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A PUMPING SUCCESS

The effort to pump water from the upstream area beyond Town Lake has been successful. The water level outside the eastern Town Lake dam started at 6 inches below the rubber dam and it is now about 5 feet below the dam. Staff has turned off the pumps temporarily, as the water went down faster than expected. Should the water start rising again to a level of concern, the pumping will resume. Special thanks to the hard work and coordination of the Water and Engineering Departments for facilitating the pipeline upsizing and pumping contracts.

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CDBG: Building Strong Communities "Telling The Story, Promoting The Success"

The **Community Development Block Grant [CDBG]** program was enacted into law as part of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. Its main purpose is to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing, a suitable living environment and economic opportunities to low- and moderate-income people. Each year various cities and states host celebrations to highlight the year's best CDBG projects. This year, on April 12th, the City of Glendale will be hosting the celebration. As part of the celebration, the City of Tempe will be presenting to **Chicanos Por La Causa** a project award for the construction of a new 4 bedroom home [pictured] and for CPLC's continued commitment to providing additional affordable housing units for Tempe's low income families. Join us and our sister organizations as we celebrate **National Community Development Week 2007: April 9-15, 2007.**

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SOTELO

Residential development continues north of Town Lake [North Tempe] with a new project across the street from the Arizona Historical Society Museum. The sales office for **Sotelo** has opened at College Avenue and Weber Drive. The 166-unit condominium complex touts being "your urban headquarters for dining, nightlife, arts and entertainment," by being just a mile away from the Mill Avenue District. Mere minutes away from "thriving Tempe Town Lake puts boating, fishing and endless outdoor activities and events within easy reach," the units range from 897 square feet [\$285,000] to 2,239 square feet [\$550,000]. For more information about Sotelo, contact the sales office at 480.804.9500 or visit www.soteloliving.com.

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THE SOUND OF MUSIC

About 300 people enjoyed the first of six **Music at the Marina** concerts on Sunday. The new **Tempe Marketplace 9'** café umbrellas in yellow, red and blue blended with golden sunny skies and brilliant blue water. Every bit of shade was appreciated by families, couples and groups of friends. Shows happen each Sunday from 4-7 p.m. through May 6. Next week: Blues guitarist **Chuck Hall**. As a 30-year veteran in the music business, Chuck has played with B.B. King, Johnny Winter, Willie Dixon, Robert Cray, Gregg Allman, the Fabulous Thunderbirds, and many others. Hear a sample at www.ChuckHallBand.homestead.com/home.html.

The full concert schedule is available at www.tempe.gov/lake/Events/MusicAtTheMarina.htm.

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"I frequently tramped eight or ten miles through the deepest snow to keep an appointment with a beech-tree, or a yellow birch, or an old acquaintance among the pines."

— Henry David Thoreau, 1817-1862



A NEW LEAF

Four of the Mulberry trees at **Tempe Beach Park** [left] will be taken down this week. Arborist evaluation of their health and safety have determined that they pose a hazard. Limbs have cracked, bees have taken up residence and the trees have declined to the end of their life expectancy. The good news is that they will be quickly replaced by the same number of Fan West Ash in 48" box size, to provide some immediate shade resulting from the loss of the Mulberry trees. A photo of a mature Fan West Ash at the Rolling Hills Golf Course [right] illustrates what an attractive tree they are when full grown. If you have any concerns or get citizen comments, please call **Nancy Ryan** at Rio Salado 480.350.8096 or **Craig Hayton** at Parks Maintenance 480.350.8147.

FAIR HOUSING.

IT'S NOT AN OPTION. IT'S THE LAW.

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

April is **Fair Housing Awareness Month**. The Fair Housing Act was enacted in 1968 to prohibit discrimination in the housing market on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status and disability. The Housing Services Division works to educate Tempe residents about Fair Housing and assists citizens with filing discrimination complaints. As a member of the **AZ Fair Housing Partnership**, Housing Services is a sponsor of "**Fair Housing in the Trenches**" a community workshop on Wednesday, 11 April. For more information, contact Theresa James at 480.858.2360.



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Tornadoes don't discriminate.

But what about your insurance company?

Will your homeowners insurance policy rebuild your house in case of a fire or other disaster? If you live in an African American, Latino or integrated neighborhood, and your home was built before 1950, chances are the answer is no. Some insurance companies refuse to provide full replacement coverage for older homes in integrated or minority neighborhoods.



FAIR HOUSING IS THE LAW!
Check your homeowners insurance policy – if your insurance company doesn't provide fair and adequate coverage, call HUD or your local Fair Housing Center.

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You have a nice set of wheels but can't find a place to park them.



Landlords must allow you to make reasonable accommodations to ensure full use of your apartment. Telling you that you can't install grab bars and ramps is against the law. You can fight back.

If you suspect unfair housing practices, contact HUD or your local Fair Housing Center. Everyone deserves a fair chance.



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It's okay to consider color...

...as long as it's green.

Judging you by what you look like instead of your qualifications is discrimination. What matters is your ability to pay for housing. It's illegal to consider race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability or family status in the sale or rental of housing.

If you suspect unfair housing practices, contact HUD or your local Fair Housing Center. Everyone deserves a fair chance.



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Si no lucha contra la discriminación en la vivienda por usted mismo, hágalo por sus hijos.



No simplemente busque otro apartamento, o llame a otro prestador hipotecario o hable con otro agente de seguros de casa. Ignorar la discriminación en la vivienda no hará que esta desaparezca. Hay que reportarla. Es ilegal tomar en cuenta la raza, color, religión, origen nacional, sexo, incapacidades, o el estado civil de una persona al hacer decisiones sobre seguros y préstamos de casa o el alquiler de apartamentos.



VIVIENDA JUSTA ES LA LEY

La única forma de ponerle un alto a la discriminación es luchando contra ella. Si sospecha de prácticas de vivienda injustas, llame al Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano (HUD) o a su centro local para la vivienda justa.

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