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

- April 12th and 26th
- May 10th and 24th
- June 14th and 28th

Planning & Zoning Commission meetings

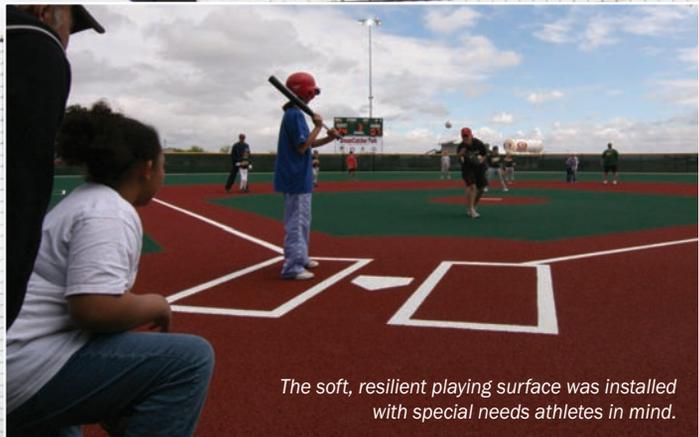
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6 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month

- April 3rd and 17th
- May 1st and 15th
- June 5th and 19th



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.



The soft, resilient playing surface was installed with special needs athletes in mind.

Dream becomes reality!

DreamCatcher Park is city's newest, most accessible

“A dream come true!” That’s the phrase heard throughout the Surprise Center area as happy residents celebrated the Grand Opening of DreamCatcher Park, the first fully accessible city park designed with special needs athletes in mind.

During the March 24th event, visitors could see and feel the softer, more resilient surface of the park’s playing field. Shaded, stadium-type seating adjoins the field, which is perfect for baseball, football or soccer. Like to run? Hit the track that surrounds the park.

“DreamCatcher Park is truly unique,” says Director of Community and Recreation Services Mark Coronado. “This state-of-the-art complex is the result of widespread community input and serves as a real point of pride for Surprise.” Coronado says although the park can accommodate the special needs athlete, it is open to everyone.

Residents all over the city helped make it happen. The all-volunteer group Surprise Sundancers donated \$250,000 to help support suggestions made by the council-appointed volunteer Disability



Mark Coronado, Director of Community and Recreation Services, asks athlete Alex Clements what he thinks about the new DreamCatcher Park during the Grand Opening ceremony.

“DreamCatcher Park is truly unique...a real point of pride for Surprise”

Mark Coronado, Director of Community and Recreation Services

Advisory Commission, which include larger bathroom stalls, the covered seating and a specially designed concession stand.

Want to see for yourself? Grab your gym shoes and hit the field! DreamCatcher Park is located east of the Aquatic Park next to the under-construction Surprise Tennis and Racquet Center.



Police and Fire go high, low and out of sight

New vehicles boost safety for residents, responders

Police Department's Command Vehicle

Look up in the sky! No, it is not a bird or a plane. It is the “mast cam” perched 30 feet above the new Surprise Police mobile command vehicle, the latest addition in the drive to keep residents safe.

The telescoping mast and camera just might be the coolest of the vehicle’s many advanced features. It allows officers to get a bird’s eye view of an emergency that might be blocks away, says Assistant Police Chief Claude Carroll. “We can go up and zoom in on the scene and give our guys live video feeds,” Carroll says. “We can take snapshots too, so we can create a real time map of any tactical situation.”

However, there is much more to the 32-foot-long vehicle. “We have a conference room with screens on all four walls,” says Chief Carroll. “Our Operations Center personnel can see live video, our records management, and whatever local news is showing. The fourth we can program to whatever our needs are.”





Officers check incoming data inside the Surprise Police Department's mobile command vehicle.

The assistant chief envisions the vehicle being used for barricade situations, hostage takings, bomb threats “or any event where you don’t want officers to get too close, but you want to monitor developments.” Surprise has borrowed a tactical vehicle from Glendale in the past, Carroll says, but that is no longer necessary.

An additional benefit to Surprise residents is the police ability to relocate the entire dispatch operation to the vehicle in case of a citywide emergency, so police communications are never disrupted by power outages or natural disaster. “That’s critical,” he says. “Residents need to know we are coordinating police response under any circumstances.” The \$220,000 vehicle was paid for with a combination of city funds and a Homeland Security Department grant.

Fire Department's Ladder Truck 305

Whatever you do, do not call it a “hook and ladder.”

“It’s a platform truck,” says Surprise Assistant Fire Chief Kevin Pool of the new vehicle with the amazingly adaptable platform extension.

“The platform is important because it allows our firefighters to hover above a burning structure and shoot water from more than 110 feet above, eliminating the risk of putting crews directly onto a roof,” says Pool.

The platform on Ladder 305 can extend more than 110 feet over head or drop below street level.

The elevated platform can hold four firefighters, plus 250 pounds of equipment.

“We can evacuate people without having to bring them down a ladder now. That is a lot less dangerous for people who need rescue and for our firefighters.”

The platform can also be positioned below grade which aids canal, trench, sink hole or water rescues.

It took three years to design and manufacture the 80,000 pound, \$1.2 million technological wonder. Traditional ladder trucks used by the department carry ladder sticks that top out at 75 feet and do not have a platform.

Ladder Truck 305 also comes with power saws that can cut through a vehicle or other obstacles a rescuer might encounter.

“It’s literally a lifesaver,” Pool says.





Lights, courts, action!

Service even better at new Public Safety Building

You'll soon be seeing a new, customer-friendly home for city police and fire officials, courts staff and even broadcasters as the new Public Safety Building opens in July.

Court rooms, a traffic control center, police shooting range, emergency operations center, and a broadcast studio are all part of this diverse building's features.

The building will serve as the Surprise police headquarters, replacing the modular structure that housed Surprise's growing police department for years.

"This is much needed space," says Surprise Police Chief Dan Hughes, whose officers have been housed in a winding complex

Artists rendering of the city of Surprise's new Public Safety Building.

of adapted manufactured housing. "As our city grows, we need modern, up to date facilities. Not only do residents expect them, but most important, it means we can do our jobs more efficiently and more safely."

Three new city courtrooms will be in public use at the new site, and city prosecutors will also set up shop there.

"It's just such an efficient way to deliver services to residents," says Assistant City Manager Doug Sandstrom of the 96,000 s.f. structure. "To have our public safety personnel, which includes prosecutors and court employees, adjacent to each other in a modern facility people will find easy to use is another sign of our positive growth as a community."



Jim Boehnlein, Surprise Public Works Project Manager (r), and Tom Haag of D.L. Withers Construction onsite during construction of the Public Safety Building.



The on-schedule, on-budget facility will house the offices and broadcast studios of Surprise Channel 11, which are capable of broadcasting live, enabling the city operated channel to develop more programs about local topics to keep Surprise residents informed.

Look for the Public Safety Building this summer at the intersection of West Tierra Buena Lane and West Statler Drive at Surprise Center. The new Surprise City Hall is being built right next door.



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Dan Hughes, Surprise Police Chief



Surprise 11 - your news on your channel

Surprise channel educates and informs

Finally, there's something good on TV-and it's all about Surprise!

Check out stories about your neighbors, your friends and community as Surprise Channel 11 strengthens its commitment to bring Surprise-centric news to our local cable channel.

In recent weeks, you may have seen the profile on the artist designing the mural for the Surprise Regional Library, or heard how a Surprise family safely escaped a house fire thanks to their smoke detector.

“We realize that Surprise 11 is the only place on TV where people can find information solely about Surprise,” says Public Information Officer Diane Arthur. “It is a valuable resource, and we are working hard to make it more relevant to the community.”

Diane is hosting Surprise Progress TV, a bimonthly newscast that focuses exclusively on the latest city programs, activities and projects. “We keep it short and to the point,” says Arthur. “We also load the newscast on to our Web site as a Web cast.”

For a deeper look at community issues, watch “Today in Surprise” an in-the-field interview show that recently featured a behind the scenes look at Spring Training and an “up in the sky” view from the Fire Department’s newest addition, a platform truck that extends 114 feet.

You can help call the shots at Surprise 11. Future plans include live surveys and call-in shows. “We want to bring you the stories that matter most to you,” Arthur says.

As always, you can watch the city’s elected officials make key decisions and set city policy at the bimonthly city council meetings.

More on the web! 
www.surpriseaz.com

Check it out on TV and online. You can catch the schedule at the Channel 11 Web site, www.surpriseaz.com. You'll find the link on the Communications Department Web site.



Have you seen it yet?

One of the city's most prominent billboards will be graced by the gold and purple of the city of Surprise until May. The board on the south side of Bell, west of Dysart, is promoting the newly revamped city Web site, www.surpriseaz.com, as "your e-ticket to your community."

"As we've made the site more effective for our residents, one of our challenges has been letting people know about it," says Communications Director Ken Lynch (see related story). "We didn't want to count on people finding out for themselves or just stumbling across it. We knew we had to get aggressive."

A colorful board filled the bill, Lynch says.

It's not the first time the city has used a local billboard to advertise. "Last summer our Human Resources Department had billboard space along Grand Avenue with the message "If you worked in Surprise, you'd be at work by now." The idea is to encourage people to consider working for the city of Surprise, and the response was huge. We just picked up on their great inspiration."

New web changes highlight emerging Web site

A giant billboard along West Bell Road isn't the only thing new about www.surpriseaz.com. Recent changes make the site friendlier and easier to use, with more information-packed features.

"Everybody should be able to find what they need easily, without a lot of hunting around," says Surprise Assistant City Manager Kathy Rice. "We can help by putting you into direct contact with the right people immediately."

Check out the "Service Request" link on the home page, she suggests. You will find a series of checkable boxes for reporting abandoned vehicles or getting street lights repaired. "Your message automatically goes to the people who need to know," Rice says.

A link called "Resident Information" takes you to more than 70 services the city provides such as sports leagues, recycling information and CPR classes. "Just click on the one you



want and you will go directly to the web page where that information resides," Rice says. No need to know which department to contact, and no wandering the site hoping you hit the right spot. "Our goal is to give you a positive encounter by quickly giving you answers," Rice says.

You'll also notice video web casts packed with up to date city information, and an easy to use telephone directory for direct contact with city employees.

"The latest city news, an employment link and a calendar of citywide events are all there on the page," Rice says. Expect even more changes soon. "We're working on a site that will help new residents get situated in Surprise," Rice says. "We're always coming with new and better ideas."



SOAR to new career heights

If you're interested in starting a dynamic new career with the city of Surprise, you can now SOAR to our online site 24/7! Surprise Online Applicant Recruiting (SOAR) is part of the Human Resources Department site at www.surpriseaz.com.



You will find applications for a wide variety of jobs that you can fill out and submit from the comfort of your home. You can also post your resumé and track the status of the recruiting process for each job. If you need help, give us a call during regular business hours or check out the online help screens.

Of course you can always apply for city jobs using computer terminals at the city of Surprise Human Resources Department, Community & Recreation Services offices, and at any Surprise public library branch.

More on the web! 
www.surpriseaz.com



City store manager Sharla Sanders shows off the new store Web site.

How cool is that? Surprise merchandise goes worldwide

Surprise golf balls, anyone? Whether your taste runs to stuffed animals, golf balls or polos and tee shirts, the Surprise City store has it all going on. And now, there's a new twist: online shopping!

"We like to say it loud and say it proud," says Sharla Sanders, whose Communication Department duties include keeping the store running. "It is an important marketing tool for the city. People love to wear something unique that shows off Surprise, whether they are visiting or year-round residents."

Drop in visits by winter visitors who noticed the store's City Hall location prompted the idea of going online. "They enjoyed themselves and bought gifts for the folks back home," Sanders says. "When we got stuffed monkeys in stock last fall, people snapped 'em up!"

The online store makes shopping easier for Surprise residents and out-of-staters. "You can shop from home here in Surprise or in Iowa and Minnesota," Sanders says. "It's all part of raising the profile of Surprise both here in the Valley and across the USA."

Sanders says the city store is entirely self supporting, with sales dollars being used solely to keep merchandise in stock. "If people like our products and buy them, we will be able to keep the store open and innovate when it comes to products."

Check out the city store at www.surpriseaz.com/store.





Rights, Lights and Fiber Power

Driving Bell becomes a bit easier

Bell Road: Rights and lights

Keeping us moving along busy Bell Road keeps city engineers on the go.

You have probably already noticed the new right hand turn lane from westbound Bell onto Grand Avenue. Crews extended the lane over the winter, and it is now on the job in its full capacity, reducing wait times for right turns and keeping westbound traffic flowing.



This traffic signal at Coyote Lakes is being moved 600 feet west.

There are three new right hand turn lanes in the works along Bell between 115th Avenue and Sierra Dawn, part of a major reconstruction around the Coyote Lakes community. Drivers will soon be howling for joy near Coyote Lakes, as transportation crews relocate the community’s entrance and its accompanying traffic light 600 feet to the west.

“Traffic now bunches up between Avenue of the Arts and the Coyote Lakes entrance because of the light at Coyote Lakes,” says Surprise Engineering Director Dr. Robert Maki. “This will give us more breathing room in that very busy stretch.”

More good news: if you visit the Rose Garden community or shop at the Toliver shopping center on the south side of Bell, the new configuration gives you a safer, more efficient opportunity to turn left off westbound Bell.

The project should be complete by July.

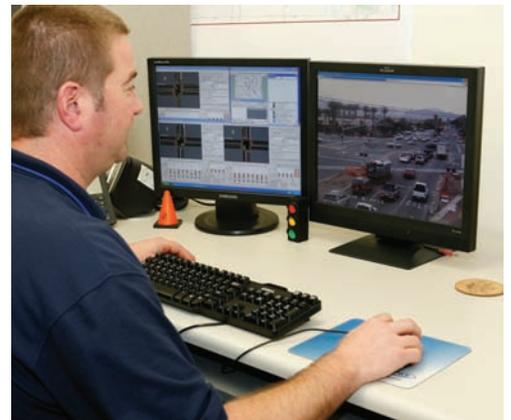
The city is also planning a new Bell Road signal at Bell Pointe Boulevard and upgraded signals will be added at Avenue of the Arts and R.H. Johnson Boulevard.

Bell getting “smarter”

Fiber optics, street cameras and monitored traffic signals are in place and doing their part to keep Bell moving smoothly.

In a partnership with the city of Peoria and the Maricopa County Department of Transportation, Surprise engineers are using the Intelligent Traffic System (ITS) to make driving better on Bell from the Loop 101 to Grand Avenue.

“Since going live in December, ITS has reduced delays for eastbound morning commuters by 17 percent,” says Traffic Engineer Nick Mascia. “Westbound delays are down by 6 percent in the afternoon.”



Surprise traffic engineers can view traffic conditions and adjust traffic light timing to move traffic more quickly.

ITS is all about underground fiber optic cables and street cameras that monitor traffic. At monitoring stations in Surprise and Peoria, engineers adjust traffic signals to ensure traffic flows better.

The second phase of ITS will bring improved flow to Bell Road from Grand Avenue to the Loop 303.

Engineering Department Director Dr. Bob Maki says long-range plans are to add cameras and fiber along the other major arterial streets in Surprise.

Now Open!

Recently opened businesses

More on the web!



To view Surprise Commercial

Projects in progress:

www.surpriseaz.com/currentprojects

Retail/Auto/Service

Storage Depot, 17275 N. Litchfield Rd.; **Western Towing**, 21602 N. 185th Ave.; **New Creation Outdoor Design LLC**, 13260 W. Foxfire Drive, Suite 10; **Southern Thunder Cycles**, 13260 W. Foxfire Drive, Suite 17; **Mind, Body & Soul**, 12751 W. Bell Rd., Suite 5; **Audio Video Editor**, 13761 W. Bell Rd., Suite E209; **Club del Sol**, 15459 W. Bell Rd., Suite 101; **UPS Store**, 16772 W. Bell Rd., Suite 110; **Daniella's Fashions**, 16551 N. Dysart Rd., Suite 117B; **Edible Arrangements**, 15557 W. Bell Rd., Suite 408; **Jobri Builders LLC**, 17607 W. Gelding Drive; **Tangela's Landscaping**, 14502 N. 138th Lane; **Arizona Pool Rangers**, 15505 N. 170th Lane; **JMR Music**, 14752 W. Columbine Drive; **St' Angelo Design LLC**, 17770 W. Redfield Rd.; **Marotta Homes Services**, 21127 N. Carrillo Trail; **The Wright Look**, 11617 Vulture Mountain Court; **A-1 Specialty Contractor**, 11596 W. Sierra Dawn Blvd., Lot 110; **Checkered Flag Productions Inc.**, 15760 W. Peak View Rd.; **Boston Quality Electric Inc.**, 16842 N. 173rd Ave.; **Desert Security Systems LLC**, 15527 N. 172nd Drive; **Sans Cleaning Service**, 14941 W. Caribbean Lane; **Peoria Pest Control**, 15671 W. Caribbean Lane; **Straw Home Maintenance**, 18031 W. Buena Vista Drive; **Delicate Impression**, 15351 W. Ventura St.; **Kingman Flooring LLC**, 15274 W. Poinsettia Drive; **Tutor Time Childcare**, 15438 W. Bell Rd.; **Chris's Auto Repair LLC**, 12881 W. Grand Ave.; **Wired By Design**, 15323 N. 159th Drive; **Marger One Janitorial Services**, 16354 W. Cottonwood St.; **Miller Window Cleaning LLC**, 16630 N. Reems Rd., Suite 1038; **TDI-Curbs**, 13717 W. Ocotillo Lane; **J&M Vehicle Holdings**, 15170 W. Bell Rd., Suite 115; **Sal and Lue House Sitters**, 18508 N. Coconino Drive; **West Valley Cleaners**, 16578 W. Greenway Rd., Suite 208; **Clean It Up**, 17381 W. Red Bird Rd.; **Salt River Unlimited**, 17851 W. Hearn Rd.; **Your Story Kits**, 14224 W. Evans Drive; **Sabel Bear Leather Werks LLC**, 17423 W. Rimrock St.; **Shade Maker Plus**, 18034 W. Enoch Drive; **Anything Goes**, 16469 W. Bonita Park Drive; **Arizona's Best Martial Arts**, 16572 W. Greenway Rd., Bldg C, Suite 109; **Modern Painting**, 16848 N. 173rd Ave.; **Energy Vending**, 13851 W. Watson Lane; **Zunigha Technology Services**, 17940 N. Estrella Vista Drive; **Sutton Computer Specialists**, 18263 W. Banff Lane; **RG Computer Services LLC**, 16045 W. Becker Lane; **Huckleberry Computer Services**, 20364 N. Canyon Whisper Drive; **Carly's**, 16426 W. Lance Ct.; **Independent Flooring LLC**, 13284 W. Gelding Circle; **Surprise Cleaning Service**, 16530 N. 177th Drive; **Hernandez Olmedo & Sons**, 16642 N. 169th Ave.; **Cool Pro Heating & Air Conditioning**, 14727 W. Willow Lane; **Amazing Promotional Product LLC**, 16771 W. Tonbridge St.; **Native New Yorker**, 14051 W. Grand Ave.; **Don's Pool Cleaning Service & Repairs**, 15221 W. Bola; **Riggins Super Duty Pickup**, 13356 W. Boca Raton; **Back Alley**, 12751 W. Bell Rd.; **Anything Goes**, 16469 W. Bonita Park Drive; **Clear Tech Pool & Spa**, 15782 W. Morning Vista Drive; **Verizon Wireless**, 13869 W. Bell Road, Suite 101; **Amuse Bouche LLC**, 15074 W. Aster Drive

Office/Medical/Dental

Familia LLC, 14010 N. Litchfield Rd., Suite 204; **Arizona Periodontic & Implant Dentistry**, 16944 W. Bell Rd., Suite 601 (B-1); **Campos Enterprises**, 16551 N. Dysart Rd.; **Senior Tax Advisors**, 16928 W. Bell Rd., Suite 702; **Canyon Physical Therapy**, 16968 W. Bell Rd.; **Gail P. Thurman**, 13980 W. Bell Rd., Suite 19; **Great Smiles Dental Care**, 14800 W. Mountain View Blvd., Suite 200; **PetsVet**, 15808 El Mirage Rd.; **Jackson Hewitt**, 14545 W. Grand Ave., Suite 107; **Greenway 303 Chiropractic**, 16630 W. Greenway Rd., Suite 321; **Grand Canyon Title Agency**, 14239 W. Bell Rd., Suite 108; **Fidelity National Title Insurance Co.**, 13706 W. Bell Rd., Suite 14; **KGT Medical Billing Services LLC**, 15820 W. Maui Lane

Restaurant/Bar

Mr. Goodcents Subs and Pasta, 16572 W. Greenway Rd.; **Bad Ass Coffee Company**, 15643 N. Reems Rd., Suite 100; **Chipotle Mexican Grill**, 13869 W. Bell Rd., Suite 107; **Samurai Sam's Teriyaki Grill**, 13761 W. Bell Rd., Suite 211

Adult Care

Dolce Vita Assisted Living Home, 15664 N. 164 Lane; **An Enchanted Assisted Living**, 15924 W. Mauna Loa Lane; **Caring Hearts Senior Care**, 15363 W. Memory Lane; **Sienna West Assisted Living Home**, 13217 W. Rimrock St.

*More reasons
to stay in town!*





Artist's rendering of library mural.

Library Art Mural: Reflections of Surprise

Don't know much about our city's history? Come this summer, you can take a visual tour of Surprise, as a new mural graces the west wall of the Surprise Regional Library.

Valley artist Niki Glen, the Surprise City Council and dozens of Surprise residents made it happen.

"The design reflects the history and community of Surprise," says Glen. "The mural will feature Native American baskets and petroglyphs, and local agricultural elements such as roses, citrus and cotton."



The Surprise Regional Library on N. Bullard Avenue.

Other elements suggested by residents include images of the city lake, a representation of family, recreation, and local flora and fauna.

"A highlight is our western backdrop, the majestic White Tank Mountains," adds Glen. "Nearly everyone wanted the mountains included."

Glen designed the 78-foot long, 12-foot high mural after the Surprise City Council selected her for the job and after she got local residents involved.

The mosaic design will feature a colorful array of clay and glass tiles, with perhaps a bit of metal added.

Happy Birthday, Heard!

Museum turns one with June celebration



Time flies when you're having fun! Just ask Kate Cox as she prepares for the one-year anniversary of Heard Museum West (HMW) in Surprise with a June 24th free community party.



Kate Cox, HMW Community Relations Director and Operations Manager

"Come see a hoop dancer, music, demonstrations and enjoy refreshments," says Cox, Community Relations Director and Operations Manager at HMW. "It's a celebration!"

She remembers well the Native American museum's 2006 grand opening. "We saw 5,500 visitors that day, which was one of the hottest days in Arizona. It was a fantastic show of support."

Throughout its inaugural year, the HMW has hosted exhibits such as "Buggin' Art," featuring more than 70 pieces inspired by insect life, and performances by folk and jazz artist Jeremiah Sammartano that continue through August.

"Our events to date are standing-room only," Cox notes. "The Early Bird Coffee Tours, the How to Collect Series and our



Surprise Happenings

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

“This really has been a community art project from start to finish,” adds Glen.

The \$49,969 cost comes from the “One Percent for the Arts” program, where one percent of a building’s cost is earmarked for public art.

“This really has been a community art project from start to finish.”



Niki Glen, Mural Artist

Adult Bead Workshops have attracted large turnouts.” As Surprise grows, the Heard hopes to triple the size of the current site, which is in Surprise Center east of the library and town lake. “We are overwhelmed and incredibly honored by how the community has embraced us.”

The \$2.6 million, 7,200 square foot HMW was built by the city of Surprise, and includes a permanent gallery, a changing space, retail shop and classroom space.



April 2007

- 7 Spring Eggstravaganza** Surprise Recreation Campus - FREE
- 11 Water Conservation Landscaping Workshop**, Surprise Senior Center-FREE. Seating limited: 623.875.4231 to register
- 14 Baby Shots**, uninsured/underinsured/AHCCCS/-KidsCare/-Native American/Alaska Native
- 14 Surprise Super Swap Meet**, Aquatic Center parking lot - FREE
- 14 Performance in the Park**, Surprise Community Park - FREE



- 21 Movie Nights**, Surprise Stadium - FREE

May 2007

- 12 Water Conservation Landscaping Workshop**, Surprise Senior Center-FREE. Seating limited: 623.875.4231 to register



- 25 Itty Bitty Beach Party**, Aquatic Center- \$ ages 2-6, parents FREE
- 26 Surprise Pools Open**- \$
- 28 Memorial Day**, city of Surprise offices closed

June 2007

- 9 Baby Shots**, uninsured/underinsured/AHCCCS/-KidsCare/Native American/Alaska Native
- 9 Performance in the Park**, Surprise Community Park - FREE
- 17 Father’s Day Pool Party**, Aquatic Center- \$
- 22 Dive-In Movie**, Aquatic Center- \$

*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 St.
 Open: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. M-F
 Contact: 623.583.0653



Fitness Center

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

Unwind with a Massage

Offered once a month by Robyn Kwast, LMT. By appointment only. Appointments can be made at Senior Center front desk, or call 623.583.0653. \$15 for 15 minute massage, or \$30 for 30 minute massage

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



Hot Lunch!

Available for seniors over 60 years old weekdays
 \$2.50 contribution
 Call for reservations: 623.583.0653



New mini Café is now open!

You will find the Café inside the Senior Center serving gourmet coffees, lattes, mochas and chai tea. In addition you will find yogurt, smoothies, cottage cheese, fruit and biscotti for nominal prices.

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: 623.202.5110 or www.packagesfromhome.org.

More on the web!  www.surpriseaz.com

Senior Classes & Programs

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

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

Country Line Dancing with Pat & Claire

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

Mexican Folk Dancing with Shenyn

Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. (April 3, 10, 17 and 24)
\$2 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 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
\$6 per week **

Healthy Aging in Spanish – Tiempo de Oro conducts work- shops in Spanish

Wednesdays & Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. Small
group consultations Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

Eldervention- Discuss senior issues with a focus on health and empowerment

Fridays at 10 a.m.

Scrapbooking for Beginners

(all materials supplied, just bring a copy of favorite photos)
April 2- Book Marks and Greeting Cards, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
April 9- Gift Bags and Gift Cards, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
\$7 per class**

Language Classes – Wednesdays

- Beginner Spanish – 9 a.m. with Russ
- Intermediate Spanish-10 a.m. with Russ
- English - 11 a.m. with Lucia

Texas Hold ‘Em Poker

Thursday at 1:00 p.m.

Regular Poker

Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

Pinochle

Fridays 1:00 p.m.

Tax Prep – with AARP continues

until end of tax season by
appointment.



Self-portrait as the Apostle Paul, Rembrandt
van Rijn, 1661. Oil on canvas. Collection of the
Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam.



Rembrandt and the Golden Age of Dutch Art, Phoenix Art Museum

April 10
\$20 (\$22 non resident)
Lunch stop at Furr's (cost not included
in trip cost)
Museum tour scheduled for 2 p.m.

• Turf Paradise

April 30
\$20 (\$22 non resident)
Included: bus, lunch, admission and racing
program

• Body World- AZ Science Center

May 15
\$18 (\$20 non resident)
Explore the world of human anatomy
through this artistic and educational exhibit

• Grease- Arizona Broadway Theatre in Peoria

June 26
\$48 (\$50 non resident)
Includes luncheon matinee

• The King & I- Broadway Palms Theatre in Mesa

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

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



SENIOR CENTER TRIPS

(provided transportation
leaves from Senior Center)



ELECTION 2007



Get early ballot for mail-only election

For those residents who will be out of town for the vote-by-mail September 11, 2007 Primary Election, be aware that you may still vote by requesting a ballot be forwarded to a temporary mailing address.

Early Ballot requests, allowing for a temporary address change, can be found online at: www.surpriseaz.com, under the "Voting News 2007" icon found on the bottom of the home page.

As soon as voters fill out and sign their signed ballot requests they may drop them off or mail them to the Attention of the City Clerk's Office, Surprise City Hall, 12425 W. Bell Road, Suite D-100, Surprise, AZ 85374. The Clerk's Office will then forward them to the Maricopa County Elections Department. Or voters, after June 10, may mail them directly to the Maricopa County Elections Department at the address listed on the form.

The deadline to request an early ballot is August 31, 2007.

Military Families: If military service has you or a voting-age family member out of state or overseas during the election, you may submit at any time a "Federal Post Card Application" (FPCA). The FPCA allows you to submit a standing request for all ballots and elections, in which you are eligible to vote. For more information visit: <http://www.fvap.gov/laws/uocavdefinition/html>

*Note: Early Ballot requests for the September 11, 2007 Primary Election are for voters that will be out-of-town during the election cycle. All other registered voters will receive their ballots by mail by August 10, 2007.

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

More on the web! 
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Obtenga una boleta temprana para las elecciones por correo

Para aquellos residentes que estarán ausentes del pueblo para la elección de votación por el correo de la Elección Primaria del 11 de septiembre de 2007, tome en cuenta que siempre puede votar al pedir que se le envíe una boleta a una dirección de correo temporal.

Los pedidos para una Boleta de Antes de la Elección, permitiendo por un cambio de dirección temporal, se pueden encontrar en línea al: www.surpriseaz.com, bajo el ícon "Voting News 2007" que se encuentra en la parte de abajo de la página inicial.

En cuanto los votantes completen y firmen sus solicitudes por una boleta firmadas, las pueden depositar o enviarlas por el correo a la Atención de la Oficina de la Secretaria Municipal, Ayuntamiento de Surprise, 12425 W. Bell Road, Suite D-100, Surprise, AZ 85374. La Oficina de la Secretaria entonces las enviará al Departamento de Elecciones del Condado Maricopa. O, los votantes, después del 10 de junio, las pueden enviar directamente al Departamento de Elecciones del Condado Maricopa a la dirección que se encuentra en este formulario.

La última fecha para pedir una boleta de antes de la elección será el 31 de agosto de 2007.

Familias Militares: Si el servicio militar lo tiene a usted o un miembro de una familia con derecho de votar fuera del estado o en el extranjero durante la elección, uno puede someter en cualquier momento una "Solicitud de Tarjeta Postal Federal" (FPCA). El FPCA le permite someter una solicitud permanente para todas las y elecciones, en cuales puede votar. Para información adicional visite: <http://www.fvap.gov/laws/uocavdefinition/html>.

*Preste atención: Las solicitudes para una Boleta de antes de la Elección para la Elección Primaria del 11 de septiembre de 2007 son para los votantes que estarán ausentes durante el ciclo de la elección. Todos los otros votantes inscritos para votar recibirán sus boletas por el correo para el 10 de agosto de 2007.

Para información adicional por favor comuníquese con la Oficina de la Secretaria Municipal de Surprise al 623.583.1098, o visite www.surpriseaz.com y clic el ícon "Voting News 2007" en la parte de abajo de la página inicial.



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