



LOOKING FORWARD

- **2008 Public Safety Bond Project Construction:**
 - Fire Station 218, located 8th Street and Alma School, District 1 (February 2010)
 - Center Against Family Violence security enhancements (March 2010)
 - Police Range improvements (April 2010)
 - Fire Station 215 near Phx.-Mesa Gateway Airport, Dist. 6 (August 2010)
 - Public Safety Training Facility expansion and improvements (December 2010)
 - Fire Station 219, located at Elliot and Signal Butte, District 6 (Fall 2010)
 - *Final bond project to be completed will be the Fiesta District Station; locational planning underway.*
- **Leadership through Energy and Environmental Design (LEEDS) Certification--** Anticipate receiving LEEDS certification for Fire stations 219 and 220.
- **New Court Building--** will be completed and open for business. (February 2010)
- **Massage Ordinance—**working to strengthen code to minimize illegal activities.
- **COPS Grant—**will begin to train new police officers for Mesa via COPS stimulus funding.
- **Mesa Community Events --** Facilitating and supporting the re-emergence of Mesa community events, including:
 - Bringing back Independence Day Celebration
 - Enhancing activities surrounding Spring Training
 - Downtown events





CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESSES

- **Light Rail** -- opened in 2009. An average of approximately 30,000 people per month board the trains at the Sycamore Transit Center, making it the most successful transit stop in the Valley.
- **Public Safety Bond Program Implementation**
 - Two fire stations are under construction (215 and 218) – 215 is a joint Fire and Police station
 - Groundbreaking for a third fire station (219) anticipated soon
 - Land purchased for fire station 220 (58th Street and Main)
 - Police purchased a used, fixed-wing plane and helicopter for the aviation program
 - Design underway for improvements to Public Safety Training Facility
 - Bids underway for Center Against Family Violence security enhancements
 - Bids underway for Police Range improvements
- **Public Safety Stimulus Funding** -- City received more than \$9 million in competitive stimulus funding for public safety and as a result the City will:
 - Hire 25 police officers (\$5+ million)
 - Construct a fourth fire station (Station 220) in addition to the three stations planned through the 2008 Public Safety Bond package. (\$4+ million).
- **Three for Free Program** -- The public's ability to visit the two museums (Museum for Youth, AZ Museum of Natural History) and the Contemporary Arts was increased through the Target sponsored *Three for Free* program and Culture Passes available at Mesa libraries.
- **MACFest**—Initiated in October 2008, Mesa has just started its second season of the popular MACFest. Free to the public and every Saturday morning now through April 24, 2010, local artists feature their work along Main Street in downtown. This has been a great way to draw people to downtown and for local artists to be able to expose and sell their work, with attendance averaging 700-2,000.
- **Shop Mesa, Get the Arts** -- people who shop at retail venues in Mesa can now redeem their receipts to receive "Mesa Bucks" for the amount of the sales tax that was paid on the purchase, rounded up to the next \$5. Mesa Bucks can then be used for admission to the Mesa Arts Center, Arizona Museum for Youth and Arizona Museum of Natural History. Since its launch in spring 2009, more than \$22,500 Mesa Bucks have been issued, and approximately \$8,000 redeemed.
- **Regional Pools** – new, cost-efficient system implemented and as a result:
 - Kino and Rhodes amenity pools were opened
 - Skyline pool is out for bid.
- **Strengthened Ordinances/Codes** -- Council is working to amend and strengthen existing ordinances or new ordinances that impact quality of life in Mesa, including:
 - Noise and Unruly Gatherings
 - Residential Inspection Program
 - Pawn Shop Fees and Databases
- **Recycle Bank** – Mesa launched a pilot program to create incentive rewards and test its effectiveness for increasing recycling participation. 9,000 single-family households are participating. A microchip is attached to their recycling in order to gauge how often their bin is out for collection. Award points are provided for participation, which can be redeemed for saving offers at participating national and local retailers.

