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through Meetup.com, an online platform that brings people together to make friends, pursue passions and learn new things. Joining Meetup.com is free but many individual groups charge annual fees. Over 50 Singles of Central Phoenix costs $5 a year to join and is for anyone who is single and at least 50 years old.

The group meets at area restaurants for dinners, lunches and happy hours, Its events are private and only open to members.

To learn more , visit www.meetup.com.

Beatitudes Campus adds more patio homes

Beatitudes Campus at 1610 W. Glendale Ave. is building 34 new patio homes, which likely will be ready early next year. All but four had been leased as of late August. The campus currently has 11 patio homes but demand has been strong enough to launch the additional development.

There are three floor plans that vary in terms of number of bedrooms, bathrooms and square footage. Every patio home has an attached garage and new residents have their choice of finishes with many upgrades available.

Beatitudes Campus residents, who must be at least 62 years old, live in apartments and patio homes and assisting living, as well as access memory support, rehabilitation, skilled nursing and long-term care.

To learn more, visit https://beatitudescampus.org.

Kids & Families

Interfaith experience educates kids in fun way

Kids ages 7 to 12 can get a look at four different, major world religions at a special event at Changing Hands Bookstore on Sunday, Sept. 8.

A Kids Interfaith Experience will be held from 3-5 p.m. at the bookstore at 300 W. Camelback Road. Kids will learn about the origins and the basic belief structures and practices of Islam, Sikhism, Judaism and Hinduism along with cultural aspects of these religions including language and music.

The cost to attend the Kids Interfaith Experience is $10 per child. To buy tickets, visit www.changinghands.com.

Poster contest to highlight dangers of opioid misuse

Children and teens around the state can learn about opioid abuse and design posters to help raise awareness of the problem through the OpiEnd Youth Challenge poster contest, which is aimed at increasing awareness about opioid misuse and prevention of opioid abuse. Students ages 9 to 14 years old are invited to design a poster to help boost awareness of the issue for a chance to win prizes.

Entries will be judged at the state and national levels, with monetary prizes for the winners' schools or clubs and a savings bond for the winning student applicant. The school or nonprofit organization that helped the Arizona winner enter the competition will receive a $1,000 prize. The national winner will receive $5,000.

The deadline to enter is Sept. 20. For more details, visit www.opiendyouthchallenge.com.

Girls Scouts expand badge offerings

Local girls have more ways and incentives to boost their STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) skills and explore rock climbing, backpacking, skiing and other outdoor adventures in North Central Phoenix and around the state.

Girl Scouts-Arizona Cactus-Pine Council (GSACPC), which is actively recruiting new troop leaders and forming new troops, has announced it will launch 42 new badges for girls in grades K-12. new categories include Cybersecurity, Space Science and Think Like a Citizen Scientist.

There are 101 different Girl Scout troops and 1,196 girls who are members in North Central Phoenix. Many Girl Scout events are being held in the area this month, including a Daisy Chemistry Patch Workshop from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 7, at the Arizona Science Center at 600 E. Washington St. Girls will explore chemistry as they discover states of matter while making chemical concoctions. In order to participate, an adult must register with each girl. The cost is $5-$18.

To learn more about Girl Scouts, visit www.girlscoutsaz.org.

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