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UNIVERSITY PARK - TEMPE'S FIRST NR HISTORIC DISTRICT

Located south of the Apache curve to the railroad tracks, and east of Mill Avenue to McAllister Avenue, the **University Park** neighborhood was recently placed on the *National Register of Historic Places*. The work for the nomination was funded by a \$10,000 grant through the City's **Neighborhood Grant Program**. Since University Park is not listed on the local *Tempe Historic Property Register*, there are no actual design controls on what residents may do with their properties, and no additional approvals required for any subsequent changes to the property. Although listing on the National Register is mainly honorary, there are two notable incentives to listing. First, if the owner of a contributing property makes enough changes to the property, it may be removed from the National Register. Second, one cannot make inappropriate changes and still qualify for the property tax benefit, which does carry restrictions on what can be done with a property. Congratulations to the University park Historic District - Tempe's first National Register-listed district.

www.pr.state.az.us/partnerships/shpo/spt.html

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RURAL + TERRACE RFP RE-ISSUED

The City is re-issuing a Request For Proposal for the development of approximately 1.09 acres located at the corner of Rural Road and Terrace Road. The historic **Elias-Rodriguez House** is located immediately to the northeast of this site. The City is looking for creative proposals for a mixed-use project which incorporates transit-oriented design principles. A light rail station is being constructed across Rural Road from the property. The RFP was re-issued on March 5, with responses due on May 5. The minimum bid requirement was removed and the selection criteria modified. The RFP will be available on line at www.tempe.gov/comdev/RFP/.

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SEGWAY

Members of Downtown Tempe Community, the Tempe Chamber + Visitors Bureau, Risk Management and Community Development participated in a demonstration of **Segway** personal transportation. These personal mobility-assisted device are being considered to tour the Rio Salado parks. State law classifies them like that of an electric wheelchair, which are allowed on sidewalks or anywhere a pedestrian is permitted. Paid guided tours in public parks will be subject to an ordinance change planned to come before City Council in April. The tours routes and times will be flexible to be compatible with event park and path closures. Town Lake is a fabulous venue to explore, with tours highlighting history, archeology, lake activities, current development and coming attractions.

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CAMPUS OF SUSTAINABILITY

Mayor **Hugh Hallman** made a presentation March 4th to the **Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation** regarding current status and future directions on the **Eisendrath** and **O'Connor Houses**. His remarks were very well received, as was the concept of both facilities being part of an overall "campus of sustainability." Henceforth, the official project title is **The Eisendrath House at the Carl Hayden Campus for Sustainability**. Likewise, once relocated, the O'Connor House will be **The O'Connor House at the Carl Hayden Campus for Sustainability**.

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CODE NUMBERS

It must have been that extra day this year, as City code violations for nuisances reached a new all time high in February - over 1,000 code violations were processed last month, surpassing the previous all time high of 800 violations in one month. In context, for the entire year of 2007, Code Compliance processed 7,597 code complaints - another all-time high. We'd be ever so grateful if you'd help us out by maintaining your property. www.tempe.gov/codecompliance/

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORY



The Economic Development Directory, a website for economic development information from around the world, tracks web hits originating from its site for Arizona and the economic development organizations within the state. About 45 percent of those who viewed information from Arizona chose to look at development opportunities in Tempe. These contacts are very important as many of them are developers and business site selectors. www.ecodevdirectory.com/

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WESTSTONE NAMED TOP FIVE

WestStone Communities was voted into the top five multi-family builders in the state of Arizona by *AZ Business Magazine*. WestStone is known for their pleasing penchant of including a luxurious feature as standard in each residential community it builds, such as outdoor fireplaces in each unit of **Northshore** at Tempe Town Lake and a wine nook at **Onyx Tower**. WestStone adds this top slot in the magazine's annual "Ranking Arizona" issue, the largest opinion poll in Arizona, to a growing list of accolades. WestStone is also one of the top three multi-family new home builders in Ariz., as ranked by the **Phoenix Business Journal 2007 Book of Lists**. "This top ranking is especially meaningful because voters are asked to consider the quality of the product, and indicate the company they would recommend doing business with. The honor comes from people in the very communities we serve, which has continued to drive strong sales even in the current real estate market slump," said **John Iorillo**, WestStone's President and CEO. www.weststonecommunities.com

ENTREPIX EXTENDS TEMPE FACILITY

Entrepix, Inc. has quadrupled its cleanroom space at its Tempe facility with the addition of a 5,000 SF facility to contain the company's extended equipment and services. Increased demand for chemical mechanical polishing [CMP]-related services has meant that the company's current facility size was unsuitable and merited an expansion. In addition to the extra cleanroom space, the Entrepix facility will now house a showroom for refurbished CMP and metrology equipment, a 10,000 SF class 'A' space for the refurbishment of post-CMP cleaners and an increased capacity for CMP processing. www.entrepix.com/

