

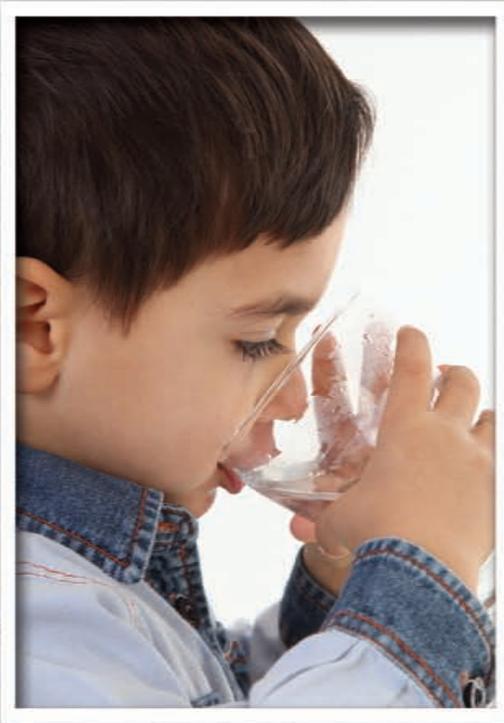


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PUBLIC WORKS
2012-2013 CALENDAR
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DRINKING WATER FACTS

REVEALED



YOU CAN

TRUST YOUR TAP

"In 2011, our test results showed once again that we are meeting or surpassing all federal and state drinking water standards."

Avondale is committed to providing you with safe, reliable drinking water, and great service at an affordable price, each and every day.

Part of this commitment is summarized in an annual report about our drinking water. The 2011 Water Quality Report provides important information about your drinking water including where the water comes from, the results of continuous testing, and how these results compare with federal standards. We work closely with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) and Maricopa County Environmental Services to ensure we are meeting or surpassing all drinking water standards, and assuring you receive safe, high quality and reliable drinking water.

In 2011, our test results showed once again that we are meeting or surpassing all federal and state

drinking water standards. I hope you take the time to review this report to learn how much work and dedication goes into your drinking water each and every day.

In addition to water and wastewater services, the Public Works Department also provides solid waste and recycling services, maintenance of streets, and servicing of the city's fleet.

The City of Avondale hopes you enjoy and find the 2012/2013 calendar valuable. Although the annual water quality report is required by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, the format for presenting the information is determined by the City. We believe information shared in an entertaining format is more likely to be used and appreciated. While we strive to create humorous content through the use of photos and fictional text, the message delivered is important to us all. This is the sixth year we've presented

the report as a calendar, and it continues to receive national attention.

Again, we hope you enjoy and learn from the calendar, and we appreciate you making Avondale your home.

Charlie McClendon
City Manager



GET THE WHOLE SCOOP!

CONTACT US

Avondale's Public Works Department is here to serve you!

399 E. Lower Buckeye Rd.
Avondale, AZ 85323
(623) 333-4400

www.avondale.org/water

Hours of Operation: Mon - Thurs 7 am - 6 pm; Closed Friday

After Hours Water Quality or Main Breaks: (623) 333-4400

Water Bill Customer Service: (623) 333-2005

GET INVOLVED

We welcome you to attend City Council meetings or other public forums. Council meetings are the first and third Monday of every month. Public meeting notices are posted on the City's web site at www.avondale.org and outside of Avondale City Hall, located at 11465 W. Civic Center Drive, Avondale.

LEARN MORE ABOUT WATER

United States Environmental Protection Agency

Safe Drinking Water Hotline:

(800) 426-4791 • www.epa.gov/safewater

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

(602) 771-2300

www.adeq.state.az.us/environ/water/index.html

Maricopa County Environmental Services Department

(602) 505-6666 • www.maricopa.gov/envsvc/WaterWaste

WATER CONSERVATION

Avondale's Water Conservation Office is here to help you save water. We offer free workshops, publications and even rebates to encourage water conservation. To learn more, call (623) 333-4422 or email eavila@avondale.org to request a packet of information that can help you learn about native plants, rebate programs, watering guidelines and conservation.

AVONDALE'S WATER PARTNERS

The City of Avondale actively partners with other agencies and organizations to enhance the range of resources and information available to you.

Water, Use it Wisely

Avondale partners with Valley cities in this campaign to promote easy ways to save water. Learn how to make wise water decisions - visit www.wateruseitwisely.com/arizona.



Water Conservation Education Links & School Programs

Contact the Public Works Department at (623) 333-4422 for free water conservation presentations or log on to www.avondale.org/water for cool interactive water games for kids.



Tap into Quality

Learn more about the safety, convenience and affordability of tap water. "Tap Into Quality" is a public education campaign designed to keep you informed about tap water. To learn more, visit www.tapintoquality.com.



Water Sense Partner

A partnership program with a goal of protecting the future of our nation's water supply by promoting and enhancing the market for water-efficient products and services. For WaterSense resources visit: www.epa.gov/watersense.



Arizona Rinse Smart

Replace your high water use, low pressure pre-rinse spray valves with lower water use, higher pressure valves. If you are a restaurant or school in Avondale that would like to participate in this free program please contact the water conservation staff at (623) 333-4422.



Arizona Municipal Water Users Association (AMWUA)

A voluntary, non-profit corporation established by municipalities in Maricopa County for the development of urban water resources policy. To learn more, visit www.amwua.org.



Valleywide Recycling Partnership

A number of valley communities came together to form Valleywide Recycling Partnership (VRP). The goal of this partnership is to divert as much garbage as possible from valley landfills through public awareness campaigns and educational programs.



Let's save money by reusing materials and products and by practicing smart shopping habits that reduce waste. Reducing waste, reusing materials and products, and recycling are some of the most effective and easiest ways we can protect the environment. www.recyclevrp.com

PRESERVE OUR ENVIRONMENT & GROUND WATER SUPPLY!

PREVENT STORMWATER DRAIN POLLUTION!

- ✓ Pick up pet waste
- ✓ Use "non-toxic" cleaners
- ✓ Save hazardous waste for city collection events
- ✓ Use kitty litter to absorb oil and grease on pavement

Remember - what goes onto the ground and down the drain may wind up in our drinking water

MISSING!

Baby Blockhead Reported Missing



ONE warm spring day, Baby Blockhead was reported missing from his balance beam on the front lawn of City Hall.

One of his concerned parents began searching the City and found him at the Sam Garcia Western Avenue Library returning his library books. This little Blockhead takes late fees seriously. While the adult Blockhead was in the area he thought he would go check out the great selection of books and ebooks the library has to offer.



For more information on the many events at Avondale's Libraries, visit

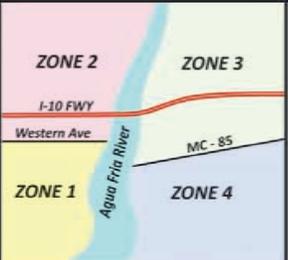
www.avondale.org/libraries

Fact: A broken sprinkler head can lose up to 12 gallons per minute.

Tip: Water Summer grass once every 3 to 6 days; cool season grass once every 7 to 9 days.

JULY

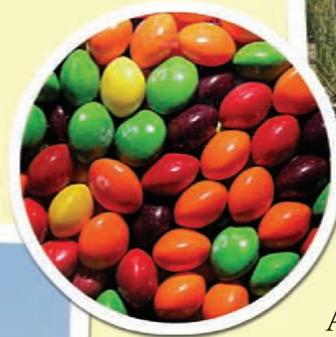
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CANDY FACTORY TO OPEN IN AVONDALE

City Council to Sign Contract with Sweetz Inc

THE rainbow of color on Avondale Boulevard caught the eye of candy manufacturing officials who visited the Randall McDaniel Sports Complex recently. The building's bright hues of green, orange, red and purple complement their corporate brand, so they approached Avondale about relocating their corporate headquarters to City Center. The development agreement stipulates that the candy giant must give away free candy to every resident!



The Randall McDaniel Sports Complex is home to American Sports Centers Avondale, an 80,000 square foot indoor sports complex for basketball, soccer and volleyball. Visit www.ascavondale.com for more information.

WORD SEARCH SWEET STUFF

Can you find the sweet words below in the puzzle on the right?

CANDY
CHEWY
CHOCOLATE
FROSTING
JELLY
PEANUT
RAINBOW

SOUR
STICKY
SUGAR
SWEET
SYRUP
TAFFY

J E L L Y F E B E Z V P
Z A H O T U U T U K J U
X Z B U W V A R Q C Y R
T E E W S L A S X D W Y
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AUGUST

Fact: A 1/2 -inch diameter garden hose delivers 5 to 8 gallons of water per minute.
Tip: Use a shut-off hose nozzle instead of letting the water run while in use.

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GARDEN PATCH



Community gardener Esmie Avila admires her unusually tall plant

AVONDALE'S first community garden (aka The Garden Patch) sprouted a strange, new plant species this month. Among the cabbages, lettuce, broccoli, corn and other homegrown varieties of vegetables, the plant took root in the garden and grew to an incredible 35 feet!! The community gardeners are at a loss to explain this unusual phenomenon, although nearby residents say they have spotted little garden gnomes

**GROW-
ING
WILD**

working with shovels in the wee hours of the morning. Located adjacent to Avondale City Hall, the community garden is operated by the non-profit Garden Patch, comprising members who seek to instill the values of healthy eating and caring for the Earth's precious resources through community gardening.



Fact: Plants don't save water, people do.
Tip: To choose water wise plants visit
www.avondale.watersavingplants.com

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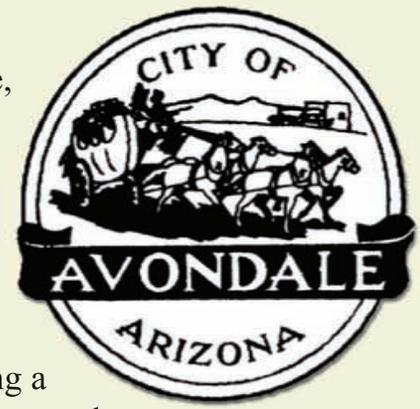
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GHOST of BILLY MOORE

Tourist's Photograph Captures Image of Avondale's Founding Father



ACCORDING to local folklore, the Ghost of Billy Moore, Avondale's founding father, still roams the site of his old homestead near Dysart Road and Riley Drive. Upon his arrival around 1880, William Graham Moore christened the site Coldwater, digging a well that sprung bountiful water to create the beginnings of a watering hole, a stagecoach stop - and generations later, a city that would eventually become Avondale.



Today, Avondale continues to produce abundant groundwater for its 76,000 residents, thanks to careful and long-term planning by the city's Public Works Department. Billy Moore's vision - and **spirit - lives on!**

THEN



Southwest Corner
Dysart Rd & Riley Dr

Billy Moore's
Homestead
Coldwater Crossing at
Agua Fria River
photograph courtesy of:
www.southwestvalleychamber.org

Fact: Accumulations of Fat, Oil and Grease (FOG), when poured down the drain, build up and harden, causing sewer plugs, backups and overflows.

OCTOBER

Tip: Scrape food, grease and used oil into the trash, NOT down the sink or garbage disposal.

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MYSTERY VAULT

EXPLORED

DID you know that Avondale's old City Hall, which now houses the innovative business incubator known as Gangplank Avondale, was originally built as a bank? For years, no one has been able to crack the secret code to get into the vault, which was rumored to hold the fortune of Avondale's founder Billy Moore. Thanks to high-tech de-coding, we were able to unlock this secret chamber, only to discover that Uncle Billy's fortune, much like the mystery of Al Capone's vault, was pretty much an old wives tale.



Avondale Elementary
1943 Yearbook

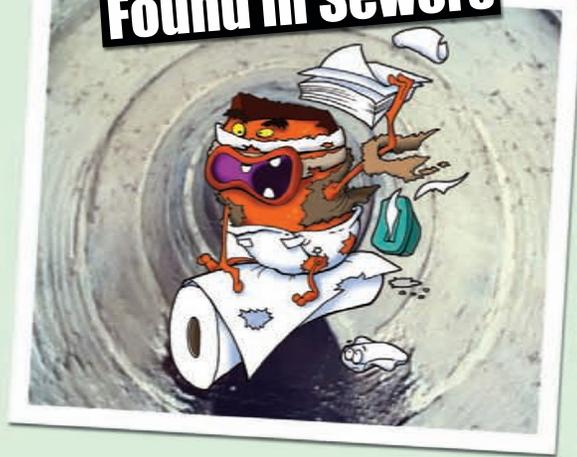
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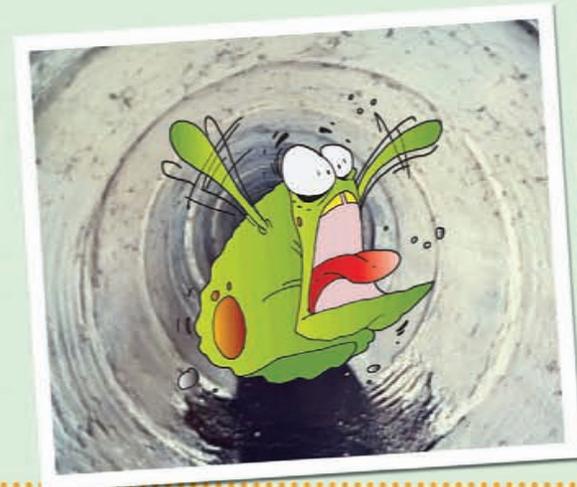
Local anchorwoman Nancy Wallace as she opens the notorious vault.



CREATURES Found in Sewers



DEEP in the recesses of Avondale's sewer system lurk two insidious sewer monsters known as the CLOG and the CLUMP. These pesky creatures are responsible for backed up toilets, sinks, and overflowing sewers and drains all over the city. Help us fight the Clog and the Clump! Visit www.avondale.org/CLOG for more information.



NOVEMBER

Fact: Rags, disposable towels, and wipes, flushed down the toilet, can create sewer overflows and blockages.

Tip: Dispose of rags, disposable wipes, tissues, insects and other waste in the trash.

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THE MANY LOOKS...

*of Public
Works*



Brian Halleck
Fleet Services
Automotive Equip. Mechanic
6 years of service

Mike Ruggles
Water Resources
Utilities Location Specialist
7 years of service

Hector Machuca
Street Maintenance
Equipment Operator
6 years of service

Steve Miller
Sanitation
Equipment Operator
10 years of service

Fact: Avondale recycles cardboard, paper, tin cans, aluminum cans, plastics 1-7, glass and cartons.

Tip: Not recyclable: Styrofoam, packing peanuts, bubble wrap or plastic bags.

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30	31	Christmas Day City offices closed				

Mike
Smith
C.I.P.
MANAGER

CLONED



AVONDALE'S Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Manager, Mike Smith, wears many hats on the job. That's because there are "many" of him. That's right. To keep up with the myriad of projects involved with a growing city's infrastructure - roads,

sewers, pipes, water systems, etc. - Mike Smith discovered that the best way to get the job done was to clone himself several times over. No one knows exactly how many Mike Smith clones are running around the office or surveying construction projects, but like the real Mike Smith, they're all very genial and efficient.



Avondale

We will pick up your Black trash can and Blue recycling can, four times a month.

But wait there's more!

When you sign up for service we'll add bulk trash pickup once a month for FREE!!!

No need to have unwanted items too large to put into the trash can hanging around - place them on the street in front of your property once a month and we'll pick them up.

ONLY
\$20
PER MONTH

Bulk Exclusions: No tires, tile, dirt, concrete, bricks, sod, rocks, gravel, construction or hazardous materials. Brush and limbs must be cut to less than four feet in length.

JANUARY

Fact: The average Avondale resident uses 154 gallons of water per day.
Tip: Choose WaterSense labeled products in your home and business.

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HOT NEW COUPLE

Phil D. Blue + Miss D. Curb = Philiss

IT'S a Public Works Love Triangle. Miss D. Curb has dumped the ever-expanding Bulk E. Pile in favor of Avondale's recycling mascot, Phil D. Blue! Is it really love? Will their romance last more than 72 days? Stay tuned ...



AVONDALE'S cast of Public Works characters has grown over the years to include Phil D. Blue, Will I. Close, Miss D. Curb, Bulk E. Pile, the Clog and the Clump - all of whom help to spread important - yet friendly - messages about recycling, sanitation and protecting our drains and sewers. As a result, Avondale residents are among the most environmentally-conscious in the Valley!



THE STORY BEHIND THE RING

Sources say that the ring, a 10 - carat diamond on a yellow gold band, was "recycled" by Phil D. A close friend of Miss D.'s says it doesn't seem to bother her. She has never been happier, says the friend.



FEBRUARY

Fact: Each month the City collects large, bulky items that will not fit in the 90-gallon container.
Tip: Set your bulk trash out for collection by 5 a.m. on the Monday of your scheduled service week.

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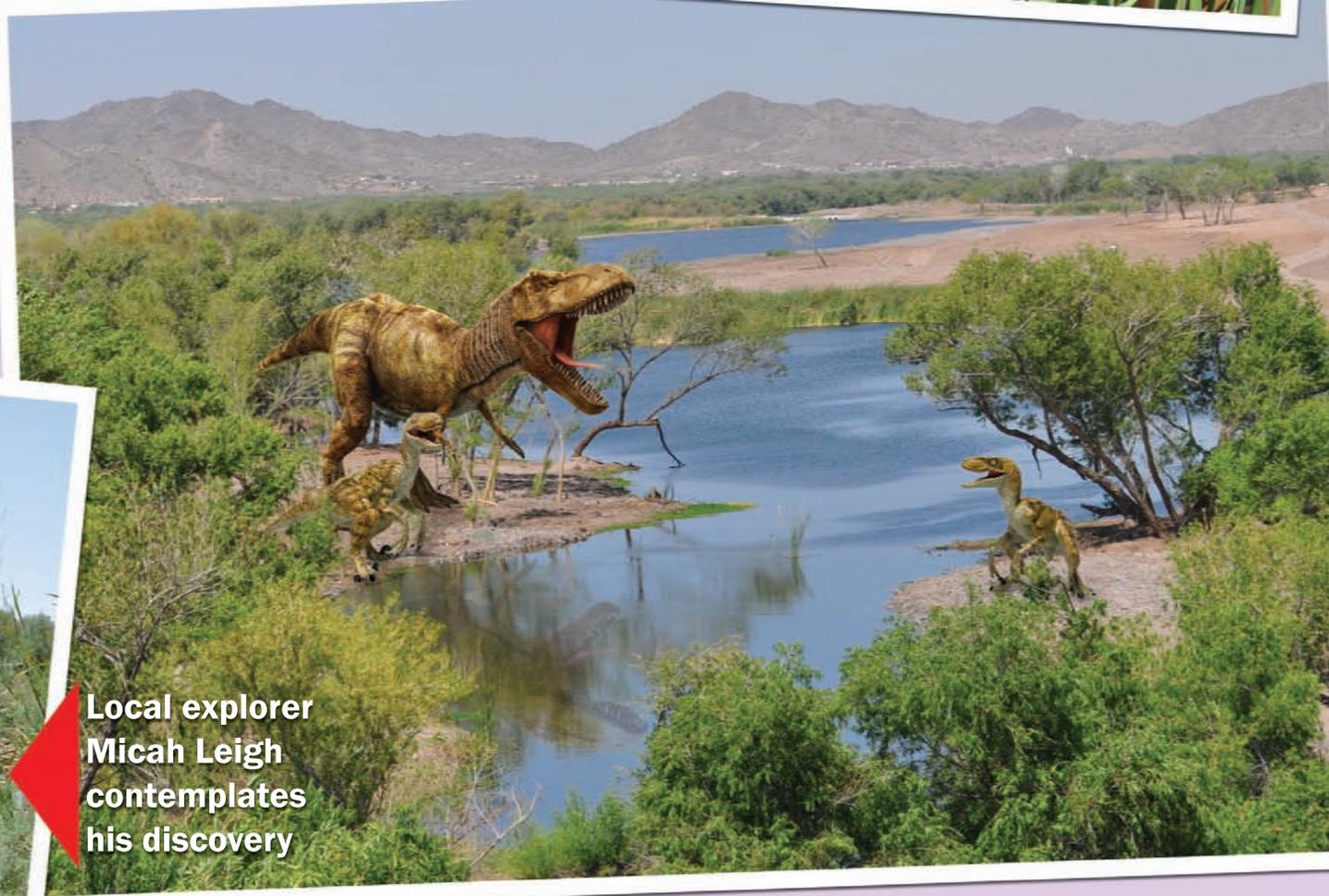
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Local Explorer Discovers

DINOSAURS

**In the Baseline and Meridian
Wildlife Area**

AN anthropologist searching for Native American artifacts near the Baseline and Meridian Wildlife Area in Avondale has stumbled upon a real-life Jurassic Park! It appears that dinosaurs, trapped millions of years ago in the Earth's core, have come to life again. This riparian habitat, also known as Tres Rios due to the convergence of the Salt, Gila and Agua Fria Rivers, is rich with wildlife, fauna and flora - and now, prehistoric species such as the Tyrannosaurus Rex and the ferocious Velociraptor.



**Local explorer
Micah Leigh
contemplates
his discovery**

MARCH

Fact: A leaking toilet can waste more than 90,000 gallons of water per month.

Tip: Add food coloring to the toilet tank, wait five minutes and check the bowl for coloring - this indicates a leak.

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Bulk Trash Zone 4

CRYSTAL Gardens Wetlands - known for its scenic and calm waters, abundant wildlife among the reeds, and family activities such as catch-and-release fishing and walking the surrounding trails - recently uncovered what appears to be THE LARGEST CATFISH known to man! City wetlands operators pulled this gi-normous creature from the lake, after residents reported strange splashing noises in the water. It's not yet known if any spawn were left behind, so keep your eyes open the next time you're out for a stroll.

The Crystal Gardens Wetlands Facility is home to five main species of fish - catfish, amur, koi, tilapia and goldfish - that serve to control insects and algae in the lakes (our water treatment cells).

GIANT CATFISH

Found in Crystal Gardens Wetlands



Nick Roberts struggles to remove the catfish from Wetlands cell 11A



George Ronquillo admires the enormous catfish

Fact: In 2011, the city picked up 20,300 tons of refuse in curbside collection, 3,300 tons of bulk trash and 5,000 tons of recycled material (blue cans).

Tip: Recycle chipboard boxes: Crackers, cereal, pasta and cake boxes without the plastic inserts.

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U.F.O.

SIGHTING Near Monument Hill



NEARBY residents captured amazing footage of an unidentified flying object in the sky above Monument Hill in Avondale! The saucer shaped vessel hovered briefly over the historic landmark, which serves as the “initial point” (X) for all surveys conducted in the state. Designated as the heart of Arizona, the top of Monument Hill was established as the initial point in 1865



Eyewitnesses:
Lee Etter &
Crystal Orth

and is listed as a National Historic Place. Since the UFO sighting, locals have continued to spot beams of light shining over this lush scenic area where the Gila and Salt Rivers meet.

SPOT the differences

How good is your power of observation? See if you can find the 10 differences between these two photos of the new Public Safety Station 174. You will need a keen eye and to pay attention to detail.



MAY

Fact: A water softening unit wastes 120 gallons for every 1,000 gallons delivered and increases your sodium intake.

Tip: Check timers and stuck solenoids on water softeners. Problems with automatic recharge cycles may waste hundreds of gallons.

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Memorial Day
City offices closed
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**We Walk
Our Dogs!**



Barb Chappell taking a stroll with her dogs

Jane Parker after a shopping spree at Sprouts

**We Shop
Avondale!**



Harley Maniago sips his green tea frappuccino

**We Drink
Coffee!**



JUNE

Fact: An average swimming pool loses about 22,000 gallons each year to evaporation and backwashing.

Tip: To help reduce evaporation losses from your pool, install a pool cover and plant trees and shrubs to act as a windbreak.

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2011 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report For Public Water System

Esta es información importante. Si no la pueden leer, necesitan que alguien se la traduzca.

We are pleased to present to you this year's water quality report. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water.

OUR WATER SOURCE(S)

Our water source is the West Salt River Valley Sub-Basin aquifer. The City of Avondale uses a series of wells throughout the city service area to pump water from the aquifer. If we used purchased water, this report is required to include water quality data for the purchased water with this report.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) has performed an evaluation of the City of Avondale's sources of water to public water systems in Arizona. This evaluation determines the degree to which the source of water is protected. Arizona's Source Water Assessment Program was approved by the EPA in November 1999. Based on the information currently available on the hydrogeologic settings of and the adjacent land uses that are in the specified proximity of the drinking water sources, ADEQ has given a low risk designation for the degree to which this public water system drinking water source is protected. A low risk designation indicates that most source water protection measures are either already implemented, or the hydrogeology is such that the source water protection measures will have little impact on protection.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT DRINKING WATER

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV-AIDS or other immune system

disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk of infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. For more information about contaminants and potential health effects, or to receive a copy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and microbiological contaminants call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- ▶ **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- ▶ **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- ▶ **Pesticides and herbicides** that may come from a variety of sources, such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- ▶ **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also may come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- ▶ **Radioactive contaminants**, that can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality prescribes regulations limiting the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted. The following contaminants were tested for in 2001, 2003, and 2008 but not found:

Acetochlor, Alachlor, Metolachlor, acetochlor ethane sulfonic acid (ESA), Acetochlor oxanilic acid (OA), Alachlor ESA, Alachlor OA, 2,4-Dinitrotoluene, Metolachlor ESA, Metolachlor OA, Nitrobenzene, N-nitroso-di-n-butylamine (NDBA), N-nitroso-diethylamine (NDEA), N-nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA), N-nitroso-di-n-propylamine (NDPA), N-nitrosomethylethylamine (NMEA), N-nitrosopyrrolidine (NPYR), 1,3-dinitrobenzene, hexahydro-1,3,5-trinitro-1,3,5-triazine; 2,4,6-trinitrotoluene; 2,2',4,4',5,5'-hexabromobiphenyl; 2,2',4,4',6-pentabromodiphenyl ether; 2,2',4,4',5,5'-hexabromodiphenyl ether; 2,2',4,4'-tetrabromodiphenyl ether; 2,2',4,4',5-pentabromodiphenyl ether; dimethoate; and terbufos sulfone.

Name: City of Avondale
Public Water System
Number: AZ 04 07088

Water Quality Data

We routinely monitor for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The State of Arizona requires us to monitor for certain contaminants at various locations throughout the city. Testing is done at six entry points to the distribution system that represent the treated source water. Some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. We also perform tests throughout the distribution system at over 80 different locations to ensure the water entering your home or business remains safe and reliable.

These tables show the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2011 unless otherwise noted.

Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Units	Low Range	High Range	Avg. Detected	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic	10	0	ppb	2	6	4	No	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards, glass and electronic production wastes
Barium	2000	2000	ppb	10	170	103	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Chromium	100	100	ppb	.5	16	6	No	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	4	4	ppm	0.110	1.33	0.35	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate	10	10	ppm	2	8	5	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Selenium	50	50	ppb	2	10	5	No	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines
Alpha Photon Emitters	15	0	pCi/L	0.400	5.5	3.13	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium	5	0	pCi/L	0.300	0.50	0.40	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Uranium	30	0	ppb	1	6.8	2.5	No	Erosion of natural deposits

Microbiological Contaminants	MCL	MCLG	Unit	Result	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Total Coliform Bacteria for Systems that collect >40 samples per month. 960 annual routine samples.	No more than 5% of monthly samples can be positive	0	Absent or Present	0	No	Naturally present in the environment

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products

	MCL	MCLG	Units	Low Range	High Range	Running Annual Average	Likely Source of Contamination
Total THMs	80	N/A	ppb	2.5	48	14	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Total Halocetic Acids	60	N/A	ppb	2	5.9	2.5	By-product of drinking water disinfection

Chlorine Residual

MRDL	MRDLG	Units	Low Range	High Range	Average Detected	Likely Source of Contamination
4	4	ppm	0.85	1.26	1.09	Water additive used to control microbes

Lead and Copper Sample 2010

	AL	ALG	Units	90th Percentile	No. of Sites over AL	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Lead	15	0	ppb	1	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Copper	1300	1300	ppb	250	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits

Lead and Copper Rule Standard: 90% of homes tested must have lead and copper levels below the action level.

Secondary standards are non-enforceable guidelines for contaminants that may cause cosmetic effects or aesthetic effects in drinking water. EPA recommends these standards but does not require water systems to comply.

Contaminant	Units	Secondary Standard	Level Detected/Range
Grains per Gallon	Gr/gal	N/A	19
Hardness (Total)	ppm	N/A	319
Iron	ppm	0.3	0.05
pH	ppm	6.5 – 8.5	8
Sodium	ppm	250	105
Sulfate	ppm	250	74
Temperature	°C		18
	°F		64
Total Dissolved Solids	ppm	500	686

Source Water Assessments on file with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality are available for public review. If a Source Water Assessment is available, you may obtain a copy of it by contacting the Arizona Source Water Coordinator at (602) 771-4641.

Source Water Assessment Report provides a screening-level evaluation of potential contamination that could occur. It does not mean that the contamination has or will occur. We can use this information to evaluate the need to improve our current water treatment capabilities and prepare for future contamination threats. This can help us ensure that quality finished water is delivered to your homes. In addition, the source water assessment results provide a starting point for developing a source water protection plan.

Potential sources of contamination in our source water area come from: surface water intrusion to unprotected wells.

TERMS & ABBREVIATIONS

To help you understand the terms and abbreviations used in this report, we have provided the following definitions:

- ▶ **Action Level (AL)** - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- ▶ **Action Level Goal (ALG)** - The “Goal” is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. The ALG allows for a margin of safety.
- ▶ **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** - The “Maximum Allowed” is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- ▶ **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)** - The “Goal” is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- ▶ **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)** - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- ▶ **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)** - The level of a drinking water disinfectant, below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- ▶ N/A = not applicable
- ▶ **Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L)** - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
- ▶ **Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (µg/L)** - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
- ▶ **Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)** - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.
- ▶ **Running Annual Average (RAA)** - An average of monitoring results for the previous 12 calendar months.

Please contact: **Crystal Orth** at (623) 333-4457, via email at Corth@avondale.org, to learn more about what you can do to help protect your drinking water sources and any questions about the annual drinking water quality report.

HEALTH EFFECT INFORMATION ABOUT THE WATER QUALITY DATA TABLE

ARSENIC

Due to the variation of the arsenic concentration, the City is providing the following statements as required by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): If arsenic is less than the MCL, your drinking water meets EPA’s standards. EPA’s standard balances the current understanding of arsenic’s possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems. Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

NITRATE

In drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods-of-time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, and detected nitrate levels are above 5 ppm, you should ask advice from your health care provider.

LEAD

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home’s plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home’s water, you may wish to have your water tested. Flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

WORD SEARCH ANSWERS
 from **AUGUST**

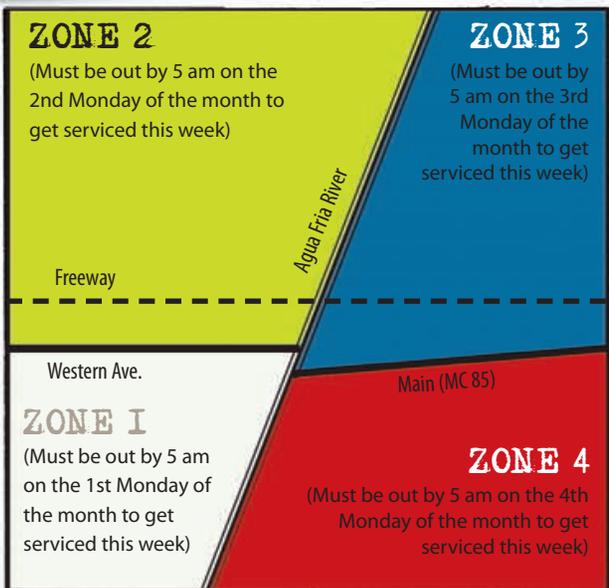
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SPOT THE DIFFERENCES ANSWERS
 from **MAY**

1. Street light faces opposite direction
2. “Rd” is missing from address
3. Bush added
4. Light above garage door missing
5. Roofline is extended
6. Flag pole is shorter
7. Shade support is missing
8. Bird is missing
9. No gap in centerline striping
10. Main entrance building different color

BULK TRASH SERVICE

INFORMATION & SCHEDULE



2012	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4
Jul	2	9	16	23
Aug	6	13	20	27
Sep	3	10	17	24
Oct	1	8	15	22
Nov	5	12	19	26
Dec	3	10	17	24
2013	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4
Jan	7	14	21	28
Feb	4	11	18	25
Mar	4	11	18	25
Apr	1	8	15	22
May	6	13	20	27
Jun	3	10	17	24

- ▶ 3 Cubic yard limit
- ▶ No tires
- ▶ Place in street (please keep bulk off private property and side walk)
- ▶ Any box or container will be removed as bulk trash
- ▶ Box and bag small items for easy pick-up
- ▶ No sod, dirt, rocks, bricks, tile or similar material will be collected
- ▶ Brush or long wood needs to be cut to 4 feet in length and not in excess of 6 inches in diameter
- ▶ Equipment might leave small material, debris and leaves

For more info on bulk items contact Public Works.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Public Works Department at (623) 333-4700.

ZONE 1

- ▶ Litchfield Mountain View
- ▶ Old Avondale South of Western
- ▶ Tres Rios

ZONE 2

- ▶ Corte Sierra
- ▶ Dysart Ranch
- ▶ Fulton Estates
- ▶ Las Palmeras
- ▶ Old Avondale North of Western
- ▶ Rancho Sante Fe
- ▶ Rio Crossing
- ▶ Sage Creek

ZONE 3

- ▶ Coldwater Springs
- ▶ Crystal Gardens
- ▶ Crystal Park
- ▶ Crystal Point
- ▶ Crystal Ridge
- ▶ Donatela I
- ▶ Donatela II
- ▶ Desert Spring Village
- ▶ Garden Lakes
- ▶ Garden Park
- ▶ Garden Trails
- ▶ Glenarm Farms

ZONE 3

continued

- ▶ Glenhurst
- ▶ Harbor Shores
- ▶ Los Arbolitos
- ▶ Oak Park
- ▶ Palm Garden
- ▶ Palm Meadows
- ▶ Pecan Grooves
- ▶ Roosevelt Park
- ▶ Starlight Trail
- ▶ Upland Park
- ▶ Waterford
- ▶ Westwind

ZONE 4

- ▶ Cambridge Estates
- ▶ Cantada Ranch
- ▶ Cashion
- ▶ Coldwater Ridge
- ▶ Del Rio Ranch
- ▶ Diamond Ridge
- ▶ Durango Park
- ▶ Field Crest
- ▶ Las Ligas
- ▶ Littleton Manor
- ▶ Ranchettes
- ▶ Rio Vista
- ▶ Rio Vista Estates
- ▶ Sanctuary

WATER CONSERVATION

REBATES!

RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

- Irrigation Controller \$50
- Plumbing (toilet/showerhead) \$75/\$5
- Landscape Conversions – Xeriscape up to \$400
- Clothes Washer \$100

NON-RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

- (HOAs, Schools, Commercial)
- “Smart” Irrigation Controller \$200
 - Landscape Conversion – Xeriscape up to \$3,000

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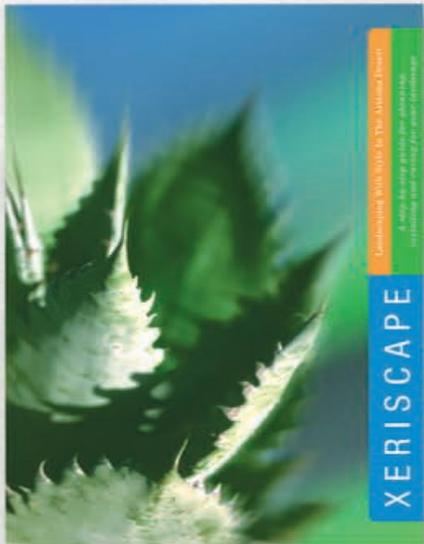
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It may surprise you to learn that up to 70% of household water is used outdoors. Studies have found that some homeowners use 2 to 5 times more water than is really needed in their landscapes. Oftentimes landscape watering can be substantially reduced with no visible effects on the plants. By selecting low-water-use plants and watering them properly, homeowners and landscape

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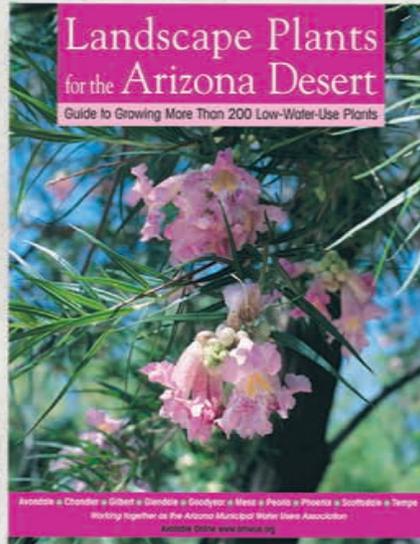
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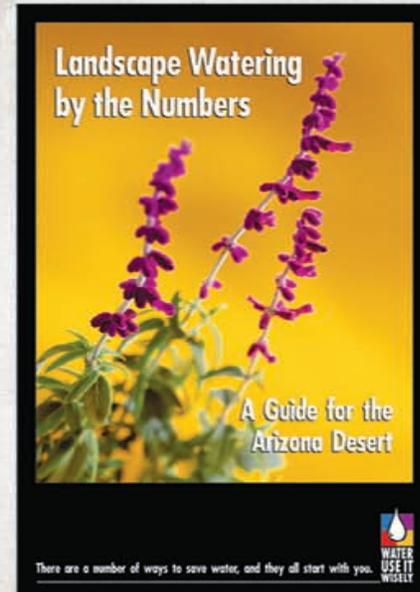
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