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Mesa, county invest in flood protection

Floods two years ago in parts of Mesa and the East Valley again put emphasis on what the Flood Control District of Maricopa County has planned to protect homeowners and business owners in the region. (Arianna Graine, Independent Newsmedia)

Recent events prompt continuing reevaluation of needed projects

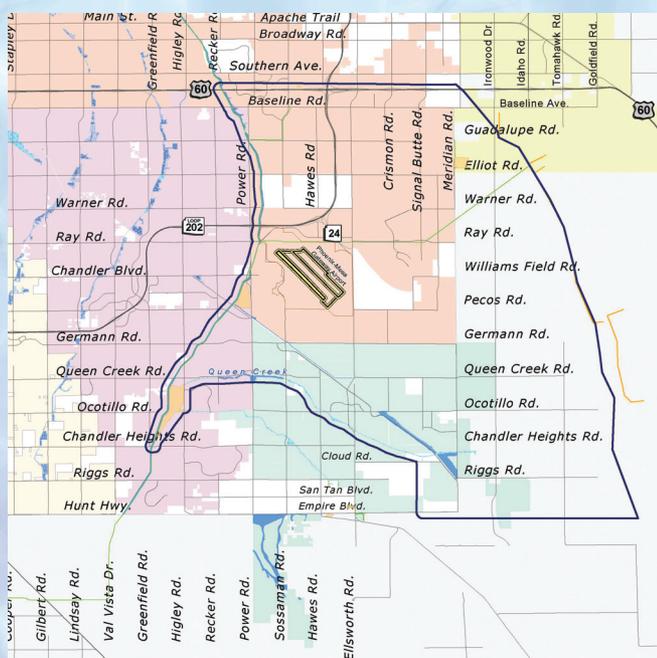
By Richard H. Dyer
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

A Maricopa County agency working to hold back the floodwaters when it rains and pours has several projects in the works in Mesa, including one that stretches east into Pinal County.

The projects range from drainage master studies for all of Mesa north of Superstition Freeway and a 110-square-mile swath over two counties, to a 10.2-square-mile flood delineation study southwest of Meridian and Baseline roads. There also is a project for rehabilitation or replacement of three flood-retarding structures that protect 72 square miles of homes, businesses and farmland in Maricopa and Pinal counties.

All are projects of the Flood Control District of Maricopa County, an agency created in 1959 to reduce flooding risks to people and property. The district is governed by a five-member board made up of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors.

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A map of the preliminary 110-square-mile study area shows it is generally east of the Roosevelt Water Conservation District canal, south of Southern Avenue in Mesa, north of the Queen Creek canal and west of the Central Arizona Project canal. (Maricopa County)

City pays \$5M in claims

High-dollar settlements dot past 5 years

By Richard H. Dyer
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The city of Mesa paid out more than \$5 million on 509 claims and out-of-court settlements during the past five years, according to a review of its records.

The highest two are \$600,000 paid out in 2016 from a police shooting and \$500,000 in 2019 from when a city-owned administration department vehicle hit a vehicle. The lowest two — both claims against the solid-waste department — were for \$25.36 in miscellaneous property damage in 2018 and \$18 for a city vehicle hitting an object in 2017.

A public records request was made Feb. 22 through a dedicated city of Mesa web portal seeking a five-year examination of out-of-court settlements and claims including when it was filed, when the settlement was made, the settlement amount, claimant, description of loss or claim and the department.

“The city of Mesa Public Records Center has reviewed its files and has located responsive records to your request. Please log in to the city of Mesa Public Records Center at the following link to retrieve the appropriate responsive documents,” Kevin

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Eastmark is a 3,200-acre master-planned community south of Elliot Road, north of Williams Field Road, east of Ellsworth Road and west of Signal Butte Road. (Arianna Graine, Independent Newsmedia)

Eastmark development unit plan changes sought

By **Richard H. Dyer**
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Modifying a development unit plan for 181 acres of the Eastmark community and approving a second one for 145 acres should be approved, the city's planning and zoning board recommended recently.

Eastmark, the 3,200-acre master-planned community south of Elliot Road, north of Williams Field Road, east of Ellsworth Road and west of Signal Butte Road, has a community plan composed of nine development unit plans.

The new development unit plan with a mixture

of uses would be for 145 acres south of Elliot Road and east of Ellsworth Road. The modification to development unit two on 181 acres north of Warner Road and east of Ellsworth Road would add a large-scale campus as one of the allowed uses, as approved by the Planning and Zoning Board March 24 in a consent agenda with other items.

The Mesa City Council will make the final decision at a future meeting.

Eric Tune of Brookfield Development is the applicant. DMB Mesa Proving Grounds LLC is the owner.

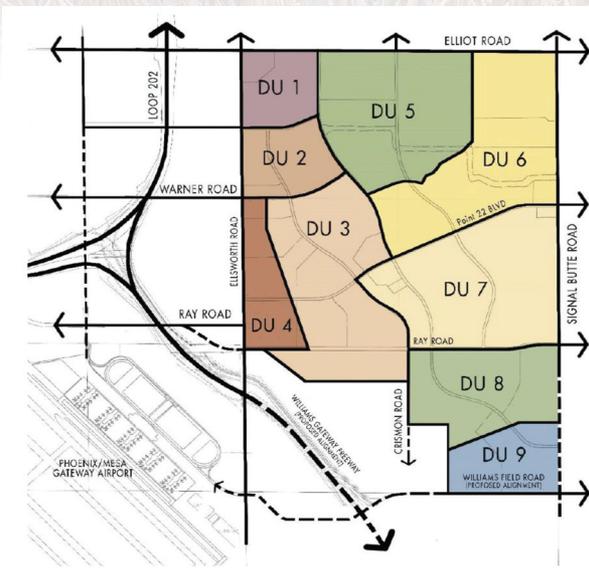
DU2 presently allows multiple uses including residential, offices and commercial businesses. The proposed modifications would allow an option for the property to be developed for large-scale campus-type employment uses.

The planning and zoning board's approval is required for development unit plans within the overall community plan, Mesa Planner Tom Ellsworth said in a staff report.

"The general plan for the area is mixed-use community; the mixed-use community allows for that mixture of uses that create a com-

plete community," Mr. Ellsworth said at a study session prior to the meeting.

"Development Unit 1, the character designation is the northeast activity area, where Development Unit 2 acts as a transition area," he said. "The character for DU1 was for higher-intensity mixture uses and the ability to do large employment campus-type uses; and DU2 was less-intense but still allow for that mixture of uses... What the development unit plans do is it sets the vision and character for the development of the actual property."



The nine development units for Eastmark. (City of Mesa)



The city of Mesa is in the design stage of a project to construct 10 soccer fields and four baseball/softball fields with parking, lighting, utilities, landscaping and irrigation at Red Mountain Park, 7745 E. Brown Road. The park already has amenities, such as a community fishing lake, shaded playgrounds, lighted basketball and cement volleyball courts, pickleball courts and a walking trail. (City of Mesa)

Red Mountain Park improvements explained

10 soccer fields, 4 baseball/softball fields planned

By **Richard H. Dyer**
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Construction could begin this winter on 10 soccer fields and four baseball/softball fields at Red Mountain Park. The work includes adjust-

ing two existing disc golf courses and several equestrian trails, and adding parking, lighting, utilities, landscaping, irrigation and two new restroom/office/storage buildings at the park, 7745 E. Brown Road. It is to be completed by winter 2023, Mesa officials said at a Feb. 25 live virtual public meeting.

The project is designed to 30% completion, with it and the construction fund-

ed by part of a \$196 million bond program approved by Mesa voters in the Nov. 6, 2018, election.

The fields will only be available by reservation. Four baseball/softball fields on the north side of Brown Road will be of natural grass, have bleachers and dugouts, and will have LED lighting. The 10 soccer fields on the south side of Brown Road will have

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Arizona Green Business Program launches

Seeks to boost sustainability practices in local businesses

Local First Arizona is teaming up with the city of Mesa to recognize independently owned businesses that are doing good for the planet through the Arizona Green Business Program.

This certification process for Arizona's locally owned businesses, large and small, has two purposes — to recognize businesses that are leading the way, and to assist those who want to add sustainability into their operations by making the process hands-on, cost-savings oriented, and impactful, according to a release.

“Having our Mesa businesses work with Local First Arizona on the Arizona Green Business Program is a tremendous benefit to our entire community.

I am especially proud that Stardust Building Supplies, which calls District 3 home, is being recognized for earning this certification,” Mesa District 3 Councilman Francisco Heredia said in the release. “The positive impact to our environment is substantial and helping businesses maximize their efforts to go green will save them money and help them to stand out in the marketplace. I look forward to many more Mesa businesses taking advantage of this program and earning their certification.”

To participate, businesses answer a checklist of questions focusing on waste diversion, energy consumption, water conservation, pollution prevention, wastewater management, transportation emissions and creating a sustainability culture in the workplace. A site visit is performed to learn more about the business's sustainability practices, a custom sustainability



The first business in Mesa to achieve certification is Stardust Building Supplies, 1720 W. Broadway Road. Its mission is to provide quality reclaimed materials for reuse. (Stardust Building Supplies)

plan is developed and ongoing assistance from the LFA team is available to help participants reach

their goals.

A little research helps to determine costs involved, potential savings and re-

bates, and how to engage staff and communicate their actions with stakeholders. Businesses must reach a

designated number of measures to achieve certification. Once certified, they are added to an online directory and mobile app, making it easier for conscious consumers to find them. Certified businesses will be promoted through Local First newsletters and social media, the release states.

“The Arizona Green Business Certification Program provides significant cost-savings and promotional opportunities for locally owned businesses in the community. This program is a model of sustainability best practices due to significant collaboration and strong partnerships,” Mike Peel, Local First's statewide sustainability director, said in the release. “The involvement of local businesses is a proven strategy to create a stronger local economy with sustainability operations leading to larger cost-savings opportunities. We are very apprec-

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Surf lagoon, entertainment district planned



37-acre Cannon Beach to be at Power and Warner roads

A 37-acre surf, shop, gym and multi-use development project is set to break ground March 30 in Mesa at Power and Warner roads.

The Cannon Beach Developers project, two and a half years in design and development, will bring the ocean to Arizona in a place unlike any other in the state, according to a release.

“We hope Cannon Beach will bring out the best in its patrons by challenging them to join — or at least be inspired by — new activities,” Cole Cannon, lead developer at Cannon Beach, said in the release.

Revel Surf will anchor the development with a 3.3-acre surf lagoon with Swell MFG's Traveling Surf Technology and UNIT Surf Pool's Stationary Rapid Surf Technology. This unique combination will create a more natural surfing lineup with a peak wave rather than a right-session-only or left-session-only option as found in many of today's wave pools, the release states.

“The Swell MFG will create peak waves and provide some of the most epic and diverse wave sets for every level of surfer,” Matt Gunn, co-founder of Swell MFG, said in the release. “We look forward to welcoming every level of surfer to enjoy this surf lagoon.”

The new technology and layout has gained the attention of the professional surf community due to its ability to cater to all skill levels.

“Our wave technology and vision for this project

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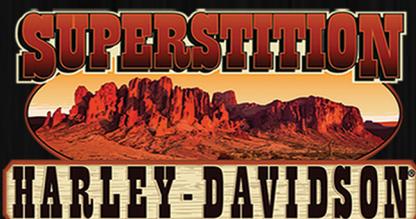
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SOUTHEAST MESA

A year of construction, development

By Kevin Thompson

I remember when I was first elected to represent District 6 in Mesa. We were just coming out of the recession, and there was hardly any construction taking place. Here we are six years later and Mesa is going gang busters.

The pause gave me time to build a vision for what District 6 would look like in the future, and to work with our economic development and planning and zoning staffs to believe in that vision. What you are seeing today is six years of hard work by myself and staff, and the foresight of past councils that invested in the infrastructure in SE Mesa.

Since I was first elected, we have brought in over \$5 billion in capital investment

and over \$40 million in non-residential impact fees to the city just in District 6. This didn't happen by happenstance, but rather because we developed the vision and stuck by that vision.

With two years left on my term, I hope to continue to bring business, investment and jobs to our community, and the quality development our citizens deserve.

There has been a lot happening in District 6 over the last year. Some of these projects are from mid to late 2020:

- Mechnano joins ASU Polytechnic Innovation District: Mechnano has announced its plan to develop an advanced technology lab at the Arizona State University Polytech-



Kevin Thompson

nic campus as part of the ASU Polytechnic Innovation District. The new partnership between Mechnano and ASU will provide unique training and education-

al opportunities for ASU Polytechnic students, as well as facilitate an ongoing collaboration with ASU faculty.

- ElectraMeccanica announces plans to establish U.S. base of operations in Mesa: ElectraMeccanica Vehicles Corp., a designer and manufacturer of electric vehicles, announced that it has selected Mesa in the greater Phoenix area for its U.S.-based assembly facility and engineering technical center. The proposed facility in Mesa

will support ElectraMeccanica's strategic plan to meet anticipated demand for their flagship SOLO EV. When fully operational, the facility is expected to create up to 500 new jobs and will be capable of producing up to 20,000 SOLO's per year.

- Elliot 202 industrial project proposed for Elliot Tech Corridor: Marwest Enterprises LLC is planning a 1.08 million square foot industrial project to be located at the northeast corner of Hawes and Elliot Roads, near Loop 202 in Mesa. The 74-acre property is located within the Elliot Road Technology Corridor.

- Cannon Beach breaks ground: A 37-acre surf, shop, gym and multi-use development project broke ground March 30. The proj-

ect is at the southeast corner of Power and Warner roads in Mesa. The project, two and a half years in design and development, will bring the ocean to Arizona in a place unlike any other in the state. Revel Surf will anchor the development with a 3.3-acre surf lagoon that features the world's first Swell MFG's Traveling Surf Technology and UNIT Surf Pool's Stationary Rapid Surf Technology in one location. Revel Surf plans to open May 2022, with the surrounding amenities to follow including an on-site hotel, retail, office, dining and more. The Cannon Beach development ground is currently entertaining proposals from potential tenants for its various pad locations.

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LETTERS

SUPPORTS SB 1379 Balanced policies for short-term rentals

About a year ago, my husband and I built an ADA-friendly guesthouse on our property with the expectation that we'll eventually use it to look after our aging parents. In the meantime, we've used it as a vacation rental to help pay for its construction costs.

It is important to us that our guests respect our neighborhood — we live here, too. We have taken steps to ensure we don't have disturbances. Besides vetting our guests and establishing rules, our neighborhood shares contact information should there be a problem, yet with four vacation rentals on our street, we've had zero complaints.

The vast majority of vacation-rental owners are like my husband and I: people who love their neighborhood, follow the rules and contribute to the community. But I also recognize that not all neighborhoods have had the same experience.

As a community champion with the Arizonans for Responsible Tourism Recovery coalition, I am personally committed to work-

ing with other vacation rental owners and our local government to prevent noise and disturbance issues and protect Arizona's tourism economy. That's why I support SB 1379, a policy solution that achieves these goals and allows responsible hosts like myself to continue housing Arizona visitors. I hope to see this bill enacted into law and urge Rep. Parker and Rep. Fillmore to back it.

Linda Curry Northeast Mesa

CULTURED-MEAT Violence we inflict on animals a moral crime

Senators Mark Kelly and Kyrsten Sinema should support public funding for cultured-meat research, with the goal of making the cell-grown, slaughter-free protein competitive with factory-farmed meat.

Israeli startup Future Meat Technologies recently announced its ability to produce a quarter pound of cultured chicken for \$7.50. As encouraging as this is, more progress must be made on the issue of cost.

The violence we inflict on ani-

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Seeking referendum of non-discrimination ordinance

The committee "United for Mesa" has begun the process of collecting signatures in an attempt to overturn the recently passed nondiscrimination ordinance in Mesa by referring it to the ballot for a citizen vote, which is disconcerting for Equality Arizona and other groups.

The ordinance passed with a 5-2 vote of the Mesa City Council on March 1. The ordinance, which protects all people, including LGBTQ people, from discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations in Mesa is the result of years of dialogue with diverse stakeholders including businesses, faith leaders, community organizations and families.

"Great job of giving one side of the argument. I would have loved to read why others are against it but — as the media so often does — they seem to have completely neglected the other side of the argument. So now I have

nothing to go off of but the obviously biased opinion of this writer. Obviously I will do my own research on the matter but I just wanted to point out the obvious bias nature of this article." — James Anderson

"This is so ridiculous. Who actively fights against equality?" — Nicholas M.

"You explained the situation completely and made it easy to understand that in 2021 we still have people in this city who are homophobic as well as racist." — Jon C.

"In addition to fighting discrimination in housing and employment for LGBTQ residents, the ordinance changes the definition of gender. Section 6-14-1 of the ordinance says 'Gender identity means the actual or perceived gender-related identity, expression, appearance, or mannerisms, or other gender-related characteristics of an individual, regardless of the individual's designated sex at birth.' This eliminates the historical and established definition of gender based on anatomy. That's what makes this ordinance different from other anti-discrimination efforts. Other efforts were based on settled definitions of physiology that were observable in the affected groups." — Larry Blomquist

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But one small company is committed to a revival of community journalism, including for Mesa. Independent Newsmedia already provides news coverage for a number of East Valley communities, including Apache Junction, Gold Canyon, Florence and Queen Creek.



Richard Dyer

editor of the Mesa Independent.

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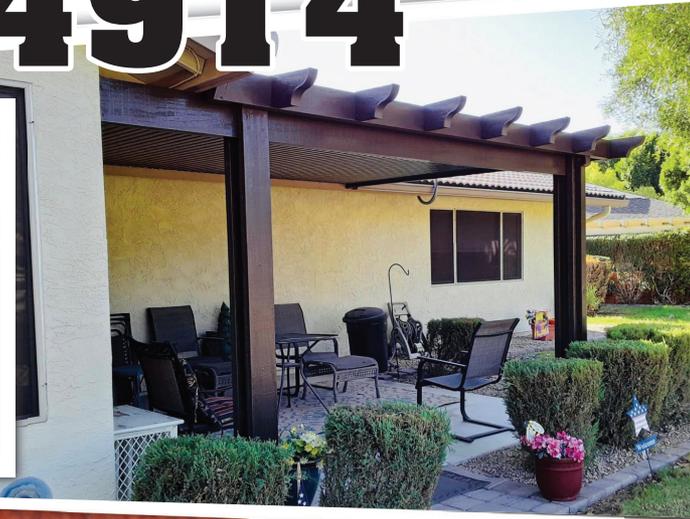


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a base of sand with grass and will also have LED lighting, with the fields open for flag football, lacrosse or kickball

games, said Chad Atterbury of Dig Studio, the lead consultant on the project.

The additional baseball and softball fields are needed in the city, said Aimee Manis, Mesa recreation administrator.

“When it comes to the need, we definitely have the need. We do not have enough fields, time or space to fill the requests that we currently have, so adding this complex is very important to what we’re doing in trying to meet the requests that we have,” she said. “As far as the different age groups or abilities that can be on this field, they are going to be 300-foot fence lines so it is going to be that college-level possibly softball, but youth baseball that would be in this complex.”

Questions could be posed in an online chat feature and then were read aloud by Curt Albright of the Mesa engi-

neering public relations department.

One question pertained to the bond election, the design and why the baseball/softball and soccer fields were listed.

“Is it addressing a need or is it some type of supposed need the city felt the neighborhood would want?” Mr. Albright said of the question.

“We have a huge number of hours of field requests that we cannot meet every week and so it adds up, but that is why the 2018 bond package focused on adding sports fields, soccer and youth baseball/softball fields in order to try to continue to meet more of that need,” said Andrea Moore, park planning and operations administrator. “When you look at all of our amenities, across the whole parks system, we definitely have demand for just about everything we have out there to add more of it. And in this case, that bond package is focused on fields and we’re continuing to find other ways — such as the pickleball courts at the (Gene Autry) tennis center — to try to



David Luna



Above: A rendering of the four baseball/softball fields planned at Red Mountain Park, 7745 E. Brown Road in Mesa. (City of Mesa)

Below: A rendering of the 10 soccer fields planned at Red Mountain Park, 7745 E. Brown Road in Mesa. (City of Mesa)



meet some of the additional requests that have come in that are outside of that bond package.”

Mesa District 5 Councilman David Luna thanked area residents for attending the meeting.

“Seeing the addition of more soccer and baseball

fields will only add to the Red Mountain area as a great athletic destination,” he said. “This meeting of athletes and recreation enthusiasts is a vital step in making sure the voices of our residents and those who use the park are heard and taken into consideration.”

WHAT IS A BOND PROGRAM?

A bond is a form of debt obligation that, when issued, provides a local government with funds to finance large capital improvements. It includes both the authority to issue bonds and a listing of the purposes for which the funds may be used.

General obligation bond programs, such as the city of Mesa’s 2018 bond program, require voter approval.

General obligation bonds allow the city to pay for major capital investments having a public purpose, such as public safety facilities, as well as quality-of-life enhancements related to libraries, parks and recreation, and cultural facilities.

Bonds are sold to investors, and the proceeds from the bond sales are used to pay for capital projects.

Bond funds cannot be used for everyday operating costs for programs such as softball leagues, classes at senior centers, police officers or firefighters. Such operating expenses are paid for by annual revenue that support the city’s general fund such as sales tax revenue and fees for service.

Source: City of Mesa



The 10 soccer fields on the south side of Brown Road will have a base of sand with grass and will also have LED lighting, with the fields open for flag football, lacrosse or kickball games. (Arianna Grainey, Independent Newsmedia)

BUSINESS

Green

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ciative of the leadership of the City of Mesa to collaborate with our team to grow the reach of the program and have a larger impact for the benefit of the economy and the environment.”

Businesses that have gone through the program in Phoenix and Tempe have made positive changes including installing water-saving devices, starting programs to encourage sourcing of locally grown food, diverting waste properly, working on alternative transportation strategies for staff members, and creating written policies that detail how sustainability is practiced throughout their operations. The first business in Mesa to achieve certification is Stardust Building Supplies.

“We found the Local First Green Business Certification Program to be extremely valuable in help-

ing Stardust recognize the efforts we are making towards operating in a more sustainable fashion and helping us identify areas

where we could make significant improvement,” Karen Jayne, CEO of Stardust Building Supplies, said in the release. “The resources Local First provided throughout the process were invaluable. Operating in a sustainable fashion is not only great for the environment but also very beneficial to the community and our employees. I highly recommend the program and certification to anyone interested in environmentally sustainable business operations.”

The Arizona Green Business Program is open to independently owned businesses in Tempe, Phoenix and Mesa. More information can be found at www.localfirstaz.com/greenbusiness or by emailing Mr. Peel at Mike@localfirstaz.com.



Francisco Heredia

Surf

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will be like nothing you have seen in the market to date and I’m so grateful to be a part of this incredible project and team,” Shane Beschen, former pro surfer and X Games gold medalist, said in the release.

“Combining Swell MFG’s state-of-the-art traveling waves with the best stationary rapid surfing wave on the market by UNIT Surf Pool is going to make this surf park the most highly sought-after surf destination in the U.S.,” Tony Finn of UNIT Surf Pool and wakeboard creator, said in the release. “Together you have the perfect surfing experience for people of all ages, abilities, and skill levels. There has never been a better opportunity for surf lessons and technical progression than there will be here.”

Whether you are a spectator or participant there is something for everyone at Cannon Beach — specialty dining, fish tacos on the beach, day spa, gym, and a splash pad for kids.

The Cannon Beach development design team in-

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The master plan for the Cannon Beach Developers project, two and a half years in design and development. (Submitted graphic)

cludes talent from Hawaii to Germany. The land planning project was developed in consultation with Arizona locals EPS Engineering, H2O Design, and Adaptive Architects.

Revel Surf plans to open in May 2022, with the surrounding amenities to follow including an on-site hotel, retail, office, dining and more. The Cannon Beach development is entertaining proposals from potential tenants for its various pad locations.



A groundbreaking ceremony was held March 30 at the site for the Cannon Beach Developers project. (Sarah Nieto, Independent Newsmedia)

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OPINIONS

Thompson

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• 330-acre Legacy Sports Entertainment Park under construction: Legacy will be a state-of-the-art premiere family sports entertainment park facility combining athletics, sports and entertainment into one destination center that will be the largest privately-owned multi-sport facility in the Western U.S.

• Old Dominion adds \$15M Mesa facility: Old Dominion Freight Line Inc. opened a new service facility in Mesa to alleviate some of the pressure from the company's operation in Tolleson as demand continues to grow during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Mesa facility, which opened in December, includes 43 employees, 15 of which are new positions. It is the company's fourth facility in Arizona, in addition to Tolleson, Flagstaff and Tucson. The \$15.2 million facility is at 10233 E. Pecos Road in Mesa and has 62 doors with the ability to add 60 more. The compa-

ny specializes in less-than-truckload shipments.

• Is CMC Steel's new mill still under construction?: Commercial Metals Co. in Mesa will be constructing a new addition to its micro mill to better position it to meet the demand for rebar and merchant bar on the west coast. The \$300 million investment will bring 185 jobs to the southeast Mesa location.

• Airport officials are seeking a master developer to partner in building office, industrial and retail space. Gateway officials sent out a request for qualifications for applicants wishing to be the master developer for the 400 acres of land located on the east side of the airport.

• Eastmark listed as a top 10 master-planned community in Arizona.

• Phase II of State Route 24 under construction: ADOT began construction on phase II of SR24, which will extend the freeway from its current terminus at Ellsworth to Ironwood Road in Pinal County. Construction is anticipat-

ed to be completed in 2022.

• Destination at Gateway: The 251-acre site at Signal Butte and Williams Field was approved by council in July. The project, a mixed use of residential and retail, has an 89-acre parcel that was rezoned to commercial to allow for a new auto dealership. Analysis shows a single dealership could provide more than \$9 million in sales tax revenue over the next 14 years.

• Sky Plus Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Hotel: Sky Plus Hotels, an affiliate of Sky-Bridge Arizona, announced the development of a new dual-brand Wingate/Hawthorn Suites hotel at Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport, located on Sossaman in proximity to terminal operations. On the airport grounds and near ASU's Polytechnic campus and Chandler-Gilbert Community College, the 127-room hotel will feature one of the largest meeting venues in the area with space for up to 1,000 participants, and offer guests both standard midscale and extend-

ed-stay suite accommodations.

• Dexcom announces expansion in Mesa: Dexcom Inc. announced that it is expanding operations in Mesa by locating its regional distribution center at Landing 202 on Ray Road. The 486,000-square-foot facility will include logistics and distribution, receiving and inspection operations, and quality control. The expansion will grow its workforce in Mesa to more than 1,000 employees.

• Bird Dog Industrial: The business broke ground this spring at Power and 202. When complete, this project will have three buildings totaling 330,000 square feet.

• Pecos 10 to break ground in 2021: Cavan Commercial submitted plans for Pecos 10 Industrial Condos. It completed entitlements in November and should break ground early this year. When complete, the 10.6-acre site will consist of 110,000 square feet of office condo and industrial spec space.

• Able Grid Technolo-

gy: Able Grid Technology acquired a 10-acre site in the Elliot Road Technology Corridor to build a lithium-ion battery and green energy storage facility. Founded in 2017, Able Grid develops, constructs and operates battery energy storage systems, and has constructed more than 2GW of standalone renewable energy projects across the U.S.

• Comarch acquires land in Mesa: Comarch, a global software company, acquired land within Elliot Road Technology Corridor the last quarter of 2020, and will soon start the planning and zoning process.

• NTT breaks ground in tech corridor: NTT Data, a global IT provider, broke ground on 102 acres in the Elliot Road Technology Corridor. The co-locate data center campus will consist of five buildings to start, with the ability to add an additional two buildings in the future. The buildings will total 1.5 million square-feet when fully built out.

• Thompson Thrift to

develop at Signal Butte and Hampton: Thompson Thrift purchased the southwest corner of Signal Butte and Warner and plans to build Mountain Vista Marketplace, an 81-acre mixed use project that will include an EoS Fitness, Whataburger, Black Rock Coffee, and Backyard Taco. The city continues to work with the developer to bring preferred users to the site.

• Fire Station No. 221 breaks ground: Construction began earlier this year on the newest fire station in Eastmark. Station 221 is being built on Point 22 just east of Ellsworth and was made possible by a combination of the public safety bond that was passed by the voters and an agreement between the city and DMB.

Editor's note: Councilmember Kevin Thompson, who represents Mesa's District 6, was elected to the Mesa City Council in August 2014 and re-elected to a second term in August 2018. He can be reached at District6@mesaaz.gov.

Letters

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imals is a moral crime without parallel. We kill over a trillion aquatic and land creatures every year.

The widespread adoption of cultured meat could help eliminate this unnecessary suffering.

Compassionate legislators should advance this goal by offering public funds for cellular-agriculture research. This will help lower the price of cultured meat, making it more competitive with its slaughtered counterpart.

Jon Hochschartner
Granby, Connecticut

STATE LEGISLATURE

Historic horse racing good for Arizona

There has been a lot of recent attention on the expansion of gaming through sports betting and other mechanisms. I am genuinely concerned that in this rush to expand gaming, our leaders are forget-

ting about the existing industries in our state that have a longstanding history of supporting local tourism, jobs and critical state services.

The horse racing industry in Arizona has been a key economic driver for decades and is a time-honored tradition. For the past decade, horse racing in Arizona has struggled to compete with other states that have modernized the industry. Since 2004, Arizona horse tracks have seen parimutuel handles drop \$55 million a year, purses drop \$5 million a year and live race attendance drop 45%. This drop in revenue directly impacts businesses and families in Pinal County. It is important to note that during this same time frame, tribal gross gaming revenues have increased from \$1.3 billion to \$2 billion, with little benefit to the state.

Luckily, Sen. David Gowan has introduced legislation to remove regulatory obstacles to allow historic horse racing in Arizona. Historic horse racing allows players to place pari-mutuel wagers on past races, in accordance with

the current tribal gaming compact. This allows tracks to generate revenues after races and on non-racing days. This modernization plan will bolster Arizona's presence among other states and provide a lifeline to the many supporting businesses, such as my family business, that rely on a thriving horse racing industry.

For my family, horse racing is not a hobby; it's our passion and livelihood. I have spent my entire life involved in horse racing; my grandfather was a breeder as well as my dad. My wife and I have spent the past 35 years building our family-owned business in Coolidge, breeding quarter horses. We are active members of our community, employing longtime staff and buying local goods and products from Arizona-based businesses and farmers. This is our home, and it pains me to see our elected representatives ignore the needs of this industry and community. My wife and I could have moved to another state that is focused on modernizing and building the racing industry, but we are commit-

ted to stay in Arizona and help save horse racing.

The men and women who work in this industry have a genuine love for the sport, the horses and the historic institution of racing. Arizona has deep racing roots, and it is sad to see the industry not thrive as it should in this great state. We have perfect year-round weather, incredible tracks across the state and a friendly business climate that can easily welcome those fleeing states like California.

I encourage our legislators representing Pinal County to save Arizona's horse racing industry and support historic horse racing.

Ralph Fales
Owner of Fales Ranch
Coolidge

DRAWING MAPS
Follow the Constitution for redistricting

Some are advancing the argument that the 2010 process was flawed because it emphasized "competitiveness." This is a false argument used to undermine

the integrity of the work of the 2011 redistricting commission and perpetuates the idea that the 2011 district maps were unfairly drawn to benefit Democrats because competitiveness was considered.

Competitiveness is named last because in order to assess the competitiveness of a district partisan data must be added back in. Partisan data must initially be excluded — specifically required by the constitution (Proposition 106) at the beginning of the process.

There are federal standards — equal population and voting rights act are above all others. The remaining four state criteria have equal weight. These include:

- Compactness and contiguity;
- Communities of interest;
- Geographic features (county, city, and other district lines), political boundaries and census tracts; and
- Competitiveness.

The 2021 commission is tasked with weighing these criteria appropriately for the area. What is appropriate for Tucson may not be appropriate for Yuma.

What best suits Yuma may not be well suited for Prescott. Or Flagstaff. Or Phoenix.

The 2021 commission will be wading into the danger zone if they try to create a one-size-fits-all matrix or false standard of what is more important, or less important, as it suits their perceived partisan interests.

On the new 2021 IRC website, the "Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission Legal Overview," July 8, 2011, is posted. It states: "In Arizona Minority Coalition, the Arizona Supreme Court suggested that the IRC's advertised map should make adjustments for all six of the goals specified in subsections 1(14)(A) through (F), rather than addressing the sixth and final goal of competitiveness only after receiving public comment on the first advertised map, as the IRC did in 2002.

The bottom line: Do not give short shrift to any one of the six criteria. Carefully assess the relative value of each criteria in each district/region, including competitiveness.

David Coward
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The view inside Dexcom's regional distribution center near Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport, hours before the state-run vaccination site opened its doors April 5. (Katelyn Keenahan/Cronkite News)

Indoor drive-thru vaccination site opens in Mesa

By **Sabrina Kenoun**
CRONKITE NEWS

The Arizona Department of Health Services on April 5 opened an indoor drive-thru vaccination site at Dexcom's regional distribution center in Mesa, providing more comfort for all involved as temperatures approach triple digits.

The move comes on the heels of an announcement that the state's five vaccine sites have administered one million doses since December, with more than three million Arizonans having received at least one dose of the

COVID-19 vaccines through the state and other providers, health officials said.

New appointments are available at <https://podvaccine.azdhs.gov/signup> each Friday at 11 a.m.

"We are thankful for the support from Dexcom and other partners to make this indoor vaccine site a reality and continue to roll the vaccine out in Arizona," said Dr. Cara Christ, health department director. Dexcom makes glucose monitoring systems for diabetics.

Of those one million shots, more than 700,000 were given

at the State Farm Stadium in Glendale, which closed Sunday evening to transition to overnight hours moving forward, health officials said. The site, formerly operating 24/7 in the stadium's west parking lot, has transitioned its hours for the next few weeks as the site prepares to move to an indoor location. Its hours of operation now are 5 p.m. to 9 a.m. until April 23, when the site will close for good and vaccine administration will be resumed at nearby Gila River Arena. Instead of a drive-thru site, patients will have to

park and enter the arena to receive their shot.

In addition, a vaccination site is expected to open April 22 at WestWorld of Scottsdale.

The Dexcom drive-thru site, near Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport, is the first of its kind among the state-run vaccination sites. Dr. Christ said there has been a push to move all state-run vaccine delivery sites indoors as Arizona temperatures head into the 100s.

"As we begin to receive more doses of the vaccine across the state, we want to

make sure that we are looking out for our staff, volunteers, equipment and patients," she said. "After this event, hundreds of vehicles will pass through this facility and the patients will benefit from this spacious, climate-controlled space."

Volunteers were also appreciative of the air-conditioning, and the ability to serve others without standing outside in the blistering sun.

"It's lovely here," volunteer Sally Zimmerman said. "It's very nice in here. Much better than having to stand out-

side in the 95-degree heat."

While vaccination sites continue to open up around the state, the pride that comes with each does not fade.

"We're very proud of our partnership with the city of Mesa, Dexcom and Walgreens who have helped migrate this site from Chandler-Gilbert," said Maj. Gen. Michael McGuire, director of the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs. "We are excited to continue to build the robust spirit for our much-needed volunteers."

More Holocaust education could be headed to classrooms

By **Kelly Donohue**
CRONKITE NEWS

Arizona students haven't been properly taught about the Holocaust in recent years, according to a recent poll conducted by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. Among Arizona millennials surveyed in March 2020, 42% could not name a single concentration camp the Nazis built to detain and exterminate Jews and others deemed undesirable.

The same report found that only 48% of the state's millennial respondents recognized the term Auschwitz, and only 33% knew the number of Jews who were killed from 1933 through 1945.

Such findings worry Lawrence Bell, executive direc-

tor of the Arizona Jewish Historical Society, and other Jewish leaders in the state. The concern is heightened as more Holocaust survivors — who have been crucial to putting a human face on the unfathomable tragedy — pass away.

"Memory of the Second World War is really starting to fade from popular consciousness," Mr. Bell said. "A lot of people don't think about the Second World War, they don't think about the Holocaust. ... It's something that's largely faded out."

In October, the Arizona Department of Education made a rule change that requires students to receive instruction on the Holocaust at least twice during their secondary school career.



Kim Klett, a teacher at Dobson High School, holds up a newspaper story about Rwandan genocide during her Holocaust literature class on Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2020. She believes it's important to teach about more genocides than just the Holocaust. "(The Holocaust) is something that's still enough in our recent history," she said. "The connections that are made between the two. So I think it's a good starting point. ... We have to teach about other genocides in addition." (Delia Johnson/Cronkite News)

Tammy Waller, director of K-12 social studies and world language standards at the Department of Education, was happy the rule

was changed. Because history curriculums contain a great amount of content, she said, some teachers had previously rushed through Ho-

locaust lesson plans.

"Holocaust education is dependent on the teacher," Ms. Waller said. "State social studies standards have

always had Holocaust and genocide education, but not as much time is spent on these topics throughout the school year."

Some Jewish leaders fear a rule change may not be enough, and that a law is needed.

"A state law has much more staying power," said Sheryl Bronkesh, president of the Phoenix Holocaust Association. "It would take a lot more effort to change it."

A codified Holocaust education law would clarify misconceptions that today's students may have about World War II, she said, such as how it started, who the perpetrators were and how many people were killed.

"The ultimate goal is for

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\$46M EVIT Power Campus expansion continues

By Richard H. Dyer
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

A replacement chiller to cool buildings is being purchased as part of the expansion of the Power Campus, with no change to the budget, the East Valley Institute of Technology's governing board was told recently.

EVIT programs are tuition-free to high school students who live in 11 East Valley school districts — Mesa, Apache Junction, Queen Creek, J.O. Combs, Scottsdale, Fountain Hills, Tempe, Chandler, Gilbert, Higley and Cave Creek.

The EVIT Power Campus, 6625 S. Power Road in southeast Mesa, until late last year was known as EVIT's East Campus. The new name came at the beginning of a \$46 million project to accommodate the campus' boom-



A rendering of the expansion at EVIT Power Campus, 6625 S. Power Road. (EVIT)

ing enrollment in aviation, engineering, cosmetology, health care and veterinary programs.

The project includes \$8 million for "soft costs," such

as fees for development, design, pre-construction work, plan review as well as special inspections, testing, fixtures, and furniture and equipment, according to a

presentation in May 2020 to the EVIT governing board.

The remaining \$38 million is for the expansion, which is expected to be completed during the 2021-22 school

EVIT AT A GLANCE

The East Valley Institute of Technology provides career training for East Valley high school students and adults at two central Mesa campuses and branch campuses in Apache Junction and Fountain Hills.

Students, including charter school and homeschooled students, spend half their day at EVIT for career training and the other half at their sending high school or homeschool for academics.

Students earn elective credits in more than 40 occupation-specific programs.

EVIT also offers classes for Phoenix-area adults, allowing them to benefit from quality education with low tuition rates and a variety of financial aid and interest-free payment options. EVIT also funds satellite career and technical education programs in East Valley high schools.

BOARD MEETINGS

EVIT Governing Board holds its regular meetings at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month in the Board Room in Building 3 at the Dr. A. Keith Crandell (Main) Campus, 1601 W. Main St. in Mesa. EVIT board meetings are streamed at evit.com/live.

For more information about EVIT, go to evit.com
Source: East Valley Institute of Technology

year and is to accommodate the doubling of the campus's population, which is now about 1,000 students.

The new chiller is to be installed while McCarthy Con-

struction is doing its expansion of the facilities plant, said Dr. Chad Wilson, EVIT superintendent, during the governing board's Feb. 22

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Students participate in Move One Million movements

By Laurie Struna
SPECIAL TO INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Mesa Public Schools has launched a new partnership to improve social and emotional wellness among students, staff and the community.

The goal of Move One Mesa is to ignite a culture of learning and well-being throughout the city. Health and fitness expert Chris Powell partnered with Mesa Public Schools, the city of Mesa and Mesa Chamber of Commerce to debut his Move One Million nonprofit in Mesa.

The goal is to use movement as a pathway to boost positive behaviors in the classroom, while looking to the future of our community.

According to Marlo Loria, director of career and technical education and innovative partnerships, the district is committed to safety and well-being practices that are evidence-based and embedded throughout the district.

"Students can't learn or reach their full potential without meeting their mental and physical needs

first," Ms. Loria says. "Chris Powell has spent the past 20 years transforming people's lives. Move One Million provides a powerful tool to help the district meet our respective goals, and bring students, staff and the community together through movement."

Move One Mesa encourages employees and students to participate in a special synchronized routine together.

The 2.5-minute routine also includes an adapted version for individuals with limited movement. It increases learning and improves health by reducing stress, boosting blood and oxygen flow, and creating a sense of accomplishment.

The daily movement resources are provided free to the district and based on Rajio Taiso, the Japanese radio calisthenics program. Video routines feature guest hosts, including Powell and six-time Olympic gold med-

alist Amy VanDyken.

A video about the partnership features Superintendent Andi Fourlis, Mesa Mayor John Giles, Mr. Powell, community leaders and educators on top of Brown Mountain.

The official Move One Mesa kickoff was held at Stevenson Elementary on March 29. From March 29-April 1, the initiative will focus on daily priorities that include physical health, mental health, #MesaKindness and community service.

Superintendent Fourlis says Mesa Public Schools enjoys working with community partners that are important to creating comprehensive healthy schools and communities.

"The results are evident in district programming that includes nationally recognized physical education, recess activities, healthy nutrition, classroom movement breaks, and counsel-

ors who address the social and emotional needs of students," Superintendent Fourlis says. "Around the community, the City of Mesa is improving parks and sidewalks, and building bike trails to support the whole child and needs of the community."

Learn more about Move One Million at <https://www.chrispowell.com>.

Editor's note: Laurie Struna is a media communications specialist for Mesa Public Schools.



Chris Powell leads students in Move One Million movements at Stevenson Elementary on March 29. (Tim Hacker/Mesa Public Schools)



Students at Stevenson Elementary March 29 participate in the Move One Million program. (Tim Hacker/Mesa Public Schools)

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Flood

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The district, which is responsible for managing the floodplain permitting for the city of Mesa, also partners with the city to reduce risk from flooding so property damage and loss of life is minimized. Flooding during more recent monsoon storms demonstrates that regional structures are still needed in areas to protect existing development, according to the district's website.

Recent major flooding events include Sept. 23-27, 2019, when tropical moisture from the remnants of Hurricane Lorena led to widespread rainfall and residents in Mesa, Apache Junction and other communities experienced significant flash flooding caused by heavy rain; and Sept. 8, 2014, when the Emerald Park basin at 1455 S. Harris Drive overflowed causing massive flooding in Mesa neighborhoods, according to flood control district reports for 2020 and 2015. The latter is part of an ongoing study.

North Mesa drainage study

A virtual public meeting was held March 4 for the downtown section of a North Mesa area drainage master study. The full study covers all of Mesa north of U.S. Highway 60 (Superstition Freeway), with the portion discussed at the meeting generally encompassing north of US60; east of the Tempe Canal, starting at about Loop 101 and Apache Boulevard; south of Brown Road; and west of the Consolidated Canal, according to a district map.

To get the word out about the meeting, nearly 2,700 postcards were sent to residents and stakeholders in the study area, Project Manager Mark Frago said.

"The district also promoted the meeting on its project website and via social media. Approximately 15-20 attended the virtual meeting, but the recorded presentation is available online for residents to review. A link to submit comments was also available and comments were collected for two weeks following the meeting," he said. "We anticipate this study to be completed at the end of (April). The planning portion of the study will begin sometime shortly thereafter."

The downtown-section area was the site of flooding in 2014. Since then, the



Above: Water stopped in October 1972 at the Powerline, Vineyard Road and Rittenhouse flood retarding structures south of Apache Junction. (Flood Control District of Maricopa County)

Below: Flooding Jan. 21, 2010, at Mountain Road, north of Pecos Road in Mesa. (Flood Control District of Maricopa County)



city of Mesa has completed 22 drainage projects and three others are in the design stage; the city has constructed regional drainage improvements impacting Main Street, Broadway and the Emerald Acres drainage system; and several water storage basins were added in 2019 at the Gilbert Road light-rail extension, according to a presentation at the meeting.

City of Mesa stormwater project costs have ranged from Emerald area drainage at \$500,000 to storm sewer work at Second Avenue and Solomon for \$2 million and a Home storm drain system for \$2.2 million, according to a 2016-20 five-year capital improvement program document shown to the Mesa City Council in April 2015.

Other North Mesa drainage improvements, according to a presentation at the meeting, include:

- Cameras added to various pump stations along U.S. Highway 60 basins and Salt River Project canals;
- Six pump stations replaced along the U.S. 60 corridor;
- Two pump stations in design and one under construction; and
- 15 new rain gauges added.

YOUR THOUGHTS?

What areas of Mesa should the Flood Control District of Maricopa County focus on and why? Email letters to the editor to aznews@newszap.com. Please include your name and what community you live in.

Next steps for the North Mesa project, according to the presentation, are to:

- Identify the most urgent areas of potential flooding;
- Establish mitigation alternatives for identified locations;
- Evaluate the established alternatives for each location;
- Determine which alternatives are preferred for each location;
- Create an area drainage master plan that incorporates the preferred alternatives; and
- Continue ongoing public outreach throughout this process to identify and address stakeholder concerns.

It's too early to determine if the drainage master study may be used in the future for the Flood Control District's floodplain management, Mr. Frago said.

"With respect to floodplain management, the North Mesa ADMS project hasn't progressed far enough

FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

The Flood Control District of Maricopa County was created in 1959 to reduce the risk of flooding to people and property.

The district is governed by a five-member board made up of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors. Go to <https://www.maricopa.gov/5308/Flood-Control-District>. A separate Flood Control Advisory Board advises the board of directors on flood control, floodplain management, drainage and related matters. The advisory board reviews planning, operations and maintenance of flood control facilities, and recommends an annual budget, which includes a five-year capital improvement program, to the board of directors. Its members also serve as members of the Floodplain Review Board and the Drainage Review Board. The meeting schedule is at <https://www.maricopa.gov/369/Flood-Control-Advisory-Board>.

Source: Flood Control District of Maricopa County

DAMS PROTECTING MESA

Four dams protect Mesa and other nearby communities:

- Spook Hill flood retarding structure and floodway, constructed in 1979, are in Mesa and protect several unincorporated county islands as well as portions of Mesa. It is 23 feet high and 4.1 miles long, starting at about Loop 202 and Power Road.
- Signal Butte flood retarding structure, constructed in 1987, is in an unincorporated county area southwest of Signal Butte and McKellips roads.
- Apache Junction flood retarding structure, constructed in 1988 near Lost Dutchman Boulevard and Idaho Road in Pinal County, protects several unincorporated islands in Maricopa County.
- Powerline-Vineyard-Rittenhouse flood retarding structures are in Pinal County and protect several unincorporated county islands and portions of Mesa, Queen Creek and Gilbert. Powerline FRS and floodway were constructed in 1967; Vineyard Road FRS in 1968 and Rittenhouse FRS in 1969. They are south of Apache Junction and parallel to the Central Arizona Project canal between Baseline and Ocotillo roads.

Source: Maricopa County

HOW TO REPORT A FLOOD

The Flood Control District of Maricopa County has a "report a flood" tool at <https://gis.maricopa.gov/reportaflood/default.html>.

Anyone can report flooding incidents by location, describe the incident and attach photos or videos. The information can be used by the district, incorporated communities and other agencies when conducting flood assessments.

The public also can access the results to see where flooding problems have occurred, see a description of the problem and view photos or videos that were provided.

You will not receive a personal response when you upload a photo or video. If you wish to speak with someone about flooding issues in Maricopa County, call the Flood Control District of Maricopa County at 602-506-2419.

Source: Flood Control District of Maricopa County

to make that determination — we anticipate it will be at least two years before that decision can be made," he said.

Learn more about the study and view the recorded virtual public meeting at maricopa.gov/NorthMesaADMS.

Two-county plan

A study is being done to identify and quantify flood hazards and risks in a 110-square-mile area in southeastern Maricopa County, encompassing Mesa, Queen Creek and Gilbert as well as portions of unincorporated Maricopa and Pinal

counties.

In early 2021, Tempe-based engineering firm JE Fuller was awarded an on-call professional engineering services contract effective for 730 calendar days or the expenditure of \$750,000, whichever comes first, for the Queen Creek/East Mesa area drainage master study/plan update.

The watershed has been studied before; however there has been significant growth and development since the original studies were completed in the late 1980s through the mid-2010s, according to a meeting agenda of the Maricopa County

SEPT. 23-27, 2019 STORM

Specific flooding instances reported in Mesa when tropical moisture from the remnants of Hurricane Lorena led to widespread rainfall Sept. 23-27, 2019, according to the district's "report a flood" tool, include:

- Sept. 23: "Upper wash not flowing per plan and too much water flooded out my driveway and the vacant lot next to mine," in an area near McDowell and Hawes roads.
- Sept. 23: "Overgrown trees, vehicle in wash," near Crismon Road and Southern Avenue.
- Sept. 23: "The culvert out in front of our building between our driveway and underneath the driveway ... is plugged and our lot is 100% flooded under at least 15 inches of water," near Gilbert Road and Main Street.
- Sept. 23: "Water retention was dammed up because of concrete poles obstructing the path of water flow. It caused many thousands of dollars damage to my business," near Country Club Drive and Main Street.
- Sept. 23: "Every time it rains hard the flood waters flow down Crescent Avenue and into yards along the south side of the road, flooding our properties with several inches of water," near Main Street and Signal Butte Road.
- Sept. 24-25, 2019: "(W)e have on my block of 94th way in Mesa — and a new housing on the other side of me — we have a natural wash between us now. That wash's filled up with all kind of debris and trees and now we have dumpsters in there full of trash from the flood. Please can someone please take a look at that because now we have vultures in my backyard; beautiful birds, but not in my backyard. Trash all over back there with those dumpsters. Something needs to be done please."

Source: Flood Control District of Maricopa County

FLOOD INSURANCE

You do not need to live near water to be flooded. Every property in Maricopa County is at some risk of flooding, even those outside floodplains.

One in four flood insurance claims nationally are for properties in areas outside the mapped Federal Emergency Management Agency 100-year floodplains. Flood damage is not covered by homeowners' insurance policies.

Owners whose property is in a regulated 100-year floodplain are required to purchase flood insurance if they have a federally backed mortgage.

If you get flooded, don't assume federal disaster assistance or other government funds will help you. Federal disaster assistance is available only if the president declares a disaster. Relief funds are a loan that must be paid back with interest.

Source: Flood Control District of Maricopa County

MAP OF RAIN GAUGES

The district has installed and maintains 355 automated precipitation gauges throughout Maricopa and surrounding counties that measure the amount and timing of rainfall in real-time.

The data is transmitted to the district via radio and stored on the base computers.

Data and informational products — real-time and historic, — may be viewed using the tools on a page in different formats such as tables, maps and plots.

The map is at <https://www.maricopa.gov/625/Rainfall-Data>.

Source: Flood Control District of Maricopa County

Board of Supervisors.

A map of the preliminary 110-square-mile study area shows it is generally east of the Roosevelt Water Conservation District canal, south of Southern Avenue in Mesa, north of the Queen Creek canal and west of the Central Arizona Project canal. The CAP canal passes through the southern Apache Junction city limits, with the study area encompassing a swath of Arizona State Trust land that the city plans to annex this year.

"The Queen Creek/East Mesa Area Drainage Master Study/Plan Update does not

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Christopher; the city's senior public information and communications specialist, said in a March 17 email.

A 14-page PDF was available for downloading detailing claims settled Jan. 1, 2016 through Feb. 24, 2021.

The claims and settlements totaling \$5,029,124.18 include 206 times where a city vehicle hit another vehicle, paying out \$1,587,429.54; and four claims from three police shooting incidents — two involving guns and one with a Taser — for a total of \$1,144,500.

Other claims involving vehicles included 53 where a city vehicle hit an object, for a total of \$126,621.54; and four where a city vehicle hit a pedestrian or bicycle, for \$237,892.24.

There are 1,727 vehicles in Mesa's general fleet and 140 more for Mesa Fire and Medical Department, Mr. Christopher said in an email.

The city is fully self-insured for all public liability risks, up to a maximum of \$3 million per occurrence, for the fiscal years ending in June 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 under a property and public liability insurance program.

In addition, the city carries full property insurance with a \$50,000 per occurrence deductible. The fund did not receive any settlements in excess of insurance coverage over any of the years, according to each fiscal year's comprehensive annual financial reports available at the city's website.

The following are the claims or settlements above \$10,000 for each year from 2016 through 2021 to date.

Claims are by division name; claimant name (last name, first name for individuals); cause of loss; date of claim; date reported; and settlement. For a full list of the claims, visit www.YourValley.net.

2016 incidents

A date of claim on April 27, 2016, was the first mention of "use of excessive force (non-shooting)(1983)."

Section 1983 is when a claimant is alleging a violation of civil rights, Mr. Christopher said. "Title 42 of the U.S. Code (42 U.S.C. § 1983). Section 1983 provides an individual the right to sue state government employees and others acting 'under color of state law' for civil rights violations," he said.



The top 10 claims settled Jan. 1, 2016-Feb. 24, 2021, by the city of Mesa

In 2016 there were 108 claims paying out \$1,602,058.34, with 45 for city vehicles hitting another vehicle and six for hitting an object.

- Operations; Krstic, Sanja; police shooting (gun); Jan. 25, 2016; Dec. 3, 2015; \$600,000.

- Operations; Krstic, Nadezda; police shooting (gun); May 19, 2016; Dec. 3, 2015; \$400,000.

- Police department; Clarke, Stacia; police shooting (gun); July 28, 2016; Feb. 4, 2016; \$125,000.

- Transportation; Brown, Keith; struck debris; Aug. 22, 2016; Aug. 22, 2016; \$80,000.

- Fire administration; Lawrence, Robert; other bodily injury; Feb. 18, 2016; Feb. 18, 2016; \$35,000.

- Police department; Metz, Kathy; false arrest; June 1, 2016; June 1, 2016; \$30,000.

- Police department; Tib-

bett, Michael; police shooting (Taser); April 18, 2016; April 18, 2016; \$19,500.

- Transportation; Lingenfelter, David; roadway maintenance; Jan. 25, 2016; Jan. 25, 2016; \$17,500.

- Operations; McCabe, Aaron; city vehicle hit vehicle; Aug. 22, 2016; March 31, 2016; \$17,000.

- Police department; Sonntag, Ingrid; officer/employee misconduct; Feb. 1, 2016; Feb. 1, 2016; \$15,000.

- Investigations; Burke, Barbara; city vehicle hit vehicle; March 10, 2016; Sept. 23, 2015; \$15,000.

- Operations; Velasquez, Arthur; excessive force (non-shooting)(1983); April 27, 2016; Nov. 4, 2015; \$15,000.

- Water resources department; BH Longmore LLC; sewer system malfunction; Dec. 21, 2016; Dec. 21, 2016; \$13,857.23.

- Water resources division; Velazquez, Ernesto; city vehicle hit vehicle; Oct. 24, 2016; May 20, 2016; \$12,000.

2017 incidents

In 2017 there were 117 claims paying \$648,237.37, with 53 for city vehicles hitting another vehicle and 13 for hitting an object.

- Operations; Zachary, Tanya; other non-EEOC; Feb. 8, 2017; May 12, 2015; \$225,000.

- Police department; Trojanowski, Ed; officer/employee misconduct; Dec. 18, 2017; Dec. 18, 2017; \$50,000.

- Operations; Zeitler, Elizabeth; city vehicle hit vehicle; May 2, 2017; Dec. 12, 2016; \$30,000.

- Energy resources; Heritage Academy; miscellaneous property damage; Feb. 23, 2017; Feb. 23, 2017; \$29,030.68.

- Energy resources Gas

and Ele; Bailey, Nicole; city vehicle hit vehicle; Feb. 15, 2017; Jan. 18, 2017; \$20,200.

- Solid waste operations; Kline, Jason; city vehicle hit object; Jan. 18, 2017; Sept. 15, 2016; \$20,000.

- Transportation; Mutsaers, Steven; other bodily injury; March 14, 2017; March 14, 2017; \$20,000.

- Operations; Vega-Gonzales, Cristal and Antolin, J; city vehicle hit vehicle; Oct. 11, 2017; Aug. 18, 2017; \$15,000.

- Operations; Cota, Carmen; city vehicle hit vehicle; Aug. 30, 2017; March 6, 2017; \$11,500.

- Fire public safety services; Haviland, Richard; city vehicle hit pedestrian or bicycle; April 10, 2017; Oct. 12, 2016; \$11,000.

- Water resources department; Fenn, Josh; sewer system malfunction; April 20, 2017; April 20, 2017; \$10,000.

- Community Services; Bunnag, Prattana; city vehicle hit vehicle; Nov. 2, 2017; Oct. 26, 2017; \$10,000.

2018 incidents

In 2018 there were 106 claims paying out \$1,072,462.77, with 39 for city vehicles hitting another vehicle and eight for hitting an object.

- Police department; Archer, Virginia; excessive force (non-shooting)(1983); Aug. 2, 2018; June 2, 2018; \$250,000.

- Operations; Rost, Patrick; city vehicle hit pedestrian or bicycle; Sept. 18, 2018; April 3, 2018; \$175,000.

- Operations; Heinicke, Jacquelin; city vehicle hit vehicle; June 28, 2018; Jan. 16, 2018; \$95,000.

YOUR THOUGHTS?

What claims and settlements paid by the city of Mesa surprised you and why? Email letters to the editor to aznews@newszap.com. Please include your name and what community you live in.

- Operations; Hicks, Brandon; excessive force (non-shooting)(1983); Nov. 15, 2018; May 22, 2018; \$95,000.

- Water resources department; Kemper Independence Insurance; water system malfunction; June 6, 2018; Dec. 21, 2017; \$70,000.

- Transportation; Connelly, Sharon; slip and fall (sidewalk); April 11, 2018; April 11, 2018; \$60,000.

- Transportation; Harstad, Margaret; slip and fall (sidewalk); March 20, 2018; March 20, 2018; \$50,000.

- Energy resources; Loguidice, John; other bodily injury; Dec. 10, 2018; Dec. 10, 2018; \$18,000.

- Operations; San Tan Volkswagen; city vehicle hit vehicle; March 8, 2018; Feb. 27, 2018; \$15,158.14.

- Parks, Rec, and Comm Facilities; Adams, Anthony; city vehicle hit vehicle; April 10, 2018; Jan. 5, 2018; \$12,795.

- Water resources department; Petramalo, Michael; sewer system malfunction; Oct. 10, 2018; Oct. 10, 2018; \$12,247.57.

- Water resources department; Chappell, Kathryn; water system malfunction; May 17, 2018; Jan. 22, 2018; \$11,500.

2019 incidents

In 2019 there were 89 claims paying out \$1,461,256.29, with 40 for city vehicles hitting another vehicle and 10 for hitting an object.

- Administration; Bacuetes, Sandra; city vehicle hit vehicle; June 5, 2019; May 25, 2019; \$500,000

- Operations; Smith, Milton Le; inadequate supervision; Feb. 16, 2019; Feb. 16, 2019; \$350,000.

- Police department; Kirkpatrick, Terence; excessive force (non-shooting)(1983); July 1, 2019; Nov. 17, 2017; \$75,000.

- Administration; Aston, Ginger; city vehicle hit vehicle; June 5, 2019; May 25, 2019; \$60,000.

- Engineering Services; Soltuian, Victoria; city vehicle hit vehicle; Feb. 6, 2019; Oct. 19, 2018; \$50,000.

- Operations; Giger, Gary; city vehicle hit pedestrian or bicycle; May 9, 2019; Nov. 15, 2018; \$42,392.24.

- Investigations; Rios, Ze-

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INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Insurance-premium costs for the city of Mesa by fiscal year, including excess liability, property, aviation, cyber risk, Greenfield Water Reclamation Plant (Mesa's portion) and fine arts, are:

- 2016-17: \$1,278,286.61
- 2017-18: \$1,296,551.16
- 2018-2019: \$1,319,225.10
- 2019-2020: \$1,670,820.20
- 2020-2021: \$2,123,309.83

The 2016-20 premiums were paid through insurance broker Willis Tower Watson, 2020-21 premiums paid through insurance broker USI and the fine arts premium paid through insurance broker Huntington Block. Source: City of Mesa

SPECIAL EVENTS INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Funds spent for city of Mesa special events insurance premiums are by year, then event, amount and vendor.

- 2016: Veterans' Day Parade, \$2,040, USI Insurance; MLK Parade, \$992, USI Insurance; and Celebration of Freedom, \$4,820, Allied Specialty.
- 2017: Veterans' Day Parade, \$2,040, East Valley Veterans Parade Association; MLK Parade, \$1,115, USI Insurance; and Celebration of Freedom, \$4,499.07, Allied Specialty.

- 2018: Veterans' Day Parade, \$2,162, East Valley Veterans Parade Association; MLK Parade, \$1,074, USI Insurance; and Celebration of Freedom, \$4,499.07, Allied Specialty.

- 2019: Veterans' Day Parade, \$2,162.00, East Valley Veterans Parade Association; MLK Parade, \$1,064, USI Insurance; and Celebration of Freedom, \$3,601.22, Allied Specialty.

- 2020: Veterans' Day Parade, \$0, N/A; MLK Parade, \$0, N/A; and Celebration of Freedom, \$1,306, Wilson Ins. Source: City of Mesa

MESA FLEET, FIRE VEHICLES

The 10 city of Mesa departments with the most vehicles assigned are:

Police	655
Transportation	224
Water utility	168
Parks, recreation and community facilities	145
Fire and medical	140
Solid waste management	115
Gas utility	108
Wastewater utility	46
Electric utility	49
Engineering	42

Source: City of Mesa

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Flood

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specifically include Apache Junction. There is some overlap in the study boundaries in the area immediately adjacent to the Maricopa County boundary line,” FCDMC Project Manager Frago said. “(We) are mostly concerned with what is downstream and within the coverage area. The study does not include Apache Junction nor does it consider the impacts to Pinal County residents,” he said.

It is not uncommon for Flood Control District of Maricopa County to plan and do work in Pinal County, said Christopher Wanamaker, assistant county engineer for the Pinal County Public Works Department.

“The Flood Control District of Maricopa County often does studies and projects within other counties because stormwater runoff from certain areas — such as Queen Creek and Apache Junction — ultimately ends up crossing the county border and ends up in their area of jurisdictions,” he said. “By working with upstream communities, Maricopa County can work to more effectively manage flooding and stormwater-related problems with their community. Pinal County Flood Control has a good relationship with the Flood Control District of Maricopa County and we work together on projects frequently.”

At 110 square miles, it is one of the district’s larger study areas but not the largest, FCDMC Project Manager Frago said.

“The study boundaries were



Flooding Sept. 7, 2012, on Baseline Road, east of Signal Butte Road in Mesa. (Flood Control District of Maricopa County)

set to ensure there were no gaps in the assessment of this part of the East Valley. We also included the portion of Pinal County where our three structures are located to include the water-flow impacting residents within Maricopa County,” he said.

The three are the Powerline, Vineyard Road and Rittenhouse flood retarding structures in northwest Pinal County, south of Apache Junction and parallel to the Central Arizona Project canal between Baseline Road and Ocotillo Road.

The Queen Creek/East Mesa area drainage master study/plan update could help with future floodplain management.

“Adding a floodplain delineation in the ADMS/P would be done in consultation with the local jurisdictions — Mesa, Queen Creek, Gilbert. When the Queen Creek/East Mesa project transitions to the planning phase, solutions will be devised to address the issues found in the study phase. Different types of solutions include non-structural measures or infrastructure like storm drains. The direction is set by the needs of the local jurisdiction and takes current and future development into consideration,” Mr. Frago said.

The on-call professional engineering services contract approved by the board of supervisors states public meetings are to be held. In-person or virtual meetings are likely to be held this winter. “The district includes public outreach duties in all of its consultant contracts to ensure resident and stakeholder feedback is taken into consideration during the study/data collection phase,” Mr. Frago said. “Residents in the Queen Creek/East Mesa ADMS/P study boundary can share recent flood events or general feedback. Data collection is ongoing, so we do not anticipate any further public outreach efforts until this winter. It is hard to know what the COVID protocols will be

in that time frame. Should the community spread rate remain the same, county employees would only hold virtual meetings.”

Mesa Zone D flood delineation

A flood delineation study is underway to identify the flood hazard areas for a portion of a previously unstudied Federal Emergency Management Agency Zone D area in Mesa. Hydrology and hydraulic models will be developed for the study using new topography images from June 2019, according to the flood control district’s website.

Floodplain delineation studies identify land areas subject to inundation by a flood that has a 1% probability of being equaled or exceeded in any given year; also known as a 100-year flood; a 0.2%-annual-chance is called a 500-year flood, according to the website.

The approximately 10.2 square miles in Zone D is roughly bounded by Meridian

ian Road to the east, Baseline Road to the north, Ellsworth Road to the west and Williams Field Road to the south.

“This study is being conducted in three phases. The first phase covers US60 to Elliott and Ellsworth to Meridian — approximately 4.1 square miles. The 100-year delineations are being finalized at this time, and the 500-year delineations have yet to be drawn. Our intention is to conduct virtual outreach to the public this summer,” Kathryn Gross, MCFCD floodplain delineations branch manager, said. “The remaining phases haven’t been scheduled yet, but the district will coordinate that timing with the city of Mesa.”

The Zone D study will be used for flood insurance and the district’s floodplain management.

“Yes, once the floodplains identified in the Mesa Zone D flood delineation study are incorporated onto the FEMA flood maps they will be used to determine the requirements for flood insurance,” Ms. Gross said.

Flood structure rehabilitation

Rehabilitation or replacement projects are planned at the Powerline, Vineyard Road and Rittenhouse flood retarding structures, which flood control district officials shorten to PVR. Projected costs are \$45.586 million over five years. The district operates and maintains the structures by agreement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, according to the flood control district’s

website.

“The FRS protects approximately 72 square miles of residential, commercial and agricultural land in Maricopa and Pinal counties from being flooded. Protection is also provided to structures such as the Central Arizona Project canal, Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport and the Loop 202 Santan Freeway,” the website states.

The primary purpose of the rehabilitation/replacement projects is to address existing dam safety issues at the three flood control dams, Tom Renckly, FCDMC dam safety branch manager, said.

“The existing PVR dams currently provide significant downstream flood protection from the dams to the East Maricopa Floodway. Though existing dam safety issues are not causing imminent threats to the communities downstream, these projects are necessary to ensure flood protection for many years to come,” he said.

“While significant earth material processing/stockpiling has been performed at Vineyard Rehab FRS, no construction work has been performed to date directly on the rehabilitations/replacement of the PVR structures. Design is in progress for the overall rehabilitation of Vineyard Road FRS and for the Powerline Channel/FRS decommissioning projects. It is unknown when construction will begin as the district is seeking a funding partnership with the federal government,” Mr. Renckly said.

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Audit

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naida; city vehicle hit vehicle; May 9, 2019; April 10, 2019; \$40,076.

- Operations; Groeger, Carol; city vehicle hit vehicle; Jan. 22, 2019; Jan. 11, 2019; \$35,000.

- Water resources department; Tieman, Chantz; sewer system malfunction; Jan. 9, 2019; Jan. 9, 2019; \$30,000.

- Administration; Aston, Jordan; city vehicle hit vehicle; June 5, 2019; May 25, 2019; \$25,000.

- Water resources department; English, Jessica; sewer system malfunction; Feb. 12, 2019; Feb. 12, 2019; \$21,817.88.

- Water resources division; Spivey, Neikil; city vehicle hit vehicle; June 13, 2019; Dec. 18,

2018; \$20,000.

- Energy resources Gas and Ele; Perez, Vincent; city vehicle hit vehicle; March 18, 2019; Feb. 28, 2019; \$11,980.34.

- Water resources department; Jones, Ronald; sewer system malfunction; April 16, 2019; April 16, 2019; \$11,860.94.

- Energy resources; Salt River Project; third-party overhead utilities damaged; Feb. 25, 2019; Feb. 25, 2019; \$10,500.

- Fire public safety services; Kelly-Ayers, Ursula; city vehicle hit vehicle; March 14, 2019; Sept. 16, 2018; \$10,500.

2020 incidents

In 2020 there were 89 claims paying \$244,568.30, with 28 for city vehicles hitting another vehicle and 16

for hitting an object.

- Solid waste management; Saguaro Mountain Homeowners Association; miscellaneous property damage; Sept. 21, 2020; Sept. 21, 2020; \$44,100.

- Solid waste operations; USAA; city vehicle hit object; Aug. 11, 2020; March 30, 2020; \$34,638.91.

- Operations; GEICO; city vehicle hit vehicle; Jan. 14, 2020; Aug. 19, 2019; \$23,100.75.

2021 incidents

In early 2021 there were three claims paying \$2,954.73, with one for a city vehicle hitting another vehicle.

- No claims over \$10,000.

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The highest claim paid out in the last five years was \$600,000 in 2016 from a police shooting. (Arianna Grainey, Independent Newsmedia)



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Alton Brown cooks up show at Mesa Arts Center

Television personality, author and Food Network star Alton Brown will bring “Alton Brown Live – Beyond The Eats” to the Mesa Arts Center, 1 E. Main St., on Thursday, Nov. 11.

Mr. Brown created a new form of entertainment — the live culinary variety show — with his “Edible Inevitable Tour” and “Eat Your Science,” which played in more than 200 cities with more than 350,000 fans in attendance.

Get tickets at MesaArtsCenter.com or call 480-644-6500 during box office business hours.

“Alton Brown Live: Beyond The Eats” is the first on sale for MAC’s 2021-22 season. Mesa Arts Center will announce the full Performing Live season later this spring/summer. Mesa Arts Center’s theaters have been closed to the public since March 2020 but are anticipated to open in fall 2021.

Mr. Brown says fans can expect “more cooking, more comedy, more music and more potentially dangerous science stuff” at his

Nov. 11 show.

Critics and fans have raved about the interactive components of Mr. Brown’s shows. He warns, “[p]repare for an evening unlike any other and if I call for volunteers... think twice.”

Mr. Brown has a knack for mixing together science, music and food into two hours of pure entertainment, the release states.

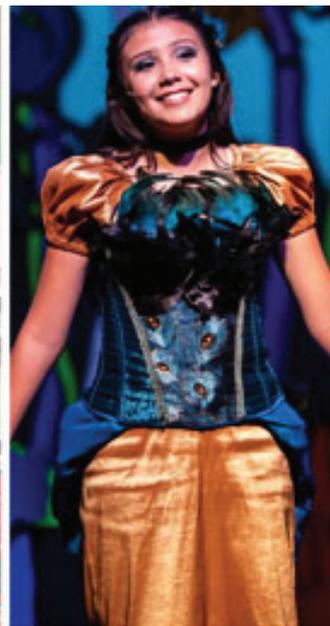
Mr. Brown has been on the Food Network for more than 20 years and is best known as the creator, writer and host of Good Eats, Good Eats: Reloaded, and Good Eats: The Return. He also hosted Cutthroat Kitchen and served as the culinary commentator on Iron Chef America. There are two James Beard awards with Mr. Brown’s name on them in a drawer in his office, and somewhere in the world there’s a coveted Peabody awarded for Good Eats that was stolen out of his car back in 2013. In his spare time, he’s working on his ninth book on food and cooking.

Information about Mr. Brown
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Alton Brown has a knack for mixing together science, music and food into two hours of pure entertainment. (Matt Christine Photography, special to Independent Newsmedia)

Queen Creek Performing Arts Center youth theatre camps are opening up for in-person sessions with events for ages 5-12. The group begins with youth performances this month with a summer camp aiming for a week in June. (QCPAC)



Aladdin Jr., summer camp planned at QCPAC

The Queen Creek Performing Arts Center, 22149 E. Ocotillo Road in Queen Creek, offers performances of Aladdin Jr. April 23-26 and the Under the Sea summer youth theatre camp June 14-18.

Aladdin Jr.

“When penniless street scavenger Aladdin stumbles upon a magic lamp with a friendly genie inside, he opens up a world of trouble he could never imagine,” according to a release. “Join Aladdin, Jasmine and the fast-talking, wisecracking Genie as they discover mystical caves, take magic carpet rides, and outwit the evil sorcerer, Jafar. Don’t miss this colorful, non-stop adventure at the Queen Creek Per-

forming Arts Center.” Tickets for the April 23-26 family theatre series can be found at qcpac.com under the shows and events section.

Under the Sea summer camp

“The Queen Creek Performing Arts Center Under the Sea summer youth theatre camp is a swimmingly sensational time featuring excerpts from beloved seafaring musical adventures,” the release states.

QCPAC youth theatre camps are for ages 5-12 and are held 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday June 14-18.

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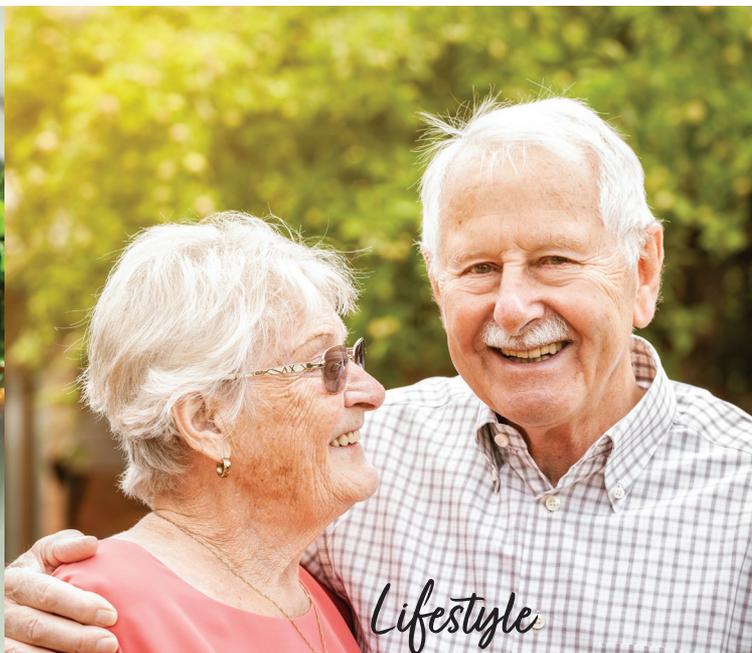
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Cameli wins Metropolitan Fire Chief of the Year award

The Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association recently announced its award honorees and for the first time in its 56-year history fire chiefs from the largest jurisdictions throughout the world have selected a female officer as Fire Chief of the Year.

Mary Cameli, chief of the Mesa Fire and Medical Department, earned the Metropolitan Fire Chief of the Year honor, according to a release.

Chief Cameli has been a member of the Mesa Fire and Medical Department since 1983, serving in every rank within the department before assuming her current role in 2016. Recognized by her community as the Mesa Woman of the Year in 2020, she has earned accolades locally, throughout Arizona, and on a national

level for spearheading the department program which is regarded as a “gold standard” example of integrated community health care, the release states.

Mesa Fire and Medical Department service delivery elements, and the research and data generated as part of a significant federal Health and Human Services grant, have been shared widely throughout the fire service and medical community to impart important lessons learned.

The department provides its own separate 9-1-1 communications and dispatch center for its community, as well as its automatic-aid partners. Chief Cameli credits her labor/management team for the development and success of a critical public safety tax initiative for

both police and fire, the release states.

Chief Cameli is a past president of the Arizona Fire Chiefs Association and currently serves as vice chair of the International Fire Service Training Association Executive Board. She is vice president of the Center for Public Safety Excellence Board and co-chairs the IAFC Women Chiefs Council. She has an associate degree in fire science, a bachelor of arts in physical education and a master's degree in organizational management.

The Metropolitan “Metro” Fire Chiefs Association is a section of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and National Fire Protection Association.



Mesa Fire Chief Mary Cameli



Garrett Betlaf



Miranda Heard



Mia Haas



Savannah Sandoe



Vicente Orte

East Valley college students named to All-Arizona Academic Team

High-achieving East Valley community college students were recently celebrated for their outstanding academic accomplishments and distinguished leadership at the 2021 All-Arizona Academic Team recognition ceremony.

All-Arizona students demonstrate academic excellence and intellectual rigor combined with leadership and service that extends their education beyond the classroom to benefit society. Each student is working toward an associate's degree, maintains a GPA of 3.5 or higher (4.0 scale) and is involved in campus and community volunteerism, according to a release.

Phi Theta Kappa, the in-

ternational honor society of two-year colleges and academic programs; the American Association of Community Colleges; Arizona Community Colleges; the Arizona Board of Regents; and the Follett Higher Education Group help these exceptional students reach their educational goals by awarding scholarships and issuing tuition waivers for Arizona's three state universities: Arizona State University, University of Arizona and Northern Arizona University.

Judging consists of three rounds. First-round judges are local business, civic, education and government leaders. The second and third

round judging takes place in Washington, D.C. by representatives from federal agencies and national education associations. Scores from the national competition determine each state's team rankings. First Team members attending eligible Arizona colleges each receive a \$1,000 scholarship, Second Team members a \$750 scholarship and Third Team members a \$500 scholarship.

This year's Mesa college honorees, listed by campus, are:

- Chandler-Gilbert Community College-Williams Campus, 7360 E. Tahoe Ave. in Mesa:
- Garrett Betlaf of Queen

Creek plans to transfer to Arizona State University, aiming for a BSE in electrical engineering. His ultimate goal is to work in robotics, designing and testing electric and robotics systems.

- Miranda Heard of Gilbert plans to transfer to Northern Arizona University, eventually earning her master's of science degree. Her career goal is to work in agricultural/environmental microbe research.

Mesa Community College - Red Mountain Campus, 7110 E. McKellips Road in Mesa:

- Mia Haas of Mesa plans to transfer to Arizona State University's College of Integrative Sciences and Arts to

earn a degree in counseling and applied psychological science. Her career goal is to work as a licensed substance abuse, addiction and chemical dependency counselor for adolescents and women. Mesa Community College - Southern and Dobson Campus, 1833 W. Southern Ave. in Mesa:

- Savannah Sandoe of Tempe plans to transfer to Prescott College ultimately earning a bachelor of arts in adventure education degree. Her career goal is to work with national and state parks to increase accessibility options for disadvantaged populations.

- Vicente Orte of Guadalupe plans to transfer to

ASU's W.P. Carey School of Business to earn a doctorate of business administration. His career goal is to continue moving up the corporate ladder at his company, learn how to run a successful corporation, then apply the skills he learns into developing a small business.

The virtual March 4 All-Arizona ceremony, hosted on YouTube (mesacc.edu/live), was emceed by Grant Woods, a Phi Theta Kappa alumnus and past Arizona attorney general; included a welcome from Cochise Community College President J.D. Rottweiler, Ph.D.; and Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey read the proclamation and address honorees.

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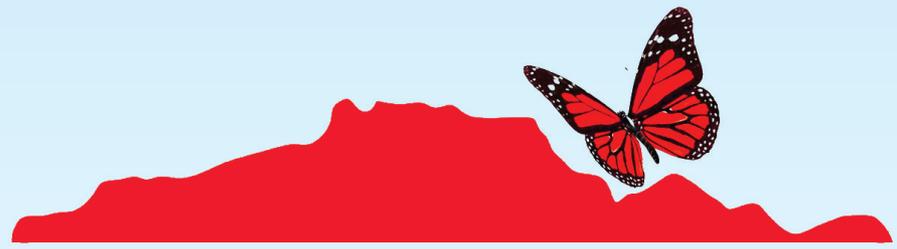


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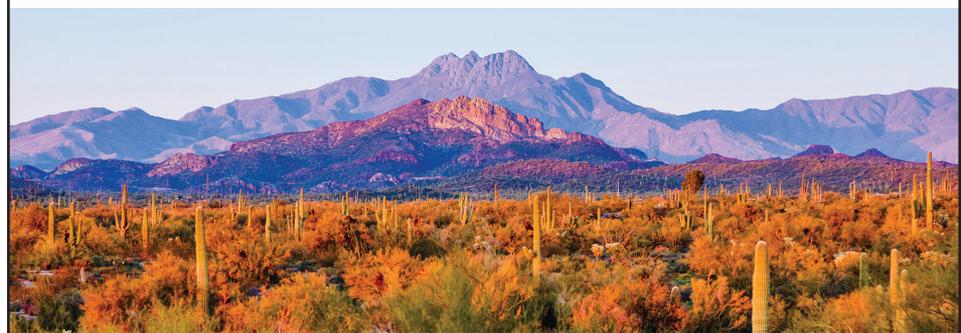
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SCENIC EAST VALLEY

Clockwise from top left: "That's looking east, the sky is a reflection of the sunset in the west, and in the water is a reflection of that reflection," Apache Junction photographer Don Thompson said. "Just wanted to share a cool picture I got of my boys splashing in the puddles this weekend. We live in the Ironwood Crossing subdivision in Queen Creek. I think it's a great shot," Queen Creek photographer Savanna Tarwater said. "Wild American Badger at a resident's home in Circle Cross Ranch in San Tan Valley," Queen Creek photographer Jesse Roth said. "Taken at the end of Delaware just off Lost Dutchman. Beautiful 'Leap Day' sunset," Apache Junction photographer Dawn Ponick said of her March 2020 photo.



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Petitions filed for vote to overturn nondiscrimination ordinance

By Richard H. Dyer
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

United for Mesa, a political action committee, on April 1 filed petitions with more than 11,000 signatures to refer a Mesa City Council approved nondiscrimination ordinance to the ballot.

The ordinance, approved March 2 in a 5-2 vote of the City Council, prohibits discrimination in employment, housing and places of public accommodation based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, veteran's status, marital status, genetic information or familial status.

United for Mesa on March 4 filed a petition for referendum with the city clerk. The deadline to file signed petitions was 5 p.m. April 1, Kevin Christopher, Mesa senior public information and communications specialist, said April 1.

"The process to verify the petitions will not be complete until late April at the earliest. After that process is complete we will know if it qualifies for the ballot," he said. "The initiative needs a minimum of 9,093 signatures submitted, and if the ordinance qualifies it would be voted on at the November 2022 general election unless council decides to call a special election, which they could do in November 2021 or March, May or August of 2022."

The application for an initiative referendum petition serial number with the



A "Welcome to Mesa" sign bears the city's logo. United for Mesa, a political action committee, on April 1 filed petitions with more than 11,000 signatures to refer a Mesa City Council approved nondiscrimination ordinance to the ballot. (City of Mesa)

Mesa City Clerk's Office states — with emphasis by the committee on "actual or perceived gender-related identity" — "This measure would refer to a vote of the Mesa electorate Ordinance No. 5609, which prohibits many businesses, employers, housing providers, labor unions, educational facilities, and city government entities from making distinctions on the basis of certain enumerated classifications, including 'actual or perceived gender-related identity,' in providing services or in employment

or membership practices. The ordinance allows certain exceptions, including some functions of religious organizations and expressive associations. The current Fair Housing Code is also replaced. Violations are punishable in an administrative process by penalties of up to \$2,500."

'United for Mesa'

Thomas L. Brown Jr. of Mesa, an attorney with Copper Canyon Law, is the group's chairperson; and Youssef Khalaf of Gilbert, employed by The Col-

lection Group, is the treasurer for United for Mesa, according to a committee statement of organization filed with the Arizona Secretary of State.

A trade name application for United for Mesa as a political action committee was filed March 18 with the applicant listed as Youssef Khalaf and a business address of P.O. Box 40992, Mesa, AZ 85274, according to the Arizona Secretary of State's website.

Mesa voters gathered signatures to put the item on a ballot, according to

a release from United for Mesa.

"In less than 30 days, hundreds of concerned Mesa voters took to their neighborhoods to gather thousands of signatures, inform their friends and family and insist that their perspective be heard in the process," leaders for United for Mesa said in a joint statement, with no names listed. "The great strength and energy of this movement comes from the many volunteers that live right here in Mesa that were willing to sacrifice countless hours to push back. Never underestimate the power of concerned citizens coming together. We expect the usual legal challenges from supporters of the ordinance who are concerned they won't get their way if voters actually have a say. But we are hopeful that the voices of Mesa residents will prevail and this important issue will be put to the ballot where it belongs."

The release describes the group as "a grassroots political action committee formed to give the people of Mesa a voice in important community decisions."

Response to filing

The nondiscrimination ordinance passed by the City Council is about equal treatment, not special treatment, said Angela Hughey, president of ONE Community, in a release.

"We are confident the coalition of support for the ordinance is far greater than signatures in opposition sub-

mitted today. The passage of the ordinance was the result of years of dialogue and support from businesses, first responders, families, community organizations, faith leaders and more. We are confident that Mesa will vote to keep the ordinance and protect all who live, work and visit Mesa," she said.

ONE Community is a member-based coalition of socially responsible businesses, organizations and individuals moving diversity, inclusion and equality for all Arizonans forward. It is committed to reshaping Arizona's image through educating, empowering and connecting the diverse LGBTQ and allied communities on the benefits of inclusion and its direct impact on attracting and retaining top talent and businesses — and thereby, ensuring the state's economic sustainability, according to the release.

"If the referendum qualifies for the ballot, I promise this will be a campaign about values; about the values we have in common as a community," Mesa Mayor John Giles said in the same release. "This will be a campaign to eradicate ignorance and increase awareness. Awareness that could lead to lives being saved among marginalized populations in our community. I am confident in our capacity to answer questions about the practical application of the NDO while also helping Mesa residents see the benefits of this ordinance."

Eastmark Skate Park construction bids due April 29

Bids are to be opened April 29 for businesses seeking to construct Eastmark Skate Park on 3.4 acres on the north side of Point Twenty-Two Boulevard between South Pasteur and South Carver.

The contract is for furnishing all labor, materials, transportation and services for the construction and/or installation of all improvements shown on the plans.

Skate park improvements include finish grading, storm drain, headwalls, gabion walls, concrete headers, sidewalk, site electrical, site lighting, pedestrian crosswalk, signage, landscape and irrigation, site furnishings, shaded seating and open field turf. Skate amenity features include a skate deck, skate steps and ramps, pump tracks for beginners

and intermediates, according to a public notice.

Bids are to be received electronically until 1 p.m. Thursday, April 29, at EngineeringBids@mesaz.gov in an unencrypted PDF attachment with a maximum file size of 20MB.

The skate park will be owned and maintained by the Eastmark Community Alliance.

"The Eastmark Skate Park is a key element of the Eastmark project and is intended to provide a major open space component for the entire community. This park is integrated into the entire Eastmark park system and will be a community focal point, gathering spot and social hub," the public notice states.



The skate park will be owned and maintained by the Eastmark Community Alliance. (File photo)

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Holocaust

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students to become up-standers, not bystanders,” Ms. Bronkesh said. “So that when students see bigotry, they will understand what those ramifications could be down the road.”

In January, state Rep. Alma Hernandez, D-Tucson, introduced a bill that would do just that.

House Bill 2241 would require Arizona schools to teach students about the Holocaust at least twice from the seventh to the 12th grade. The bill was approved 59-0 and now is working its way

through the Senate.

Rep. Hernandez last year introduced a similar bill that would have required more Holocaust education in grade schools. Although the bill cleared the House, the legislative session ended prematurely because of COVID-19.

“The survivors are getting older and older, many passing away,” Rep. Hernandez said in a news release. “We owe it to them and their memories to make sure students learn about what they endured.”

HB 2241 is just one of Rep. Hernandez’s latest initiatives meant to benefit local Jewish

communities. The representative recently worked with the Arizona Department of Health Services to provide COVID-19 vaccination appointments to more than 40 Arizona Holocaust survivors.

Although initiatives like these are new, the fight for Holocaust literacy has been long-standing, said Mr. Bell, with the historical society.

“People have been doing Holocaust education for decades and not getting a lot of attention for it,” he said. “Survivors have been in classrooms over and over again telling their stories and trying to make a dis-

tant historical event real in students’ lives.”

Ms. Bronkesh and Ms. Waller also are members of the Arizona Department of Education’s Task Force on the Holocaust and Other Genocides, which has developed resources and training for teachers. The task force’s webpage has a Holocaust education toolkit, recorded webinars and lesson plans.

“We know that teachers have a lot on their plate, so we wanted to make it as easy to find educational resources as possible,” Ms. Bronkesh said.

However, Mr. Bell said that the push for Holocaust edu-

cation isn’t just about passing history class — it’s also an initiative to help Arizonans build stronger emotional connections to World War II.

The next obstacle will be how to adequately tell the stories of Holocaust survivors after they pass away. The Arizona Jewish Historical Society plans to do this through opportunities outside of the traditional classroom setting.

The society conducts a series of free community programs that are open to the public, which give Holocaust survivors and their descendants platforms to speak.

The Surviving Humanity series also explores other instances of intolerance, oppression and genocide.

Plans to open a Holocaust education center in Phoenix also are in the works. Mr. Bell said an education center would allow younger generations to connect with Holocaust survivors and continue to learn their stories after they die.

“We’re trying to make it technologically innovative and incorporate the stories of local survivors,” he said, “so that the tradition of them visiting classrooms can be carried on, even after they’re gone.”

EDUCATION



A rendering of the parking lot at EVIT Power Campus, 6625 S. Power Road. (EVIT)



Workers in late 2020 at the EVIT Power Campus, 6625 S. Power Road. (EVIT)

EVIT

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“McCarthy is going to be a regular fixture over the next couple of meetings here for us as we continue the expansion out at the Power Road campus,” Dr. Wilson said.

“When we are creating the expansion, we know that there needed to be additional chillers in order for the new spaces to be able to be adequately cooled.

The challenge became one of the existing chillers and its size as well as some of the deficiencies within the chiller, so the conversation became ‘When do we schedule replacing that chiller?’” he said. “It is much more advantageous for us if we’re going to have to replace the ... existing chiller to do it in the context of when we’re already having that space open — when they’re already in there working on the facilities plant.”

Most if not all of the replacement cost for the chiller will be done within the expansion’s budget, he said.

“(T)hrough the contingencies and through cost-effectiveness in terms of their planning and their construction ... we will be able to absorb — if not all, close to all of — the cost of that chiller within the context of this project,” Dr. Wilson said.

A parking lot has been

completed and is being used by students, said Joey Gornik of McCarthy Construction during the Feb. 8 EVIT Governing Board meeting.

“We are now under construction into the aviation building .. the foundations are in place,” he said. “It’s going to be a beautiful building, and when you pull into campus it will be the first thing you’ll see. It’s going to be awesome.”



A map of the expansion area at the EVIT Power Campus, 6625 S. Power Road. (EVIT)

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Alton Brown (CGC, special to Independent Newsmedia)

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Brown or the Beyond The Eats tour can be found on Facebook @altonbrown; Twitter @altonbrown; Instagram @altonbrown; or use the tour hashtag #AltonBrownLive.

Those with an appetite for more Mr. Brown can find additional show and ticketing information at www.altonbrownlive.com.

Mesa Arts Center's theaters will reopen informed by CDC guidelines, state health department guidelines and best practices. Masks will be required

of all visitors 6 and older. Hand sanitizer stations will be readily available, and extra cleanings of high-touch areas will occur throughout the event, the release states.

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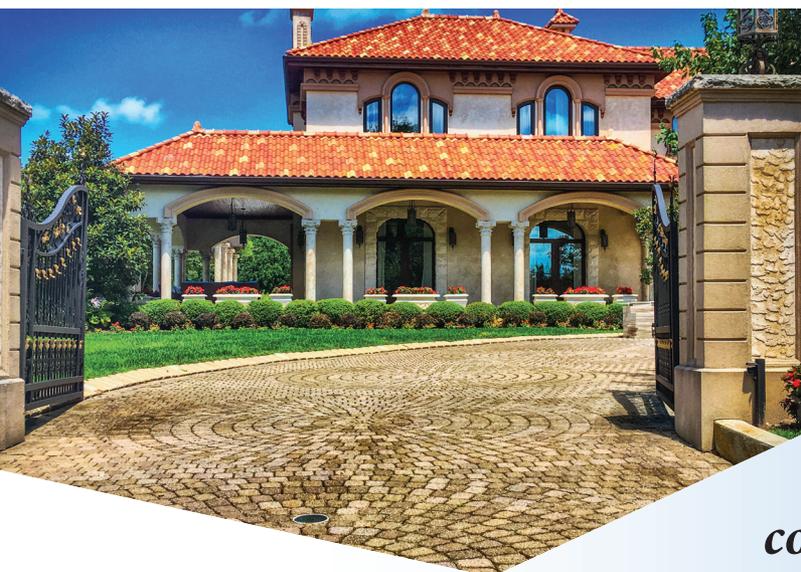
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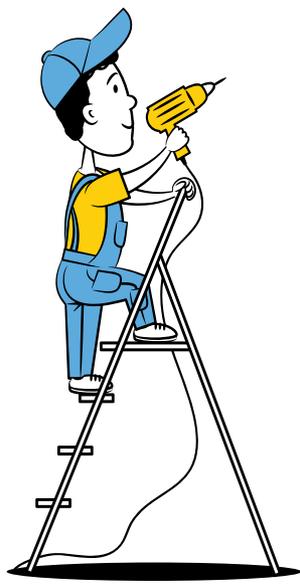
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