



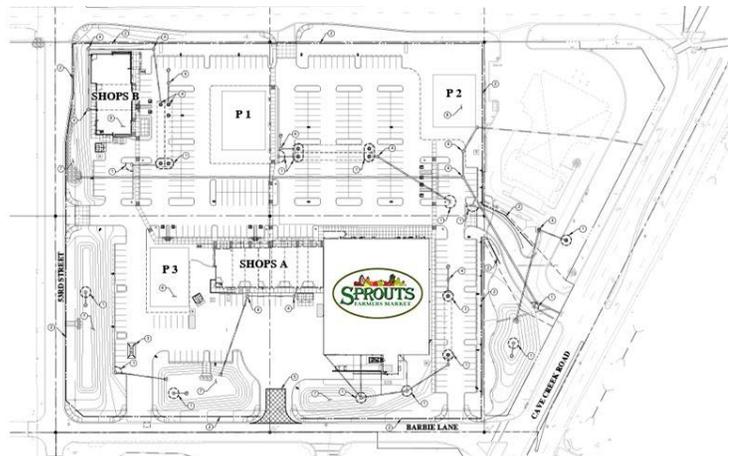
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Building and Fire Safety 2020 Year in Review

Overview:

The Building and Fire Safety Department has had one of its busiest years, despite the challenges that Covid-19 and the fires presented us with. Early-on we instituted the ability to work from home for several of the employees, with regular check-ins at the offices. This along with the use of outside contractors enabled us to maintain our goals for timely plan reviews.

2020 has been a year of changes for the department as we had 3 vacancies to be filled due to retirement, promotions, and an employee departure. We are now fully-staffed with a new Building Inspector, Plans Examiner, Permit Technician, Facility Lead and a Facility Worker. We also saw the passing of 3 of the department's former long-time employees. Both Bob Blue and Jane Layne lost their battles with cancer and Frank Dorizio was killed while at work for ADOT.



Permitting and Inspections:

- Permitted over \$47,000,000 in new construction project valuation which includes over 200,000 square feet of new homes and 114,000 square feet of new commercial which includes the new Sprouts Center, Dutch Brothers Coffee, Chase Bank, Sun Devil Auto and the Abrazo Micro Hospital.
- Conducted over 5500 inspections

- Performed dozens of structural damage inspections: due to the fires, several structures were a complete loss.
- In the 48 hours after the Ocotillo Fire staff inspected all the propane tanks within the burned area making sure that any damaged ones were taken out of service until they could be repaired.



Facilities:

- Relocated the Tourism Bureau to its new location within the Town Core providing for more space allowing them to better showcase the community.
- Re-paved Town Hall's parking lot and repaired the medians and re designed the drainage flow allowing for reduced backup in the parking area
- Installed Covid-19 safeguards in the town lobbies allowing us to remain open throughout the pandemic.
- Updated the Town Hall security cameras allowing for greater clarity and coverage of the town facility and assets



Fleet

- Continued the vehicle replacement program replacing vehicles for Planning and Utilities with more cost-effective units
- Added a trailered man lift to the fleet to provide safer access to out of reach projects and repairs.

Park and Rodeo Grounds



- Expanded the southern parking area of the Rodeo Grounds
- Hosted Cave Creek Rodeo
- Prior to shutting the Rodeo Grounds down due Covid-19 restrictions the facility hosted a Gymkhana and the Cave Creek Royalty events. The facility has not opened back up for public event rentals.
- Contracted for and received construction plans for the planned bathrooms. Construction of the project has been placed on hold due to Covid-19 financial restrictions.

