



# New fire station raises alarm

But in time of need, nearby help is welcome

By Joyce Coronel

Whether it's a house going up in flames, a drowning child pulled from a pool or a loved one in the throes of a heart attack, there's one response that's been drilled into us: Call 911.

As precious seconds tick away, everyone involved in an emergency scenario hopes first responders will arrive quickly; a matter of seconds may mean the difference between life and death.

For residents of South Tempe, a new fire station and its impact on the community have been the focus of attention in recent months. The city's newest fire station will be built on 1½ acres of the eight-acre Estrada Park on McClintock Drive, just north of Warner Road.

In 2014, Tempe directed its Fire Department to conduct a citywide station-location study to learn if additional stations were needed. What the study revealed was that call volume and



Residents of the neighborhoods near Estrada Park view the city of Tempe's plans for renovations at the site. A fire station will be built on 1.5 acres of the park sometime during 2018.  
— Photo by Billy Hardiman for Wrangler News

## Talking trash: Beauty in eye of the beholder

If trash and fashion don't come to mind when you think of ideal partners, you're likely out of step with Chandler's view of the 21st Century.

The city's solid-waste moguls (e.g., those who oversee its municipal recycling program) are once again seeking out resourceful, inventive and style-savvy designers to enter the city's third annual Trashion Fashion Show, coming up in a couple of months.

The runway show on Oct. 14 will feature wearable fashion created from materials that might otherwise,

well, end up in the trash.

West Chandler residents or students who attend a Chandler school have until Sept. 15 to add their names to the list of prospective entrants.

The combination of two seemingly unlikely co-conspiratorial enterprises, throwaways and style, Trashion Fashion Show will provide a way for those with potentially untapped design skills to use their creativity to craft and construct a garment created from discarded



## Gluten free: Fact or fad?

By Deborah Hilcove

Nearly every talk show features pop-culture celebrities like Gwyneth Paltrow, Miley Cyrus and Kim Kardashian touting their gluten-free diets.

It's often a lively topic, with devotees claiming to lose weight, sleep better and have more energy with less pain.

But is a gluten-free diet a legitimate health remedy or just a fad? Actually—it's both.

Ward and Leslie Walston, owners of Arizona's only Great Harvest Bakery, are very aware of the gluten-free trend and bake special items every Tuesday.

The south Tempe store and restaurant includes eight varieties of gluten-free bread among its extensive offering of loaves.

Leslie said she has a growing number of regular customers who purchase gluten free.

"I have been baking gluten-free products for eight years," she says. "The past couple of years, I would put it into the fad category, with a lot of people hoping it will be the silver bullet to fix their



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## Traditional Academy success boosts enrollment, test scores *But creates a squeeze on classroom capacity*

By Diana Whittle

In a time of financial difficulties for many schools and teachers, Kyrene Traditional Academy/Sureño Campus is bucking the trend with increases in enrollment, test scores and parental support.

Kyrene Superintendent Dr. Jan Vesely provided some background to the district's Governing Board during a recent study session relating to KTA's success story, which includes a sharp spike in enrollment from 380 in 2012 to a projected 624 for the start of this school year.

In past years, KTA offered grades pre K-5. However, effective this year, KTA also includes sixth grade.

Over the next three years, the plan is for additional growth to include seventh and eighth grades.

"Our parents are thrilled to learn that students who start at KTA now will be able to continue through eighth grade," said Dr. Marianne Lescher, KTA's principal.

"We know we are in a competitive educational market and this change offers families the benefit of a rigorous academic environment that will transition students well to the high-school level."

The school's performance has earned educational accolades. In 2015, KTA was named a National Blue Ribbon of Excellence School and an A+ School, as well as being voted Chandler's best elementary school. In the last five years, both AIMS and AZ Merit scores increased by double-digits in language arts and math.

On the down side, the growth at KTA means that the school is now at maximum enrollment capacity for this school year. There is no open classroom space and several classrooms are doubling or tripling for

shared space, according to Lescher.

"The school is 30 years old and needs to be updated, along with expanding to accommodate projected enrollment of close to 900 students by 2019-20," said Lescher.

The Governing Board agreed to allocate \$6.2 million of current bond money to fund the first phase of the KTA expansion.

In a previous decision, the board retained the architectural firm Orcutt Winslow, based on the firm's history of working with school districts to modify existing buildings and campuses.

A second phase will be needed to complete the project, but that remains contingent upon the success of the bond election this November, explained Kyrene's Chief Financial Officer Chris Hermann.

"This is the maximum amount that is available for the project right now, and a second plan will be brought forward if new bond revenues are available," said Hermann.

With the commitment of funds, the architects can finalize their plans for phase one and then decide what can be deferred to phase two.

Vesely stressed that choice is important for Kyrene parents, noting "KTA is a great example of one of the choices available to Kyrene families."

Over the past several years, Kyrene has established several successful "choice" programs in district schools including the Dual-Language programs at Niños, Lagos and Kyrene Middle School; Fine Arts Academy at Paloma/Pueblo; KTA, which includes more structure, uniforms and parental involvement; and self-contained gifted programs at Monte Vista and Mirada.

A continuing task is to expand these programs to include pre K-8, with KTA designated as the first campus to be considered for the expansion.



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Tempe construction company builds a stockpile of back-to-school supplies for teachers.

## Filling the gap so teachers don't have to bring supplies from home

School is back in session, and Laura Shivers says her boss reminds her of a new teacher eager to get the first year off to a good start. That usually means bringing from home any needed supplies that the school doesn't provide.

Luckily, a new program, Back 2 School Bounty, promises to ease any such worries.

The program gets its start this year after Tempe-based Adolfson & Peterson Construction launched a fundraising campaign designed to provide much needed supplies and resource assistance for Arizona teachers.

According to Shivers, Back 2 School Bounty's goal is to provide 25 not-for-profit schools with a "bounty box" filled with school supplies for teachers to collect from, as needed, throughout the school year.

Based on the results of a 2016 Communities in Schools widely distributed survey, more than 90% of teachers have to buy school supplies to help low-income kids whose parents can't afford even basic supplies like pens and notebooks.

On average, according to the responses from 700 surveys, teachers spent nearly \$500 on school supplies for their students, with some spending more than \$1,000 on supplies.

"The fact is, in the state of Arizona, many teachers are getting second and even third jobs just to make

ends meet. They shouldn't have to pay for school supplies out of their own pocket when they can barely pay their own bills," said Shivers, director of marketing for Adolfson & Peterson and the brains behind Back 2 School Bounty.

"It is our hope our Back 2 School Bounty boxes will help alleviate some of the financial burden Arizona teachers experience every school year."

A Horace Mann Advisory Poll asked what teachers most wanted from the community.

The top three responses: 54% asked for school supplies or funds for school supplies to be donated; 47% wanted technology tools; and 43% hoped for mentors/readers/tutors to students.

The most requested school supplies included tissues, hand sanitizer, No. 2 pencils, erasers, glue sticks, lined paper and notebooks, construction paper, markers, visual aids and safety scissors.

Although the program is now underway, sponsorship opportunities are still available for Back 2 School Bounty, said Shivers.

One hundred percent of all proceeds and donated items will be given to non-profit schools in Arizona. Program sponsors include Wholesale Floors LLC and ACE Asphalt. Individual donations are being accepted at 5002 S. Ash Ave., Tempe 85282.

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# From high school nerd to neuroscientist to dancer to crochet diva...what next?

*Editor's note: Mary Wall, owner of Tempe-based Wall2Wall Dance Center and a business owner with whom we've had a long and very enjoyable connection, mentioned that we might be interested in writing about her daughter, a classic "local girl who made good." The suggestion proved to be a good one, prompting correspondent Mark Moorhead to describe a subsequent interview with Tegan Wall as one of his most memorable. When you finish reading Moorhead's piece, we think you'll feel the same way.*

By M.V. Moorhead

A true "Renaissance woman" doesn't come along every day, but Tegan Wall can lay some claim to the title.

The McClintock High School graduate earned a B.A. in Political Science and Economics and a B.S. in Math from the University of Arizona in 2010—following it up with a Masters in Behavioral Neuroscience and a Ph.D. in Computational and Neural Systems from Cal Tech.

She's now on the Emmy-nominated writing staff for the Netflix show *Bill Nye Saves the World*. She's also an accomplished dancer, and she crochets.

Wrangler News had the chance to chat with Dr. Wall recently:

**Wrangler News:** Your studies seem to have been very diverse. Was there a specific career you were planning for, or were you just studying things that interested you?

**Teagan Wall:** I think I kept possible career options in the back of my mind, but I was never marching toward a specific career or goal in that sense. I've always been fascinated by why people (myself included) make choices that are bad for them, and they sound very different, but in that sense Economics, Political Science, and Neuroscience all overlap.

**WN:** It says on your website that your primary focus of your work is "decision neuroscience." Can you explain something about that?

**TW:** Like all fields, "neuroscience" is deceptively broad. If you're a neuroscientist you study the brain. "Decision Neuroscience" gives you a little more information. It means I'm primarily interested in behavior, and the things that can impact that. So why do people start smoking even though they know it's a terrible life choice, and how can we understand what's actually happening in the brain to help them quit? That sort of thing.



**WN:** You describe yourself as a "science communicator." What would you most urgently want to communicate to laypeople about science right now?

**TW:** I love this question! I wish more "lay people" understood that science is just a process that we use to try and be wrong less often. At some point, someone figured out that being wrong sucks, and it sucks so much that we, as humans, actively try to avoid even admitting that we *might* be wrong. Doing "science" just means that when you think you know how something works, you look at all your assumptions, and you design a test to try and prove yourself wrong. Once you've tried everything you can, if you haven't been able to prove yourself wrong then you write it down. And then your friends, peers, other scientists all try and prove you wrong, and if *they* fail, then we're pretty sure you're right and you get published. This is a really uncomfortable thing for a lot of people. And because people don't understand this, they don't understand the difference between scientific uncertainty and actual uncertainty. They don't understand why scientists say coffee helps prevent cancer one month, and causes it the next. And they think of scientists as these weird, cold, out-of-touch people who don't understand why non-scientists don't like being corrected when they express false beliefs. I think helping non-scientists understand how scientists approach problems, and why, is the most important thing I can communicate right now.

**WN:** You're a founding member of the "Nerd Brigade." Can you tell us about some of the work you do there?

**TW:** The Nerd Brigade is a collection of scientists and science communicators who are all working to promote science literacy and interest. That means that most of the work I do with the Brigade is just talking to lay people at various events. We've done talks at museums, co-working spaces, music festivals, street fairs, and more. For the Brigade, it's

about making science cool, making scientists more visible and approachable, and bringing science to unexpected places.

**WN:** It's clear you're also a pretty serious dancer and performer. Where and from who did you get your training in that area? Do you still dance?

**TW:** I was a pretty serious dancer growing up, yes. I started taking classes at Marilyn Bostic's Ballet studio when I was 3 and continued until I went away to college. In LA I try to take classes at Lineage Dance and Edge Performing Arts Center, when I can. For me, dance is just a part of who I am. When I'm stressed or anxious or sad, the studio is centering. No matter what's going on in my life, or my writing, or my science, I can walk into a studio and feel calm and at home. I never feel like myself more than when I'm dancing.

**WN:** You also crochet! How and where did you pick up that skill?

**TW:** My grandmother tried to teach me when I was very young, and I wasn't very good. In 2011, right after I came to grad school, I decided to try and learn, thinking it would just be a fun mental exercise. But now I'm hooked! Get it?! Sorry. I just really enjoy designing these things and then watching them come to life. It still blows my mind that I can start with a bunch of yarn, tie 40,000 knots in it, and end up with something creative and new and, honestly, cuddly. It's the original 3D printing!

**WN:** Obligatory celebrity question: What's it like working for Bill Nye?

**TW:** I love this question because the answer always makes everyone so happy. Bill Nye is EXACTLY the person you think he is. He's nice, energetic, compassionate. He really just loves teaching people about how the universe works! He knows at least something about everything, so he's really easy to talk to, and he's just fun! He's a wonderful boss, a wonderful host, and just an all-around great guy. There's a saying "Don't meet your heroes," but Bill's the exception. Meet Bill.





## 'We want you back'

Volunteers, along with the mayors of Tempe and Guadalupe, knocked on doors and visited homes of 72 students in the Tempe Union High School District who were no longer attending school. If no one was home, volunteers left a backpack with supplies and a note expressing hope that the student would be at school for the first day. The "We Want You Back" effort resulted in 39 students returning for the first day of classes, including 11 from Marcos de Niza and 10 from McClintock.

## Broadway Road redesign proves a winner, in more ways than one

One of Tempe's oldest streets has a new look and a top U.S. honor to recognize the planning and engineering that went into its innovative redesign.

The city's Broadway Road Streetscape was selected by the American Public Works Association in a U.S.-wide competition for creatively designed transportation initiatives in the category of projects under \$5 million.

The award was announced at the annual conference of the association's Arizona chapter, held recently in Tucson.

The city of Tempe and contractor Achen-Gardner were presented with the Project of the Year award, final work on which was completed in March 2016.

Amanda Nelson, a Tempe spokeswoman, said the project was designed to transform the roadway between Mill Avenue and Rural Road into a more sustainable street, with such mobility options as new bicycle lanes, enhanced landscaping, public art and improved pedestrian facilities.

As the road saw less traffic volume over the years following its opening sometime around the turn of the 20th Century, partly due to public transit improvements and freeway expansions, the community opted to remove a lane of traffic and allocate that space to other modes of travel.

Tempe added bike lanes, wider

sidewalks, a neighborhood buffer wall with public art, desert-palette landscaped medians and nearly 100 new trees. The end result, said Nelson, is a street that serves all types of transportation while enhancing the neighborhood and surrounding area.

Tempe artists Laurie Lundquist and Rebecca Ross were selected to incorporate public art in the streetscape design.

Their concept includes a Morse code art feature that spells out the words "orange trees" and "blossoms" integrated in the buffer wall that runs along the north side of Broadway Road.

APWA's Public Works Project of the Year was established to promote excellence in the industry, according to an APWA spokesperson.

To be eligible for this year's awards, projects had to demonstrate excellence in safety performance, community relations and outreach, environmental consideration and other items deemed important to the organization.

The Broadway Road Streetscape Project was identified in Tempe's Comprehensive Transportation Plan and General Plan. It was funded by a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program grant totaling \$3.857 million. Tempe transit funds provided a 5.7 percent match, as stipulated by the CMAQ grant.

The art was funded through Tempe's Municipal Arts Fund.



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response times had increased. New stations were needed in both south and north Tempe.

Paul Neis, assistant chief of what is now Tempe Fire Medical Rescue, said his department has been aware for some time that the south Tempe area needs another station.

"We've known that we'd eventually have to put a station there," Neis said. "As time goes by that need escalates."

According to Neis, the demographics in south Tempe are different than in the northern reaches of the city. "You have more people aging in place in south Tempe—people who built homes 15-30 years ago and who are remaining there," Neis said.

"They are now older, and older people tend to utilize emergency-medical services more. Or there is that generation caring for their elderly parents."

According to Neis, the city's study suggested optimum locations for placement of needed stations. In north Tempe, the area was identified around Rio Salado, somewhere between McClintock and Smith. In south

Tempe, the ideal location would be close to McClintock and Elliot.

All of that is of little comfort for some area residents who worry about the potential for increased traffic and noise in the area.

One woman contacted Wrangler News to express frustration over the city's plans to build the station at Estrada Park.

Why couldn't it be built at ASU Research Park or near Go Daddy on Warner Road west of the 101?

According to Neis, a broker conducted an "exhaustive search" and determined that no other parcel was available for purchase.

"There is just no land to be had anywhere," Neis said.

"The park is literally the only real estate that we could get to build a fire station." As far as the Go Daddy site is concerned, Neis said, "They tried very hard to secure a site in that area and simply couldn't get anyone to sell them the land. At this point there is nothing is available in that commercial park."

Kevin Sweeney, who has lived in the Estate la Colina neighborhood near Estrada Park for seven years, is the neighborhood's liaison with the city.

He said he is not opposed to the fire station but laments the loss of green space at a park he and his family frequently use.

Nevertheless, he said, the city has already decided to build the station.

"That's been voted on. That ship has sailed," Sweeney said. Instead, he and other neighbors are focusing their efforts on planned upgrades to the park, which are included in the overall plan.

Last May, a public meeting was held to gather the community's input on proposed amenities. For those who couldn't attend, the city's website offered an opportunity to provide comments.

The Estate la Colina Neighborhood Association has also included details about the park and new fire station in its newsletter and Facebook page.

"I can see how somebody might feel in the dark if they don't use the internet," Sweeney said.

Beyond the cyberspace alerts, residents in the area also received a postcard inviting them to a meeting at the park last week that included an opportunity to review park design options created after the first round of resident input in May.

Wrangler News also ran two previous articles on the city's plan.

As far as increased noise in the area, Sweeney offered a shrewd assessment:

"Nobody wants the inconvenience until they need 911 and then all of a

sudden they can't do it fast enough for them. It's a trade-off, a balance.

"There's no perfect solution."

That may be perfectly exemplified in an email to Wrangler News from an area resident who wasn't happy about the new fire station being located near her home, admitting though that Tempe paramedics came to her swift rescue after a serious bicycle accident several years ago. "They pretty much saved my life," she acknowledged.

Neis said that around the nation, the number-one concern people express about fire stations is increased noise. Tempe did an evaluation, he said, and found that between 10 p.m. and 8 a.m., when people might be sleeping, the new station in south Tempe might respond to one or two calls a week. If there's not much traffic at those times, Neis said, sirens wouldn't be necessary.

"We are sensitive about minimizing the impact," Neis said.

The building of the station and improvements to the park are two separate projects but will take place around the same time.

Neighbors will have input on the design and elevation of the new station, according to planners. City of Tempe officials say renovation of the park will begin sometime in winter or spring of 2018.



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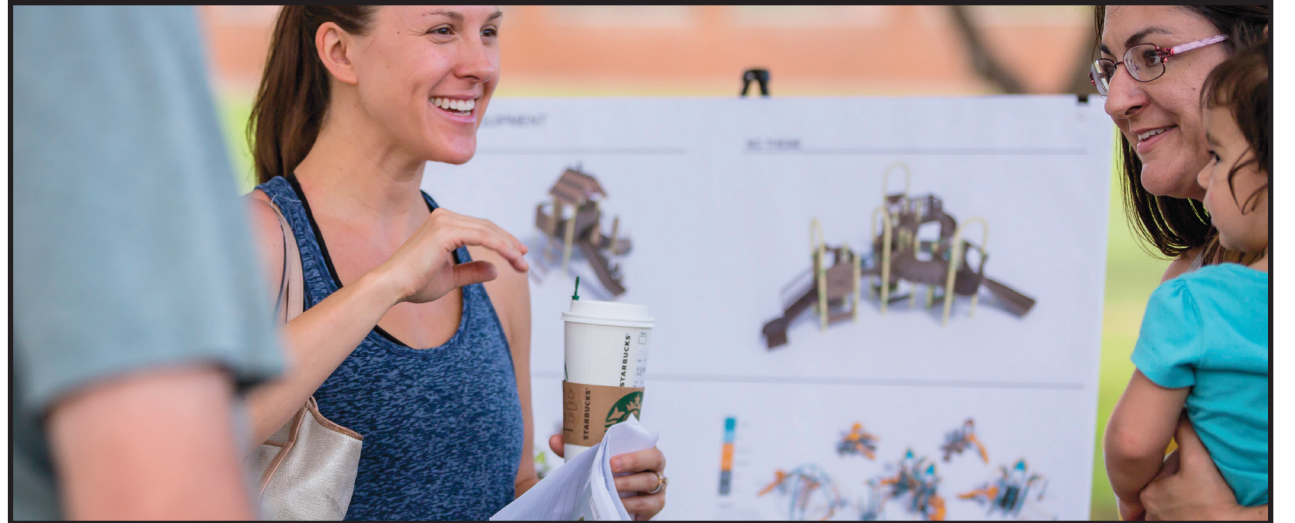




## Neighbors rally as city unfolds plans for Estrada Park re-do

Tempe staffers, including Greg Ruiz, above, in cap, were on hand to unveil renderings of planned improvements and new amenities at Estrada Park. Nearby residents, including Bob Sivak, above, and Keely Hitt, right, were among those attending a public meeting to learn more about the city's ideas for upgrades, which are due to take place along with construction of a fire station on a portion of the grounds of the South Tempe park. Some of the improvements include a new ramada and playground as well as resurfacing of the basketball court, as displayed by Landscape Architect Brian Sager, below left.

—Photos by Billy Hardiman for Wrangler News





## Commentary

# On upcoming school bonds, a voice we can trust

By Don Kirkland

Michelle Hirsch and I first met about 20 years ago, when both of us were writing a regular neighborhood-centric column for The Arizona Republic, hers focused on Chandler, mine on a swath of the wider East Valley.

We enjoyed the professional two-way, in part, because I knew she was one of the most passionate, hardworking community organizers and advocates I'd known, and she knew I had a number of years of daily newspaper experience that I was willing to share.

It was a particularly interesting time for me, made more so because of the contagious enthusiasm that emanated from Michelle, her husband Paul and her sons and daughter. They had deep roots in West Chandler, while my working days had largely been centered on Mesa and environs. The Mesa Tribune, where I was executive editor in the late 1970s, had shown an interest in expanding into other nearby communities, a process in

which Chandler was destined to play an important role.

The fact that she could learn from me, and I from her, provided common ground on which we could both grow a working partnership that has lasted these many years.

It came as no surprise to me, therefore, that Michelle not only ran for the Kyrene School Board but won with the highest number of votes, and then won again when she sought a second term.

The role she played, both as a member and board president, seemed to provide a perfect means for her to gain a deep understanding of the community's educational opportunities and needs, and always to be able to provide a knowledgeable, credible overview of the issues we thought important for our newspaper to report on.

That's why, when we were aware that Kyrene is again this fall seeking the public's support via two overrides and a bond reauthorization, I was pleased to hear that Michelle is one of

three co-chairs of a citizen committee designated to inform voters about those issues and, hopefully, to provide enough background to gain wide public backing.

In the weeks ahead, Wrangler News will be providing details on the key rationales for each of these ballot measures, also in the hopes of telling our readers how vital the Kyrene schools are to our community's continuing social and economic viability. And, of course, to remind those same readers—in case they've momentarily forgotten—why they, and we, live here.

For many years, home-for-sale ads in virtually every issue of our paper have seldom failed to mention each of those property's location in the Kyrene School District. We bought homes here for a variety of reasons, not the least of which was the stature of our schools but the promise that those same values would benefit our children, and likely their children, for years to come.

A strong, well-managed (Dr. Jan Vesely, please take a small bow), well-

funded educational system is vital to that future, and considering each of the ballot measures for your support represents an important step in that direction.

We look forward to Michelle Hirsch and the election committee's other co-chairs providing us with information that we know they've thoroughly studied and vetted, and in which they have confidence in passing along to you through us.

Examining the validity of details was a lesson that Michelle learned in her earliest newspaper days, and that we're confident remains in the psyche of her approach to the issues, problems and opportunities we face today.

As we unfold details in coming issues about the measures the Kyrene School District is asking you to support, we promise that we'll use sources in which we—and you—can invest your trust, along with the knowledge you'll be doing what's right for our community's continuing wellbeing.

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# Teachers go back to schoolday roots

It was a homecoming—and a happily reminiscent one at that—for the new teachers who paid a first-time return visit to the same Kyrene school they attended as kids.

The occasion was a multiple-day event held before school started this year, as in years previous, to provide teachers the opportunity to meet and train with other teachers, administrators and staff.

The district's Orientation for New Educators, referred to as ONE, also serves as an educational resource for new teachers who are acclimating to Kyrene systems, say district officials.

As new employees, members of the group learn how various departments will support their work as teachers, observe mock classroom teaching practices and receive what is considered vital school-site information. Kyrene Education Association and Kyrene Business and Community Development organize the event alongside district sponsors.

This year, more than 100 new educators attended, nine of whom are former Kyrene students who decided to teach for Kyrene. Three of these are even teaching at the Kyrene school that they attended as children.

Each teacher received a \$50 Target gift card via the Kyrene Foundation to welcome them. School supplies and other donated items were provided by local sponsors including Diana Keller, Carly Gibbs and Patti Agnew with Keller Williams Realtor Group, Grand Canyon University, Papa John's, Stratum Laser Tag, P.F. Chang's, BR Fitness and more.

— Diana Whittle



## Familiar turf

Lauren Scott, Kaitlyn Blay and Michele Lucas, clockwise from top left—each an alumna of a Kyrene school—were among 100 educators who attended new-teacher training through the Kyrene district. In all, there are nine former Kyrene students who began teaching in the district this school year.

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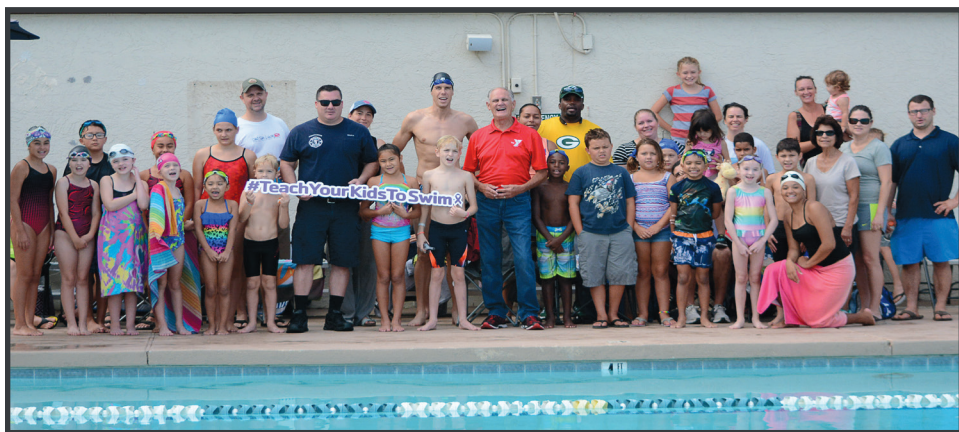
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## Trash

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materials.

Designers can choose to wear their garment in the show or select a model.

“Each year I am more and more amazed at the creativity of our entrants,” said Traci Conaway, the city of Chandler’s recycling coordinator. “We have some amazingly talented residents who really take this challenge to heart and come up with some stunning designs.”

At least 75 percent of a garment must be made from recyclable or reused materials that otherwise would be thrown away or recycled. Entries will be accepted in three age categories: 10-13, 14-17 and 18-plus.

Chandler’s Solid Waste Services Division is organizing the event. Anyone interested in assisting, mentoring or inspiring young designers should contact [traci.conaway@chandleraz.gov](mailto:traci.conaway@chandleraz.gov) or call 480-782-3525.

Registration forms and more information are available at [chandleraz.gov/recycle](http://chandleraz.gov/recycle). Prize donations are being accepted from area businesses.

## Free Arts program renews work to aid area child-help efforts

Three Tempe and West Chandler human-services programs will benefit from proceeds of a grant by the nationally recognized Bob and Renee Parsons Foundation, which awarded \$2.5 million to Free Arts for Abused Children of Arizona and the agencies it supports.

Free Arts helps fund such programs as My Sister’s Place, a domestic violence shelter for mothers and their children in Chandler, and Children First Leadership Academy in Tempe.

It also sponsors an annual leadership camp in Tempe, frequently held at Arizona State University.

Historically, Free Arts programs have been limited to children living in foster-care group homes and homeless shelters, but this grant will allow the organization to open its doors to children living with foster families, a spokeswoman

said.

“This generous donation will change the future of Free Arts, and we are incredibly grateful,” said Alicia Sutton Campbell, Free Arts’ executive director.

The organization’s vision, said Campbell, is to create a center where the community can learn about the effects of trauma and how to use the arts to build resilience in children.

Bob and Renee Parsons have been longtime supporters of Free Arts, and through their foundation have granted more than \$3 million to the organization over the past six years.

The two programs specifically supported by this grant are the Free Arts Camp and Professional Artist Series. The organization says it hopes its gift will inspire others to support Free Arts as it works to raise an additional \$700,000 to complete a capital campaign.

Founded in 1993, Free Arts is a non-profit working to provide help to homeless and abused children through artistic expression.

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# Bowling 'em over

Another community-focused project undertaken by the folks at Freeway Chevrolet proved a winner for this year's Strikes For Kids AZ Bowling Classic. Every year, says founder Joe Allen, the charity works to make the event's outcome 'bigger and better' for both its participants and sponsors. This year, Strikes For Kids provided 650 backpacks filled with school supplies to children from multiple organizations in its backpack giveaway. The group has held NFL player-hosted events over this year in Phoenix, Dallas, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Denver and Seattle, as well as one recently with UFC Champion Cody Garbrandt in Las Vegas. In a note of appreciation to West Chandler-based Freeway Chevrolet, Allen told General Manager Michael Cook: "Thank you once again for partnering with us and we hope to work with you . . . for years to come." *Ed. note: We're sure there are a bunch of kids who feel the same way.*





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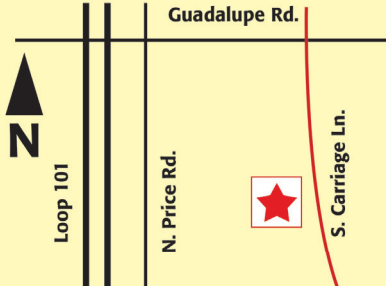
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# Arizona Mills shoppers' generosity brings smiles to back-to-schoolers

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Thanks to the generosity of our community partner Arizona Mills Mall and members of the Tempe community, students at Tempe Elementary School District will have plenty of extra supplies to last the entire school year!

This summer, Arizona Mills hosted their first annual Stuff the Bus School Supply Drive. Arizona Mills shoppers were encouraged to donate school supplies and backpacks at various locations around the mall throughout the months of June and July.

The mall also organized special events to promote the drive, such as a free kids movie ticket to see *Cars 3* for every child who donated school supplies.

It is estimated that our Tempe community donated around \$2,000 in supplies and backpacks to our schools thanks to the Arizona Mills Stuff the Bus Drive. This donation included about 50 new backpacks.

New backpacks and school supplies can make a big difference for students and families in our school district who do not have the resources to buy them. Our Tempe community went the extra mile with some families donating hand-wrapped back-to-school gifts for our Tempe Elementary students.

Hudson Elementary received the majority of the backpacks from this event to disperse among students that need them most. Hudson Principal Dr. Jeff Shores has seen the positive impact that a new backpack and school supplies can make to children in his school community.

"When these supplies are given to students, the smiles and sense of confidence that emits from these children and their families can bring you to tears," said Shores. "I can't thank those who donated enough. It's hard to express how meaningful these acts of kindness are."

The generosity of Arizona Mills shoppers spelled new backpacks and school supplies for students from the Tempe Elementary School District. Mall patrons helped "Stuff the Bus" and send kids back to school with fresh erasers, pencils, rulers and more. —

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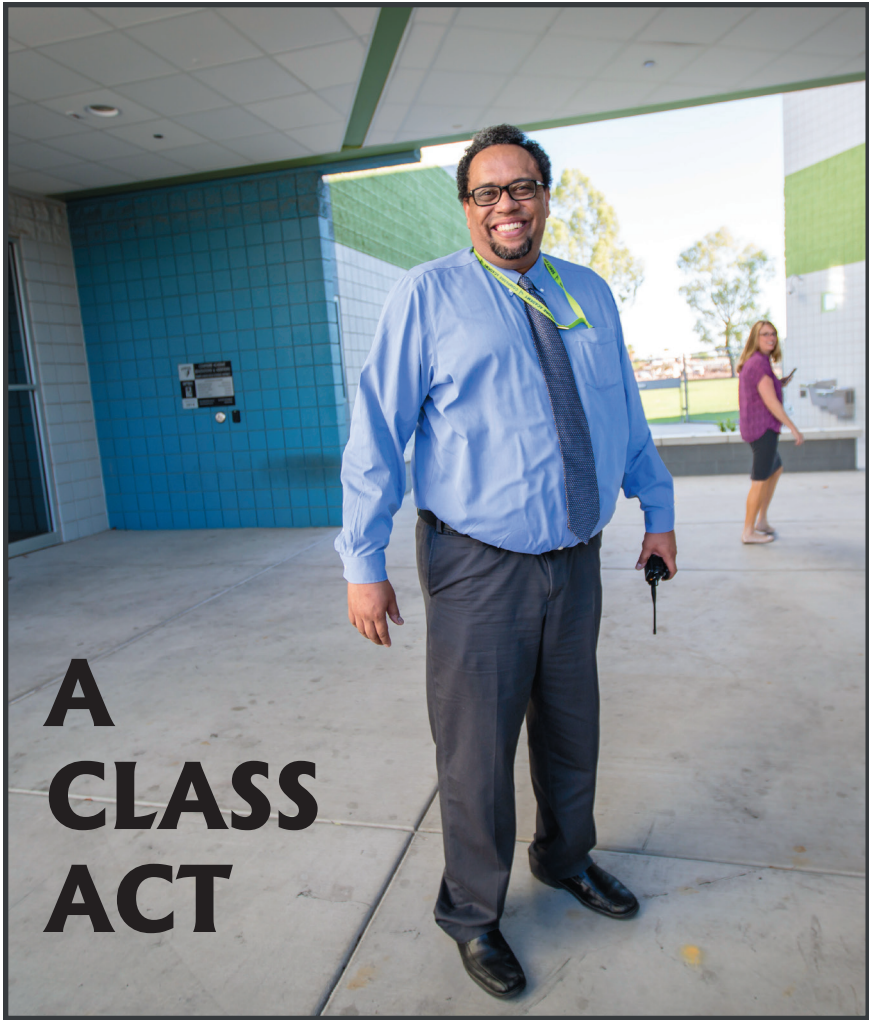
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# Sports

With Alex Zener

## Barcello, Lee departures leave a tough challenge

Corona's badminton team will have a new head coach, two assistant coaches and a competitive, positive attitude when they play their first match of the season at home against Xavier Prep, the defending state champions, on Aug. 24.



New head coach **Darren Ridge**, with assistant coaches **Marin Ridge** and **Colleen Ridge**, spent time this summer working with the team on improving their badminton skills and competitive attitude. "We love this team," said coach Ridge. "The players are very coachable, have a desire to improve and have good team chemistry. We love the attitude

and the hard work that these athletes have put in so far." "Many of these young ladies spent five weeks during the summer and then two weeks prior to the



Corona's badminton team is working to fulfill its goal of being ranked in the the top four by the time the state tournament rolls around in October.Bottom: Aaliyah Herndon, Nihara Mahesh, Hannah McCarley, Eileen Li, Yoonjae Cho; Middle: Kate Chafey, Kristie Hale, Sydney Millerwise, Cameron Adams, Kyria Greb, Anna Morrow; Top: Lexie Rangel, Katie Carroll, Susanne Reus, Brennan Agnew, Karthika Krishna, Lea Luke, Danielle Mealer, Sarah Faheem. Not pictured: Langston Tillman.

— Photo for Wrangler News by Darren Ridge

start of school practicing. We did not have our first official practice until this past week." The team has several returning athletes, along with five varsity players from last season. "We have 14 players returning from last year's squad," said Ridge. "**Sydney Millerwise, Kristie Hale, Cameron Adams, Katie Carroll** and

**Eileen Li** are our returning varsity players." Adams, Hale and Millerwise have the most varsity court experience as seniors. Adams and Hale qualified n doubles for the 2016 AIA Badminton Doubles Division I State Championship but lost in the first round to a team from Desert Vista.

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Millerwise has taken a natural leadership position on the team.

"Sydney Millerwise has truly been phenomenal in her leadership role," said Ridge. "As coaches, we feel that all players can be leaders, but Sydney has stepped up."

"She leads by example. She sets the tone and pace starting with our warm-up laps and she continues through practice ending with our sprints at the end."

Carroll is a junior; Li, the youngest player on the varsity team, is only a sophomore.

"The rest of our returning players include **Brennan Agnew, Kate Chafey, Yooniae Cho, Kyria Greg, Karthika Krishna, Lea Luke, Anna Morrow and Langston Tillman**," said Ridge.

Tillman is the only male player on Corona's team.

"Langston, a senior this year, has been with the badminton program since his freshman year," said Ridge. "Males can only play exhibition matches and only against another male. Therefore, he gets to play only if there is another male player on the opposing team."

In badminton, only six players are slated to play in each match. During practice, there are ways to challenge for position. For instance, a player who did

not play one week may be designated to play the next week based on what happened during practice.

Millerwise, Agnew, Hale, Li, Carroll, Adams, Krishna and Morrow are the players who have earned the right to be among the six who are slated to play at the start of the season, but that could potentially change every week.

"Our hope is that during the season, players will continue to work hard and compete each week to challenge for the top six spots," said Ridge.

One player who was able to work her way into one of those top six spots through hard work is junior **Brennan Agnew**.

"Brennan will most likely have the biggest impact for a new varsity player on our team this season," said Ridge. "Last year she was the number two JV player but she has since moved into the number two varsity position."

"Brennan is not the only impact player on our team," said Ridge. "Every single player is an impact player. We need every singles and doubles team to do their best for the sake of our team's overall success."

Coaches are always looking for improvements over the season and Corona's badminton coaches are no different.

"We believe in constant improvement no matter the

competitive level of a players," said Ridge." Specific areas we plan on focusing includes improved footwork, strategic shot making, match intensity and positive mental tactics."

Other members of the badminton program include **Lexie Rangel, Nihara Mahesh, Aaliyah Herndon, Hannah McCawley, Susanne Reus, Danielle Meaner and Sarah Faheem**.

The goal of the Aztecs, who came into the Division I state championship tournament ranked No. 10 last season, is to be ranked in the top four.

"If we want to be one of those top four teams at the end of the season, we need for every one of our young ladies to lay it on the line each match," said Ridge.

The Aztecs are scheduled to play in the Highland Flying Feathers Invitational Aug. 25 at Highland High School.

Up next will be a home match Aug. 29 against Skyline before playing at Mesa High Aug. 31. All regular season matches start at 3:30.

## Corona Swim and Dive Team

The focus this season for Corona's swim and dive team is on competitiveness, which has been

helped by the popularity of the sport and the willingness for swimmers to train in the off-season.


Although Corona lost 20 swimmers to graduation last spring the impact this fall should not be overly significant since the team gained over 35 freshman who are now sophomores who have come back after an off-season of club swimming to help Corona be competitive in the pool this fall.

"We had several of our swimmers join swim clubs," said head coach **Ron Musgrave**. "I have seen a vast improvement collectively in the skill level of our team after just one week of practice. These swimmers are really excited to match their newly honed skills in the high school season."

"Some of our swimmers who really focused on training in the off-season and who we are expecting to see improved times this fall include **Dylan Edge and Francisco Esparza** on the boys team and **Danielle Devlin, Kalie Allen and Ryan Lerma** on the girls team, just to name a few," said Musgrave.

Second, swimming had become so popular at Corona that the swim team had close to 100 swimmers participate

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- Coach Kelly created not only a team to run with but also a family
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# Sports

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per season the past few years, according to Musgrave. This fall, an attempt was made to lower the number of swimmers on the team.

“Corona’s swim team, traditionally a no-cut sport, had become so popular over the past few years that this fall swimmers are having to qualify for the team,” said Musgrave. “This process was several years in the making, in an effort to reduce the size of our team.”

“The challenge was creating or establishing a “fair” criteria in which to evaluate those who made the team,” said Musgrave.

“As far as I know, we are the first and only school in our district to establish these criteria.”

The need to qualify this year has cut the number down to close to 70 swimmers but the team remains short on divers.

**Mike Floyd**, the dive coach, is particularly interested in students with gymnastic experience that he can work with to transition into divers for the team, according to Musgrave.

One swimmer who did not need to qualify for the team was senior **Ben**

**Quon.**

“Ben, who has had the ability to quality for the state swim meet in any and every event he has chosen to enter his first three years, is exploring several college swim options,” said Musgrave.

“He is extremely talented and intelligent enough to have his pick of schools and will be visiting several this fall.

“We look forward to another great year with Ben, who will be one of our team captains,” said Musgrave. “He has been very generous sharing his swim knowledge to assist developing swimmers at practice on a regular basis.”

Another swimmer to watch, according to Musgrave, is freshman **Ben Hill.**

“Ben is a highly touted swimmer who has been very successful in swim club,” said Musgrave.

“We—assistant coaches **Mike Herrmann** and **Mark Burnside** and myself—are looking forward to getting to know him better this season.”

Musgrave is expecting Chandler High School to be a challenge for his team in their first meet on Aug. 31 but is hoping that the team’s focus on having a competitive season will help them to do well the rest of the season.



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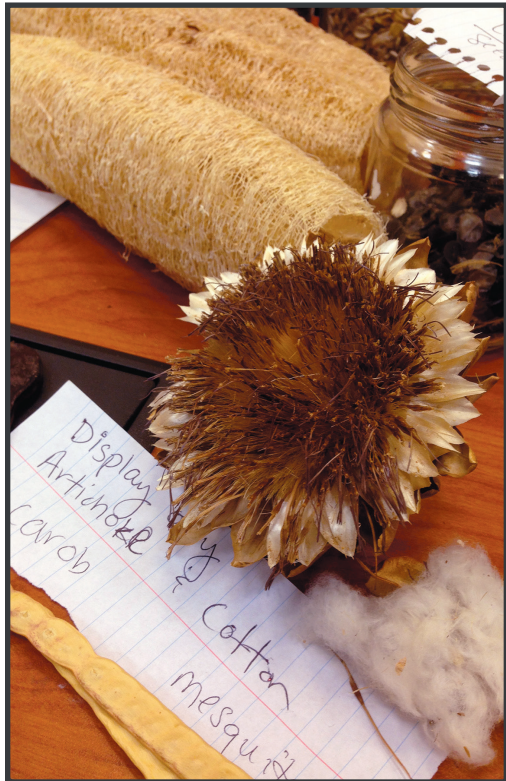
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# Chandler's perennial Seed Swap coming to area Aug. 30

## Sunset Library to host eagerly anticipated fall event



Chandler Sunset Library in west Chandler will be in bloom on Wednesday, Aug. 30, with gardeners of all shapes and passions once again welcoming the start of the fall planting season.

Traditionally, it's when garden enthusiasts gather on the library grounds to share seeds and seed-starts, meet other garden devotees and exchange tips.

Now in its fourth year at Sunset, the free seed swap is designed for anyone with an interest in gardening, learning from other gardeners' experiences and discovering new seeds to try growing at home.

The group, scheduled to meet from 6-7:30 p.m., has hosted seed swaps about twice a year—once in late winter to early spring for the spring harvest, once in late summer to early fall for the fall harvest.

Participating gardeners often share excess seeds they don't plan to use as well as seeds from their most successful seasons.

By using seeds from previous bountiful yields, future harvests can turn out to be overwhelmingly successful.

Many of the seeds that are "swapped" are also specific to plants that are appropriate to grow in this region and climate.

Some seeds that may be available for the Fall Seed Swap include anything lettuce-related—lettuce, cabbage, kale, mustard greens, chard, spinach)—onions, garlic, green onion, leeks, carrots, peas, and all varieties of herbs.

There are also often sunflowers and other wildflowers, and loofah seeds, which turn into the big loofahs many use in the shower.

Tables will be available for local gardeners to display information and resource materials. The event is open to the public and visitors don't have to bring their own seeds to participate.

Information: 480-782-2800 or visit [chandlerlibrary.org](http://chandlerlibrary.org).

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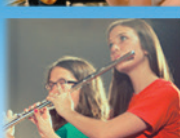
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## ASU, Tempe set another 'Welcome Walk' to mark start of 2017-18 classes

The city of Tempe and Arizona State University will continue a longstanding collaboration this year, welcoming new and returning students while reaching out to residents as the school year begins.

The city and ASU will host two Community Welcome Walks in various Tempe neighborhoods from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 23 and 24.

Representatives from the city of Tempe, Tempe Police Department, Tempe Fire Medical Rescue, ASU Police and ASU staff and students will visit residents and have brief conversations emphasizing safety, taking responsibility for the social, cultural and overall health of their community, and creating an environment that supports student success.

In addition, residents will receive a small gift and information about community and ASU resources.

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# City of Chandler NEWS+Events

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## Residents invited to Mayor's Listening Tour

Have you had the opportunity to meet Mayor Jay Tibshraeny? Now is your chance! Residents are invited to join the Mayor and Council, City department staff and members of the Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) for the Mayor's Listening Tour on Tuesday, Sept. 19. The event will be held at Galveston Elementary School, 661 E. Galveston St.

The tour kicks off at 6 p.m., and residents will be able to interact with City staff and NAC members as they share their thoughts and concerns

about City services and programs. This is a great opportunity to meet City department directors and key staff as this traveling City Hall comes to a local neighborhood. The Mayor's remarks will start at 7 p.m., followed by an open discussion of neighborhood issues.

During the tour, residents also will have the opportunity to view the City's neighborhood tool trailer and the new graffiti removal vehicle. For more information, call Neighborhood Programs at 782-4354.

## Neighborhood College kicks off Aug. 24

Calling all residents! As part of Mayor Jay Tibshraeny's Listening Tour, Chandler is now offering a series of free classes to residents through its new Neighborhood College program. Those who are involved in their community and homeowners associations or those interested in becoming involved in their neighborhoods are encouraged to apply.

The program features a series of nine classes focused on a variety of topics, including association leadership, code enforcement, conflict resolution, pets, state statutes (as applied to homeowner associations) and much more. The dates, times and locations of each class vary.

Visit [chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods](http://chandleraz.gov/neighborhoods) to download an application and view a complete list of classes. Residents also may call 782-4354, or email [neighborhood.programs@chandleraz.gov](mailto:neighborhood.programs@chandleraz.gov) for more information. Applications are due Wednesday, Aug. 23.

## Chandler has new graffiti removal vehicle



Since late July, you may have seen a new City vehicle on the streets of Chandler. It's not your typical City car or truck, but a specialized graffiti removal vehicle equipped with all the necessary supplies and equipment to eliminate graffiti from Chandler neighborhoods. Those supplies and equipment include paint, solvents, multiple paint sprayers and a high-temperature power washer. The power washer is more cost-effective and essentially uses water to restore the surface to its original condition.

Chandler is known for being clean and beautiful, but graffiti impacts all cities across the Valley, and Chandler is no exception. Graffiti removal remains a priority in Chandler, and there is a 24-hour response time to all reports.



The graffiti abatement program is managed by one full-time staff member who handles nearly 2,000 annual removals. "The City couldn't do its job as efficiently without the help

from residents taking the time to report graffiti as they see it in their community", said Stephen Erno, Chandler's neighborhood services manager. "We take pride in keeping Chandler graffiti free – it's as though the graffiti 'magically' disappears through the efforts of the Graffiti Elimination Team."

Since the vehicle will be on the streets five days a week, residents are encouraged to take a photo of the graffiti abatement vehicle around Chandler. The vehicle will be easily identifiable and includes a new lovable mascot named Eli. Eli will be making appearances at various City events, including the upcoming Mayor's Listening Tour on Sept. 19. Residents are encouraged to take a selfie with Eli and share it on social media, along with photos of the vehicle, using #GETchandler. GET is short for Graffiti Elimination Team.

Reporting graffiti to the City of Chandler is simple. Residents may call in the location to the City's 24-hour hotline at 782-4322. It's important to include the address or crossroads of the graffiti site on your message. Residents also have the option to download a free app, called Chandler PublicStuff, to send photos and pinpoint the exact location of the graffiti. There is an option to report other issues using the app to the City, such as park maintenance concerns, water issues, general code violations, parking problems, and street light outages.

## EVENTS

### AUGUST

- 19 Our Stories: And Tiko-Tu? Midcentury Architecture of Greater Phoenix's East Valley, Downtown Library, 782-2800
- 20 Free Summer Concert Series: Niki J. Crawford, Center for the Arts, 782-2680
- 25 Free Summer Concert Series: Jessica Fichot Band, Center for the Arts, 782-2680
- 26 FRANK Talk: Energy in an Uncertain World, Downtown Library, 782-2800
- 29 Basic Yard Makeovers Workshop, Chandler TechShop, 782-3580
- 30 Fall Seed Swap, Sunset Library, 782-2800

### SEPTEMBER

- 4 Labor Day – City Offices closed

- 6 Family Night at the TRC, featuring "Trolls," Tumbleweed Recreation Center, 782-2900
- 7 Do It Yourself Drip Irrigation System Design & Installation Workshop, Chandler TechShop, 782-3580
- 9 Free Summer Concert Series: Sure Fire Soul Ensemble, Center for the Arts, 782-2680
- 9 Our Stories: First Stop and Last Stop - Car Culture of the East Valley's State Route 87, Sunset Library, 782-2800
- 11 City Council Meeting & Study Session, Council Chambers, 782-2180
- 12 Water-Wise Edible Gardening Workshop, Chandler TechShop, 782-3580
- 14 City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 782-2180
- 14 The ABCs of Yard Watering and Timer Operation Workshop, Chandler TechShop, 782-3580
- 15 Chandler Art Walk, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park, 855-3589

- 16 6th Annual Rockin' Taco Street Fest, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park, 602-276-2499
- 19 Mayor's Listening Tour, Galveston Elementary School, 782-4354
- 20 Family Night at the TRC, featuring "Cupcake Crazy," Tumbleweed Recreation Center, 782-2900
- 21 Easy Irrigation Troubleshooting and Repair Workshop, Chandler TechShop, 782-3580
- 23 Dragonfly and Butterfly Bash, Environmental Education Center, 782-2890
- 30 18th Annual Mariachi and Folklorico Festival, Center for the Arts, 782-2680
- 30 10th Annual San Tan Brewing OktoberFest, Dr. A.J. Chandler Park, 602-276-2499

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### Chandler Chamber Leadership Institute

The Chandler Chamber Community Foundation's Leadership Institute prepares our community future leaders. The purpose is to provide businesses and community members an opportunity to learn about issues facing our community, develop skills required by community leaders, and motivate participants to become involved in leadership roles and service Chandler. The program educates approximately 30 participants annually. To date, the Chamber has a roster of 1,000+ graduates who are serving in leadership roles in organizations in our local community and surrounding region.



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## Eight from state to be recognized for promotion of growth policies

U.S. Rep. Kyrsten Sinema (D-Ariz. 9th District) will receive a Spirit of Enterprise Award from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce at a ceremony hosted by the Tempe Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, Aug. 31.

Sinema will be recognized for her contribution to promote pro-growth policies in Congress.

The ceremony will take place at 3:30 p.m. at The Centers for Habilitation, 215 W. Lodge Drive, Tempe. The program will include remarks from Sinema and from the U.S. Chamber, followed by questions and answers and a tour of TCH.

Said Tempe Chamber President Anne Gill: "We are honored to be represented by a member of Congress who places a priority to continue positive economic growth and limited economic regulation. Congresswoman Sinema knows Tempe businesses and we are proud of her efforts to represent them in Congress."

U.S. Chamber President Thomas J. Donohue said the role of members of Congress can be critical to the conduct of companies large and small.

"Businesses of all shapes and sizes need sound, commonsense policy in place in order to get off the ground, grow and succeed. The Spirit of Enterprise Award recognizes those members of Congress who have done what's right for our friends, family and neighbors running businesses across the country.

"We applaud these legislators for their commitment to free enterprise and economic growth."

The Spirit of Enterprise Award is given annually to members of Congress based on their votes on critical business legislation as outlined in the chamber's annual scorecard, *How They Voted*.

Members who supported the chamber's position on at least 70 percent of those votes qualify to receive the award.

Sinema joins U.S. Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) and six other representatives from Arizona who are being recognized with the same award.

This is the fourth time Sinema has received the distinction during her tenure in Congress.

Wrangler News is celebrating its 28th year of publishing, and it's been a fascinating journey. Happily, the growth that has accompanied us for more than quarter of a century illustrates that news *BY* local people *ABOUT* local people remains a powerful incentive for those of us who disagree on those rare occasions when someone tells us 'print doesn't work.' Based on nationally accepted formulas, Wrangler News reaches 46,500 prospective readers every time it's printed — quite a change from the meager 5,000 papers we delivered to homes back in 1990. We're looking forward to continuing our reign as this community's favorite newspaper, and we hope you'll join us in what we think is a deserved celebration.

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## Diversions, etc.

### Endearing performances hold audience's interest in rare Yiddish film tale

By M.V. Moorhead

Yiddish movies used to be a thing; more than 100 of them were made, mostly in Poland or the U.S., in the decades before the Second World War. After that, they became rarities—this indie drama is thought to be the first American feature made mostly in Yiddish (subtitled, of course) since 1975's drama *Hester Street*.

The title character is a Hasidic widower in his 30s who works in a grocery store in Brooklyn. He's a genuinely loving father to his 10-year-old son Rieven, and doesn't agree with the requirement that the boy go to live with his uncle and aunt until Menashe remarries, because of the belief that a child must not be raised by a single parent.

He's in no hurry to remarry, but he wants his kid back.

The simple story that ensues provides director and co-writer Joshua Z. Weinstein ample opportunity for a peek into this little-understood world.

The movie was shot, not quite surreptitiously but with a very low profile, in the Hasidic enclave in Borough Park, Brooklyn, with a cast of non-actors. While this generates a neo-realist, almost *verité* atmosphere, *Menashe* transcends cultural anthropology.

It's a character study, brought to life by a gifted first-time actor—Menashe Lustig, on whose life the story was loosely based.

Menashe is described as a *schlimazel* by his own family members, ungenerously but perhaps not inaccurately—he's a nice fellow, but he's chronically late: late with the rent, broke, and so forth. He insists on mild rebellion from his culture—not wearing the full Hasidic regalia on the street, for instance—in ways that nettle his family and do him no favors.

As played by Lustig, however, the character is also quietly, unsentimentally, even a little exasperatingly endearing. Lustig gives us a naturalistic portrait of the man's humor, his guilt, his anger, his mischievousness.

At one point Menashe's disapproving brother-in-law says he'd like to see him become a *mensch*, but we in the audience see him this way already.

Still in theaters:

***The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature***—It may be that Our Commander in Chief raised the profile of this movie a bit when, with the presidential gravitas we've come to expect from him, he reportedly referred to his fired FBI Director as a "nut job." Not much less than executive action could have kept this sequel to 2014's animated feature *The Nut Job*, a particularly drab and unrewarding kidflick, from flying under the radar.



The original, which was based, in turn, on a much better 2005 cartoon short from Canada called *Surly Squirrel*, was about squirrels and other fuzzy little creatures from a city park raiding the nut shop across the street in the manner of a noir heist movie. It was promising idea, wrecked by the inclusion of a bunch of obligatory kid-movie elements, like an underdog hero and a love interest, which negated the caper-picture atmosphere.

The sequel finds alpha squirrel Surly (voiced, again, by Will Arnett) and his pals living easy on the hoard in the basement of the now closed and abandoned nut shop.

When this lifetime supply is destroyed, the gang is forced to return to the hard but character-building work of foraging in the park, as Surly's love interest squirrel (Katherine Heigl) had been urging all along. But when a greedy Mayor (Bobby Moynihan) decides to turn the park into a shoddy but profitable amusement park, the creatures band together to mount a resistance.

I'm not suggesting anyone should rush straight to the multiplexes to see *Nut Job 2*, but for whatever it may be worth, it's funnier than the original. It has

some visual richness—there are scenes which recall everything from *Caddyshack* to Bill Peet's wonderful children's book *Farewell to Shady Glade*—and some truly crazy old-school cartoon slapstick.

The most memorable character from the first film, a pug voiced by Maya Rudolph, is back again, this time with a love interest (Bobby Cannavale). But the best new element is Mr. Feng, a feral white mouse voiced by Jackie Chan who leads a crack army of martial-artist mice. Toward the end, this rodent collective commandeers a HAZMAT suit, and brings it to wobbly life, something like the mice masquerading as a ghost that torment Sylvester in the classic 1954 Warner Brothers cartoon *Claws for Alarm*.

Stuff like this bumps *Nut Job 2* up a few notches over its predecessor. If you find yourself at a matinee of it with your kid, you may get a few more chuckles than you expected.

*Menashe* is rated PG and plays at Camelview; *The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature* is rated PG and plays at Arizona Mills, Tempe Marketplace, Chandler Fashion Center and other multiplexes Valleywide.



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# Gluten

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health concerns or weight problems.”

However, she notes that while many customers shop for their gluten-free edibles pretty much exclusively at Great Harvest, she doesn't feel strongly about the products' role in health, one way or the other.

Going gluten-free can help some people with certain diseases, says Leslie. Yet if you don't have Celiac disease or other ailments that your doctor has asked you to avoid gluten for, there's no reason to avoid it.

“Gluten free will always be offered because there are so many who have Celiac disease and who are doing an elimination diet, or those who have other autoimmune disorders that respond well to going gluten-free.”

“It isn't lower in calories or carbs, however, and won't be a tonic for quick and easy weight loss.”

South Tempe eatery Oink offers gluten-free toast to its customers, among a few others who have jumped on the bandwagon, like U.S. Egg which offers an extensive gluten-free menu.

While experts say most people can enjoy moderate amounts of bread and pasta, they agree that everyone can benefit from fresh fruit and vegetables, lean protein and non-processed meat, nuts and legumes, all of which are naturally gluten-free.

Gluten refers to the proteins found in wheat, barley, rye and some oats. It helps bread and baked goods rise and hold their shapes. It's found in pastas and cereals, as well as beer, soups and sauces, according to those in the know.

While most have no difficulty processing these foods, a tiny percentage of Americans suffer gastric distress, bloating, stomach pain, anemia and unexplained weight loss. Doctors can assess these symptoms, ruling out a range of diseases, from cancer to irritable bowel syndrome.

If there is a family history of Celiac disease, an inherited autoimmune disorder, and doctors suspect gluten-containing foods are causing the immune system to attack the small intestine, the doctor may order blood tests, genetic testing and endoscopy. Results will reveal wheat allergy, gluten sensitivity or Celiac disease. Although there is no cure, treatment involves strict adherence to a gluten-free diet.

Slightly more than 1 percent of the population, or about 2 million Americans, are diagnosed as Celiacs; another 5.7 percent may have non-Celiac gluten sensitivity with similar symptoms, making the diagnosis four times more common than 50 years ago.

While better diagnostic tools are available now, the primary reason for this increase is that modern wheat varieties contain up to 40 times more gluten than heirloom varieties. This is due to selective breeding and genetic modification to raise crop yields, as well as hybridization to resist drought, disease and pests.

Leslie Walston mixes and kneads dough to bake gluten-free bread at Great Harvest Bakery in Tempe before the loaves emerge from baking. The store offers eight varieties of the specialty bread as more and more Americans gravitate toward the diet trend.

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**Kyrene School District**, lobby, Kyrene & Warner, Tempe

**Crackers**, homestyle breakfast & lunch, outside rack, 1285 W. Elliot Road, Tempe

**AZ Bread** breakfast & lunch til 2 p.m., rack inside, 315 W. Elliot Road, Tempealex

**Tempe Union HS District**, lobby, Guadalupe east of Kyrene

**Mill Avenue rack** in front of Hippy Gypsy, downtown Tempe

**Tempe City Hall**, lobby, downtown Tempe

**Mill Avenue rack** just north of Rula Bulaz, Tempe

**Romancing the Bean**, gourmet coffee, 80 E. Rio Salado Pkwy, Tempe

**Tempe Elementary School District**, Rural north of Southern, Lobby

**Tempe Public Library**, Connections Cafe, Rural south of Southern, Tempe

**Pier 54/The Lakes**, On the Water, 5394 S. Lakeshore Drive, Tempe

**Marcos de Niza HS**, Main Office, Guadalupe & Lakeshore

**Bogeys Sports Bar & Grill**, rack near front door, Guadalupe & Rural, Tempe

**Arizona Flooring & Interiors**, countertop in U.S. Post Office convenience station, 6483 S. Rural, Tempe

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**Dairy Queen**, top of rack, Home of the famous Blizzard, left of entry, Rural & Elliot, northwest corner

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**Arizona Central Credit Union**, rack at front entrance, 1805 W. Chandler Blvd., Chandler

**Chandler City Hall**, lobby, 175 S. Arizona Ave., Chandler

**Chandler Chamber of Commerce**, 2nd Floor, 25 S. Arizona Pl., Chandler

**Corona del Sol HS**, Main Office, 1001 E. Knox Road, Tempe

**Arizona Community Church**, all are welcome, receptionist, 9325 S. Rural Road at Knox

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## Oktoberfest rewind: Free tickets, all vols

October might seem like a long way off when slogging through the sweltering days of August, but organizers of this year's Four Peaks Oktoberfest are meeting weekly in preparation for the big day this fall when the festival makes its 45th return visit to Tempe.

After last year's less-than-hoped-for turnout, organizers decided to revisit the event's roots, again featuring free admission and local, family-friendly entertainment as it did for the first four decades of its existence.

The fun begins Friday, Oct. 13, but before the beer gardens and food booths spring up and musicians stand before microphones, months of preparation and legwork lie ahead to make sure all goes smoothly.

The annual Oktoberfest celebration draws throngs of families and individuals for three days of fun in support of the Tempe Sister Cities program.

Larry West, who's been involved planning the event for many years, said organizers are optimistic. "It's all local entertainment and I think we've got a great lineup," West said.

That includes The Wes Williams Band on the main stage Friday night and Fayuca, a rock-reggae band, on Saturday night. Mogollon, a country rock band, closes Sunday night.

The ever-popular dachshund races are back this year, too, after an absence at last year's celebration.

Having suffered an exodus of free help last year when a management company took over the event and hired paid staff, going back to the original concept is taking a bit of work.

"We still need volunteers," West said. "Most of them will work a four-hour shift either in a beer or food tent. We also need volunteers on Saturday morning for the Frank Kush race."

Most Oktoberfest volunteers are giving of themselves, West said, because of their gratitude to the Tempe Sister Cities program and what it taught their children. They also earn points toward expense-paid trips, an approach that will be restored for this year's event.

Ultimately, it takes about 1,500 volunteers to make sure Oktoberfest operates efficiently.

—OKTOBERFEST, Page 14

## SNUFFED OUT

Neighbors fume over smoke shop bid

Nick Bastian was among protesters who responded to a call that mobilized neighbors in response to a proposed smoke shop at McClintock Drive and Warner Road in Tempe.

By Joyce Coronel

The vacant space inside the strip mall on the southwest corner of McClintock Drive and Warner Road in South Tempe will not be the place to buy tobacco, bongos, rolling papers or smoking paraphernalia, thanks to the efforts of a group of nearby residents.

At least for now. Gravitate Smoke Shop, which operates stores in Scottsdale and Peoria, applied to Tempe's Development Review Commission for a use permit but was denied last month at a public hearing.

Tempe spokeswoman Nikki Ripley said the business owner or residents are able to appeal the decision to the commission or the Tempe city council.

"If that is the course — PROTEST, Page 11

## IT'S ELEMENTARY . . . At Arredondo school, new year, new kids, new look

Kids, parents and staff due to return to Arredondo Elementary School on opening day will have a whole new look awaiting them, and a welcome one at that.

The ceremonial ribbon-cutting on Aug. 3 that preceded their first day back was accompanied by the school's traditional Meet the Teacher night, followed by a tour and, to make sure the students got a palate-pleasing taste of their newly remodeled digs — free hot dogs.

The school, which was originally built in 1973,

— ARREDONDO, Page 22

Principal Alison Bruening-Hamati

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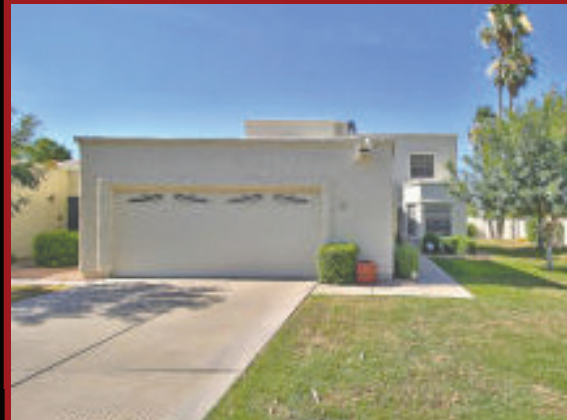
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