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THE CHANGING FACE OF DOWNTOWN CHANDLER

Once-sleepy agrarian community now alive with a buzz of unique, urban sense of place

By Lee Shappell
wranglernews.com

You don't necessarily have to be over-served at one of the brew pubs or distilleries to feel a buzz in downtown Chandler these days.

Over the past three years, the face of the city's historic downtown area just south of Chandler Boulevard along Arizona Avenue has come alive. The city's buzzword for it is a "sense of place" that appeals to West Chandler residents, who might

otherwise feel disconnected from downtown, and to the entire Southeast Valley region.

The changing face of downtown bears a carefully crafted new image. It is very much by design, and it didn't happen overnight. It had to happen in order for it to remain competitive.

Tempe has Mill Avenue. Gilbert has its Historic District and Town Hall clusters, with shops and restaurants. Ahwatukee has a similar collection of attractions, heavy on dining and night life. Wild Horse Pass on the Gila River Reservation has built a destination entertainment center.

To match that, Chandler had . . . potential.

"It was a dusty little strip with a barbershop and a couple of bars and restaurants," said Josh Yeager of Bright Brothers, a marketing firm hired by the Downtown Chandler

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Downtown Chandler is attracting restaurant patrons as the reinvigorated area welcomes dozens of new businesses. (See a complete list of new Downtown Chandler businesses on Page 31).

— Wrangler News photo by Andrew Lwowski

Intel breaks ground on leading-edge chip factories in southwest Chandler

Expansion will bring Arizona investment to more than \$50B

Intel broke ground on two leading-edge chip factories on Sept. 27 at the company's Ocotillo campus in south Chandler, which will significantly increase its chipmaking capacity and capabilities critical to economic and national security.

Intel does not release information about where its employees live, according to a company spokesperson, however it is Chandler's top employer and it safe to say that a substantial number of

the company's 12,000 Arizona employees live in West Chandler and Tempe.

With the addition of the two factories—to be named Fab 52 and Fab 62—Intel's Ocotillo campus will house six chip factories, or fabs.

The \$20 billion expansion, largest private investment in Arizona history, will create more than 3,000 high-wage high-tech jobs, 3,000 construction jobs and support an estimated 15,000 additional indirect jobs in the community.

When fully operational in 2024, the new fabs will manufacture Intel's most advanced process technologies,

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Bulldozers prepare the way for a major expansion of Intel, Chandler's largest employer.

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Chandler Fire offers free preparedness training for disaster, emergencies



The Chandler Fire Department is offering area residents a free day of training in emergency and disaster preparedness. — Photo city of Chandler

West Chandler residents who want to be a little wiser about how to take care of themselves and their families during an emergency or disaster can take advantage of a free training course in October by the Chandler Fire Department.

This Basic Community Emergency Response Team course provides hands-on and classroom instruction 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on consecutive Saturdays, Oct. 16 and Oct. 23, at the Chandler Public Safety Training Center, 3550 S. Dobson Road. The training is free, but space is limited. Register at eventbrite.com/e/fall-01-21-cert-training-tickets-172142291227.

"Some of the potential hazards we Arizonans can face are strong winds, flooding, heat waves, power outages and fires, along with the possibility of man-made threats," said Chandler Fire Battalion Chief Suzy Vargo.

"Our goal is to give residents the tools, information and coping skills they need to care for themselves and their families for up to 72 hours following a natural or man-made disaster."

Material to be covered includes fire safety, utility control, light search and rescue, and basic medical care. Constructing family emergency kits for home and vehicles also is a critical part of community preparedness.

Participants will learn the types of hazards that might affect Chandler, and examine the roles and responsibilities of various organizations within the community, such as police and fire departments, other government agencies, public utilities and non-profits.

More information: call 480-782-2120, email ChandlerFire@chandleraz.gov, or visit chandleraz.gov/residents/fire.

Needles, neighbors create a joyous powerhouse for charity at Pyle Center

By Joyce Coronel
wranglernews.com

For nearly 50 years, a creative group of ladies has been meeting twice weekly to laugh, chat and craft everything from sweaters to scarves to baby blankets, washcloths, slippers and more.

There's even something called "chest warmers," small crocheted, knitted or quilted squares used by area hospice providers to keep patients' trunks cozy.

The Tempe Needleweilders, as they're known, meet at Pyle Adult Recreation Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. With close to 100 members, the group is a powerhouse of needles and neighbors. Mary Lou Del Vecchio is president of the board.

"Everything we do is for charity. We give everything away to non-profit

groups," Del Vecchio said. "We also sell some of our items and the money from those sales goes directly back to the community."

Del Vecchio is referring to the group's once-a-year fundraiser, a craft sale that this year takes place Friday, Oct. 22, and Saturday, Oct. 23.

After 50 years, all but one of the original Tempe Needleweilders have passed on.

Laura Reisinger sews for the group. "I can crochet but there are a lot of other people who crochet, so I sew."

She joined the group some years ago after being told she was needed.

"My mother was active for 20 years and she was 93," Reisinger said.

"When she left, my sister and I would come and visit the ladies because we knew them after bringing my mom to



The Tempe Needleweilders have a base of operations at Pyle Adult Recreation Center where donated supplies like this yarn and other materials are stored.

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I love Tempe too!

Experience with autistic son helps lend focus to her goals

By Sally Mesarosh

Sarah Boyle is bringing both professional and personal experience to her new role as director of special education at Tempe Union High School District.

She began her professional career in business and accounting in Silicon Valley, but after years of watching her son, Michael, now 27, struggle with his autism in school, she decided to make more of an impact by furthering her education and becoming a special education teacher.

“I went back to school to help families with autistic students,” Boyle said. “I wanted to do all the things my son’s teachers weren’t doing. People need to see all sides of the whole child. I wanted to eventually become an administrator and make changes.”

She worked as a special education teacher for about a decade and then went on to earn an educational doctorate in organizational leadership with an emphasis in special education. Boyle served as an academic specialist at the district level in Chandler, plus worked as an adjunct professor for an online university inspiring future leaders. She became a member of the Arizona Council of Exceptional Children and the Council of Administrators of Special Education.

Boyle began her current job as director at TUHSD on July 1.

TJ Snyder, assistant principal at Desert Vista High School, said the school is excited to have Boyle join the Tempe Union family.

“She brings a calming, caring and rational demeanor to our special ducation program,” he said. “We are

lucky to have her.”

Chalene Baxter, dean of students for San Marcos Elementary in the district in which Boyle worked previously, agreed Tempe Union is fortunate to have Boyle.

“Since I have known Sarah, she has always had students and parents in the center of every decision she has made,” Baxter said. “Dr. Boyle is a true servant and leader in the area of Special Education. She takes her passion to teaching parents and inspiring students to become the best they can.”

Boyle emphasized the need for constant communication with families when dealing with autistic students.

“Schools need to make sure the relationship between their schools



Sarah Boyle

and their families are solid,” she said. “That’s so important.”

One thing Boyle said she is concerned about is the current shortage of special education staff and homebound teachers. She said she will do all she can to attract quality workers to the district and once they are hired, she’ll provide much needed classroom training, support and resources.

“It’s sad to hear that there are less and less special education staff and less of a pool to draw from,” Boyle said. “We have three types of potential workers. Students who are earning their degrees, parents who want to work the same hours as their children who attend school, and retired people who want to give back to the community. Students are waiting for teachers.”

Boyle likes to share what she finds as the positive aspects of working with autistic students.

“First, I like is to see a student’s lightbulb come on,” she said. “When

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When sewer problems occur, don't let your money go down the drain

Commentary
By Bill Mercer

The following is to bring your attention to your home's sewer link to the city of Tempe's system and to share my most recent visit. Please note: I am not an insurance agent or plumber, and the information is only offered as an alert to a possible unhappy event.

After some 40 years of reliable service, it may be time for you to allocate some attention to the portion of the sewer system that connects your Lakes home to the city sewer line.

Any plumbing company can provide a camera

system to examine the line. Some provide a video of the results; some only have an instant view of the line. To help ensure that communications from your plumber to you are verified, take a look for yourself.

Some portions of South Tempe's residential sewer system, which were completed in the early 1970s, consisted of clay piping except for some sections, constructed in later years, that may be of other material.

Clay piping is extremely durable. The first usage of clay pipes for plumbing dates back to 4000 BC in Babylonia. This is often considered the birthplace of urban plumbing. Another known example of when clay pipes were used is in the city of Ephesus on the coast of Turkey.

Between about 2000 and 1000 BC, clay piping was the choice for sewer and water systems.

Although clay is an ancient substance, in many ways it still holds up against modern plumbing materials, even though it does present some serious drawbacks that can make it inappropriate for certain applications.

First, it's environmentally friendly. Made from recycled clay, water and other organic ingredients, clay is unaffected by acids and is impervious to the corrosive nature of acidic wastewater.

The biggest drawback is that it can be

susceptible to root intrusion and leaks. Tiny tree roots can enter the clay joints, eventually growing bigger and breaking away the clay. In time, enough root growth can reduce flow and, in the end, block flow inside the pipe.

The result can be a backup and overflow, normally occurring in the lowest point in the house, such as a lower bathroom.

Other than addressing the mess caused by the backup, an urgent call to a root clearing service is frequently necessary to determine the level of the stoppage. In such repairs, a camera line is inserted in the pipe to determine what's needed to clear the line. Once the stoppage is located, it may be possible to push or pull the roots out and clear the line.

It sometimes is possible to remove the blockage by auger or hydro pressure. Most total stoppages occur at the point the pipe enters the city sewer line, which typically would negate any repair other than removing a section of piping or replacing the line.

When a repair crew arrives, the pipe location is determined and a hole dug to expose the affected portion. The depth of the street side will vary, from about seven to 10 feet deep, depending on the slope of the city line at that point. Note that any such extra depth may affect the repair price.

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After that initial check is completed and the cause determined, the clay pipe is cut, roots are removed, and the pipe is repaired with a section of PVC.

A critical point here is the quality of the two rubber attachments—one connected to the existing clay pipe, the other to the city sewer line. There are both low-price and quality products on the market, and this should be discussed with your contractor.

The repair method described previously is normally the most economical, although not to be thought of as inexpensive.

Hopefully, however, any such work will provide service during the foreseeable future.

Keep in mind that there is no guarantee that those wily roots will not return the same way they arrived before.

There are chemicals available that can be introduced into the clean-out located on the house side which can help reduce the likelihood of unwanted root incursions returning any time soon.

Another (more expensive) method involves replacing the entire line from the house to the city sewer.

This entails the installation of new piping through the existing clay pipe. The price for this type of repair ordinarily would be about double the cut-and-replace method. The majority of the cost in

this approach is in the price of the machinery used to install the pipe.

Not every plumbing company has that capability and subcontracts the work out; there also may be additional cost for supervision. The product used in this type of work is SDR17, a flexible, seamless pipe attached at both ends with UPC-approved fittings.

The higher cost likely would be offset by not having to worry about future blockage. An estimate for both types of repair would be helpful for your final decision. In our case, I opted for a new line since my insurance covered the majority of the cost, along with the entire remediation and bathroom repair.

If preventive action is taken just to have roofer service to clear the line, the cost probably will have to be borne by you. Y

ou may opt to clean it up or engage a remediation company to ensure that the area is returned to an acceptable sanitary level. It is probably a mess involving the flooring, cabinets and sheet rock. The estimate should cover the remediation and repair of the area back to its original condition.

Although late in the game, call your insurance agent and determine if the backup is covered. Better yet is to call and make sure that such an

event is covered before it occurs. I would also ask your insurer to provide you with written confirmation of the coverage. The verbiage in policies often is not fully understood by the customer, however it's nonetheless advisable to read your homeowner policy's declaration page that list endorsements in effect and ask questions if you don't understand.

A key endorsement involving the sewer is an HO8/208 or similar number that lists Water Backup or Sump Pump Overflow.

Finally, be aware that there are a large number of companies that offer roofer services, and the price for the same service will range over many dollars. If time permits seek several bids for pipe repair.

In looking at other services, I found that my line replacement cost could have been significantly lower.

During the drafting this article I discovered one company, Arizona Rooter Service, that has repaired multiple properties in the community and has good marks for quality work. Their phone number is Service 480-518-1916.

South Tempe resident Bill Mercer is a former HOA manager of the Tempe Lakes subdivision.



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Tips to help avoid identify theft

Kyrene Corridor residents are being reminded that identity theft remains a serious issue across the United States, and are likewise encouraged by the Arizona Department of Revenue to be on the alert for identity theft scam artists.

Thieves steal identities a number of different ways, including using card-skimming devices, access through unsecure Wi-Fi, stealing mail, a data breach or hacking email accounts to obtain log-in passwords and financial data. They also use phishing schemes or use false pretenses to obtain personal information. Here are some tips to help keep your information safe:

Do not carry identification with your social security number (SSN) on it.

- If someone asks for an SSN, always ask why because it is not always required.
- Keep personal and confidential information in a secure place.
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Intel

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Intel is the only semiconductor manufacturer with leading-edge process and packaging research capabilities in the country, and the company is investing in domestic capacity to support the surging

worldwide demand for chips.

The two new fabs in Arizona will not only support growing demand for Intel’s products, but will also provide committed capacity for the recently announced Intel Foundry Services.

“With Intel Foundry Services, Intel is opening its fab doors wide to serve the needs of foundry customers around the globe, many of whom are looking for more geographical balance in the semiconductor supply chain,” IFS President Randhir Thakur wrote recently. “Customers are enthusiastic about these capabilities.”

For more than 40 years, Arizona has been vital to Intel’s ability to create world-changing technology. It not only is investing to advance the ecosystem of innovation but the company is committed to protecting Arizona’s natural resources through its RISE strategy and sustainability efforts. For example, Intel has set an ambitious goal to achieve net positive water use by 2030.

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Crisis counseling now available through partnership with Catholic Charities

Amid a growing mental health crisis, Catholic Charities Community Services is making access to easy and immediate mental health support through an artificial intelligence-driven known as Hope.

Paul Mulligan, CEO of the organization, said it is able to offer the service through a partnership with X2AI, which developed the technology for the digital behavioral change program that coaches people to build resilience by having text-message conversations, similar to texting with a friend or

coach.

At its most basic level, a chatbot is a computer program that stimulates and processes human conversation, either written or spoken, allowing humans to interact with digital devices as if they were communicating with a real person.

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Children's Cancer run due for 11th annual outing on Oct. 16

By Janie Magruder

These are a few of Christian Lopez's favorite things: playing the drums, riding a bike, building speed boats from Legos, math on an abacus, and his teenaged brother and baby sister.

Pretty typical for a 9 year old, you are saying. But this boy isn't your average fourth-grader because, after surgery five years ago to remove a brain tumor, Christian woke up blind. He has largely been undeterred.

"His time for feeling sorry for himself was three days after his surgery, and then he was done," recalled his mom Brenda. "He's not afraid, he doesn't hold back. It's really cool to see."

Christian is exactly the type of kid Patti Luttrell, co-founder and executive director of Tempe-based Children's Cancer Network, wanted for the 2021 Run to Fight Children's Cancer. As its honorary race starter, the Mesa boy will handle (easily) media interviews and blast the air horn to start the events.

"He is very representative of our heroes — resilient, strong — and he faces everything head on," Luttrell said. "He is just thrilled to be living his life."

The 11th annual Run to Fight, which raises money and support for young cancer patients and their families in Arizona, and builds awareness of pediatric cancers, is Saturday, Oct. 16, at Salt River Fields, 7555 N. Pima Road in Scottsdale. The 10K run starts at 7 a.m., followed by the 5K run/walk (7:45 a.m.), and a cancer survivors walk around the bases (9 a.m.).

You also can participate virtually, form a team and register at runtofightcancer.com

According to the National Cancer Institute, cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children in the U.S. It's estimated that 15,590 children and adolescents ages 0-19 will be diagnosed with cancer this year and 1,780 will die.

Overall, the most common types of cancer among children are leukemias, brain and central nervous system tumors and lymphomas.

Luttrell and her husband Steve faced childhood cancer when their son Jeff was diagnosed with leukemia at age 5. He endured multiple rounds of chemotherapy and radiation and a bone marrow transplant to treat the initial cancer, which recurred four times. Jeff later was diagnosed with a secondary cancer, had numerous surgeries and radiation and a recurrence.

Today, at 33, Jeff has been cancer free for nearly five years, and continues to be an inspiration.

The Luttrells created CCN to offer hope, education and resources to families experiencing similar emotional devastation and economic hardship. The average cost per hospital stay for a child with cancer is \$40,000, according to CCN, and most families spend an additional \$10,000 in non-medical costs such as gas, parking and additional child care.

Through the Run to Fight and other CCN projects, the organization has provided \$4.8 million to Arizona families since 2005. It annually supports 800 families with gas and food cards, wigs, bus passes, health and wellness activities and support programs.

Additionally, CCN awarded in 2020 nearly \$40,000 in post-secondary scholarships to survivors, siblings and parents whose lives have been impacted by cancer.

Among CCN's most meaningful contribution is funding two part-time family counselors at the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Phoenix Children's Hospital, a beneficiary of the run.

"Families are so grateful — whether they're just starting their journey or they've been many years off of treatment but perhaps still experiencing its side effects — to have this support at PCH," Luttrell said.

The 2020 Run to Fight was virtual due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but that didn't stop CCN from pulling out all the stops. Videos and photos were posted, and t-shirts and medals were sent to 1,000 participants.

"We are there no matter what," she said.

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for the Lopez family, including Christian's dad David, his brother Anthony, and his sister Elise. Brenda was pregnant with Elise in June 2016 when Christian was diagnosed with a brain tumor the size of a half-dollar behind his right eye. What she thought would be a routine eye exam instead revealed an opaque mass, and an MRI at PCH confirmed her worst fears.

"It hit me like a bomb," said Brenda, who is a nurse.

Not all of the tumor, which was beginning to invade the space behind Christian's left eye, too, could be removed during surgery. The procedure's biggest risk — blindness — came true.

"For three days, he didn't want to eat, drink, talk," she said. "But on that fourth day, he got up

and was like, 'Mom, I want to go to the play room.' 'OK, let's go,' and that was that."

What followed was 18 months of chemotherapy and related side effects, and for a time the spots stopped growing. But when tests showed they were growing again, Christian began treatment a year ago, and it is proving successful, Brenda said.

The family has benefitted from CCN's summer day camps for Christian and Elise, and has received help paying some of their expenses. But it's more than that, Brenda said.

"We definitely have been touched by their generosity, and so we're happy we can help motivate (others) to give," she said, "because they do so much for so many families."



The Gary family participates in the Children's Cancer Network walk/run in memory of Evan Gary. CCN assists hundreds of families in their cancer journeys. — Photo courtesy Children's Cancer Network




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SPORTS

Girls volleyball update: 'Competitive; working to get even better'

By Alex Zener

Corona's girls volleyball team, with a 12-5 overall record and a 4-0 record against their Central Section foes, is off to a good start in 2021.

"We've done a great job so far this season," said head coach **Ben Maxfield**. "Even in our losses we were competitive and working to get better."

Corona has not lost a set the last three section matches going 3-0 at home against Queen Creek on Sept. 20, 3-0 at home against Desert Ridge on Sept. 21 and 3-0 at Highland on Sept. 23.

With seven seniors and seven juniors on the team along with two sophomores and one freshman, the Aztecs have a deep team with eight of

the 17 athletes on the roster playing in at least 40 of the 51 sets as of Sept. 27.

Junior middle blocker **Ella Lomigora** leads the team in both kills and blocks. Playing in 49 sets, she is credited with 128 kills or 2.6 kills a set with a kill percentage of 52 percent

In the same 49 sets, Lomigora had 21 solo and 34 assisted blocks for a total of 54 blocks or over one block per set.

"Ella always works hard to be available for a hit," said Maxfield. "In addition, our ball control has been very good this year which allows us to use our middles a lot more which creates more opportunities for Ella to attack."

"Defensively, she reads the game well so she puts herself in a good position to get a block," said Maxfield.

Senior **Sydney Meyer** is second in number of kills but leads the team when you consider kills per set. She has a total of 117 kills playing in 37 sets or an average of 3.2 kills a set.

"Sydney is a versatile hitter in that we can move her around a bit, depending on the matchups," said Maxfield. "She mostly swings on the right side where she often is left one-on-one with a blocker. She is pretty terminal with her hitting."

With 46 total blocks, Meyer is the second leading blocker on the team.

The player who is third on the team in kills is, interesting enough, a freshman, **Alyssa Aguayo**. Along with her 97 kills or 2.1 kills a set, Aguayo has seven service aces, 17 blocks and 38 digs.

"Alyssa is a great all-around player," said Maxfield. "She passes, hits, blocks and defends well."

"She has great vision of the court and is able to find the holes," said Maxfield. "She has tremendous control and placement with her hitting."

Another one of the Aztecs all-around players is senior outside hitter, **Kacie Webb**. She has 77 kills or 1.6 kills a set, 20 total blocks, 19 service aces, and 128 digs, second on the team in digs.

"Kacie works hard on every play," said Maxfield. "She has done a nice job of managing the game for us as an outside hitter and is one of our top passers."

"She puts herself in a good position to dig the ball by reading the other side of the net," said Maxfield. "She has also really minimized her errors this season."

Senior middle blocker **Natalie Meyer** is the second leading blocker on the team with 46 blocks playing in 46 sets for an average of one block per set along with 74 kills or 1.6 kills a set.

"It's great to have Natalie back after not having her last season," said Maxfield. "She quietly goes

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about her business but always brings her A game. She has really turned into a defensive and offensive weapon for us this season.”

“Natalie has increased her quickness which helps her in closing the block and in getting into position to attack the ball,” said Maxfield

On defense, Corona is lucky to have an experienced senior playing Libero in **Angie Bour** who leads the team with 256 digs or five digs a set and is also the team’s service ace leader with an astounding 47 aces or almost one ace per set.

“Angie is our anchor of the backrow,” said Maxfield. “She reads the game well and puts herself in a position to dig almost every ball.”

“Serving wise, she is very precise in hitting her areas,” said Maxfield.

“In practice, Angie is a hard worker and is consistently striving to improve and get better,” said Maxfield. “During game situations, she brings enthusiasm and energy to the court.”

Like the quarterback in football, no volleyball team is successful without a good setter.

Corona has one in sophomore **Julia Owens** who has 424 assists or 8.3 assists a set. Out of the 989 attempts to set the ball she has only had five ballhandling errors.

“Julia continues to get better and better,” said Maxfield. “She is learning how to read the other side of the net to exploit blocking match ups.”

“Her defense has really improved and her digs per set keep increasing every match,” said Maxfield.

“Julia is very coachable and does a good job of implementing our game plan,” said Maxfield. “In addition, she brings energy and enthusiasm to the court which is contagious.”

With 17 players on the team this season, Corona almost has a backup for every position.

“We have a lot of depth this season which creates a lot of competition in practice and overall makes us better as a team,” says Maxfield.

Additional players seeing match play this season are senior opposite

Taylor Erickson, senior defensive specialist **Reese Manross**, senior middle blocker **Heather Heimlich** and junior middle blocker **Natalie Mantini**.

Erickson has 23 service aces which puts her third in service aces behind Bour and Owens, who has 29 aces, while Manross has 56 digs or 1.8 digs a set.

Heimlich is hitting an average of 1.3 kills a set and Mantini averages one kills a set.

Other members of the team contributing to its success on and off the court are junior outside hitter **Kierstyn Barton**, junior defensive specialist **Kacie Bikofsky**, junior defensive specialist **Maddie Kamolz**, junior opposite **Ella Swansiger**, junior setter **Georgia Lee** and sophomore opposite **Maggie Beauer**.

Corona was scheduled to play at Desert Vista on Sept. 29 and in the Nike Tournament of Champions on Oct. 1-2.

As part of Pool C, the Aztecs play against Sacred Heart from Louisville, KY at 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 1 at the Salvation Army KROC.

Then at 2:15 p.m., the Aztecs play against The Bishop’s School from CA and at 3:30 p.m. against West Anchorage.

The results from Friday matches determines who and where the Aztecs will play on Saturday.

After the Nike Tournament, Corona has seven matches left, five Central Section and two Non-Section matches, to hone their skills, increase their team chemistry, and try to be ranked in the top eight 6A teams before the state tournament starts in early Nov.

“I’m excited to see where we end up as I don’t think we’ve hit our full stride yet,” said Maxfield. “This season’s team is a great group of players and people.”

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The 10th Annual Rockin' Taco Street Fest brought together taco lovers (including a canine señorita) for an entire day and evening of tasty fare amid music and, in a nod to the mechanical bull rides of yesteryear, the chance to tame a taco or sport an oversized sombrero.





Wrangler News photos
by Andrew Lwowski

DIVERSIONS: What's happening in your Wrangler News neighborhood



Curtain goes up again at Tempe Center for the Arts . . . Welcome Back!

By M.V. Moorhead

On the Tony Awards last month, the Broadway community took the opportunity to celebrate the re-opening of New York theaters after long COVID closure.

Here in the Valley, we have a similar cause celebre as Tempe Center for the Arts is back up and running.

The performance venue, gallery space and general get-together spot, opened in 2007 on the banks of the Rio Salado, had, like so many other culture and entertainment facilities both here in the Valley and around the country, been closed for well over a year due the COVID pandemic.

But the place reopened its doors this fall, offering a diverse slate of theatre, music and dance performances, as well as a variety of gallery exhibitions.

This does not mean, however, that everything is back to pre-COVID status at TCA.

Eileen May, the center's general manager and managing director, recently filled us in on what's the same and what's different at TCA:

Wrangler News: How long has the Center been closed?

May: Since mid-March 2020.

WN: What went into the decision to re-open?

May: The City evaluated how COVID has been progressing, and felt that we are able to open up arts and cultural programs for the community's benefit by putting in place appropriate public health measures that protect patrons, staff and artists.

WN: What precautions (if any) will still be in place for the public? Staff? Performers?

May: Masks are required for everyone at TCA. We have initiated a vaccination requirement for our audiences, and we will check vaccination cards and/or digital proof of full vaccination at each of our public ticketed events.

WN: What if any projects/ improvements/ alterations were done at the center during the closure?

May: The team at TCA has been working on improving all our processes for our audiences, clients, staff and performers. The biggest improvement is our audience experience.

Our frontline staff have been re-trained to focus on customer care as the foundation of all that we do. We are working on creating a more transformative experience for our audiences, so that TCA can truly become the "living room of Tempe" as it was originally intended.

We have also re-evaluated the programming at the Center, focusing more on our local artists and exploring the intersection of our strong local arts community and the national arts lens.

Expansion of residencies and connecting with the local Indigenous and Native communities are a high priority, as is finding a link between arts activities and wellness practice.

Thanks for your support of TCA!

Tempe Center for the Arts is located at 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway in Tempe. For details go to tempecenterforthearts.com or call 480-350-2822.

Film Fare . . . with M.V. Moorhead

Ben Platt's performance makes 'Evan Hansen' worth seeing

Evan himself wrote the letter from which comes the title *Dear Evan Hansen*. Intended as a morale-boosting exercise for the alienated, socially anxious high school kid (Ben Platt), the missive is found on the person of Connor Murphy (Colton Ryan), a seriously disturbed classmate who has taken his own life.

Connor's devastated parents (Amy Adams and Danny Pino) jump to the conclusion that he wrote it to Evan, and that the two were close friends.

Evan plays along with the mistake, initially because he feels sorry for Connor's mom, and also because it gives him proximity to Connor's sister Zoey (Kaitlyn Dever), on whom he has long had a crush.

He continues the charade because the affluent, welcoming Murphys offer him a family dynamic he doesn't get from his always-working single mom (Julianne Moore).

Gradually his supposed friendship with Connor brings him social media celebrity, and things get out of hand.

Directed by Stephen Chbosky, this is an adaptation of the stage musical, which opened on Broadway in 2016. The show was an uneven piece of work, an uneasy combination of farcical plot



contrivances and complications mixed with bitterly sad subject matter. The score, by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul, was also uneven musically; three or four strong songs plus a lot of forgettable warbling.

Most likely what made *Dear Evan Hansen* a hit in the theater, above all, was the Tony Award winning performance of Ben Platt in the title role. Platt's voice is marvel, an impossibly angelic falsetto that transcends the technical; there's an idiosyncratic, self-deprecating diffidence to his phrasing that gives it personality and wit along with vocal purity.

As powerful as songs like "Waving Through a Window" and "For Forever" are, it's Platt's singing—and acting—that elevates them to level of

breath-taking.

Chbosky uses the banal suburban high school settings ingeniously, and he and screenwriter Steven Levenson, who wrote the book of the musical, do a creditable job of weeding out many of the filler songs and making Platt the focus. Even so, the movie drags a bit in its second half, and its creepy side can't be completely shaken.

I'm told, though, that the biggest objection to the movie is that Platt, now 28, looks too old to play Evan. I have to say that he didn't strike me that way at all; if I was told that the guy we see in the film, with his limp curls and miserable shirts and slumped shoulders, was a sad sack high school senior, I don't think it would occur to me to doubt it.

In any case, even if Platt were balding and gray at the temples and had crow's feet and a paunch, I wouldn't want to hear anyone else perform this music. *Dear Evan Hansen* has flaws, but the star isn't one of them; he's what makes the movie worth seeing despite its flaws.

Dear Evan Hansen is rated PG-13 and plays at Harkins Tempe Marketplace, Arizona Mills, Chandler Fashion 20 and other multiplexes Valleywide.

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Corona del Sol's Owen Janssen eludes Desert Vista's Antonio Pietro Delgado (9) and Riley McDevitt (16) on Sept. 23. Corona fell to 0-4 in the setback.

— Wrangler News photo by Andrew Lwowski

Zener

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senior outside hitter **Emma Orndorf** who has 72 kills, about twice as many as the next two players, senior setter **Jazmyn Vital** with 37 kills and junior outside hitter **Celeste Rivas** with 35 kills.

Junior middle blocker **Valentina Lira** is tops in blocking with eight solo and seven assisted blocks for a total of 15 followed by Rivas with 11 total blocks and junior **Jewel Ochoa** with seven blocks.

Senior libero **Champlevey Carr** is the anchor on the backline with 96 digs or 2.9 digs a set but is helped out by junior defensive specialist **Zoey Arner** with 76 digs or 2.2 digs a set and Orndorf with 77 digs.

Orndorf is number one in service aces with 28 followed by Arner with 20 aces and Vital with 14.

All-around player Vital has 178 assists or 4.9 assists a set to go with her 37 kills and 14 aces.

Other players who contribute to the team's success on and off the court include junior outside hitter **Mackenzie Porter** with 52 serve receptions and 28 digs, freshman **McKenna Baker** with 1.6 service receptions per match and 1.4 digs a set, senior right side hitter **Cyan Nelson** and sophomore middle blocker **Julianna Romero**.

Marcos was scheduled to play five straight matches at home. First against Buckeye on Sept 29, then against Buckeye on Oct. 11, against Mesquite on Oct. 12 and against American Leadership Academy on Oct. 14.



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School chiefs respond to Oct. 25 court ruling on mask requirement

By Joyce Coronel

Hours before a ban on public school mask mandates was to go into effect, an Arizona judge ruled the prohibition was unconstitutional, freeing public schools to require staff, students and visitors to don face masks while on campus.

Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Katherine Cooper's ruling deemed the Republican lawmakers' bill an example of "log-rolling," referring to the practice of amassing multiple subjects into one bill so that a vote to support the bill constitutes a vote for all measures included in it.

"The Court has considered Plaintiff's claim that SB 1819 violates the single subject rule. Yes, it does," the 16-page ruling states. The final page of Cooper's ruling contains the admonition that all those entering a court facility in Maricopa County must wear a mask or face covering at all times while in the facility.

The Kyrene, Tempe Elementary and Tempe Union High School districts were quick to react to Cooper's decision.

Kyrene Superintendent Laura Toenjes said the district would continue to require masks but that ruling opened up the opportunity for the district to review its other mitigation efforts.

"Kyrene remains committed to following all Federal, State and local health agency guidance, to the extent possible and within the bounds of the law. Kyrene will continue to require face coverings indoors, only when a school's ZIP code is experiencing "substantial" or "high" community transmission," Toenjes said.

"This week's court ruling, ensuring Kyrene can continue to require face coverings, opens up the opportunity for the district to review other mitigation strategies. For example, knowing we can require face

coverings for visitors gives us more flexibility to welcome visitors and volunteers on our campuses. This is so important, as we know our community is critical to the success of our students and schools."

A statement on the district's website, Kyrene.org, notes "Face coverings are not required outside. Face coverings remain mandatory on school buses and District transportation, per federal order. Kyrene's plans remain flexible to respond to the changing landscape of the pandemic while continuing to offer the excellence in education that is the hallmark of Kyrene."

A September 28 letter to parents from Tempe Elementary School District Superintendent James Driscoll states that "the Maricopa County COVID-19 Data Dashboard has identified our school attendance area as a high transmission area putting our students, staff and community at greater risk of contracting COVID-19.

"Face coverings will continue to be required for all students, staff and visitors while indoors. Face coverings are not required while outdoors. We will continue to monitor this situation and update you on any new changes.

"We value the many differing viewpoints in our community. There is nothing that we cannot overcome together when we reach for a common goal. Our common goal is to make this a successful year of learning for all Tempe Elementary students.

Tempe Union High School District Superintendent Kevin Mendivil commented on the court ruling.

"TUHSD will continue with all currently implemented health and safety procedures, including masking while indoors. We will continue to follow this case closely as it makes its way through the courts and we remain committed to following all state and federal laws as we work to keep our students, staff, and greater community safe," Mendivil said.

Vote YES to enhance your quality of life

Commentary by Matt Orlando

Starting as early as Oct 6, all registered voters in Chandler will receive a ballot by mail to decide on what degree of Quality of Life they want for our city.

The Nov. 2 Special Bond Election ballot will contain five questions and will ask voters to authorize the sale of \$272,685,000 worth of general obligation bonds.

A bond election is when the City asks its residents for approval to borrow money to fund community needs giving taxpayers the ability to decide what they are willing to pay for with property taxes.

To view a detailed list of proposed community needs detailed in the Capital Improvement Plan approved by the Chandler Mayor and City Council, residents can visit chandleraz.gov/budget.

The last time Chandler residents were asked to vote to improve their quality of life was in 2007.

At that time, they approved the largest bond authorization in our city's history - \$451M! Since that time our community has grown and expanded beyond that bond authorization.

Now, the city council is asking you to assist us to shore up our aging infrastructure and to expand into new projects to fund future growth.

As a City, we must build and maintain several types of much needed facilities as well as infrastructure like streets, parks, public safety and municipal facilities which can be expensive.

Since there's only so much money, selling bonds is a way to pay for public infrastructure now when it's needed. Bonds are really just a loan (like a mortgage or car payment) that is repaid over time with property

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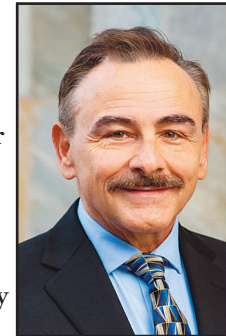
This approval to sell bonds is like a credit limit, which can be used over many years.

As bonds are paid off, new bonds can be sold, resulting in no change to property tax rates.

The key message is — your property tax rates will not increase.

Chandler voters will be asked to approve bond authorization for the following areas:

- Park and Recreation Improvements/Community Services Bonds in the amount of \$72,985,000;
- Public Safety/Fire Bonds in the amount of \$25,160,000;
- Public Safety/Police Bonds in the amount of \$55,190,000;
- Public Works/Street and Transit



Matt Orlando

Improvements Bonds in the amount of \$85,780,000;

- Municipal Facilities Bonds in the amount of \$33,570,000.

Publicity pamphlets will be mailed to each household with a registered voter and it provides additional insight on how the funds will be used. If you're not registered to vote — there's still time to register as the deadline is Oct. 4.

For additional information on the upcoming November election, including information on how to register to vote, visit: chandleraz.gov/BondElection.

Encourage Chandler residents to Vote YES for a better Quality of Life and to return their ballots to ensure they are received prior to Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Matt Orlando is a member of the Chandler City Council.

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Crafters

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the group. They said, ‘Come join us. We need your hands. We need you to replace your mom’s hands.’

“And so we did.”

All during the pandemic, the group continued to stitch, knit and crochet. They made more than 3,000 face masks and then sold them.

Monies raised were given to local food banks.

Peggy Short echoed the sentiments of many of the Needlewielders.

“I think for each one of us, we really love creating something. And you can only make so many things for your family.”

One family can only use so many afghans—it’s true—but the desire to create and comfort continues.

“So this really satisfies that need to be creative and then also the need to be helpful within the community,” Short said.

One woman used to come to Pyle Adult Recreation Center but then lost her vision. She’s in a care center but still crocheting using a device that guides her on color.

Then there’s the fun and friendship that burgeon over a shared pile of fabric.

Martha Kasapis joined in 2002 and has been sitting with her friend ever since.

She was stitching a 100 percent cotton washcloth. “We started the same day and we’ve been sitting together ever since.

“Usually once a month we will have an activity like a pizza party or a potluck. Something. And we play Bingo once a month,” Del Vecchio said.

“We play a quarter a card, you can play as many as you like, and everyone wins. We have no losers. Everyone in the group walks out with a little something on Bingo day.”

Before COVID, the ladies brought snacks. They’ve all been vaccinated but they wear masks, so snacking has been discontinued for now.

Prior to the pandemic, about 40 ladies showed up on Thursdays to work. Due to COVID and the summer travel months, the numbers are a bit down, but the ladies continue to meet. They haven’t lost any members to COVID.

The yarn and fabric they use is all donated. The Tempe Needlewielders serve about 30 charities in the area, including Chemo Companions, Maggie’s Place and Treasures for Teachers, among others.



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The annual Walk & Bags for Pop was back this year and hundreds of participants gathered at Kiwanis park to highlight National Prostate Cancer Awareness month to play cornhole and walk miles in memory of Tim Barber, a Tempe police detective who lost his battle with prostate cancer at an early age.

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Downtown Chandler Farmers Market Returns Oct. 2

The scorching summer heat has broken just in time for the return of the Downtown Chandler Farmers Market on Saturday, Oct. 2, just a short hop from West Chandler at Dr. A.J. Chandler Park West, 3 S. Arizona Ave., downtown.

The market, which runs 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday, debuts new programming and vendors this season to augment the traditional fresh produce, gourmet foods and unique artisan creations that patrons have come to expect.

New this year is Kids Day at the Market, the first Saturday each month, which includes Stories in the Park in partnership with the

Chandler Library at 9:30 a.m., as well as fitness classes by the Chandler Community Services Department.

Other new seasonal programming is Art in the Park, in partnership with Burst of Butterflies Create & Paint Studio, and Pumpkins in the Park.

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Yoga in the Park also begins on Oct. 2, at 10 a.m. in the park next to the farmers market. The 45-minute, donation-based class is perfect for beginners through experienced yogis. Participants should bring a mat, sunscreen and water. More information on the Downtown Chandler Farmers Market: downtownchandler.org/farmersmarket.

Autism

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and have fun with their students.

"I have a lot of fun with my son, who constantly thinks outside the box," she said. "He encourages me to be more creative and bring in hands-on activities. Being with my son just expands my creativity and we have a good time."

For those interested in special education as a career, Boyle recommends the program at Rio Salado College, where students can earn an associate's degree while working and then continue on to earn a bachelor's degree.

What's next for Boyle?

She's gearing up for a Positive Outcomes Transition Series, monthly events where parents can talk to professionals and not be afraid to ask questions.

"My ultimate goal is to increase the positive communication about our students, to celebrate their victories and share what's going on," she said.

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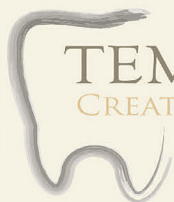
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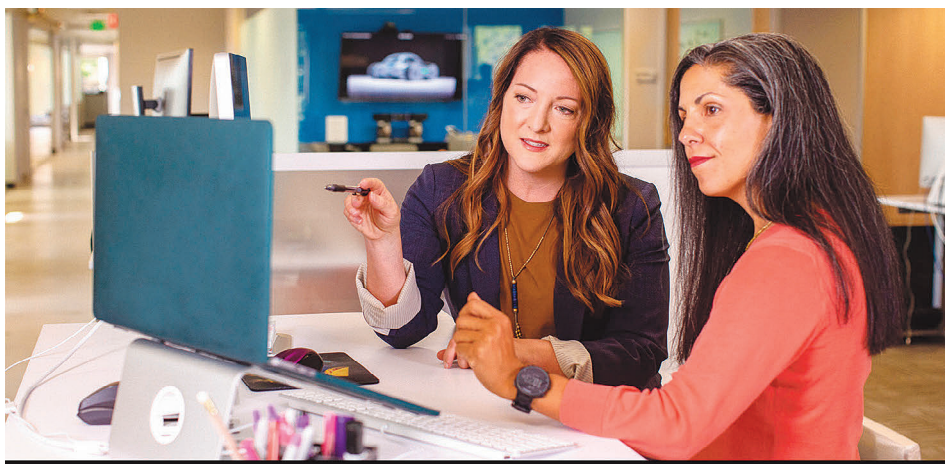
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Downtown Chandler draws families like this one for an afternoon of fun near New Square in front of The Hilton, DC Steakhouse and The Stillery; increased foot traffic in downtown Chandler is a boon to new businesses in the area. — Wrangler News photos by Andrew Lwowski

Downtown

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Community Partnership to help punch up the downtown Chandler image. “It was nothing like it is now.”

He would know. Bright Brothers did an extensive consumer intercept survey for DCCP, using results to create 10 composite personas, or “highly idealized archetypes,” as Yeager fondly calls them, to help businesses identify and zero in on their target audience.

After new investment and reinvestment that attracted businesses, residential options, shops, restaurants and bars to complement a robust events schedule, downtown Chandler is on the map.

Nineteen new bars and restaurants have opened in the past three years, bringing the total to 43 downtown. There are 20 retail stores. There is 315,000 square feet of office space, including 262,000 square feet of new or rehabilitated office space in the past three years with another 100,000 square feet in the pipeline. There are 12 live-music venues and stages, five

arts venues, four public parks, three lodging establishments, three wedding venues and 51,200 square feet of convention space. For residential, there are 1,571 units, 574 of them new in the past three years, with another 365 in the pipeline. There are five parking garages with 3,300 spaces and three Valley Metro bus routes.

One need only to visit the historic downtown square on a weekend — when there might be a farmers market or a jazz festival, or at night, when there is live music every day of the week — to feel it. New garages, where it doesn’t cost a penny to park, are full of cars as people are becoming aware of a revitalized, walkable urban district.

“We identified personalities in the marketplace that our businesses can attract, from the right buzzwords to use in social media to the right colors to use in marketing and on websites — where they work, what they eat, what their age is, what their lifestyle is,” said Mary Murphy Bessler, executive director and president of Downtown Chandler Community Partnership. “It’s a tool in the toolbox for our businesses. We’ve given all the

market research and the data to them.”

It seems to be working.

“First and most obvious is we look at our sales-tax data,” said John Carter Owens, Chandler’s downtown redevelopment specialist. “We can track how that’s looking. What we see is visible growth in those numbers.”

DCCP works in partnership with the city.

The city attempts to model a business-friendly attitude with infrastructure investments that facilitate creation of spaces that people want to come to.

“One thing we always say in redevelopment is it’s a marathon and not a sprint,” Owens said. “A lot of what you’re seeing now is the end result of efforts that are 5, 10, 15 years in the making, city investments, private-sector investments. It’s a culmination of factors that have led us to this place.”

DCCP does promotions, schedules events and keeps the sidewalks clean.

“We try to tell the story of what is happening in the downtown and keep that buzz going, that energy and excitement going, for people who want to come to the downtown,”

Murphy Bessler said. “We’re basically creating a wonderful sense of place where people really want to come down, feel the vibe, feel the energy. People are telling us it feels different in the downtown.”

Murphy Bessler credits the city with wisely buying parcels as they came available downtown years ago.

“The city of Chandler has been very strategic in where they own these pieces of land, so that when the economy started picking up then they would go for requests for proposal and partner with the developer and have a vision of what that might look like, how new projects would blend in with what existing in downtown. Everyone is benefitting from it.”

The Portland Street parking garage has 900 spaces. On weekends, it’s filled with cars.

The New Square project — featuring the new DC Steakhouse Space, Hilton Garden Inn and The Stillery — as well as Overstreet — featuring a movie theater, ice cream shop and restaurants — are the culmination of long-term plans.

“And one thing that sets downtown Chandler apart from other downtowns in the Valley is we have

six breweries, and two distilleries that make their own whiskey, vodka and gin,” Murphy Bessler said. “Murphy’s Law and Bourbon Jacks’ put stages in the front, so when people are walking around in the evening they can stop and listen and watch. We are finding that people from all over the Valley are driving as much as an hour to come to Chandler to hear the music.”

The Alexander and the Jonathan, office buildings on the east side of Arizona Avenue, have undergone multi-million-dollar renovation.

Tech companies are coming downtown.

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And now, it’s possible to live and work within walking distance of it all as midrise apartments and condominiums begin to dot the skyline of a former agrarian community.

“DC Heights, with 157 units at California and Boston, is coming just west of the square,

and Phase 2 across Dakota Street will have another 111 units,” Owens said.

“Encore Chandler was recently approved but hasn’t broken ground yet, and that’s another couple-hundred units of high-end apartments at Nevada and Commonwealth.

All of a sudden there are more residents downtown, which definitely brings that 24/7 foot traffic that really supports our restaurants, in particular.”

Bright Brothers’ Yeager credits the city for enticing and balancing a unique mix “so it doesn’t become overrun with Starbucks and Gaps, the national and international chains.”

“That’s important to the sense of authenticity and having a genuinely unique downtown,” Yeager said.

“Independent gems need to be grown and fostered. Otherwise, what’s the draw? You can go anywhere and see those other same things. Chandler doing an amazing job with that.”

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By design, very few are national chains. From an improvisational comedy shop, to a gourmet eatery in the old Sibley’s West space to a new cantina in the former El Zocalo space, the new look seems to be a hit.

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 2020: La Ristra – restaurant.
 2020: Pedal Haus – restaurant, brewery.
 2019: Gadzooks – restaurant.
 2019: Truland Burgers & Greens – restaurant.
 2019: Spirit House – bar.
 2019: OverEasy – restaurant.
 2019: Cheba Hut – restaurant.
 2019: The Hidden House – restaurant.
 2019: ShareTea – restaurant.
 2019: The Screamery – restaurant.
 2019: Revint Solutions – office space.
 2019: Craft64 – restaurant.
 2019: The Sleepy Whale – bar.
 2019: Quarthaus – Bar, brewery, distillery.
 2019: Civic Market – restaurant, salon suites.

2019: Mingle + Graze – restaurant.
 2018: Flo Yoga & Cycle – fitness.
 2018: Flix Brewhouse – restaurant, brewery, cinema.
 2018: Safe T Professionals – professional services.

Recently completed commercial projects

2021: The Alexander – office spaces.
 2020: The Stanley – hospitality, lodging.
 2020: New Square – mixed-use office/retail.
 2020: Hilton Garden Inn – lodging.
 2019: The Hidden House – adaptive reuse.
 2019: Sleepy Whale/Gadzooks – adaptive reuse.
 2019: Civic Market/Quarthaus – adaptive reuse.
 2018: Flo Yoga & Cycle – adaptive reuse.
 2018: Overstreet – mixed-use office/retail spaces.
 2018: Faithlife – adaptive reuse.

Recent infrastructure projects

2020: The Courtyard – pocket park.
 2019: Oregon Street Parking Garage – parking structure.
 2019: Chicago Street – signal and improvements.
 2019: South Arizona Avenue Streetscape – improvements.
 2019: Buffalo Street – pocket park.
 2018: Commonwealth Canal – walking trail.

Projects planned or under construction

2021: The Johnathan – office spaces.
 2021: Perch Expansion – restaurant.
 2021: Inchin’s Bamboo Garden – restaurant.
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 2022: DC Heights – residential.
 2023: SEC Arizona Avenue & Frye Road – planned retail.



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