

An isometric illustration of a busy city intersection. In the foreground, a green street sign for 'BELL RD' and another for 'GRAND AVE' are visible. The road is filled with various colorful cars, including a purple van, a green car, a yellow van, and a red car. A large white truck is also present. In the background, there are several buildings, some with 'SHOP' signs, and a large purple 'PROGRESS' sign. The word 'SURPRISE' is written in gold letters above the 'PROGRESS' sign. A stylized sun and mountains logo is positioned above the 'SURPRISE' text.

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The Surprise City Council voted unanimously September 10 to support ADOT's "Option A," a modified freeway-style interchange at Bell and Grand, as the Arizona Department of Transportation closes in on a final design decision regarding the state's busiest intersection.

"Is there a more important decision in Surprise right now than the future of Bell and Grand?" asked Mayor Sharon Wolcott. "Now is the time for all of us to speak up. What do you think of these options and what do you want ADOT to know?"

Wolcott encourages residents to return the no-cost postcard survey in this magazine and express views online at www.surpriseaz.gov/bellandgrand. Surprise will present survey results to ADOT as a decision point looms in coming months.

Option A calls for Bell to be elevated over Grand and the BSNF railroad tracks. Traffic lights and on/off ramps would be built into the median point of the roadway as it crosses over Grand in a pattern called Median Urban Design.

Traffic on Grand would not stop. Traffic exiting onto Bell would use the ramps built into the median. Traffic on Bell entering Grand would also use the median ramps (see illustrations).

"Ramps in the crossover median itself mean we won't need those long on/off ramps we see in diamond-pattern interchanges," Wolcott said. "ADOT's Option A finally brings our most critical intersection into the 21st century." *Bell/Grand story continues on page 5*

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Mayor Sharon Wolcott



Traffic at Bell/Grand intersection.

Option A



Option A

This calls for Bell Road to be elevated over Grand and the railroad tracks. Through traffic on Grand would not stop. Drivers exiting to Bell from Grand would use ramps located in the median of Grand Avenue up to the elevated platform (Bell), where traffic lights are located. Traffic on Bell would transition to Grand via the same median ramps and encounter the same traffic control devices on the elevated portion of Bell, directly over Grand.

Option A is forecast by ADOT to produce better traffic operation and intersection performance, shorter travel time through the intersection, and shorter queues. Right-of-way impacts are forecast to be less significant than Alternative B. Alternative A would also eliminate the conflict between vehicles and trains, and potentially improve emergency vehicle response time when traveling through the intersection.

Option B



Option B

This calls for Bell to be elevated over Grand and the railroad tracks. Through traffic on Grand would not stop. However, there would be no turns allowed at the intersection. Traffic on Bell must use either Dysart Road or Litchfield Road to access Grand, and vice versa. The intersections at Litchfield/Grand and Dysart /Grand would be improved.



“No Build” Option

This option calls for leaving Grand and Bell in their present configuration. MAG studies show that excessive congestion and delay will result.

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Option A also minimizes the impact on the heavily used retail centers at the intersection, Wolcott said, noting that ADOT is working closely with businesses to address their concerns about construction and post construction access.

“The graphic showing how the ramps are placed in the center of the roadway (pg. 4) make it clear the intersection’s footprint will be similar to what it is now,” said Vice Mayor Jim Biundo. “I encourage people to visit the web site and view the presentation for themselves, and please fill out the survey or take it on line.”

It is important ADOT have a clear view of residents’ opinion, he said. “This will affect our community for decades to come,” he added. ☀️

A note on costs

The Grand/Bell interchange project is not a City of Surprise Capital Improvement Project. It is being managed by the Arizona Department of Transportation, and is supported by the Maricopa Association of Governments as part of its Regional Transportation Plan. The cost of the project comes from funds generated by Proposition 400, a county-wide ½ cent sales tax approved by voters throughout Maricopa County in 2004 to fund transportation improvements in the County.

For more information visit www.surpriseaz.gov/grandandbell to watch an informative video and vote for which option you like the best. Don't forget to return the tear out survey in this edition of Progress!



City offers trail marker service to aid in emergency response

Hitting the hiking trails becomes much more popular as the weather cools in Surprise. But in medical emergencies, your location on even your local HOA trail may be hard to describe and difficult for emergency personnel to find.

With that in mind, the Surprise City Council recently endorsed a partnership program enabling emergency responders to encode trail marker locations, making you easier to find in an emergency.

HOAs and other private trail operators must agree to establish trail markers at their own expense, and city personnel will encode the location in GPS databases that are available to emergency responders. “That way, all you need to tell 911 is which trail marker you are near,” said District Two Councilmember Richard Alton, who championed the plan. “You won’t have to struggle to describe your location, and rescue services will have a much easier time finding you even if you are out of sight of your neighbors or the street.”

Following a test program with Sun City Grand’s Sonoran Trail, the city is offering the service community-wide.

While the capturing of the GPS coordinates is being done at no charge, the cost of the trail markers and signage must be borne by the HOA or private trail operator.

“While this is not a city requirement, we hope trail operators will participate in the voluntary program in the interest of public safety,” says Fire Chief Michael White.

For more information about this program, call 623-222-7523. ☀️

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*Richard Alton
District Two
Councilmember*

Get the General Plan lowdown before November vote

Thousands of Surprise residents helped form the General Plan 2035 headed for a November vote. Are you up to speed? Becoming an informed voter is easy! Just visit www.surpriseaz.gov/generalplan or join your neighbors at Open House meetings in October.

The General Plan 2035 is a long-range “road map” for the development of Surprise. Required by state law, it lays out the community vision for our future. The plan gives policy makers and others with an impact on Surprise a clear view of our direction, voted on by the community, informing their decisions on everything from private development to transportation and public land use.

In Surprise, the General Plan was formulated over an 18-month period by a citizen General Plan Advisory Committee, beginning in spring 2012. The Council-appointed group reviewed the elements that make up the plan, and got lots of input from Surprise residents. Surveys, visioning sessions with city boards and commissions, and numerous outreach events including



informational booths at Spring Training games, block parties and open houses produced more than 2,500 responses.

Now, educational sessions are set to help you understand the plan and answer questions.

The first General Plan Open House is Wednesday, October 16, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., at the Surprise Regional Library, 16089 N. Bullard Ave.

The General Plan will NOT raise taxes.

The second Open House is Wednesday, October 23, 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Sun City Grand Chaparral Center (Pima Room), 19781 N. Remington Dr.

The plan itself and a FAQ list about the plan are at www.surpriseaz.gov/generalplan.

“I really encourage our residents to come to the Open Houses or visit the web site and learn about the plan,” said District 5 Councilmember Leo Mankiewicz, who at one time chaired the GPAC prior to his Council appointment. “It’s important that we make an informed decision about our future.”

How do I register to vote for the November 5 General Election?

You can register online by visiting the Maricopa County Elections website at: www.recorder.maricopa.gov or you can stop by the City Clerk’s Office at City Hall, 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza, Monday – Thursday, 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. to register in person. Deadline is October 7th.

Key dates

October 7: Voter registration deadline for November 5 General Election

October 10: County begins mailing ballots to all registered voters

November 5: General Election Day



Where can I get more information?

Visit www.surpriseaz.gov/generalplan or contact the City of Surprise Community and Economic Development staff at 623.222.3154 or email planning@surpriseaz.gov.

Some interesting facts about the Plan...

The General Plan will NOT raise taxes. It serves as a guide to the city’s long-range growth and development. It does not include specific future projects, costs or funding sources.

Six sections make up the General Plan 2035: Development, Quality of Life, Transportation, Resources, Finances, Infrastructure & Services, and Implementation. Within these sections are 21 elements related to growth, land-use, housing, and other critical community planning areas.

The plan embraces a “village” concept, identifying naturally developing core areas and promoting medium density and mixed use development to reduce car reliance and promote interaction with neighbors while facilitating strong communities and healthy institutions.

Education, the arts and sustainability play a more central role than in previous plans.



Councilmembers launch reading challenge in Surprise schools

The advent of the Common Core education standards in Arizona schools has prompted two Surprise City Councilmembers to find ways to encourage reading among elementary school students.

“Common Core is very rigorous,” says District 3 Councilmember John Williams, a teacher in the Peoria Unified School District. “Ultimately, we want to graduate students who are more prepared for the real world, and the first step is to help them be ready for the new Core-based assessment test that will replace the AIMS test in 2015.”

Arizona adopted the Common Core standards in 2010. The standards were developed by the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers. Kindergarten through third grade teachers began implementing Core standards into their curriculum last year.

“Now, we need to be sure our third through sixth graders are ready for the rigors of Common Core,” said District 6 Councilmember Skip Hall. “That’s where John and Skip’s Reading Challenge comes in.”

All Dysart elementary schools, Nadaburg District’s Desert Oasis Elementary School and the Arizona Charter Academy are participating in the challenge. “Classes who volunteer will have students read on their own outside of school hours, and have a parent verify the time spent reading with a reading log. Monthly totals will be sent to the Surprise Council Offices, and after a five-month competition, one winning classroom at each grade level will be announced. Prizes could range from a class pizza party to spring training baseball tickets,” Williams said.

“It’s a way of letting the kids know that their teachers and their community are encouraging them to work hard and achieve,” Williams said.

“We also appreciate the openness and support from the schools,” Hall said. “We are working well together and keeping the focus on high achievement among Surprise students.”

Meet new and newly elected Councilmembers



District boundary changes and a primary election are among the factors producing a new look on the Surprise City Council. Here are brief bios of members and incoming members appointed, newly elected, or re-elected to a different seat since July.

Skip Hall District 5



Skip Hall was elected to the City Council in an April 2008 special election in District 6 (Palo Verde) and re-elected to office in 2009 to a full term. Redistricting placed Skip in the newly-configured District 5, and on August 27, 2013, he was elected to the District 5 seat. He will be sworn in on January 1, 2014 to a four-year term.

Skip served as Vice Mayor in 2011. He has been part of the united Council effort that helped pull Surprise back to fiscal health in the last two years, generating a budget surplus and placing the City's fiscal house in order.

Skip's goals for the city include a 100-year water plan, working with transportation partners to expand east-west connections, developing a local circulator, expanding youth involvement in the community, and attracting new businesses to Surprise.

Skip currently serves on the Mayor's Business Roundtable Committee, the Form Based Code Sub-committee, and chairs the Water Sub-Committee. Skip also volunteers his time with the St. Mary's Food Bank at the Surprise location.

Skip is active with the City's Tourism Commission and in promoting the City to local, regional and national organizations. He is active with the Chamber of Commerce and the AZ TechCelerator to promote business growth.

He grew up in Idaho and received a business degree from Seattle University. Skip is a Vietnam War Veteran and was awarded the Bronze Star for his outstanding service 1969-1970.

Skip has two daughters, a son and five grandchildren.

Roland Winters Jr. District 1



Roland Winters Jr. was elected in the newly-configured District 1 (Acacia) on August 27, 2013. He will be sworn in on January 1, 2014 to a four-year term.

Born and educated through high school in New Jersey, Roland earned a degree in Business Administration and Pre Law at Fullerton College in Fullerton, CA. He earned a BA degree in Marketing Management from the University of California.

He worked 35 years at Hughes Air Craft Company in Fullerton, CA. and also owned and operated a photo studio in Fullerton and Placentia, CA. He served on the State Board of Directors for Californians for Disability Rights (CDR).

Roland and his wife Carroll have been married 44 years. They moved with their adult daughter to Surprise in 2008. He was appointed to the Surprise Disability Advisory Commission by the City Council and served 3 years.

In 2011, he was elected to the Board of Directors of his HOA and in 2013 elected vice president by his peers.

Todd Tande District 6



Todd Tande was elected in the newly-configured District 6 (Palo Verde) on August 27, 2013. He will be sworn in on January 1, 2014 to a four-year term.

Todd is a local Realtor and a business owner of Education Connection Solutions, LLC. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Management and his MBA from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. Todd's career in the private sector includes many years in the theme park and defense industries.

Todd also has experience in public service in California and Indiana. He served as Chief Financial Officer for Indianapolis-Marion County DPS until he joined Indiana State Government as Deputy Director for the Department of Natural Resources. Todd also served in the Indiana State Capitol as Finance Director responsible for Statewide Finances.

Todd's wife Blossom was appointed to the Dysart Unified School District Board in September.

They have been married since 1980 and they have two children and one grandchild who call Surprise home. Todd's parents, Paul and Lois Tande, live in Sun City Grand - making it four generations of Tande's in Surprise.

Rachael Villanueva District 4



Rachel Villanueva was appointed to the District 4 (Mulberry) Council seat on August 20, 2013. The term expires December 31, 2016.

The Surprise City Council unanimously voted to appoint Rachel following the July 22 death of her husband, District 4 Councilmember Roy Villanueva (see separate story).

Rachel has previous public experience, having served on the Dysart Unified School District Board of Directors for ten years.

She has lived in the Original Town Site (OTS) neighborhood of Surprise with her family for 37 years and is retired following a 30-year career with Honeywell.

Rachel was instrumental in creating the Fiestas Patrias at Gaines Park, a long-running festival recognizing Mexican Independence Day formerly held in the OTS, according to her application.

She is continuing her husband's schedule of hosting open meetings to discuss constituent questions or concerns on the 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 6-8 p.m. at the Surprise Senior Center. ☀



**Roy Villanueva
1941-2013**

Long-time District 4 Councilmember Roy Villanueva died July 22, 2013 from complications of heart disease at a Phoenix hospital. The 71-year-old Villanueva had a 34-year career in civic life in Surprise, having served as a Councilmember, Vice Mayor, and Mayor. He was first sworn into city office in June 1979. In addition to his city-wide influence, Villanueva was known as a champion of the city's Original Town Site neighborhood, where he and his family have lived for decades.

"Roy's passing is a tremendous loss for our community," said Mayor Sharon Wolcott. "He helped build the city we see today, and we are all better off for his service."

Villanueva was instrumental in bringing major league spring training baseball to Surprise and developing important economic projects such as the West Pointe Towne Center.

"Roy loved Surprise, and he carried the history of our city in his heart," said Rachel Villanueva, his wife of 45 years who was appointed to succeed him on the Council. "He witnessed the tremendous changes in our community. He will be remembered for keeping the focus on people and helping Surprise stay true to itself as we grew."

Villanueva initiated improvements in housing, economic development, utilities, police services, fire services and federal grants. As chair of the Community Development Block Grant Committee, he was instrumental in targeting federal dollars to improve roads, streetlights, sidewalks, baseball fields, sewer systems and other neighborhood infrastructure around the city.

In addition to Rachel, Roy is survived by three children and two grandchildren. ☀

YOU'RE INVITED TO ATTEND THE MAYOR'S TOWN HALL

**Thursday, October 24, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

**Sierra Montana Recreation Center
14861 N. Spring Lane**



Mayor Sharon Wolcott

Join Mayor Sharon Wolcott at the Mayor's Town Hall event to find out what's happening in Surprise and to have your questions answered.

Mayor Wolcott will be joined by other councilmembers and city staff to provide you with information on transportation, economic development, the General Plan and many more exciting things going on in our community.

For more information contact Janeen Gaskins at janeen.gaskins@surpriseaz.gov or 623.222.3624.



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Surprise Police to receive international reaccreditation

The Surprise Police Department has once again successfully completed a multi-year process designed to attain internationally acknowledged law enforcement recognition by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

“The men and women of the Surprise Police Department take pride in complying with CALEA’s police standards,” said Police Chief Michael Frazier. “By implementing them we are reaffirming our commitment to protect and serve our community while maintaining a higher level of accountability and reducing our liability and risk exposure.”

CALEA’s more than 480 police standards are designed to increase agency effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of public safety services. Their credentialing programs allow public safety agencies to voluntarily demonstrate that they meet these professional standards resulting in the very best in management and service delivery.



Left to right: Commander Geoffrey Leggett, Lt. Harold Brady, Accreditation Manager Shaughna Vaughan, Chief Michael Frazier, Assessor Jack O’Donnell, Assessor Bob Grant, Assistant Chief Donald Schneidmiller, Commander Terry Young, Commander John Poorte.

“Achieving reaccreditation status is not easy, it takes a lot of work and I’m proud of my officers for their commitment to excellence,” added Frazier.

The Surprise Police Department received initial accreditation in 2007 and reaccreditation status was obtained in 2010. Surprise Police conducted their on-site assessment August 19-22, 2013 and will receive official recognition for a second reaccreditation in November.

The Surprise Police Department is one of 595 law enforcement agencies in the United States that are currently accredited by CALEA. 🌟

Surprise Council hears plan to support crime victims



All crime victims have had a difficult experience. That experience can be made more difficult for some if their case involves dealing with the complexities of the legal system. In August, The Surprise City Council unanimously approved restarting a program helping local crime victims understand their rights and options as their case progresses through the judicial process.

Rita Coronado was hired for the position and will begin her duties on October 7th. Coronado will help victims keep track of court dates, assist with restitution and social service processes, and help recover evidence after proceedings have finished.

“It is a program we hated to see go during the difficult budget times, when so many staff positions were reduced,” said District 1 City Councilmember, Vice Mayor Jim Biundo. “It is time to bring it back, and I applaud the City Attorney for finding grant funding to get it started.”

Staff told the Council the City has received two state grants totaling \$49,000 to help fund the position. The City Attorney’s Office is providing \$27,400 from its operating budget to fund the total salary and benefits cost of \$76,400. 🌟



Surprise Fire adds to fleet; enhances service

The Surprise Fire Department has added a new engine to its fleet. The nearly 29,000 pound truck will be housed at Station 301 in the Original Town Site.

“This new truck allows us to add an additional reserve truck to our fleet, which helps us schedule repairs and maintenance without having to put crews in outdated equipment,” said Chief Michael White. “This is a positive for the department and its daily operations.”

Surprise Fire now has a fleet of seven engines to assist in protecting our growing community, residents and their property. 🌟



Recycling catching on in Surprise

It has been two years since the City expanded recycling collection to include glass and plastics numbered 1-7, and you have responded! In the most current National Citizens Survey, 97% of Surprise residents said they recycled over the past 12 months.

“People tell me they see recycling as an easy way to be responsible environmental citizens, and it is a real Surprise success story,” said District 6 Councilmember Skip Hall. “I’m looking forward to the day we have 100% of our residents recycling. Only 3% to go!”

Curbside Recycling Information

Curbside recycling pickup happens once a week, with recyclable going in the 95-gallon blue recycling receptacle. Here are the do’s and don’ts:



DO RECYCLE

Glass - All glass is accepted. No color restrictions.
Note: Glass cookware, construction glass, mirrors and car windshields cannot be recycled in the blue bin.

Paper - Newspapers and ad inserts, magazines, catalogues, phonebooks, white paper, paper bags, junk mail, envelopes and any other clean dry paper. Please place shredded paper in a clear plastic bag.

Cardboard - Empty food boxes like cake, cracker and cereal boxes (without plastic insert), milk and OJ cartons, paper towel tubes, broken down large boxes.

Food & Beverage Cans - Aluminum beverage cans and steel cans like soup, pet food, tuna, fruit and vegetable.

Empty Aerosol Cans - Shaving cream, deodorant, and cooking spray.

Plastics - Any #1 - #7 plastic container.

DO NOT RECYCLE

No Styrofoam - Food containers, cups, plates, egg cartons, packing material and peanuts.

No Glass cookware, car windshields, mirrors or construction glass.

No Garbage - Diapers, air or furnace filters, pet waste, food, garden hoses.

No Yard waste - Grass, rocks, leaves, branches.

No Construction materials - Cement, wood, shingles, drywall, construction glass.

No plastic bags, motor oil containers, shrink wrap

No Clothing or shoes

No Automotive parts, car tires, or batteries

No Appliances or electronics



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Chris Hillman, City Manager



Surprise Public Works Sanitation Crew

City Sanitation Services pick up national award

Making sure trash is collected and safely disposed of is one of the most basic city services and easy to take for granted. However, the men and women who keep the trucks rolling, the schedules on time, and the discarded refuse professionally disposed of have a complex and never-ending job.

You have noticed, and our Sanitation Division earned a Voice of the People Award for Excellence in Garbage Collection Services. The award is based on the National Citizen Survey (NCS) finding that 91% of Surprise residents find trash collection service to be “good or excellent,” which is “well above” the average of the more than 500 cities the NCS surveys.

The award was announced at the International City/County Management Association’s annual conference in Boston in September.

“Providing strong customer service at all levels of the organization is what we are about,” said City Manager Chris Hillman. “This award is so well deserved; our sanitation crews are top notch.”

Overcoming some challenges...

City services were stretched to the limit during the hyper-growth years in Surprise, when our population grew from 38,000 in 2000 to over 100,000 by 2006 and around 120,000 today. A more efficient zone-based collection system met

the growing demand but presented a new challenge: it changed the trash/recycle collection schedule for more than 70 percent of the community. The goal was to have 100 percent of those affected by the change comply with the new schedule on the February 4, 2008 launch day.

Thanks to a city-generated multi-media marketing campaign the changeover met with 100 percent compliance city wide, and staff received zero phone calls or e-mails from puzzled or angry residents wondering about why their trash wasn’t picked upon their accustomed day. Our sanitation drivers did not report a drop off in the number of service stops; everyone had their trash and recycling out on the correct days.

This story is a shining example of how good things happen when a city commits to providing exemplary customer service- a commitment made and delivered by the City of Surprise Sanitation Team. ☀



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Finally! the



is complete in Surprise!

The day has finally arrived! On September 29, the Loop 303 between Peoria Avenue and Mountain View Boulevard was officially completed as a six-lane, divided highway. Two years of ADOT construction and Surprise residents’ patience has produced a historic result for Surprise.

On September 16, the section of the 303 from Peoria to Glendale also opened three lanes of traffic in each direction, another major milestone. You may notice the smooth feel of rubberized asphalt between Glendale and Peoria avenues, as work on that segment of the project is now more than 90 percent complete. By the end of the year, the 303 from Glendale Avenue to Mountain View Boulevard will be finished.

Other segments south of Glendale Avenue will wrap up throughout 2014, including the traffic interchange at Interstate 10. ☀

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It’s party time in Surprise!

A Surprise signature event, the winter “Surprise Party” is back for a 12th year December 6 and 7 at the Surprise Recreation Campus, 15850 N. Bullard Ave.

Every year during the first weekend in December thousands gather to celebrate the holiday season in one of the Valley’s best known community gatherings featuring an evening balloon glow and tree lighting event, car shows and

petting zoos, crafts vendors and fun contests.

The lineup for Friday, December 6, includes live music, the tree-lighting event, balloon glow, skydivers and fireworks from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

On Saturday, December 7, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., there are plenty of family-oriented activities including elephant and camel rides, a petting zoo, and live music. ☀

Here’s a sneak peek at the Saturday events:

Arts and Crafts Festival

Get a jump on your holiday shopping as vendors offer unique and specialty items. Arts and craft vendors can apply for booth space through November 21, if space is available.



Classic Car Show

This year’s main event includes vehicles in categories covering a great period of automotive history: Antique Classic, T Bucket, Trucks Pre 49, Trucks 49-72, Trucks 72-Newer, Mustangs 1964-1985, Mustangs 86-Newer, Classic Camaro, Camaro All Generation, Pontiac, Oldsmobile, Mopar Classic, Mopar, Classic Chevy, Classic Ford, Street Rod Pre 38, Street Rod, Muscle Carr, Specialty Class, Import, Volkswagen, Under Construction, Largest Car Club, Low Rider, 2000 and Newer, Most Outrageous, Classic Corvette, Best Holiday Theme, and Oldest Vehicle. Whew!

Want in? Register your sweet ride for the Classic Car Show by November 28 and registration is \$20. Later registration is \$25.

Gingerbread House Contest

A classic contest getting more popular every year, the Gingerbread House event is becoming a hallmark of the Surprise party.

Categories this year include Adult, Teen, Youth, and Groups. There is no entry fee and prizes will be awarded to the top three in each category. Entry forms are due by December 4th.

For more information on Surprise Party or to register for the Arts and Crafts Festival, Classic Car Show, or the Gingerbread Contest call the Surprise Community and Recreation Services Department at 623.222.2000 or visit www.surpriseaz.gov/specialevents.



Recently Opened Businesses in Surprise! (June - August 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

Southwest Products Corp., 11690 N. 132 Ave • Private Label Revenue Group, 12425 W. Bell Rd #115 • Golden Touch, 16846 W. Bell Rd #104 • Torque Tough Inc, 16483 N. 165 Ave • Arizona Pawn Brokers, 13601 Litchfield Rd • Red Hot Fireworks, 14551 W. Grand Ave • Red Hot Fireworks, 16750 W. Bell Rd • Red Hot Fireworks, NE Corner Litchfield/Bell • Patricia Pena, 15527 N. 176 Ln • Great American Title Agency, 15128 W. Bell Rd #3-05 • All Star Property Services, 17745 W. Acapulco Ln • New Life Health, 12326 W. Vesta View Dr • Cloud Nine Photography, 17649 W. Marshall Ln • Aston Acoustic Solution, 14119 W. Mandalay Ln • Renaissance Home, 15268 W. Melissa Ln • Susan Hupp Interiors, 18221 W. Weatherby Dr • Beautiful By Default, 15142 W. Bell Rd #123-124 • Oscar’s Ink and Toner Cartridges, 17856 W. Caribbean Ln • Michael L & Georgia Weaver, 17633 W. Young St • American Ready Gear, 13602 W. Tara Ln • Enterprise Rent-A-Car, 16991 W. Waddell Rd • BC Combs, 17327 W. Lisbon Ln • Sweet Willies Snacks, 14905 W. Dovestar Dr • HOA HQ, 12213 W. Bell Rd #115 • David P and Christine Billings, 11240 N. 152 Ln • Beach Bum Studios, 16637 W. Central St • Sun Glow Boutique, 11294 W. Bell Rd #105 • Denna LLP, 16248 W. Mescal St • Wild West Firearms, 18248 W. Bridger St • Oswald Services, 15095 N. 156 Ln • Virtual Automation Solutions, 15748 W. Redfield Rd • Alphacat Outdoor Supply, 14759 N. 148 Ave • Pics-E-Stics Photography, 14631 W. Lisbon Ln • Treasured Cutz 4 Kidz, 15332 W. Bell Rd #124 • Desert Xeriscapes, 12213 W. Bell Rd #115 • Hobbyboy Soapery, 16368 N. 164 Ln • Sprayin It, 17144 W. Young St • The Knotty Foot, 15142 W. Bell Rd #132 • Series 2 K, 15282 W. Brookside Ln #119 • VIP Home Inspections, 17315 W. Tara Ln • 222 Development Inc, 17155 W. Post Dr • Universal Aquatics, 13553 W. Port Au Prince Ln • UPS Store 5550, 13954 W. Waddell Rd • Canyon State CPR & First Aid Training, 16201 W. Davis Rd • Designer’s Choice Cabinetry, 14832 W. Crocus Dr • Arizona Quilts, 12301 W. Bell Rd A-109 • Spiked Cupcakes, 17356 W. Young St • Oink On Wheels, 15406 N. 168 Ln • Desert Reliable Staffing, 15362 W. Bloomfield Rd • Lucy Photography Studios, 15741 W. Ventura St • Treasured Sports Images, 16982 W. Bradford Wy • Precious Baby Baskets, 17539 W. Maui Ln • Acedo Construction, 18261 N. Summer Breeze Wy • Anima Holistic Health Care, 11640 N. 151 Ln • Handbags in Surprise, 29050 N. 163 Ave • Professional Coach Travel Tours, 16141 W. Paso Trl • Lucy C and Jim Feeley, 15796 W. Caribbean Ln • Tadeusz and Karolina Leszczynski, 17822 W. Dahlia Dr • Tiffany’s Landscape Service, 18144 W. Bridger St • Love My Life Photography, 17681 W. Molly Ln • Bakes and Makes, 16630 N. Reems Rd #2081 • Linda’s Tax Services, 18448 N. 170 Ln • Great Offers, 17859 W. Gelding Dr

Restaurant/Bar

Buffalo Wild Wings, 13882 W. Bell Rd
Papa John’s Pizza, 13749 N. Litchfield Rd #117
Archie’s Deli, 15332 W. Bell Rd #101
Mei Wei China Bistro, 15332 W. Bell Rd #132

Assisted Living

Golden Generation Times, 13393 W. Rimrock St
Arizona Care, 14451 N. 155 Dr

Office/Medical/Dental

Diabetic & Neuropathy Treatment Centers II, 18731 N. Reems Rd #640
Applied Clinical Counseling, 17111 W. Bell Rd
Minute Clinic, 15474 W. Greenway Rd
The Herd Law Firm PLLC, 13065 W. Grand Ave #2
Van Metre Chiropractic, 13927 W. Grand Ave #402

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Spring serves up pro tennis in Surprise

InsideOut Sports + Entertainment is bringing its popular PowerShares Series pro tennis event back to the Surprise Tennis and Racquet Complex for a two-day tournament March 21 and 22, 2014.

“What a great spring we are going to have in the City of Surprise with Spring Training and pro tennis in the same month,” said District 3 Councilmember John Williams. “With the nice weather we have that time of year and the sports entertainment, why wouldn’t you want to leave the cold parts of the country and spend March in Surprise?”

“We are excited to announce that we will once again bring professional tennis to our loyal fan base in the Valley of the Sun,” said Jon Venison, Co-Founding Partner of InsideOut. “We look forward to doing so for many years to come.”

“On behalf of all the Champions who have had the good fortune to play in front of the fans of Surprise, we are excited to continue the tradition and look forward to seeing you in March,” said Jim Courier, 4-time Grand Slam Champion. Inside Out will announce the player line-up later this fall and you can stay on top of the latest news about this exciting event at www.surpriseaz.gov/tennis. ♦



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