



Defining **Vibrant** Southwest Living

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### **For Immediate Release**

## **Surprise history revealed in new book/DVD set; available for sale**

Surprise AZ (February 10, 2010) “*The City of Surprise: A History in Progress*” was unveiled to the public today, during a celebratory launch party at City Hall.

“*The City of Surprise: A History in Progress*,” is a 104-page book and accompanying DVD documentary that tells the story of Surprise. Readers and viewers will meet the earliest Surprise residents, from the prehistoric Hohokam Indians to the people who built Surprise into the city of connection and opportunity it is today.

Learn more about the first families of Surprise and enjoy first-hand accounts from the people who grew up here watching a small farming community transform into one of the largest cities in Arizona.

Relive the days when cotton was king in this area, and how a road called Grand Avenue and a new railroad connected Surprise to the rest of the world.

And this City’s story is not without some drama, as you’ll discover newly revealed documents that show the real story of what (and who!) is behind the founding of Surprise!

“Both the book and the video documentary are filled with rare photos of early Surprise, bringing back many happy memories for me,” says City Clerk Sherry Aguilar, who spearheaded the history book/DVD project under the direction of the Surprise City Council. “Having lived in Surprise my whole life, I am thrilled to have played a role in bringing our community’s story to the public.”

The book was authored by Carol Palmer and the video produced by Paul Ferrante and Surprise 11 staff.

“*The City of Surprise: A History in Progress*,” is available for sale at the City Store, located on the first floor of City Hall, and online at [www.surprisecitystore.com](http://www.surprisecitystore.com).