



Town of Queen Creek

22358 S. Ellsworth Road, Queen Creek, AZ 85142

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Monday through Thursday; closed Friday through Sunday

All information current as of March 2017

Demographics

Estimated population: approximately 40,000

Median age: 30.3 years

Median income: \$89,824

Average education: 80% over 25 with some college

Facts

- Population at incorporation on September 5, 1989: 2,173
- First Mayor: Mark Schnepf
- Location: Southeast corner of Maricopa County, Arizona; within 10 minutes of the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport and 45 minutes of Sky Harbor International Airport
- Weather: 330 days of sunshine annually, making Queen Creek one of the best places to live in Arizona
- Elected Officials: Mayor and 6 Town Council Members serve 4-year terms (no term limits); elected on a rotating basis (3 seats up for election every 2 years)
- Town Council Meetings: Held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month
- Elections: Primary and General Elections held in August/November
- Town Budget: \$184.1M for FY 16-17
- Bond Rating: AA
- Law Enforcement: Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, District 6 (MCSO)
- Crime Rate: Extremely low
- Number of Town Employees and Departments: 237 employees; 11 departments
- Also Known As: The QC

And Such...

- The building that currently serves as the Town Hall for QC was originally a Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; first service held on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13, 1951. The stained glass windows in the Council Chambers make this Town Hall very unique!
- The first Town Center Plan was adopted in October 1994.
- The Town's General Plan serves as Queen Creek's road map to guide development, appropriately manage growth, and effectively conserve natural resources. The General Plan identifies goals and policies, and integrates plans related to land use, growth area, transportation, parks, trails and open space, environmental planning, water resources and economic development. State law requires communities to prepare and adopt a General Plan every 10 years with input from the community.



Vision

The Town of Queen Creek strives to honor our past, manage our present and embrace our future to create a quality, unique place for families and businesses.

Mission

It is the mission of the Town of Queen Creek to provide a framework for a high quality of life, promote a strong sense of community and provide responsive public services in a caring, ethical and accountable manner.

Town Council

Gail Barney, Mayor
Jeff Brown, Vice Mayor
Robin Benning, Council Member
Jake Hoffman, Council Member
Dawn Oliphant, Council Member
Emilena Turley, Council Member
Julia Wheatley, Council Member

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TownCouncil@QueenCreek.org

- The current General Plan was approved by voters in September 2008. Town staff is currently updating that General Plan to reflect the growth that has occurred since its adoption in 2008. QueenCreek.org/PlanQC
- Annually, the Major General Plan Amendment process allows property owners to apply for Major Amendments to the Town's existing General Plan.
- Planning and Zoning Commission meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of every month.
- Fire and Medical officially begin providing emergency services to Queen Creek residents on January 1, 2008. Queen Creek County Island Fire District services began on May 1, 2013.
- In 2016, the Town approved a Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update to consolidate the Five-Park Master Plan (2007) and the Parks, Trails and Open Space Master Plan.
- Queen Creek is currently in the design phase of the West Park site, a new 30-acre park. West Park will address the Town's most immediate needs first, including lighted youth baseball & softball fields, lighted multi-purpose field (soccer, football, etc.), playground, splash pad, walking trail, and restrooms/concessions.
- In 2016, Queen Creek was one of 257 communities honored with KaBOOM's Playful City USA national designation (2nd consecutive year).
- Queen Creek has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for 13 consecutive years.
- The new Law Enforcement and Community Chambers facility which opens in spring 2017 will host Town Council and Commission/Committee meetings, as well as house MCSO District 6 operations.



Community Amenities

Queen Creek Library

Recreation Annex

Queen Creek Parks and Trails

- Splash Pad (seasonal)
- Pocket Parks for Pups
- Desert Mountain Park
- Founders' Park
- San Tan Mountain Regional Park
- Queen Creek & Sonoqui Washes

Food Truck "Festival Fridays" at the Queen Creek Library

Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Centre

Queen Creek Olive Mill

Schnepf Farms

Queen Creek Performing Arts Center

Upcoming Events

Check out complete event details at QueenCreek.org/Calendar

Town History

Since its incorporation on September 5, 1989, the Town of Queen Creek has fulfilled residents' dreams for the community. The Town has adopted several award-winning plans designed to guide future growth, planning and land use, as well as provide amenities. Queen Creek has grown from rich rural roots to what is one of the most innovatively planned, family-friendly home towns in Arizona. Before the scattered farm community was called Queen Creek, it had a different name. The area was known as Rittenhouse because of the railroad spur located near Rittenhouse and Ellsworth roads. People used to flag down the train to get a ride into Phoenix. As the community grew, and the use of the railroad stop diminished, the community changed its name and took on the name Queen Creek.

QueenCreek.org/About-Us/Town-History

Town Future – Linking Old and New!

Since incorporating, Queen Creek has taken steps to meet development pressures and manage growth. The Town has adopted several plans designed to guide future growth, planning, and land use, as well as provide amenities. Residents' involvement is sought by Town leaders as decisions are made and actions are taken to transform these visions into reality. QueenCreek.org/About-Us/Town-Future



BETTER ROADS AHEAD

The Dust Will Settle

As Queen Creek continues to make road and infrastructure improvements over the next several years, our goal is to keep our resident and visitors informed. Learn what projects are happening, where they are located and what you can expect during construction. QueenCreek.org/BetterRoadsAhead

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