



Out In Front...

Leading Business, Leading Buckeye

December 2011

508 E. Monroe Ave, Buckeye AZ 85326 623-386-2727

CONSTRUCTION!!

Construction Begins on Loop 303/Interstate 10 Interchange

Long- and short- term closures take affect

Construction of the interchange connecting Loop 303 to Interstate 10 has begun in Good-year. As a result, motorists should be aware of the following long- and short-term closures in affect starting this week:

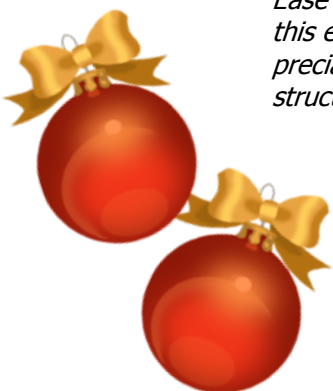
- Cotton Lane **closed** in both directions between Indian School and Thomas roads from 1 a.m. Monday (December 5) to 7:30 a.m. Saturday (June 23) for new roadway construction. **DETOUR:** Use Loop 303.
- Thomas Road **closed** in both directions between Cotton Lane and Loop 303 from 1 a.m. Monday (December 5) to 7:30 a.m. Saturday (June 23) for new roadway construction. **DETOUR:** Use Indian School Road.
- McDowell Road **closed** in both directions between Sarival Road and Cotton Lane from 9 p.m. Monday (December 5) to 1 a.m. Tuesday (December 6) for waterline installation. **DETOUR:** Use Van Buren Road.
- McDowell Road **closed** in both directions between Citrus Road and Cotton Lane from 1 to 4 a.m. Tuesday (December 6) for waterline installation. **DETOUR:** Use Van Buren Road.

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) understands road construction can be frustrating and cause inconveniences. With this in mind, ADOT strives to work when traffic volumes are at their lowest. However, work may occur 24/7 thru the duration of the project. Please see the attached flier for details of Phase I construction.

Email ValleyFreeways@azdot.gov or call the ADOT Project Hotline at [1-855-712-8530](tel:1-855-712-8530) with questions or comments.

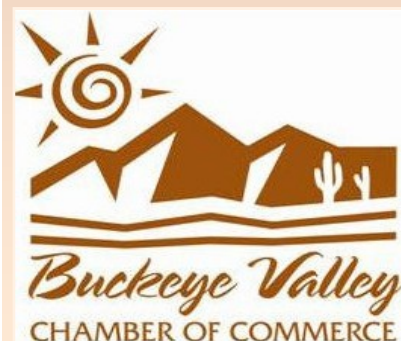
Ease the commute for your family and friends ... please share this email with others who use this Valley freeway! ADOT appreciates your patience and cooperation during freeway construction and maintenance projects

Please see page 9 for map and details~



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Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce

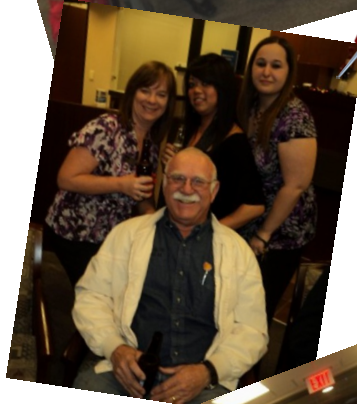
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Christmas Mixer... Thank you, M & I—part of BMO Financial



Thank you, Brandon Mello and your great staff! The mixer was a huge success and everyone had a wonderful time!



Photos Courtesy of Jennifer Mello

Ribbon Cutting... Lower Buckeye Road

The Ribbon Cutting for the opening of **Lower Buckeye Road** is scheduled for December 12th, 8 am.

Please note: The ceremony will be held on Lower Buckeye just west of Youngker High School, NOT on Miller Road! Please proceed north Apache from Broadway or Southern, then turn west at the school!

Ribbon Cutting... Park & Ride

The Ribbon Cutting for the new **Park & Ride** is scheduled on December 15th at 9 am.

The Park and Ride is located at Jackrabbit Road south of Thomas

You are all invited to attend!



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New Member...

Anytime Fitness is the world's largest 24 hour gym and co-ed fitness center chain

Stop by our Buckeye, AZ health club TODAY!

Our staffed hours are:

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am – 7:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am- 1:00 pm

Always-open convenience of a 24 hour gym

Anytime Fitness of Buckeye, AZ, is the fitness center that fits your on-the-go lifestyle. At our Buckeye, AZ, health club, you can exercise any time using your own security-access key! That's 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Talk about no more excuses!

Affordable and low cost gym memberships in Buckeye, AZ

It doesn't cost a lot to achieve your health and fitness goals at the Anytime Fitness gym in Buckeye, AZ. For a low monthly fee, you get far more than you'd expect. Come in and see our fitness center for yourself. We'd love to show you around!

All you need, all you want in a 24 hour gym membership

At the Anytime Fitness center in Buckeye, AZ, you will find amazing amenities—including the best fitness equipment available! Plus, our health club has a friendly and supportive atmosphere. To help you get started, each new member receives a FREE personal fitness orientation!

One membership, thousands of health clubs

At the Anytime Fitness center in Buckeye, AZ, we're proud to offer the benefit of Anywhere Club Access.

With this benefit, you can visit thousands of our fitness centers for the price of a standard monthly gym membership.

With Anywhere Club Access, you can exercise whenever—and wherever—it suits you best.

Information from the Anytime Fitness Website")

New Member.....

M&S Merchandise—Online Store

Thanks for visiting our web store. Shop and buy top sellers in gifts, collectibles, home, garden and seasonal decor. Give your home a makeover indoors and out. Search or browse through our listings and discover the awesome selection of new products. We have something for everyone on your shopping list, him, her, or the one who has it all.

Great gifts are available in many categories and what better time than now to shop online!



Information and images from M & S Merchandise website

M & S Merchandise

Scott & Markita South
19234 W. Woodlands Ave
Buckeye, AZ 85326
623-853-0368
www.Msmerchandise.com



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New Members... Welcome!

Anytime Fitness

Jeff Stokes
1280 S. Watson Rd. #103
Buckeye, AZ 85326
623-243-5893
Fitness Center

M & S Merchandise

Scott & Markita South
19234 W. Woodlands Ave
Buckeye, AZ 85326
623-853-0368
Gifts

Rounds Construction, LLC

James Rounds
905 E. Monroe Ave. #D
Buckeye, AZ 85326
602-677-6692
Contractors

West Valley Star

Bill Armstrong
P.O. Box 5731
Sun City West, AZ 85376
623-249-4749
Non Profit

Renewals... Thank you!

Bales Hay Sales

623-386-2988

Buckeye Valle News & Office Supply Store

623-386-4426

DM Oil & Fuel

623-386-4851

Faith, Ledyard, Nickel & Shelsky, PLC

623-932-0430

FastSigns SW Valley

623-536-0575

Keepsake Trophy

623-853-0280

M & I—Part of BMO Financial Group

623-925-3280

Meritage Active Adult At Sundance

623-386-8371

Mesquite Power

623-386-8520

Napolitano Ranches

623-386-2466

The Community Church

623-386-4132

Tom Jones Ford, Inc.

623-386-4429

WalMart DC

623-386-0004

New Member.....

Rounds Construction is a full service company both residential and commercial construction. No job to big, no job too small, we do it all!

Custom homes, remodeling, additions and garages. We also do patio covers, weatherization, roofing, painting and cabinetry. Need remodel or repair? Call Rounds Construction!

Rounds Construction

James Rounds
905 E. Monroe Ave. #D
Buckeye, AZ 85326
602-677-6692
www.roundsconstruction.com

ATTENTION!!

The Chamber office will be closed from Friday, December 23rd to Monday, January 3rd for the holidays. Staff will be celebrating the holidays with their families and we hope you will be spending time with YOUR families too!



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January Quarterly Luncheon...

January 18th, 2012

The Chamber would like to "Thank" Zachry Construction for hosting the October Luncheon.

We had a great turn out and enjoyed the positive update provided by

Mayor Meck and Town Manager Stephen Cleveland

Buckeye Business Connection...



Every Tuesday Morning at 7:15 am

At the Chamber Office

508 E. Monroe Ave

Buckeye, AZ

Continental Breakfast! Timely Speakers! Great Networking!

December 13— Buckeye Police Chief, Mark Mann

December 20 - Nate Schaus, "Special Christmas Message"

December 27— NO MEETING

January—3, 2012, NO MEETING





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2011-2012 Board of Directors..

Chamber Staff &

Chairman of the Board

Bill Retsinas, *US Bank*

Chairman Elect

Kevin Johnson, *RE/MAX Assured*

Treasurer

Kathryn Tracy, *Kathryn S. Tracy Accountant*

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Dorothy Lockard, *Farm Bureau Insurance*

Directors:

Bob Ellis, *Mesquite Power*

Ron Fleming, *Global Water Resources*

Clay Goodman, *Estrella Mountain Community College*

Mike Nalker, *Wal-Mart*

Nate Schaus, *Summit Community Church*

Sam Schippers, *West Valley Rock*

Al Steen, *BESD Superintendent*

Legal Counsel

Paul J. Faith, Esq.
Faith, Ledyard, Nickel & Shelsky, PLC

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Brandon Mello, *M & I - BMO Financial Group*

Buckeye Business Connection Chairman

Darlene Terry, *Powers-Leavitt*

Helzapoppin' PRCA Rodeo Chairman

Tim Grandy, *NRCD*

Staff

Deanna Kupcik, *President*
Chief Executive Officer
deanna@buckeyevalleychamber.org

Jan Hessel, *Administrative Assistant*
Special Events Coordinator
jan@buckeyevalleychamber.org

Chamber Office

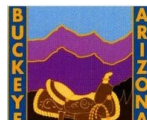
508 E. Monroe Ave
Buckeye, AZ 85326
623-386-2727 Phone
623-386-7527 Fax

As always, we extend our Appreciation to the following

Corporate Sponsors



W.C. SCOUTTEN, INC.
MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS AND PLANNERS



*Wishing you the peace and
joy of Christmas
and a Happy New Year*

*The Board of Directors and Staff
Of the
Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce*



Fall Demolition Derby, November 19th. This was a GREAT event!



Arizona Family Adventures brought several great inflatables for the kids

Right; Our first lady driver and winner of the Beauty Parade!



Miss Helzapoppin' PRCA Rodeo, Sabrina Hall, "flagged" for our Beauty Parade.



Above; Spectacular Mower Crash!
The driver was fine.



Mobility Scooter Races far left.
Near left; Sore loser!

303

Loop 303/Interstate 10 Interchange Phase I: Late 2011 - Summer 2012

The **Arizona Department of Transportation** is set to begin construction on the new Loop 303/I-10 Interchange in Goodyear. When completed, motorists can expect:

- ▶ Ramp connections between Loop 303 and I-10, similar to the Loop 101 and I-10 Interchange in Tolleson and Avondale
- ▶ Loop 303 widened to a six-lane freeway (three lanes in each direction) extending from I-10 in Goodyear to I-17 in North Phoenix

INTERCHANGE CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE

It is anticipated construction will begin in early December 2011, and all construction phases will conclude fall 2014. As with any complex construction project, there is a possibility that severe weather or other unforeseen difficulties may result in unscheduled closures, restrictions, or changes and could cause the timelines for the construction phases to shift.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PHASE I

- ▶ Construction of new interchanges on I-10 at Sarival Avenue and Citrus Road
- ▶ Improvements made to Cotton Lane and to Thomas Road
- ▶ Cotton Lane south of McDowell Road will remain open, but restrictions will be needed at times
- ▶ Loop 303 will remain open, but restrictions will be needed at times

WORK HOURS

ADOT understands road construction can be frustrating and cause inconveniences. With this in mind, ADOT strives to work when traffic volumes are at their lowest.

- ▶ Non-peak hours from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday - Friday
- ▶ Nights from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- ▶ Weekends from Friday night to Monday early morning

However, work may occur 24/7 thru the duration of the project.



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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Project Hotline 1-855-712-8530
valleyfreeways@azdot.gov
ValleyFreeways.com/loop303

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Get results.**

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- BOOT CAMPS
- YOGA AND PILATES CLASSES
- CUTTING-EDGE CARDIO EQUIPMENT
- AFFORDABLE RATES
- TOP-OF-THE-LINE STRENGTH EQUIPMENT
- TRX TRAINING ZONE
- ZUMBA
- AND MUCH MORE

CALL TODAY OR STOP BY OUR PREVIEW CENTER!

Get a great start..

...the new **Anytime Fitness in Buckeye** helps make your personal workout everything you want with **results** to make you smile! Experience world-class fitness. Fabulous facilities packed with brand-new equipment. More weights than ever. Great people. Expert advice. Motivation. And fun! Join today with this special offer...

Become a Charter Member
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Receive a new member gift bag (\$75 value)

*Some restrictions may apply. While supplies last. See club for details.



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(623) 243-5893
www.anytimefitness.com



Visit the West Side of Italy

(right here in Buckeye!)



Hosted by Mercy Connection

We'll be enjoying a right good Italian dinner while being entertained with a live band.

Where: The Elks Lodge
109 No. 5th St.
Buckeye, AZ

When: Friday, Dec. 16, 2011, 6:30 p.m.

A silent auction will be held, and there will be raffle prize drawings. One way to enter the raffle is to bring a gift for a newborn.

All proceeds go to Ame's Place, a safe home for abused, homeless, expectant mothers and their babies. Mercy Connection also assists the Buckeye Police Department by providing temporary housing for women and children.

For tickets (\$15.00) call 623 386-7432.

Save This Date!

LaidOffCamp SW VALLEY

JANUARY 7, 2012 7:30 AM–1:30 PM

ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE



LAI D OFF?

CONSIDERING YOUR OWN BUSINESS?

WISH YOU HAD A BETTER SUPPORT NETWORK?

LaidOffCamp SW Valley offers opportunities for community-building, support, and resources.

Registration required as attendance is limited. Register at <http://laidoffcampswvalleyjan2012.eventbrite.com>
laidoffcampswvalley@gmail.com

www.laidoffcampswvalley.com



LaidOffCampSWValley



@laidoffcampsw

Leadership Academy...

Buckeye Leadership Academy Class VII applications are available now! (See page 14)

The classes are on Thursday evenings and run for twelve weeks, beginning in February. Take a few minutes to consider applying. Space is very limited, so get your application as soon as possible. Please be aware we only accept one person per family and you MUST be a Buckeye resident.

These classes cover the spectrum of Town government and assist in preparing candidates for local boards and commissions. Two of our recent councilmen are graduates of this program!

Estrella Mountain Community College -

Connect 2 Business

Estrella Mountain Community College is always looking for ways to strengthen the relationship between the college and the business community. We will be utilizing a new tool created specifically for this function, *Connect 2 Business*. *Local businesses are invited to participate in this FREE* program that will assist both the business community and the students at Estrella Mountain Community College.

Why Participate?

Connect 2 Business is ready to connect the local employer to a pipeline of skilled workers and opportunities to promote their business. Within this online system, businesses will be able to:

- **Make a business** profile and additional information available to students. This information is useful when students are determining a career path.
- **Post job** openings and temporary work opportunities.
- **Inform** students about Extended Learning Opportunities (ELOs) offered, such as job shadowing, internships, and apprenticeships. Estrella can assist in creating these opportunities.
- **Pinpoint** students who are interested in and offer skills needed for a specific business or industry. Job openings can be emailed to a targeted group of students that have a proficiency in that specific industry.

Businesses will have access to a multitude of tools in *Connect 2 Business* designed to help find the most suitable employees and tailor a future workforce.

How to Get Started?

Getting started is easy, email Landis Elliott at landis.elliott@estrellamountain.edu and request to participate in *Connect 2 Business*. After you receive your log on and password you will be ready to move forward.

Landis Elliott

P: [623.935.8220](tel:623.935.8220)

F: [623.935.8985](tel:623.935.8985)

Manager of Internships

Estrella Mountain Community College

landis.elliott@estrellamountain.edu



**BUCKEYE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
CLASS VII
APPLICATION**

Please complete the information below. The Buckeye Leadership Academy Class VII is limited to Town of Buckeye residents.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE (Home) _____ (Work) _____

FAX _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

OCCUPATION _____ EMPLOYER _____

Length of residency in Town of Buckeye _____

Name as you would like it to appear on Nametag _____

Please list public service activities that you have been involved with during the last five years:

Name of Organization	Office Held/Committee	Years Involved

Briefly explain why you want to participate in the Leadership Academy:

_____ I can commit to attending ALL scheduled classes. (Classes are held every Thursday beginning February 9, 2012 through April 26, 2012.)

_____ I have applied to the Buckeye Leadership Academy in the past.

Signature

Date

Application is due to the Chamber on/or before Friday, January 20, 2012.

Please mail to:

Or Fax to:

623 386-7527

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