



SUCCEED
In Tempe, Arizona

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTS

JUNE

6

2008

CHRIS SALOMONE, Community Development Department Manager 480.350.8294 chris_salomone@tempe.gov

TEMPE / TUCSON

AZBiz.com posted a recent *Inside Tucson Business* article by Ed Egger titled "Tempe / Tucson: One Downtown is Bustling and Vibrant, the Other is a Wannabe". The article resulted from a **Southern Arizona - Urban Land Institute** conference in which the DTC and developer **SunCor** were invited presenters. It outlines the recent compare-and-contrast conference session of the two downtowns, stating, "The first message was a piece of advice for Tucsonans: don't be discouraged. By its own admission Tempe's Rio Salado urban renewal project took 30 years. The second message is that there are more than a few similarities that can be made comparing the strengths of downtown Tucson with downtown Tempe."

To read the article in full, visit: www.azbiz.com/articles/2008/05/23/news/doc4834d03d34a99846034675.txt



PAM GORONKIN, Executive Director DTC 480.921.2300 pam@downtowntempe.com

FIRE + SPICE

A new restaurant has debuted at the **Sheraton Airport Hotel** in Tempe [1600 S. 52nd Street]. Steeped in history and rich in culture – **Fire + Spice 'An Arizona Grill'** features cuisine that is a unique blend of traditional Native American artisan recipes, the refined tastes of Old Spain and the spices, peppers and cheeses of Old and New Mexico. Explorers of old were drawn to Arizona by the promise of untold wealth and riches. Flavored by the culinary influences of each group, the cuisine at Fire + Spice delivers a dining experience that engages and inspires the senses. From presentations where the plate is the canvas and the food is the paint; to the captivating aromas; to the mingling of textures; to authentic tastes and robust flavors... Fire + Spice is an experience unlike any other. Features include Sangria Cream Scallops, Chilean Mango Halibut, a Poblano Portabello Stack, and their signature Inferno Queso fired with Patron tequila and doused with fresh lime. Welcome to Fire + Spice. Enjoy. For reservations call 480.967.6600 or visit www.firespicegrill.com.

MICHAEL S. HARRISON, General Manager, Sheraton Phoenix Airport Hotel Tempe 480.967.6600 Mike.Harrison@SheratonTempe.com



NEW CREW

Michael Cardenas, Housing Administrative Assistant, is a California [Tulare] transplant from eight years ago. He has two children, including a daughter [15] and a son [13]. Michael just finished his AA in Public Administration from Rio Salado College, and is working toward a Bachelors in Public Administration from NAU. He came from the State Bar of Arizona where he worked for two years as an Administrative Assistant. In his free time, Michael enjoys reading and traveling.

Monique Martinez, Housing Services Specialist, is an Arizona native and currently resides in Mesa with her 14 year-old son. She has a Bachelor Degree in Business Management and played softball at a collegiate level. Prior to working for Tempe, Monique worked for the City of Mesa for nine years, including seven years in the Housing Services Division, a year at the Municipal Court and a year in the Solid Waste Division. In her spare time, Monique enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading, traveling and playing softball.



MUSIC AT THE MARINA

The heat is here, but you can enjoy a cool evening of music under the stars at Tempe Town Lake. Especially because we will be arming audiences at **Music at the Marina** with small caliber squirt guns. The first 100 people to each concert will receive special Tempe Town Lake squirt guns. People are encouraged to also bring their own handheld water toys. Water will be available on site for refills. Free concerts continue each Sunday through June 22 from 7-9 PM at Town Lake Marina, located on the north side of Town Lake on College Avenue just south of Curry Road. The line-up:

- June 08 >> **Chuck E. Baby and the All Stars** -- Arizona Working Man Rock legends www.chuckebaby.com
- June 15 >> **Texas Toast and Jam** -- Country Rock and Blues www.myspace.com/texastoastandjamband
- June 22 >> **Charlene Tarango** -- High energy Rock, Jazz and Blues vocalist www.charlenetarango.com

More details about the bands are available at www.tempe.gov/lake/Events/MusicAtTheMarina.htm.

