

Citizenship in the Community



Merit Badge Clinic

Housekeeping

- Please turn your cell phones to silent mode
- Facilities
- What is expected of you & me
- Questions, Comments & Credits



- Opening Prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Scout Law
- Scout Oath

What is a COMMUNITY?

Communities are places where people actively share common interests – for most of us, this means living in the same town or city.

What are some other types of Communities?

- Church
- School
- Work
- SCOUT TROOP

Rights, Duties and Obligations of Being a Citizen

- Vote
- Participate in the process
- Use & respect public facilities including parks, trails, public buildings
- Obey the law
- Be part of the solution!

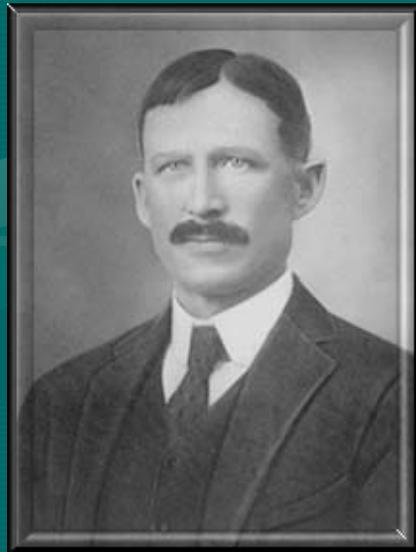




How Can YOU
Demonstrate Good
Citizenship in your
Community?

History of Gilbert

- Founded on July 6, 1891 as a rail siding for the Arizona Eastern Railway.
- Incorporated as the **Town of Gilbert** in 1920



- Named after **William “Bobby” GILBERT** – the owner of the property that the rail siding was built on

History of Gilbert (cont.)



From 1911-1920
Gilbert was known as
“The Hay Capital of the
World”

Recognized as the fastest
growing city in America
between 1990 and 2005
with a growth rate of nearly
500%



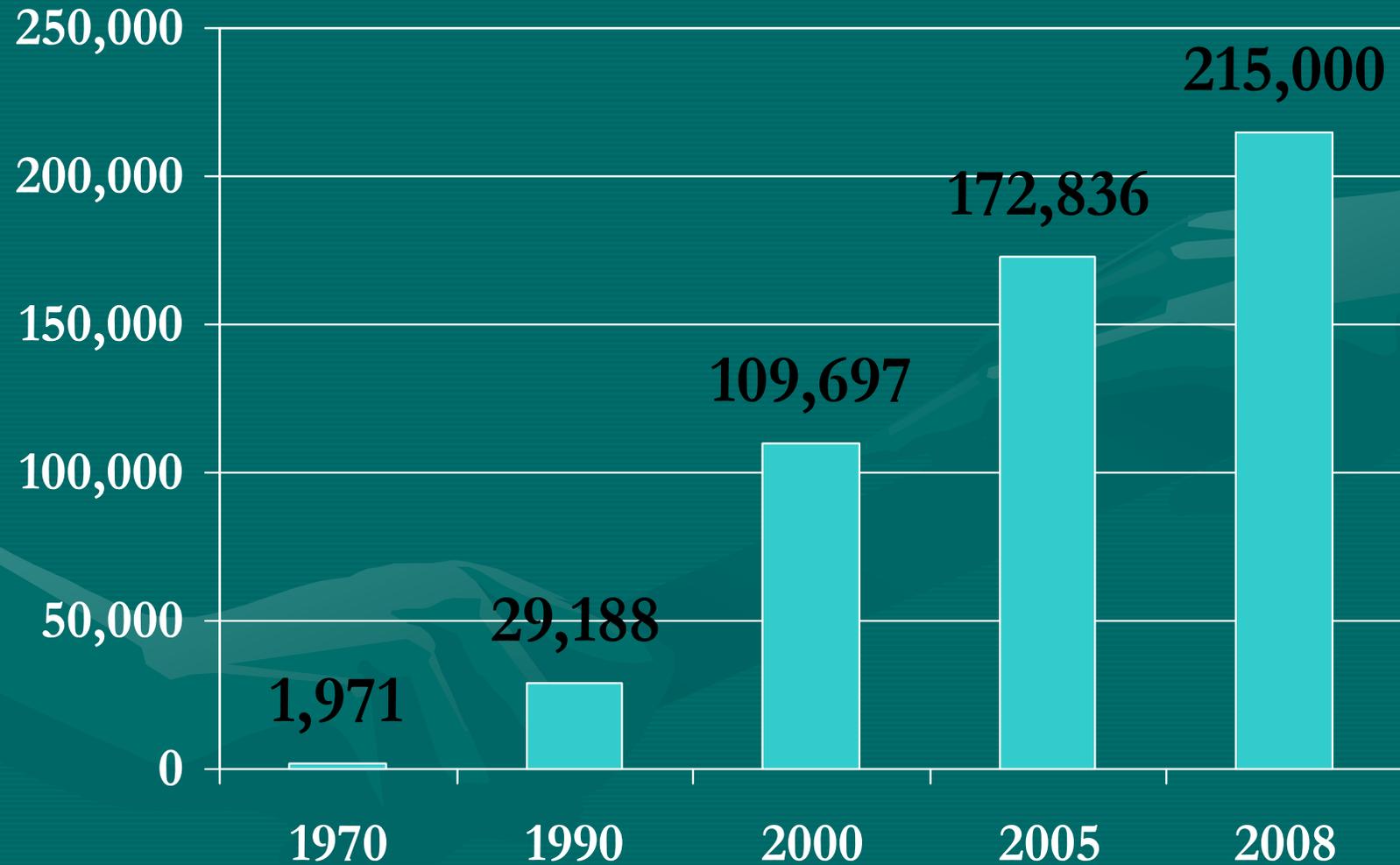
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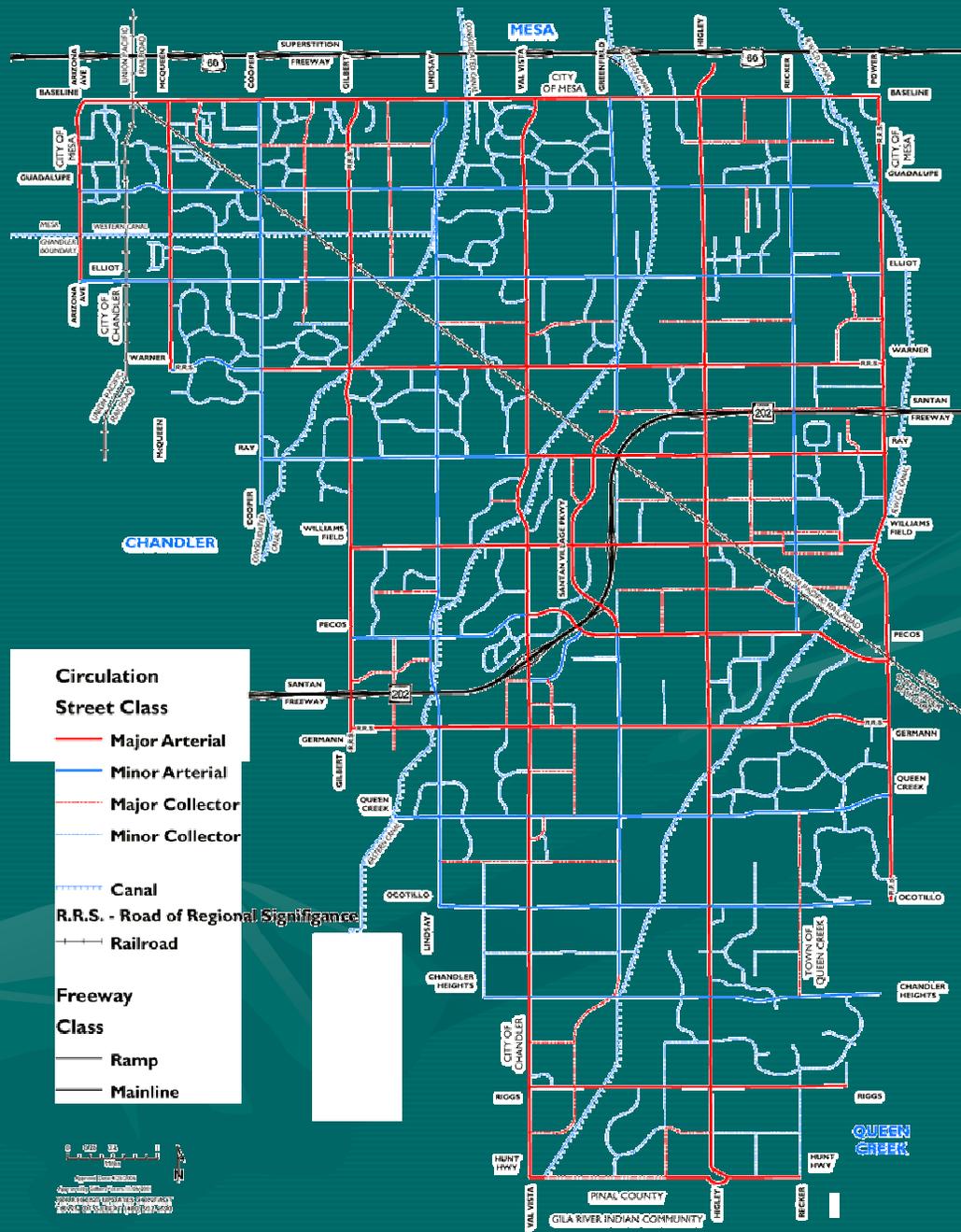
- Elevation: 1273 ft. above sea level
- 76 square miles
- 310 sunny days a year
- 218,000 citizens and growing
- Average age of Gilbert citizen is 31.09 / U.S. Citizen is 36.80
- Average household size in Gilbert is 3.18 people / in the U.S. it is 2.59
- Gilbert was recently named one of the SAFEST Communities in the United States
- Gilbert is the 7th largest city/town in Arizona



Seal of Gilbert

Gilbert's Population Growth





Circulation Street Class

- Major Arterial
- Minor Arterial
- - - Major Collector
- - - Minor Collector
- - - - - Canal
- - - - - R.R.S. - Road of Regional Significance
- - - - - Railroad

Freeway Class

- Ramp
- Mainline

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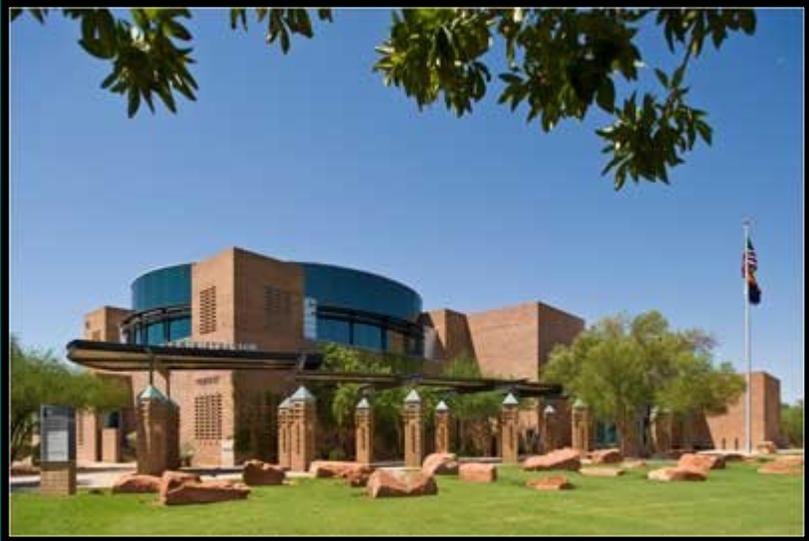
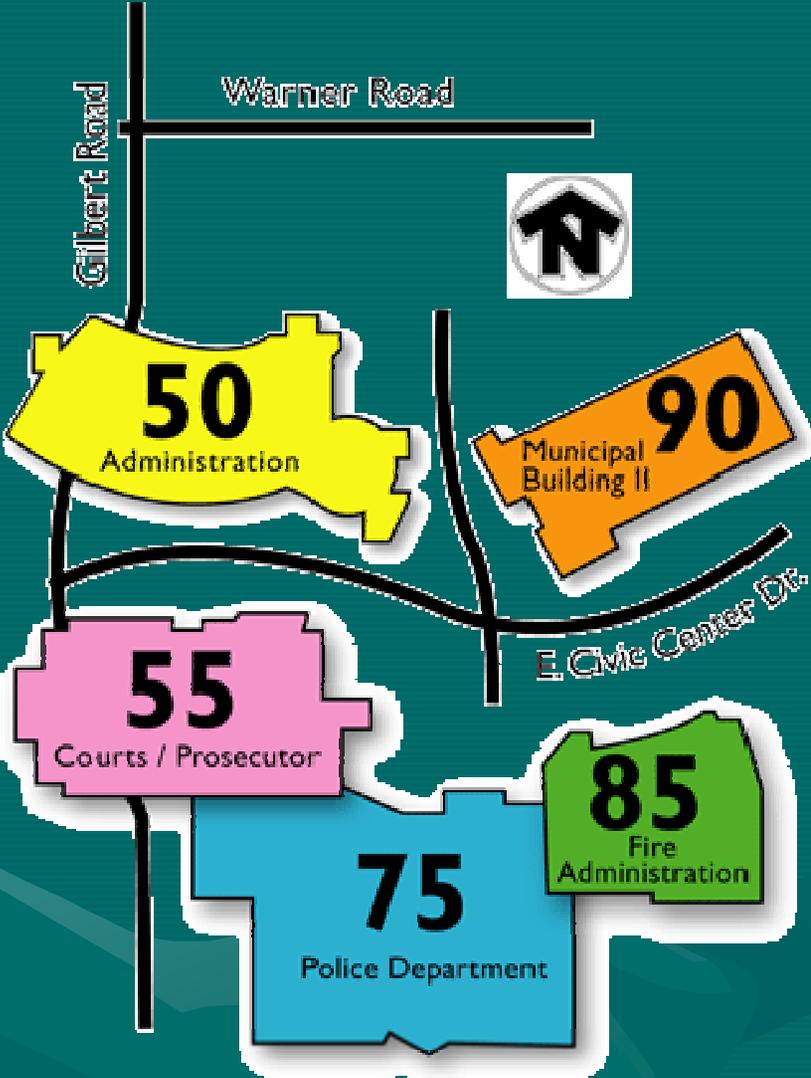
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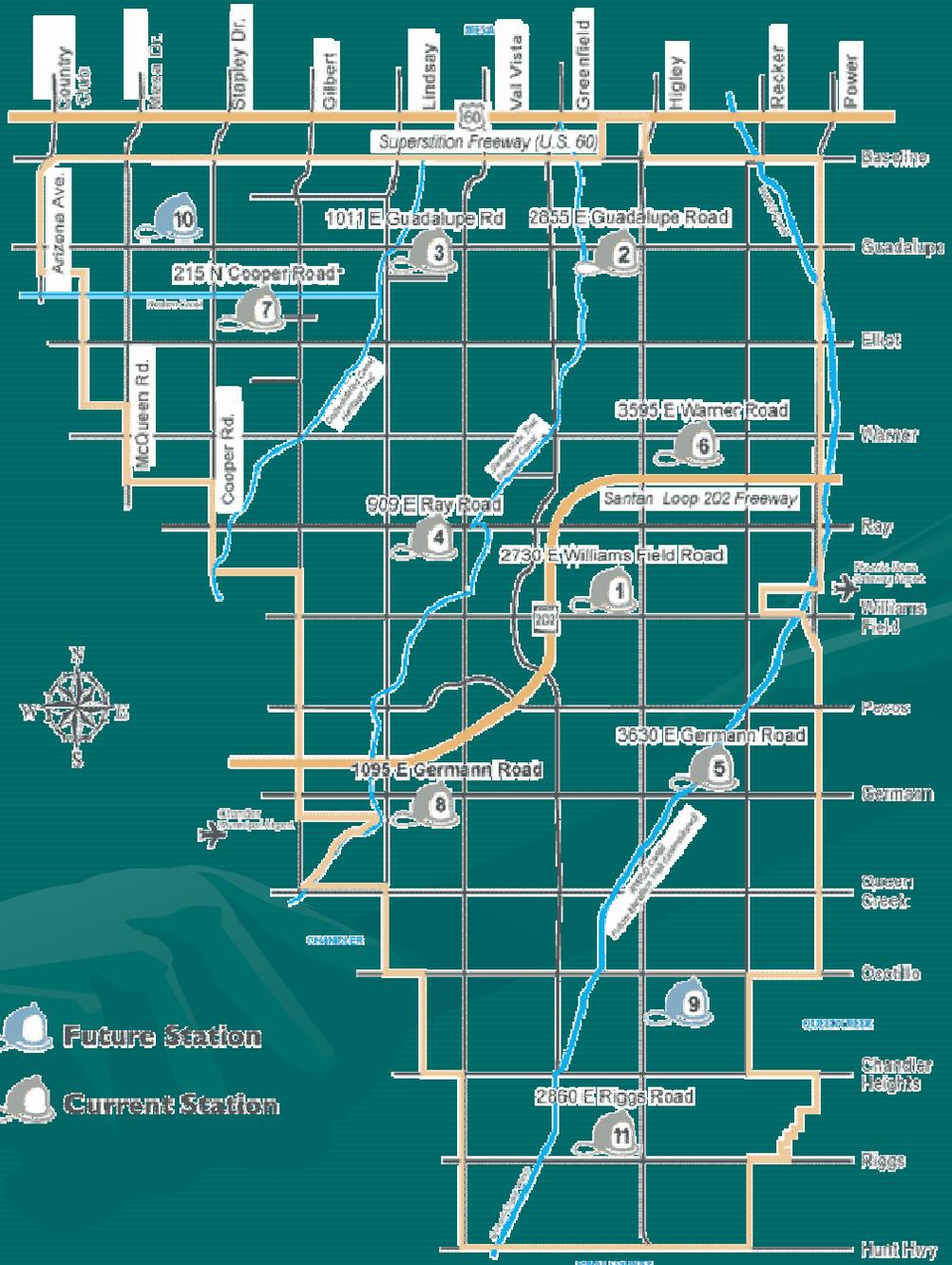
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CIRCULATION MAP



Town of Gilbert Government Buildings





-  **Future Station**
-  **Current Station**

Local Government Structure

- The Gilbert Town Council is **elected** every 4 years and is comprised of a mayor and 6 council members.
- Other positions within our community – Town Manager, Judge, Clerk, Attorney, Police Officers, Fire Fighters, Planners, Librarians, Sanitation Workers and *many, many* more.
- Why a town and not a city?

Your Local Government

Gilbert's
1st
Mayor
Everett
Wilbur



Mayor
John Lewis



Councilmember
Steve Urie

Councilmember
Jenn Daniels

Vice Mayor
Linda Abbott

Councilmember
Les Presmyk

Councilmember
Dave Crozier

Councilmember
John Sentz

Town Services

- Police
- Fire
- Streets
- Water, Wastewater, Trash
- Parks & Recreation
- Libraries
- Courts
- Business Development
- Code Compliance
- Technology Services
- *and many, many more!*



At Issue in Gilbert

- Proper management of growth
- Christmas Lights
- Street infrastructure and maintenance
- Partnerships (IGAs) with schools
- General Plan Update
- Taxes
- Economy & its effects
- BUDGET – ongoing issue





What's Next?

Finish the Merit Badge



- Attend a town council meeting, school board meeting or court session.
- Watch a movie that shows how the actions of one individual or group can have a positive effect on a community.
- Choose a charitable organization that does good in the community and volunteer your time.
- Develop a public presentation.

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Questions?