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## Tree project brings neighborhood together

By Kathryn M. Miller

Whether it is planting trees for shade and beautification or tackling issues with broader implications, the success of any neighborhood association begins with neighbors getting to know one another. From there, the work begins.

In the Westtown Amended Neighborhood, bounded by Pierson Street south to Campbell Avenue and 19th to 17th Avenue, neighbors gathered in January to plant 68 trees that their neighborhood association obtained through the city of Phoenix Community Canopy grant – a program sponsored by the Office of Heat Response and Mitigation.

The association’s mission is to “open communication to build community, educate residents and increase pride of residency,” and throughout the grant process, longtime Westtown resident Laura Harper put that mission into action. She served as the tree grant coordinator and from city and neighborhood meetings to posting flyers and coordinating the various planting schedules to organizing a Jan. 17 celebration, she and other neighborhood volunteers spent months on the project.

“We would not even have received these trees if it weren’t for [Laura and her mother],” said Jennifer Flores, another neighborhood volunteer. “I’m so grateful for them.”

She added, “For 16 years, we have been proud to **please see TREES on page 6**



A vacant lot off of 3rd Street and Townley Avenue will become the new home to Phoenix Fire Station No. 7, a modern, two-story station that will double the current station’s personnel and equipment capacity (rendering courtesy of LEA – Architects, LLC/Phoenix Fire Department).

## New fire station coming to Sunnyslope

By Kathryn M. Miller

Fire Station No. 7 is the busiest station not just in Phoenix, but in the entire state, responding to more than 6,000 calls annually. And as the city’s population continues to grow, the first responders at that station and others are being stretched thin – increasing response times and stress on personnel. However, thanks to voter approved funding, Phoenix and its dedicated fire and emergency response crews are getting a much-needed upgrade.

On Nov. 7, 2023, Phoenix voters passed the City Council approved \$500 million General Obligation (GO) Bond Program. GO Bond programs help to fund critical infrastructure and rehabilitation needs of city facilities such as parks, libraries, fire and police stations, affordable housing, streets and storm drains. Approved projects are prioritized and allocated over the five-year period of 2024-25 to 2028-29 and included in the annual Preliminary Capital Improvement Program (CIP) presented to council each spring.

One of those approved projects is the ground-up build of a new Fire Station No. 7, which has been housed at 403 E.

Hatcher Road since 1966. The new location is on just over an acre of city acquired vacant land at 3rd Street and Townley Avenue. The \$21,263,730 funding allows for the replacement of Station No. 7 and upgrade to the existing station for later use by the Community Assistance Program (CAP), which has 20 units that serve the community across Phoenix.

The new construction will be an 18,000 square foot, two-story, four-bay fire station, which will support additional emergency response personnel (up to 12 from 6) and equipment. The funds will also allow the Fire Department to acquire two new apparatus (one ladder and one rescue vehicle). Beyond improved function, the station design also focuses on the health and

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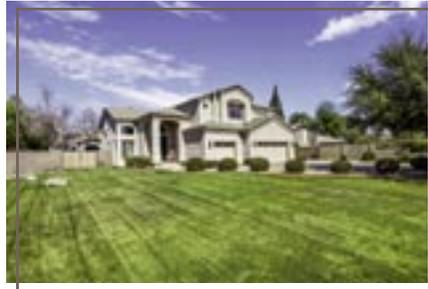
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I also would contend that in order to save our planet, we inhabitants are going to have to learn how to work together. One way to begin is to step outside of your house (and perhaps your comfort zone) and get to know your neighbors. This is a theme we have been focusing on this year and we continue with this month’s cover feature about a neighborhood shade tree project.

Related, I spoke with a reader who attended a March solid waste rate increase presentation. She is not happy with the proposed increase, and further, lamented the fact that people throw away far too many still usable items. I agree. Phoenix has many thrift and resale stores that would gladly take your usable goods (and even deconstructed items). Composting and proper recycling also helps alleviate the burden on landfills – it just takes thoughtful action on our part. In the meantime, council will vote on the rate increase on Earth Day, April 22.

As always, you will find news from our North Central neighbors, businesses and schools, along with places to eat and drink, our pet of the month and a wide variety of things to do in Phoenix.

We hope you enjoy our April issue, and until month, all my best,

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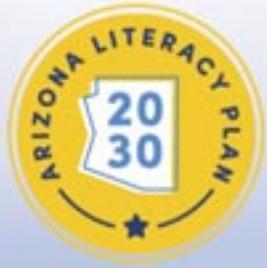
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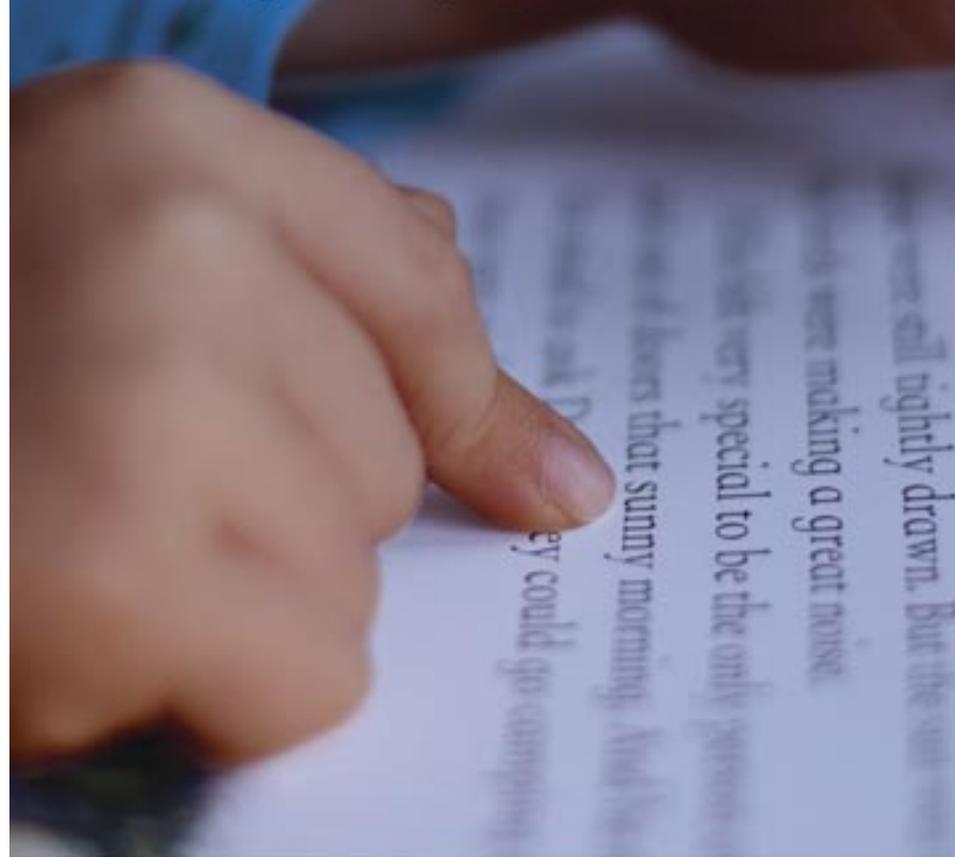
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As part of a major renovation set for North Mountain Park, the Penny Howe Barrier Free Nature Trail will be moved and expanded (photo by Kathryn M. Miller).

## Park renovation set to begin this year

By Kathryn M. Miller

Phoenix is home to more than 41,000 acres of desert parks and mountain preserves, and 200-plus miles of trails, with millions of people enjoying city trails every year. And one of the busiest trails in the city is Trail 44, a 1.6-mile trail that circles North Mountain Park, on the west side of 7th Street at Peoria Avenue.

At 2,104 feet, North Mountain is an easily recognizable landmark in the north Valley skyline. In addition to Trail 44, the mountain offers a wide array of options for hikers of all abilities and boasts amazing summit climbs. But the park itself, which was built in the 1950s as a Maricopa County Park and joined the Phoenix Parks system in the 1970s, has seen better days.

So, in late 2022, the City of Phoenix Parks & Recreation Department began collecting community surveys, holding public meetings, and an extensive design and review process began to bring much-needed updates to the popular park.

The park master plan was approved in November 2023; design began in July 2025 and the city council finalized project funding – not to exceed \$30 million – in December 2025.

“We’re really close to our 60 percent design drawing,” said Jarod Rogers, the deputy director of the Natural Resources Division of the Parks and Recreation Department. “By the end of September or October, we intend to have our full construction documents with the intent to start construction by the end of this calendar year – likely December.”

Planned improvements include

new, expanded restrooms; expanded shade canopies and improvements to existing picnic areas; pedestrian path and trail improvements; automatic gates; a new irrigation system; restored vegetation areas; chilled drinking fountains with bottle fillers; and ice machines to assist first responders during rescue efforts, among others.

Rogers also noted that excess asphalt will be removed during the renovation, reducing heat and improving aesthetics. Cars will no longer have access to the top portion of the park and by replacing asphalt with natural surfaces, hikers will have a cooler walk and not have to contend with vehicles. In addition, the playground, which was closed two years ago due its age and state of deterioration, will return better than ever, with a nature theme and shade structure.

Another aspect of the renovation is the expansion and redesign of the Penny Howe Barrier Free Nature Trail. The plan is to move the trail to the southwest portion of the park and to refine it with improved interpretive exhibits, learning opportunities, and interactive signage that promotes engagement. Accessibility for all park patrons will remain front and center of the trail design.

The renovation will require a complete closure of the park, and the work is anticipated to take a full year. In the meantime, residents can visit the North Mountain Visitor Center (<https://northmountainvisitorcenter.org>) to access the other side of the mountain, or explore nearby Lookout Mountain or Dreamy Draw Recreation Area.

Visit [www.phoenix.gov/administration/departments/parks/activities-facilities/trails.html](http://www.phoenix.gov/administration/departments/parks/activities-facilities/trails.html) to find a link to the North Mountain Park project page.

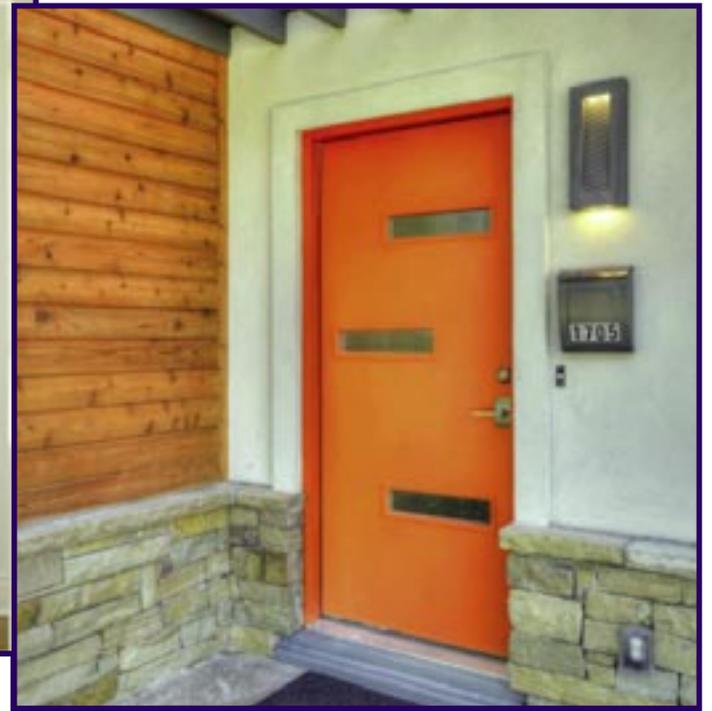
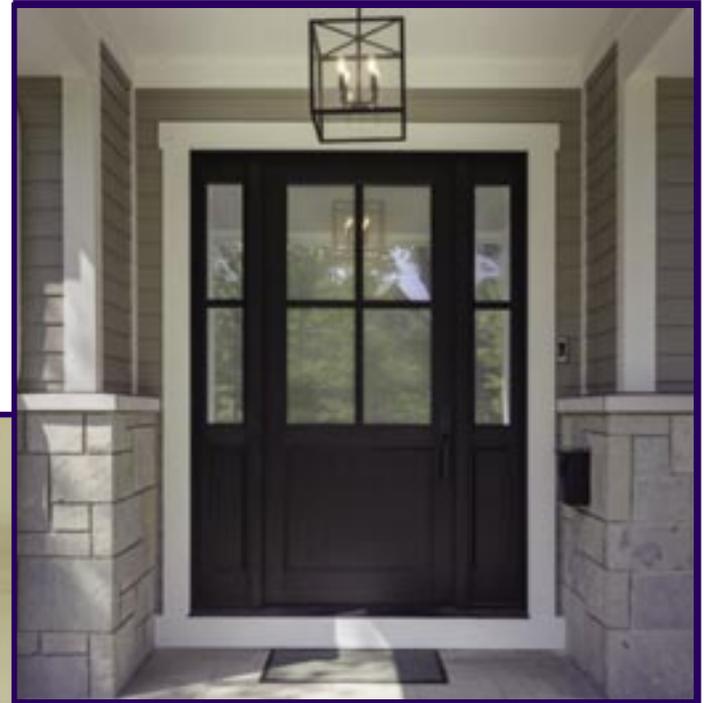
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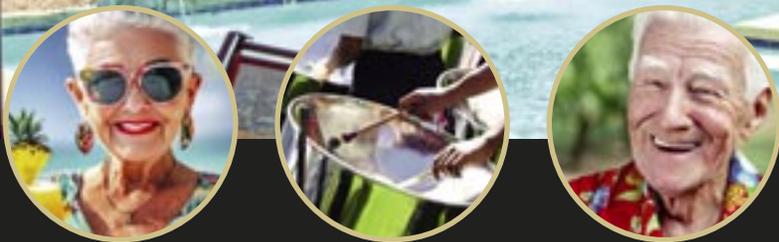
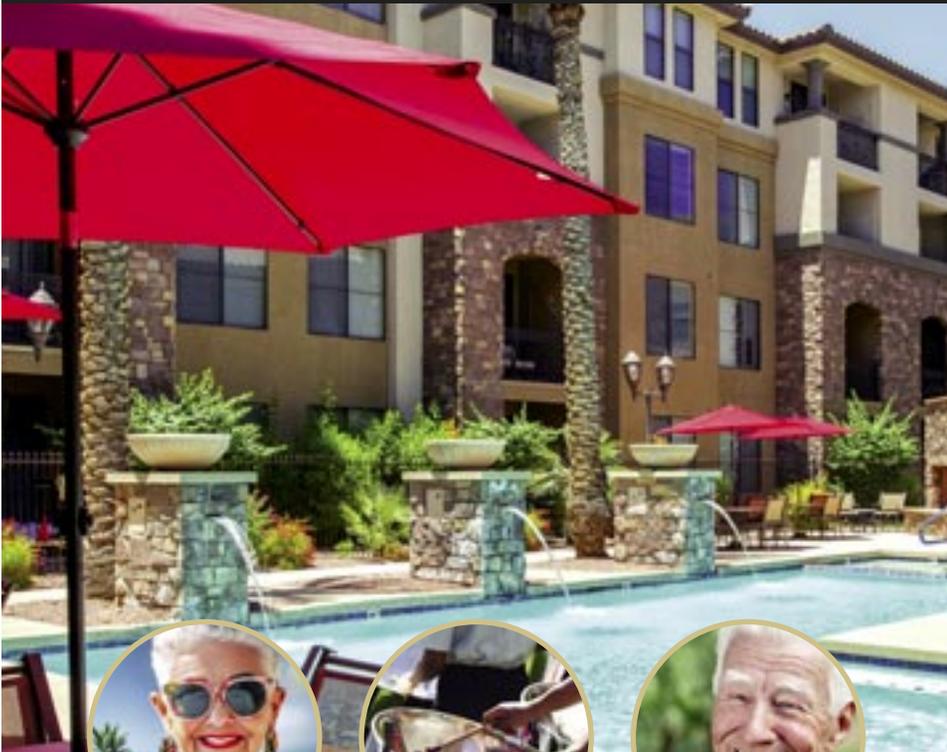
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Westown Amended neighbors came together earlier this year to celebrate a Community Canopy grant sponsored by the Phoenix Office of Heat Response and Mitigation – and to help plant dozens of trees across their neighborhood (submitted photo). a

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call this neighborhood home. We originally fell in love with the undeniable mid-century Phoenix charm, the convenient commute, and the incredibly welcoming, community-oriented neighbors – some of whom have lived on these streets since the 1970s. We were instantly drawn to our house because it still had its beautiful, original built-in cabinets and the classic architectural details that define a 1950s Ralph Staggs Holiday Home.

“For us, participating in the tree canopy grant program is about preserving that rich history and making our streets more livable. Over the years, the urban heat island effect has claimed several of our established trees. By planting new, heat-tolerant shade, we can replace what was lost, ensuring our historic neighborhood remains welcoming and walkable even during those critical summer months.”

Many of the neighbors agree, including Adam E. and Albert G., who expressed their pride to live in a forward-thinking neighborhood that truly cares, “We appreciate the city’s efforts to think ahead when it comes to heat mitigation, especially when our neighborhood is an urban heat island. We’re excited to see how these trees grow, transform the community and complement the recently installed cool pavement.”

Another homeowner, Anna Aviles, was grateful to the city of Phoenix for the tree grant award, “Not only will it help reduce heat and provide much-needed shade, but it has also brought our community together,” she said. “It’s

given us the chance to connect, appreciate our beautiful surroundings and build stronger relationships with one another. I’ve lived in this neighborhood for 25 years, and now more than ever, it has never looked more beautiful.”

Harper said that the enthusiastic support and the opportunity to get to know her neighbors better was a welcome result of the program.

“A lot of the neighbors I know, some of the neighbors who came to the tree celebration I had never met before, so that was nice. And when we drive through the neighborhood now it’s, ‘look, they’ve got two trees and that one has a tree in their yard.’ It feels really good.”

For the remainder of the year, association leaders will work to get more people involved as they address other neighborhood challenges. Westown residents can get involved by contacting leadership at [westownamended@gmail.com](mailto:westownamended@gmail.com).

“Small steps can make big changes,” Harper added. “If we can keep half the trees alive, then in a couple of years the neighborhood will have at least 30 to 40 new trees growing. It’s not a huge neighborhood, but it will make a difference. And if every small neighborhood could make small changes, then it can become a big change.”

But it all begins with stepping outside of your house and getting to know your neighbors. Residents who would like to find an existing neighborhood association in their area – or create one – can start with the City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department. Learn more online at [www.phoenix.gov/administration/departments/nsd/get-involved.html](http://www.phoenix.gov/administration/departments/nsd/get-involved.html).



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The design process is about 75 percent complete, according to a March 18 presentation to the North Mountain Village Planning Committee by Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Schripsema, project manager Silvio Vaninetti and architect Lance Enyart, principal at LEA – Architects, LLC, the area firm behind the design.

Once the plans are finalized, the permitting and approval process is anticipated to take about four months, with construction optimistically projected to begin by the end of 2026.

Construction is expected to take about a year. Once the new station is open, it will take an anticipated four to five months to complete building modifications on the Hatcher Road property to prepare for the transfer to CAP, with an anticipated 2027-28 occupancy.

For information or to track the progress of other GO Bond projects, visit [www.phoenix.gov/administration/departments/budget/general-obligation-bond.html](http://www.phoenix.gov/administration/departments/budget/general-obligation-bond.html).

**SR 51 pavement project is underway**

A project to improve the pavement surface along State Route 51 between the Interstate 10 “Mini-Stack” interchange and Shea Boulevard in Phoenix began the weekend of March 13-16, and is expected to take approximately six months to complete.

The pavement rehabilitation project by the Arizona Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Maricopa Association of Governments, will run along a 9.5-mile section of State Route 51, between

Interstate 10 (Papago Freeway) and Shea Boulevard. The purpose is to extend the life of the pavement and improve the driving experience and safety.

The SR 51, I-10 to Shea Boulevard Pavement Rehabilitation project is included in the Regional Transportation Plan for Maricopa County and funded through Proposition 479, a countywide dedicated half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements approved by voters in 2024.

This work began with a series of weekend closures along SR 51 so crews can remove the top layer of older, worn asphalt pavement along the nearly 10-mile stretch. They also will use the concrete pavement treatment known as diamond grinding to provide a smoother ride. The process adds small grooves to the pavement to help limit tire noise.

The \$17.8 million project is scheduled for completion this fall. In addition to weekend closures, the work will require weeknight lane and ramp restrictions or closures.

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Customer favorite Barney M. (right), along with longtime Denny's manager Joe Hunt, are ready to celebrate Barney's Day in April – a recognition of the hardworking bus boy's 48th year at the diner, He is the longest serving bus boy in Denny's history (submitted photo)

### Denny's celebrates Barney's Day

The Denny's restaurant at 7th Street and Camelback Road celebrates the hardworking and customer favorite Barney M's 48th year in April. Barney holds the distinction of being the longest serving bus boy in Denny's corporate history.

The public is invited to this momentous occasion, held from 2 to 10 p.m., Wednesday, April 8. During the event, 20 percent of all dine-in and take-out checks will benefit Lura Turner Homes for Adults with Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities.

For additional information about Lura Turner Homes, call 602-943-4789 or visit [www.luraturnerhomes.org](http://www.luraturnerhomes.org).

### Cross Roads holds community events

Cross Roads United Methodist Church and various community organizations will host a family-friendly Community Care & Wellness Night on Saturday, April 18, from 5 to 10 p.m., at 7901 N. Central Ave.

This free event will include health and wellness screenings along with food trucks/vendors (for purchase). The first 300 individuals to complete three free screenings will receive a \$5 voucher to use at the food trucks.

Prior to the wellness event, the church will host Easter Sunday events on April 5. The schedule includes Sunrise Service on the lawn at 6 a.m.; Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.; and a Pancake Breakfast at 10:30 a.m., which will be followed by an Easter Egg Hunt.

Cross Roads United Methodist Church is located at 7901 N. Central

Ave. For more information, call 602-944-1524 or visit <https://crossroad-sphx.com>.

### Budget hearings underway

The Phoenix city manager presented the 2026-27 City Manager's Trial Budget for Phoenix City Council consideration Tuesday, March 24, and starting March 30, the city began hosting a series of 12 Community Budget Hearings to gather feedback on the proposed 2026-27 Trial Budget.

Two of these hearings will be held both virtually and in-person in City Council Chambers (April 11 and 16). Meetings in North Central include Steele Indian School Park, April 1, Devonshire Senior Center, April 6, and Sunnyslope Community Center, April 9. Find meeting details at [www.phoenix.gov/calendar/budget-events.html](http://www.phoenix.gov/calendar/budget-events.html).

### Explore Melrose at First Friday event

Residents are invited to eat, shop and play local in the Melrose District on the First Friday of April. Join the fun and festivities, check out local artists, and enjoy the music and food from 6 to 10 p.m. on Friday, April 3. The event is free to attend and pet friendly.

Melrose First Friday is a monthly neighborhood block party and art walk along 7th Avenue from Indian School Road to Camelback Road. The Melrose District will be alive with vendors, food trucks, art, DJs, drag shows and local entertainment.

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### City prepares for summer heat response

On Tuesday, Feb. 24, the mayor and city council approved the 2026 Heat Response Plan as a part of the city of Phoenix’s continued heat relief efforts.

Last summer, confirmed heat-related deaths in Maricopa County were approximately 30 percent lower than reported for 2024, marking the second consecutive year of declines. The Phoenix Fire Department saw a reduction in the severity of heat-related illnesses and deaths this season. Although 911 heat-related calls remained high, fewer cases required significant resources.

As part of the 2026 Plan, the city will continue to operate a 24/7 respite center at 20 W. Jackson Street. Additionally, Phoenix will partner with Justa Center, 1001 W. Jefferson St., who will offer cooling center hours from 3-9 p.m. Both locations are within the Downtown Phoenix areas where there were increased 911 calls. The sites also will offer a cool space for residents as well as navigation services to connect people experiencing homelessness with resources, and transportation to shelter or other services as needed.

The city will offer extended hours at Cholla Library, 10050 N. Metro Parkway East, until 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon-9 p.m. on Sundays and holidays. This location will offer full library services during extended hours.

The city will partner with UMOM New Day Centers on a referral basis for families who visit one of the extended hour or 24-hour locations to provide heat respite and connections to resources and services for families with minor children experiencing homelessness seven days per week.

The 2026 Plan also includes a part-

nership with other organizations and departments to help raise awareness about heat. The American Red Cross will perform outreach in mobile home and senior communities to provide safety information and resources.

Park Stewards and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will conduct outreach at select trail-heads throughout the summer. Volunteers will be stationed at Camelback Mountain, Piestewa Peak, and South Mountain every Saturday from May 1 to Sept. 30, between 7 and 10 a.m., providing heat safety education and cold water to trail users.

The city will execute its Heat Response Programs and Services beginning May 1. Learn more at [www.phoenix.gov/administration/departments/heat.html](http://www.phoenix.gov/administration/departments/heat.html).

### Neighbors host Music in the Park

The Carnation Association of Neighbors invites the community to its third annual Music in the Park celebration on Sunday, April 12, at Steele Indian School Park, 300 E. Indian School Road, which offers the opportunity to soak up good music, great company and community spirit.

The free family-friendly event, held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., takes place on the amphitheater and along the north edge of the Circle of Life. Enjoy live performances by two outstanding Phoenix bands, with a DJ spinning tunes between sets. Kids will love the face-painting station and bounce house, while adults can explore a variety of local vendors and sample treats from several food trucks.

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## Pet of the Month

### Gorgeous Sheena needs a temporary home

While the Arizona Humane Society is known for caring for the Valley's sick, injured and abused pets, the shelter is also dedicated to helping keep owned pets in their loving homes when possible. From resources to low-cost services, there are many ways the Arizona Humane Society works to do this including its owned animal foster program – Project Home Away From Home.

Project Home Away From Home is an essential part of supporting our community's pet parents. This temporary foster program provides a safe haven for pet owners in a critical time of need and facing housing instability, domestic violence, other crises or even deployed with the military. By becoming a foster hero for pets in this program, you are not only opening your heart and home to these pets, but you are also standing alongside fellow pet owners in our community who need our support now more than ever.

Pets like Sheena (pet number



838555), a gorgeous 10-year-old Rottweiler mix whose family is experiencing troubles with housing, leaving her in need of a foster home for a few months (photo courtesy of Arizona Humane Society).

838555), a gorgeous 10-year-old Rottweiler mix whose family is unfortunately experiencing troubles with housing, benefit from the program. While they are working to secure stability, Sheena will need temporary foster for a few months. Sheena will need an understanding family that allows her to adjust while in her new space and would do best meeting the other pets in the home.

One of the biggest issues people tend to have with fostering pets is they

fear they will fall in love and want to adopt them all. A great part of this program is knowing you are not only helping pets in need but also play an important part of helping them reunite with their loving family.

To learn more about the Arizona Humane Society's Foster Hero programs visit [www.azhumane.org/foster](http://www.azhumane.org/foster).

## AAWL offers support and opportunities

The Arizona Animal Welfare League's (AAWL) Community Clinic is a low-cost veterinary clinic that offers pet families access to low-cost prevention and wellness services.

The clinic, located at 30 N. 40th Place, is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. every Saturday and focuses on services such as vaccines, flea/tick/heartworm treatment, nail trims, ear infections and other wellness care. Contact the clinic at 602-358-7267 or visit [www.aawl.org/cvc-services](http://www.aawl.org/cvc-services) to schedule an appointment.

This month, residents who would like to support AAWL's efforts are invited to purchase raffle tickets for a chance

to have their pet featured on a custom beer can. Now through April 7, residents can purchase one raffle ticket for \$50 or three tickets for \$100 for a chance to see their pet on thousands of Ale Wagger cans. Plus, the winner will get to celebrate in style with friends and family at the launch party later this year – a fun day filled with beer, food, and puppies. Visit <https://aawl.org/blog/test-your-luck-ale-wagger-beer-can> to enter.

There are also dozens of adorable adoptable dogs and cats at AAWL's main shelter and off-site locations. Find a new best friend at [www.aawl.org/content/meet-your-match-adopt-dog-or-cat](http://www.aawl.org/content/meet-your-match-adopt-dog-or-cat).

## Restaurants hold pet adoption events

Locally-owned restaurant group POV Foods is partnering with animal rescue organizations to host pet-friendly adoption events and fundraisers in honor of National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day, Thursday, April 30. The events will be held at several of its Arizona restaurants, all known for wel-



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Known for their hospitality, food and photogenic dog-friendly patio, 32 Shea will host a pet adoption event on Thursday, April 30 (photo courtesy of POV Foods).

coming dogs on their patios. The events invite guests to meet adoptable pets, support local rescue groups and enjoy food and drinks while spending time with their four-legged friends. Each location's patio is designed with pups in mind, featuring artificial turf areas and playful toy fire hydrants where dogs can relax alongside their owners.

In north Phoenix, 32 Shea will host an adoption event beginning at 4 p.m. on its dog-friendly patio with live music and local pet vendors. Participating partners include Home Fur Good, Desert Dog Project and Pet Supplies Plus, which will host a booth and provide donation bags for new adopters.

Same-day adoptions may be available at the Phoenix event depending on the interview process. Adoption fees typically range from about \$150 for senior dogs to \$250 to \$350 for younger dogs, with some purebred dogs priced higher.

The eatery will provide water, pup cups and complimentary lunch or dinner entrees to guests who adopt a dog that day.

32 Shea, located at 10626 N. 32nd St., features For additional information, call 602-867-7432 or visit [www.32shea.com](http://www.32shea.com).

Other POV Foods locations hosting adoption events include Red, White & Brew in Prescott and Lakeside Bar & Grill in Peoria.

## Humane Society offers vet care, more

Every pet deserves a loving home – and every family deserves the support they need to keep their best friend by their

side, the Arizona Humane Society (AHS) says. With that in mind, the organization offers a range of resources designed to keep pets and people together.

Among its many services, AHS now offers online veterinary appointments for pets located in Arizona. The medical team can answer questions about a pet's health through a convenient video call. Thanks to the Patricia L. Fontana Family, AHS offers these services at a reduced fee for a limited time. Visit [www.azhumane.org/online-vet-care](http://www.azhumane.org/online-vet-care).

In addition, the knowledgeable veterinarians and caring staff at AHS' two full-service clinics strive to keep your pet healthy and happy, offering wellness care, vaccinations and medical exams. Using state-of-the-art equipment and diagnostic tools while continuing to offer affordable pet care for the community. Visit [www.azhumane.org/all-veterinary-services](http://www.azhumane.org/all-veterinary-services).

Finally, with high temperatures in Phoenix already hitting the 100-degree mark in March, AHS offers guidance to families to help keep pets safe over the summer months.

From breaking down the dangers of tethering dogs outside (scorching summer temps turn deadly quickly and tethered dogs can easily become tangled, trapped without water, food or shelter) to explaining the signs of heat stroke in pets and providing guidance on how to prevent paw burns on Phoenix's hot sidewalks (if it is too hot for bare feet, it is too hot for bare paws), AHS offers practical and helpful guidance to pet parents.

Find heat safety information and resources by visiting [www.azhumane.org/heat-safety-tips-for-pets](http://www.azhumane.org/heat-safety-tips-for-pets).



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The knowledgeable staff at Stinkweeds, an independent record store located at 12 W. Camelback Road, will celebrate Record Store Day with the community on Saturday, April 18. Special release titles will be available during the event (photo courtesy of Stinkweeds).

**Record Store Day  
celebrates 'local'**

By Kathryn M. Miller

The semi-annual celebration of vinyl records, and the independent stores that sell them, returns to stores across Phoenix and around the world on Saturday, April 18. Record Store Day (RSD) was established in 2008 to “celebrate the culture of the independently owned record store.” Held on one Saturday every April and every Black Friday in November, the day brings together fans, artists and thousands of record stores around the world.

A big draw each year: the special release titles made available at these brick-and-mortar stores during the event. The Record Store Day 2026 Official List has been released, and participating Phoenix stores have placed their orders. Shoppers will need to check in with their local shop to see which titles are available, but you can get a taste of this year’s offerings online at <https://recordstoreday.com/specialreleases>.

After the big day, record stores may choose to sell from their websites or from their marketplace accounts so they can reach customers further out. That starts on Sunday, April 19.

“We definitely recommend looking at store websites and accounts rather than buying from flippers,” RSD says on their website. “Maybe start at [www.rsdmrkt.com](http://www.rsdmrkt.com), which is kind of

like a 24-hour record fair, and all the booths are cool record stores!”

Participating stores in and around the North Central area include Stinkweeds at 12 W. Camelback Road (602-248-9461, [www.stinkweeds.com](http://www.stinkweeds.com)); The ‘In’ Groove at 3300 N. 24th St. (602-957-2453, [www.theingroove.com](http://www.theingroove.com)); Tracks in Wax Records at 4741 N. Central Ave. (602-890-7870, [www.tracksinwaxrecords.com](http://www.tracksinwaxrecords.com)).

Sadly, Candy & Records, which is located at 9402 N. Central Ave. and participated last year, announced on February 26 their imminent closure. A social media post read in part, “It is with a heavy heart that we announce the upcoming closure of Candy & Records. With the constant rising cost of rent and inventory, we just cannot sustain it any longer. March 2026 will be our final month of having a brick-and-mortar location, then we will have a limited, online presence.” Patrons can keep up with their next move at [www.facebook.com/candyandrecords](http://www.facebook.com/candyandrecords).

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**Phoenix announces \$21.5M in film spending**

Film production in the Greater Phoenix area generated \$21.5 million in spending during the 2025 calendar year, according to the City of Phoenix Film

Office’s latest Direct Spending Report, which was released in late February. The report accounts for all aspects of film production and includes expenditures on local goods and services.

Last year, the Valley was home to 906 production projects, ranging from commercials, television shows and feature and corporate films to social media content, documentaries and still photography. Those projects resulted in 1,088 shoot days, and the work of 2,633 local crew members and 1,686 local talent. It also generated 4,138 hotel night bookings. All data is compiled from surveys sent to productions that shot in Phoenix, as well as local production companies.

“Every production that chooses Phoenix brings jobs, investment, and visibility to our great city,” Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego said. “I am proud to support this thriving sector and the talented professionals who make it all possible. I look forward to seeing continued growth in Phoenix’s film industry and the opportunities it brings to our residents.”

The film industry in Phoenix is largely fueled by productions for com-

mercials, the city said. Since 2012, the Phoenix Film Office has directly worked on 638 commercial productions, generating \$65.4 million in direct spending. That dollar amount equates to nearly 50 percent of all production money spent during that timeframe.

“Our streamlined permitting process, 24/7 access, year-round sunshine and iconic landscapes continue to attract producers and directors from around the world,” said Phil Bradstock, commissioner of the Phoenix Film Office. “While the term ‘Film Office’ conjures images of movies and TV shows, Phoenix truly is a commercial production town, and the bulk of the work comes from that side of the industry and is an area for which we’re continuously recruiting clients.”

For more information on film production in Phoenix, visit [www.film-phoenix.com](http://www.film-phoenix.com).

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It's been an interesting start to the spring season here in Phoenix. We saw record-breaking heat in March, right in the middle of Spring Training, forcing games to move from the afternoon into the evening. For many of us, that felt like a first and a reminder that Phoenix has always been a city that evolves in real time.

Truth is, "firsts" aren't new here.

I watched my father, Herb Lieb, open one of Phoenix's first private nightclubs, The Jockey Club, at a time when the city was still finding its identity. There has always been an energy here around trying something new and moving the city forward.

We're seeing that again today.

Amazon's Zoox, a new autonomous vehicle company, has announced its expansion into Phoenix, joining Waymo and others already operating here. Testing is beginning downtown, with more to follow. Phoenix continues to position itself at the forefront of what's next and that momentum is showing up in real estate as well.

Construction has resumed on the One Camelback tower at Central Avenue and Camelback Road, with completion targeted within the next year. It's another clear sign of continued investment and confidence in Uptown and the North Central corridor.

Closer to home, Robert Joffe and I are working with builders on select new construction opportunities right in the heart of North Central. These are thoughtfully designed luxury homes where buyers can step in early and be part of the process from the beginning.

What does this mean for our market? We are seeing a steady return to balance. Demand is rebuilding. Inventory is becoming more manageable. Pricing is stabilizing. For sellers, conditions have improved from 2025, but execution still matters. Buyers are focused on value, condition, and move-in readiness. Homes that are well-prepared and priced appropriately are moving. Those that stretch too far are adjusting.

And beyond the numbers, a home remains one of the most meaningful investments we make, not just financially, but in how we live. The right neighborhood, the right setting, and a true sense of community carry value well beyond the market itself. That's where North Central continues to stand apart. We remain the heart of an evolving Phoenix.

If you would like to chat about the market, take a look at new construction, or simply see what your home could sell for, give me a call. I would love to meet with you.

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Dr. Barbie Firkus, Madison No. 1 Middle School, was one of more than a dozen educators who recently received a classroom grant as part of the Madison Education Foundation's Fall Education Teacher's Grant cycle (photo courtesy of Madison School District).

## Teachers awarded record level of grants

The Madison Education Foundation recently concluded its Fall Education Teacher's Grant cycle, awarding a record-breaking \$11,182 to support innovative classroom projects across the district. This marks the largest single grant cycle award total in the foundation's history, the organization said.

The grants are awarded to Madison teachers to help bring new and exciting projects to their classrooms. This year, grant money was used for STEAM projects, dance rooms, art supplies, MakerSpaces and more.

Teachers at six Madison schools received the grants, including Scott Sefranka, Courtney Flowers, Hugo Estrada-Duran, Cynthia Bradley, Michael Vontsolos, Sara Wingard, Marlo Johnson and Kaylene Bauman at Madison Meadows Middle School; Leigh Seibert, Sheila O'Connor, Crystal Di'Pede and Regina Francis at Madison Traditional Academy; Nicole Belden, Hannah Roussin and Denyse Diehl, Deena Woods and Kimberly Grubler, Kelly Borrego and Abbe Stormer at Madison Simis Elementary School; Sara Daffe, and Julie Thibodeaux at Madison Park Middle School; the 3rd Grade Team and Jessie McKinley at Madison Camelview Elementary School; and Dr. Barbie Firkus at Madison No. 1 Middle School.

Residents who would like to support the organization's future efforts are invited to attend the Denim and Diamonds Gala fundraiser, set for Saturday, April 25, 6-10 p.m., at the Madison Center for the Arts, 5601 N. 16th St. Guests will enjoy casino style games, cocktails, food, live music, silent auction and more. The goal of the evening is to raise \$125,000 to enhance education throughout the Madison School District.

The Madison Education Foundation AZ, a nonprofit 501(c)(3), is dedicated to enriching the educational experience of every student in Madison public schools by supporting innovative, hands-on learning opportunities in music and the arts.

Visit [www.madisoneducationfoundation.org](http://www.madisoneducationfoundation.org) for additional information.

## School Briefs

### GLENDALE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT Sunnyslope wins state basketball title

Sunnyslope High School boys basketball secured the 2026 AIA Open Division State Championship with a 60-51 victory over Saint Mary's Catholic High School at the Arizona Veterans Memorial Coliseum on March 7.

After a tightly contested first half, the Vikings pulled away late in the

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fourth quarter to seal the win. Senior Rider Portela led the effort with an MVP performance of 16 points and 17 rebounds, while junior Delton Prescott added 16 points. Guided by Head Coach Ray Portela, the championship reflects years of perseverance, teamwork, and dedication within the program.

“The victory marks a defining moment for the Vikings and a season the Sunnyslope community will remember for years to come,” Glendale Union High School District said of the win.

**Get ready for graduation**

The Glendale Union High School District will celebrate the Class of 2026, bringing together more than 3,000 graduates for commencement ceremonies on May 18 and May 20 at Desert Diamond Arena.

Ceremonies will begin Monday, May 18, with Washington High School at 10 a.m., followed by Sunnyslope High School at 1 p.m., Independence High School at 4 p.m., and Thunderbird High School at 7 p.m. On Wednesday, May 20, Cortez High School will graduate at 10 a.m., followed by Apollo High School at 12:30 p.m., Glendale High School at 3 p.m., Greenway High School at 5:30 p.m., and Moon Valley High School at 8 p.m.

Families and community members who cannot attend in person will be able to watch the ceremonies via live stream, with additional details available at each school.



Sunnyslope’s boys basketball team celebrated their 60–51 win over Saint Mary’s Catholic High School at the AIA Open Division State Championship on March 7 (photo courtesy of Glendale Union High School District).

**Sports physicals offered at Sunnyslope**

Student-athletes will have the opportunity to receive free sports physical screenings through the Team of Physicians for Students (TOPS) on Saturday, April 18, at Sunnyslope High School, 35 W. Dunlap Ave.

Participating schools received scheduled times. Walk-ins will be accepted from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Only official TOPS forms will be accepted, which can be found at [www.aztops.org](http://www.aztops.org) or through the school athletic departments. Parents or guardians must complete the athlete information and medical history portions of the 2026-27 AIA physical form and sign the TOPS waiv-

er, along with page 5 of the AIA Physical before the physical.

**Tax credits support public schools**

Arizona residents can support Glendale Union High School District students through the Arizona Public School Tax Credit, a dollar-for-dollar credit on state taxes, allowing contributions of up to \$400 for married couples filing jointly or \$200 for single taxpayers. Donations benefit extracurricular activities, student meal programs, wellness supplies and other initiatives that help ensure every student can participate in school experiences. Contributions can be made even if the

donor does not have a student enrolled in GUHSD, and all funds go directly to the school of the donor’s choice.

The deadline to participate is April 15. Consult you tax advisor.

**MADISON SCHOOL DISTRICT District to host hiring fair**

Madison School District will host a hiring fair on Wednesday, April 8, 4-6 p.m., at the district office, 5601 N. 16th St.

Individuals will have the opportunity to meet with school and district leaders to learn about available positions, benefits and more. The district is hiring teachers, guest teachers, bus drivers, before and after school program staff, as well as other district, school and student support positions.

More information about working for Madison School District is available at [www.madisonaz.org/jobs](http://www.madisonaz.org/jobs).

**Enrollment applications are being accepted**

Madison School District is currently accepting enrollment applications for the 2026-27 school year.

The district provides rigorous, engaging instruction led by high-quality educators, resulting in student performance that regularly exceeds state averages and earns local and national recognition. The district offers six Signature Programs to students in

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preschool through eighth grade, including Visual & Performing Arts, STEAM, Spanish Immersion, International Baccalaureate, REACH – Profoundly Gifted and a Traditional Academy.

Students can explore and develop their interests while building a strong educational foundation to become life-long learners. Outside the classroom, Madison supports students with before and after-school programs, including the Madison Adventure Club (MAC), athletics, school clubs and a variety of on-campus activities.

To learn more or submit an application, visit [www.madisonaz.org/enroll](http://www.madisonaz.org/enroll).

**PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT Central celebrates state championship**

In March, Phoenix Union High School District celebrated the historic back-to-back 5A Boys Basketball State Championship wins by Central High School's Boys Basketball team.

On March 6, the Central boys



The Central High School boys basketball team celebrated back-to-back 5A State Championship wins after defeating Mountain Pointe 62-53 (photo courtesy of PXU).

played in the state championship game for the second year in a row against Mountain Pointe High School. They defeated Mountain Pointe 62-53 and senior John Mattingly, #35, was named the 5A Boys Basketball MVP after finishing with 24 points, with eight rebounds and five assists. Three other Central Bobcats scored in double figures in the state championship game: Dom Rojas (13 points), Grant Mattingly (12 points) and John

Fahrendorf (11 points). The Bobcats' 31 season wins were the most in the state and a single-season school record.

**Mark your calendar for graduation**

As graduation season approaches, Phoenix Union High School District families are encouraged to mark their calendars in preparation for the big day.

PXU's large school graduation ceremonies will be held at Veterans

Memorial Coliseum, May 19-21, including Central High School (May 19 at 4:45 p.m.) Camelback High School (May 20 at 7 p.m.) and North High School (May 21 at 3 p.m.). Smaller schools will celebrate their Class of 2026 at Madison Center for the Arts May 19-21, including Phoenix Coding Academy (May 19 at 3:30 p.m.)

Learn more by visiting [www.pxu.org/graduation](http://www.pxu.org/graduation).

**WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT Interview fair set for April 18**

Those interested in taking the next step in their teaching career are invited by Washington Elementary School District to attend a Teacher Interview Fair Saturday, April 18, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the WESD Administrative Center, located at 4650 W. Sweetwater Ave.

At the event, WESD will issue teacher contracts for the 2026-27 school year. The district said that it offers a competitive salary of \$53,100 to \$80,520

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1:00pm - 4:00pm

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Mon to Thu • July 13th - July 16th  
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To pre-schedule an interview, call 602-347-2622. To search open positions and apply online, visit <https://jobs.wesdschools.org>.

**'Lamp' award honors dedicated individuals**

Each year, the Washington Elementary School District (WESD) recognizes outstanding individuals whose dedication and service make a meaningful impact on students and the community through the Lamp of Learning Award – the district's highest honor. This award celebrates staff members and community partners who go above and beyond to support student success and strengthen our schools.

The district conveyed its congratulations to three recipients representing schools in the North Central Phoenix



Jeff Tisot (right), joined here by Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego and Desert View Elementary Principal John Mospan, was named a Lamp of Learning Award recipient in March (photo courtesy of Washington Elementary School District).

corridor: Jeff Tisot, parent and community member at Desert View; Lisa Hayes, academic intervention specialist – reading; and Britney Villa Sanchez, social worker at Maryland School.

"Their commitment, compassion and leadership exemplify the spirit of the Lamp of Learning Award," the district said.

These individuals are among 14

honorees who will be recognized at the annual WESD Lamp of Learning Awards ceremony on May 1.

Leadership added, "WESD is grateful for the dedication of these exceptional individuals and the many ways they contribute to the success of our students and schools."

To view the full list of this year's recipients, visit [www.wesdschools.org](http://www.wesdschools.org).

**Kindergarten registration opens**

WESD is now accepting registrations for kindergarten for the 2026-27 school year. If a child is age 5 on or before Aug. 31, 2026 – now is the time to enroll. If a child turns 5 between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2026, they are eligible for Early Entry Kindergarten.

Families interested in Early Entry Kindergarten should complete the enrollment process and schedule a screening to determine readiness. Notifications of eligibility will be provided within 10 days of the screening. In addition, all incoming kindergartners are invited to join WESD Jumpstart, a free, four-week, half-day summer program designed to help children build essential kindergarten skills, make friends and become familiar with routines. Jumpstart runs from May 26 to June 18 at multiple WESD locations and includes free breakfast and lunch.

Registration for Jumpstart opens April 1, and children must be registered for kindergarten in a WESD school for the 2026-27 school year to participate. To learn more about Kindergarten, Early Entry Kindergarten and the Jumpstart program, visit [www.wesdschools.org/kindergarten](http://www.wesdschools.org/kindergarten) or email [wesdkinderjumpstart@wesdschools.org](mailto:wesdkinderjumpstart@wesdschools.org).

**CHARTER AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS  
Clyne is candidate for scholar program**

Madison Highland Prep (MHP) senior Thomas Clyne has been named a candidate for the prestigious 2026 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. Clyne, a standout member of the school's Mathletes team, has consistently demonstrated his elite analytical skills by scoring at the top of national mathematics competitions.

The student is among an elite group of students nationwide invited to apply for this honor, which recognizes graduating high school seniors for their exceptional academic achievements, leadership qualities and unwavering commitment to excellence. The program celebrates the nation's most distinguished young scholars as they prepare for their post-secondary journeys.

The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars oversees this rigorous selection process, which culminates in the naming of up to 161 scholars from across the country. Clyne will

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now move forward in the application process to compete for a final spot in this elite group.

“This recognition underscores MHP’s mission as a premier STEM college preparatory school dedicated to cultivating academic rigor and leadership,” the school said. “The entire school community celebrates this milestone and takes great pride in Thomas’s continued success as he prepares for his post-secondary journey.”

Final selections for the 2026 class will be announced later this spring by the U.S. Department of Education.

**Specialty camp registration open through May 1**

Due to overwhelming demand and camp capacity, registration for the Brophy College Preparatory 2026 Summer Enrichment Program for boys and girls entering grades five through eight closed on March 18; however, registration for the school’s Specialty Night Camps – Lacrosse, Track & Field and Girls Speed & Conditioning – will remain open until May 1.

The school said, “We can’t wait to welcome students back to campus this June for a month of sports, STEM, creative workshops and more!”

Visit [www.brophyprep.org/academics/summer-school/summer-enrichment-program](http://www.brophyprep.org/academics/summer-school/summer-enrichment-program) for more information.

**Michaelson named Xavier principal**

The president of Xavier College Preparatory announced the permanent appointment of Carol Ann Michaelson as principal, effective March 3.

A Xavier alumna, Michaelson holds a Bachelor of Arts in Education and a Master of Arts in Higher Education Administration from Boston College. She has dedicated more than 30 years to Xavier, serving as a Theology teacher, director of Student Records, and most recently, interim principal.

Throughout her tenure, the school said that Michaelson “has demonstrated exceptional leadership, deep institutional knowledge, and a steadfast commitment



Carol Ann Michaelson

to the education of young women of faith.” She has represented Xavier on

regional and national committees of the Western Catholic Education Association and the National Catholic Education Association, contributing to accreditation efforts and advancing Catholic education standards.

“Carol Ann understands Xavier at its deepest levels – our Catholic mission, our academic excellence, and our responsibility to form young women of integrity and leadership,” said Sister Joan Fitzgerald, BVM, president of Xavier. “Her experience, wisdom, and devotion to this community make her the right leader at the right time.”

Her impact spans academics, student life, athletics, and Xavier’s multiple National Blue Ribbon School recognitions.

**Brophy seeks Service Corps members**

Brophy College Preparatory is now accepting applications for the 2026-27 Alumni Service Corps (ASC).

The ASC is a group of alumni who are recent college graduates and who commit to spending a year in service at

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SCHOOL DAYS

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Brophy. Depending on interests and college major, participants might teach a class, coach, work in the Office of Faith and Justice, at Loyola Academy, or some combination of these roles.

The school said, "It's an amazing gap year opportunity to serve and give back to a community!"

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**Students experience 'Interim Week'**

While many high school students follow their normal class schedules each week, students at Valley Lutheran High School recently experienced something different. For one week each spring, the school pauses its traditional schedule for Interim Week, a distinctive program that allows students to explore hands-on learning



Valley Lutheran High School sophomore Xzavier Cano holds a 31-pound grass carp caught during the school's Fishing AZ Interim experience (submitted photo).

experiences beyond the classroom.

During Interim, students choose from teacher-led opportunities. This year's experiences included fishing local Arizona waters while learning conservation practices, exploring the sports industry in Phoenix, traveling the West Coast by train, serving communities in

Southern California and shadowing professionals in careers students hope to pursue.

Sophomore Xavier Cano, who caught a 31-pound grass carp during the school's Fishing AZ Interim experience, said, "Catching the fish was amazing, but the best part was getting to learn something new and spend the week outdoors with my classmates."

Programs such as Interim reflect Valley Lutheran's mission of forming students through Faith, Learning and Service, the school said, which encourages students to grow both academically and personally.

Learn more by calling 602-230-1600 or visiting [www.vlhs.org](http://www.vlhs.org).

**Xavier junior earns third place**

Xavier College Preparatory junior Emily Kodicek, class of 2027, earned third place in the Arizona State Poetry Out Loud competition, held at the University of Arizona.

Poetry Out Loud is a national arts education program and recitation contest that encourages high school stu-

dents to explore great poetry through memorization and performance. The program is presented by the National Endowment for the Arts and The Poetry Foundation in partnership with state arts agencies across all 50 states and U.S. territories.

Arizona's statewide competition is administered by the University of Arizona Poetry Center, which brings together top student reciters from across the state to compete for the opportunity to represent Arizona at the national finals in Washington, D.C.

Kodicek advanced to the state competition after demonstrating exceptional skill in interpretation, memorization and performance of classic and contemporary poems. Competing against some of Arizona's most talented young performers, she earned an impressive third-place finish.

Kodicek performed "Our Own 12 Anti-Suffragest Reasons" by Alice Duer Miller, "Captain My Captain" by Walt Whitman, and "Songs for the People" by Frances Helen Walkins Harper. She is active in the theater at Xavier, and she plans to compete again next year.

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Working with AARP Foundation Experience Corps Phoenix, trained volunteer tutors are helping children become proficient readers by the time they finish third grade. Ninety-nine percent of the students who receive one-on-one coaching with AARP Foundation Experience Corps Phoenix have shown significant improvement in critical literacy skills. Teachers report that the tutors make a positive impact



The AARP Foundation Experience Corps seeks Valley volunteers aged 50 and older to help children become proficient readers (photo courtesy of city of Phoenix).

on attendance, reducing disruptive behavior and increasing participation.

Experience Corps Phoenix is part of Read On Phoenix, the city's contribution to Read On Arizona, a statewide collaboration of agencies, foundations,

and community partners committed to improving language and literacy outcomes for Arizona children.

To become an Experience Corps Phoenix volunteer tutor, you must be at least 50 years old, possess a high school

diploma, and agree to volunteer two days per week, for a total of 5 hours per week throughout a school year; participate in a two-day training session, along with ongoing training throughout the school year; attend monthly meetings; and successfully pass a background check.

To learn about volunteering with the program, email [ecphx@phoenix.gov](mailto:ecphx@phoenix.gov) or call 602-256-4388. Find other volunteer opportunities by visiting [www.phoenix.gov/volunteer.html](http://www.phoenix.gov/volunteer.html)

### JFCS offers learning opportunities

Through its Creative Aging classes, Jewish Family & Children's Service (JFCS) will host a variety of classes beginning in May at Beth El Congregation, 1118 W. Glendale Ave.

The monthly Wisdom & Words Book Club with ASU Professor, Duane Roen will be held May 12, June 9 and July 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost

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**GENERATIONS**

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\$15. Color, Texture & Story: Acrylics and Mixed Media Collage will be held May 5, 12, 19 and 26, June 2 and 9 from 1:00–3 p.m. The cost is \$135 and includes supplies. Beginner's Tai Chi by Ping Wei will be held June 11, 18, 25, July 2, 9, 16 from 11 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$90.

Register online at [www.jfcsclasses.org](http://www.jfcsclasses.org) or contact Jennifer Brauner at [jennifer.brauner@jfcsaz.org](mailto:jennifer.brauner@jfcsaz.org) or 480-670-8073 for more information.

**Dementia education, support available**

Hospice of the Valley's Dementia Care and Education Campus, located at 3811 N. 44th St., will host Dementia Experience and Education Saturday, April 11, and Saturday, May 9, 9 a.m. to noon, both days.

This interactive presentation features an 8-minute experience that presses participants to perform everyday tasks as if they were living with cognitive impairment. This simulation will be followed by a general review of the most common types of dementia and

how progressive brain changes impact thinking, functioning and behaviors. Participants will then explore improvisation techniques, sensory experiences and other person-centered approaches that optimize meaningful connections with the person living with dementia.

Limited seating is available and registration is required. Send an email to [events@dementiacampus.org](mailto:events@dementiacampus.org) or call 602-767-8300. Find additional information at [www.dementiacampus.org](http://www.dementiacampus.org).

**Kids & Families**

**Toastmasters offers summer student program**

Teens who are looking for ways to conquer the fear of public speaking in a safe and supportive environment are invited to join the Park Central Toastmasters for its eight-week summer student program.

Chartered in 1962, the Park Central club prides itself in being a supportive, fun, trusting, compassionate forum where members can thrive in pursuing their personal growth goals. The club meets every Tuesday, 7-8:15 a.m., at the Family Life Center of the North Phoenix

Baptist Church, Central Avenue and Bethany Home Road. Meetings are fast-paced and include formal speeches, impromptu speaking, speech evaluations and other supporting roles.

The initial fee for the program is \$20, but this is refunded to upon meeting a commitment to attend at least six meetings. For additional information, email [summer@azparkcentral.com](mailto:summer@azparkcentral.com) or visit [www.azparkcentral.com](http://www.azparkcentral.com).

**Water Safety Day works to save lives**

The Drowning Prevention Coalition of Arizona (DPCA) will host a free annual May event in the heart of North Central that is geared toward area families. Called "Tapping Into Water Safety," this year's 27th annual event will be held at the Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort, 11111 N. 7th St., Saturday, May 9, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The event brings together water safety advocates from across the Valley at one location to provide education, tools and equipment. Some of those advocates include the Phoenix Fire Department, Phoenix Children's

Hospital, the YMCA and SRP. Free life jackets will be given to attendees and CPR awareness training will be offered. There also will be an opportunity to win raffle prizes and free access to the resort pools is available during the event.

Learn more by visiting [www.preventdrownings.org](http://www.preventdrownings.org).

**Program offers camping experience**

Arizona State Parks & Trails' Family Campout Program offers an opportunity for families to learn the ropes and experience all the fun of being outdoors. Guests will learn how to set up a tent and an introduction to cooking outside, plus try fun activities to do while camping.

Upcoming campouts include May 9-10 at River Island State Park in Parker, and May 29-31 at Lyman Lake State Park in St. Johns. Families may sign up for one event per season, and three campouts total. Registration is \$90 for a family of up to four for one night and \$110 for two-night events. Additional family members are \$5 each.

For more information or to register, visit [www.azstateparks.com/family-camp](http://www.azstateparks.com/family-camp).



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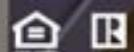
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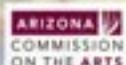
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"Going Attractions: The Definitive Story of the Movie Palace" will screen at the Orpheum Theatre as part of the 2026 Arizona Architectural Film Showcase (submitted photo).

### Film showcase focuses on architecture

The 2026 Arizona Architectural Film Showcase, a curated annual showcase of independent architectural documentaries, screened in venues defined by restoration, adaptive reuse, and design excellence, returns for three screenings in April.

Presented by No Festival Required Independent Cinema, film screenings include "Ancestral Artistry: The Influence of Africans and Creoles of Color on Louisiana Architecture" (April 16 at Third Street Theater, Phoenix Center for the Arts); "Remembering the Future with Herb Greene" – work in progress (April 18 at The Pavilion at Taliesin West); and "Going Attractions: The Definitive Story of the Movie Palace" (April 21 at Orpheum Theatre).

For tickets and more information, visit [www.nofestivalrequired.com](http://www.nofestivalrequired.com).

### Submissions open for emerging artists

Phoenix Art Museum has opened the annual call for submissions for the institution's Sally and Richard Lehmann Emerging Artist Awards, a juried grant program that provides recognition and \$10,000 in financial support for emerging, professional artists based in Arizona.

Applicants who are not chosen for the Lehmann Emerging Artist Awards will be automatically entered into the running for the Sette/Cohn Artist

Award, a \$5,000 prize awarded to an emerging Arizona artist selected from the Lehmann Emerging Artist Award application pool.

The call opened March 1 and is open through April 27 to qualifying artists who wish to present their work for consideration. There is no cost to submit an application. Up to two Lehmann Emerging Artist Awards recipients and one Sette/Cohn Artist Award recipient will be announced the week of Sept. 21 with work exhibited in summer 2027.

To apply, visit [www.phxart.org/art/artist-awards](http://www.phxart.org/art/artist-awards) or [www.artlinkphx.org/calls](http://www.artlinkphx.org/calls).

### 'American Road Trip' celebrates shared spirit

The Orpheus Male Chorus of Phoenix invites audiences to hit the open road this spring with "American Road Trip: Songs from Every Mile," a concert series celebrating the music, stories and shared spirit of America. Featuring folk favorites, patriotic anthems, iconic popular songs and a stirring spiritual, this vibrant program reflects the landscapes and voices that have shaped the American experience.

The program weaves together music that speaks to America's history, resilience, and evolving identity. The program includes works by legendary artists such as Irving Berlin, John Denver, Ray Charles, and Bob Dylan, alongside traditional folk songs and spirituals that have been passed down through generations.

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This special concert series is underwritten by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) in support of choral performances inspired by the National Garden of American Heroes as part of the nationwide America250 celebrations.

Four performances will be offered, including Sunday, April 19, 3 p.m. at Camelback Bible Church, 3900 E. Stanford Dr. Tickets range from \$20 to \$35 (free for children 12 and under) and are available at [www.orpheus.org](http://www.orpheus.org) or by calling the box office at 602-699-4556.

### Exhibition celebrates 70-year career

With a career spanning seven decades, North Central's Nancy Kravetz will open her newest exhibition, "Nancy Kravetz: Color Forms the Day," on April 3 at the ArtReach Space gallery inside Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts.

Kravetz has continually explored how form and color can be organized to create meaning. Her early training

focused on representational painting, beginning with landscapes and seascapes inspired by her New England upbringing. She refined her technical skills through formal study at the Sargent School of Painting, the Prize Program at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and Simmons College.

In 1969, Kravetz's artistic journey shifted decisively toward abstraction after meeting and working with the late Arizona-based artist Dorothy Fratt. This encounter led to a sustained exploration of nonrepresentational form, resulting in a prolific body of paintings and collages.

The collages in this exhibition draw inspiration from the rolling tide along a beach, the discovery of unusual handmade papers and the quiet wonder of a full moon or a star-filled night sky. These moments, rooted in observation and memory, continue to shape her work today in her Phoenix studio.

A public reception for "Nancy Kravetz: Color Forms the Day" will be held on Wednesday, April 15, at 5 p.m. Visitors can also see the exhibition in the ArtReach gallery from 11 a.m. to 5

p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays from April 3 through June 14. The center is closed on Mondays. For more information, visit [www.scottsdalearts.org](http://www.scottsdalearts.org).

### Trinity launches ComposerFest

Music at Trinity announced the launch of ComposerFest, a new two-day concert experience dedicated to exploring the work of a single composer in depth. Organizers said that the inaugural event will spotlight Franz Josef Haydn, "a towering figure of the Classical period whose innovation, wit and musical imagination helped shape Western music as we know it."

The event, held at Trinity Cathedral, 100 W. Roosevelt St., takes place Friday, April 24, and Saturday, April 25, featuring two distinct concert programs that explore Haydn's chamber, vocal and keyboard music. Both concerts are free and open to the community.

Find additional information at [www.trinitymusicaz.org](http://www.trinitymusicaz.org).

## On the Town

April is here and the Valley's entertainment venues have you covered with things to do throughout the month. Experience live bands, opera, symphony and theater, along with family-friendly events. See you on the town in April!

### 'Daddy Long Legs'

April 1 – May 3  
The Phoenix Theatre Company  
[www.phoenixtheatre.com](http://www.phoenixtheatre.com);  
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### Cumbiatron – The Cumbia Rave

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www.rhythmroom.com; 602-612-4981

**Fust and Merce Lemon**

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Valley Bar  
www.valleybarphx.com

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April 8  
Crescent Ballroom  
www.crescentphx.com; 602-716-2222

**Endea Owens**

April 10  
The Nash  
www.thenash.org; 602-795-0464

**'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' The Musical**

April 10-26  
Valley Youth Theatre  
www.vyt.com; 602-253-8188

**Kenyon France**

April 11  
The Rebel Lounge  
www.therebellounge.com

**Family Story Hour**

April 11  
Irish Cultural Center and McClelland Library  
www.azirish.org; 602-258-0109

**'The Roommate'**

April 11-26  
Arizona Theatre Company  
www.arizonatheatre.org; 1-833-282-7328

**Dinosaur World Live!**

April 15  
Madison Center for the Arts  
www.themadison.org; 602-664-7777

**The Bones of J.R. Jones**

April 16  
The Rebel Lounge  
www.therebellounge.com

**Great Aunt**

April 17  
Fiddler's Dream Coffeehouse  
www.fiddlersdream.org; 602-997-9795

**VIVA PHX: Meat Puppets**

April 18  
Crescent Ballroom  
www.crescentphx.com; 602-716-2222

**'La Cenerentola (Cinderella)'**

April 18-19  
Arizona Opera  
www.azopera.org; 602-266-7464

**Phoenix Symphony: Woodwind Whirlwind**

April 20  
Madison Center for the Arts  
www.themadison.org; 602-664-7777

**Jenny Don't & The Spurs**

April 23  
Valley Bar  
www.valleybarphx.com

**'Old MacDonald'**

April 23 – May 23  
Great Arizona Puppet Theater  
www.azpuppets.org; 602-262-2050

**'Ragtime, A Theatrical Concert Experience'**

April 24-26  
Herberger Theater Center  
www.herbergertheater.org; 602-252-8497

**Soul Power Band**

April 25  
The Rhythm Room  
www.rhythmroom.com; 602-612-4981

**Jocelyn Gould**

April 25  
The Nash  
www.thenash.org; 602-795-0464

**Ben Harper & The Innocent Criminals**

April 30  
Crescent Ballroom  
www.crescentphx.com; 602-716-2222

**Moon Meditation**

April 30  
Japanese Friendship Garden  
www.japanesefriendshipgarden.org; 602-274-8700

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**



A vivid painting forms a backdrop for Danny Dains, pictured with quesabirra tacos, at Ajo Al's at 16th Street and Camelback Road (photo by Darryl Webb for North Central News).

**Café Chat**  
**Ajo Al's celebrates**  
**40 years of Mexican fare**

By Marjorie Rice

Pat Dains came to Arizona after military service, worked in the food industry for several years, then started his own place – a story that resonates with many other restaurant families in the Valley over the decades.

That was 40 years ago, and Dains' original idea – serving Sonoran-style Mexican food with icy margaritas and beer – caught on with Valley diners. His family business, Ajo Al's, has grown from its original location on 90th Street and Via Linda in Scottsdale to include another in Scottsdale, and others in North Central Phoenix at 16th Street and Camelback Road, in Peoria, in Terminal 3 at Sky Harbor Airport and the newest location, just opened in Mesa.

The menu is “good old Arizona Mexican food,” said Pat's son Daniel “Danny” Dains, who with his brother Patrick manages the restaurants now that their dad has stepped back from full-time participation. Their three siblings took other career paths, but for the brothers, it was a calling.

“My brother and I grew up in the business,” said Dains, who talked about the family enterprise at a table in the North Central Phoenix location while Patrick was in Mesa, putting the finishing touches on the newest site. “We both started work when we were 15 and we've done every single job there is to do here, from cleaning the bathrooms and washing dishes to bartending and mak-

ing food – you name it, we've done it.”

That experience helps them understand how difficult each job can be, he said. “Washing dishes in a Mexican restaurant has to be one of the hardest jobs out there.”

Today, they divide up the duties. “I *please see 40 YEARS on page 36*

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do the invoices and boring stuff, and Patrick does the marketing,” Dains said. That includes setting up special monthly events. The next, a dinner that pairs wines from Mexico with Ajo Al’s fare, is April 27. For information and tickets, visit [www.ajoals.com/event](http://www.ajoals.com/event).

“This is what I’ve always wanted to do,” Dains said. “I enjoy being around people and I love how you never know who’s going to walk through the front door.

The folks who walk in know what they’re getting: the Sonoran-style dishes many of them grew up with – bubbling plates of enchiladas, beans, rice and shredded lettuce, fat chimichangas, relLENOS – along with relative newcomers including Mexican pizza topped with chicken or beef, green chiles, tomatoes, guacamole and cheese.

Smoked street tacos are another menu mainstay, though a relative newcomer, Dains said. “We had our first carne asada street taco on the menu over 20 years ago, and about 10 years ago, we made a full section on the menu for street tacos. We’ve had a lot of demand for them.”

“consider Mexican food comfort food and think that in Arizona, things slowly change with food over time. I feel like people still come here for that consistent great Mexican food. Diet fads come and go, but people still want those enchiladas, chimichangas and tamales. That really never changes.”

While Ajo Al’s tries to be consistent, “we will tweak the recipes to always make them better,” Dains said.

The quesabirra tacos are an example – spicy shredded meat folded into a corn tortilla and fried shut, then topped with roasted salsa, queso fresco, onions, corn and cilantro. The tacos are a customer favorite, along with the cheese enchiladas and frozen margaritas.

“Speaking of consistency, people also like coming in and getting to know the staff, seeing the same people,” Dains said. “We have a cook who’s been with us 40 years. He’s semi-retired now. Others have been here 20 and 30 years. The busser, Oscar, has worked here longer than me, and his sons work for us now.

All this is served up in a setting that vibrates with colorful art. Vivid paintings and whimsical glass lampshades in the shapes of cactus and cowboy hats made by Newt Glass, a local company, line the colorful walls. More original works by local artists line the walls



The team from The Vig celebrated a win on Feb. 23 when they were named Favorite Neighborhood Hangout at the 2026 Foodist Award (photo courtesy of Genuine Concepts/The Vig).

inside and on the large patio. Seating is broken up into smaller areas, so diners can chat without having to shout over loud voices and music.

One thing that has changed for the North Central Ajo Al’s is the neighborhood surrounding it, with a spate of large new apartment complexes swelling the population.

“It’s been great for us to have the growth in this neighborhood, with a couple hundred new neighbors,” Dains said. “A lot of our regulars can walk over here, have a couple of margaritas, and stroll right home.”

Family-owned eateries like Ajo Al’s “build uniqueness into a neighborhood,” he said. “With big chains, big corporations, everything has to be the same, but when you’re a local you can do things that others can’t. You can be as crazy as you want or as tame as you want.

Ajo Al’s, 5101 N. 16th St., is open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday through Thursday; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday. For information, call 602-222-9902 or visit [www.ajoals.com](http://www.ajoals.com).

## Dining Briefs

### Foodist Awards recognize Arizona industry best

In late February, Warehouse215 in Phoenix hosted the Arizona Restaurant Association’s Foodist Awards, an extravagant evening where the hospitality industry’s crème de la crème were awarded in an array of categories.

The Foodist Awards serves as the Arizona Restaurant Association’s official awards program, recognizing the

best of the best including restaurants, bars, companies and individuals who demonstrate exceptional business acumen, leadership and creativity while shaping Arizona’s culinary landscape.

“It is hard to describe the feeling and vibe of this event, but it’s safe to say that spirits were high as we presented our 12th Annual Foodist Awards, which really is Arizona’s biggest night in food,” said Steve Chucuri, Arizona Restaurant Association (ARA) president and CEO. “Every single nominee and finalist is extremely deserving, but last night shined the light on the places and people that are changing our culinary scene for the better every single day.”

In addition to a variety of categories previously presented, this year, six new categories were featured including Best Bread, Top Happy Hour Spot, Best Place to Watch a Game, Immersive Culinary Experience, Favorite Neighborhood Hangout and Hotel Restaurant Hot Spot. The Foodist Awards winners were determined by public votes and contributions from this year’s Foodist Awards panelists.

Among those recognized were Highball Cocktail Bar, Most Creative Handcrafted Cocktails; Buck & Rider, Top Happy Hour Spot; Zipp’s Sports Grill, Best Place to Watch a Game; The Vig, Favorite Neighborhood Hangout; Sushi Friend, Phenomenal Fast Casual Concept; and Aunt Chilada’s, Uniquely Arizona.

In a social media post following the event, The Vig said, “What a night! We are incredibly honored to have received the 2026 Foodist Award for Favorite

Neighborhood Hangout, presented by the Arizona Restaurant Association. From day one, our mission was to create a space where everyone feels like a local and every seat feels like the best in the house. A little quirky, a lot of fun, and always dependable. Thank you for making us your home away from home.”

For a complete list of 2026 winners, visit <https://foodistawards.com>.

## Fundraising dinner offers theatrical experience

Supporters and the general public are invited to attend the 11th annual Plated & Staged... A Herberger Theater Experience on Sunday, May 3. The event kicks off at the Herberger Theater, 222 E. Monroe St., with a cocktail reception featuring live entertainment by Jake Greider, silent and live auctions, wine pull, program and a special performance by Broadway stars from “Radio Recall.”

In true “mystery dinner” fashion, the night concludes with a surprise reveal – guests will discover which fabulous restaurant they’ll be heading to for dinner. Each restaurant will host a table of eight, offering a specially prepared three-course meal with wine.

Proceeds benefit the Herberger Theater’s youth education and outreach programs, which engage participants through diverse arts experiences that ignite emotion, stimulate conversation and inspire connections with the arts, the organization says. Residents’ support will help Herberger continue to educate and set the stage for children and adults to experience the mesmerizing wonder or live performing arts.

Find tickets and a list of this year’s participating restaurants online at <https://herbergertheater.org/plated-staged-a-herberger-theater-experience>.

## Cookbook release party promises to be ‘Extra’

Desert Design Week will kick off with NIGHT ONE: “A Little Bit Extra,” a cookbook release party with Chef Reilly Meehan that will offer high energy, big flavor and extra touches everywhere. Scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 4-7 p.m., in the Biltmore Fashion Park courtyard, 2502 E. Camelback Road, tickets are \$55 and include a copy of the book and the experience.

The book is Meehan’s love letter to “making everyday cooking feel like

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something worth showing up for.” Built on familiar flavors and crowd favorite ingredients, the book is packed with the small, smart moves he uses as a private chef to level up color, texture and flavor without overcomplicating the process.

During the book release event, guests will enjoy bites from “A Little Bit Extra,” refreshments and fun experiences throughout, including a DJ, Chef Reilly signing books and meeting guests with his signature “a little bit extra” charm, plus a few surprises. Tickets are available online at [www.desertdesignweek.com/chefreillyalittlebitextra](http://www.desertdesignweek.com/chefreillyalittlebitextra).

“Desert Design Week is all about creativity and community, and Chef Reilly is an incredible local creative

who is all about bringing people together around the shared joy of food,” said Desert Design Week creator Ruth Price. “Come ready to enjoy a beautiful evening on the Biltmore Fashion Park courtyard lawn, taste, toast, and leave with a signed book.”

See the full lineup of Spring Desert Design Week events, taking place April 16-23, at [www.desertdesignweek.com](http://www.desertdesignweek.com).

**Camby Hotel to host Topsy Tea**

Valley residents are invited to step into the hidden charm of Bees Knees for the re-imagined Topsy Tea, which offers new vibes, new bites and fresh twists on classic cocktails at the indulgent afternoon event.

Nestled in the Camby Hotel’s

speakeasy-style hideaway, 2401 East Camelback Road, this lively monthly affair blends high-end afternoon tea with playful mischief and spirited flair, the property says.

Tickets are \$75 per person and guests can choose between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. seating times. Upcoming dates include Saturday, April 18, and Saturday, May 9. Call 602-468-0700 or visit [www.thecamby.com](http://www.thecamby.com) to make a reservation.

**Windsor launches monthly burger flavor**

Tucked into its namesake historic Phoenix neighborhood, local hotspot Windsor, located at 5223 N. Central Ave., unveiled an all-new Burger of the Month initiative in March that

will continue this month.

The monthly feature will showcase experimental burger creations available for a limited time only. Beginning April 1, guests can enjoy the Chili Crisp Burger, with chili crisp oil and Asian slaw.

In addition, the neighborhood spot is launching Windsor Wednesday, the ultimate mid-week pick-me-up. Every Wednesday, guests can enjoy any burger and any side (fries or salad), plus a pint of beer, for just \$20, all day long.

The restaurant is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday from 11 a.m. to midnight, Saturday from 9 a.m. to midnight and Sunday 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Visit [www.windsoraz.com](http://www.windsoraz.com) for more information.

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