

# City Snapshot



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"We honor those who serve by never taking for granted everything they make possible." Marcus Luttrell, Retired Navy Seal & author

## Phoenix Mart Set for Ground Breaking

After nearly 3 1/2 years of planning, AZ Sourcing, LLC, parent company of Phoenix Mart is set to have its ground breaking on Thursday, November 7, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. They anticipate beginning construction sometime in the late spring of 2014. The finish line is still far away, but it is a sign that things are moving forward. Coordination of all the entities involved (local, state, and federal agencies, private companies from the U.S. and abroad) is a monumental task. The city has its own challenges that must be overcome as this massive project becomes a reality. Weekly (if not more) meetings are held between city staff and AZ Sourcing staff. Engineers, planners, and other principals gather to discuss logistics, costs, and responsibilities. While this is normal for any project, the frequency of meetings is not. However, considering that Phoenix Mart will encompass 585 acres of a master-planned community; a 1.7 million square feet multi-functional wholesale sourcing center, and a 4 million square feet of support commercial uses it will take time. To put that into perspective that's equivalent to a 42 acre shopping mall (the Chandler Mall encompasses 1.325 million square feet, but is multi-level, imagine it all on one level adding another 400,00 sq. ft!). Should AZ Sourcing be successful in its timeline, the boon to employment within Casa Grande and Pinal County will be phenomenal. The city isn't going to see much in the way of sales tax as there will be minimal retail; most of the sales will be to the wholesale markets worldwide. The true economic stimulus comes from the direct and indirect jobs and the spending of the payroll in the community. Further, the new revenue from buyers coming to Phoenix Mart to shop for their companies and clients will add up as they shop and stay locally.



## Employee Picnic Reminder



A friendly reminder that the City Picnic is quickly approaching. It will be on Friday, November 8 at the Paul Mason Sportsplex, with food service from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Bring the family to enjoy entertainment for the kids, good food, raffle prizes, and visit with other employees. It's a good time to hear about what others are up to and let them know what's new in your area.

## Veteran's Day Parade

On Saturday, November 9, at 9 a.m. the Annual Veteran's Day parade will begin. This year there are over 50 entries including marching bands and military personnel. This is a great opportunity for you and your family to get out and show your appreciation for all those who served or are serving in our military. In order to pick your spot, there is a map of the parade route as part of the Snapshot. Thanks to our Community Services, Police, Fire, and Sanitation departments for helping in the effort to make this another successful event.

## Glad You're My Co-Worker



Mary Dill, Animal Care & Adoption, presented the November balloon to Agustin Avalos, PIO, noting that "The animals appreciate you as much as I do!" Mary and the staff appreciate Agustin's many efforts to get the word out about our wonderful adoptable animals. Congratulations to Agustin!

## October's Newest City Staffers



Three of our newest firefighters started the Fire Academy in mid-October are from left to right: Thomas Finucane, Joshua Barbre, and Matt Farmer. Welcome aboard!

## Adopt a Shelter Dog or Cat

If you've been giving some thought to adding a dog or cat to your family keep in mind that during its Annual Open House on Saturday, November 2, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. the city's Animal Care and Adoption Center will be holding its annual adoption event with lower fees for both dogs and cats. All dogs will be \$50 and cats \$20. This includes spaying and neutering and vaccinations are always welcome. There will be free food for people and musical entertainment. Event takes place at 202 E. First Avenue.



## A Salute to Military Employees

In honor of those employees who are currently on active status in the military or who have served in the past, we'd like to salute you and thank you for all you do. Those who served previously: Frank Alanis; Michael Bloomer; George Plumb; David Blythe; Robert Price; and Eugene Ward. Currently active are: Dallin McClellan; Andrew Miller; Cornelious Riley; Genaro Rodriguez; Jeffery Thornton; Scott Tracy; Richard Wilkie; and Reginald Winston. We appreciate your service.

## Shooting Star Nominations



Do you know someone you work with everyday that you believe exemplifies the qualities of great customer service, works well within not only your department, but with all departments, does his/her part to promote the city in its best light? If so, now is your chance to nominate that person for the Winter Shooting Star Award. The nomination forms have been simplified, but the inclusion of examples of outstanding performance are always needed. Nominations should be sent to Caren Rausis, City Manager's Office and will be accepted until Wednesday, November 27. Forms can be found on [CitySpace](#) under the EEC Links. The review committee will include at least one Department Director and two members of the EEC who will determine this winter's outstanding employee.

## Holiday Potluck December 11

It may seem like a long way off, but it will be here sooner than you think. The Annual Holiday Potluck will be held on Wednesday, December 11, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., at Grande Sports World. The EEC encourages all departments to get into the friendly challenge by entering a table. Tables will be judged by the Mayor and Council with prizes going to first, second, and third places. Those of you wishing to enter your special recipe in the taste challenges are asked to enter by Friday, December 13. There will be four categories: appetizers, main dish, side dish, and dessert (hint--the desserts category fills up fast). Judges will be Mayor and Council Members. Prizes will be awarded in each division. Please contact Caren Rausis, Ext. 1080 for the food entry form.

## Sanitation Cleans Up at Trunk 'r Treat



Sanitation took the whole candy bowl by winning both the Best Costume and Trunk division at this year's Trunk 'R Treat on Oct. 23. Left to right are: Nick Torres, Tonya Stager, Melissa Marcucci, Rosa Mendoza, and Will Currier. Congratulations!

## November Anniversaries

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>
Rod Wood	34	Jeffery Molner	7
John Tena	24	Edith Regan	7
Michael Bejarano	18	Anita Avila	6
Remy Miller	16	Clara Estrada	6
Terry Montijo	15	Erik Curtiss	4
Jeff Douglass	12	Leticia Luse	4
Matthew Soulligne	10	Erica Perez	4
Anthony Silver	9	Adam Brungardt	2
Paul Valentino	9	Matthew Harper	1
Eric Johnson	7	Traci Shamblin	1



*Happy  
Thanksgiving*

## November Birthdays

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Dallin McClellan	2	Vanessa Martinez	15
Keith Newman	2	Francisco Lujan	16
Julie Tiemann	2	Juan Mejia, Jr.	16
Brett Wallace	2	Manuel Rodriguez	16
Robert Bartleson	4	Suzie Holmes	17
Al Grijalva	4	Scott Tracy	17
Clyde Wilkinson	4	John Lawson	18
Bonnie Dunham	5	Pedro Apodaca	19
Danny Wiles	5	Greg Roorda, Jr.	19
Nick Stalter	7	Felicia Rodriguez	20
Susan Bott	8	Rachel Valencia	20
Byron Mays	8	Greg Cortez	21
Joe Eastham	9	Jerry Dasti	21
David Linehan	9	Isaac Davis	23
Victoria Deuel	10	Agustin Avalos	25
Kevin Fahey	10	Bryan Martinez	25
Eric Johnson	11	Melissa Engstrom	26
Daniel Sainz	11	Kassandra Johnson	27
Leila DeMaree	12	Juan DeLeon	28
Ryan Adams	13	Amber Kent	30
Barbara Rice	13	Shirley Ward	30
Gil Rios	13		

## Application System Goes Green

As many of you are aware, in June 2012, the Administrative Services Department implemented an online recruitment system called NeoGov. Implementing an online system allowed for paperless applications. It has saved countless hours of posting job announcements, collecting, sorting and distributing applications, calling to set up interviews, etc. In addition, it gives supervisors the ability to view applications for their open position at any time during the recruitment process.

The system allows us to communicate to all candidates at the same time through one easy method. Candidates receive notification via email if they will or will not move to the next step of the process or to schedule for testing or an interview. It gives us the capability to create interview or testing schedules and gives the applicant access to schedule the most convenient time for him/her. We can also track applications for reporting purposes, all within one system!

The city no longer takes paper applications, all candidates must apply through the NeoGov site. If you know of someone who is interested in working for the city, please direct him or her to the city's website [www.casagrandeaz.gov](http://www.casagrandeaz.gov), click on Departments then Administrative Services. From there one can see the open positions, apply for an open job or complete a job interest card for positions that are not currently open. There is also a computer set up right outside the Administrative Services Department for candidates to complete an online application. Spread the word...our applications process went "Green."

Debby Turner, HR Analyst

## UHC Update on Network Change

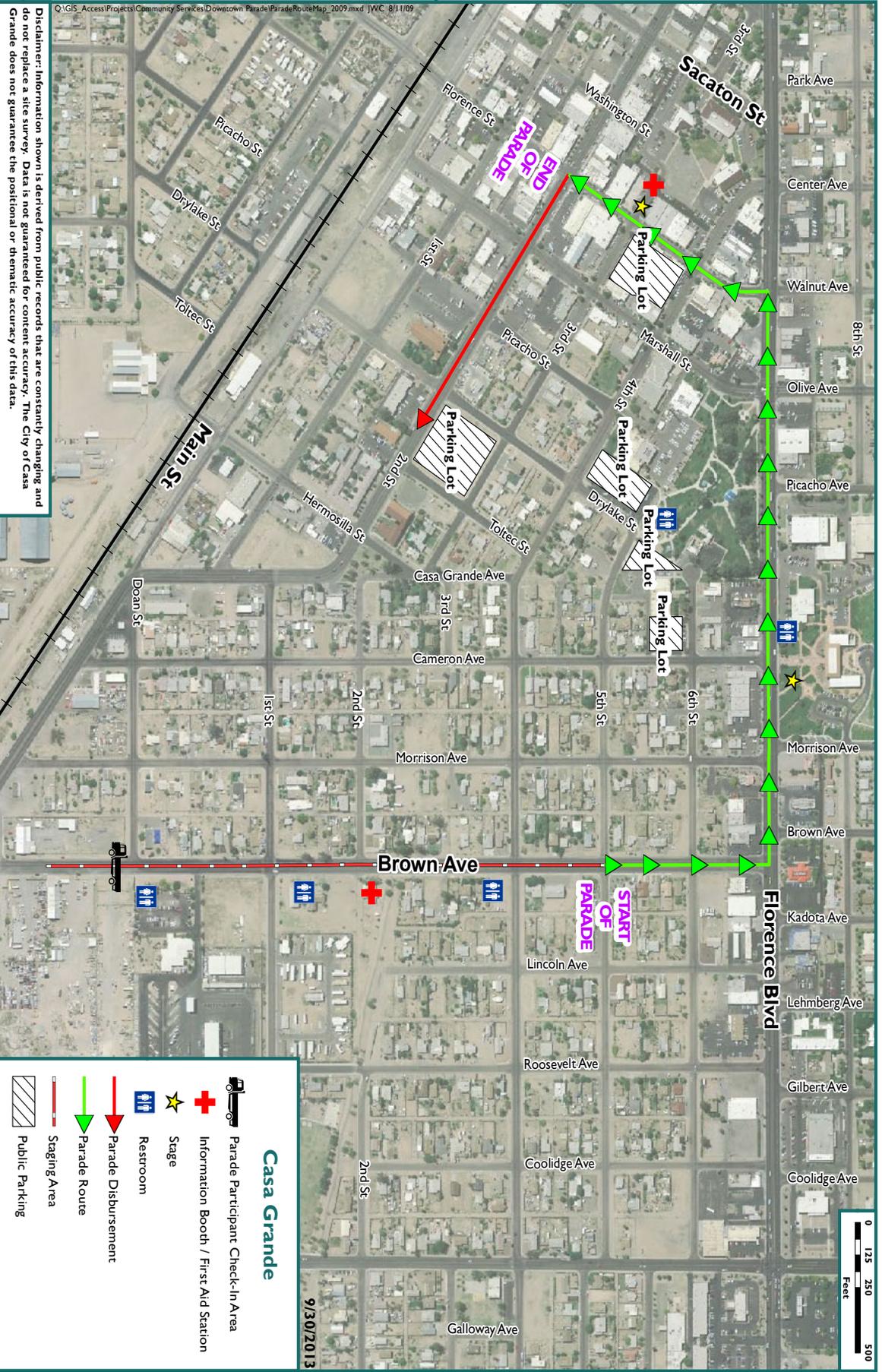
Effective November 1, 2013, Obstetrix Medical Group of Phoenix, Obstetrix Medical Group of Arizona, Neonatal Specialist, Ltd. (Obstetrix) will no longer be a part of the UHC network. UHC will notify members who are directly affected. As a reminder, always ask your health care provider if they are an **in-network** provider so you get the highest benefit level at lower out-of-pocket costs. You can find in-network providers on-line through your personal account at [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com). Any questions? Please contact Admin. Services.

## Some Whacky Days in November

Date  
 2 Devil'd Egg Day  
 4 King Tut Day  
 9 Chaos Never Dies Day  
 15 Clean Your Refrigerator Day  
 15 America Recycles Day  
 16 Have a Party With Your Bear Day  
 19 Have a Bad Day Day  
 21 False Confession Day  
 21 World Hello Day  
 25 National Parfait Day  
 30 Stay At Home Because You're Well Day



# Veteran's Day Parade Route Map



Disclaimer: Information shown is derived from public records that are constantly changing and do not replace a site survey. Data is not guaranteed for content accuracy. The City of Casa Grande does not guarantee the positional or thematic accuracy of this data.

**Casa Grande**

- Parade Participant Check-In Area
- Information Booth / First Aid Station
- Stage
- Restroom
- Parade Disbursement
- Parade Route
- Staging Area
- Public Parking

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