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SURPRISE PROGRESS AWARDS

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Award of Excellence
2007-2009

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Silver Circle Award
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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. Tuesday, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 a.m. Friday, 3 p.m. Sunday, NOW STREAMING LIVE ON THE WEB!



Surprise City Hall adopts year-round 4-10 schedule

A wide majority of people responding to City surveys endorse the idea of expanding hours at City Hall, prompting the City to make the summer pilot program permanent. The concept, known as “4-10s,” means City Hall offices are open Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and closed Fridays.

“Residents and employees responded positively to the 4-10 schedule,” said City Manager Mark Coronado in a September briefing to the City Council. “After careful study and listening to all stakeholders, it is clear that making the 4-10 permanent is what most residents and employees want to do.”

Surprise experimented with the concept from mid-June through mid-September and received 220 responses to an internet survey asking people to react to the idea. 74% either agreed or strongly agreed with the concept, and 22% either disagreed or disagreed strongly.

A separate paper survey was available to customers visiting the City Hall customer service desks during the summer months. 101 surveys were completed, with 35% completed by people who were visiting city hall during the expanded hours (before 8 a.m. or after 5 p.m.) 91% felt the hours improved their access to City Hall and 86% felt it should be a year round schedule.

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Mark Coronado
City Manager



Surprise City Court and the Community and Recreation Services office will operate under the 4-10 schedule.



The Surprise City Manager’s Office scheduled a public hearing for September 1 in the City Council chambers where attendance was light, with those present overwhelmingly favoring a year round 4-10 schedule.

An employee survey showed that most city employees agreed, strongly agreed or were neutral about the 4-10 as a year-round schedule.

A 4-10 schedule does not affect Fire or Police operations, Senior Center, recreation program hours or the operating times of City pools and libraries. The pick up schedule for sanitation and recycling services is also unaffected.

In Arizona, the cities of Peoria, Avondale, Mesa and Queen Creek all operate under a 4-10 schedule. Phoenix has announced it is considering the concept as well. 🌞



Artist's rendering of Rioglass Solar's U.S. Headquarters being built in Surprise.



Rioglass Solar press conference (from left to right): Arizona Cardinals President and GPEC Board Member Michael Bidwill, Rioglass Solar CEO José María Villanueva, Mayor Lyn Truitt and Governor Jan Brewer.

Surprise adds solar industry, manufacturing jobs, grows local workforce

It was a red hot summer for job news in Surprise, as city economic development officials announced two new industries that will bring hundreds of new jobs, including the city's first corporate headquarters.

Surprise Shines as a Solar City

Rioglass Solar made a big splash with a City Hall news conference that featured Arizona Governor Jan Brewer. The Spain-based company will house its U.S. headquarters in Surprise and construct a new facility to manufacture solar reflectors at the Skyway Business Park at Peoria Road and Dysart Avenue. The company will break ground by the end of the year.

Rioglass CEO José María Villanueva said at the August announcement that Rioglass Solar will create more than 200 construction jobs and more than a hundred new jobs at the manufacturing site as well as approximately \$50 million in capital investment.

"Our Economic Development team helped Rioglass see that available land, rail access, and a city committed to creating high quality jobs added up to a good business decision for them,"

says Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Mihelich. “Fantastic support from the City Council, the Governor’s Arizona Commerce Authority, the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC) and Arizona Public Service (APS) helped seal the deal.”

In her remarks, Governor Brewer said “Rioglass Solar adds to the significant progress Arizona is making to become a global leader in the renewable energy sector, and creating quality, stable jobs that will help advance and diversify our state's economy.”

The Surprise facility will produce curved glass sheets for deployment at Abengoa Solar’s Solana Generating Station, to be constructed near Gila Bend. APS will buy the power generated at the site. Rioglass Solar is in negotiations to supply reflectors for several other solar projects in the United States.

In July, the U.S. Department of Energy announced a \$1.45 billion conditional loan guarantee to Abengoa to build the Solana Generating Station. Rioglass Solar also received \$10.6 million in federal tax credits to locate its mirror manufacturing facility in Surprise.

Mihelich says Rioglass Solar’s longer term potential Phase II could add an additional \$45 million in capital investment and nearly 100 new jobs.

Surprise waived \$290,000 in review and public infrastructure fees and will invest \$865,000 in public infrastructure including rail and electricity upgrades at the site.

Rioglass Solar will operate within the city’s business incubator, the AZ TechCelerator, until its Phase 1 operations are open by the summer of 2011.



More Manufacturing Jobs on the Way

Pennsylvania-based Brentwood Industries will create 40 new jobs in Surprise at a filter media and plastic medical packaging plant at the Skyway Business Park. The company plans to build 125,000 square feet of manufacturing capacity at the site by the end of 2011.

Phase I will be a 50,000 square foot facility specializing in film fill media, used to manage water flows in facilities such as water treatment plants and cooling towers.

Phase II will be a 75,000 square foot facility for the manufacture or assembly of packaging for medical devices. The facility is set to open within the next five years.

“Both Rioglass Solar and Brentwood meet our goals of creating good jobs in Surprise,” adds Mihelich. “It will stimulate further economic development, increase property values in Surprise and generate additional sales tax revenues, all of which benefit our residents.”

In the Brentwood agreement the city will waive approximately \$80,000 in various fees.

The Skyway Business Park is also home to Crescent Crown, a major beverage distributor in the region that employs several hundred. Crescent Crown opened in 2009. 🍷

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**Jeff Mihelich
Community and Economic
Development Director**



Stadium. Selected by scouting and minor league directors of every major league organization, the game always features high quality play with baseball's best young talent. This year, in honor of our 50th anniversary, visitors can attend a baseball memorabilia show, a booth about Surprise and its history, and a tremendous fireworks celebration.

Time to celebrate!

The 50th anniversary of our city will be front and center at the **9th annual Surprise Party** in December, with special events set over the course of four days.

During the evenings of December 1 and 2, families can get their photo

taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Surprise Stadium Team Shop and enjoy some holiday treats.

On the evening of December 3, you can enjoy the party atmosphere with the annual tree lighting ceremony, balloon glow, sky divers and live entertainment. The next morning, our 50th anniversary theme really picks up when a special "Anniversary Parade" steps off along Bullard Avenue at 9 a.m. in front of Surprise Stadium. City leaders from past and present will be part of the parade, as will live music from our local high school marching bands.

Immediately following the parade on December 4, enjoy all the traditional fun the Surprise Party offers from the arts and crafts show to the antique car show, petting zoo, elephant and pony rides! Carnival rides and games, magicians and clowns complete the party atmosphere.

"Helping to celebrate our community's 50th anniversary is another way we connect with each other and focus on the future of Surprise," says Coronado. "Plus, it is going to be a lot of fun."

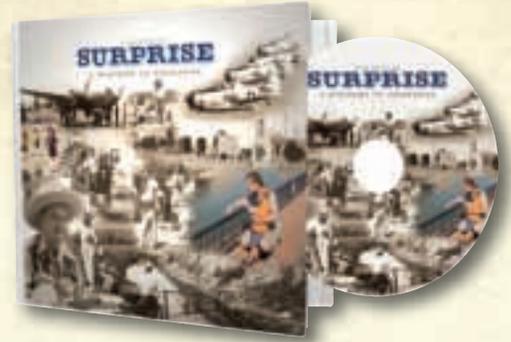
The 50th Anniversary has already seen developments that add to our rich history. In February, the release of "The City of Surprise: A History in Progress," a 104-page book crammed with photos and anecdotes, plus an accompanying DVD documentary set the stage for the year's events.

In September, the newly formed Surprise Historical Society cut the ribbon at the City Hall location of a future Surprise Historical Photo Gallery, expected to open in December.

Also in September, we celebrated our strong Latino heritage at the Fiesta Surprise event at the Surprise Recreation Campus. Everyone enjoyed live mariachi entertainment, great Mexican food and the younger attendees enjoyed the Kid's Zone, complete with a piñata bust!

Complete details on all the city's 50th Anniversary events are available online at www.surpriseaz.gov or by calling 623.222.2000.

More on the web! 
www.surpriseaz.gov



Did you know...?

Put your knowledge of Surprise to the test!

1. Although the City of Surprise was first incorporated in 1960, when was Surprise first founded?

- A. 1901 B. 1938 C. 1950 D. 1860

2. Who founded Surprise?

- A. Homer Ludden B. Roy Rogers
C. Flora Mae Statler D. Bill Williams, 1st Mayor of Surprise

3. How did Surprise get its name?

- A. Named after Surprise, Nebraska
B. Early residents were "surprised" to find Aztec gold buried in original townsite.
C. The rattlesnakes would jump out and yell, "Surprise!"
D. Founder stated he/she would be "surprised if the town ever amounted to much."

4. How was Surprise spelled on the original plat in the 1930's?

- A. Surprize B. Suprise C. Surprise D. Surrprise

5. When did Surprise Stadium first open?

- A. March 2003 B. December 2002
C. February 2001 D. February 2004

6. Where can I learn more about the history of Surprise?

- A. The Surprise history book & DVD documentary set
B. www.surpriseaz.gov
C. Surprise Channel 11
D. At the 50th Anniversary celebration events

Answers
1. B. 1938
2. C. Flora Mae Statler. During the research of the history book, it was proven that Mrs. Statler is the person who actually founded Surprise, not Homer Ludden as previously thought.
3. D. According to Statler's daughter Elizabeth Wusich Storf, her mother once commented "she would be surprised if the town ever amounted to much."
4. A. Surprise
5. B. Surprise Stadium officially opened in December 2002, and has hosted not only Texas Rangers and Kansas City Royals' Spring Training games, but plenty of little league, high school and college sports tournaments and family events including July 4th fireworks and Movie Nights.
6. All of the above. The Surprise history book & DVD documentary set is available for sale in the Surprise City Store, located on the first floor of City Hall, and online at www.surprisecitystore.com. \$40. The DVD also runs regularly on Surprise 11. You'll see booths and other information at the anniversary events.



Transportation Update

Loop 303 freeway expansion coming soon to Surprise

Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) contractors are set to begin widening the Loop 303 in Surprise after the first of the year.

Workers will widen the 16-mile stretch from Grand Avenue (US 60) to I-10, from two lanes to six lanes. The first part of the work will be between Mountain View Boulevard and Peoria Avenue in Surprise.

“This is a major step forward, one that has been a long time coming,” says Surprise Public Works Director Bob Beckley. “It is exciting, but it is also true we will see some traffic restrictions. ADOT has a good record of working hard to ensure access during this very lengthy and important project.”

According to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) adopted by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), the entire 16-mile widening will be completed by 2015.

“You may have already noticed the 303 intersection improvements at Bell, Cactus and Waddell roads,” Beckley says. “Over the summer, drivers on Bell Road began using the new bridge that will eventually carry them above the expanded 303.”

The Maricopa Water District continues underground pipe relocation work at the 303/Cactus connection and improvement work continues at Waddell.

“From what we know now, ADOT is looking to begin the interchange improvements at Grand Avenue and the 303 in the summer of 2013,” adds Beckley.

ADOT will eventually expand the 303 from Grand to the I-17, but due to decreases in transportation revenue sources the schedule has been moved into later phases of the RTP, beginning in 2016.

For the latest on the 303 Expansion Project visit www.surpriseaz.gov/transportation to link to ADOT’s project site, or call the project hotline at 480.890.3055. 🌟

More on the web! 

www.surpriseaz.gov/transportation



Grand Avenue Widening continues

ADOT reports progress over the summer months widening Grand Avenue to six lanes through Surprise and portions of the county.

Paving work on the new inside lanes has shifted to Grand between 99th Avenue and Bell Road. The widening will be complete in March 2011. Work at the intersection of Dysart and Greenway has commenced to tie these two heavily-traveled surface streets into the Grand Avenue widening project.

In late spring 2011, crews will apply rubberized asphalt on all the lanes of Grand between Loop 303 and 99th Avenue.

This \$18 million project is widening Grand Avenue to six lanes from 83rd Avenue to the Loop 303. The work, funded by federal Recovery Act dollars, includes other improvements such as additional turn lanes and improved traffic signals. This work is scheduled for completion in late 2011.

For the latest on the Grand Avenue Expansion Project visit www.surpriseaz.gov/transportation, to link to ADOT’s project site or call the project hotline at 480.890.3055. 🌟

Introducing the “new” El Mirage Road

Surprise residents have another way to access the Loop 303, as Maricopa County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) contractors complete the widening of El Mirage Road, north of Bell Road.

MCDOT constructed a new three-mile stretch of El Mirage Road between Bell Road and the recently completed segment of El Mirage Road at Deer Valley Drive. The new road provides a continuous connection from Bell northward to the 303.

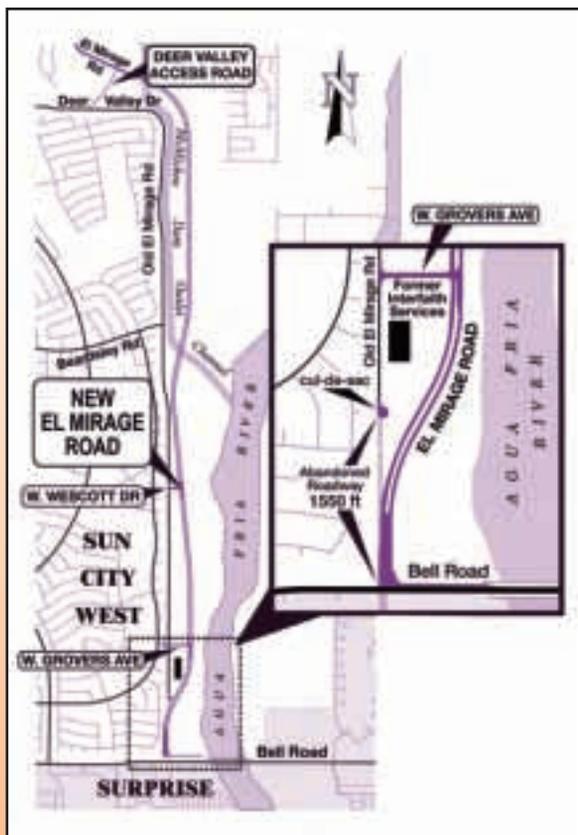
Drivers can enjoy two travel lanes in each direction, topped with rubberized asphalt. Bike lanes and a center median are also part of the project. The new right-turn only lane from Bell Road to northbound El Mirage Road was scheduled to open by the beginning of October.

The project also constructed two “all-weather” crossings of the McMicken Dam Outlet Channel and the extension of the existing box culvert crossing under El Mirage Road at Bell.

Crews will return in late October to install permanent thermo-plastic roadway striping.

The design selection process for widening El Mirage, south of Bell is underway.

MCDOT’s 24 hour construction hotline is 480.350.9288.



Seeing the light

The City continues to improve the aesthetics along Bell Road.

Over the summer, crews installed the infrastructure for new streetlights along Bell from 114th Avenue to the Friendship Bridge.

The new streetlights are anticipated to be erected by mid-October.



Example of Solar panels to be installed at City Hall.

Solar power coming to City Hall garage

Brightening our image as Arizona’s premier Solar City, Surprise is adding a new high profile project: photovoltaic solar panels at City Hall.

7,500 square feet of solar panels will be added to the top level of the City Hall parking garage after the New Year, producing roughly 176,000kWh of power on an annual basis when they become operational in March 2011. They are poised to produce even more, says Surprise Capital Improvement Projects Division Manager Terry Lowe.

“Initially, the solar power produced will power the garage’s energy needs, such as its evening lighting,” says Lowe. “In the long run, the city is optimistic we can generate additional power using solar means.”

Interested residents can even follow along on line, Lowe says. “We will be able to show energy generation and usage via our city web site.”

The Wietz Company is the contractor on the project. The company has an extensive history working with APS on renewable energy projects, and will maximize all available renewable energy rebates or incentives as part of the project.

The panels are funded through an \$812,000 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant.



New ordinance allows residents to “opt out’ of door-to door solicitation

Surprise residents now have a new way to prevent fliers and other door-to-door materials from piling up on their property. The council- approved “Do Not Solicit” ordinance creates an electronic register where, by signing up, residents require door-to-door solicitors, peddlers and canvassers to avoid their property.

“It is very easy to use and is very prominent on our web site,” says Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Mihelich. “Just enter your address, and any door-to-door vendor operating in the city is required to skip your house when they are distributing materials.” The ordinance also requires door-to-door vendors to avoid houses where a “Do Not Solicit” or similar sign is in place.

The City Council unanimously approved the measure in June after residents complained that unsolicited fliers littered their front steps while they were out of town,



indicating the house was empty and possibly inviting burglary or other criminal activity.

“The Council directed us to revise our ordinances to make this possible, and ever since, it has been very popular with residents,” Mihelich said. More than 3,200 residents have already signed up, he added.

Companies distributing door-to-door materials are required to check the list to determine if homes in their distribution area are registered. They must then avoid those houses or face being ticketed and fined. In the future, vendors will be able to demarcate areas on an online map and print out a list of registered “Do Not Solicit” addresses in the marked area.

The ordinance does not apply to government or utility employees carrying out their work, or anyone collecting a legal debt.

The Surprise Police Department enforces the ordinance, Mihelich says. Residents should call the

Police non-emergency line to report any violations at 623.222.4000.

To sign up your residence, visit www.surpriseaz.gov.

More on the web! 
www.surpriseaz.gov

Help cut the dust

Controlling dust in the desert is a never-ending battle. In the two years since the Surprise City Council approved the PM-10 Dust Control Ordinance, we are seeing some improvement, but we need your help. PM-10 describes very fine airborne dust particles that are a health concern for the very young, old and people with respiratory disease. This type of dust pollution comes from off-road riding, driving on unpaved roads, agriculture and mining activities. The city continues to pave or stabilize roadways and alleys to help control the dust. Residents can help by observing the city’s PM-10 Ordinance, which bans off-road vehicle use in high activity areas and on unpaved surfaces that are not public/private roads. For other ways on how you can help cut the dust visit the Air Quality section of surpriseaz.gov/greensurprise.





AZ TechCelerator tenant Eduardo Tinoco of Athena Wireless discusses his company's services.



Part of our mission to create new, high quality jobs in Surprise is to assist bright, innovative companies get started here and build our reputation as a community that is business friendly and encouraging to innovation."

Julie Neal
AZ TechCelerator Manager

AZ TechCelerator - off to a good start!

Just a year ago, the small campus with the familiar theatre marquee-style sign near Bell and El Mirage roads had become a collection of empty offices and storefronts as the City of Surprise relocated its offices to the new City Hall. Today, it is a dynamic collection of entrepreneurs, small business startups and late stage innovation companies called the AZ TechCelerator. The AZ TechCelerator vision, endorsed by the City Council and managed by the City of Surprise, has already produced 13 program tenants and approximately 40 new jobs, plus a prospective tenant list poised to grow in the next 12 months.

The City provides low-cost leases, mentor and front office support, plus peer collaboration to tenants looking to develop new products. "It is all about nurturing the Next Big Thing," says AZ TechCelerator Manager Julie Neal. "Part of our mission to create new, high quality jobs in Surprise is to assist bright, innovative companies get started here and build our reputation as a community that is business friendly and encouraging to innovation." 🌟

Meet the tenants

Check out this list of companies now operating at the TechCelerator, then find out more by visiting www.aztechcelerator.com

Athena Wireless Communications, the first company to move into the AZ TechCelerator, has grown steadily. Athena, which provides applications requiring high capacity connections and transmissions of data, signed technology agreement this summer with H+S Inc. as part of a massive communications technology roll out in Europe. Athena has hired three engineers, all Surprise residents, a paid intern and the company utilizes local vendors for product development.

Kogi Technologies, a designer and manufacturer of solar panel mounting systems and industrial-grade photovoltaic panels, plans to find additional manufacturing space within the city over the next three years, adding 150 new jobs.

Solar Jump offers an innovative solar-powered HVAC technology that provides greater energy efficiencies. Company officials anticipate adding 50 employees within three years.

Vehicle Reversing Systems has developed a patented collision warning system, and has expanded its sales staff by 25 percent by moving into the TechCelerator.

MD24, is a medical services firm that delivers home-based care and full comprehensive care to facilities housing large elderly populations. Since moving into the AZ TechCelerator, MD24 has grown from one to 13 physicians, created four sales positions and expanded its service offerings to Phoenix and Tucson.

Pocket Full of Knowledge, a software firm offers a web-based video system designed to help inventors and entrepreneurs take their ideas from concept to the marketplace.

Catalyst Business Development is an innovative business integration software and services company. Rigid Wall Designs Inc. is a sustainability-focused materials engineering company that services the construction industry.

W8ter.com has propriety communications software dedicated to managing customer wait times, appointments and reservations for restaurants, medical offices, salons and other industries where customers can experience waiting periods.

Philanthropy Team, LLC, is a consulting company specializing in animal welfare.

To My Surprise is a shuttle service between Surprise and Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport.

Michael Meiko Cosmetics offers therapeutic products for acne-prone and burned skin.

Energy Master is in the solar hot water heater business.

What's new on the web

More on the web!
www.surpriseaz.gov

www.surpriseaz.gov

50th anniversary web site

As Surprise welcomes great weather the 50th anniversary celebrations kicks off! By mid-October, this web site will give you details on our plans for a parade, fireworks, and 50th Anniversary celebrations tied in with our annual Surprise Party in early December.

Surpriseaz.gov gets Top City Government award

The City of Surprise web site is one of the top city sites, according to juggle.com, an online encyclopedia and reference source. Juggle reviewed more than 3,000 government sites and chose Surprise for our "rich information, useful services and excellent visual design." Five other cities were recognized as top Arizona web sites.



COMING SOON! Welcome to Surprise

The web site is the most frequently visited location in Surprise and where most people from out of town first encounter our city. Look for a snappy new video to be posted on the home page that introduces out-of-town web surfers to our city, and gets them to consider an in-person visit as a tourist or as a possible new resident!

My Surprise Address

One of the most powerful tools on the web, you can enter your home address and get an immediate list of everything from your trash pickup schedule to your parcel number to the name of your city council member. You can even see which Police Patrol Zone you live in! Just go to "My Surprise Address" under "Living in Surprise" on our home page. 🏡



Come watch the stars shine bright.

Cancer Treatment Centers of America Tennis Championships

October 20-24, 2010

Surprise Tennis and Racquet Complex

Individual session tickets are \$45 for gold seating and \$35 for silver.

Series packages available and include all 7 sessions.

Wednesday, October 20
7 pm Session 1
Mark Philippoussis vs. Aaron Krickstein
Jim Courier vs. Jeff Tarango

Thursday, October 21
7 pm Session 2
Michael Chang vs. Jimmy Arias
John McEnroe vs. Wayne Ferreira

Friday, October 22
2 pm Session 3
Philippoussis vs. Arias
Chang vs. Krickstein

Saturday, October 23
12 pm Session 5
Arias vs. Krickstein
Doubles: Kournikova & Tarango vs. Harkleroad & Ferreira
Chang vs. Philippoussis

7 pm Session 4
Courier vs. Ferreira
McEnroe vs. Tarango

6 pm Session 6
Courier vs. McEnroe
Doubles: Kournikova & Arias vs. Harkleroad & Krickstein
Ferreira vs. Tarango

Sunday, October 24
12 pm Session 7
3rd Place Match
Championship Match

Tickets may be purchased at the Surprise Tennis and Racquet Complex, 14469 W. Paradise Lane; online at www.ticketmaster.com; or by phone at 800.745.3000. *A service charge will be applied to each ticket purchased through Ticketmaster.

City Happenings



For more information visit www.surpriseaz.gov

OCTOBER 2010

- 2 **Free Movie Night- "Monsters vs Aliens,"** Surprise Stadium, 6:30 p.m. gates open/ movie begins at 7 p.m., 623.222.2000
- 4 **HOA Academy begins, 6 – 8:30 p.m.,** runs every Monday through Nov. 1, Public Safety Building Auditorium, 623.222.3242
- 6 **Resume Writing and Interviewing Financial Fitness Class,** 6:30 – 8 p.m., City Hall- Room 150, 623.222.3242
- 9 **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event,** PW Maintenance Yard, 13433 W. Foxfire Dr., 8 a.m. – noon., 623.222.6000
- 10 **Second Sundays in the Park,** Community Park, 15953 N. Bullard Ave., 2 – 5 p.m., enjoy free 50's music, 623.222.2000
- 16 **Desert Plant Adaptations- A Walking Tour of City Hall grounds,** a class on desert plants. 10 a.m. – Noon, 623.222.7023
- 16 **Family Campout- learn camping basics in the White Tank Mountains.** Bring a tent/sleeping bag. Dinner, breakfast and hike included. 3 p.m. Saturday – Noon Sunday. \$40 for residents. 623.222.2000
- 20-24 **Cancer Treatment Centers of America Tennis Championships-** Tennis and Racquet Complex. McEnroe, Chang, Kournikova and more! Paid ticketed event. 623.222.2222 (*50th Anniversary Event)
- 27 **Small Business Q&A Discussion Group,** 10 am – noon, City Hall- Room 150, 623.222.3242
- 28- 30 **Sierra Montana Haunted House for Teens,** 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., Sierra Montana Rec Center. \$2. (kids under 10 must be accompanied by an adult). 623.222.2000.

Surprise City Council meets second and fourth Thursdays of every month, 6 p.m., Surprise City Hall, 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza

Surprise City Council Special Work Sessions, every first Thursday of the month, 4 p.m., Surprise City Hall, 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza

Surprise Planning & Zoning Commission meets on the first Tuesday of every month, 6 p.m., Surprise City Hall, 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza

NOVEMBER 2010

November

- 3 **HOA Presidents Roundtable "Investing for HOAs,"** 6:30 – 8 p.m., City Hall- Room 150, 623.222.3242
- 6 **Irrigation Basics class,** 10 a.m. – Noon, Public Safety Building Auditorium, 623.222.7023
- 6 **AZ Fall League Rising Stars game and 50th Anniversary Event,** 6:15 p.m, Surprise Stadium, 623.222.2000 (Celebrate city's 50th with a great game, baseball memorabilia show, fireworks!)
- 11 **Veteran's Day Holiday,** City offices are closed. Holiday sanitation schedule in effect.
- 14 **Second Sundays in the Park,** Community Park, 15953 N. Bullard Ave., 2 p.m., enjoy free Shakespearean play performed by Southwest Shakespeare Co. and roaming entertainment by the AZ Renaissance Festival, 623.222.2000
- 17 **Home Buying Financial Fitness Class,** 6:30 – 8 p.m., City Hall- Room 150, 623.222.3242
- 20 **Pruning Your Desert Landscaping class,** 10 a.m. – Noon, Public Safety Building Auditorium, 623.222.7023
- 25 **Thanksgiving Holiday,** *City offices are closed.* Holiday sanitation schedule in effect.

DECEMBER 2010

December

- 1-2 **Surprise Party and 50th Anniversary Celebration,** Surprise Stadium store transforms into Santa's Shop, 5 – 7:30 p.m. Photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, cookies and milk! 623.222.2000
- 3 **Surprise Party and 50th Anniversary Celebration,** Surprise Recreation Campus, 6 – 8p.m. Tree lighting, live entertainment, balloon glow, fireworks and more! 623.222.2000
- 4 **50th Anniversary Parade,** Surprise Recreation Campus/Bullard Ave., 9 a.m. See past and current city leaders; residents and high school bands! 623.222.2000
- 4 **Surprise Party and 50th Anniversary Celebration,** Surprise Recreation Campus, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. live entertainment, elephant rides, classic car show, arts & crafts and more! 623.222.2000
- 8 **Small Business Q&A Discussion Group,** 10 am – noon, City Hall- Room 150, 623.222.3242
- 11 **Winterize Your Irrigation and Plumbing tips class,** 10 a.m. – Noon, Public Safety Building Auditorium, 623.222.7023.
- 11 **Winter Teen Dodge Ball -** 13-17 year olds compete against teams from across the Valley. Countryside Rec Center, 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. Team: \$15 Individual: \$5. 623.222.2000.
- 23 **Christmas Holiday,** City offices are closed. Holiday sanitation schedule in effect.

Note: Surprise City Hall, City Court and Community and Recreation Services offices are open Monday - Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Closed Fridays.



What's Going On?

City of Surprise

Senior Center



15832 N. Hollyhock St. 623.222.1500

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

For ages 50 and better

Cost: \$12 Annual membership

** Non-resident rates apply for classes and trips

Are you new to Surprise?

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

We're Online!

Visit www.surpriseaz.gov - then click on Living in Surprise, then on Senior Services. From there, you can print the calendar and newsletter at home. You can also sign up to receive email notifications when the Senior Center menu, activities calendar, and newsletter have been updated on the city Web site.



Fitness Center

8:15 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. weekdays. Annual membership fee \$30 (\$35 non-residents) Winter only, \$20 (\$25 non-residents)

Enjoy a hot lunch...

Hot lunches are available weekdays for a \$3.25 contribution for patrons age 60+; please call ahead for a lunch reservation. You may also enjoy the mini Café, offering gourmet coffees and chai tea, plus light refreshments. Browse the Thrift Shop while you're there and pick up great gift bargains, greeting cards and candy bouquets.

Social time

At the Senior Center you can enjoy a variety of card and board games, BINGO, dance, crafts, exercise, movies, Mahjongg, etc.

For your health

Blood Pressure screenings are also available twice per month, along with exercise classes, dance and benefits counseling.

Flu Shots

October 12th, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Mollen clinic will be at the Surprise Senior Center to administer flu shots.

Weatherization Program

Maricopa County Human Services

County staffers will be at the Senior Center on certain days to assist low income eligible homeowners apply for the Home Weatherization Program. Appointments are required. For more information or to make an appointment call 602.372.4858.

Upcoming Classes

Classes offered at the Senior Center include Learning to use computers, learning spanish, quilting, guitar, painting and crafts. For class information or to register, please call 623.222.1500 or visit www.surpriseaz.gov/recreation.

Compassionate Surprise - become a volunteer

Help your neighbor! Opportunities are available in several city departments including Senior Center, Senior Van Drivers, Clericals, Office Support and Data Entry, Fire, Police or Community & Recreation Services. Info: 623.222.1500, or visit www.surpriseaz.gov/volunteer.

Work Training program for age 55+

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.

Title V Participants must be at least 55 years old, an Arizona resident and qualify as low income. Income guidelines currently are \$13,538 annual income for one person household and \$18,213 for two person household. Info: 623.222.1500.

Recycle cell phones & small electronics

You can support Senior Center programs and protect the environment! The Senior Center, in partnership with the National Council on Aging and Cellular Recycler, is accepting and recycling cell phones and small electronics like game systems (such as Playstation), iPods and mp3 players, laptop computers, and digital cameras.

The Senior Center receives a small rebate to support programs. Drop boxes are located in the lobby of the Senior Center, the City Store and at the city's fire stations. **NO LARGE ITEMS PLEASE!** 623.222.1500 for more information.

Jerzee Boyz Dance Party

Enjoy dancing to the tunes from your favorite New Jersey performers... Sinatra, the Four Seasons, Bruce Springsteen and Bon Jovi! Tickets available at Senior Center and CRS Office.

Date: Saturday, Oct. 16
Times: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Sierra Montana Recreation Center
14861 N. Spring Lane
Fee: \$9 (includes dance, refreshments, trivia contest & prizes)



Fall Swap Meet

There is something for everyone at the Swap Meet. Enjoy bargain shopping or looking for new and used treasures.

Date: Saturday, Nov. 6
Times: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Location: Aquatic Center Parking Lot.
Fee: Free admission and parking.

Active Adult Day Trips

Call 623.222.1500 for more information.

Arizona State Fair

Date: Thursday, Oct. 28
Times: 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Fee: Resident: \$8 / Non Resident: \$12
Limit: 31 participants

42nd Street @ AZ Broadway Theatre

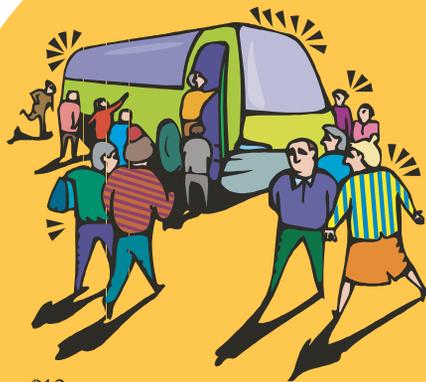
Date: Wednesday, Nov. 17
Times: 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Fee: Resident: \$55 / Non Resident: \$58
Limit: 24 participants

Anthem Outlet Shopping

Date: Friday, Dec. 10
Times: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Fee: Resident: \$8 / Non Resident: \$12
Limit: 31 participants

Miracle on 34th Street @ Peoria Theater Works

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 15
Times: 12:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Fee: Resident: \$26 / Non Resident: \$29
Limit: 23 participants



Join the fun!
A variety of monthly trips are offered throughout the year. All trips leave and return from the Surprise Senior Center.

Looking to start your own business?

The **Surprise Small Business Assistance Program** can help! Call 623.222.3300 today!



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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

Ecigs, 15170 W Bell Rd. #106 • **Creation Station**, 15263 W. Laurel Ln.
Super Savers LLC, 17019 W. Greenway Rd. #116 • **Healthy Habits Massage**, 13839 W. Bell Rd. #100 • **Party Planet**, 13833 W. Bell Rd. #104
Snack Anytime, 17674 W. Calistoga Dr. • **Fahrenheit Tanning**, 15459 W. Bell Rd. #101 • **Joyful Noise Home Daycare**, 15435 W. Mescal St.
Air Bubble Jumps, 17186 W. Post Dr. • **Rehab Investment Partners Inc.**, 15235 W. Watson Ln. • **Frye Realty**, 18775 N. Reems Rd. #380
Chad and Marie Burson, 14590 W. Port Royale Ln. • **Smoke Away LLC**, 13843 W. Bell Rd. #100 • **Scotttrade Inc**, 13869 W. Bell Rd. #105
D&I Beads, 13980 W. Bell Rd. #8 • **Starstruck Promotions**, 17927 N. Parkview Pl. • **Refined Design Interiors**, 14506 W. Becker Ln.
Aloha Grads, 13745 W. Country Gables Dr. • **Robertson Home Inspection**, 16919 W. Villagio Dr. • **Bella Amis**, 15142 W. Bell Rd. #118
Desert Power Systems LLC, 11267 N. 132nd Ave. #120 • **Nick and Zachs Paint Service**, 16436 W. Hope Dr. • **Stormwater Plans LLC**, 15832 W. Charlotte Dr. • **John Ossipinsky (massage center)**, 15282 W. Brookside Ln. #110 • **Izmax General Contractors LLC**, 1911 W. Longhorn Dr. • **Pauls Pool Service**, 17345 W. Red Bird Rd.

Restaurant/Bar

Bad Andy's Bad Dogs (catering truck/cart), 13363 W. Grand Ave.

Office/Medical/Dental

Medical & Surgical Health & Healing Institute LLC, 15515 N. Reems Rd. #107
Arizona Gastroenterology & Liver Clinic, 12361 W. Bola Dr. #108
Arizona Vein and Vascular Center, 15571 N. Reems Rd.

Adult Care

Maria Assistant Living, 11151 W. Lily McKinley Dr.

More on the web!



View Commercial Projects in progress:
www.surpriseaz.gov/currentprojects

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Air Force: Luke Air Force Base preferred for F-35's

Public hearings are the next step after the United States Air Force announced this summer that it has selected Luke Air Force Base as the preferred location for the new F-35 Pilot Training Center.

Luke is now poised to transition from its F-16 training mission to become the Air Force's F-35 "school house," subject to completion of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process currently underway.

The Luke Forward campaign, organized by supporters of the base, including the City of Surprise, sent a clear, strong message to Washington that Arizona supports continuing Luke's mission as a premier fighter pilot training facility and raised community awareness of the critical role Luke plays in our national defense and the state's economy.

Luke Forward co-chair Charley Freericks credits community support for the decision. "Local community support of military bases is very important back in Washington, and we know the tremendous Valley and statewide support for Luke Air Force Base really helped us," said Freericks, a senior vice president at DMB Associates.

Luke Air Force Base and other military installations in the state generate more than \$9 billion annually in economic impact statewide. Luke alone contributes more than 8,000 jobs and \$2.17 billion annually to Arizona's economy, according to a recent study commissioned by the state.



The Air Force is required to conduct an environmental assessment of each potential F-35 site before making its final basing decision. This federally mandated assessment, which is referred to as the EIS process, allows citizens of communities around candidate bases to provide input.

The Draft EIS serves as the Air Force's notice of intent to proceed, and public hearings will be held later this year. After the Final EIS document is published, there will be an additional 30-day public review period.

It is anticipated the Air Force's final "Record of Decision," which will conclude the EIS process, will be made in early 2011. 🇺🇸