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Tempe Review Board session to confront pair of hot-button topics

Medical marijuana, school for disabled likely to stir controversy

By Joyce Coronel

Proposed expansion of medical marijuana cultivation and a school for adults with cognitive disabilities are among topics likely to draw public opinion when the city of Tempe's Development Review Commission meets Tuesday, April 28.

The first item involves a request for a code text amendment to the city's medical marijuana amendment. The second is a request for a use permit to allow an instructional school near Rural and Knox roads for individuals with cognitive disabilities.

Medical Marijuana Cultivation: Hana Meds, which operates medical marijuana dispensaries in Kingman and Green Valley south of Tucson, is seeking to eliminate the current maximum 25,000-square-foot size restriction for medical marijuana cultivation facilities in Tempe.

A city of Tempe April 21 staff report recommends the Development Review Commission approve the application.

A letter from Zoned Properties to the DRC

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TO OUR 2020 GRADS...GREAT NEWS: YOU MADE IT

Despite these complicated times

Corona del Sol High School senior Maguire Dinnan, 18, above, didn't let the cancellation of traditional graduation ceremonies prevent him and other classmates from celebrating the occasion with a PTO-sponsored yard sign distribution in the school's parking lot. Joining the sendoff as students arrived was English teacher Nicole Nava, who expressed in an oversized love note how much she'll miss the departing seniors.

— Photos by Tyler Amberg, with thanks to Bob Wade, Mary Baker & Nikki Amberg



Pandemic creates 'tsunami' for state foster-care

By Lee Shappell | Special for Wrangler News

In the best of times, securing safe, nurturing homes and support for the more than 14,000 children in Arizona's foster-care system is a challenge.

During a pandemic, nonprofit foster-care support agencies that serve the Tempe-Chandler area are running on empty, as are those they serve.

Resources are drained. There are not as many eyes on potentially endangered kids who may be foster-care candidates. Charitable giving that funds support agencies is on the decline.

So Kris Jacober, executive director of Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation, recently created the One for All Foster Care Support Network that brought 12 foster-care support organizations together. It is intended to be a short-term alliance to assist families during the strains of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Children in foster care are already traumatized, and the uncertainty and change of this pandemic adds to their trauma," Jacober said.

The pandemic also has created the perfect storm for an increase in the numbers of abuse and neglect, according to Jenny Cook, a founding partner and licensing specialist with Southeast Valley-based Boost A Foster Family.

"Unfortunately, the social isolation is preventing signs of the abuse and neglect from being seen and, thus, reported, so numbers are actually down – for now," Cook said.

Don't be fooled, warns Dan Shufelt, president and CEO of Arizona Helping Hands.

"When somebody says it is safe to go back in the water, you better be careful, because there is a tsunami coming our way from issues that have not been addressed during this quote-unquote quiet time," Shufelt said.

The Arizona Department of Child Safety's Semi Annual Child Welfare Report, released in March 2020 with data through Dec. 31, 2019, showed 14,142 children in out-of-home care, 47.2 per cent of them in care 13 months or longer. The average number of placements per child was 3.0, indicating that already traumatized kids often are shuffled from home to home. The next DCS report, with statistics during the pandemic, is due out in September.

Darren DaRonco of DCS confirmed that calls to the department's hotline have decreased since schools closed.

"Despite the difficulties our community is facing, child abuse and neglect are still occurring," DaRonco said.

"Teachers and school personnel comprise one of the largest groups to report child abuse. On average, we are seeing an over 25 percent decrease in calls to our hotline since schools closed.

"That means many children are suffering in silence.

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Stitch in time saves lives

By Joyce Coronel

Angela Haskovec, a mother of five, has discovered a creative way to keep her kids occupied and give back to the community during the long days of the shelter-at-home executive order.

The family is stitching masks for health care workers, first responders, and factory workers not just in Arizona but all over the U.S.

“We’ve shared the masks with local nurses and essential workers, provided 150 to factory workers in the Midwest helping to make medical equipment to help with treat patients with COVID-19 and shipped masks to Washington and as far away as Maine,” Haskovec said.

“We have enjoyed spending our evenings sewing as we are doing our best to follow guidelines and stay home to stay healthy.”

Together the family has made more than 300 masks and counting.

“My son Michael sews, my oldest son Gabriel pins and trims, my daughter Isabelle cuts the bands for the masks, our 3-year old daughter Madelyn organizes the masks in piles based on style and our youngest, Jennings—he helps me find all the tiny strings that fall on the floor,” Haskovec said. Her



TEAMWORK — Angela Haskovec and her five children are working together to sew masks for those on the front lines of the battle against the coronavirus. — Photo courtesy Haskovec family

children range in age from 14 years down to nine months.

So how did a family in Chandler get the notion for the project and connect with those in need of masks

across the nation?

Turns out a social media thread had something to do with the stitchery effort.

“A hospital posted that they needed masks for their workers. And, my aunt is a nurse and works back in Iowa. She didn’t have any mask,” Haskovec said. “I said, ‘We’ll make you a mask and send it back to you.’ And then we just continued to make them because they weren’t that hard. We thought it would be something we can do to try to make a difference.”

Friends of friends saw Haskovec’s social media posts on Instagram and began requesting masks, too. “I saw you’re making masks. Can I have some?” one person asked.

“We would just give them to anybody who needed them,” Haskovec said.

One of her older sons told her it makes him feel good to be helping others. Her daughter, Isabella, a second-grader at Kyrene’s Mirada Leadership Academy, told her classmates about the family’s project during a show-and-tell session before school was closed due to the pandemic.

Isabella’s teacher, Annmarie Burgmeier, said the Haskovec family is living out the school’s focus on Steven Covey’s 8 Habits of Highly Effective Kids.

The family, she noted, is “going out of their way to help others, and creating lasting memories for their family as well as others.”

In the midst of all that, Haskovec has also somehow managed to find time for another worthy endeavor: She’s studying to become a nurse and begins clinical training this fall.

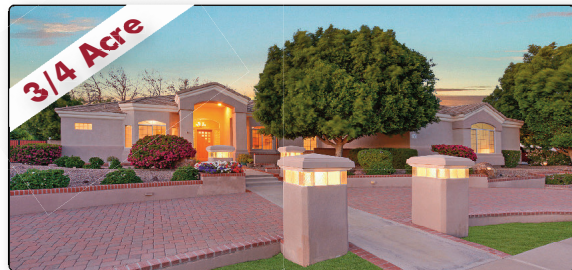
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Tempe kids show gratitude via Art Center's 'Thank You, Heroes' postings

In the midst of this pandemic and all the changes it has caused, heroes are emerging. Some are familiar faces—healthcare workers, first responders, teachers. Some are newly christened heroes, like delivery drivers, grocery store employees, farmers and city workers who provide critical services every single day.

Tempe wants to show its gratitude.

That's how *Thank You, Heroes* came into being. It's an easy and fun way for kids and family members, using the timeless art of coloring, to show their appreciation for frontline champions.

The goal is for these heroes to be flooded with thanks as they drive down their streets or check their social feeds.

Here's how to take part:

Download and print a coloring page at bit.ly/TCAOnlineArt

- Color or draw your own frontline hero.

- Take a picture and tag your artwork on social media with #ThankYouHeroes and #TempeCenterForTheArts so that we can all see it!

- Post your art in your window or somewhere in your yard for your heroes to see.

It's going to take time to get better. It's also going to take patience, kindness and a lot of creativity. But with the help of these heroes, we will get through it.

For more free virtual arts experiences, hands-on activities, videos and tours, visit tempecenterforthearts.com and click on the "Tempe at Home" page.

Diablos, Voodoo Daddy's join forces to provide meals for families hit by COVID-19

Tempe Diablos members have partnered with locally based Voodoo Daddy Steam Kitchen to donate 625 meals to families in the Tempe Union High School District.

Thanks to a \$5,000 grant received by the Kintzinger Foundation, the group was able to use the money and enlist the help of the New Orleans-inspired restaurant to provide relief to those affected by COVID-19.

The group says it has plans to expand its donation program to ensure that families in need have access to

meals during and after this challenging time.

Tempe Diablos is a group of community leaders, business executives and individuals dedicated to enhancing Tempe and surrounding neighborhoods.

For more than 50 years, Diablos members have donated time, resources, talents and money to provide scholarships, grants and more to Tempe youth, education and charitable programs.

Since the group's inception in 1968, it has donated approximately \$16 million to local nonprofits while providing leadership that creates worthwhile opportunities for the children of Tempe.

Information: tempediablos.org



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Commentary . . . By Don Kirkland

How focusing on life's brighter moments helped shape better futures . . . including ours

Although I've never read his book, I'm pretty sure I started following Norman Vincent Peale's advice long before his *Power of Positive Thinking* hit the shelves in 1952, two years before I graduated from high school.

My take from what Dr. Peale had to say was that, if we look at the bright side of life, we'll stay happier, live longer and have the good fortune of attracting people with whom we can construct lifetime relationships and memories.

If that, more or less, is his theory, I definitely got it right.

How else is it possible that I've been able to build around our little newspaper nearly three decades of relationships that I revere to this day, even as some of those people are now grown, endowed with families and careers and, in most cases, abundant success.

It is a phenomenon, I suspect, whose foundation can be traced to the precepts underlying Dr. Peale's message: That aiming our lives in a positive direction, believing in what we do and helping others to see those same values can create good outcomes for those on all sides of the equation.

The best of the best

Nathan Seiter is perhaps one of the earliest of our young success stories. Until he graduated from Corona del Sol High School in 1992, Nathan was our boy prodigy photographer. In those days the paper, and its photos, were strictly black-and-white. But that didn't get in the way of Nathan's talent—in fact, probably helped develop it.

Today, according to what I've heard, Nathan is a system engineer for Northrop Grumman, the space technology giant, still living in the area with his wife and two kids—still, we'd like to think, taking photos in his spare time.

Something of a coincidence unfolded as we checked on our other favorite all-time employees, not the least of which is Billy Hardiman, our current freelance photographer, now 24 and also an engineer at Northrop Grumman. Billy walked into our office at age 15 asking if we might be interested in seeing some of his work. It took only a glance to recognize his talent, and the fact that Billy didn't yet have a driver's license never stood in the way of what was to become his so-far nearly 10-year stint with us. Today, we might mention, he drives a Porsche Boxster.

Kyle Maki and Alex Zener seem to share the claim to Wrangler News longevity, which added up to 28 years between them, with Alex still on board. Kyle left a couple of years ago to join the marketing team of a major Valley hospital chain. He still drops by occasionally when he's calling on doctors in the area.

After graduating from ASU, Alex spent a few years with State Farm Insurance and then moved to Dallas to take on a complex assignment involving worldwide flight schedules.

You still see his Sports Notebook column in our pages, scheduled to resume as soon as high school sports get back on schedule.

Others of note include Matt Lawson, now a Valley paramedic; Jonathan Cooper, a reporter for The Associated Press; Ilan Brat, whose longtime association with The Wall Street Journal has taken him to posts in Spain and major U.S. cities; and Yusef Sabri, who was recruited by Intel within days of receiving his engineering degree from ASU.

These, of course, are only some of the many who have passed through our doors over the years, hopefully all having benefitted from the time they spent with us. Certainly I have.

Please note: This column would not be complete without a tribute to the contributors who were or have been with us for a cumulative total of—how many years?—50 maybe: M.V. Moorhead, Diana Whittle, Michelle Hirsch, Tracy Doren, Alex Walker.

Not to mention Joyce Coronel, a savvy journalist turned accountant-turned advertising guru-turned mainstay of our daily operation, and Noah Kutz, who we will miss greatly when he leaves us later in the year to prepare for his acceptance as a United States Marine Corps officer.

We will miss him, and we suspect the Marines are just now beginning to realize what a remarkable young man they will soon have on board.

I'm sure that the road we've followed could not be thought of as always falling into the confines of that idealistic world created by Dr. Peale's notions of positive-thinking.

But it definitely has worked for me and our little publishing enterprise.

As well, I hope, as for those whose lives may have been shaped in part by the time they spent with us.

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Tempe businesses that employ between 5 and 50 people may be eligible for microloans of between \$5,000 and \$20,000.

The intent is to help local companies overcome the financial challenges that coronavirus (COVID-19) has caused.

The Tempe Small Business Emergency Loan Program could serve as many as 200 eligible companies.

Loans will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis to qualified applicants. The first payment for these loans is deferred for 90 days to help businesses get back on their feet.

The program will end either within 3 months or until the total guaranteed amount is loaned, whichever comes first.

Businesses can get started by phone or online: 602-335-6318

or www.desertfinancial.com/TempeLoanProgram.

For additional services or assistance, reach out to Jill Buschbacher, Tempe Economic Development Program Manager.

Lending criteria include:

- Applicant is a sole proprietorship, a partnership, limited liability company, corporation, or other form of business enterprise, operating within the city of Tempe.

- Applicant owns and operates no more than three separate locations and must be in business in Tempe for more than two years.

- Applicant employs between 5 and 50 full-time equivalent employees, as of March 19, 2020. Two part-time employees can count as one full-time employee.

- Applicant must have a FICO score of 640 or better.

- Applicant is not delinquent on any state, federal, or local taxes.

- Applicant's business operations have been negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and/or resulting government restrictions.

- Applicant agrees to use loan proceeds to offset the negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic or

resulting restrictions on applicant's business.

- Applicant is solely responsible for understanding the legal implications of securing a loan under the program, including but not limited to the effect of any loan on applicant's eligibility for any other loan, grant, or other form of financial assistance, and agrees to hold Desert Financial Credit Union harmless from and against any such effects.

Loan Application Process:

- Complete interest form at Desert Financial Credit Union's website or call 602-335-6318 to speak with a program representative to determine eligibility.

- Complete program application via phone with Desert Financial Credit Union

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Library staff's reading, listening favorites could be yours, too

Editor's note: A new feature from the Tempe Public Library, this periodic contribution offers staff members' personal suggestions, including fiction and nonfiction, as well as different genres and materials for adults, teens and children.

Among the staff's picks:

Title: Never Grow Up

Author: Jackie Chan

Format: eAudiobook - (OverDrive)

Genre: Autobiography

Never Grow Up is a fascinating look on the life of Jackie Chan, and provides all the insights and personal stories I've been curious about. His life often played out like an action movie, but I was delighted and surprised to learn Jackie is so much more than a Hollywood star. The book is filled with humor, humbleness, and almost too-crazy to believe stories. The book is a fun and easy listen which I highly recommend for anyone who has been a fan.

Movie: John Dies at the End

Director: Don Coscarelli

Format: Streaming Video (hoopla)

Genre: Comedy, Horror

This low-budget horror/comedy does not get nearly enough respect. The actors and acting is amazing, the

special effects are really good, and the comedic timing is perfect. At one point, a guy uses a hot dog as a phone—how could you even improve on that? (The novel it's based on by David Wong is also exceptionally good!)

Fiction: Fruit of the Drunken Tree

Author: Ingrid Rojas Contreras

Format: eAudiobook and eBook (OverDrive)

Genre: Domestic fiction

This story is captivating, to say the least. I am drawn to stories that are told from a young person's perspective but are intended for an adult audience. The idea of what girlhood can look like in other countries and cultures is something to consider. This book was a great reminder of the human experience in countries that are riddled with political conflict.

Title: Frederica

Author: Georgette Heyer

Format: eBook (hoopla)

Genre: Historical fiction, Romance

I'm a huge fan of anything Georgette Heyer ever wrote, the lady sure had a way with a pen that makes you feel like you're curled up in a sunny window seat, happy and warm, as you're reading. *Frederica* is a great example of this, with lots of humor, sweet romance, and the surety that any tangles and scrapes

will be mild and sorted out by the last pages, leaving our protagonists to live happily ever after.

Title: The Dirt on Clean

Author: Katherine Ashenburg

Format: eBook (OverDrive)

Genre: Nonfiction

I go absolutely wild for weird little niche nonfiction. I love the idea that someone devoted so much time of their life to researching and writing 300 pages on the history of cleanliness—more than “cleanliness” even, on bathing! It's amazing, reading this is like falling down a Wikipedia hole, but for days rather than an hour.

Title: Hunger Makes Me a Modern Girl

Author: Carrie Brownstein

Format: eAudiobook and eBook (OverDrive)

Genre: Memoir

I love memoirs. We all carry our own life experiences and I value that in our day to day exchanges because we learn from each other, people! This is one of my favorites, as I enjoy musician and comedian memoirs, can often be caught giggling as I read along. Don't mind me!

You might be familiar with Carrie Brownstein from comedy TV series *Portlandia* and the rock band Sleater-Kinney.

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AN OPEN DISCUSSION WITH CAROL ROYSE ABOUT THE LOCAL REAL ESTATE MARKET

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Home sales are happening – even with the limited business activity and shelter in place initiatives, as **Real Estate is considered an Essential Business.**

I predict we will not face a market correction as a result of this pandemic, but that the real estate market will be stronger once these initiatives end and local businesses are reopened.

Here is why I believe this:

Maricopa County is still in a shortage of available homes to buy. We are still experiencing multiple offers on many of our available homes for sale.

The Arizona Regional MLS has reported we have less than 50% the “normal” number of homes for sale, and the sales prices are steadily increasing! Another indicator of a strong market is the Pending Sales. There are 8700 Pending Sales, which is in the record highs for the Valley. This means that there's a high number of homes that have active contracts in place and are proceeding to close.

Mortgage rates are still at historic lows. The affordability of homes is still within reach of most homebuyers. As always, Arizona is a prime relocation and second home buyers, and with the move-up and downsizing market, the real estate market will remain active and moving.

My prediction is as we go back to “normal” with a surge of homes that hit the market. Yet, with low interest rates and hungry buyer demand, there will be activity in all price ranges.

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For chronically mess-addicted, these sisters provide organized decluttering

Story & photos by Janie Magruder

They shared a room as little girls, the elder sister often moving around the furniture and decorations in her half of the room, the baby of the family seeing no need to change things in her always tidy space. Matthew and Jerry Giacalone's daughters eventually moved out of their family home, began their careers, got married and started their families.

But when their father was placed on hospice about a year ago, they didn't hesitate to give their mother what she needed the most — time to focus on their father — by taking over upkeep of their parents' home, inside and out.

This required the siblings, Rebecca Owens of Tempe and Doti Guymon of Gilbert, to make frequent and lengthy car trips together to the West Valley.

During those stuck-in-traffic times, a business idea was born.

"We love spending time together," said Guymon, who works part-time in event planning. "We saw an opportunity to hang out and have something productive."

"And, gradually, we could see doing this as a business when we didn't have such an emotional attachment to the situation," said Owens, a retired FedEx courier.

The women launched A Helping Hand, a home-based business that provides myriad services — from arranging photos in albums and opening mail for older people with health issues to organizing messy crafts rooms and tackling the cluttered garages of young moms.

Guymon and Owens finish projects that start out as good ideas, but end up being stalled because well-intentioned people run out of patience, interest or time.



Before



After

from the previous owner. Life happened, two babies arrived, and Payne found herself with no time to deal with the building clutter.

On a recent morning, Owens and Guymon met Payne in her garage, wearing gloves, having masks available and keeping a safe distance because of COVID-19. They opened cabinets, talked priorities and created a plan to produce a perfectly organized space within a week.

Some jobs take a day, some a week, and some are ongoing, but no job is too big or small.

Brynne Payne's three-car garage is crowded with her 3-year-old's little red wagon, her 1-year-old's stroller, a boxed Christmas tree and other seasonal decorations, her husband's tools and golf clubs, containers of cleaning and garden supplies, camping equipment, a canopy and more.

"My husband used to park here," she said, pointing to the mostly-invisible floor.

The Paynes moved into their Tempe home in 2014, crowding their belongings into cabinets still stowed with paint and floor tiles

Fortunately, Payne's husband already had built racks for the family's hiking gear, a peg board for tools and a dandy vertical system for hanging fishing poles.

But one of the things Payne wanted most was a clean work bench so she wouldn't have to repeat the risky experience of hammering something on top of a wobbly saw horse.

Owens noticed immediately that cabinets needed additional shelves because vertical space was being wasted, while Guymon advocated for easy-to-grab bins or buckets to hold supplies for similar cleaning jobs.

Duplicate supplies should be combined, and old paint tossed. Earmarking sections of cabinets for seasonal decorations also was advised, as was keeping a sturdy step stool nearby because of the height of some cabinets.

For clients who are emotionally attached to items — perhaps old baby clothes, kids' books or furniture — Owens and Guymon help them separate items into three piles — keep, give away and trash.

They gently encourage clients to take in the totality of the piles, to touch the items and think about what they love and what they can do without. In time, wise decisions come.

A Helping Hand also has amassed a substantial list of nonprofits accepting donations of usable goods. So far, the sisters' business is growing primarily by word-of-mouth.

Helping comes naturally to the sisters. "Our mother has a giving heart," Guymon said. "She always had an open house — our home was your home — and serving others got passed down to us and to our brothers."

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7 things you must know to sell during COVID 19 will point out the costly 7 mistakes that most homeowners make when selling their home.

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Hearing

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states the change will have the effect of “aligning the City of Tempe with both the State regulations and also peer municipalities across the valley.”

The letter also cites comments made in December 2019 by DRC Vice Chair Michael DiDomenico regarding “the benefits of amending the local code to bring more regulated marijuana business to Tempe, specifically discussing the hindrance that the existing 25,000 square foot size restriction on cultivation sites could have on economic growth.”

Arizona’s medical marijuana program began in 2010 and marijuana dispensaries opened around the state thereafter. Today there are more than 100 Arizona dispensaries, including some in Tempe.

In 2015, Tempe changed the age limitation for entrance to a dispensary from 21 to 18, matching state law.

Wrangler News reached out to Hana Med for comment on its request to eliminate the 25,000-square-foot limit (a little over half an acre) but did not receive a response. Karen Stovall, senior planner with the city of Tempe’s development department, said the city “does not maintain a list of the location of cultivation facilities” and “does not monitor product production.”

On a related note, in 2017, the Tempe City Council voted 4-2 to lift the limit of two medical marijuana dispensaries in the city. ASU President Michael Crow and Tempe Coalition wrote letters opposing the move.

Arizona voters may have the opportunity to vote on legalizing adult recreational marijuana in the upcoming November election. A similar measure, Proposition 205, was narrowly defeated in 2016.

Hilary Cummings, director of Tempe Coalition, a local organization that seeks to decrease risky youth behavior, noted that the coalition’s aim is to keep marijuana out of the hands of young people. She cited the 2018 Arizona Youth Survey which she said revealed 75 percent of Tempe youth see little or no harm to using marijuana. “That’s a huge problem—we’ve got to change that.”

To comment, contact Karen Stovall, project planner, at Karen_Stovall@Tempe.gov or 480-350-8432.

Transitions Tally Ho Farms: The applicant is seeking to relocate and consolidate a school to the southern tip of the Tally Ho Farms South subdivision at 850 E. Knox Road, opposite Corona del Sol High School.

The owner of the property, Dennis Karp, is the operator of Transitions, a state-licensed agency that provides instructional and caregiving services to cognitively disabled individuals with disorders such as autism, cognitive disabilities, epileptic seizures, and cerebral palsy.

Transition’s clientele consists of individuals who have graduated high school special education but do not have the necessary skills to be employed at a job full-time. The school offers students a place to learn social, emotional, and daily living skills while interacting with their peers to learn about and participate in their community.

Transitions seeks to operate within the existing 3,610-square-foot single-family residence and its van fleet will be parked in the detached garage.

The city of Tempe received 41 comments and 11 letters in support of the request for use permit and 25 comments in opposition to the proposed use.

Debbie Keller, a Tally Ho Farms South Neighborhood Association leader, voiced her opposition to Transitions in a letter to Lee Jimenez of Tempe’s Development Review Commission.

“Over the years we have had to face everything from people buying lots in our subdivision to build apartments to commercial prospects,” Keller wrote. “We have several large lots up for grabs and my concern is allowing this to happen would open the door for other problems down the road.”

Several parents of adult children with disabilities expressed their support of Transitions.

Rosanne Sabo, mother of Suzie, a woman with Down syndrome, said Transitions is helping her daughter grow in independence. “By having Suzie attend during the day, I am able to work full time knowing my child is in an enriching environment instead of just being watched somewhere,” Sabo wrote to Jimenez.

A document provided to Wrangler News by the city of Tempe staff concluded the following prior to the April 28 DRC meeting: “Based on the information provided by the applicant, the public input received, and ... analysis, staff does not support approval of the requested Use Permit. The request does not meet the required criteria.” To comment, email Lee_Jimenez@Tempe.gov or call 480-350-8486.

Watch the hearing live on Tempe 11; or live-streamed at tempe.gov/tempe11. Public comments may be submitted by email or phone no later than 5 p.m. Monday, April 27.



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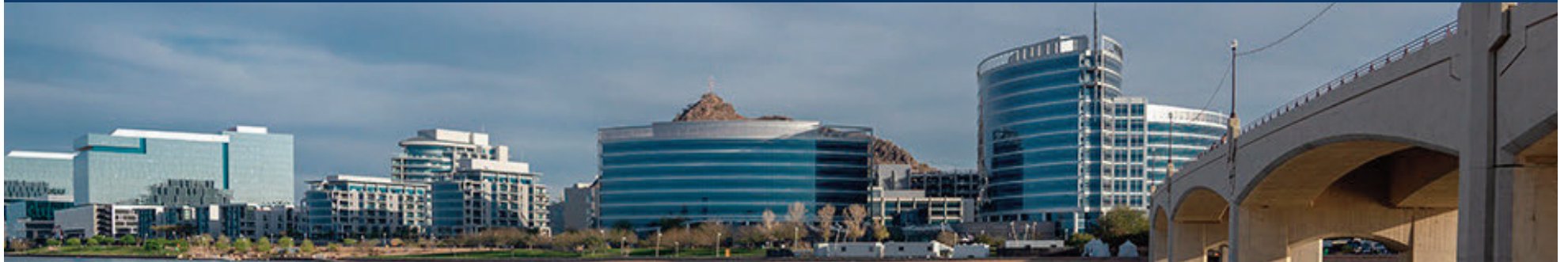
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The finalists in the Small Business category are:

- Boulders on Broadway
- The PEAK Fleet
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The finalists in the Large Business category are:

- Chasse Building Team
- DP Electric, Inc.
- University of Advancing Technology

Businesses can be nominated by anyone in the community or by an employee within the business. Nominees complete an application, then shortly after, a committee of past recipients and the current chair of the Tempe Chamber board review applications in order

The graphic displays the 2020 Tempe Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards. It is divided into two columns: 'LARGE BUSINESS FINALISTS' and 'SMALL BUSINESS FINALISTS'. The Large Business finalists listed are CHASSE BUILDING TEAM, DP ELECTRIC INC, and University of Advancing Technology (UAT). The Small Business finalists listed are BOULDERS ON BROADWAY, ThePEAKFleet, and Pest'R Us Exterminating. The center features a laurel wreath with the text '2020 TEMPE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS'.

to select three finalists in each category. This month, all finalists will have live interviews with the selection committee who will determine the recipients in each category. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, this year's interviews will be held virtually.

Tempe Chamber member Resound Creative will produce videos to highlighting each company and their role in the Tempe Business Community. Recipients are announced at the Tempe Chamber Annual Luncheon which is currently scheduled for Friday, June 28, 2020 at the Marriott Resort Tempe at the Buttes.

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May 18 deadline for art grants

The deadline for two of Tempe's arts grants offerings is May 18, and virtual, one-on-one mentoring is available to people who would like to submit.

A new Museum Series will award up to \$500 for a community-hosted experience at Tempe History Museum that incorporates a performance or presentation and audience participation.

Proposed series must be highly creative with an emphasis on history, arts and culture.

Recipients will receive cash towards their project, free space at the museum, audio-visual support, mentorship and marketing

assistance. The series is open to artists, non-profits, local businesses and arts collectives.

A Tempe Creative Series will award up to \$500 to individual artists or artist teams with workshop ideas that will help other artists develop some entrepreneurial savvy.

The workshop concepts should be hands-on, with guidance that can immediately be put into practice by artists. These workshops are free for artists to attend. This series is open to individual artists or artists teams. Registration for a virtual one-on-one mentoring session for either series is available at tempe.gov/ArtsGrants

So. Tempe performers sought

Musicians, singers and emcees in the 85283 and 85284 zip codes have until May 8 to submit their songs for a chance to be included on the next edition of Tempe Playlist: Saturn Sessions.

Songs are designed to represent a locally inspired collection of music that captures the talents and vibe of South Tempe musi-

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Selected songs will be compiled into a digital playlist that will be available online and marketed throughout the city, including on Tempe's Orbit neighborhood shuttles.

Details: tempe.gov/Tempe-Playlist.

Foster care

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Keeping children safe is the responsibility of every Arizonan. DCS cannot investigate child abuse and neglect unless we receive a report from the community. A child's life may depend on it."

Anyone who suspects that a child is being abused or neglected is asked to report it to DCS at 888-767-2445.

Most foster-care support agencies in Arizona rely on charitable giving, in which the donor receives a tax credit on an Arizona income tax return. Although deadlines were extended to July 15 for filing returns, the deadline for tax-credit giving toward a 2019 Arizona return was not extended beyond April 15. Donations now may be applied to a 2020 Arizona tax return but there has not been a stampede of givers working that far ahead.

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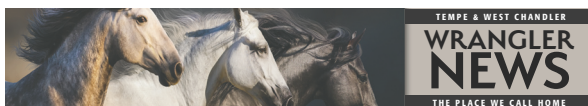
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Parks and Recreation, Tempe Public Library, Tempe PRE, Arts Engagement, Tempe History Museum and Tempe Center for the Arts are bringing you Tempe at Home, a collection of digital content that mirrors many city classes and offerings. Follow their social media channels for daily activity ideas, exercise videos, arts and crafts instruction, learning tasks and more to help keep the family active and connected during this time of physical distancing. Check out tempe.gov/TempeAtHome for access to all virtual content.

Free counseling and online mental health resources

The city's CARE 7 crisis response team is continuing to support the community with its full range of services during the coronavirus pandemic.

In addition, CARE 7 is also offering services specific to the pandemic through a new effort called COVID Care.

They include:

- **Online mental health resources.** Community members will find information about counseling options, strategies for stress management, help

for families concerned about meeting basic needs, connections to services for veteran and seniors, and more.

- **Free counseling.**

Tempe residents can receive free stress management counseling through CARE 7's licensed counselors and social workers as well as counseling interns from Arizona State University.

Up to three sessions are available focusing on understanding stress, developing coping skills and finding hopeful solutions to

manage life in the time of coronavirus. Sessions are open to people age 18 and older.

Call CARE 7 at 350-8004.

- **Help for teens and youth.** Care 7's youth specialists who normally work in Tempe high schools and middle schools are providing social and emotional support to students via text, email and calls.

Find more information at tempe.gov/Care7.



For info on Tempe's coronavirus response, visit tempe.gov/coronavirus or call Tempe 311 on weekdays at 480-350-4311.



Navigate your path to college and career success.

College Connect offers info hub for families

College Connect has compiled all the information students and parents need to stay on track with college and post-secondary education plans.

Visit tempe.gov/CollegeConnect.

Water conservation goes virtual

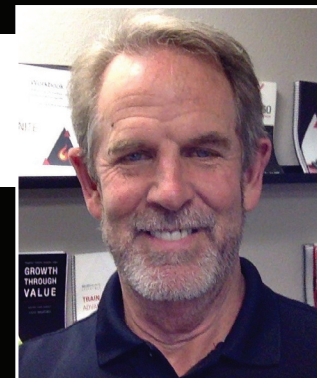
Tempe Water Conservation is still helping residents save water and money with one-on-one virtual consultations, digital resources, online landscape workshops and the WaterSmart Customer Portal.

Learn more at tempe.gov/conservation or call 480-350-8351.



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