

Finding Pollution Solutions Agencies launch winter campaigns

Fall is finally here, and we can't wait to replace shorts and sandals with jackets and boots. But the change in season also brings winter pollution challenges. As the cooler weather sets in and the holiday season approaches, wood burning in fireplaces, outdoor fire pits, and even fireworks have a big impact on air quality. This can force people inside, especially those with respiratory or pulmonary disease.

Ironically, it is the wonderful winter weather, along with our own activities, that play a role in our daily air quality.

During the chilly winter nights, cool air sinks toward the lowest parts of the Valley and warmer air sits on top.

This creates an inversion over the Valley, which traps and concentrates air pollutants near the ground. It's why you may see a brown, hazy cloud blanketing the region when the winter weather is calm.

Each of us can do our part to ensure the air outside stays clean and healthy. The Maricopa County Air Quality Department and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality are launching winter campaigns to address air quality during a challenging time of year.

Burn Cleaner. Burn Better.

The Maricopa County Air Quality Department encourages residents to choose alternatives to burning wood, such as natural gas, electric, and fireplace retrofit devices. You can help by respecting "no-burn" days. No-burn restrictions are put into effect when concentrations of small particulates are at their highest. When breathed, these small particles can cause lung ailments. This

particulate matter, called PM-2.5, is often found in smoke and ash that comes from wood burning during the holidays.

"We know that around the holidays, families enjoy the fireplace tradition," says Maricopa County Air

Quality Department Director Phil McNeely. "We hope that residents will work with us in finding cleaner alternatives and avoid costly and burdensome requirements associated with failure to attain clean air standards."

Maricopa County offers two fireplace retrofit options to some parts of the Valley, including a free air pollution reduction device insert or a low-cost natural gas conversion option. If a home is already plumbed for natural gas, the county will provide a



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Message From the Chair



Mayor Mark Mitchell, City of Tempe

A decade of lost revenue. Deferred construction, modernization and maintenance projects still waiting to be implemented. Needs that are tens of billions of dollars more than projected revenues over the next 30 years—even with the passage of a half-cent sales tax extension.

Those are the realities that face the MAG Regional Council and Transportation Policy Committee as we work to develop a new Regional Transportation Plan and determine a strategic investment and funding approach. Now, more than ever, we need to rely on the solid and transparent processes in place at MAG and work together to forge a new transportation future for the region.

Already, a few key policy questions are emerging. How can we ensure that the highway, street and transit investments are maintained adequately in the future? Should we continue to expand the highway system if there are not funds to maintain the system in the future? What measures can we take to reduce deaths and serious injuries? How do we want to address high capacity transit in the form of light rail and bus rapid transit? How will new technology influence travel behavior, and can technology be used to increase the efficiency of our transportation system? How do we keep flexibility in the planning process to nimbly

address shifting needs?

Many tough discussions—and decisions—lie ahead. Clearly, we can't do it all. Policy makers will need to weigh trade-offs as the plan is developed. The Regional Council has expressed its commitment to carefully examining policy implications as the region seeks enabling legislation for continued regional transportation funding.

We will need our state and federal partners to do their jobs in providing critical funding to expand and, importantly, to maintain our transportation system. The region cannot carry this burden alone. Arizona and the federal government have not increased sustainable transportation revenues for about 30 years, even though inflation and improved fuel mileage have reduced the buying power of the gas tax.

My hope is that we will continue to hear from all voices as we move forward. MAG will actively seek feedback from the public through visioning efforts in early 2020. I encourage residents to become involved by talking with their elected officials at the local and state levels about the need for adequate funding for transportation.

I am confident that working cooperatively, we will develop the best possible plan to keep our region moving. 



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We are proud of the Town of Paradise Valley's recent recognition as one of the safest communities in the state of Arizona, and the best place to live in the state. We know the importance of working with the leaders of our neighboring communities and Maricopa County to continue to plan for the responsible and seamless growth of our metro area, as Maricopa County continues to draw record numbers of new residents.

—Paradise Valley Mayor Jerry Bien-Willner

In Surprise, we have a city-staffed Human Service and Community Vitality Department and a Veterans, Disability & Human Services Commission of volunteers that work with amazing nonprofits throughout Maricopa County. Together, they support our veterans, those living with special needs, victims of domestic violence, those experiencing homelessness, our elderly, and so many others. With tight budgets and many competing needs, it is critical that we continue to forge these strong partnerships that keep our people fed, housed and employed. Together, we can make amazing things happen.

—Surprise Mayor Skip Hall



Keeping residents connected is one of the City of Peoria's most important priorities. We were proud to work alongside regional partners to bring a new Park and Ride to our community. With previous concrete to reduce the heat island effect, electric car charging stations, and exceptional connectivity to local and regional bus routes, this amenity is an important step toward our efforts to remain a sustainable, modern, and connected city.

—Peoria Mayor Cathy Carlat (See story, page 9.)

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voucher up to \$2,000 to cover the cost of the installation of a natural gas log set. The county also offers a propane program to help residents upgrade from a wood burning fire pit to cleaner burning propane at a reduced cost.

Give the Gift of Clean Air

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) also is hoping to get the attention of residents with its new campaign, "Give the Gift of Clean Air."

Similar to Maricopa County, ADEQ wants residents to take a look at fireplace retrofits, as well as swapping out a wood burning backyard fire pit for one fueled by propane.

"If you are not ready to make the change, make sure you are burning seasoned wood, as drier wood burns cleaner and hotter," says ADEQ Air Quality Division Director Daniel Czecholinski. "Remember, when a Health Watch or High Pollution Advisory is issued by ADEQ, Maricopa County enforces a No Burn Day. That means no recreational fires are allowed on those days."

There are additional steps residents can take throughout the year. ADEQ suggests that residents make a New Year's resolution to "Commit to One Day" of using alternative transportation or telecommuting to reduce pollution for everyone in Arizona.

For cars that fail emissions testing, ADEQ offers a voluntary vehicle repair program. Residents can get up to \$550 for emissions related repairs. You also may want to check out an electric vehicle rebate offered by Nissan with an ADEQ emissions test receipt. 🏔️

MAG thanks the Maricopa Quality Air Quality Department and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality for contributing to this story. For more information, contact Maricopa County at www.cleanairmakemore.com or ADEQ at www.azdeq.gov. 🏔️



A worker installs the connection to a new natural gas burning fireplace.

Regional Profile: Mayor Ginny Dickey



Mayor Ginny Dickey, Town of Fountain Hills



Hometown Is Where Her Heart Is

Born and raised in New York, Ginny Dickey and her family chose Fountain Hills in 1983 as their hometown. A bit ironic, because at that time it wasn't yet a town. But that didn't stop Dickey from immediately becoming active in the community.

"I moved to Fountain Hills in 1983, and in 1984 we had our first town hall. And everyone sat down together to figure out, what do we want to do? After that, I increased my participation."

She started with her kids' schools.

"When we first moved here, my oldest wasn't even in kindergarten yet, but somehow I ended up on the PTA board. That led to serving on different committees in the school district, and the natural progression was that I ran for the School Board in 1996, serving until 2002. Then, these town halls turned into a real strategic planning process, and I continued to get more deeply involved."

Holding a degree in mathematics from Tufts University, Dickey's career includes banking, bookkeeping, teaching, working as an Arizona Senate staffer, and serving as an Assistant Director at the Arizona

Department of Environmental Quality. She says her unusual mix of creative and technical abilities comes primarily from her parents.

"My father was an orthopedic surgeon, as well as a painter and sculptor. My mom was a violinist for the Hudson Valley Philharmonic back in New York. So, it was music all the time, art all the time. The math, well, I guess that was something I came by on my own."

Dickey used her financial and leadership skills to continue to benefit her hometown, which incorporated in 1989. She was active in community theater, becoming a charter member of the Arts Council and serving on the Theater Board as treasurer and accountant. She earned the 2009 Founders Award and performed in several AriZoni winning productions.

Dickey served for eight years on the Town Council before being elected mayor in 2018. One of her toughest political fights was changing to a single contract to handle the town's waste management needs.

"We don't have utilities here, so everybody had their own trash collections. Six days a week, there were trucks going down every street, there were bins always out, there was noise and wear and tear on the streets."

Her efforts led to a recall attempt. But Dickey prevailed, and now collections occur only a few times a week, neighborhoods are quieter—there is even curbside recycling. "It's made a huge difference," she says.



Mayor Dickey and her husband, Jim, in Pompeii, Italy.

Mayor Dickey brings the same deep love for her community to elected office as she did as a resident.

"I take these responsibilities very seriously. I always have. I know it's a cliché, but it's a privilege and an honor to serve. I've done it in voluntary ways all my life, and feel fortunate to be able to continue this way as Mayor."

Today, Dickey is focused on finding new funding for roads, public safety, and municipal staff, which face serious shortfalls.

"There are a lot of reasons for that. Fountain Hills used to have two property taxes in the way of districts. We had fire and road districts. Those went away one at a time," says Dickey. "Right now we have \$200 million worth of roads, without the ability to maintain them."

Dickey has been frustrated by outside influences in local elections.

"Local elections... it's really important to keep them local. During our last effort for the property tax,

Ginny Dickey (third from right) performs in a 1987 production of *Godspell*.



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Mayor Dickey enjoys spending time with her five children and nine grandchildren.

Mayor Ginny Dickey (continued)

we received a lot of attention from national ideological groups. They don't dive into why you're looking for a tax, why you need it. They're just against any tax," she says.

The mayor also would like to see the state shift to a system of all mail-in ballots, believing more people would participate.

In her free time, Mayor Dickey is an avid Arizona sports fan, cheering for the Diamondbacks, Coyotes, and Cardinals. Her secret vice? She loves the Oakland Raiders. She and her husband, Jim, also spend time walking through her community, where she enjoys

meeting and speaking with townspeople. She says the most rewarding part of her job is finding out what she can do for them.

"Resolving even the smallest issue for someone, like cleaning out a wash by their house or getting a new street sign, improving pedestrian safety or helping businesses with their issues, that's what I enjoy most," she says.

In December 2019, Fountain Hills will celebrate 30 years of incorporation, while the iconic Fountain will turn 50 in December 2020.

"We are going to be kicking off a year of activities and celebrations, and everybody is welcome. Keep an eye on what we're doing and come out and play with us," invites Mayor Dickey.

With her family still an integral part of Fountain Hills (three of her four siblings still live in the town), Dickey hopes residents find the same fulfillment.

"I want this community to be as important to all the residents that I feel it is for us, that they are making their memories and that this is their hometown." 



Fed Up With Flooding? Prop 400 project coming to the rescue

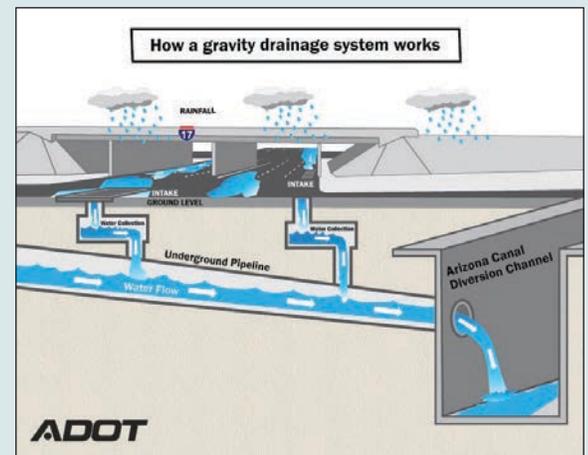
Drivers trying to cross under Interstate 17 during heavy rains may be all too familiar with the flooding that can occur on major roadways such as Greenway, Thunderbird, Cactus and Peoria. The good news is that help is on the way. A drainage project scheduled to begin construction this fall is expected to prevent such flooding in the future. The project is slated to take just under two years to complete.

The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) is responsible for long-range transportation planning in the region, and included the project in the Regional Transportation Plan approved under Proposition 400, the voter approved regional sales tax for transportation in Maricopa County.

"Flooding during heavy rainstorms is a well-known problem under I-17, and this project will improve both the safety and efficiency of a critical freeway corridor," said MAG Chair Mark Mitchell, mayor of Tempe. "We appreciate that the foresight of voters allows us to continue to deliver transportation projects that make a difference in the daily lives of residents."

The drainage project will replace four aging storm drain pump stations with a modern gravity-fed storm drain system. Pumping stations along I-17 at Greenway, Thunderbird, Cactus, and Peoria will be removed. As part of the new system, 30" to 90" diameter pipes will divert storm water to the Arizona Canal Diversion Channel (ACDC) near Dunlap Avenue. In addition, two water retention basins will be built at I-17 and Thunderbird.

The project is anticipated to cost \$38.4 million. Funding for the improvements will come from Proposition 400. 



Valley Turning Purple for Domestic Violence Awareness

Eighty-six. That's how many Arizonans lost their lives due to domestic violence in 2018. Sadly, one in four women and one in seven men have experienced domestic violence in their lifetime. The trauma and suffering caused by domestic violence destroys families, threatens the safety of neighborhoods, and weakens the ability of communities to thrive.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and communities throughout the Valley are marking the occasion with events, seminars, training sessions, fundraisers, and collection drives. Municipalities across the region are lighting their buildings purple while elected officials and employees alike wear purple to honor survivors. 🏠

Additional photos are available on the MAG website:

<https://azmag.gov/Programs/Domestic-Violence/Domestic-Violence-Awareness-Month>



The MAG Regional Council wore purple and approved a resolution supporting



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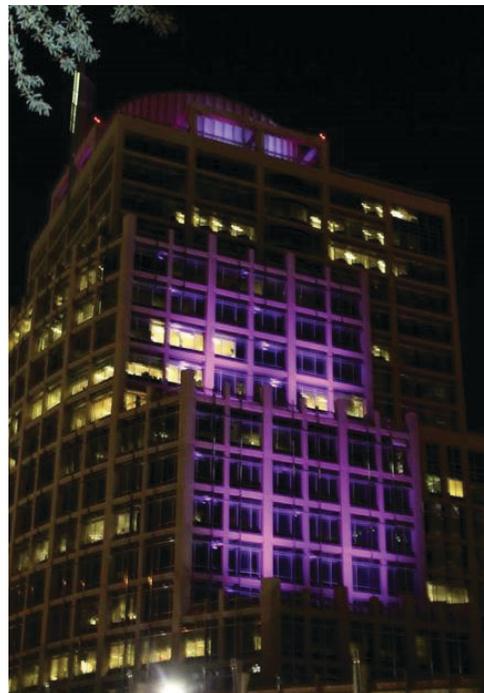
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Scottsdale Horse Sculpture



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October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.



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Maricopa City Hall



Tempe City Hall



Avondale Police Department



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Peoria City Hall

Never Too Old—To Connect. To Change. To Choose.

Livable community conference in Phoenix will inform national aging efforts



We have a choice in how we age—both as individuals and communities. What’s more, we can use our local lessons as a national model. That was the goal of a recent statewide conference to create livable, age friendly communities.

Coordinated with Age Friendly Arizona and partners in October, the theme of the conference was, *Never Too Old—To Connect. To Change. To Choose*. It focused on the need to provide connections among people of all ages, what needs to change, and the choices all residents have as to where and how they choose to live.

“We are issuing a call to build an Arizona for people of all ages,” said Tempe Mayor and MAG Chair Mark Mitchell. “We must intentionally design communities to make it easier for all residents to connect with all

generations. This means providing opportunities for people of any age to interact socially, to be engaged in their communities, and to ensure they have access to resources that enable them to live in their own homes and communities for as long as they choose.”

The conference included participation from local government leaders, health providers, nonprofits, and community planners. It highlighted “eight domains of livability” promoted by AARP.

“These domains are based on universal needs that range from transportation to housing to social engagement,” said AARP Arizona State Director Dana Kennedy. “This framework is used by many of the towns, cities, counties, and states enrolled in the AARP network of livable communities to organize and prioritize aging initiatives.”

The conference brought together members of the health care community, transportation agencies, social services providers, governments, and residents to discuss how to create the values outlined in the domains. Grantmakers in Aging, a national membership organization of philanthropies, plans to use feedback from the conference to develop a national toolkit for use by other regions around the country.

MAG Moment



Governor Doug Ducey praises partnerships that will bring more than \$300 million of investments to Interstate 17 and make travel to Flagstaff and the northern part of the state easier. At a press conference in September, Ducey, transportation leaders and local elected officials announced plans to widen I-17 between Anthem and Black Canyon City, including 8 miles of flex lanes between Black Canyon City and Sunset Point. Construction will begin in 2021. MAG is contributing \$50 million to the project. MAG Executive Director Eric Anderson participated in the event.

On a statewide basis, Arizona serves as a national model for many age-friendly activities. Age Friendly Arizona is a collaborative effort coordinated by MAG to support the independence and community growth of older adults and help enhance quality of life.

“While each of our communities has unique challenges based on our size and resources, what we have in common is more significant: that we are all here to serve people,” said Safford City Councilman Arnold Lopez, who serves on the Advisory Council on Aging for the Area Agency on Aging Region VI. “All of us have similar priorities when it comes to enjoying the place where we live.”

The event was made possible thanks to the support of a number of sponsors and partners. Title sponsors for the event includes Grantmakers in Aging and May & Stanley Smith Charitable Trust. The Platinum Sponsor was AARP Arizona. Partners included Age Friendly Arizona, Arizona Public Health Association, Experience Matters, and Vitalyst Health Foundation. 🏔️

Your Tax Dollars Working for You

Under Proposition 400 in 2004, Maricopa County voters approved an extension of the half-cent sales tax for transportation. This series highlights projects built under Prop 400—to let you know where your money is going and how it is improving your transportation experience.



Rain or Shine, New Peoria Park and Ride Provides Rider Benefits

Peoria park and ride users want to know their vehicles are safe when they lock them and leave them to catch their bus. Beyond that, they probably don't give specific design elements much thought.

But transportation planners did.

The Peoria Park and Ride at Old Town recently opened at 8323 W. Peoria Ave. It provides connections to the Grand Avenue Limited, with express-like service to downtown Phoenix. It also serves bus routes 83 and 106. The new facility offers features ranging from security to sustainability.

"One unique feature is the use of 'pervious' concrete that reduces runoff and allows water to penetrate the surface and go into the ground below, instead of into the storm water system," notes Peoria Mayor Cathy Carlat. "This porous concrete prevents puddling and can absorb more than 76,000 gallons of water, equal to about four residential swimming pools," she says.

"I didn't know that, that's really good," says commuter Brian Husar, who always liked the feel of the concrete but did not know of its use. Husar also appreciates that the new location is more open, well lit, and has more shade.

"Being out in the open and right here, I think it is safer," says Husar. "It lets people know that people are using the bus, and I definitely like it."

Commuter Rebecca Rivera also likes the improved security.

"Before, we were more secluded. I feel safer leaving my car here, because I know it is monitored with the security features," says Rivera. "I really enjoy using this new park and ride."

The \$2.5 million project was a partnership between the city of Peoria and Valley Metro, using a mix of federal funds and regional funds that came through Proposition 400, a half-cent sales tax for



Commuters begin arriving at the Peoria Park and Ride lot before dawn.

transportation. The location of the facility, adjacent to Grand Avenue and the BNSF Railway, was selected to best meet Peoria's short-term and mid-term transportation needs. It provides an opportunity for future expansion, including support of potential express service and commuter rail.

The arrangement meets the needs of commuters as well. Husar, who catches the Grand Avenue Limited every morning at 6:39 a.m., calls it a more convenient way to get to work.

"I don't want to get stuck in traffic on my own on Grand Avenue," he says. "I think the bus is a lot safer than me using my own car. I'm not burning up miles, I'm saving on gas as well, and it's just a lot easier to get where I'm going downtown." 



Peoria Park and Ride Features

- 71 parking spaces (49 are covered, 4 accessible parking spaces).
- 6 secured bicycle parking spaces with Bike Lids that provide protection from the elements, vandalism and theft.
- 2 "fast" charging stations for electric vehicles.
- 31,325 square feet of pervious concrete to prevent puddling and reduce "heat island" effect.
- Security cameras and high efficiency AccuLED Optics technology to maximize efficiency and lighting. Awning lights are timed for increased night visibility.
- 600 plants of varying species, including trees, shrubs and ground cover, as well as metal plants along the covered walkway to help designate the walkway and add aesthetics that don't require water.



Home (Not Homeless) For the Holidays

Clare (*last name withheld*) didn't have much to celebrate during Christmas 2015. Homeless, a month away from giving birth, she was clandestinely living in a friend's office building with her two other children. There were no presents to wrap. Instead, as 2016 began, Clare was focused on making sure her 11-year old daughter left and came home from school unseen, and keeping her newborn and 2-year old daughter from alerting other tenants in the complex to their presence.

"To have two small children in an office building and keeping them quiet during the day while other businesses were operating was difficult, because they're trying to figure out why there's a baby crying every few hours," recalls Clare.

Clare would sneak out of the building at night to wash baby bottles in the public restroom and fill gallon milk jugs with water from an outside spigot. Using a single burner plugged into the wall, she would heat water and pour it into a

plastic storage container for bathing. She kept the secret for nine months. But when other tenants complained, they were evicted.

"The biggest scare for us was just hoping that no one took our kids. When you don't know anything about community resources and how the resources work, all you think is that if people find out we can't provide a roof over our head or shelter for our kids, we're going to lose them," says Clare. "So that's the thing you don't know, and you don't want to reach out for help."

Clare's spiral into homelessness had begun nearly a year earlier, exactly one week to the day she found out she was pregnant with her youngest. Her children's father, Kip, was working at his dad's declining business. The family was struggling to make payments on their 4-bedroom home.

"We received a knock on the door saying there was a foreclosure auction and we received an eviction notice. We had five days to get out. We had no idea this was coming. Kip's dad closed the business that same week."

In the beginning, homelessness didn't cross their minds. They moved their belongings to a storage unit. They stayed in hotels. But soon the money ran out. They could no longer pay the storage fees.

"So not only at that point had we lost our house, lost our income, but we also lost all of our belongings. Everything that kept our stability for our family was gone."

Kip had lived with friends while Clare and the kids stayed in the friend's office. After being evicted, the family of five began living



out of their single cab pickup. Days passed. Then, in May 2016, they were sitting in a grocery store parking lot when a police officer approached the truck.

"It just didn't look right, when it was 100-something degrees out and here's this whole family sitting there splitting a lunch. He asked us if there was anything he could help us with, and he asked where we were staying. And he ended up calling Angels on Patrol."

The nonprofit paid for a hotel for four days, until the family could be placed at the Watkins homeless shelter, where they lived for three months. Clare remembers her oldest daughter crying herself to sleep every night.

"I just kept telling her, this is temporary, it's not going to be like this forever. And we're going to do everything we can so it doesn't happen again."

Eventually, the family was transferred to La Mesita homeless shelter. It was there a nonprofit named Save the Family came in... and saved their family.

"They ended up getting us into an apartment. They paid full rent until I had a job. Once I had a job they tapered it off until I was fully paying the rent on my own."

The family celebrating Christmas in their new apartment in 2016. The presents were donated by a local bank.



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Kip, Clare (far right) and their three daughters.

Clare was placed into financial management and budgeting classes, while her caseworker connected her with job training and had her participate in mock interviews. Clare was excited when she received a job for \$12 an hour. But her caseworker said it wasn't good enough.

"I looked at her like, really, are you kidding me, I have a job! And they are like no, you can do better. And they push you enough to get you to where you'll be fully self-sufficient."

While Clare rebuilt her bank account, she says Save the Family rebuilt her self-esteem.

"They teach you that just because this happened to you, it doesn't define who you are. You write your own story. I think that was the biggest takeaway, they literally rebuilt you from inside out."

Christmas 2016 was much different than 2015. The family had just been placed in the apartment, and a local financial institution sponsored their Christmas.

"They showed up and just brought bag after bag after bag after bag of

presents. And that was really amazing. They gave us bedding for the beds that we had received. They gave us housewares, everything you need when you have a place and you don't have anything."

In the ensuing three years, Clare has built up a nest egg, found a well-paying job in the information technology field, increased her credit score to 785, moved into a better apartment close to good schools, and is saving to buy her own home. This Thanksgiving, she is inviting her mom, dad, brother and sister-in-law over to her place. Grateful to truly be "home for the holidays," she already is planning the menu.

"Turkey and pumpkin pie and green bean casserole...definitely it'll be really nice to have everybody over," says Clare. 🏠

Save the Family is one of 35 homelessness programs funded through the Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care. MAG coordinates the application process, and last year received more than \$28 million for the region, including more than \$1 million in new funding to provide permanent housing for homeless families.

Saving Lives Is Goal of New Safety Efforts

Two of every three fatal crashes occur off freeways

When most of us think of deadly crashes, we likely picture major car crashes that take place on freeways. But a larger percentage of fatal crashes actually occur on city streets, county highways, and reservation roads, according to 2017 data compiled by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). Many of these fatal crashes involve pedestrians and bicyclists.

In fact, Arizona and the greater Phoenix region are among the worst areas in the country for pedestrian deaths and serious injuries. To help reduce such crashes, the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) is committing \$10 million over five years to address immediate safety needs.

"These are smaller-scale but important safety projects that can be executed quickly, providing immediate results in reducing roadway deaths and injuries," said MAG Executive Director Eric Anderson. He noted the funding was made possible through an innovative agreement between MAG and ADOT that allowed the agencies to "trade" federal transportation funds for state transportation funds. State funds can be used more cost effectively than federal funds for smaller projects meaning the dollars can be stretched further.

"Safety is a high priority for both MAG and ADOT," said Anderson. "This approach serves both the state and the region by providing flexibility and agility. We can solve near-term safety needs with lower-cost solutions."

Under the new Roadway Safety Program, MAG has identified approximately \$2 million each year in funding for fiscal years 2020 to 2024, totaling \$10 million.

MAG is continuing to identify safety improvements and projects that can be included in the next Regional Transportation Plan, *Imagine*. The Plan is currently under development by the MAG Transportation Policy Committee. 🏠

Do You Feel Safe on the Street?

A new public poll asks drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians to help improve safety planning. To provide your input, fill out a short survey at www.azmag.gov/safetysurvey.



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November

- 5th 11:30 a.m. Economic Development Committee (Saguaro)
- 6th 10:00 a.m. Intelligent Transportation Systems Committee (Ironwood)
- 6th 1:30 p.m. Human Services and Community Initiatives Committee (Chaparral)
- 12th 1:00 p.m. Active Transportation Committee (Ironwood)
- 11th Veteran's Day Holiday (Office Closed)
- 12th 1:00 p.m. Street Committee (Saguaro)
- 13th 12:00 p.m. Management Committee (Saguaro)
- 13th 2:00 p.m. Building Codes Committee (Ironwood)
- 14th 10:00 a.m. Technology Advisory Committee (Palo Verde)
- 14th 1:30 p.m. Human Services Technical Committee (Chaparral)
- 18th 12:00 p.m. Regional Council Executive Committee (Ironwood)
- 18th 1:30 p.m. Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care Board (Chaparral)
- 19th 10:00 a.m. Transportation Safety Committee (Ironwood)
- 20th 9:30 a.m. Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care Committee (Ironwood)
- 20th 11:30 a.m. Transportation Policy Committee (Saguaro)
- 21st 9:30 a.m. Transit Committee (Ironwood)
- 26th 10:00 a.m. Population Technical Advisory
- 28th Thanksgiving Holiday (Office Closed)
- 29th Day After Thanksgiving Holiday (Office Closed)

December

- 3rd 10:00 a.m. Solid Waste Advisory Committee (Saguaro)
- 4th 10:00 a.m. Intelligent Transportation Systems Committee (Ironwood)
- 4th 11:30 a.m. Regional Council (Saguaro)
- 5th 1:30 p.m. Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee (Saguaro)
- 10th 1:00 p.m. Street Committee (Ironwood)
- 12th 10:00 a.m. Transportation Review Committee (Saguaro)
- 12th 1:30 p.m. Human Services Technical Committee (Chaparral)
- 17th 1:00 p.m. Active Transportation Committee (Ironwood)
- 19th 9:30 a.m. Transit Committee (Ironwood)
- 24th Christmas Eve Holiday (Office Closed in Afternoon)
- 25th Christmas Holiday (Office Closed)

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January

- 1st New Year's Holiday (Office Closed)
- 7th 11:30 a.m. Economic Development Committee (Saguaro)
- 8th 12:00 p.m. Management Committee (Saguaro)
- 8th 1:30 p.m. Standard Specifications and Details Committee (Ironwood)
- 13th 12:00 p.m. Regional Council Executive Committee (Ironwood)
- 15th 9:30 a.m. Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care Committee (Ironwood)
- 15th 11:30 a.m. Transportation Policy Committee (Saguaro)
- 16th 9:30 a.m. Transit Committee (Ironwood)
- 16th 10:00 a.m. Technology Advisory Committee (Cholla)
- 20th Martin Luther King Holiday (Office Closed)
- 21st 1:00 p.m. Active Transportation Committee (Ironwood)
- 27th 1:30 p.m. Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care Board (Chaparral)
- 28th 10:00 a.m. Transportation Safety Committee (Ironwood)
- 29th 11:30 a.m. Regional Council (Saguaro)
- 30th 10:00 a.m. Transportation Review Committee (Saguaro)
- 30th 1:30 p.m. Human Services and Community Initiatives Committee (Chaparral)

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