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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

- July 12th and 26th
- August 9th
- September 13th and 27th

Planning & Zoning Commission meetings

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

- July 3rd and 17th
- August 7th and 21st
- September 4th and 18th



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 through your eyes

Local residents invited to share their Surprise photos on city Web site

How do you enjoy Surprise? You can show the world by submitting photos to “My Surprise” (www.surpriseaz.com/mysurprise)⁶ a new Web page dedicated to showcasing residents and visitors enjoying our growing city.

Whether it’s attending a Performance in the Park, hiking the White Tanks, going to a neighborhood party, fishing at Surprise Town Lake, or enjoying your own special Surprise place, you can e-mail your photos and captions through the site.

“We have more than 100,000 residents now and we think people would enjoy a place where they can share their photos and see what other people love about our city,” says Communications Director Ken Lynch. “Everyone has a different experience of Surprise. Let’s talk to each other through our photos about what makes Surprise a great place to live.”

Photos will not be used for promotional purposes without the consent of the submitting party and the city of Surprise reserves the right to determine which photographs are published. Lynch says pictures will be rotated regularly and a “Photo of the Week” will be a highlight of the page.



Surprise comes of age

New city hall breathtaking, more resident-service oriented



Rendering of the city of Surprise's new City Hall provided by Architekton.

You could see history made June 18 as Surprise city council members celebrated the groundbreaking for the new Surprise City Hall at Surprise Center.

"This facility will elevate the service we can provide to residents and stand proudly as a symbol of our city," said City Manager Jim Rumpeltes.

New City Hall features a four-story office structure and a single-story adjacent building. The four-story building will contain most city offices as well as the City Council chambers. The single-story building will be available for lease until the city requires it, probably in about ten years, Rumpeltes estimates. "Right now, we're seeking partners to maximize the public benefit of that building," he says.

Rapid growth means the city offices at 12425 West Bell Road are inadequate. "Current conditions are not ideal," Rumpeltes says. "We converted a small retail campus into office space, and we've clearly outgrown it. Departments are hard to

find and meeting space for the council and the public is severely limited. It is very cramped. New City Hall is part of our ongoing commitment to continually improve service to our residents."

City Hall Complex

4-story building and parking garage, plus a single story adjacent building

Construction budget: \$49 million

Architect: Architekton

Contractor: D.L. Withers Construction

Groundbreaking: June 18, 2007

Target completion date: December 08

Unique feature: a commemorative row of landscape lights will trace a military landing strip that used to operate at the site.

City Hall is adjacent to the new Public Safety Building, where Police, Fire, Courts, and the Communications Department's Channel 11 Broadcast Center are setting up shop this summer.

"Surprise Center is growing and it's a great story," says Rumpeltes, "Heard Museum West, the Public Safety Building, and DreamCatcher Park have all come on line in just the past year. The future of this area is brighter than ever."



The NEW 222!

That is the prefix for all city of Surprise municipal government phone numbers beginning in July. The exact date of the changeover has yet to be determined.

“It was time to standardize our phone numbers instead of having four or five different prefixes out there,” says Surprise Chief Information Officer Randy Jackson of the change to 222. “Now, all city phone numbers will be easier to remember or recognize. They will all start with 222. We are fortunate Qwest was able to make that prefix available to us.” Jackson notes the area code, 623, will not change.



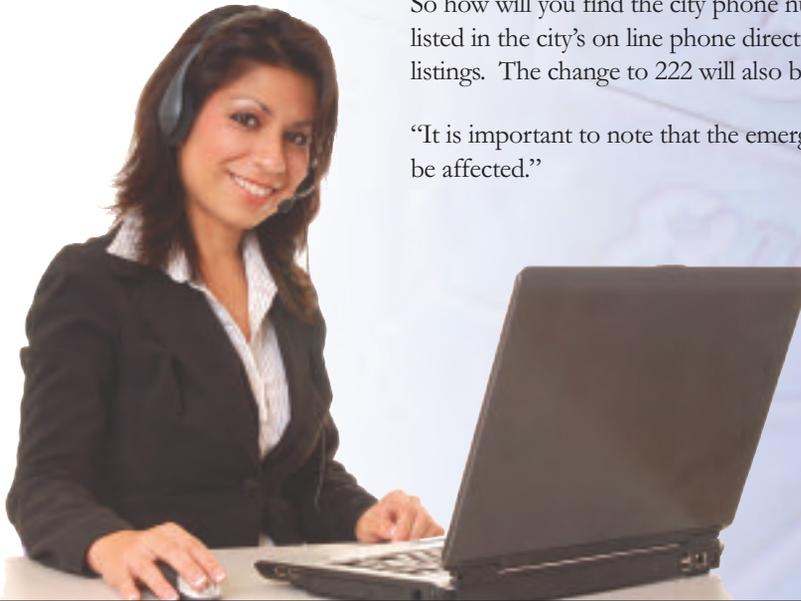
So how will you find the city phone numbers you need after the changeover? New numbers will be listed in the city’s on line phone directory at www.surpriseaz.com. Dex online will also have the new listings. The change to 222 will also be reflected in new phone books when they are issued in late fall.

“It is important to note that the emergency number is still 9-1-1,” Jackson says. “That will definitely not be affected.”

There is even better news to make the transition easier for residents. Jackson says if you dial an old city number for at least 6 month after the changeover, a recording will direct you to the new 222 number.

Any publications from the city that contain phone numbers, such as brochures or fliers, will still be useful because of this recorded feature, Jackson says.

“It should be a painless process,” he says.



Do Your Part: Move Right for Sirens and Lights

Yup, driving can be stressful! But the next time you think you have it rough, imagine maneuvering a 70,000 pound fire truck through rush hour traffic on your way to an emergency. Surprise Fire crews face this challenge every day, but you can do your part to help.

It is a simple rule and has the force of law: Move Right for Sirens and Lights. “When you see or hear an emergency vehicle coming up behind you on a roadway, move over to the right and stop until the emergency vehicle passes,” says Assistant Fire Chief Kevin Pool. “We’re doing our best to move a big unwieldy vehicle through traffic to get to someone in crisis, and we need your help to do it right.”

Pool says people seal up their windows and turn on the a/c full blast in hot weather and that can make it difficult to hear sirens. “Hey, I use my car a/c too,” he says. “The trick is to be aware of what is happening around you. Be checking your mirrors. You’ll definitely see us, even if you don’t hear us.”

If traffic does not allow you to pull over, Pool advises you to just stop moving. “Our emergency drivers are trained to find a safe way to get



through, even in traffic-congested areas, but they can’t do that if you won’t stop.”

If you are on a multi-lane highway or a street without medians, Pool says you should still pull to the right. “All the traffic in both directions should move to the right and stop,” he says. “Our guys may have to cross to opposing lanes to get through, so it is important everyone be off to the right and stopped.”

Another helpful tip for drivers: always stay at least 500 feet behind an emergency vehicle.

Surprise FY08 budget: \$452 million

The Surprise City Council voted unanimously to approve a \$452,079,100 budget for fiscal year 2008 at its regular meeting on June 14, 2007.

The budget is a decrease of 4% or \$19,210,000 from last year's budget, which budget staff attributes to the slowdown in the new housing market.

The budget calls for \$2.5 million for Bell Road reconstruction, the kickoff of a five-year plan to spend \$12.5 million reconstructing Bell from Grand Avenue to the Beardsley canal.



Right-hand turn lanes, such as this one at Grand Avenue, improve Bell Road. A \$12.5 million construction program will dramatically improve pavement quality.

"In some places Bell handles 70,000 vehicles a day, as many as a busy urban interstate," says City Manager Jim Rumpeltes. "That kind of pounding has just worn out the roadway. We need to rebuild in phases, which makes it more affordable and less disruptive."

Phase 1 may start this fall, with reconstruction of the westbound lanes of Bell between Grand and Parkview Place.

"We are pleased to present a balanced and sustainable budget to the council," Rumpeltes says. "It was a team effort and the participation of the council was vital to the creation of a sound plan for the coming year."

The city council has received regular budget updates and participated in an all-day budget retreat in May.

The budget includes money for 23 new positions in the Surprise Police Department and 17 new positions in the Surprise Fire Department. A new fire station at Greer Ranch is also included.

The budget also calls for improvements to Dysart Road at Grand Avenue, Reems and Litchfield roads and Cotton Lane

Funding for Surprise Farms Park, planned for an area north of Greenway and south of Willow Canyon High School, includes 12 pickleball courts, the first pickleball courts in Surprise.

Continuation of a new City Hall and the new Greer Ranch fire station are part of the capital portion of the budget, which comprises 65% of the total. Most of the capital budget is dedicated to utility improvements, Rumpeltes says.

Donate-A-Brick to DreamCatcher Park

People all over the northwest valley celebrated this spring when DreamCatcher Park opened at Surprise Center. The special needs park, devoted to making outdoor sports accessible to all, now offers residents a chance to memorialize their support for this unique facility. The "Donate a Brick" program means you can purchase a Gold, Silver, Bronze or Copper brick, engraved with your special message, attractively displayed in a unique wall structure at the park. Prices start at \$25.

"DreamCatcher is the kind of place people with special needs really do dream about," says CRS Director Mark Coronado. The wheelchair accessible, resilient playing surface and shaded stadium-style seating make it popular with the whole family. "It's such a special place for so many already, even though it has been open only a few months. We need to continue to support it, and this is a great way to make your commitment public and permanent," Coronado says. More than 50 bricks have already been donated and funds will go directly to the support of the facility, he adds.



More on the web! 
www.surpriseaz.com

For more information on DreamCatcher Park or the Donate-A-Brick Program, please contact the Community & Recreation Services Department at 623.266.4500 or online at www.surpriseaz.com/recreation.

Planning the future Surprise begins with YOU

Have a dream of how our city should look in the future? You can have your say at a series of “visioning meetings” throughout the summer as Surprise planners and elected officials ask for your opinions on the 2008 General Plan Update, the city’s map for future growth.

“The meeting will be facilitated, and residents will have the chance to vote on various scenarios using wireless handheld electronic voting devices,” says Community Development Director Scott Chesney. “We think it is unique.”

The meetings are planned throughout all six of the city’s council districts. Once the input sessions are complete, city planners will design an Update Plan and present it for even more public input. “We aim to have a plan to present to city council by July of 2008,” Chesney says.

The Surprise General Plan must meet the requirements of the state’s Growing Smarter Plus Act, ensuring a city growth plan that will create high quality of life, preserve open space and meet the needs of the city’s future.

“The General Plan Update 2008 is a comprehensive and ambitious map for how to grow Surprise in a smart and responsible way,” says Chesney. “What we hear from residents is that Surprise should offer the best in large-city amenities and quality jobs, yet maintain a small-town sense of community where neighbors know each other and live in a place that values our beautiful desert environment.”

In addition to the box below, all General Plan meeting dates and times are posted on the city’s Web site: www.surpriseaz.com.



Residents use electronic voting devices to vote on various scenarios during General Plan meetings.

The Surprise General Plan principles under consideration for the 2008 update include:

- Distinctive Communities with access to all amenities
- Quality Education and Resources for Advanced Technology
- Well-designed streetscapes and innovative architecture
- Safe neighborhoods, enhanced health services & expanded emergency services
- Mobility, allowing for effective streets and a comprehensive transit network
- Responsive Government
- Diversity in age, lifestyle and culture
- Vibrant Activity Centers with strong employment base & transit oriented designs
- Family Stability with plenty of family activities and full-range of housing choices
- Arts & Culture city-wide expansion & new partnerships
- Fiscal Self Reliance achieved through the creation of efficient employment corridors, economic diversity and strong public services
- Energy: resource efficient, encourage reuse & recycle, look for energy innovation

Come out to these meetings and share your ideas, because together we will create a dynamic city.”

Scott Chesney, Community Development Director

Upcoming General Plan meetings:

Host: Mayor Joan Shafer & Council Members
When: Wednesday, August 15, 2007 at 6 p.m.
Where: Willow Canyon

Host: District 1
When: Wednesday, August 1, 2007 at 6 p.m.
Where: Sonoran Plaza, Sagebrush Room

Host: District 2 - Martha Bails
When: Saturday, August 4, 2007 at 9 a.m.
Where: Sun City Grand Hopi & Pima Center

Host: District 3 - Vice Mayor Gary “Doc” Sullivan
When: Wednesday, August 8, 2007 at 6 p.m.
Where: Northwest Regional Library

Host: District 4 - Danny Arismendez
When: Monday, August 13, 2007 at 6 p.m.
Where: Senior Center

Host: District 5 - Joe Johnson
When: Monday, August 6, 2007 at 6 p.m.
Where: Northwest Regional Library

Host: District 6 - Gwyn Foro
When: Thursday, August 2, 2007 at 6 p.m.
Where: Senior Center



HERE COMES THE MONSOON



Lightning flashes and rumbling thunder herald one of the most dramatic events desert living offers, the summer monsoon. Characterized by rapidly developing and fast moving thunderstorms, monsoon weather rakes the valley each summer from July through September.

Typically occurring in the late afternoon or early evening hours, monsoon thunder, lightning and rain are often preceded by fast moving windstorms, which kick up walls of dust sometimes thousands of feet high.

Monsoon storms can be very disruptive, even dangerous to us desert dwellers. Normally dry washes fill rapidly and flood roads, dust or heavy rain reduces visibility to practically zero, power can be knocked out, and slick roads cause terrible accidents.

DON'T LET THE MONSOON BLOW YOU AWAY!

Here are some tips from public safety officials on how to handle monsoons safely:

IF YOU ARE DRIVING

1. Slow down! The first rains of summer bring oils and other automotive fluids to road surfaces, causing unusually slick conditions.

2. Do not attempt to cross flooded roadways. Even shallow running water exerts great pressure and can sweep your car off the road or stall your engine.



Under the Arizona "Stupid Motorist Law" a driver requiring rescue from a flooded wash, with posted warning signs or gates, may also be held responsible for the cost of the water rescue.

3. If you can't see due to heavy rain or blowing dust:
- Pull off to the right side as far as possible.
 - Turn off your engine and lights.
 - Stay inside your vehicle.
 - Keep your foot off the brake pedal. Drivers may see your lights and assume you are on the road and in motion.
4. If you approach an intersection with a non-functional traffic signal, treat it as a 4-way stop.
5. Listen to your car radio for the latest traffic and weather conditions. Monsoon storms are big news and you can usually get precise information about where the storms are and what traffic is like.

IF YOU ARE AT HOME

1. Turn off all unnecessary power equipment to reduce the draw on power companies. This is a prime time for power outages.



2. Keep batteries, flashlights, and a battery operated radio or TV handy.
3. Stay off the phone. Even cordless phones can cause a shock when lightning strikes nearby. Use cell phones only if necessary.
4. Stay away from plumbing fixtures as lightning can travel along metal pipes.
5. Keep away from windows as high winds can blow heavy debris.

IF THE POWER GOES OUT

- Switch off high usage items such as air conditioners, computers and televisions so there is no danger of overloading your system or damaging these products with voltage fluctuations when power returns.
- Surge protectors for your computer and electronic equipment will provide extra protection.
- Turn on your battery powered radio or TV for information.
- Limit how often you open doors so cool air stays inside.
- Keep your freezer and refrigerator doors closed.
- Talk to your neighbors and offer to be of help.



LIGHTNING

Lightning is dangerous no matter where you are.

If you find yourself outdoors when lightning strikes:

- Seek shelter immediately.
- Stay away from open fields, high land, trees, poles and standing bodies of water.
- Do not swim or hold metal objects, including golf clubs and lawn chairs
- Stay off the phone. Even cordless phones can cause a shock when lightning strikes nearby. Use cell phones only if necessary.
- Stay away from plumbing fixtures as lightning can travel along metal pipes



FLOODING

The Surprise Public Works Department provides sand and bags free of charge to Surprise residents in the event of flooding.

- The sand and bags are located at the city's Vehicle Maintenance Yard, 16560 N. Dysart Road. Residents are asked to bring their own shovel to fill the bags.
- Designated Public Works crews will be on call 24 hours a day during the monsoon to check for and remove downed trees and debris, clear clogged storm drains and to assist residents in flooded areas.

NEED HELP?

To report a flooded road or downed trees, call Public Works at 623.583.0947 or visit www.surpriseaz.com and click on the Service Request link on the left-side of the home page.



From Surprise 11
public service
advertisements



Surprise Police launch new anti-theft from vehicle campaign

No doubt, you've done it at least once. You leave a filled shopping bag in the back seat of your car, or not locking your doors when you run into a convenience store. However, police officers say you are inviting thieves to help themselves.

"Shopping bags aren't the only things people leave in unlocked cars," says Police Chief Dan Hughes. "We see laptops, digital cameras and purses getting stolen, too. The message is simple- if thieves can see it, they will steal it."

Surprise Police say about 60 percent of thefts from vehicles are the result of unlocked doors or valuables in plain sight. A new awareness campaign, called "Lock It or Lose It" reminds us we can easily prevent most thefts from vehicles.

If you leave valuables in an unlocked car, it is just like putting a sign on the roof. We hope people get the message."

Police Chief Dan Hughes

"By simply locking the doors of your vehicle and by taking valuable items with you or hiding them in a locked trunk, you dramatically reduce the risk of being a crime victim," adds Hughes.

Police warn that ID thieves are also on the lookout for bank receipts and other financial information people often leave in their vehicles. "Checking or savings account information, or anything with your social security number on it, should never be left inside your vehicle," adds Hughes. "These items make it easy for a thief to assume your identity, open up new credit accounts or even take money out of your existing accounts."

As an added precaution, police advise you to park your car in your garage at night. "Using the garage for storage is increasingly popular," says Hughes. "But it also means



Everyday heroes like Crossing Guard Kay Chavez keep children safe crossing busy roads.

School Crossing Zones: Do you know the rules

August 13 is the first day of the 2007-2008 school year for students enrolled with the Dysart Unified School District. That means thousands of students will be crossing streets and strolling sidewalks in our very near future! Now is a good time to check your knowledge of how school crossing zones operate.

The Rules:

- You must look out for and follow instructions posted on signs that mark a school crossing zone.
- You cannot exceed 15 mph between the signs indicating that school is in session and the “stop when children are in crosswalk” sign.
- Your front bumper cannot pass any portion of the other vehicle traveling beside you. That is considered “passing”, which is prohibited in school zones.
- When a person is in the crosswalk, all vehicles, in both directions, must come to a complete stop and cannot move until that person is completely out of the crosswalk.
- Once you have safely passed the school crossing zone, you may resume the street’s normal posted speed limit:
- If a driver exceeds 35 mph in a school crossing zone, they can be found guilty of a criminal speeding violation, punishable by as much as 30 days in jail and/or a \$500 fine. This will also become a part of your official record.
- Persons driving through a school crossing zone above the 15 mph limit, but not above 35 mph, can be given a civil ticket and be ordered to pay a fine. Failure to pay the fine may result in suspension of the offender’s driver’s license. A civil ticket, just like a criminal ticket, can become part of the driver’s official record.

Let’s keep kids safe this school year! Obey all school crosswalk regulations.



your vehicle is unprotected when you and your family are asleep at night.”

The “Lock it or Lose it” campaign features public service advertisements on Surprise 11 which show people leaving their vehicles and putting signs on top of their cars that read “My purse is inside and the door is unlocked” and “Shopping bags inside! Help yourself!”

“If you leave valuables in an unlocked car, it is just like putting a sign on the roof,” says Hughes. “We hope people get the message.”

You can see the public service advertisements on Surprise 11 and also on the city Web site, www.surpriseaz.com.

More on the web!

www.surpriseaz.com

Surprise offers free ride for dialysis patients and ADA-certified residents

For dialysis patients, life can be tough enough without having to worry about how to afford a ride to their life-saving treatments. A new city of Surprise taxi program now takes the strain of transportation woes off patients and their families.

The Taxi Coupon Program transports qualified Surprise residents to and from their dialysis appointments in Surprise, El Mirage, Youngtown and the Sun Cities free of charge. The Surprise City Council recently approved the program and selected AAA/MBTA Taxi Company as the transportation provider.

Eligible patients will receive coupons for a month's worth of dialysis visits. The coupons will be accepted as payment by AAA/MBTA Taxi.

Dialysis patients are not the only people eligible to participate. Valley Metro ADA registered clients can receive up to \$60 worth of coupons each month for transportation to any destination.

City officials say freed up space on Dial-a-Ride vans will be an added benefit. "Because the taxi vouchers are for dialysis appointments and the disabled, more Dial-A-Ride space will be available to other residents that do not require routine transportation for medical purposes," says Surprise Human Services Supervisor Bob Baratko.



Surprise Cares

Individuals must register at the Surprise Human Services office, 15832 N. Hollyhock Street. Documented proof of participation in the Valley Metro ADA certification program or participation in dialysis is required, as is photo identification and proof of residency in Surprise.

All transportation arrangements are the responsibility of the patient.

"We are still very much in the early stages of the Taxi Coupon Program, but so far things are going very well," adds Baratko. "However, depending on demand, we may have to charge nominal fees in the future." Any future fees would not exceed the Dial-A-Ride fee, which ranges from \$1 to \$1.75 one-way.

For more information, call the Surprise Human Services Division at 623.815.5492 or 623.875.4315.

Now Open!



Recently opened businesses

Retail/Auto/Service

JP Morgan Chase Bank, 17073 W. Bell Road; **Wilhelm Automotive**, 14297 W. Grand Avenue; **C&C Motorsports LLC**, 11541 W. Bell Road, Ste 107; **Suzu's Childcare**, 16215 W. Evans Drive; **Wells Fargo Bank**, 15564 W. Waddell Road; **Sonoran Pet Center**, 15693 N. Reems Road, Ste 117; **Endless Summer Pool & Spa**, 14256 N. 132nd Lane; **Princess Care**, 14079 W. Banff Lane; **EC TV**, 15928 W. Smokey Drive; **Jagor Express Title & Registration LLC**, 16630 W. Greenway Road, Ste 326; **Star Valley Real Estate Services LLC**, 17532 W. Ivy Lane; **Ezdekor**, 11155 W. Ashley Chantil Drive; **Lip Lady**, 20816 N.

Grand Staircase Drive; **TLA Services**, 15154 W. Cortez Street; **Sun Valley Signs LLC**, 17013 W. Tasha Drive; **Harmony at Surprise**, 15164 N. 140th Drive; **Deep Blue Pool Care**, 13572 W. Boca Raton Road; **Berdel**, 11304 N. 153rd Drive; **Firestone Complete Auto Care**, 17038 W. Bell Road; **FedEx Kinko's #1548**, 13869 W. Bell Road, Ste 106; **Work of Art Handyman Service**, 17327 W. Rimrock Street; **JL Promotions**, 18319 W. Port Au Prince Lane; **ACE Hardware**, 17026 W. Bell Road; **Surprise Commercial Cleaning**, 15140 N. 156th Lane; **C&S Cleaning Solutions**, 16000 N. 171st Drive; **Simple 2 Unique**, 12133 W. Bell Road, Ste 103; **Classic Gift Baskets LLC**, 12133 W. Bell Road, Ste 103; **Table Toppers and More**, 16949 W. Glenbrook Lane; **Sign On Surprise**, 17510 W. Calavar Road; **Mr. Mister LLC**, 17165 W. Lundberg Street; **Rob's Detector Sales**, 26907 N. 176th Drive; **Absolute Lock & Safe**, 16924 N. 160th Avenue; **Shimer Electric**, 26010 N. 157th Avenue; **Miscellaneous Man**, 14065 W. Rosewood Drive; **Just Business**, 19820 N. Shadow Mountain Drive; **Alvizo's Art Work**, 13366 W. Ironwood Street; **Wade J. Draves Insurance Services**, 14985 W. Bell Road, Ste 150; **Filter Pro's**, 15009 W. Post Drive; **Surprise Power Washing Inc.**, 15371 W. Shangri-La Road; **Pool Care Plus**, 17255 W. Carmen Drive; **Granny D's Daycare**, 12157 N. 151st Drive; **Surprise Mobile Auto Repair**, 13470 W. Foxfire #9; **Progressive Solutions Realty Inc.**, 12213 W. Bell Road, #116; **Darkmoon Graphix**, 18203 W. Peakview Road; **Elite Auto Detailing**, 17657 W. Andora Street; **Hands on Trading**, 14535 W. Cortez Street; **Tyger Enterprises**, 14582 W. Cameron Drive

Surprise Happenings

For more information visit www.surpriseaz.com
\$ - denotes fee

July 2007

- 4 Surprise 25th Annual 4th of July Celebration**, Surprise Recreation Campus, 8 acre Park & Community Park, live music, entertainment, fireworks (starts at 6 p.m./fireworks at 8:15 p.m.) - FREE
- 4 Surprise Pool Party**, 5 p.m. - 9 p.m., \$6 (residents only)
- 4 Independence Day**, city of Surprise offices closed



August 2007

- 4 Financial Fitness Class: "Attaining Financial Freedom via Budgeting"** - FREE For more: 623.815.5492
- 9 Mail-only election ballots** for September 11 Primary Election to be mailed to Surprise registered voters
- 9 Votación por medio de correo** para la Elección Primaria se envían a los votantes registrados en Surprise
- 13 First day of school**, Dysart U.S.D.
- 23 Financial Fitness Class: "First Time Home Buying"** - FREE For more: 623.815.5492



September 2007

- 11 Vote-by-mail Primary Election** (all mailed ballots due)
- 11 Votación por medio de correo Elección Primaria** (votaciones deben ser regresadas)
- 13 Financial Fitness Class: "Financial Planning"** - FREE For more: 623.815.5492
- 25 Home Owners Academy**: six-session course detailing the working processes of an HOA, from budgeting to code enforcement- 5:45 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. \$25 To register: 623.815.5492
- 27 Financial Fitness Class: "Understanding Your Credit Score & Credit Report"** - FREE For more: 623.815.5492

*All Financial Fitness Classes will be held at the Community Initiatives building, 15832 N. Hollyhock Street, from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*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

"Notify Me" keeps you informed

From groundbreaking to water main breaks, you can get important Surprise city news right in your e-mail box by signing up for "Notify Me" on www.surpriseaz.com.

You can ask for specific news updates, such as community events or Senior Center activities, or receive all news releases issued by the city's Communications Department. In just the past month or so, city news releases covered important city budget news, changes in the city council, a water main break and the groundbreaking for the new Surprise City Hall.

All you do is enter your e-mail address and select topic areas. We'll do the rest! You will find the "Notify Me" icon on the left side of the city's home page.



Office/Medical/Dental

Sheitelman Chiropractic Inc., 13761 W. Bell Road #203

Restaurant/Bar

- Yormani's Bistro, 17191 N. Litchfield Road
- Taco Bell #23151, 13752 W. Waddell Road
- Maui Grille, 15529 W. Bell Road
- Scoreboards, 15557 W. Bell Road, Suites 404-406

Adult Care

- Royal Oak Assisted Living Home, 25661 N. Desert Mesa Drive
- Redfield Assisted Living Care Home, 15978 W. Redfield Road



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More on the web!



To view Surprise Commercial Projects in progress:
www.surpriseaz.com/currentprojects



Surprise Senior Center

What's Going On?



Surprise Community Initiatives Senior Center

15832 N. Hollyhock St. 623.583.0653
 Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 For ages 60 and better
 Cost: \$10 Annual membership
 ** Non-resident rates apply for
 classes and trips

Are you new to Surprise?

If you've never visited the Senior Center before please stop by for a tour. An introductory copy of the menu, activities calendar and newsletter can be mailed to you by calling and giving us your name and address. Or you may visit our Web site at www.surpriseaz.com, then click on Resident Information, then on Senior Services. From there, you can print the calendar and newsletter at home or use our new feature that allows you to be notified when the new menu, activities calendar and newsletter have been updated on the Web site.

Fitness Center

8:15 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. weekdays
 Annual membership fee \$25 (\$30 non residents)
 Winter only, \$15 (\$20 non residents)

Enjoy a Hot Lunch!

Available for seniors over 60 years old weekdays
 \$2.50 contribution
 Please call ahead for lunch reservation
 623.583.0653



New mini Café is now open!

The new mini Café is now open and offers gourmet coffees, lattes, mochas and chai tea, plus light fare such as yogurt, smoothies, cottage cheese, fruit, and biscotti for nominal prices. Enjoy the café ambiance between classes or just to meet and chat with friends. Also, browse our new Thrift Counter to pick up some bargains, gifts or greeting cards

Other activities at the Senior Center

Enjoy a variety of card games, board games, BINGO, dance and exercise, crafts, movies, and Reader's Theatre group. Blood Pressure Screening is available twice per month, plus Massage Therapy and Benefits Counseling.



More on the web!  www.surpriseaz.com

Work training program for age 55+

The city of Surprise partners with the Senior Community Service Employment Program under Title V of the Older Americans Act. The program is designed to assist income-eligible older adults to transition into competitive employment once they have completed their paid training program of one year.

The Senior Center is currently recruiting for Office/Clerical positions & Court Assistants.

Title V Participants must be at least 55-years-old, an Arizona resident and qualify as low income. Income guidelines currently are \$12,763 annual income for one person household, and \$17,113 for two person household. For more information, call 623.583.0653.

What's your beef?

If you are having problems with a neighbor, business, HOA or the city and would like free help in finding a solution, then sign up for Surprise mediation classes.

This service is free to Surprise residents and businesses and has proven to be successful in resolving 85 percent of all disputes to date.

A trained neutral third-party mediator will be assigned to help you take control of your own dispute in a safe and confidential environment.

For more information, please call the Community Mediation Coordinator at 623.815.5490.

Surprise Yourself... Become a Volunteer

Opportunities are available in several city departments including Senior Center, Community Initiatives, Fire, Police or Community and Recreation Services. **Information: 623.583.0653**



Surprise! 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: 623.202.5110 or www.packagesfromhome.org



Upcoming Classes & Programs

Beginners Art with Doug Ward – Doug Ward will lead you through the basics of drawing, water colors, acrylics and beyond. Special techniques and brushes will let you create art pieces that will surprise even you. Tuesdays from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. \$6 per week **

Healthy Aging in Spanish
Tiempo de Oro will conduct presentations and workshops in Spanish
Wednesdays & Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.

Computer Classes – Basic I & II, internet, email, Microsoft Word, file management and digital photos. Call for class dates and times: 623.583.0653
\$10 **

Christmas in July Party
Santa will show up in shorts!
July 24 - Noon



SENIOR CENTER TRIPS

(provided transportation leaves from Senior Center)

- **The King & I - Broadway Palms Theatre in Mesa**

July 18
\$44 (\$46 non resident)
Includes luncheon matinee

- **Fort McDowell Casino**

July 31
\$3
Departs from Senior Center at 8:30am.

- **IKEA Furniture Store - Tempe, AZ**

August 15
\$5

- **West Side Story - Theatre Works in Peoria**

September 12
Matinee. Ticket price TBA

- **Jersey Boys - Gammage Auditorium**

October 13
Matinee. \$60 (\$62 non resident)

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



2007 ELECTION

CITY OF SURPRISE



Surprise's vote-by-mail primary election is coming up! All mailed ballots must be received at the Maricopa County Elections Department by September 11, 2007.

Here is how it works:

If you are a registered voter living in Surprise, you will automatically receive a ballot in the mail. Ballots go out August 9, 2007.

You will be asked to make a selection for Mayor of Surprise, and if you live in city council districts 2, 3 or 4, you will be asked to select a city council candidate. Complete instructions will be enclosed with your ballot.

After making your selection, simply put the ballot in the postage paid envelope you will receive with your ballot and drop it in the mail. Please be sure to mail it in time to be received at the Maricopa County Elections Department no later than Tuesday, September 11, 2007.

If you are not registered to vote, you may still vote in this citywide election if you register by August 13, 2007. You can register online at www.recorder.maricopa.gov. For more information about registering, please call the Surprise City Clerk's Office at 623-583-1098 or visit www.surpriseaz.com and click on the "Voting News 2007" icon on the right side of the page.

If you are planning to be out of town between August 10 and September 11, you can have a ballot mailed to your temporary out of town address. You will find more information about this topic on our web site or by calling the Surprise City Clerk's Office at 623-583-1098.

If you have any questions about your ballot or this vote-by-mail election, please call the Surprise City Clerk's Office at 623-583-1098.

For additional information please call the Surprise City Clerk's Office at 623.583.1098.

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¡Se aproxima la elección primaria de boleta enviada por el correo de Surprise! El Departamento de Elecciones del Condado de Maricopa tiene que recibir todas las boletas enviadas por el correo para el 11 de septiembre de 2007.

Así es como funciona:

Si es un votante inscrito y vive en Surprise, usted recibirá una boleta por el correo automáticamente. Las boletas se enviarán por el correo el 9 de agosto de 2007.

Se le pedirá que elija un Alcalde de Surprise y si vive en uno de los distritos del concejo de la ciudad 2, 3 o 4, se le pedirá elegir un candidato para el concejo de la ciudad. Instrucciones completas se incluyeran con su boleta.

Después de hacer su selección, simplemente coloque su boleta en el sobre de porte pagado que recibirá con su boleta y envíelo por el correo. Por favor asegurese de enviarlo por el correo con suficiente tiempo para que el Departamento de Elecciones del Condado Maricopa lo reciba no más tarde que el martes, 11 de septiembre de 2007.

Si no esta inscrito para votar, siempre podrá votar en esta elección municipal si se inscribe para votar para el 13 de agosto de 2007. Se puede inscribir para votar en línea al www.recorder.maricopa.gov. Para información adicional tocante inscripción como votante, favor de comunicarse con la Oficina de la Secretaria Municipal de Surprise al 623-583-1098 o visite www.surpriseaz.com y clic el icono "Voting News 2007"

Si tiene pensado estar fuera del pueblo entre el 10 de agosto y el 11 de septiembre, se le puede enviar una boleta por el correo a su dirección temporal de fuera del pueblo. Puede obtener información adicional tocante este tema en nuestro sitio de web o al comunicarse con la Oficina de la Secretaria Municipal de Surprise al 623-583-1098.

Si tiene cualesquier preguntas tocante su boleta o esta elección de boleta enviada por el correo, por favor comuníquese con la Oficina de la Secretaria Municipal de Surprise al 623-583-1098.



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