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### Celebrate Independence Day with Surprise

**Surprise, AZ (June 9, 2021)** Join us at the 38th Annual 4th of July Celebration on Sunday, July 4 at Mark Coronado Park, 15850 N Bullard Ave, from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

The 4th of July Celebration will feature live music by Steven P and Music II Music, as well as a variety of food trucks. Gates open at 6:00 p.m., and the night will conclude with a fireworks display at approximately 8:40 p.m. Event admission is FREE with a canned food donation.

The following items will not be allowed in the park: glass bottles, alcoholic beverages, barbeques, or fireworks; tents must be weighted (no stakes).

If you would rather stay cool in a pool, you can join us at the **4th of July Pool Party** at the Surprise Aquatic Center, from 6 – 8:30 p.m. Guests will be able to stay and enjoy the city's fireworks display from the Aquatic Center, however swimming will not be permitted after 8:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$6 per person and are on sale now at the Parks and Recreation Office and at the Surprise Aquatic Center. Tickets may also be purchased online at [surpriserec.surpriseaz.gov](http://surpriserec.surpriseaz.gov) under "Special Events." This event is limited to the first 400 Surprise residents. View event details: [4th of July Pool Party](#)

Before heading to either event, please be sure to check out this [Parking & Road Closure Map](#). For event information, contact Parks & Recreation at 623.222.2000 or [surpriseaz.gov/specialevents](http://surpriseaz.gov/specialevents). Please note, all programs, events, and services are subject to change.



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**From:** Virginia Mungovan <[Virginia.Mungovan@surpriseaz.gov](mailto:Virginia.Mungovan@surpriseaz.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 22, 2021 2:32 PM  
**Subject:** Full browsing access available at Surprise libraries starting Monday

For your coverage consideration...

**Surprise, Ariz. (April 22, 2021)** – Full browsing access will be back at all three Surprise libraries beginning Monday, April 26. The city’s library operator, Maricopa County Library District (MCLD), is moving into its next phase of reopening at all county-run libraries, including Asante Library, Hollyhock Library and Northwest Regional Library.

In this next phase, customers can stop by the library during Pop-In Pickup hours to browse every shelf and all sections to find their next checkout, rather than a limited collection.

These are the current Pop-in Pickup hours:

**ASANTE LIBRARY**  
16755 W Vereda Solana Dr  
Surprise, AZ 85387  
602-652-3000

Mon – Weds: 10 am – 7 pm  
Thurs – Sat: 10 am – 5 pm  
Sun: Closed

More info: <https://mclidaz.org/locations/asante/>

**HOLLYHOCK LIBRARY**  
15844 N Hollyhock St  
Surprise, AZ 85378  
602-652-3000

Mon – Thurs: 1 pm – 7 pm

Fri: 11 am – 5 pm

Sat: 9 am – 3 pm

Sun: Closed

More info: <https://mclnaz.org/locations/hollyhock/>

### **NORTHWEST REGIONAL LIBRARY**

16089 N Bullard Ave

Surprise, AZ 85374

602-652-3000

Mon – Thurs: 9 am – 8 pm

Fri – Sat: 9 am – 5 pm

Sun: Closed

More info: <https://mclnaz.org/locations/northwest/>

There are still COVID-19 mitigation measures in place to ensure the library remains a safe space for the community. In order to keep indoor gatherings safe and promote social distancing, in-person events, computers, sitting areas, and study rooms will not yet be available. Curbside Pickup and a variety of virtual services will also remain available to community members still looking for contactless library services.

The library's role in providing technology and internet access is vital. While in-library computers remain unavailable, customers can check out a Chromebook or Wi-Fi Hotspot to use at home. Library cardholders can put in a request for the devices online at [mclnaz.org](https://mclnaz.org), by calling (602) 652-3000 or by visiting their nearest MCLD library. There are more than 250 of each device circulating throughout the County library system, and each device can be checked out for up to three weeks with the option to renew. More details can be found at [mclnaz.org/about/connect](https://mclnaz.org/about/connect).

On Monday, April 26, mobile printing options will also become available. Customers can upload their files to an online printing portal and then stop into the library to print their queued documents using a kiosk. Printing costs \$.25 per black and white page and \$.75 per color page. More details can be found at [mclnaz.org/about/printing](https://mclnaz.org/about/printing).

MCLD works with the Maricopa County Department of Public Health to determine whether its COVID-19 mitigation strategies are currently in line with CDC recommendations and make sense for the Maricopa County community. MCLD will continue working with the Health Department to determine when it is safe to increase additional library services and move into another phase of reopening.

Learn more at <https://mclnaz.org>

Thanks,

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**Subject:**

FW: Surprise City Hall reopens to public 4/12; City Council meetings & other public meetings open to in-person attendance

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## **Surprise City Hall reopens to public 4/12; City Council meetings & other public meetings open to in-person attendance**

**Surprise, AZ (March 26, 2021)** On Monday, April 12, Surprise City Hall and other city administrative buildings will open to the public, following a temporary closure due to COVID-19. Additionally, meetings of the City Council and all boards and commissions will open to in-person attendance effective that date.

The reopening comes as Governor Ducey announced Thursday, March 25, that Arizona hit several important public health benchmarks, including the administration of more than 3 million vaccine doses; and as the city continues to monitor a decline in new positive COVID cases.

The city has also implemented COVID-19 mitigation protocols consistent with CDC guidelines. These include: frequent cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces, additional hand sanitizing stations, plexiglass barriers at service counters, and physical distancing measures.

### **Surprise's Face Covering Mandate Lifted; Businesses May Implement Mitigation Policies**

[Executive Order 2021-06](#) issued by Governor Ducey on March 25 calls for any remaining local government mask mandates to be phased out and says that they cannot be enforced.

As a result, Mayor Skip Hall has signed a proclamation terminating the face covering

mandate in Surprise. [Read it here.](#)

The Governor's order does make a couple of exceptions. The city retains the right to set and enforce mitigation policies in our city government buildings and on public transportation. This includes face coverings. Wearing of face coverings/masks is now recommended within city facilities, with the exception of Surprise City Court, where they are required.

For the remaining Spring Training games at Surprise Stadium, the mask mandate will remain in place, as will all other Major League Baseball COVID-19 mitigation protocols as detailed on the Surprise Stadium website, [here](#).

### Private Businesses

Under the Governor's order, businesses may institute and enforce face covering policies to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, and they retain the right to refuse service to those who do not comply with their policies.

### Public Transportation

Per federal mandate, face coverings are also required while riding public transportation. See the Centers for Disease Control Mandate, [here](#).

## **Senior Center Remains Closed; Parks & Rec Office Opens; Some City Hall Service Modifications**

The Surprise Senior Center will remain closed until further notice. Meal delivery and pick-up will continue, as will virtual programming. For the schedule and information on how to sign up, visit [surpriseaz.gov/seniorservices](http://surpriseaz.gov/seniorservices).

The Parks and Recreation administrative office will open for recreation program registration, with the online registration option still available. Recreation Center programming or facility rentals will be announced as they become available. For program information, visit [surpriseaz.gov/recreation](http://surpriseaz.gov/recreation) or call 623.222.2000.

Additionally, the following City Hall service modifications are in place until further notice:

- Cashier – Preferred payment method is credit/debit card. For utility billing questions/requests (other than payments), please contact utility billing at 623.222.1900
- Passport Services – Not available through the Clerk's Office at this time
- Development Services – Counters open, with online options remaining available. Information on digital applications and plan submittals, and online payments is available at [www.surpriseaz.gov/devservices](http://www.surpriseaz.gov/devservices)

The following suspended programs are being reinstated as of April 12:

- The Prescription Drug Take Back Kiosk in the lobby of the Police Department administrative building

## Public Meetings Open to In-person Attendance

Meetings of the Surprise City Council will reopen to in-person public participation while maintaining online and cable viewing options and the ability to email public comments in advance of the meetings, at [publiccomments@surpriseaz.gov](mailto:publiccomments@surpriseaz.gov). The first City Council Work Session and Regular meeting to re-open to in-person attendance will be April 20. The City Council's April 16 Budget Retreat will also be open to the public and televised and web-streamed, beginning at 9 a.m.

The same standards will be in place for our traditionally televised and web-streamed meetings, which include: Veteran, Disability & Human Services (VDHS) Commission Meetings, beginning April 14; Planning and Zoning Commission Meetings, beginning April 15; and Public Safety Retirement Commission meetings, as scheduled on or after April 12.

### In-Person Public Meeting Guidelines:

- Physical distancing is encouraged.
- Wearing of face coverings/masks is recommended.
- Please stay home if you are feeling sick.

### Non-televised Public Meetings

City Boards and Commission meetings and City Council Subcommittee meetings that were not televised prior to the pandemic will no longer be televised on or after April 12. They will be moved to their traditional locations and be open to the public.

### Questions & More Information

For questions about public meetings, please contact the City Clerk at 623.222.1200 or [clerk@surpriseaz.gov](mailto:clerk@surpriseaz.gov). To view meeting agendas, please visit [surpriseaz.gov/agendas](http://surpriseaz.gov/agendas).

Please note, due to the unpredictable nature of COVID-19, meeting protocols are subject to change at any time. For additional information related to the city's COVID-19 response, please visit [surpriseaz.gov/COVID-19](http://surpriseaz.gov/COVID-19).



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**Subject:**

FW: some topics of interest for your community

**\*New – City of Surprise Summer Youth Employment Program Now Accepting Applications:** Various City of Surprise departments are offering youth employment opportunities for income eligible Surprise teens between the ages of 15-19. <https://www.surpriseaz.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=5083>

**\*New – City of Surprise Art & Culture Grant Program:** The city is accepting applications for a new Arts & Cultural Advisory Commission led grant program for non-profits pursuing arts and cultural events or activities that benefit Surprise residents. <https://www.surpriseaz.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=5082>

**\*New – Surprise Community Outreach Grant Program Applications Now Available:** The Surprise Community Outreach Program (SCOP) applications are now open and available for non-profits to apply. The applications will be submitted through a new online portal this year. Deadline to apply is April 30<sup>th</sup> by 5pm. <https://www.surpriseaz.gov/3142/Community-Outreach-Program>

**\*New – Work with us in the Human Service & Community Vitality Department, City of Surprise:** General Services Worker. <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/surprise/jobs/2940033/general-services-worker?pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

**\*New – Volunteer at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bean Bag Day:** In celebration of National Volunteer Week 2021, Seeds of Hope International Ministries, a Surprise Community Outreach Grant Program recipient has purchased 6,000 lbs. of dry pinto beans. Volunteers are needed to assemble packages to then distribute to Valley View Food Bank. There will be four, two-hour time slots designated from 8am-4pm. (8-10am, 10-12pm, 12-2pm or 2-4pm time slots available) Call or e-mail Larry Garcia to RSVP and for more information. 623-222-1522 or [Larry.Garcia@surpriseaz.gov](mailto:Larry.Garcia@surpriseaz.gov). (flyer attached)

**\*New - Egg Hunt & Free Food Giveaway:** Benevilla and Transformation Community Church in Surprise have partnered on an egg hunt and food box give-away event taking place this Saturday, April 3 from 10-2pm at Benevilla. You MUST RSVP to attend. 623-584-4999.

**\*New – Vaccinations:**

- **For Veterans:** Available at the Phoenix VA Health Care System for all enrolled Veterans. 602-604-3915.
- **For General Public:** Information about all vaccination sites across Arizona can be found at [azhealth.gov/findvaccine](http://azhealth.gov/findvaccine). Those without computer access or needing extra help registering can call 1-844-542-8201 to be connected with someone who can assist. **Note: You can use the patient portal at [podvaccine.azdhs.gov](http://podvaccine.azdhs.gov) to make an appointment for a relative.** To learn more about COVID-19 vaccines and vaccination, please visit [azdhs.gov/COVID19Vaccines](http://azdhs.gov/COVID19Vaccines)
- **Adults 18+ Through Friday 4/2:** Glendale Community College, 6000 W. Olive Dr, Glendale. [Register here >](#)

**\*New - Banner Alzheimer's Institute & Sun Health Research Calendar of Events:** Virtual programs throughout April including Beyond Memory Changes: The Emotional Impact of Parkinson's Disease and A New Approach to Caregiver Stress: Managing Ambiguous Loss (for professionals only). (flyer attached) [www.banneralz.org](http://www.banneralz.org). 602-230-CARE

**\*New - Dementia Care Partner Online Support Group** — A Hospice of the Valley medical social worker facilitates a free support group for care partners to discuss the stresses, challenges and rewards of providing care for a person living with dementia. Noon-1 p.m. Wednesdays. **Zoom**

**link:** <https://hov.zoom.us/j/95549983607?pwd=bnpuWWIsSStlZFVoNnJ2azJNRDlmZz09> - **Meeting ID:** 955 4998 3607  
- **Password:** 562327 - Info: 602-636-6363 or [DementiaCare@hov.org](mailto:DementiaCare@hov.org).



**\*New – Kith & Kin Classes in Spanish at Hope Women’s Center:** This class is for those vital people in a family's support network who care for children, other than their mom and dad: roles such as neighbor, grandmother, friend, aunt. Kith and Kin is designed to help support those caregivers by providing tools and education on everything from nutrition and age appropriate activities, to home and car seat safety. Class provides some helpful material resources in addition to the resources women can earn while participating in classes at Hope Women's Center. This class series is exclusively in Spanish. 623-875-4549. (flyer attached)

**\*New – AZ Housing Coalition Landlord Support Packet:** Tools and resources for landlords that may be experiencing loss of rental income and need help navigating the options that are available to them during the pandemic. You can access the packet here: [Landlord COVID-19 Support Packet](#)

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**Subject:** FW: Appointment scheduling for the spring Household Hazardous Waste Event begins March 15

For your coverage consideration...

**Surprise, AZ (March 10, 2021)** Surprise residents can begin scheduling appointments next week to have hazardous waste picked up directly from their homes during the city's spring Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event, March 15-26.

Scheduled pickups will occur Monday, March 29 – Friday, April 9. To streamline the process, households north of Bell Road will have scheduled pickups March 29 – April 2. Households south of Bell Road will have their scheduled items picked up April 5-9.

Here's how residents can participate:

1. Residents can request an appointment through the My Surprise app or by calling **Customer Service at 623.222.1920 beginning 8 a.m. March 15 through 5 p.m. March 26.**

**\*\*The call center will not accept appointment requests before March 15 or after March 26; residents attempting to make an appointment before March 15 will be asked to call back when scheduling begins.**

2. When calling, customer service representatives will schedule the best available appointment; representatives will inquire about what items are to be collected, discuss volume limitations, and direct how items are to be packed. View online checklist.
3. Acceptable items will need to be placed outside, on the driveway and up against the garage, by 6 a.m. on the scheduled collection date. **Do NOT place hazardous waste on sidewalks or curbside.**
4. Properly-packaged, sealed and labeled items will be picked up between the hours of 6 a.m. – 4 p.m. on the scheduled collection date.

Keep in mind; this is not a bulk trash appointment. Residents can schedule bulk trash and appliance pickup services any time throughout the year. See a full list of bulk trash acceptable items online at [surpriseaz.gov/bulktrash](http://surpriseaz.gov/bulktrash).

**Acceptable household hazardous waste items:**

- Antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, diesel and fuel additives (5 gallon limit per household)
- Brake-transmission-power steering fluid, degreasers (5 gallon limit per household)
- Car and household batteries
- Pool chemicals, fire extinguishers and gas cylinders
- Compact fluorescent light bulbs
- Stain, varnish, turpentine, cleaners, adhesives
- Oil-based paint, paint thinners, solvents, cleaners, adhesives (10 gallon limit per household)
- Pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers and other lawn chemicals

- TVs, electronics, cell phones, computers, stereos

Please be aware that there are volume limitations for liquid items such as oil-based paints and automotive fluids.

**The following items will NOT be accepted:**

- Regular refuse and bulk trash
- Medical waste
- Commercial waste
- Ammunition or explosives
- RV refrigerators that contain ammonia
- Radioactive material
- Tires

View the HHW checklist to learn more details about the HHW collection event, including packing instructions. For more information, visit [surpriseaz.gov/hhwevent](https://surpriseaz.gov/hhwevent).

Thank you,

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