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City Council meetings

Surprise City Hall, 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza Info: 623.222.1200
 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, unless noted below

- January 10th and 24th; Work Session 3rd and 17th (5pm)
- February 14th and 28th; Work Session 7th and 21st (5pm)
- March 13th and 27th; Work Session 6th and 20th (5pm)

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 6 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month, unless noted below

- January meeting cancelled
- February 2nd
- March 1st



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A FEW HIGHLIGHTS 2011

2011 was another fantastic year of community accomplishments. Here are just a few highlights!

Council approves new district voting boundaries

A resident committee teamed with the City Council to approve a map of new City Council Districts in October. The Department of Justice is expected to notify the City of the results of its standard review of the map early this year.

The City Council approved the map recommended by the citizen Redistricting Committee after extensive public input and discussion. Cities are required to redraw council districts after each decadal census to account for population changes.

The new boundaries reflect the city's growth since 2000, when Surprise had roughly 38,000 residents. The US Census 2010 put our population at just over 117,000.

Key considerations included limiting the reduction in the percentage of Latino voters in District 4; while expanding the district to encompass the city average of roughly 19,000 residents per district; keeping HOAs together in one district as much as possible; and following a "blind" process that did not consider the impact of a new map on current council members.

Surprise will continue to have 6 council districts under the new plan. The first council elections with the newly drawn district lines in place will occur in 2013.



Rioglass Solar opens in Surprise

At a festive ribbon cutting in October that included an appearance by Governor Jan

Brewer, Rioglass Solar officially "cut the ribbon" in Surprise. The Spain-based company's Surprise location, which manufactures mirror applications for the solar industry, has been in production since summer, just ten months after announcing its arrival in Surprise.

In his remarks, Rioglass CEO José Maria Villanueva thanked Surprise for helping the Rioglass factory go from concept to production in just ten months, a feat "impossible in Europe," he said.

Surprise is the North American headquarters for Rioglass Solar, whose plant represents approximately \$50 million in capital investment and more than 100 new jobs.

Jobs, jobs, jobs

In addition to the Rioglass ribbon cutting, Surprise attracted new employers from the solar, healthcare, manufacturing, and entertainment industries, adding more than 1,200 new jobs.

Gestamp Solar Steel is now open, located next to Rioglass Solar in the Southwest Railplex. Gestamp brings with it 300 new local jobs, and an average annual financial impact to the City of \$1.4 million.

Census shows Surprise one of Arizona's biggest

In March, we learned that Surprise is the 10th largest city in Arizona. The 2010 Census lists our population at 117,517, a 281% increase from the 2000 Census. Census figures are tied to millions of dollars in state and federal funding for transportation, hospitals, schools, senior centers and more. Already, Surprise has received a multi-million dollar boost in state shared revenue due to our increased population.

New City Manager, Police Chief on the job

Surprise added two managers to top positions. City Manager Chris Hillman came on board in May after serving as the City Manager of Clearfield, Utah. Police

Chief Michael Frazier came to Surprise in February, bringing with him more than 30 years of experience with Phoenix PD and after three years as Chief of the El Mirage Police Department.



Surprise marks 9/11 with World Trade Center steel

Surprise marked the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks with a somber ceremony unveiling a 4-foot section of steel beam recovered from the Ground Zero wreckage. The beam is enclosed in glass etched with the names of public safety personnel killed at Ground Zero. It was debuted on September 11th in an unveiling ceremony involving the Surprise Police Department, and ladder companies from Surprise Fire Department and the Sun City West Fire District.

The beam was on display for several weeks at Surprise City Hall before being returned to a limited access area in the Public Safety Building.

Recycle your glass

In keeping with the strategic goal of sustainability, the City Council approved expanding the city's recycling program to include glass and all plastics numbered 1-7. For more information about Recycling in Surprise call 623.222.6000 or visit surpriseaz.gov/recycling. ☀️

Meet your City Council



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Mayor and Council

Mayor Sharon Wolcott

Mayor Sharon Wolcott was elected last November on a platform that called for creating more jobs, providing new education options and addressing traffic congestion in Surprise.

The former District 1 council member also has worked hard to bring about more fiscal accountability and transparency at City Hall, and intends to continue the fight for taxpayers in her new job.

As Mayor, she has promised to reach out to the community with regular town hall meetings in neighborhoods across Surprise. Sharon believes city government works best when elected officials and senior staff members take time away from City Hall to engage residents on the issues.

In December, she joined several members of the City Council in an initial round of public meetings to discuss what citizens believe the City's priorities should be in 2012.

Her hands-on style of leadership is expected to help drive solutions to some of our community's most pressing and important challenges and opportunities.

Sharon discovered Surprise in 2003. Her first opportunity to serve here came in 2008, when she was appointed to the Surprise Transportation Commission, serving as Vice-Chair. She was elected to the Surprise City Council in 2009.

Before coming to our community, Sharon previously served on the city council in Newport, MN and as a state legislator in both the Minnesota House and Senate.



District 1 Jim Biundo

Jim Biundo was appointed District 1 (Acacia) Council member on June 14, 2011. He has been a resident of Surprise since 2003.

Jim served in the United States Marine Corps from 1954 to 1957. Following military service, he attended college in Colorado and received Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees in English, Speech, and Theatre and continued

studies in a post-graduate doctoral graduate program.

Jim has had a career in education as a high school teacher, associate professor, and administrator at colleges in Colorado, Iowa, Arizona, and Missouri. During that time, he also pursued a parallel track in public service. He has served as a Councilmember at-large and has been on boards of directors of chambers of commerce, convention and visitors bureaus, civic/service organizations, and was on the Board of Directors of Brucemore, Inc., a National Trust for Historic Preservation property located in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Before his appointment to the Surprise City Council, Jim served on the city's Arts & Cultural Advisory Board.

Jim is the author of two books, several published poems, and over 30 published articles. He has made over forty presentations at regional, national, and international conferences. He retired in 2000 from Southeast Missouri State University where he served as Assistant to the President.

Jim and his wife Antoinette have three daughters: Terrilee Day in Del Norte, Colorado; Kimberly Peets in Las Vegas, Nevada; and Tammy Gerstner in Lee's Summit, Missouri. They also have four grandchildren.



District 2 Richard Alton

Richard Alton represents District 2 (Cottonwood). The Cottonwood District encompasses the majority of Sun City Grand, the northwest portion of Sun Village, Stonebrook, Summerfield and Bell West Ranch. He was elected in November, 2007 and re elected in November, 2011.

Richard is not new to the city of Surprise committees and commissions. Since arriving in Surprise in 2003, he has served as a member of the Surprise Quality of Life Commission, served on the ad hoc committee to analyze and recommend an auto mileage reimbursement method (Alton voted for the IRS standards) and served as a Commissioner on the Surprise Planning and Zoning Commission.

His experience on the Council and commissions has given him valuable insight into the complexities and importance of zoning decisions, planning strategies, and redeveloping needy areas. His professional experience in the banking industry gives him a unique understanding of the economic and business development aspects of proper planning, zoning and revitalization.

Richard brings more than 35 years of banking experience to his post, a valuable asset in the city's budgeting and planning processes. He is addressing Surprise's urgent transportation needs, and making an impact in economic development strategies and networking. He is committed to enhancing the communications between citizens and the Council regarding Council agenda items.

He and his wife relocated to Surprise from the Seattle, Washington area. He has 6 children (all grown) and 11 grandchildren.



District 3 John Williams

John Williams was elected to the City Council from District 3 (Mesquite) in November 2007 and re-elected in November, 2011. As a teacher, parent, and husband, John brings a community perspective to his commitment to serve as a voice for all residents. John has been in Education and Sports Medicine since he and his wife Melissa bought their home in Surprise in 2000.

A graduate of Hofstra University in New York, John also holds a Masters in Health Science from Towson University in Maryland. His professional career began in Sports Medicine and transitioned into education when he and Melissa came to Surprise.

John is a certified teacher and for the last several years has been building the Peoria Unified School District's Career and Technical Education Sports Medicine program. He has been selected by his peers to be the program lead.

John and Melissa have three children, Connor, Ashlyn, and Matthew. Melissa and John are animal lovers and have opened their home to numerous animals in need including Blaze, the three-legged cocker spaniel whose life was extended for 8 years after they took him into their home in 1999. "I want to give my kids, our kids, the opportunity to be part of a community of connection and opportunity. In 15 years, I hope my oldest, Connor, can attend the next great university right here in Surprise. I hope when he graduates he will have the option of building his own family here because we will have grown a sustainable economy that offers high quality jobs to our residents. These are my hopes and dreams. I believe working together, we can make them happen."



District 5 Mike Woodard

City Council member Mike Woodard represents District 5 (Palm). District Five includes the northern half of West Point, Kingswood Parke, The Orchards, Sierra Verde, a portion of the Original Townsite, the Stadium Village complex and the Civic Center/Recreational campuses. He was elected to the Council in November, 2007.

Mike, a Surprise resident since 1997, is a retired widower and resident of West Point Town Center. He has been an active citizen in the community since 2001 as co-founder of the group Citizens for a Better Surprise, a member of the Planning & Zoning Commission, a Sundancer volunteer, an at-large member of the Citizen Bond Committee and as a Senior Center Volunteer Driver. He also volunteers his time and efforts to the H.O.P.E. Team at Cancer Treatment Centers of America.

His involvement in the city combined with over 40 years of accounting and managerial experience in a broad range of industries is valuable in the city's budgeting and planning processes. He is committed to bringing commuter rail and improving transportation corridors, major factors impacting the city's economic development strategies. Mike believes communication between the citizens and council is of paramount importance and will be a top personal endeavor for him.

Mike partnered in raising 4 children, numerous foster children and is grandfather to 6, and great grandfather to a beautiful girl.



District 4 Roy Villanueva

As the City Council member from District 4 (Mulberry), Roy Villanueva brings more than 25 years of experience as Surprise Mayor, Vice Mayor and council member. He was re-elected to the Council in November, 2007.

During his many years of service, Roy has initiated many important improvements in the area of housing rehabilitation, economic development, utilities, police services, fire services and federal grants.

While serving as chair of the Community Development Block Grant Committee, Roy was instrumental in targeting these important federal dollars to improve housing, roads, streetlights, sidewalks, baseball fields, sewer systems and other important neighborhood infrastructure around the city.

He was also instrumental in developing important Surprise economic milestones such as the West Pointe Towne Center, and bringing major league baseball and Surprise stadium to the community.

He is committed to progressive programs and services for City of Surprise residents. His goals include improving transportation and local job opportunities for residents, and improve the quality of life for the residents of the Original Town Site.

Roy has lived in Surprise more than 35 years and has been married to Rachel more than 40 years. His three grown children, all Dysart High School graduates, were raised in Surprise. He has one grandson.



District 6 Skip Hall

A resident of Surprise since 2003, Skip served on the Surprise Planning and Zoning Commission for three years and currently serves on the Sun Village Board of Directors. He has served representing District 6 (Palo Verde) on the Council since 2008.

Skip's goals for the city include additional east-west road crossings over the Agua Fria River, working with other transportation partners to improve Grand Ave. corridor, and attracting new businesses to Surprise.

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

Skip worked in the restaurant and lodging business for decades, opening restaurants in California, Oregon and Washington and earning a certification in Hotel Administration. He was involved in multi-unit management for two lodging chains and achieved the Best Practice Award from American Express and the National Lodging Institute.

He has worked with Junior Achievement, Veterans of Foreign Wars and taught community college courses on the hospitality business and restaurant and hotel management.

Skip has two daughters, a son and five grandchildren. ☀



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Share the Road... A safety reminder to Surprise bicyclists, motorists and pedestrians

The moderate winter climate of the desert southwest sends many of us outdoors to enjoy a walk or bike ride. That means sharing the road with motorists.

“There are areas of the city in which bicyclists must share the road with the driving public and we want everyone to be on the lookout for one another to prevent accidents,” says Police Chief Michael Frazier. “Riders and drivers alike must review the laws to ensure everyone’s safety and our web page is a great resource.”

Sharing the road safety information and pertaining laws can be found on the Road Safety page of the Police Department’s pages of www.surpriseaz.gov.

In late 2010, the city began reviewing a Gap Study to identify areas along major streets in which there may be sidewalk or crosswalk deficiencies and sought public input in the process. City Council is scheduled to review the results of that study early this year.

“At the height of the city’s growth many developers were responsible for putting in sidewalks as their developments grew,” says Assistant Public Works Director and City Engineer Nick Mascia. “However, when the economy slowed down developers scaled back building, leaving some areas of the city with a sidewalk only one side of the street or an abrupt end to a sidewalk.”

Mascia adds that since then city development guidelines have changed to prevent this from happening in the future. ☀

Bicycle Safety Q&A

Q: What is the minimum distance in which a motor vehicle may pass a bicyclist proceeding in the same direction?

A: According to state law, when overtaking and passing a bicycle proceeding in the same direction, a person driving a motor vehicle may only pass the bicyclist if there is a safe distance between the motor vehicle and the bicycle of not less than **three feet**. **Any distance less than 3 feet and a motor vehicle must remain behind the bicyclist.**

Q: What are the rules for a pedestrian crossing a roadway at a point other than in a crosswalk?

A: A pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles on the roadway.



Surprise Recreation Campus turns 10!

It's hard to imagine, but just 10 years ago there was no Spring Training in Surprise.... no Surprise Stadium... no Aquatics Center.... no public library along Bullard Avenue. Fast forward to today and these community gathering places represent the very heart of Surprise.

“What an amazing ten years it has been,” says Community and Recreation Services Director Mark Coronado, who was on the job back in 2001 when the Rec Campus began to take shape. “Thanks to our council and all the community support over the years, we have a unique public place where we come together for the Memorial Day Parade, 4th of July celebration, youth sports and much more.”



The jewel of the Surprise Recreation Campus, Surprise Stadium is the Spring Training home to the Texas Rangers and Kansas City Royals. The stadium also hosts high school football events, Arizona Fall League Baseball, Special Olympics Opening Ceremonies and free Movie Nights.

“The biggest moment for me was December 7, 2002, when we dedicated the recreation campus, the library, aquatics center, Community Park and Surprise Stadium,” recalls Coronado. “Among the most touching moments was the naming ceremony for Billy Parker Field at the Stadium. Billy had become quite ill but was able to attend the ceremony. It was something I will never forget.”

The Surprise Recreation Campus underwent a major expansion in 2007 with the opening of the Surprise Tennis and Racquet Complex and Dreamcatcher Park.

Dreamcatcher Park is the state’s first fully-accessible multi-purpose athletic facility providing athletes with special needs a safe place to enjoy adaptive

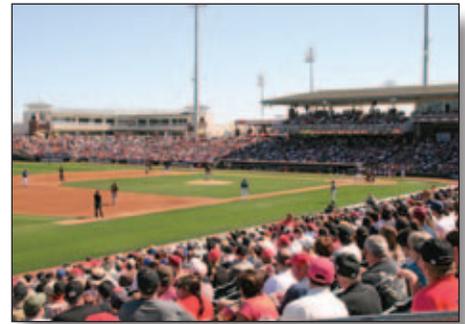
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**Mark Coronado,
Community and Recreation Services
Director**

baseball, soccer and football. Thousands of children and adults with varying disabilities enjoy the facility ever year.

The Surprise Tennis and Racquet Complex is a USTA award-winning facility enjoyed by thousands of residents. Surprise plays host to the Cancer Treatment Centers of America Tennis Championships at the complex, an international pro-tennis event that attracts stars such as John McEnroe, Andre Agassi and Anna Kournikova.

With 25 courts, 17 lit for night play, the venue welcomes college tennis



in town to cool down during the summer heat.

“We also preserved open space on the campus. 8-Acre Park provides a great place for the annual December Surprise Party and egg hunts each spring,” adds Coronado.

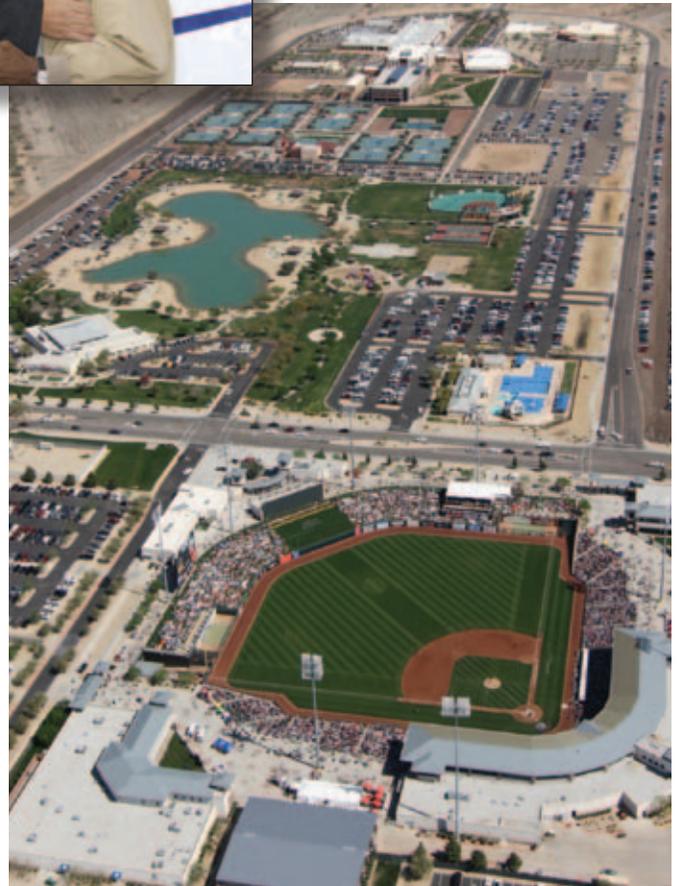
The Surprise Recreation Campus continues to focus on bringing outstanding sports and community events to Surprise in the decades ahead, Coronado says. 🌞



CRS Director Mark Coronado and Billy Parker at the stadium dedication ceremony in 2002.

tournaments, Fed Cup matches and thousands of amateur tennis players from across the country.

A stocked Surprise Lake brings together generations of anglers; pet owners and their furry friends are getting to know each other at the Surprise Dog Park; the Community Park hosts live free entertainment in the cooler months through the Second Sundays in the Park series; and the Aquatics Center is the most popular place





Alex Gordon
2011 Gold Glove
Award Winner

Adrian Beltre
2011 Gold Glove
Award Winner

March/April 2012 Schedule

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
4 KC 12:05 PM	5 TEX 1:05 PM	6 SD 1:05 PM	7 CHI 1:05 PM	8 CWS 1:05 PM	9 LA 1:05 PM	10 COL 1:05 PM
11 CLE 1:05 PM	12 SF 1:05 PM	13 CIN 1:05 PM	14 COL 1:05 PM	15 OAK 1:05 PM	16 MIL 1:05 PM	17 ARI 1:05 PM
18 CLE 1:05 PM	19 MIL 1:05 PM	20 LAA 1:05 PM	21 OAK 1:05 PM	22 CHI 1:05 PM	23 LA 1:05 PM	24 LAA 1:05 PM
25 MIL 1:05 PM	26 CIN 6:05 PM	27 SD 1:05 PM	28 TEX 6:05 PM	29 SF 6:05 PM	30 CWS 6:05 PM	31 ARI 1:05 PM
1 SD 1:05 PM	2	3	4	5	Game times and schedules subject to change.	

■ Royals Home Games ■ Rangers Home Games



Surprise Stadium 2012 Ticket Prices

- \$7 for Lawn Seats
- \$15 for Plaza Seats
- \$19 for Infield Seats
- \$22 for Upper Dugout Seats
- \$25 for Lower Dugout Seats
- \$35 for Home Run Party Deck (includes all you can eat buffet)

Spring Training in Surprise: A baseball tradition for 10 years and counting...

We celebrate ten years of Cactus League baseball in Surprise in 2012 as the Surprise Recreation Campus-Surprise Stadium welcomes back the 2011 AL Champion Texas Rangers and the Kansas City Royals in March.

This year's 29-game schedule features excitement and visits from some of baseball's best known teams, with our hometown teams kicking off the season on March 4. Opening week will bring the **Cubs**, **White Sox** and **Dodgers** to town. The **Diamondbacks** are in Surprise on March 17 and 31. The season closes April 1 as the Rangers host the **Padres**.

A few Royals/Rangers games to note on your calendar:

- March 5 The **Sundancer's Charity Game**. Proceeds go to support youth sports programs
- March 18 Bring your best friend of the four-legged variety for the traditional **Dog Day** at the Stadium.
- March 28 is our **10 year anniversary celebration**. More details to come!

Fan Appreciation Days are March 31 as the Royals face the Diamondbacks and April 1 when the Rangers play the Padres.

Be on the lookout for **two-for-one plaza ticket specials** on select days for Seniors and members of our Armed Services.

Even before Spring Training begins, you can whet your baseball appetite on February 26th at the Arizona Major League Alumni Game where you can catch some of the sport's favorite players of the past.

For a complete game schedule, ticket information and special promotions visit www.surprisespringtraining.com.



ASU baseball - Coca-Cola Classic is back!

If the 'ting' of an aluminum bat gets you tingling, you need to be at the Coca-Cola Classic College Baseball Series March 1 - 4!

The 2012 tournament features the host Arizona State Sun Devils as well as the Northern Illinois Huskies, Oregon State Beavers, St. Louis Billikens, St. Mary's Gaels, and the Winthrop Eagles.

Adult General Admission tickets are only \$8, and \$5 for seniors and students under 18 with identification. Tournament passes are also available.

Check out the game schedule and additional information at www.surprisespringtraining.com.

Festival firsts in Surprise

Who's hungry for BBQ?

Hot and spicy or sweet and saucy, you can have your pick at the city's first-ever Barbeque Festival, March 3.

A Kansas City BBQ Society-sanctioned event, the Affordable Food Festivals' BBQ Festival at Surprise will feature more than 30 BBQ teams from across the country competing for a \$10,000 cash prize.

Festival goers can sample the BBQ at a nominal cost and those 21 and older can partake in the whiskey tasting area.

Live music, entertainment and a huge kid's zone will keep BBQ lovers of all ages entertained for hours.

Additional information about the BBQ Festival at the Surprise Recreation Campus, including times and pricing, will be available at www.surpriseaz.gov/specialevents.

More on the web!

www.surpriseaz.gov/specialevents



Art is Alive in Surprise

The Art is Alive in Surprise Community Arts Festival takes place March 31 and April 1, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., at the Surprise Community Park, on the Surprise Recreation Campus.

What's Happen'n Art Movement (WHAM), in conjunction with the Surprise Arts Advisory Board, plan a free family-



event featuring over 100 artists' booths and much more. Food and drink vendors will also be on site.

"You will see beautiful works of art and enjoy live performances by local dancers and musicians," adds CRS Director Mark Coronado. "There will also be a student art exhibit showcasing some of the area's most talented young artists."

Visitors can also get into the action by making a tile that will be used for the Community Mural in the Community for All Ages Garden, planned for the Original Town Site near Benevilla and Rio Salado's Lifelong Learning Center.

Additional information will be available at www.surpriseaz.gov/specialevents or contact WHAM at WHAMart@aol.com.



As Surprise matures, urban forestry program kicks in

Although the City of Surprise was incorporated 50 years ago, much of the growth west of Grand Avenue along Bell Road occurred only within the last 25 years. With the landscape maturing, the city hired an arborist to look into the health of the more than 1,700 trees planted along the corridor.

“Urban forestry programs are what proactive communities do,” says Public Works Director Robert Beckley. “It may require tree removal in some cases or simple routine maintenance in order to maintain a clean look for the city and to protect all vegetation from various diseases.”

The contracted arborist evaluated general health and structural condition of the more than 1,700 trees planted along Bell, between Grand and 184th avenues. Of the trees inspected 117 (6.8%) were identified as diseased, had serious structural concerns or were dead.

“These trees are being removed for safety and environmental reasons,” adds Beckley. “We need to prevent disease from spreading to our healthy trees and we want to eliminate the possibility of a dead tree or their branches from falling onto public rights of way.”

The landscape contractor will plant 60 new 24-inch box trees in the spring, once the threat of nighttime freezing temperatures passes.

Last December crews also performed thinning and general tree maintenance improving the growth potential of the trees and provided a maintained look along Bell.

“Bell Road is our busiest roadway and ensuring a pleasant curb appeal is essential to keeping our community attractive to not only residents, but to potential new businesses and employers,” adds Beckley. 🌳

“**These trees are being removed for safety and environmental reasons.**”

Robert Beckley
Public Works
Director

Keeping Surprise graffiti-free is a community job

Did you know the average HOA in Surprise spends between \$1,500 and \$3,500 a year to remove graffiti? The cost to the City of Surprise was over \$26,000 in 2010. This expensive and unsightly problem has the Surprise Police Department working with residents of all ages to keep Surprise graffiti free.

Now, the department is busy with a new anti-graffiti civic awareness campaign with the Dysart Unified School District.

“We teach kids about how expensive it is for individual homeowners or businesses when their property is defaced by graffiti,” says Police Chief Michael Frazier. “By going into Dysart’s elementary schools and speaking directly to students, we help them see how awful it would be if it happened at their house or playground, and that it is cool to report graffiti as a crime.”

Frazier adds the campaign reminds kids there are potential cash rewards for successful prosecution of graffiti crimes.

The Police Department is also using art to fight graffiti. After a favorable response from the City Council and input from the Arts & Cultural Advisory Board, police plan to launch a Public Art project for the public restroom building at Bicentennial Park, a repeated target for graffiti vandals.

“We are looking at public art murals and adding barrier landscaping to prevent criminals from getting close enough to do damage,” Frazier says. Specific details are still being finalized.

For more information about Crime Prevention in Surprise call 623.222.4140.

To report graffiti in Surprise call 623.222.CARE or make a service request online at www.surpriseaz.gov/222CARE. 🌳



Did you see graffiti in a city park? Is there a missing street sign in your neighborhood? Notice a new pothole on your street? Let the city know at **222-CARE** or online at www.surpriseaz.gov/222CARE.

The **222-CARE** phone line is open 7am until 6pm, Monday - Thursday, with the exception of official city observed holidays. We will respond promptly to any messages or requests left after hours. Or submit an online service request 24/7!



Loop 303 Improvement Project 20% complete

Crews with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) began the Loop 303 Improvement Project (Peoria Avenue - Mountain View Boulevard) this summer and the \$129 million project is now 20 percent complete.

Work is occurring on the northbound travel lanes, channels, retaining walls, sound walls and interchanges at the intersections of Bell, Greenway, Waddell and Cactus roads. Construction of the southbound side of the project is scheduled to begin later in 2012 and the overall project remains on track for completion in fall 2013.

Massive Excavation

So far the project has involved excavating, hauling and re-using huge amounts of dirt. Project plans call for excavating more than 2.1 million cubic yards from the stretch of the 303 between Waddell Road and Mountain View Boulevard, and another 978,000 cubic yards from the section between Peoria Avenue and Waddell Road. Most of the excavated dirt is being re-used within the construction zone, for roadway embankments and other structures. A significant amount of dirt will be used in the construction of the 303/US 60 traffic interchange, programmed for construction in 2014.

Sound Wall Update

Construction of the first two sound walls on the west side of Loop 303 - one at Surprise Farms and another at Bell West Ranch - began in November 2011. Work began in these two locations first because of the availability of open space and current positioning of traffic. Remaining sound walls are scheduled for construction in this order through early 2013:

- Between Greenway and Bell roads on the east side of Loop 303 (requires construction of a retaining wall first);

- Between Bell Road and Clearview Drive on the east side of Loop 303 (requires construction of a retaining wall first); and
- Between Clearview Drive and Mountain View Boulevard on the west side of Loop 303 (requires traffic shift to northbound travel lanes so there is adequate space).

Current and Upcoming Impacts to Local Travel

While ADOT is maintaining one lane of traffic in each direction on Loop 303 throughout this project, some

ADOT SHOWCASING LOOP 303 IN "HOW TO BUILD A FREEWAY" SERIES

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is documenting the Loop 303 Improvement Project from start to finish with a series of exciting videos and informative blogs available on YouTube, Facebook and BlogSpot. The "How to Build a Freeway" series provides insight about the construction and highlights tricks of the trade. Each blog explains elements of highway engineering and construction in layperson's terms, the videos show how works unfolds. Check it out by plugging into ADOT's social media network:

- www.youtube.com/user/ArizonaDOT
- adotblog.blogspot.com/
- www.facebook.com/AZDOT

impacts to local streets are necessary to accommodate construction of overpasses.

The Greenway Road intersection with the 303 has been temporarily re-configured to the west and to the south and will remain in this configuration until fall 2012 so workers can build the overpass more safely and without having a significant impact on drivers. Design plans call for the Greenway overpass to be partially elevated, while the 303 roadway in that location is partially depressed.

Early in 2012, Waddell Road will be closed in both directions between

Sarival Road and Loop 303 for approximately five months. Cactus Road will be the designated detour. After Waddell Road re-opens, Cactus Road will be closed between Loop 303 and Sarival Road for about five months and Waddell Road will be the detour. Specific details about these closures will be released as they are finalized.

Loop 303: Heading South

Construction of the freeway-to-freeway interchange at Loop 303 and Interstate 10 in Goodyear began in November 2011. When it's complete in 2014, the interchange will be similar in height and operation to the existing interchange at Loop 101 and I-10.

In 2012, construction is scheduled to begin on Loop 303 between Peoria Avenue and Thomas Road. This stretch is divided into three, individual projects, all of which are scheduled for completion by 2015. Additional details will be provided as they become available.

Stay Informed!

Get updates and information on the project web site at www.ValleyFreeways.com/Loop303. While you're there, you can sign up to receive email alerts. You can also call the ADOT Project Hotline at 1-855-712-8530 or email ValleyFreeways@azdot.gov with questions or comments. ☀

HOT TOPICS

Jan. 2012: Contractors will install approximately 1,500 feet of sidewalk on the south side of Bell Road, between the Surprise Park-n-Ride Lot and Grand Avenue.

Jan. 2012: In keeping with the PM-10 dust control standards, the city will begin paving 3.3 miles of residential dirt streets in the area west of 219th Avenue, north of Deer Valley Road.

Feb. 2012: All asphalt sidewalk located along portions of Bell Road, west of Grand Avenue, will be replaced with concrete sidewalk.



Every month CRS puts on a Dance Party for 11-14 year olds hosted by Travie and the Surprise Rec Partys Crew. Get all the information on the CRS "Surprise Rec Partys" Face Book page! Party fliers will be posted on that page when a party is planned letting you know where the party is and what the theme. Parties are from 7 - 10 pm and cost \$10 per person. Admission also includes pizza and drink. 623.222.2612.

Arizona Centennial Event

Marshall Trimble performs music and recites humorous tales of AZ. Sun City Grand Sonoran Plaza, Jan. 9th, 7 p.m., \$20. www.grandinfo.com, 623.546.7449 (co-sponsored by Surprise CRS.)



Spring Swap Meet

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

Date: Saturday, April 21
 Times: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 Location: Aquatic Center Parking Lot
 Fee: Free admission and parking

City Happenings

For up to the minute calendar of events visit www.surpriseaz.gov. **More on the web!** 

January 2012

- 2 **New Year's Day Observance**, (*city offices closed*)
- 7 **Surprise Stadium Box Office opens for Spring Training ticket sales**, 623.222.2222
- 8 **Second Sundays in the Park**, 2 - 5 p.m., enjoy live music from *The Spin*, Community Park, 15953 N. Bullard, FREE, 623.222.2000
- 9 **AZ Centennial Event**, Marshall Trimble performs music and recites humorous tales of AZ, SCG Sonoran Plaza, 7 p.m., \$20. www.grandinfo.com, 623.546.7449 (co-sponsored by Surprise CRS)
- 16 **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**, (*city offices closed*)

February 2012

- 12 **Second Sundays in the Park, 2 - 5 p.m.**, enjoy live music from *The Sahnas Brothers* Community Park, 15953 N. Bullard, FREE, 623.222.2000
- 19 **4th Annual IMS AZ Marathon**, starting from Surprise Recreation Campus, 623.935.0322
- 20 **Presidents Day**, (*city offices closed*)
- 29 **Spring Training Welcome Back Lunch**, Surprise Stadium, ticketed event. 623.222.2222

March 2012

- 1-4 **Coca-Cola Classic**, College Baseball at Surprise Stadium, ticket info www.surprisespringtraining.com, 623.222.2222
- 3 **Surprise Barbeque Festival, Surprise Recreation Campus - 8 acres park**, 30+ teams compete for \$10,000 prize! Live music, \$2 bbq sample, whiskey tastings, kids zone & more! \$10, kids 12 and under FREE, 602.326.7469
- 4 **Spring Training 2012 Opening Day**, 12:05 p.m., ticket info www.surprisespringtraining.com, 623.222.2222
- 11 **Second Sundays in the Park**, 2 - 5 p.m., enjoy live Irish music at Community Park, 15953 N. Bullard, FREE, 623.222.2000
- 31-4/1 **Art is Alive in Surprise Community Arts Festival**, Community Park, 100+ artists booths, live music, tile making for community mural, food & more, 9a.m. - 5p.m., 623.640.5229, WHAMart@aol.com, FREE



Surprise City Council meets second and fourth Tuesdays of every month, 6 p.m.
Surprise City Council Special Work Sessions, every first and third Tuesday of the month, 5 p.m.
Surprise Planning & Zoning Commission meets on the first Thursday of every month, 6 p.m.
 All meetings are held at **Surprise City Hall**, 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza



What's going on?

City of Surprise Senior Center



15832 N. Hollyhock St.
623.222.1500

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.

For ages **50** and better

Cost: **\$12** Annual membership
\$15 Non-residents

** Non-resident rates apply for classes and trips

Are you new to Surprise?

Stop by the Senior Center for a tour and 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 a name and address.

We're Online!

Visit www.surpriseaz.gov/recreation and click on Senior Services. Print your calendar and newsletter from home. Activities updated monthly!



Fitness Center

8:15 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. Monday – Friday
Annual membership fee \$30 (\$35 non-residents)
Winter only, \$20 (\$25 non-residents)

Enjoy a hot lunch and shop on Hollyhock Street

Hot lunches are available weekdays for a \$3.50 contribution; please call ahead for a lunch reservation. You may also enjoy the mini Café, offering gourmet coffees, tea & biscotti for nominal prices. Be sure to browse the on-site Thrift Shop and pick up some great bargains, with plenty of gift items, jewelry and greeting cards in stock.

Social time

At the Senior Center you can enjoy a variety of card and board games, BINGO, dance, crafts, exercise, movies, Reader's Theatre Group, guitar group and mahjonnig.



For your health

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

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 qualification information, or to make an appointment call 602.372.4858. Please leave a message and someone will return your call.

Upcoming Classes

Classes offered at the Senior Center include Quilting, Guitar, Monday Morning Crafts, One Stroke Painting, Exercise, Needlecrafts. For class information or to register, please call 623.222.1500 or visit www.surpriseaz.gov/recreation.

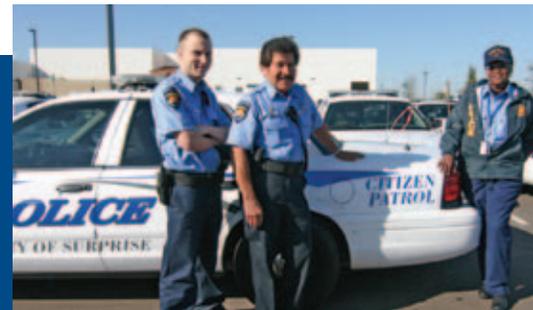
Computer Classes offered monthly

- (Class size limited to 6)
- Basic 1 & 2 • Email 1 & 2
- Internet 1 & 2

Must take Level 1 classes before Level 2 \$10 (\$12 non-residents), Pre-register at the Senior Center Front Desk. Details and dates call 623.222.1500 or visit www.surpriseaz.gov/recreation.

Surprise Packages From Home

The Surprise Senior Center is a designated drop-off site for "Packages from Home," a non-profit organization dedicated to sending care packages to our soldiers deployed in war areas. Info: 602.253.0284 or www.packagesfromhome.org



Volunteer in Surprise

Opportunities are available in several city departments including Senior Center, Senior Van Drivers, Clericals, Office Support and Data Entry, Fire, Police, Public Works Fire Hydrant Painting, or Community & Recreation Services. Learn more at www.surpriseaz.gov/volunteer.

Recycle your old cell phone & other items

The Senior Center, in partnership with the National Council on Aging and Cellular Recycler, is working to keep old cell phones out of the nation's landfills. In addition to cell phones, this recycling program also accepts the following other items for recycling:

- Game systems such as X Box, Playstation, etc.
- iPods and MP3 players
- laptop computers
- digital cameras

The Senior Center receives a small recycling rebate on each item collected and those funds help support Senior Center programs. Drop boxes are located in the lobby of the Senior Center, the City Store at City Hall and at the city's fire stations.

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Location: Aquatic Center Parking Lot

Fee: Free admission and parking

Get on the bus!

Join the fun that is our **active adult trips!** A variety of trips are offered throughout the year. All trips leave and return from the Surprise Senior Center.



Basha's Art Museum & lunch at China Magic Noodle House

Date: Tuesday, Jan. 24

Times: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Fee: Resident: \$8 / Non Resident: \$12 *lunch cost on your own (limited to 30 people)

Shops at Desert Ridge Mall

Date: Tuesday, Feb. 28

Times: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Fee: Resident: \$8 / Non Resident: \$12 *lunch on your own (limited to 30 people)

ORGAN Stop Pizza

Date: Monday, March 12

Times: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Fee: Resident: \$13 / Non Resident: \$17 (limited to 30 people)

Japanese Friendship Garden Tour & lunch at AH-SO Japanese Restaurant

Date: Tuesday, April 10

Times: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Fee: Resident: \$10 / Non Resident: \$14 *lunch cost on your own (limited to 30 people)



(October 2011 - December 2011)

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

CrossFit Arms, 11294 W. Bell Rd. #105 • **Liberty Tax Service 6412**, 15557 W. Bell Rd. #402 • **All Stylez Barber Shop**, 15170 W. Bell Rd. #102 • **Haircutters in the Park**, 15455 W. Bell Rd. • **Tax N Vestors Inc**, 12213 W. Bell Rd. #115 • **Aquatic Concepts LLC**, 6517 W. Lucia Dr. • **Goss Mechanical LLC**, 16036 W. Remuda Dr. • **Morgan Wealth Management Inc.**, 12213 W. Bell Rd. #115 • **Curves of Surprise**, 12751 W. Bell Rd. #11 • **CSM**, 17418 N. Carmen Dr. • **Designer Tubes**, 17679 W. Sammy Way • **Inked Technologies**, 16449 W. El Cortez Pl. • **I Shop 4 Food 4 U LLC**, 16966 W. Central St. • **Thrivent Financial**, 17769 W. Alexandria Way • **The Grass Hopper**, 16768 W. Nottingham Way • **Shantilly Faces Face Painting**, 18211 W. Paradise Ln. • **PKS Headlight Restorations**, 17120 N. Woodrose Ave. • **XRS Innovations Auto Salon and Performance**, 12186 N. 153rd Ave.SHC Enterprises, 15419 N. 170th Ct. • **Incite Buyers**, 14575 W. Caribbean Ln. • **Tag Promotions**, 15874 W. Statler St. • **Paintbooths & Electrical Services**, 13419 W. Banff Ln. • **Chrysalis God Gourds**, 16542 N. 138th Ln. • **Patsys Treats LLC**, 12701 N. 176th Ln. • **Express Curb Appeal**, 15569 W. Gelding • **Wine Comet Inc.**, 16448 N. 153rd Ave. • **Covelli Woodcraft LLC**, 15813 N. 156th Ct. • **Innovation Graphics LLC**, 17781 W. Redfield Rd. • **Gentle Touch Mani and Pedi LLC**, 16775 W. Bridlington Ave. • **JMW Marketing LLC**, 16760 W. Cathedral Rock Ct. • **Patricia Madison LLC**, 13345 W. Evans Dr. • **Right Window Cleaning Service**, 20454 N. Madera Way • **Bake Goods by Suzanne**, 14841 W. Port Au Prince Ln. • **AAA Cleaning and Maintenance**, 18410 W. Marconi Ave. • **Tansy Floral Design LLC**, 25957 N. Sandstone Way • **Harris Window Cleaning**, 17728 W. Columbine Dr. • **86 The List**, 17781 W. Statler Dr. • **House Cleaning by Linda**, 17843 W. Parra Dr. • **SRJ Trading LLC**, 17938 W. Carmen Dr. • **Fallon Sports**, 11540 W. Coyote Ct. • **Your Help is on the Way**, 16455 W. Silver Creek Dr. • **Community Niche Services**, 14820 W. Acapulco Ln. • **Donson Wood Works**, 17612 W. Marconi Ave. • **Desert Royal Painting LLC**, 13972 N. 146th Ln. • **Galaxy Cleaners**, 17031 W. Bell Rd. #104 • **Painting for Fun**, 11340 W. Bell Rd. #128 • **Just Glow**, 17119 N. Litchfield Rd. #16A-B • **Syndeeds Edibles**, 1469 E. Avenida Isabella • **Mast Roth Farms**, 17049 W. Bell Rd.

Office/Medical/Dental

Arizona TMJ & Pain Center, 18731 N. Reems Rd. #620

Restaurant/Bar

Jim's Burgers and Eggs, 17019 W. Greenway Rd.

New York Flavor, 15170 W. Bell Rd. #103

Rosatis Pizza, 13856 W. Waddell Rd. #104

Five Guys Burgers & Fries, 13714 W. Bell Rd. #2

Marleys Restaurant and Bar, 15226 W. Bell rd. #1-100

Adult Care

Dadagiv LLC, 14350 W. Crocus Dr.

Love and Care Assisted Living LLC, 18530 W. Port Au Prince Ln.

Legacy Assisted Living Home, 13463 W. Cottonwood St.

POSTAL PATRON

2012 Surprise Holiday Refuse/Recycle Collection Schedule

(City of Surprise customers only)

For more information contact Public Works at 623.222.6000 or visit www.surpriseaz.gov.



MONDAY/THURSDAY COLLECTION SERVICE

New Years Day, Sunday, Jan. 1st
(Normal Pickup)
Monday, Jan. 2nd
Thursday, Jan. 5th

MLK Day, Monday, Jan. 16th
Tuesday, Jan. 17th
Thursday, Jan. 19th

President's Day, Monday, Feb. 20th
Tuesday, Feb. 21st
Thursday, Feb. 23rd

Memorial Day, Monday, May 28th
Tuesday, May 29th
Thursday, May 31st

Independence Day, Wednesday, July 4th
(Normal Pickup)
Monday, July 2nd
Thursday, July 5th

Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3rd
Tuesday, Sept. 4th
Thursday, Sept. 6th

Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 8th
(Normal pickup)
Monday, Oct. 8th
Thursday, Oct. 11th

Veterans Day, Sunday, Nov. 11th
(Normal pickup)
Monday, Nov. 12th
Thursday, Nov. 15th

Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 22nd
Monday, Nov. 19th
Friday, Nov. 23rd

Christmas Day, Tuesday, Dec. 25th
(Normal pickup)
Monday, Dec. 24th
Thursday, Dec. 27th

TUESDAY/FRIDAY COLLECTION SERVICE

New Years Day, Saturday, Jan. 1st
(Normal Pickup)
Tuesday, Jan. 3rd
Friday, Jan. 6th

MLK Day, Monday, Jan. 16th
Wednesday, Jan. 18th
Friday, Jan. 20th

President's Day, Monday, Feb. 20th
Wednesday, Feb. 22nd
Friday, Feb. 24th

Memorial Day, Monday, May 28th
Wednesday, May 30th
Friday, June 1st

Independence Day, Wednesday, July 4th
(Normal Pickup)
Tuesday, July 3rd
Friday, July 6th

Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3rd
Wednesday, Sept. 5th
Friday, Sept. 7th

Columbus Day Monday, Oct. 8th
(Normal Pickup)
Tuesday, Oct. 9th
Friday, Oct. 12th

Veterans Day, Sunday, Nov. 11th
(Normal Pickup)
Tuesday, Nov. 13th
Friday, Nov. 16th

Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 22nd
Tuesday, Nov. 20th
Saturday, Nov. 24th

Christmas Day, Tuesday, Dec. 25th
Wednesday, Dec. 26th
Friday, Dec. 28th