

Last year, transfers from the City’s General Fund required by the results of an audit of FY11 resulted in a budget shortfall. The City responded by slashing more than \$4 million from General Fund expenditures and reducing 33 staff positions. The transfers also drained the already low reserve fund to near zero from its policy-mandated balance of two months’ operating expenses, or approximately \$14 million.

Hillman also ordered a Council-supported audit of the City’s development agreements and impact fee management going back to 2000 in an effort to “clear up our books once and for all.” The outcome, to be announced this spring, is expected to set a course for a “clean” audit and an improvement in the City’s bond rating, which took a hit last spring after the FY11 “qualified” audit was announced, he said.

State law requires cities to approve balanced budgets. Hillman encourages residents to follow the budget discussions at regularly scheduled open Council meetings either in person, on Surprise 11 or on the city’s web site, [www.surpriseaz.gov](http://www.surpriseaz.gov).

**More on the web!**   
[www.surpriseaz.gov](http://www.surpriseaz.gov)



## Surprise, Wolcott move on transportation

The dynamic transportation picture in the West Valley and Arizona are keeping Surprise and Mayor Sharon Wolcott out in front on major issues.

Wolcott was recently named to the Board of Directors of the I-11 Coalition, a high powered group of civic leaders in Arizona and Nevada raising public awareness and support for Interstate 11, a congressionally recognized freeway planned to link Phoenix and Las Vegas.

“I am pleased that Surprise will have a prominent voice on such an important project,” she said.

Wolcott says I-11, which will sweep through the Northwest Valley, will unlock the economic potential of Surprise. “It provides nonstop freeway access between the two largest cities currently not connected by interstate,” she said. “It is envisioned to include high speed passenger rail and the potential for power and communications infrastructure.”

The I-11 was officially designated by Congress in 2012, making it eligible for

federal funding. Planners at the Arizona and Nevada Departments of Transportation are determining an exact route, and expect to have recommendations within two years.

The two departments’ web site, [www.i11study.com](http://www.i11study.com) gives visitors a chance to submit comment. The Coalition’s web site is [www.interstate11.org](http://www.interstate11.org).

Wolcott also visited New Orleans recently as a guest of the Mayors’ Institute on City Design to present a case study on redevelopment along Grand Avenue.

She presented ideas to a panel of mayors addressing redevelopment of Grand that could include the Surprise Original Town Site (OTS) neighborhood and multi modal regional transit ideas. The mayors offered feedback and suggestions and could ultimately select Surprise for project design services at no cost to the City.



Among the Mayor's messages are that city leadership is determined to revitalize the OTS, coordinate Grand Avenue redevelopment with the Grand Avenue Coalition and use existing assets to improve transportation options for Surprise.

Wolcott was also recently appointed to the National League of Cities (NLC) 2013 Transportation Infrastructure & Services Policy and Advocacy Committee.

The Committee is responsible for developing NLC federal transportation policy positions including public transit, streets and highways, aviation, railroads and ports, according to League officials.

"It is an honor to be serving at a national level," Wolcott said. "The access to policy expertise and national decision makers will make me a more effective transportation advocate for Surprise and Arizona."

The National League of Cities is a resource and advocate for 19,000 cities, towns and villages, representing more than 218 million Americans, according to officials.

Earlier this year, Wolcott was named to the Arizona League of Cities and Towns Executive Committee for 2013. The 25-member Executive Committee helps shape League priorities. It consists of mayors and council members from across Arizona. ☀️

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**Sharon Wolcott,  
Mayor of Surprise**



Example of I-11 connectivity of the Southwest



## Dominguez named Surprise Presiding Judge

The Surprise City Council unanimously voted to appoint Phoenix Municipal Court Judge Louis Frank Dominguez as the Presiding Judge of the Surprise Municipal Court in February. Dominguez was selected from three finalists interviewed by the Council.

Judge Dominguez replaces Judge George Logan, who retired March 21, 2013. Judge Logan had served as the Presiding Judge of the Surprise Court since October, 2006.

"We had an excellent process and some very qualified candidates," said District 6 City Councilmember Skip Hall. "The Council is very appreciative of the work of the Judicial Selection Advisory Commission in screening candidates and forwarding finalists to us."

Dominguez had been a Phoenix Municipal Court Judge since 1994. Prior to that, he worked in the City of Phoenix Prosecutor's Office beginning in 1984. The Arizona Supreme Court presented Judge Dominguez with a "Distinguished Service Award" in 2003 in the "Improving Public Trust and Confidence" category. He holds a Juris Doctor and Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Arizona State University.

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The Surprise Presiding Judge oversees Court staff and directs Court operations. Surprise Municipal Court adjudicates criminal and civil violations occurring in Surprise, and provides orders of protection and other legal services to Surprise residents as part of the statewide court system.

**Skip Hall, District 6  
Councilmember**

The Presiding Judge is one of four city officials appointed by the City Council. The City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk are also Council appointees. ☀️

## Jim Biundo selected as Vice Mayor

District 1 Councilmember Jim Biundo was selected as Vice Mayor for 2013 by the Surprise City Council in January.

City code requires the Council to select a new Vice Mayor to serve a one year term in January of each year. The Vice Mayor acts for the Mayor in the event of absence.

“It is a pleasure serving as the councilmember from District 1 and am honored to expand my role as our city’s Vice Mayor,” said Jim Biundo.

Biundo has been a resident of Surprise since 2003.

He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1954 to 1957. Following military service, he attended college in Colorado and received Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees in English, Speech, and Theatre and continued studies in a post-graduate doctoral graduate program.

Jim has had a career in education as a high school teacher, associate professor, and administrator at colleges in Colorado, Iowa, Arizona, and Missouri. During that time, he also pursued a parallel track in public service. He has served as a



Vice Mayor Jim Biundo being sworn in by City Clerk Sherry Aguilar

Councilmember at-large and has been on boards of directors of chambers of commerce, convention and visitors bureaus, civic/service organizations, and was on the Board of Directors of BruceMore, Inc., a National Trust for Historic Preservation property located in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Jim is the author of two books, several published poems, and over thirty published articles. He has made over forty presentations at regional, national, and international conferences. He retired in 2000 from Southeast Missouri State University where he served as Assistant to the President. Jim and his wife Antoinette have three daughters and four grandchildren.

Biundo was appointed District 1 Councilmember by the City Council on June 14, 2011, to fill a vacancy. 🌟



## National appointment for Councilmember John Williams

District 3 Surprise Councilmember John Williams was appointed to the National League of Cities Human Development Steering Committee in March.

Williams, a teacher, is an advocate for youth issues and works very closely with the Surprise Youth Leadership Commission and Dysart Unified School District engaging young people in the civic process. He has also galvanized regional support for the West Valley Youth Commission.

The Human Development Committee develops League policy positions on children and learning, employment and workforce development, public health care, Social Security and seniors and many other social issues. The League speaks for cities across the nation in representing these issues on Capitol Hill.

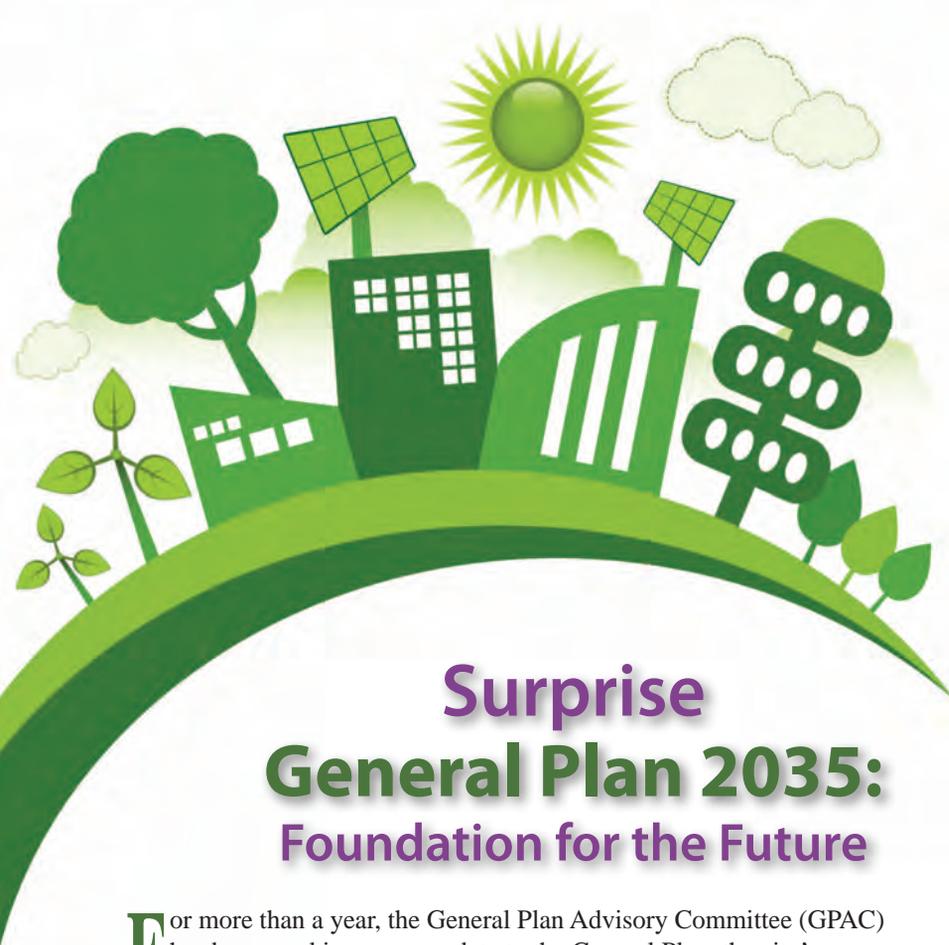
“The Committee’s emphasis on young people, when combined with employment and workforce development, brings together two areas I focus on and which I believe are critical to the future of Surprise,” Williams said. Working with a national group will present opportunities to learn from other communities, he added.

Here at home, Williams says the Surprise Youth Commission will be working on a Surprise Youth Master Plan over the next 12 to 18 months.

Williams, along with Mayor Sharon Wolcott, Vice Mayor Jim Biundo and Councilmember Richard Alton attended the League’s Congressional City Conference in Washington D.C. in March. 🌟

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# Surprise General Plan 2035: Foundation for the Future

For more than a year, the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) has been working on an update to the General Plan, the city's comprehensive guide for long-range growth and development.

Resident input was at the forefront of the process. Following visioning sessions, open houses and more than 2,000 online and paper surveys soliciting resident participation, the GPAC delivered a draft update to City Council for public review in January. Public input on the draft closed April 2.

The previous Surprise General Plan was adopted in 2000 and ratified by a public vote in 2001. Arizona State Law requires every city and county in Arizona to prepare a General Plan to address growth and update the plan every 10 years with voter approval. ☀



## Next steps

Over the next few months the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council are likely to vote on a final plan in public meetings, which include additional public input opportunities. If approved, following a required 120 day waiting period, the final plan would go before the voters in the November 2013 General Election.

For more information or to review the draft General Plan 2035 visit [www.surpriseaz.gov/generalplan](http://www.surpriseaz.gov/generalplan).



just for teens...

For registration and other information about teen events visit [www.surpriseaz.gov/recreation](http://www.surpriseaz.gov/recreation) or call 623.222.2000.

## Battle of the Bands

April 12 • 6:30 p.m. Fee: \$8  
Countryside Recreation Center

Teens battle for the title Best Band in Surprise!



## Teen Summit

April 18, 8 a.m. – 2pm

Join teens from across the city to discuss youth issues and how they impact the community. The summit will be held at City Hall and the Communiversity @ Surprise.

Interested? Contact your school counselors. There is no cost and lunch is provided through this City of Surprise and Dysart USD partnership. Forms are also available in the CRS Office, 15960 N. Bullard Ave.



## Teen Talent Show

April 24 • 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Fee: \$2  
Valley Vista High School

- Ages 13 – 17 years
- Show features the winners from all the area high school's talent shows

## Dodgeball & Kickball Summer Co-ed Tournament

May 11 • 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
Countryside Rec Center

Fee: \$15 resident/ \$30 non-resident

- 13 – 17 year olds
- Only teams can register; half the team must be Surprise residents

# Relay for Life

## Surprise gathers to fight cancer for a 7th year

The unique “Relay for Life” anti-cancer event and fundraiser is set to begin Friday, April 6 and last through the night hours into Saturday morning, April 7. At this 7th annual event, teams of volunteers camp out and take turns walking the track and participating in a variety of activities at Valley Vista High School, 15550 N. Parkview Place.

“Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back,” is this year’s theme. “This is one event that I really look forward to every year,” said District 5 City Councilmember Mike Woodard. “Having personally battled cancer and having lost a spouse to the disease I know first-hand how valuable it is for survivors, caregivers and the community-at-large to come together to raise awareness and money to one day find the cure.”



It is not too late to get involved and there are many ways to participate:

- Form a team and walk in support of a cancer survivor (Register at <http://relayforlife.org/SurpriseAZ>)
- Purchase a luminaria in memory of someone who lost their fight and participate in the Luminaria Ceremony
- Become a volunteer! Students can earn community service hours for their participation
- Donate online at <http://relayforlife.org/SurpriseAZ> 🌞



## Relay for Life events

### April 6th

- 11:30 am - Survivor Brunch: Free to survivors and their caregivers with performances by Dysart High School Jr. Jazz Band and the West Valley Conservatory of Ballet. Register at <http://relayforlife.org/SurpriseAZ> or call 623-826-4939.
- 2:00 p.m. Event opens to the public
- 3:00 p.m. Opening Ceremony with Luke AFB Color Guard and Mayor Sharon Wolcott
- 3:30 p.m. Survivor/Caregiver Lap
- 4:00 p.m. Performance by The Voices of Musical Surprise
- 9:00 p.m. Luminaria Lap with performance by the Surprise Fire Fighter Bag Pipe Corp

### April 7th

- Midnight Event closes to the public, walkers continue
- 5:00 a.m. Closing Ceremony

Learn more at <http://relayforlife.org/SurpriseAZ>.

# Art is Alive in Surprise Arts & Cultural Festival is back for year two

The 2nd Annual “Art Is Alive” Arts & Cultural Festival, presented by WHAM, is set for April 6 – 7, in the Surprise Community Park, 15960 N. Bullard Avenue.

“Supporting the arts and building a tradition of celebrating art is an important goal for our community,” says District 2 City Councilmember Richard Alton. “I think everyone will enjoy the many offerings by local artists, small businesses and performing arts groups.”

The Surprise City Council approved a recommendation from the Surprise Tourism and Advisory Commission to dedicate \$10,000 to support the event. The funds are from a dedicated tax on hotel guests that is used to develop tourism in Surprise.

For more information visit <http://www.wham-art.org>.



Here is a sampling of the artists and events planned:

- Tohono O’odham Nation Dancers
- Bonita Lovett World Famous Hip Hop Dancer
- Ability – Not Disability art for persons with disabilities
- Interactive Demo art with local artists
- Local performing musicians and dancers
- Plein Air Children’s painting contest
- 60 + Local Artists booths of original artwork

The festival, with free admission, is open 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. on both days. 🌞



## Stay cool this summer in Surprise

Hot weather, no school and “what to do with the kids?” are all on the horizon as summer nears! Playing it “Surprise-style” can be cool no matter what the temperature outside.

From outdoor recreation to swimming and special interest classes, the Community and Recreation Services (CRS) team has plenty to keep you and your family busy this summer.

**Surprise Tennis and Racquet Complex:** Tennis lessons available to people of all skill-sets and ages. Check out the racquetball courts too. Learn more at [www.surpriseaz.gov/tennis](http://www.surpriseaz.gov/tennis) or call 623.222.2400.

Surprise Aquatic Center



Hollyhock Pool

**Swimming:** The City of Surprise offers two aquatic facilities to residents and visitors. Open swim begins May 25 at the **Surprise Aquatic Center**, 15831 N. Bullard Avenue. The **Hollyhock Pool**, 15808 N. Hollyhock Street, opens on May 27. For pricing and times call the Aquatics Center at 623.222.2500 / Hollyhock Pool at 623.222.2530. Or visit [www.surpriseaz.gov/aquatics](http://www.surpriseaz.gov/aquatics).

**Sierra Montana Recreation Center:** The center, 14861 N. Spring Lane, has a game room with Xbox 360s on high-def TV’s, ping pong tables, bumper pool tables, a recording studio, pool tables and more! “Game” Tournaments are held frequently. Other activities include outdoor sports, arts and crafts, dance classes and movie nights. Register on your first visit. Proof of residency and age required. Get connected: 623.222.2000.

**Summer Camp (May 28 – August 2):** 10-week program for school-aged kids, filled with games, field trips, guest speakers and more! This is a state-licensed program requiring a copy of the student’s birth certificate, immunizations and registration paperwork. Grades 1 – 4 meet at Countryside Rec Center; Grades 5 – 8 at Sierra Montana Rec Center. More details at [www.surpriseaz.gov/recreation](http://www.surpriseaz.gov/recreation) or call 623.222.2000.



George Brett speaking at the Cactus League Lunch



Arizona State Sun Devils



Derek Lowe, Pitcher Texas Rangers

## Spring Training in review

Spring Training 2013 was a big hit with fans and players alike bringing with it many firsts for Surprise!

This season, USA Today named Surprise Stadium the second-best place to catch a Cactus League game. “Only the Diamondbacks and Rockies’ one-year old venue topped our stadium, now in its 11th season,” says Mark Coronado, this year’s Cactus League President. “That says a lot about the amazing team we have that keeps the facility in such great condition.”

This year’s season also included a record 35-game schedule as the Rangers and Royals faced teams from around the Cactus League.

Surprise Stadium was also the venue for the annual the Cactus League Kick-Off Luncheon on February 19, hosting representatives from all 15 Cactus League teams from across the Valley.

And once again, Surprise Stadium was the only Cactus League venue to host the 11th Annual Surprise College Baseball Classic. The Arizona State University Sun Devils swept the Arkansas Razorbacks, Gonzaga Bulldogs and Pacific Tigers.

While the numbers on the season are still being finalized, Coronado anticipates solid results league-wide. For more information about Spring Training in Surprise visit [www.surprisespringtraining.com](http://www.surprisespringtraining.com).

# The facts on Election 2013

The City of Surprise will hold a Primary Election on Tuesday, August 27, 2013 and if applicable the General Election is Tuesday, November 5, 2013.

Registered voters in the City of Surprise will be voting on the following City Council seats: Districts 1 (Acacia), 5 (Palm) & 6 (Palo Verde). Each seat carries a four-year term that expires in 2017.

Please note that Council Districts have changed since the last election. Please visit My Surprise Address at [www.surpriseaz.gov](http://www.surpriseaz.gov) to find out what district you live in or call the City Clerk's Office at 623-222-1200.



## Important election deadlines

**Candidate Packet Filing Deadline:** Nomination paper, financial disclosure statements, affidavit of qualifications and petitions are due no earlier than Monday, April 29, 2013 and no later than Wednesday, May 29th, 2013 – 6:00 p.m. Candidate packets need to be filed at the City Clerk's Office, 16000 N. Civic Center Parkway, Surprise, Arizona 85374

## Voter Registration Deadline

Monday, July 29, 2013

## Provisional Ballot and Ballot Drop Off Location

The Surprise City Council voted to direct the City Clerk to conduct all City Elections using the Ballot By Mail method. The Surprise City Clerk's Office will be a designated Provisional Ballot and Ballot Drop Off location 16000 N. Civic Center Parkway, Surprise, Arizona 85374. For further information or to set up an appointment for a Candidate's Packet, please call the City Clerk's Office at 623-222-1220.

## Permanent Early Voting List Information

Any registered voter may request to be included on the "Permanent Early Voting List" in order to automatically receive an early ballot by mail, for all elections they are eligible to participate in.

In order to be included on the "Permanent Early Voting List" voters must submit a written request specifically asking that their name be added to the permanent list. The forms are only available through the Maricopa County Elections Department. You can download a form online at <https://recorder.maricopa.gov/earlyvoteballotnet/permanentevlist.aspx>. For more information call the Maricopa County Elections Department at 602-506-3535. ☀

## Other 2013 Election FAQs

**What happens if a winner is not determined in the Primary, will the candidates square off in the General Election on Nov. 5th?** Yes that is correct. In order to determine a winner in the Primary, a candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast to be elected to a seat. "Votes cast" is the same as a "ballot". In other words, a candidate would need to receive 50%, plus one vote to be declared a winner in the Primary.

**What else will be on the November ballot?** If a run-off election is necessary, then of course those races will be added to the General Election as well as any other special ballot issues that may arise.

**For those residents who have yet to register to vote, what is the process and deadline for doing so?** For voter convenience, you can register online by visiting the Maricopa County Elections website at: [www.recorder.maricopa.gov](http://www.recorder.maricopa.gov). or you can stop by the City Clerk's Office Monday – Thursday, 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. to register in person. Voter registration deadline for the August 27th Primary Election is July 29th.

We also encourage voters to sign up for the Early Voter List so that they can receive all election ballots in the mail automatically which would include County/State ballot issues. This form can also be found on the County website listed above.

**All city elections are conducted by mail ballots, correct?** Yes, this is correct for the most part, unless there is a need to call a Special Election called by the State or County for a Referendum, Initiative or Recall election. In this case, we would be able to take advantage of combining a Special Election with a County or State ballot if it does not fall within our regular election cycle. If we combine with County/State election ballots, we would need to have our issues added to their ballots. What this means is that unless you are on the permanent early voter list, you would need to request a ballot through Maricopa County or by visiting your designated polling location that is listed on the publicity pamphlets mailed to you prior to the election.

**When will the ballots be mailed out?** Ballots are scheduled to be mailed to all registered voters within the Surprise City limits on August 1st - 26 days prior to the election as required by State law.

**Once you receive a mail ballot, can you fill it out and mail it back in or drop it off at the Clerk's Office at City Hall?** Yes, that is correct. For City elections only, the City Clerk's Office will be the only designated Replacement Ballot location and ballot drop off site for the Primary and General election if applicable. When I refer to replacement ballot, this means that the Clerk's Office would be able to issue you a new ballot if your ballot was lost, spoiled or if you received the wrong ballot, or did not receive a ballot at all.

**What if a resident is not home during the election cycle, what can they do to receive their ballot?** A resident can request that their ballot be forwarded to a temporary address by following these instructions:

The written request must include the voter's signature for verification purposes. This written request must include the following: Full Name, Date of Birth, Arizona Residence Address, Temporary Mail-To Address, Signature and a note requesting that we send the early ballot to the mail-to address provided & an indication as to what election this request to forward is for.

Voters can fax this written request to 602-506-5112 or you can mail it to:  
MARICOPA COUNTY ELECTIONS  
ATTN: EARLY VOTING  
510 S 3RD AVE  
PHOENIX AZ 85003

# Hechos de la Elección de 2013

## Otras Preguntas que se Hacen Frecuentemente tocante las Elecciones de 2013

**¿Qué ocurre si no se determina un ganador en la Primaria, es que los candidatos se van a enfrentar en la Elección General el 5 de noviembre?** Sí, eso es cierto. Para poder determinar un ganador en la Primaria, un candidato tiene que recibir una mayoría de los votos emitidos para ser elegido a un cargo. Los "votos emitidos" es igual que una "boleta". En otras palabras, un candidato tendría que recibir el 50%, más un voto para ser declarado un ganador en la Primaria.

**¿Qué más aparecerá en la boleta de noviembre?** Si es necesaria una elección final, luego por su puesto esas carreras se añadirán a la Elección General también como otras cuestiones especiales de la boleta que se puedan presentar.

**Para los residentes que aún no se han inscrito para votar, ¿cuál es el proceso y la fecha tope para realizarlo?** Para la conveniencia del votante, uno se puede inscribir para votar en línea al visitar el sitio web de Elecciones del Condado Maricopa al [www.recorder.maricopa.gov](http://www.recorder.maricopa.gov), o uno puede acudir a la Oficina de la Secretaria Municipal lunes - jueves, 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. para inscribirse para votar en persona. La fecha tope de inscripción como votante para la Elección Primaria del 27 de agosto será el 29 de julio.

También animamos a los votantes inscribirse en la Lista de Votantes de Votación Temprana para que puedan recibir por correo automáticamente todas las boletas de las elecciones que incluyen cuestiones de la boleta del Condado/Estado. Este formulario también se puede encontrar en el sitio web del Condado indicado arriba.

**¿Es cierto que todas las elecciones municipales se administran con boletas enviadas por correo?** Si, por la mayor parte es cierto, a menos que exista la necesidad de convocar una Elección Especial convocada por el Estado o el Condado para un Referéndum, elección de iniciativa o Destitución. En este caso, podríamos tomar ventaja de combinar una Elección Especial con la boleta del Condado o del Estado si no se encuentra dentro de nuestro ciclo regular de elecciones. Si combinamos la boleta de la elección del Condado/Estado, sería necesario añadir nuestras cuestiones en sus boletas. Lo que indica esto es que a menos que uno se encuentra en la lista de votantes de antes de la elección permanente, uno tuviera que pedir una boleta a través del Condado Maricopa o visitar la ubicación de su centro electoral designado que aparece en los folletos de publicidad que se les envía por correo antes de la elección.

**¿Cuándo se enviarán por correo las boletas?** Las boletas están programadas a enviarse por correo a todos los votantes inscritos dentro de los límites de la Ciudad de Surprise el día 1 de agosto - 26 días antes de la elección como ordena la ley del Estado.

**¿Al recibir una boleta por correo, se puede completar y regresarla por correo o entregarla en persona en la Oficina de la Secretaria Municipal en el Ayuntamiento?** Sí, eso es cierto. Solamente para las elecciones de la Ciudad, la Oficina de la Secretaria Municipal será la única ubicación designada de Reemplazo de Boletas y sitio de entrega para la elección Primaria y General si aplicable. Cuando me refiero a una boleta de reemplazo, esto indica que la Oficina de la Secretaria podrá emitirle una boleta nueva si su boleta se perdió, se echó a perder, o si recibió la boleta equivocada, o no recibió una boleta en completo.

**¿Qué si un residente está ausente de su casa durante el ciclo de la elección, qué puede hacer para recibir su boleta?** Un residente puede pedir que su boleta se le envíe a una dirección temporal al seguir estas instrucciones: La solicitud por escrito tiene que incluir la firma del votante para propósitos de comprobar. Esta solicitud por escrito tiene que incluir lo siguiente:

Nombre Completo, Fecha de Nacimiento, Dirección de Residencia de AZ, Dirección temporal de Recibir Correspondencia, Firma, Una nota indicando que le enviemos la boleta de antes de la elección a la dirección de recibir correspondencia proporcionada y una indicación en cuanto para cual elección es esta solicitud.

Los votantes pueden fax esta solicitud por escrito al 602-506-5112 o enviarla por correo a:

ELECCIONES DEL CONDADO MARICOPA  
ATENCIÓN: VOTACIÓN TEMPRANA  
510 S 3RD AVE  
PHOENIX AZ 85003

La Ciudad de Surprise celebrará una Elección Primaria en martes, día 27 de agosto de 2013 y si aplicable una Elección General el martes, día 5 de noviembre de 2013.

Los votantes inscritos de la Ciudad de Surprise votarán por los siguientes cargos del Concejo Municipal: Distritos 1 (Acacia), 5 (Palm), y 6 (Palo Verde). Cada cargo lleva un plazo de cuatro años que se vencerán en 2017. Por favor preste atención a que los Distritos del Concejo se han cambiado desde la última elección. Por favor visite My Surprise Address al [www.surpriseaz.gov](http://www.surpriseaz.gov) para enterarse en qué distrito vive o llame la Oficina de la Secretaria Municipal al 623-222-1200.



## Fechas topes importantes de las elecciones

**Fecha Tope para Entablar Paquetes de Candidatura:** Se tienen que entablar el papel de nominación, declaraciones de revelación financiera, afidávit de calificación y peticiones no más temprano que el lunes, 29 de abril de 2013 y no más tarde que el miércoles, 29 de mayo de 2013 - 6:00 p.m. Los paquetes de candidatura se tienen que entablar en la Oficina de la Secretaria Municipal - 16000 N. Civic Center Parkway, Surprise, Arizona 85374.

## Fecha Tope de Inscripción como Votante

lunes, 29 de julio de 2013

## Ubicación de Boletas Provisionales y Entrega de Boletas

El Concejo Municipal de Surprise votó a favor de ordenar a la Secretaria Municipal administrará todas las Elecciones de la Ciudad usando el método de Balota Enviada por Correo. La Oficina de la Secretaria Municipal será una ubicación designada para Boletas Provisionales y Entrega de Boletas - 16000 N. Civic Center Parkway, Surprise, Arizona 85374. Para información adicional o para fijar una cita para obtener un Paquete de Candidatura, por favor comuníquese con la Oficina de la Secretaria Municipal al 623-222-1200.

## Información tocante la Lista de Votantes de Antes de la Elección Permanente

Cualquier votante inscrito para votar puede pedir ser incluido en la "Lista de Votantes de Antes de la Elección Permanente" para poder recibir una boleta temprana por correo automáticamente, para todas las elecciones en cuales están elegibles de participar. Para que se incluya en la "Lista de Votantes de Antes de la Elección Permanente" los votantes tienen que someter un pedido por escrito pidiendo específicamente que su nombre se le añada a la lista permanente. Los formularios solamente están disponibles del Departamento de Elecciones del Condado Maricopa. Uno puede obtener un formulario en línea al <https://recorder.maricopa.gov/earlyvoteballotnet/permanentevlist.aspx>. Para información adicional comuníquese con el Departamento de Elecciones del Condado Maricopa al 602-506-3535. ☀

# Transportation Update



## Loop 303

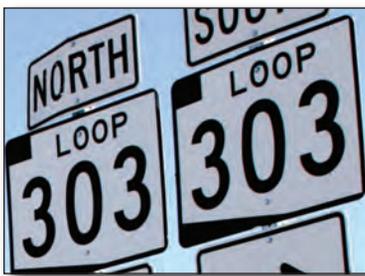
### Improvement Project Update

The wait will soon be over. The Loop 303 construction from Peoria Avenue to Mountain View Boulevard is 75 percent complete and on schedule to wrap up in early fall of this year.

That means the Loop 303 roadway through the Surprise city limits will be complete, with only the stretch from Peoria to the I-10 and the I-10/L303 interchange itself to be built before the 303 is fully linked to the regional freeway system.

Crews are at work at Peoria and Glendale avenues (which will also wrap up later this year), Glendale Avenue to Thomas Road, and the Loop 303 / Interstate 10 traffic interchange. Stay tuned for more information as these projects progress!

In addition, ADOT is currently designing the interim traffic interchange at Loop 303 and US 60 (Grand Avenue).



#### Construction Details

Last October, crews switched traffic over to the northbound lanes so they could begin work on the future southbound lanes. Now, traffic is also using the north side of the Greenway Road Bridge, and traffic can drive under Cactus Road.

As we get closer to the completion date, you can expect to see more work on the mainline of Loop 303, as well as the on- and off-ramps on the southbound side.

Once construction is complete, crews will then pave the entire freeway with rubberized asphalt, which will help reduce

freeway noise and create a smoother ride for drivers. It's also great for the environment because it's made out of recycled tires!



#### Walls along the corridor

Neighborhoods including Surprise Farms, Northwest Ranch, Bell West Ranch and Sun City Grand in Surprise have about 6 miles of completed sound walls. These walls are helping reduce freeway noise for residents and provide a more scenic drive for motorists.

#### Stay connected!

ADOT provides information and updates about construction-related closures and restrictions on the Loop 303 Improvement Project at [www.ValleyFreeways.com/Loop303](http://www.ValleyFreeways.com/Loop303). Questions or comments? Email [ValleyFreeways@azdot.gov](mailto:ValleyFreeways@azdot.gov) or call the ADOT Project Hotline at 855.712.8530. ☀

## MCDOT: El Mirage Road Widening Project

### South of Bell launches in fall

You have probably noticed crews relocating utilities in the area of Bell and El Mirage roads. They are preparing for the El Mirage Road widening project south of Bell.

The Maricopa County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) is scheduled to begin roadway construction in September and project completion is slated for January, 2014.

MCDOT, in partnership with the City of Surprise, will install new traffic signals,

street lighting, curb/gutter and sidewalk, raised medians, three through-travel lanes and dual left-turn lanes in all four directions, right-turn-only lanes for west, south and eastbound travel and a "free-flow" right-turn lane on westbound Bell Road for northbound travel onto El Mirage Road.

The project also includes the widening of El Mirage Road between Bola Drive and Bell Road and drainage improvements on El Mirage Road from the Lizard Acres Wash crossing northward to just south of Bell Road.

To keep you informed MCDOT is operating a 24-hour Construction Hotline: (480) 350-9288. ☀

## Report on enhancing NW Valley public transit coming soon

The second (and final) round of community workshops regarding the Northwest Valley Local Transit Study were conducted in late January. Eleven sessions drew more than 120 NW Valley residents in attendance.

The primary goal of the Maricopa Association of Governments-sponsored study is identifying practical strategies for enhancing public transit services throughout the NW Valley. Communities within the study area include Surprise, El Mirage, Glendale, Peoria, Youngtown, and portions of unincorporated Maricopa County. Sun City, Sun City West, and Sun City Festival in the northeastern area of the Town of Buckeye are included in the study area as well.

Workshop attendees helped refine and prioritize potential transit/mobility recommendations. The list of potential recommendations were derived through community surveys as well as workshop discussion.

The project report will be completed in late Spring. Visit [nwvtransit.azmag.gov](http://nwvtransit.azmag.gov) to learn about future project information-sharing sessions. ☀

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BUSINESSES IN SURPRISE

(Dec. 2012 - Feb. 2013)

**NOTE:** The following addresses are from business permit licenses, listing Surprise mailing addresses, and do not necessarily indicate the businesses store-front address.

## Retail/Auto/Service

**Larry H Miller Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram Surprise**, 13165 N. Autoshow Ave. • **H&R Block**, 15431 W. Greenway Rd • **Patricia A Painter PC**, 1211 W. Bell Rd. #107 • **Empire Tax & Accounting**, 15282 W. Brookside Ln. #110 • **Dahlia Care LLC**, 14941 W. Dahlia Dr. • **Skin Care by Kathleen Filiberto**, 15142 W. Bell Rd #103KAF • **HiLine Nails & Spa**, 15170 W. Bell Rd. #110 • **Natural Touch Nails & Spa by Anthony**, 13761 W. Bell Rd. #B201 • EMG's Corner Hair Salon LLC, 15142 W. Bell Rd. #128 • **C&A Nails**, 13980 W. Bell Rd. #16 • **Blush Skin Care LLC**, 15270 Brookside Ln. • **Bella Voi Salon**, 12211 W. Bell Rd. #103 • Surprise Nails, 15609 W. Bell Rd. #110 • **Chi Town Dogz**, 15941 N. 171 Ln. (mobile vendor) • **R&R Property Maintenance and Installations LLC**, 17960 W. Ivy Ln. • **TAS Home Improvement & Repairs Inc**, 10302 W. Flower St. • **Tintas Granite and Flooring LLC**, 13343 W. Foxfire Dr. #1 • **Liberty Tax Service**, 15557 W. Bell Rd. #402 • **Creations by Cathie**, 15010 W. Angel Basin Way • **Liliviewve Lane**, 15943 W. Banff Ln. • **SG Mechanical LLC**, 17411 W. Lisbon Ln. • **Paul the Pool Guy**, 14912 N. 153 Ave. • **Sonoran West Solutions LLC**, 17676 W. Surry Dr. • **Smiling Windows**, 17861 W. Ventura St. • **Alliance Residential Services**, 13672 N. 151 Ln. • **Liberty Management LLC**, 14614 N. 142 Ln. • **Margaret Planeta Photography**, 16192 N. 158 Ave. • **JMD Skin Care**, 17611 W. Weatherby Dr. • **Pinkeys Got Purses**, 18444 W. Banff Ln. • **L&E Window Cleaning Services**, 15777 W. Calavar Rd. • **Wilson Tax Service**, 17336 W. Calistoga Dr. • **Golden Wings**, 25649 N. Desert Mesa Dr. • **Veteran Tinting & Blinds LLC**, 14191 W. Larkspur Dr. • **Stealth Multisport LLC**, 17060 W. Windermere Way • **Larry & Edith Jenkins PLLC**, 17805 N. 168 Ln. • **Crocheted Wallaghans & Other Crocheted Assessoris**, 16650 W. Monte Cristo Ave. • **Stainguard Corp**, 15528 W. Crocus Dr. • **American Chain Mail**, 14998 N. 174 Ave. • **Oasis Spa Products**, 11780 N. 154 Ln. • **All Valley Nail Supply**, 11780 N. 154 Ln. • **Lovestrong Ministries**, 14406 W. Cameron Dr. • **Viskerart**, 14942 W. Gentle Breeze Way • **Vintage Meadow Artworks**, 16130 W. Red Rock Dr. • **Troxell Family Productions**, 15237 N. 177 Dr. • **Holts Cleaning Services LLC**, 18436 W. Post Dr. • **Community Niche Services LLC**, 16766 N. 158 Ave. • **JD Master Electric LLC**, 17794 N. 143 Circle • **DBJ Golf Car Services**, 17106 N. 184 Ln. • **Yapp Guru**, 17235 W. Young St. • **USMADEGIFTS.COM**, 18026 W. Legend Dr. • **Rebecca Michells Photography**, 13841 W. Maui Ln. • **FK Trading Co.** 16287 W. Kearney Ln. • **Luscious Locks of Arizona**, 15303 W. Charter Oak Rd. • **Viv & Izzy's**, 15472 W. Cortez St. • **de Schweinitz Arbitration & Mediation**, 17807 N. Encanto • **Heavens Wings Home Services LLC**, 17728 W. Crocus Dr. • **Gala Professional Services**, 13464 W. Canyon Creek Dr. • **Forrest Construction**, 29204 N. 179 Ave. • **Rich Dog**, 13208 W. Ironwood St. • **Live Laugh Love Portraits**, 15637 W. Yucatan Dr. • **Survey Cad Solutions**, 13278 W. Acapulco Ln. • **Jaime & Jaime Educational Consultants LLC**, 14213 W. Aster Dr. • **Rags Catering**, 18010 N. 145 Ave. • **Kathleen Elizabeth Photography**, 15078 N. 173 Dr. • **Home Guardian Services**, 15644 W. Acapulco Ln. • **American Family Insurance**, 15423 W. Waddell Rd #102 • **Ignacio C Delgadillo Agency LLC**, 15423 W. Waddell Rd #102 • **Premier Dry Cleaners**, 14010 N. Litchfield Rd #208 • **Herd legal PLLC**, 13065 W. Grand Ave #7 • **Gerber law**, 12133 W. Bell Rd. #202 • **NS Estate Sales LLC**, 13059 NW Grand Ave #10 • **Talk Your Game Inc**, 12425 W. Bell Rd. #113 • **Conservative Pest Solutions LLC**, 17040 W. Limestone Dr. • **Son City Insurance**, 11340 W. Bell Rd #114 • **JV Surveying LLC**, 15278 W. Bell Rd. #102 • **Scottsdale Health Office Properties LLC**, 17061 N. Avenue of the Arts #100 • **Yong In Master An's Tae Kwon Do**, 15403 W. Greenway Rd #B-101 • **Champs Family Automotive**, 13200 W. Foxfire Dr #138 • **Step Higher Foundation**, 16750 W. Bell Rd • **Factory Motor Parts**, 13174 W. Foxfire Dr #134 • **Spas by Design Inc**, 13001 W Grand Ave. • **LaJa's Boutique**, 11340 W. Bell Rd. • **Cutting Edge Tactical LLC**, 13260 W. Foxfire Dr. #19 • **Frazee Industries Inc**, 15571 N. Litchfield Rd #102 • **Blooming Days Floral**, 14291 W. Grand Ave. #106 • **Surprise Hookah Lounge**, 12751 W. Bell Rd. #111 • **Shasta Pools & Spas**, 15278 W. Bell Rd. #107

## Restaurant/Bar

**Church's Chicken**, 15697 N. Reems Rd  
**Rito's Mexican Food**, 15643 N. Reems Rd #106  
**Goodcents Deli Fresh Subs**, 16572 W. Greenway Rd #107  
**Calico Cakes Cookies & Cupcakes LLC**,  
11340 W. Bell Rd #128  
**Tailgators Sports Grill & Il Primo Pizza & Wings**,  
15529 W. Bell Rd

## Office/Medical/Dental

**Tender Touch Mobile Phlebotomy**, 16629 N. Greasewood St #118  
**My Hearing Centers**, 17061 N. Avenue of the Arts #100  
**Fastmed Urgent Care**, 12775 W. Bell Rd #100  
**Affiliated Dermatology**, 13995 W. Statler Blvd #150  
**Hospice of the Valley**, 14066 W. Waddell Rd

## Assisted Living

**Quality Elder Care LLC**, 18429 W. Caribbean Ln  
**Noble Senior Living LLC**, 25968 N. Sandstone Way  
**Arizona Comfort Care**, 17917 W. Port Au Prince Ln  
**Venetian Assisted Living LLC**, 16626 N. 177 Dr  
**Desert Dwelling Senior Care LLC**, 26762 N. 175 Ln  
**DT Care LLC**, 16407 W. Rimrock St  
**All Care Assisted Living LLC**, 18224 N. 168 Ave  
**Happy Trails Assisted Living Home**, 17641 W. Post Dr





# What's going on? at the Senior Center

## Fitness Center

8:15 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.  
Monday – Friday  
Annual membership fee \$30  
(\$35 non-residents) Winter only,  
\$20 (\$25 non-residents)



## Enjoy a hot lunch and shop on Hollyhock Street

Hot lunches are available weekdays for a \$3.50 contribution; please call ahead for a lunch reservation. You may also enjoy the mini Café, offering gourmet coffees, tea & biscotti for nominal prices. Then browse the Thrift Shop to pick up great bargains, gifts, jewelry and greeting cards

## Social time

At the Senior Center you can enjoy a variety of card and board games, BINGO, crafts, movies, trips and Mahjong.

## Upcoming Classes

Classes offered at the Senior Center include Computer, Guitar I & II, Monday Morning Crafts, One Stroke Painting, Fun Exercise, Stretch & Flex, Needlecrafts, Quilting. **For class information or to register, please call 623.222.1500 or visit [www.surpriseaz.gov/recreation](http://www.surpriseaz.gov/recreation).**



## Computer Classes

(Class limited to 6)  
• Basic 1 & 2  
• Email 1 & 2  
• Internet 1 & 2

Must take Level 1 classes before Level 2  
**\$10** (\$12 non-residents), Pre-register at the Senior Center Front Desk. All classes are 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Details and dates call 623.222.1500 or visit [www.surpriseaz.gov/recreation](http://www.surpriseaz.gov/recreation).

## Volunteer in Surprise

Opportunities are available in several city departments including Senior Center, Senior Van Drivers, Clericals, Office Support and Data Entry, Fire, Police, Public Works Fire Hydrant Painting, or Community & Recreation Services. Learn more at [www.surpriseaz.gov/volunteer](http://www.surpriseaz.gov/volunteer).



## Surprise Spring Swap Meet

Enjoy bargain shopping from over 70 vendors offering new and used treasures. Call 623.222.1500 for more information.

Date: Saturday, April 13  
Times: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Location: Aquatic Center Parking Lot, at Bullard Ave. and Tierra Buena  
Fee: Free admission and parking



## Surprise Senior Idol Contest

Who will be the Surprise Senior Idol for 2012? Many talented dancers, singers and performers will compete for the title in the very popular event!

Date and location to be announced soon. For more information contact the Senior Center at 623.222.1500 or visit [www.surpriseaz.gov](http://www.surpriseaz.gov).



## City of Surprise Senior Center

15832 N. Hollyhock St.  
623.222.1500

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

For ages 50 and better

Cost: \$12 Annual membership  
\$15 Non-residents

\*\* Non-resident rates apply for classes and trips

## Are you new to Surprise?

Stop by the Senior Center for a tour and receive an introductory copy of the menu, activities calendar, and newsletter. We can also mail these introductory items to those who call 623.222.1500 and provide a name and address.

## We're Online!

Visit [www.surpriseaz.gov/recreation](http://www.surpriseaz.gov/recreation) and click on Senior Services. Print your calendar and newsletter from home. Activities updated monthly!

\*\*For up to the minute calendar of events visit [www.surpriseaz.gov](http://www.surpriseaz.gov).

# City Events



## APR 6 7th Annual Relay for Life- Surprise "Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back."

Valley Vista High School Track Area, 15550 N. Parkview Place. Register to walk or donate to the cause! For details visit <http://relayforlife.org/SurpriseAZ> or call 623-826-4939.



**APR 6-7 2nd Annual "Art Is Alive" Arts & Cultural Festival**, presented by WHAM, Community Park, 15960 N. Bullard Avenue, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Come and enjoy the many offerings by local artists, small businesses and performing arts groups. Free to the public.

**APR 13 Household Hazardous Waste Collection**, 8 a.m. – Noon, Maintenance Yard, 13433 W. Foxfire Dr. 623.222.6000. Free for Surprise residents only. Proof of residence required. Visit Sanitation pages of [www.surpriseaz.gov](http://www.surpriseaz.gov) for list of acceptable items.

**APR 13 Timer Tutorial Class**, learn how to properly set irrigation system to meet your landscape needs. 10 a.m. – Noon, Public Safety Building Auditorium, 14250 W. Statler Plaza, Register- 623.222.6200. Free

**APR 13 Surprise Women's Heritage Trail kick-off event**, 12987 W. Market Street, Iglesia Reestructurada Del Espirito Santo, 10 a.m. Free

**APR 13 Surprise Spring Swap Meet**, bargain shopping with over 70 vendors! 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., Aquatic Center Parking Lot (free parking). For info call 623.222.1500.

**APR 13 Movie Night at Surprise Stadium**, 15930 N. Bullard Avenue, Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and family to enjoy How to Train Your Dragon, movie begins at 7 p.m. Free

**APR 14 Second Sundays in the Park-** 50s & 60s live music by The Roadrunners and roaming entertainment. Community Park, 15953 N. Bullard Avenue, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. Free.

**APR 18 Business Entity Class**, first in a series of 4 classes for existing businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs, presented by the Joseph Foundation. 9 a.m. – 10:15 a.m., TechCelerator (Building D), 12425 W. Bell Road. Register at 623-222-3242. Free

**MAY 16 Operations, HR and Benefits class**, this is the second class in the Business Entity 4-part series for entrepreneurs, presented by the Joseph Foundation. 9 a.m. – 10:15 a.m., TechCelerator (Building D), 12425 W. Bell Road. Register at 623-222-3242. Free

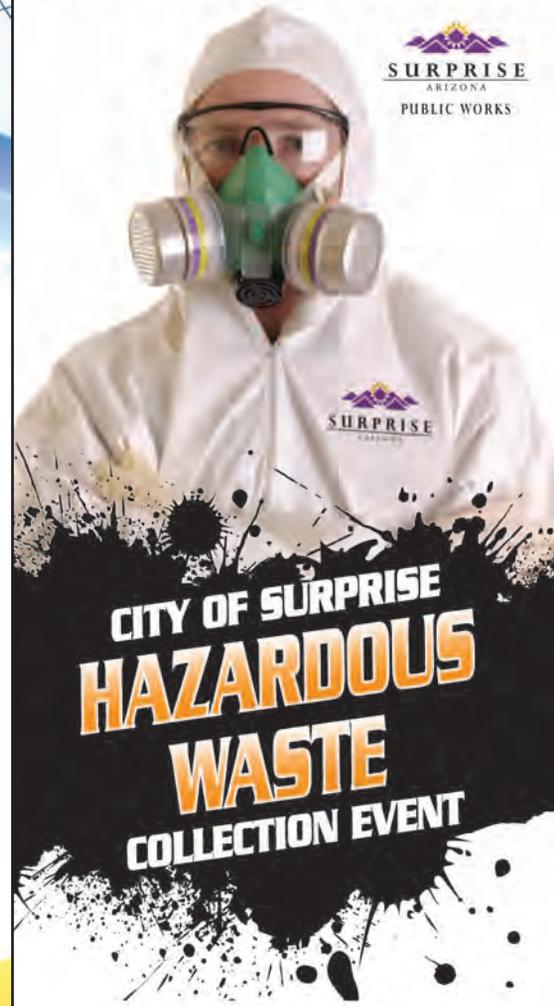
**MAY 18 Summerizing Your Landscaping class**, 10 a.m. – Noon, Public Safety Building Auditorium, 14250 W. Statler Plaza, Register- 623.222.6200. Free

**MAY 27 Memorial Day Holiday**, *City Offices are closed.* Holiday sanitation schedule in effect.

**JUN 20 Tax Planning v. Tax Paying class**, this is the third class in the Business Entity 4-part series for entrepreneurs, presented by the Joseph Foundation. 9 a.m. – 10:15 a.m., TechCelerator (Building D), 12425 W. Bell Road. Register at 623-222-3242. Free (Note: the final class in this series is July 18 "Profit & Preservation")



## Got hazardous waste?



## CITY OF SURPRISE HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

**Saturday, April 13th**  
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

at the Public Works Maintenance Yard  
13433 W. Foxfire Drive  
From Bell Rd. go north on Dysart.  
Follow signs to entrance off Foxfire Dr.

### Acceptable Household Hazardous Waste

- Antifreeze, paint, oil
- Car batteries
- Pool chemicals
- Brake-transmission-power steering fluid/degreasers
- Gasoline/diesel fuel/additives
- Stain/varnish/turpentine
- Paint thinners
- Linseed oil/ solvents
- Cleaners
- Adhesives
- Pesticides/herbicides
- Refrigerators
- Freezers
- Fire extinguishers
- Compressed gas cylinders
- Computers
- Electronics
- Cell phones
- Stereos
- TVs
- Up to 5 car or truck (no semi) tires without rims
- Washers/dryers
- Water heaters
- Evaporative coolers
- Stoves/dishwashers

### Unacceptable Materials

- Regular refuse and bulk trash
- Bio-medical waste
- Commercial Waste
- Ammunition or explosives
- RV refrigerators that contain ammonia

## POSTAL PATRON

# Surprise Women's Heritage Trail coming soon...

Seventy-five years ago Flora Statler purchased, platted and began marketing lots in a development she named "Surprise." This square mile became the first neighborhood in our modern-day Surprise, an area that today we refer to as the Original Town Site (OTS). And it is this historic area in which the Surprise Women's Heritage Trail will be dedicated April 13th.



First Baptist Church in the 1940's.

This winter, the Arizona Women's Heritage Trail (AWHT) accepted Statler into their prestigious system which recognizes women who have made a significant contribution to the state's history. This recognition paved the way for the Surprise Women's Heritage Trail.

"We are so very pleased to have the AWHT recognize how very important Flora Statler is to our community's history," said District 4 City Councilmember Roy Villanueva. "Our trail will not only recognize Flora, but will also highlight other prominent Surprise women."

The self-guided trail will consist of stops to the north and south sections of the OTS. "Some of the stops will feature locations that no longer exist, but for those of us who grew up in Surprise, we know how important it is to keep the stories and images alive," adds Villanueva.

Surprise Women's Heritage Trail Maps will be available in the lobby of City Hall, the City Clerk's Office and at the Visitors Center in the Surprise Regional Chamber of Commerce.

The Surprise Women's Heritage Trail will be only the third in the state designated by the AWHT. The other two are located in Prescott and Tucson.

The Surprise Women's Heritage Trail kick-off event will be at 12987 W. Market Street, at the Iglesia Reestructurada Del Espirito Santo on April 13th, beginning 10:00 a.m. For more details visit [www.surpriseaz.gov](http://www.surpriseaz.gov).

For more information contact City Clerk Aguilar at 623.222.1220. 🌞



Surprise founder  
Flora Statler

### Surprise Women's Heritage Trail highlights

On Butler's Corner (13071- 13073 NW Grand Avenue Frontage Road) visitors will learn about the history of General Forney Oden's service station and how his daughter Nancy Butler worked alongside her husband Joseph to transform her father's business into a thriving café, grocery store, automotive supply shop over the years. Butler also belonged to the Surprise Women's Club.

The First Baptist Church location, 12987 W. Market Street, is also a featured stop on the trail. Later renamed the First Freewill Baptist Church, this was the community meeting spot for years and the host site for the twice-monthly town council meetings.

A stop at the former Town Hall site on Santa Fe Drive will feature the story of Lovena Luttrell, who served as the Town Clerk from the late 1960's until 1988. Outside of her duties recording council business, Luttrell was an active leader in putting on Founder's Days events, carnivals and rodeos.

A visit to the Community Center (now the Senior Center on Hollyhock Street) will introduce you to the members of the Surprise Action Council. This group of women worked tirelessly to raise funds to build the community center and recalls their working with Council to secure Community Development Block Grants that resulted in a 1981 grand opening.

Learn more about the City's first woman mayor Joan Shafer as you stop by the former City Hall location on Bell Road (currently the AZ TechCelerator). Under Shafer's 12-year reign as mayor the city added the Surprise Recreation Campus, became a Cactus League community and welcomed more than 70,000 new residents.