

# SURPRISE Progress

SURPRISE RECREATION CAMPUS



# Play Ball!

Your complete guide to  
Surprise Spring Training 2007

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### SURPRISE PROGRESS AWARDS

3CMA Silver Circle Award  
2003-2005

3CMA Award of Excellence  
2002



## SURPRISE ARIZONA

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**Economic Development  
Advisory Board**  
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**Transportation Committee**  
623.875.4246

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**  
623.266.4507

**Disability Advisory  
Commission**  
623.875.4350

### City Council meetings

**Surprise City Hall, 12425 W. Bell Road** Info: 623.583.1098

6 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of the month

- January 11th and 25th
- February 8th and 22nd
- March 8th and 22nd

### Planning & Zoning Commission meetings

**Surprise City Hall, 12425 W. Bell Road** Info: 623.875.4337

6 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month

- January 2nd and 16th
- February 6th and 20th
- March 6th and 20th



**City Council and Planning and Zoning**

**Commission meetings are broadcast live on**

**Surprise 11**, available to Cox Cable subscribers in Surprise, Sun City and Sun City West. Council meetings are rebroadcast several times during the week following the meeting. Broadcast times are: 8 a.m. Friday, Noon

Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Monday and 2 a.m. Wednesday.



## Surprise embraces Spring Training

**C**lear blue skies, the smell of freshly cut grass, the crack of a bat. It's time to “play ball” in Surprise!

Surprise is the Spring Training home to Major League Baseball's Texas Rangers and Kansas City Royals, but the spirit of baseball lives beyond the month of March.





Groundbreaking ceremony at Dreamcatcher Park

## Sundancers and Surprise kids: A winning team

If you have children enjoying sports in Surprise, then you will want to thank the Surprise Sundancers.



The all-volunteer group's mission is to raise money for youth charities and facility development, mostly through ticket proceeds donated from the Rangers and Royals during the first spring training game of the year.

The Sundancers' hard work adds up to lots of cash for your programs. In late 2006, the group donated \$250,000 to build Dreamcatcher Park, the city's first fully-accessible park. Dreamcatcher Park is now under construction near the Aquatic Center across Bullard from the Surprise Recreation Campus. It is scheduled to open by this spring.

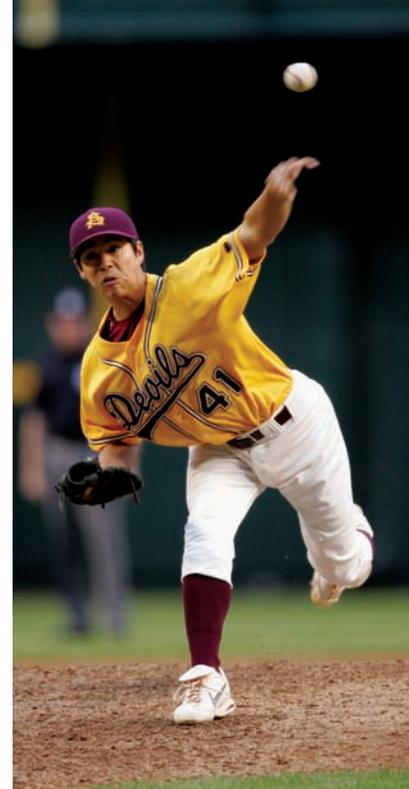
Make sure you help out the Sundancers by attending this year's first spring training game, Friday, March 2, at Surprise Stadium, because all game proceeds go to their charitable efforts.

The Sundancers also look to raise money at their charity golf tournament on February 26 and through various raffles.

Surprise Stadium will host the Coca-Cola Classic College Baseball Tournament, February 16-18. Baseball fans, you are in for a treat: taking Billy Parker Field will be Arizona State, Gonzaga, Missouri and last year's College World Series champs Oregon State.

But even after the excitement of big time college programs, baseball in Surprise is just getting warmed up.

On February 21, Surprise hosts the Welcome Back Luncheon at Surprise Stadium. It's our way of welcoming the Rangers and Royals back to their Spring Training home for the fifth year.



Then get set for Fan Fest on February 24. You'll have the chance to check out cool baseball memorabilia, browse at a baseball card show, and get into interactive games. You can even catch the Rangers and Royals players out on the practice fields.



Come join the city of Surprise as we welcome the Texas Rangers and Kansas City Royals to their 5th year of Spring Training!

Wednesday, February 21, 2007  
11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Surprise Recreation Campus**  
Surprise Stadium  
15930 N. Bullard Ave.  
Surprise, AZ 85374

**COST**  
\$30 per person  
\$240 per table (table of 8)  
All paid attendees will receive a Spring Training Gift.

Tickets go on sale January 15 - February 9, 2007.

To purchase tickets, please call 623.266.4500 or stop by Community & Recreation Services, 15930 N. Bullard Ave.

**WELCOME  
BACK  
LUNCHEON**



Fan Fest will be followed by the Legend's Game on February 25 at Surprise Stadium, featuring some of baseball's best players over the years. Then it's time for the boys of summer to come out to play for a month of Spring Training in March. Opening Day is Friday, March 2, pitting the Rangers against the Royals. Other MLB teams coming to Surprise to play our host teams include the Chicago Cubs, San Francisco Giants, San Diego Padres, Seattle Mariners, LA Angels, Chicago White Sox, Oakland A's, Milwaukee Brewers, and the Arizona Diamondbacks.



Check the schedules, find out about special promotions and get your tickets at [www.surprisespringtraining.com](http://www.surprisespringtraining.com). You'll find everything you need except maybe the peanuts and cracker jack! See you at the stadium!



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| FEBRUARY                          |        |         |           |          |                                   |                                   |
|-----------------------------------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| SUNDAY                            | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY                            | SATURDAY                          |
|                                   |        |         |           | 1        | 2                                 | 3                                 |
| 4                                 | 5      | 6       | 7         | 8        | 9                                 | 10                                |
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| 18<br>COLLEGE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT | 19     | 20      | 21        | 22       | 23                                | 24<br>FAN FEST                    |
| 25<br>LEGEND'S GAME               | 26     | 27      | 28        |          |                                   |                                   |

| MARCH                        |                              |                              |                             |                              |  |                              | SURPRISE RECREATION CAMPUS<br>SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE |  |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|--|--|
| SUNDAY                       | MONDAY                       | TUESDAY                      | WEDNESDAY                   | THURSDAY                     | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY                     |  |  |
|                              |                              |                              |                             | 1                            | 2<br>CHARITY GAME<br>TEX @ KC<br>1:05 P.M.           | 3<br>KC @ TEX<br>1:05 P.M.   |  |  |
| 4<br>TEX @ KC<br>1:05 P.M.   | 5<br>SD @ KC<br>1:05 P.M.    | 6<br>SEA @ TEX<br>1:05 P.M.  | 7<br>ARI @ TEX<br>1:05 P.M. | 8<br>SEA @ KC<br>1:05 P.M.   | 9<br>CHI @ TEX<br>1:05 P.M.<br>LAA @ KC<br>7:05 P.M. | 10<br>CHI @ KC<br>1:05 P.M.  |  |  |
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| 25<br>MIL @ KC<br>1:05 P.M.  | 26<br>SEA @ TEX<br>6:05 P.M. | 27<br>SD @ TEX<br>1:05 P.M.  | 28<br>SD @ KC<br>1:05 P.M.  | 29<br>KC @ TEX<br>12:05 P.M. | 30   | 31                           |  |  |

## Billy Parker: The Man Behind the Name

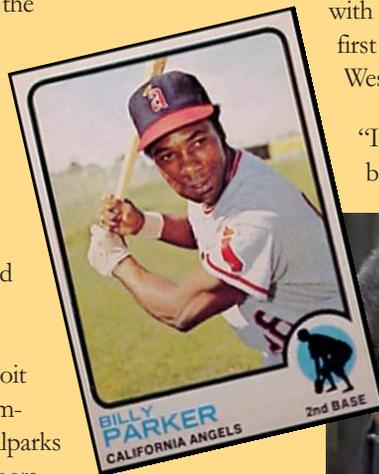
Billy Parker lived the dream. He made it to the big leagues.

The Hayneville, Alabama native broke into the majors in big league style, hitting a game winning home run on September 9th, 1971. He remained with the California Angels through 1973 as an infielder, getting into 94 games with the team.

His professional career included stops in Syracuse, El Paso, Salt Lake City and Quad City, Iowa.

"Billy had an earlier offer to play for a Detroit Tigers farm team in Alabama, but he remembered being turned away from southern ballparks because he was black, and he turned the Tigers down," said Mark Coronado, Surprise Community and Recreation Services Director and close friend of Parker's.

Billy moved to Arizona and fell in love with the northwest valley, working with city of Surprise youth sports programs for many years.



"Billy would tell me that the biggest lift and compliment he could ever receive was to see kids grow up through the city's sports programs and come back to thank him and tell him how much fun they had," added Coronado.

To honor Parker's contribution to baseball and the city, Surprise named the field at Surprise Stadium "Billy Parker Field" in 2002. Ill with cancer, Parker attended that ceremony, but never got to see the first Spring Training game played there. He died at his Sun City West home on February 9, 2003.

"I always tell people that Billy Parker was a Major League baseball player and a Major League person," said Coronado.



An emotional Parker attends stadium naming ceremony in his honor in 2002.

# Safe!

## Surprise scores with low crime rate



New, clean, safe neighborhoods are some of the many reasons we love living in Surprise. Here's a reason to feel even better: a review of Surprise Police Department numbers shows that we have the lowest rate of serious crime of any major city in the valley.

A recent report by the nationally known surveying firm Morgan Quitno Press analyzed major crime statistics in 2005 for valley cities, but left off Surprise because the company had the erroneous impression the city had fewer than 75,000 residents.

But Surprise police say their 2005 statistics show the city's serious crime rate is even lower than the lowest valley cities cited by Morgan Quitno. "Our serious crime rate stood at 19.94 per 1,000 residents, a very low number," says Surprise Police Chief Dan Hughes.

"This is a credit to not only the men and women of the Surprise Police Department and our mayor and council, but to

the many residents of our city involved in anti-crime efforts," Hughes says.

Residents and police work together to keep crime low in Surprise with Block Watch programs and the innovative Fleetwatch program, where police train drivers of companies who operate multiple vehicles in the city to keep an eye out for crime. Chief Hughes also credits the Beat Team concept to helping keep crime low.



*Beat Team officers spend months in the same area to get to know residents*

The police department is working to revise its Web site so residents can more easily report information about crimes and even file on-line crime reports. "We are committed to developing the Web site as an important component in our communication with the community and our joint anti-crime efforts," says Hughes.

As for Morgan Quitno Press, spokesman Kathleen Morgan says "We look forward to including Surprise in future surveys."

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*Dan Hughes, Surprise Police Chief*



*Officer Robert Shaw gets to know Surprise neighbors.*

## Tips to help you prevent becoming a victim of vehicle theft

The Arizona Attorney General’s office has said that a vehicle theft occurs about every 10 minutes in Arizona. With that in mind, Surprise Police are offering tips to help protect you and your belongings.

### To help prevent car break-ins or thefts:

- Keep your doors locked and windows rolled up
- Don’t leave your vehicle running unattended
- Put bags in the trunk, out of sight of would-be thieves
- Park in well-lit areas
- Always be on the lookout for suspicious activity.



## New Surprise officer tops in his class



**A**s a former U.S. Marine Reservist, Jason Lewis learned the importance of education and physical fitness. That background served him well as he prepared for his current role as a Surprise police officer.

Officer Lewis recently graduated from the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office Academy with the highest overall score in his class.

Not only did he finish first for Overall Achievement in his training class last September, he also earned the highest score in the physical condition component of the academy. The police officer recruits were graded for academics, physical condition and fire arms training.

“We are all proud of Jason’s achievement. With 30 or so competitors, this was no easy task and it reflects the quality of new police officers that are serving the city of Surprise,” says Surprise Assistant Police Chief Mark Schott.

Lewis joined the Surprise Police Department in April 2006 and immediately entered the rigorous, four-month recruit training academy. He is currently a patrol officer in Surprise.

Lewis served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves from 2000-2004. He earned his Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from Central Texas College and his BA in Criminal Justice from Metro State College of Denver.

Lewis is 31, married, and lives in Surprise.

# Have your own Surprise



**B** **L** **O** **C** **K**  
**P** **A** **R** **T** **Y**

# Weekend

*Here in Surprise we let the good times roll... literally!*



The Neighborhood Services Division of the Community Initiatives Department is offering free rentals of its Block Party Trailer, a hitch-able trailer filled with plenty of items to get your party started.



The Block Party Trailer comes filled with 64 chairs, five folding tables, a public announcement system, tents and sporting equipment.

“The goal of the Block Party Trailer is to help neighbors get to know one another, so we can build stronger neighborhoods in our rapidly growing city,” says Christina Ramirez, Surprise Neighborhood Services Supervisor.

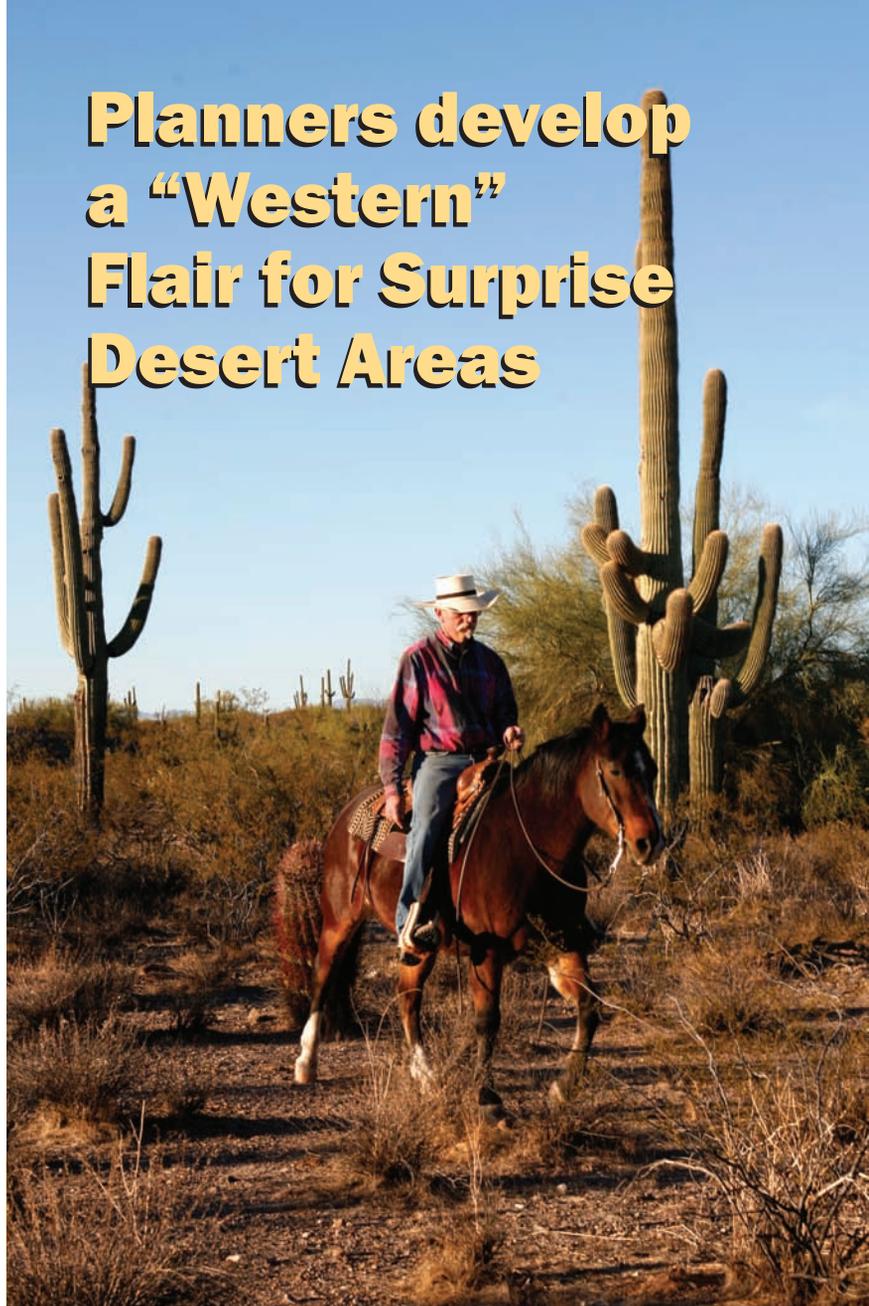
The trailer comes with lots of supplies and a \$75 gift card to a local grocery store to help assist in party refreshment costs. The city will also pick up the cost for renting a “bouncy house,” the inflatable domes that young children love to jump around in. The renter must make the arrangements with a private company to rent the bouncy house and the city will deliver payment, up to \$125, directly to that company.

Ramirez says this is a very popular service and rental dates fill up quickly, so reservations are required at least two weeks in advance. However, in instances where multiple departmental representation is required, a three week notice is necessary. All reservations are based on a first-come-first-served basis.

## Reserve the Surprise Block Party Trailer

You can pick up a reservation application for the Surprise Block Party Trailer at City Hall, 12425 W. Bell Road, or the Community Initiatives Building, 15832 N. Hollyhock Street, during regular business hours. Or call 623.583.0653 to request a faxed or e-mailed application.

# Planners develop a “Western” Flair for Surprise Desert Areas



The Sonoran Desert is one of the most unique places in the world, with its towering saguaros, striking sunsets and unique wildlife. That’s why Surprise city planners are working hard to preserve pristine desert vistas as city borders expand.

The city’s updated General Plan includes a Western Land Use designation, in which future development will preserve more open space, be built with the contours of the land in mind and include larger residential lot sizes.

“With the city’s planning area encompassing 300 square miles, it is important for us to develop the land in a smart and sensitive way,” says Scott Chesney, Surprise Community Development Director.

Chesney wants to see an end to “scrape and build” development, in which natural land contours are leveled. “We want to preserve as much open desert as possible and build roads with natural washes in mind, because we know that will have a positive impact on our quality of life in Surprise.”



# Lights! Camera! Action!

**Surprise  
Progress  
Newscast  
on TV  
and web**



**calls attention to new look  
internet site, Channel 11**

**N**ow getting the latest news from the city of Surprise is as easy as clicking on your TV or the web. Surprise Progress TV is a brief newscast hosted by Surprise Public Information Officer Diane Arthur, which gives residents the scoop on what is up at City Hall.



*Surprise 11's Neal Chastain (behind camera), Don Myers (seated) and Diane Arthur (standing) tape an episode of Surprise Progress TV using green screen technology, allowing Diane's image to be digitally inserted in a computer-generated set.*

"We aim to deliver important news about city government in a capsule newscast," says Arthur. "We can get a lot of information into a newscast that lasts just a few minutes."

Recent Progress TV casts, airing on Surprise 11, featured reports on Surprise's low crime rate and included tips on how to keep your property safe, information on why shopping in Surprise helps to pay for police and fire services, and a profile of recently hired Intergovernmental Relations Director Michelle Lehman.



link that helps visitors gain insight into what Surprise is all about.

Look for even more user friendly changes to the Web site in the near future!

**More on the web!** 

[www.surpriseaz.com](http://www.surpriseaz.com)

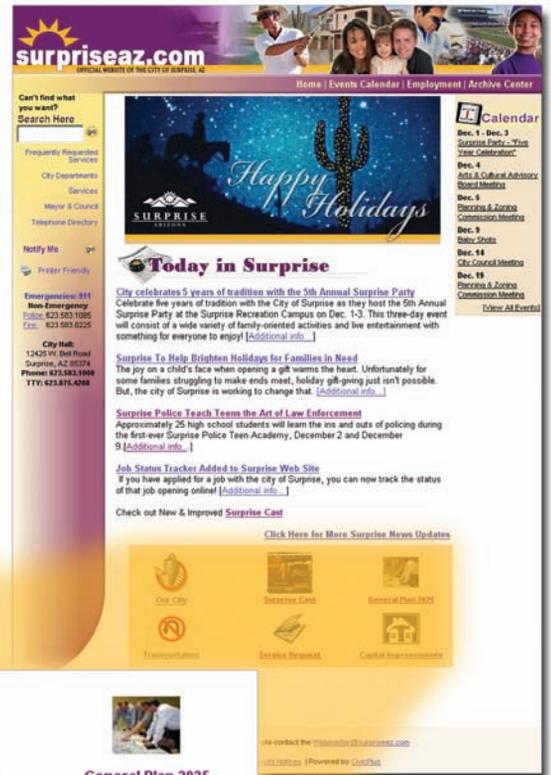
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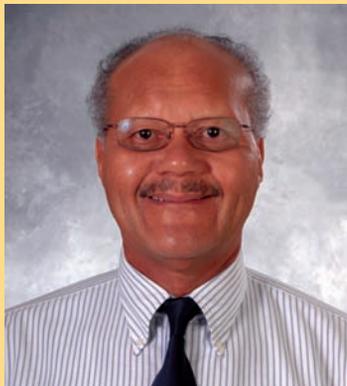
A shorter web version of Surprise Progress TV is on the city’s Web site at [www.surpriseaz.com](http://www.surpriseaz.com). Look for the “Surprise Cast” icon.

“The cast is one of the many things we are doing to make the Web site more accessible and useful to residents,” says Communications Director Ken Lynch. “You’ll see a simpler menu on the left hand side of the site, links to frequently requested services, and up to the minute headlines on Surprise news.”

You will see icons linking to transportation news, a General Plan Update page, and even a form you can e-mail requesting a city service. There is also a



# City of Surprise welcomes...



**Presiding Judge George Logan III** has a long career in Arizona jurisprudence. He has served as project manager for the Arizona Supreme Court and presided over more than 400 jury and bench trials while serving on the Phoenix Municipal Court. As Surprise Presiding Judge, Logan is in charge of the Surprise Municipal Court and adjudicates criminal and civic violations in the city, and oversees other legal services to Surprise residents.

**Michelle Lehman** comes to the city of Surprise from APS where she was responsible for managing the siting process for transmission facilities. As the Intergovernmental Relations Director, Michelle is responsible for maintaining open communication between the city of Surprise and all levels of government. For example, she works with state legislative leaders and the Governor’s Office to promote the city’s interest at the state legislature.



**Nanette Bowles** is the first-ever Disability Advocate for the city of Surprise. She will develop, implement and manage the city’s disability programs. Bowles works closely with the Disability Advisory Commission, which holds meetings every third Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. at City Hall. Bowles comes to Surprise from Phoenix, where she served as a Training Specialist with the city’s Clear Path program.





# What a year!

## City manager looks back on '06, ahead to '07

**H**ow do you count the ways Surprise has achieved in 2006? Surprise City Manager Jim Rumpeltes can rattle off a very impressive list: New fire stations under construction, a low crime rate, a population exceeding 100,000 and the best rate of job growth in the country are just some of the reasons Surprise residents can feel proud. Rumpeltes outlines these and other accomplishments in his 2006 "City Manager's Report."

Rumpeltes hopes the report, which airs as a video on Surprise Channel 11 and can be found on the city's Web site, will become an annual event. "I think it is a good idea," he says. "It is an exciting time to be living in Surprise. Under the strong leadership of our mayor and city council, we are moving forward together."

Other highlights on the video and in the Manager's report include the opening of the Heard Museum West at Surprise Center in June, construction beginning at the Skyway Business Park and the announcement that hundreds of new jobs will be created there. The development of a

Surprise Vision statement (see page 14) and progress on transportation issues are also important, according to Rumpeltes.



*Surprise City Manager Jim Rumpeltes is focusing on 2007.*

"And when we look ahead," Rumpeltes says "we see important community amenities such as the new Racquet Center and Dreamcatcher Park, both at Surprise Center."

Transportation challenges and a slowdown in housing permits are two important issues in 2007, according to the report. "Fewer permits mean we collect less in development fees, and that means we don't have the cash available to stick to our projected Capital Improvements schedule. But those facilities are planned to handle growth from development, and if development slows, those projects slow down, too," Rumpeltes

says. "Development pays for itself in Surprise."

Read the full report online or check it out on Surprise Channel 11. You'll find the broadcast schedule at [www.surpriseaz.com/communications](http://www.surpriseaz.com/communications).



# Thumbs Up!

## Surprise Voters Approve Proposition 404

Proposition 404 asked Surprise voters to make a permanent base budget adjustment in order to allow the city to create a budget that meets current demands for services.

According to the Maricopa County Recorder's Office, Surprise voters approved Prop 404 by a 73.22% to 26.78% margin.

Arizona voters approved a state constitutional amendment in 1980 setting limits on city budgets. The amendment designated fiscal year 1979-80 as the "base" year. Cities are allowed to spend only the amount of this base budget, adjusted by the state each year for inflation and population growth.

**Proposition 404 does not increase taxes or create new ones.**

The constitution allows voters to adjust the 1979-80 base in order to help cities keep up with the demands of growth.

Proposition 404 adjusts the 1979-80 budget upwards by \$9,025,002 from its original \$474,000. The state will use the updated permanent base number when calculating the city's spending cap.

Proposition 404 does not increase taxes or create new ones. The proposition does not change the state law requiring the city council to approve a balanced budget each year in a public budgeting process.

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*Jim Rumpeltes, City Manager*



## Office Closures

City of Surprise offices will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

**Martin Luther King Jr. Civil Rights Day**  
Monday, January 15, 2007

**Presidents Day**  
Monday, February 19, 2007

There will be no city services, including Dial-A-Ride or trash collection on these days. Trash normally collected on Monday will be picked up on Tuesday, and trash usually collected on Tuesday will be picked up on Wednesday.

Recycling collection days will remain the same.

# A VISION OF SURPRISE

## Leaders, residents adopt unique vision for the community

Every community needs a guiding light, and with that in mind, the Surprise City Council approved a strategic vision for our community this fall, calling for the city to become a place that “defines vibrant Southwest living.”

The Surprise Vision for the Future is a statement of purpose devised by city staff with resident input. It will be used to create a strategic plan for the city.

The adopted vision statement reads: “Surprise defines vibrant Southwest living; a place of educational excellence where community, family, and traditions are built. Surprise is a collection of distinctive neighborhoods with a small town feel and big city amenities.”

“This is important because it is a statement that will drive our decision making,” says Assistant City Manager Kathy Rice. “It says, “This is what we agree to accomplish as a community.””

“A vision gives us an aiming point,” says Assistant City Manager Doug Sandstrom. “A vision is a way we can measure whether or not the city is developing into the kind of community residents say they want.”

Officials say the next step is to establish specific results that link with each component of the vision statement, and begin working towards those results.



*defines vibrant  
Southwest living*

# Trash Talk

## Bulk trash and holiday refuse collection schedules

Surprise provides a limited amount of free bulk trash service to its sanitation customers each fiscal year (July 1 through June 30). Bulk trash consists of household items, furniture and other non-hazardous items which cannot be placed into the trash container.

Bulk trash collections are scheduled quarterly in every area serviced by Surprise's Solid Waste Division. The city will haul the first three cubic yards (one cubic yard is approximately the size of a full-size washer or dryer) at no charge per fiscal year (July-June). Should you elect to schedule additional pickups, excess bulk trash will be billed at the rate of \$8 per cubic yard. Dirt, rocks, concrete, concrete blocks, bricks, roofing or construction materials, auto parts, batteries or hazardous materials will be not be collected.

To schedule a bulk trash pickup, please contact the Public Works Department at 623.583.0947.

### UPCOMING BULK TRASH COLLECTIONS:

**Canyon Ridge, Coyote Lakes, Fox Hill Run, Litchfield Manor, Original Town Site, Roseview, West Point Towne Center**  
January 2 - January 12  
March 12 - March 23

**Cotton Gin (Sanalina), Kingswood Parke, Kenly Farms, The Orchards, Royal Ranch, Stonebrook, Sun Village, Sierra Verde, Summerfield, Veramonte**  
January 15 - January 26  
March 26 - April 6

**Ashton Ranch, Countryside, Greer Ranch, Mountain Gate (Copper Canyon Ranch), Northwest Ranch, Greenway Parc, Legacy Parc, Marley Park, Mountain Vista Ranch, Rancho Gabriela, TASH (Western Meadows)**  
January 29 - February 9  
April 9 - April 20

**Bell West Ranch, Bell Pointe, Sierra Montana, Surprise Farms**  
February 12 - February 23  
April 23 - May 4

**163rd Avenue Area, 199th/219th/239th Avenue Areas, Desert Oasis, Section 10**  
February 26 - March 9  
May 7 - May 18

## 2007 HOLIDAY REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

### MONDAY/THURSDAY REGULAR REFUSE SERVICE

**New Years Day, Monday, Jan. 1st**  
Tues., Jan. 2nd • Thurs., Jan. 4th

**MLK Day, Monday, Jan. 15th**  
Tues., Jan. 16th • Thurs., Jan. 18th

**President's Day, Monday, Feb. 19th**  
Tues., Feb. 20th • Thurs., Feb. 22nd

**Memorial Day, Monday, May 28th**  
Tues., May 29th • Thurs., May 31st

**Independence Day, Wed., July 4th**  
Normal pickup

**Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3rd**  
Tues., Sept. 4th • Thurs., Sept 6th

**Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 8th**  
Tues., Oct. 9th • Thurs., Oct 11th

**Veterans Day, Sunday, Nov. 11th**  
Tues., Nov. 13th • Thurs., Nov. 15th

**Thanksgiving, Thursday and Friday Nov. 22nd & 23rd**  
Monday, Nov. 19th (ONLY)  
There will be no recycling collection this week

**Christmas Day, Tuesday, Dec. 25th**  
Normal pickup

### TUESDAY/FRIDAY REGULAR REFUSE SERVICE

**New Years Day, Monday, Jan. 1st**  
Wed., Jan. 3rd • Fri., Jan. 5th

**MLK Day, Monday, Jan. 15th**  
Wed., Jan. 17th • Fri., Jan. 19th

**President's Day, Monday, Feb. 19th**  
Wed., Feb. 21st • Fri., Feb. 23rd

**Memorial Day, Monday, May 28th**  
Wed., May 30th • Fri., June 1st

**Independence Day, Wed., July 4th**  
Normal pickup

**Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3rd**  
Wed., Sept. 5th • Fri., Sept. 7th

**Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 8th**  
Wed., Oct. 10th • Fri., Oct. 12th

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Wed., Dec. 26th • Fri., Dec. 28th



# Now Open!

Recently opened businesses

## Retail/Auto/Service

Home Run Derby, 16630 W. Greenway Rd.  
H2O & More, 15508 W. Bell Rd.  
Salon Virtu Surprise, 15455 W. Bell Rd.  
Mountainside Fitness, 15455 W. Bell Rd.  
Surprise Party Rentals, 16435 W. Paso Trail  
Granny's Little Munchkins, 17280 W. Rimrock St.  
Crystal Clear, 19869 N. Echo Rim Drive  
Lou's Candle Shop, 13339 W. Mauna Loa Lane  
The Purple Turtle, 16846 W. Saguario Lane  
Southwestern Cabinetry & Millwork,  
15782 W. Ventura St.  
Dunn-Edwards Paints, 15495, W. Bell Rd.  
Diamond Furniture & Mattress, 15459 W. Bell Rd.  
Mrs. Delicious, 15913 W. Custer Lane  
JP Morgan Chase Bank, 17073 W. Bell Rd.  
Little Angels, 16172 N. 178th Avenue  
White Hat Networks, 14924 W. Yorkshire Drive  
Tenacity Search, 16864 Saguario Lane

## Restaurant/bar

Starbucks Coffee, 15332 W. Bell Rd.  
Brookside Sports Bar & Grille, 15170 W. Bell Rd.  
Papa John's Pizza, 15170 W. Bell Rd.  
Over Coffee, 16572 W. Greenway Rd.  
JB's Restaurant, 15955 W. Clearview Blvd.  
Winners Sports Bar & Grill, 15332 W. Bell Rd.

## Offices/Medical/ Dental

State Farm, 16572 W. Greenway Rd.  
American Family Insurance,  
14010 N. Litchfield Rd.  
Surprise Endodontics,  
15294 W. Brookside Lane  
Bright Now Dental, 13820 W. Bell Rd.  
L E Truitt & Associates, 11693 W. Owl Court

## Adult Care

Caribbean Manor Assisted Living,  
15844 W. Caribbean Lane  
Cece Home Care, 16189 W. Hope Drive  
Golden Experience Assisted Living,  
15111 N. 172nd Drive



More on the web!



To view Surprise  
Commercial Projects  
in progress:

[www.surpriseaz.com/currentprojects](http://www.surpriseaz.com/currentprojects)

*More reasons  
to stay in town!*



# Surprise helps small businesses fly high



*"This program helped me- a Wisconsin transplant- learn the layout of the city to help my business better meet the needs of what residents want,"*

*- Jack Anderson from Papa Murphey's.*

If you're thinking about starting your own business, sign up for the Surprise Small Business Assistance Program. This free program offers coaching, mentoring and networking services to participants.

"In its first year of operation, the Surprise Small Business Assistance Program has attracted interest from hundreds of people and we've seen the successful development of at least 30 businesses in the city," says Surprise Economic Development Director John Hagen.

Would-be entrepreneurs will be able to recognize their strengths and weaknesses before launching a business.

"This is very important not only for the entrepreneur, but for the city, to ensure that businesses opening in Surprise are able to make money and stay open, limiting business turnover," adds Hagen.

For details call 623-875-4273 or visit [surpriseaz.com](http://surpriseaz.com) and click on Economic Development.

# Surprise Happenings

For more information visit [www.surpriseaz.com](http://www.surpriseaz.com)

\$ - denotes fee

## January 2007

- 19-21** Magic Bird Arts & Crafts Show, Surprise Stadium- FREE
- 20** Itty Bitty Golf 8 Acres Park- FREE



## February 2007

- 20** Pride Day 2007 Surprise  
Volunteers Spruce Up Older Neighborhoods
- 19-21** Coca Cola College Classic Baseball Tournament  
Surprise Stadium - \$
- 20** Senior Olympics  
Surprise Aquatic Center - FREE

- 24** Fan Fest, Surprise Stadium - FREE
- 25** Legend's Game, Surprise Stadium - FREE

## March 2007

- 1-29** Cactus League Spring Training  
Surprise Stadium - \$

## April 2007

- 7** Spring Eggstravaganza  
Surprise Recreation Campus - FREE
- 14** Performance in the Park, Surprise  
Community Park - FREE
- 21** Movie Nights, Surprise Stadium - FREE



\*Surprise City Council meets second and fourth Thursdays of every month, 6 p.m., Surprise City Hall 12425 W. Bell Road

\*Surprise Planning & Zoning Commission meets first and third Tuesdays of every month, 6 p.m., Surprise City Hall 12425 W. Bell Road



# What's Going On?

## Surprise Community Initiatives and Senior Center

15832 N. Hollyhock Street  
 Open: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. weekdays  
 Contact: 623.583.0653



### Pride Day

Pride Day is an effort to build a strong community through the revitalization of older neighborhoods, and assisting those households who may not be physically or financially able to maintain their property. Pride Day is offered at no cost to the homeowner and includes activities such as exterior painting, landscaping and removal of refuse.

When: February 3, 2007

To donate time/material/money, or to apply for assistance call: 623-815-5435 or 623-815-5495.

### HOA Academy

Come learn the fundamentals of governing and managing HOAs. Learn about vendors, budgets, CC&R enforcement and code compliance. Now in its fifth year!

When: February 13, 2007 (will run for six consecutive Tuesdays)

Where: Surprise Senior Center

Cost: \$20

Contact: Ruby Sitea at 623.815.5490.

### Mediation Class

Engaged in a dispute with a neighbor, employer, employee, HOA or business? Before you go to court and have to pay legal fees, give the Surprise Mediation Class a try. All communication between parties is facilitated by a mediator.

Cost: Free

Contact: Community Mediation Coordinator at 623.815.5490

### Become a Surprise Volunteer

Opportunities are available in several city departments including Senior Center, Community Initiatives, Fire, Police or Community and Recreation Services.

For more: 623.583.0653



### Surprise Our Troops with Packages from Home



The Surprise Senior Center is a designated drop-off site for Packages from Home, a non-profit organization that sends care packages to our troops. For more: 602.412.3462 or [www.packagesfromhome.org](http://www.packagesfromhome.org).

More on the web!



[www.surpriseaz.com](http://www.surpriseaz.com)

# Senior Classes & Programs:

For ages 60 and better  
Cost: \$10 annual membership

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



## AARP Driver's Training

Register 623.546.7143  
\$10 covers two 4-hour sessions

## Country Line Dancing with Pat & Claire

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.  
\$3 per week \*\*

**Computer Classes** – Basic, Email, Digital Photos and more  
Call for class dates and times:  
623.583.0653  
\$10 \*\*

**Beginners Art with Doug Ward** – drawing, acrylics, watercolors  
Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
\$6 per week \*\*

**Intermediate Art- Doug Ward guides you to the next level of art**  
Tuesdays from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
\$6 per week \*\*

**Healthy Aging in Spanish – Tiempo de Oro conducts workshops in Spanish**  
Wednesdays & Thursdays at 12:45 p.m.

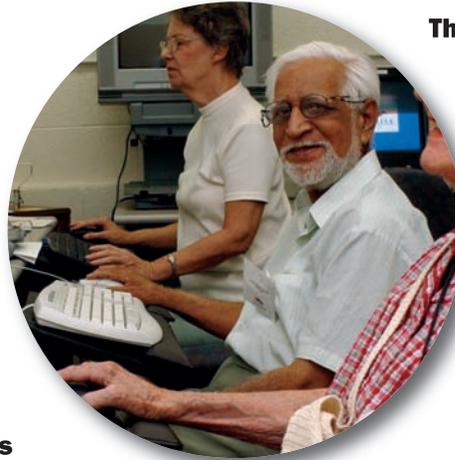
**Eldervention- Discuss senior issues with a focus on health and empowerment**  
Fridays at 10 a.m.

**Texas Hold 'Em Poker**  
Thursdays at 1 p.m.

**The Joy of African Drumming**  
Fridays beginning Jan. 12 at 10:00 a.m.  
\$3 per week for 7 weeks \*\*

**Tax Prep** – with AARP begins in February by appointment.

**Language Classes** – Wednesdays  
• Beginner Spanish – 9 a.m. with Russ  
• Conversational Spanish-10 a.m. with Lucia  
• Intermediate Spanish-10 a.m. with Russ\* (does not meet second Wed. of each month)  
• English - 11 a.m. with Lucia



**Beginner Bridge** – Begins Jan. 18 (for 6 weeks)  
Thursdays 9:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m.  
\$20 \*\*

**Intermediate Bridge** – Begins Jan. 16 (for 6 weeks)  
Fridays 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
\$20 \*\*



## SENIOR CENTER TRIPS

(provided transportation leaves from Senior Center)

- **Pioneer Living History Village**  
January 17  
\$8, with a stop for lunch at Bista's Deli & Market (lunch costs extra) \*\*
- **Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino**  
January 29  
\$5 \*\*
- **Culinary Arts of Scottsdale Comm. College**  
February 7, includes lunch  
\$16 \*\*

- **The Duttons at Paradise RV Resort direct from Branson**  
February 28  
\$25 \*\*
- **My Fair Lady at the Broadway Palms Theatre**  
March 21  
\$45, includes show and lunch \*\*

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

# The Mystery and Adventure of the White Tanks Await You

Are you ready for the best weather of the year? Then get out your mountain bike or hiking shoes and get moving to White Tank Mountain Regional Park at 199th Avenue and W. Olive. Living near this unique natural resource is one of the great things about living in Surprise. 30,000 acres of rugged canyons, pristine peaks and intriguing history makes the White Tanks the largest and most varied regional park in Maricopa County.

You can puzzle over the most concentrated collection of mysterious Hohokam petroglyphs in the Valley. Incised into the rock centuries ago, to this day the glyphs defy definitive interpretation. You can even get a guided tour of the petroglyphs.

Climb the Waterfall Trail to the one of deep granite cisterns carved out by millennia of torrential desert rains. These deep white depressions, or tanks, gives White Tank Mountain Park its name.

Kids can enjoy interpretive hikes especially designed for them. There are even moonlight hikes for the whole family.

More on the web!



[www.maricopa.gov/parks/white\\_tank/](http://www.maricopa.gov/parks/white_tank/)



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