

**Introduction - Mayor Barney**

Welcome to the 2017 Queen Creek State of the Town. It is my honor to kickoff this special event highlighting the accomplishments of 2016. This evening provides an opportunity to present the successes that we shared as a community last year, and a glimpse of what we can expect in the coming year. On behalf of the Town Council, thank you coming this evening – as you will hear, many of THESE accomplishments would not be possible without the support of our residents, businesses and partners.

The Town is fortunate to have positive relationships with our neighboring communities, and with the various levels of government that represent Queen Creek. I would like to recognize several important individuals who are joining us this evening:

- Senator Warren Peterson, LD 12
- Denny Barney District 1, Maricopa County Board of Supervisors
- Mayor Jeff Serdy, City of Apache Junction
- Mayor Jenn Daniels, Town of Gilbert, Town of Gilbert
- Council member Scott Anderson, Town of Gilbert
- Council member Bridgette Peterson, Town of Gilbert
- Council member Mark Stewart, City of Chandler
- Penny Pew, District Director and Intergovernmental Affairs for Congressman Paul Gosar
- Dr. William Guerriero, Interim President, Chandler-Gilbert Community College
- Allison Brague, Queen Creek Board of Adjustments
- Cindy Barnes, Town of Queen Creek Economic Development Commission
- Jason Barney, Town of Queen Creek Economic Development Commission
- Chris Webb, Planning & Zoning Commission
- Gregory Arrington, Planning & Zoning Commission
- Michelle Williams, Planning & Zoning Commission
- Stephanie Lema, Queen Creek Transportation Advisory Committee
- Perry Berry, Superintendent Queen Creek Unified School District
- Abigail Nersesian, Queen Creek Library Branch Director
- Chris Clark, Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce
- Several members and graduates from our Citizen Leadership Institute program
- And our other valued community partners

- I would also like to thank the families of our Council members... I understand the sacrifices you all have to make in order for your loved one to serve on this council – thank you!

As long as I am thanking people, I think it is fitting to also thank my fellow Town Council members. We are each committed to making Queen Creek a wonderful place, and sometimes we have to make difficult decisions along the way. I am confident that we will continue to work together to serve our community and make the Town as successful as we can.

I would also like to thank the dedicated employees who work hard to serve this community.

I am privileged to represent Queen Creek and serve as your Mayor. As many of you know, this Town is near and dear to my heart; I moved here when I was six months old; I raised my family here, and my parents still live in Town. People often ask me, 'what makes Queen Creek unique', and I continue to think it's the people. While our Town continues to grow, with an estimated population of 40,000, there is truly a sense of community. People look out for one another, and we know our neighbors. We also have a very involved community, with 19 individuals graduating from the Town's 2016 Citizen Leadership Institute. Our community takes the time to get involved! the Town conducted a variety of plans and projects that encouraged public comment, and our residents continued to impress us with their willingness to share their ideas. You will hear about the opportunities for input throughout this evening, and I want to thank each and every one of you for continuing to help shape our future.

This evening is structured around the five strategic priorities identified in our Corporate Strategic Plan, a five-year roadmap that provides policy direction to the Town Manager through priorities outlined by the Town Council. Council members Hoffman and Oliphant will cover the first strategic priority, effective government. An effective government is aware of the needs and services of a community. The following are examples of how the Town uses partnerships, implements cost savings, increases efficiencies and highlights our exceptional programs and staff.

#### **Effective Government – Councilman Hoffman**

Thank you. As the Mayor mentioned, an effective government knows the needs of the community – in an effort to be aware of those needs, we conducted our Citizen Survey last spring. Four hundred residents were randomly selected to answer questions about the Town.

Overall, the 2016 Citizen Survey continued to have positive results about Town programs and services. Results from resident input increased in several areas. For example, 78% of residents rated shopping opportunities as good or excellent in 2016, a 17% increase from 2014; 92% of residents rated overall quality of life in Queen Creek as good or excellent in 2016, up from 88% in 2014; and 89% of residents said they were very likely or likely to recommend Queen Creek as a place to live in 2016, a 10% increase from 2014.

The 2016 Citizen Survey also reinforced how important transportation improvements are to our community. While Council member Benning will share what we are doing on a local level, in 2016 we were able to successfully advocate for the inclusion of the State Route 24 extension from Ellsworth to Meridian in the Maricopa Association of Governments rebalancing effort. The inclusion highlights the importance of State Route 24 to not only our community, but the entire East Valley.

Attendance at one or more Town-sponsored events in the past year also increased from 54% in 2014 to 70% in 2016. To help make our events more successful, we have enhanced our partnerships with various community organizations. Continued partnerships with Cornerstone Fellowship and Event Team, and a new partnership with Central Christian Church, resulted in more activities and entertainment at several of our events, creating a more positive experience for residents at these events. We also received \$31,000 in sponsorships for our 2016 events from generous businesses like Dignity Health and Pediatrics of Queen Creek. Our partnership with Rockpoint Church expanded in 2016; volunteers now help with our Senior Program twice a month, doubling their time commitment, and donated 100 food baskets for Senior Appreciation Day.

Our partnership with the Queen Creek Unified School District continues to strengthen. In 2016, we received an award for cooperative communication with the school district from the Arizona Schools Public Relations Association. If you receive either of our digital newsletters, you have probably noticed we consistently share one another's information with the community.

We also partner with the Queen Creek Unified School District to save taxpayer dollars. In 2016, the Town saved nearly \$70,000 by purchasing the fuel used in Town vehicles from the school district.

The Town also expects to realize a cost savings of nearly \$20,000 annually by moving our heating and air conditioning maintenance and repairs in-house instead of outsourcing for them. Additionally, staff projects a cost savings of nearly \$10,000 per year from the implementation of LED lighting at the Queen Creek Library.

An estimated 1.2 million gallons of landscape water was saved using smart clock technology at Town owned facilities. The watering systems use real-time communication with weather stations and local rain gauges to measure rainfall and other environmental factors to maximize irrigation water efficiency and cost savings.

Now I'll turn it over to Council member Oliphant, who will cover how our increased efficiencies and quality employees and programs are helping the Town be an effective government.

**Effective Government (continued) – Council member Oliphant**

Thank you Councilman Hoffman. Not only is our municipal grounds crew showcasing their innovations with the smart clock technology, they continue to make Queen Creek parks and trails more accessible and enjoyable for the community. For example, in 2016 over seven million square feet of Town multi-use paths were scrubbed and cleaned, and 1,600 cubic yards of vegetation in our washes and undeveloped properties was cleared.

We continue to have professional staff doing their best to serve our residents, and we were fortunate to have two of our employees recognized by state organizations for their outstanding efforts. Our assistant town manager, Bruce Gardner, received an award for Professional Excellence in Human Resources from the Arizona Society for Human Resource Management. Congratulations Bruce – this is an outstanding recognition by your peers, and well deserved! Additionally, one of our recreation coordinators, Erica

Perez, received the Young Professional Award from the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association. Erica received the award for her outstanding service and contributions to the profession, which are evident in all that she does here in Queen Creek – congratulations, Erica.

As these awards by state agencies demonstrate, we have talented and impactful employees, and it is important that we retain our high performing staff. Our designation by the *Phoenix Business Journal* as one of the 2016 Best Places to Work for the second consecutive year is an indication of our efforts. More than 600 companies submitted for the honor and 115 were recognized, with the Town once again as the only government entity receiving the recognition. As a council, we appreciate the leadership within the organization that continues to make Queen Creek a best place to work, which results in a highly professional staff that work to keep our community an amazing place for our residents and businesses.

In addition to our staff being recognized, our programs have also received recognition from state and national organizations. The Town's mid-decade Census outreach effort received two awards from the [Public Relations Society of America - Phoenix division](#). The Town's Corporate Strategic Plan and the Better Roads Ahead campaign each received awards at the City-County Communications & Marketing Association's annual Savvy Awards, a national award ceremony. The Town Center Visioning project, an economic development tool, received an award of merit from the Arizona Association for Economic Development.

While the awards themselves are nice, the more important factor is their indication of our innovations and efficiencies. In 2016, the Town moved forward with the implementation of a new Advanced Metering Infrastructure with the purchase of the Sensus FlexNet system. The system increases efficiencies because it allows for real time, two-way communication with the meters. The completed implementation will include a customer portal that will allow customers to access their account information, water usages and set parameters for notifications of any changes. The new system is important because our utility customer service accounts continue to increase; in 2016 we created 5,910 new accounts, an increase of 4% percent from 2015.

Another new program that will better serve our customers is Accela, online permitting software. The software was successfully launched for simple permit types with online permit tracking, information and payments in 2016. A full rollout of the online software is scheduled for 2017.

One of our important efficiencies comes in the form of generosity from the community. We once again benefited from various volunteer efforts throughout the year, with individuals and groups donating nearly 77,000 hours of service in 2016, with an estimated value of \$1.75 million. Volunteers assist with the Town's youth sports programs, the senior program, special events and Public Works projects. On behalf of the Council, thank you to everyone who donated their time to make this community the wonderful place that it is.

This past year, the Town expanded the use of social media to reach the community where they are – online. The Town's Facebook page surpassed 15,000 followers, the highest following for any non-law enforcement municipal page in the State! The Town also started featuring videos using Facebook live, from ribbon cuttings and tours of new buildings to safety messages from Fire and Maricopa County Sheriff's Office. Social media was also instrumental in the identification of a robbery suspect and our MCSO Captain, Dave Munley, increased the agency's presence on NextDoor, providing safety messages and updates directly to residents.

As you can see, there are many components to being an effective government, which we will continue to strive towards every day. Thank you, Mayor Barney, for allowing Councilman Hoffman and I to share some of these important examples.

### **Mayor Barney**

A key element of an effective community is safety – and safety continues to be a top priority for your Town Council. Council member Turley, please share the accomplishments of our outstanding public safety departments.

### **Safe Community – Council member Turley**

Thank you, Mayor Barney. I am honored to start out the evening by sharing a little bit about our Queen Creek deputies from the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, District 6. Our deputies continue to do an excellent job engaging with our community. In 2016, MCSO Queen Creek initiated several new programs

including Operation QC-Cam, which is a voluntary registration program for surveillance videos, the Medic Alert partnership, which helps serve residents and families with Alzheimer's and autism, and the Welcome to QC program, where deputies visit our new residents. These new programs are in addition to the Coffee with a Cop and Prescription Drug Take Back events. If you lived here in the community last October, you may have experienced the Outreach October efforts first hand. Deputies participated in more than 3,000 non-enforcement contacts with residents and businesses, which entailed everything delivering pumpkins and stickers to kids at the park to playing a game of flag football with the kids at Canyon State Academy.

We added a School Resource Officer to Casteel High School and designated Deputy Delp as our school liaison deputy for all the schools here in QC that don't have dedicated resource officers. To help ensure continued safety in our community, a 5-year law enforcement strategic plan was completed building upon our current practices.

As you drove in this evening, you may have noticed the two buildings under construction off Ellsworth Loop. The Town broke ground on a new Law Enforcement building and Community Chambers building, located just southwest of us, and as well as a new Fire Station 1, located to the west. The Law Enforcement and Community Chambers building will be complete this summer, and the replacement Fire Station 1 will be complete this spring. And we certainly hope you will join us for the official ribbon cutting and tours of the new facilities so mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 29 at 4:30 p.m.

We also broke ground on fire station 3 last year, which is a new neighborhood fire station, located in the northwest area of Town. This new fire station will help reduce response times and meet emergency service needs of our community. Keep an eye out for a ribbon cutting ceremony late this summer! Along with the new station, a new fire engine is also being built to service Fire Station 3. And of course, we can't forget about our new firefighters. The Town hired 15 new firefighters to meet the new staffing needs; over 400 applications were received, and our 15 firefighters are currently half way through their third week of training. They will graduate in May, and we could not be more excited to welcome them to Queen Creek!

And we appreciate the continued efforts of our current firefighters; 3 have graduated from paramedic school, bringing the total number of our firefighters with EMS certification to 50%. The department also

added 1 new advance cardiac life support and pediatric advance life support instructor, as well as 2 new CPR instructors. Our firefighters participate in trainings throughout the year to improve response and services to the community, from search and rescue trainings in low visibility to active shooter training and hazardous materials. I am confident in saying that we have highly qualified men and women keeping us safe!

When our fire department employees are not responding to emergencies, they are educating the public about fire safety. In 2016, nearly 1,500 adults and 3,000 children received safety education. Additionally, our firefighters and deputies partnered with other community organizations to provide a drunk driving simulation, Operation Prom, for all juniors and seniors at Queen Creek High School. Our Fire Department also expanded the partnership with Dignity Health to offer free immunizations for children in addition to free flu shots.

In 2015 we received a grant from the Gila River Indian Community for a fully equipped Community Para Medicine vehicle. Last year, the Fire and Medical Department was awarded a Certificate of Necessity from the Arizona Department of Health Services. The certificate allows our department to provide emergency ambulance transportation services if our contracted units through AMR are unavailable.

Mayor Barney, this past year was definitely exciting for our community when it comes to public safety. I appreciate you giving me the opportunity to share these important accomplishments.

### **Mayor Barney**

We are working hard to ensure a secure future, which is our next strategic priority. From financial stability to planning for the future and protecting our environment, Vice Mayor Brown will share how Queen Creek is ensuring a secure future.

### **Secure Future – Vice Mayor Brown**

Thank you, Mayor Barney. A key element of our future is our financial stability. In 2016, the Town refunded, or refinanced, \$54.1 million worth of debt. The refinancing will save \$17.1 million without extending the term of the debt. Low interest rates and the Town's bond rating upgrades in 2016 were major contributors to the success of the refunding. Two of the major providers of credit ratings, Standard & Poor's and Fitch Rating both upgraded the Town's rating to AA last year. The upgrade from



Fitch was a two-step increase, which is considered extremely rare. Several factors impacted the upgrades, not the least of which was increasing revenues. New businesses in Town not only provide more opportunities for our residents, they also help increase revenues for the community through sales tax.

We were excited to welcome several new businesses to Town in 2016 - from the grand opening of the QC District in Town Center including Sprouts, HomeGoods, and Starbucks, to name a few - to the opening of new businesses in the QC Marketplace including Mountainside Fitness, Buffalo Wild Wings, Village Inn, Barros and TJ Maxx. We also welcomed Tractor Supply Company, one of the Mayor's favorite stores. Beyond working with new businesses, our economic development efforts included joining the Canada Arizona Business Council as part of our international strategy.

The Town's economic development will be especially important as our population continues to increase; nearly 2,000 permits were issued for new homes in 2016, resulting in an estimated population of just over 40,000. Construction value also increased in 2016, showcasing continued investment in our community.

As Queen Creek grows, it is vital that we plan for our future while embracing our heritage – and our general plan does just that. Last year the Town initiated the 2018 General Plan Update. The General Plan defines the vision for the future, establishes a framework for growth, and integrates existing master plans. Updates are completed every 10 years to ensure that the plan still reflects the needs and direction of the community. We recently completed phase two of the public input portion – and we're thankful to everyone who provided feedback. By way of information, a draft of the General Plan Update will be available for the community to review this summer.

The General Plan Update incorporates elements like water conservation and the environment, both of which play an important role in Queen Creek's future. As an example of our investment in a secure water future, the Town started discharging water into the Roosevelt Water Conservation District canal on a limited basis, this will allow the Town to earn long-term storage credits. Additionally, we held six water saving workshops for our residents, and we partnered with SRP to host a shade tree program, all at no cost to residents. We continue to educate our youth about recycling through a program called "Preserve the QC". This environmental education program was provided to over 2,800 middle school

students. As a community, we increased the amount of material that was diverted from the landfill from around 213 tons in 2015 to nearly 230 tons in 2016 through programs like Bench the Bag, America Recycles Day and our neighborhood recycling drop-off center. Additionally, we diverted **735** gallons of cooking oil from the landfill and sewer system, which is a **635%** increase over 2015!

Last year, a Master Development Agreement and rezoning for a Planned Community District was completed to facilitate the development plan for Box Canyon, a new community on privately-owned land in the southwest area of Town.

We appreciate the commitment from our residents to help ensure a secure future as we continue to move forward as a community. Thank you, Mayor Barney.

#### **Mayor Barney**

Council member Benning will now share our accomplishments related to improved utilities and transportation, both core components of having superior infrastructure.

#### **Superior Infrastructure – Council member Benning**

Thank you, Mayor Barney. Superior infrastructure comes in many forms, including those that are not as visible, like improvements to our utility lines and our new IT Strategic Plan. In 2016, a variety of utility infrastructure improvements were completed to help provide exceptional service to our customers. For example, nearly 12,600 feet of water mains and transmissions were designed and installed, in addition to new hydrants to improve circulation. We completed construction improvements, including regulatory approvals, for the Ironwood North Well site, and began operating the new source. We also completed construction of the Roosevelt Water Conservation District reclaimed water discharge station improvements and entered into an agreement with CH2M to develop a long-term plan to use our surface water from Central Arizona Project and our reclaimed effluent from our Greenfield Sewer Plant. Over 1,700 new water meters were installed, and nearly 294,000 feet of sewer line was jetted and cleaned within our wastewater collection system.

As Council member Oliphant shared, our 2016 Citizen Survey provided valuable information about what residents enjoy in Queen Creek; it also provided information regarding areas residents would like to see improved – and our residents continue to see transportation as a priority.

The past year we completed a comprehensive Transportation Master Plan that identifies the current and future needs of our community related to vehicles, bicycles, pedestrian and transit options. And of course, we are still working towards Better Roads Ahead. Seven important roadway improvement projects were completed last year:

- Widening Rittenhouse Road from Sossaman to Queen Creek Marketplace;
- Extending Ocotillo Road west from Power to Recker with a new, two-lane roadway;
- Widening Ocotillo Road from 218<sup>th</sup> Place to Crismon Road;
- Widening the west side of Ellsworth Road from Ryan to Germann;
- Improvements to the Chandler Heights and Sossaman intersection including upgraded traffic signals, turn lanes and drainage improvements;
- We completed phase one of the Ellsworth and Queen Creek intersection improvements. Phase two is anticipated to begin this fall; and
- Maricopa County Department of Transportation expanded the first section of Riggs Road from Hawes to Ellsworth. Improvements to the next section, from Recker to Power, begin this month.

As I am sure you noticed, we are in the process of improving Ocotillo Road from Ellsworth Loop to Heritage Loop. Improvements include new traffic signals at Ellsworth Road and Heritage Loop Road, widening Ocotillo to four lanes, adding bike lanes and sidewalks. The project also includes the development of a parklet on the northwest corner of Ocotillo and Ellsworth. The parklet will serve as a gathering place in Town Center with an iconic clock tower, water feature and plaque honoring our founding fathers. The project is scheduled to be complete this summer.

In addition to phase two of the Ellsworth Road and Queen Creek intersection, we have several other projects in the design phase:

- Extending Crismon Road north from Queen Creek to Germann with a new, two-lane roadway;
- Widening Power Road from Ocotillo to Brooks Farm Road and adding a box culvert crossing at Sonoqui Wash; and
- Extending Riggs Road east from Ellsworth to Meridian, which the Mayor will share more about.

As we work to improve and build roadways, it is vital that we also maintain our current roadways. We continue to follow a long-term program of recommended asphalt maintenance, which results in our

pavement condition index – which is how the quality of roads is rated – maintaining a score of around 85 out of 100, one of the highest rating in the region. Along with safe and efficient roadways, it is important to identify the boundaries of our community; the remaining three entry monuments have been placed at the intersections of Ellsworth and Empire, Ocotillo and Meridian, and Combs and Ironwood.

Our parks are also an important piece of our superior infrastructure. Last year, the Town started the process to update to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. We received excellent input from the community that will be integrated into the draft plan. The update is designed to reflect changes in the community, recreation trends, implementation steps and available funding mechanisms. The plan will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee next month; the public is invited to provide their input on the plan prior to the meeting. As a council, we will vote on the final draft in May.

Thank you, Mayor Barney, for the opportunity to share these exciting improvements to our infrastructure.

#### **Mayor Barney**

A community is not complete without having a quality lifestyle. From positive recreation opportunities and outdoor amenities to events and opportunities to get involved, Council member Wheatley will provide examples of how Queen Creek continues to have a quality lifestyle.

#### **Quality Lifestyle – Council member Wheatley**

Thank you – 2016 was another exciting year with great opportunities in the community. The 2016 Citizen Survey affirmed that our residents appreciate our trails; 76% of residents rated the availability of paths and trails as good or excellent, up from 68% in 2015.

Last year, an estimated 320,000 individuals visited our parks and trails, and 58,000 visited the Splash Pad, an increase of 61% from the prior year. And we work hard to maintain those amenities; our grounds maintenance staff ensure our facilities are safe and beautiful. Last year, they repaired nearly 150 issues on Town properties, all within 24 hours or less.

As a community, we not only value outdoor recreation opportunities, we also value our recreation classes. In 2016, we added several new special interest classes including:

- Drumming Circles,
- Boot Camp,
- Encore Dance,
- and new athletic classes.

All of these recreational opportunities helped us receive the “Playful City” designation from KaBOOM for the second consecutive year!

While we encourage being active, events provide another excellent opportunity to enjoy the outdoors. Our second annual Block Party, produced by Levitate Agency, drew over 5,000 people, a 100% increase from 2015. This year’s Block Party will be held this Saturday on Ellsworth Road in Town Center, with an “all things extreme” theme!

Spring into QC was also a success with an estimated 3,500 attendees. The signature family event includes:

- egg hunts,
- a kid zone,
- color splash,
- live entertainment and more!

A new feature of the event, the QC5, an organized run along the QC Wash, attracted over 200 participants. Join us on April<sup>h</sup> at Desert Mountain Park for this year’s Spring into QC event – *always a hoppin’ good time!*

Last spring, we also hosted our annual Love Bug Dance and the second annual Young at Heart Senior Expo, both with increased attendance!

Our signature fall event, Trunk or Treat, moved to Town Center to provide an opportunity for expanded activities and engagement with businesses in Town Center. The event drew over 12,000 attendees with new features including:

- a haunted tour,
- Dino Discovery Zone,

- Bubble Mania zone,
- and horse costume contest! – How “QC” is that!?

We also continued to honor our equestrian heritage with 320 event days hosted at Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre in 2016.

We know events provide a positive experience for our residents, they also improve the economic well-being of the community, which is why the Festival Partnership Program was created in 2015. The program was instrumental in the continued success of:

- the weekly Food Truck “FEAST-IVAL”,
- Lemonade Days,
- Vintage & Vino,
- and Bacon, Blues and Brews.

A new event approved through the program, Sweets Soiree, will be held on March 25 at Founders’ Park - I’m really looking forward to that one!

We all know how wonderful Queen Creek is, and we had the opportunity to share that with the rest of the Valley when Fox 10 hosted a five-hour live broadcast at Founders’ Park highlighting the amazing assets of QC!

Speaking of amazing assets, we also had the opportunity to celebrate our very own local Olympian, Alex Naddour! Over 100 residents came to a send-off event to wish Alex luck in Rio, which offered the community a great chance to show our support. Congratulations to Alex for winning the Bronze medal in pommel horse at the 2016 Summer Olympics!

Finally, we approved conceptual designs for a new park located near Sossaman and Ocotillo. The park, dubbed “West Park” for planning purposes, will help meet the need for additional park and recreational space in the community. We are excited to break ground on the new park this summer, with completion anticipated in 2018. We also look forward to naming this new community feature!

Thank you, Mayor Barney for the opportunity to share the exciting things happening here in our Town.

**Things to Come - Mayor Barney**

Thank you all for sharing the important accomplishments of 2016. It has been another fantastic year, and I know we are all excited about the years to come.

As my fellow council members have shared, there is a lot to look forward to in 2017. We will be celebrating the new park with a ground breaking this summer, as well as hosting several ribbon cutting events!

The ribbon cutting ceremony for Fire Station 1, the new Town Center fire station, will be March 29 at 4:30 p.m. – we hope to see you there! The ribbon cutting for the Law Enforcement and Community Chambers building will be this summer, followed by a ribbon cutting for Fire Station 3 later this summer.

We will continue improvements to our Town Center with an update to the Town Center Plan, updating the vision for Queen Creek's downtown. The update will include an opportunity for public input to help shape the core of our community. We are also looking forward to the first family-owned and operated craft brewery in Town Center, Old Ellsworth Brewery – scheduled to open this summer, just in time for the completion of the Ocotillo Road improvements from Ellsworth Loop to Heritage Loop. We will host a ribbon cutting for the roadway completion, in addition to the completion of the parklet, in the midst of our beautiful summer – thankfully there is a water feature!

As Council member Benning shared, the Riggs Road extension is currently in the design phase. We look forward to construction of the new roadway in 2018, which will increase connectivity to the southeast area of Town.

Those are just a few of the items to look forward to in 2017. Thank you for joining us this evening, and to everyone who helps make Queen Creek such a wonderful place. Together, we will continue to make our community a special place for generations to come.