



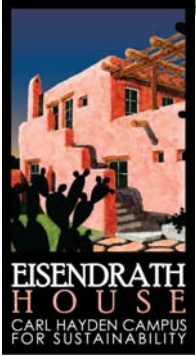
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTS

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PRESERVATION IN THE PARK

That area of Tempe's portion of Papago Park designated as the Carl Hayden Campus for Sustainability is the site of two important historic preservation projects: The Rose Eisendrath House and the Sandra Day O'Connor House. Both structures are constructed of adobe and associated with significant individuals. While the O'Connor House is nearly complete, fundraising efforts and final architectural design for the Eisendrath House are now in full swing. The O'Connor Center for Civic Discourse will host meetings and facilitate discussions by community and government leaders, while the Eisendrath House will be a center for water conservation and historic preservation. For additional information, go to: www.oconnorhouse.org; www.supportriosalado.org; and www.tempehp.org.

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2009 TOUR de TEMPE

Tempe's original FREE community bicycle event is back! The 14th annual **Tour de Tempe** will be held Sunday, October 25; registration and pre-ride activities start at 7am and the ride starts at 9am. Pre-ride activities include: bike rodeo [safety training], BMX freestylers, event raffle and free breakfast. The ride departs from **Kiwanis Park** [6111 All-America Way] and is for all ages and skill levels. Riders will tour Tempe's greatest bikeways and pedestrian bridges, historic neighborhoods, public art, downtown and local parks with hundreds of other participants. The first 800 registrants receive free t-shirts with original local art. Tempe is a bike town; join the community in celebrating!

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HOUSING AMERICA

October is Housing America Month. The "Go Out And Make Something Happen" campaign is a year-long effort by the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials [NAHRO] to inform the public and decision makers about the need to meet the country's affordable housing and community development challenges. NAHRO is the leading housing and community development advocate for the provision of adequate and affordable housing and strong, viable communities for all Americans — particularly those with low- and moderate-incomes. **Liz Chavez**, Community Development Administrator for the City of Tempe is the **Pacific Southwest Regional Council [PSWRC] President** for NAHRO. For more information, visit www.nahro.org and click the Housing America logo.

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FSS

The Family Self-Sufficiency [FSS] Alliance's Graduation / Recognition Ceremony was held last week. Families from the **Section 8 Program** volunteer to be part of the **Family Self-Sufficiency Program** and write a plan to get off welfare assistance and become self-sufficient. The two Tempe graduates earned over \$14,822 in escrow. At the time of enrollment in the program, their average household income was \$9,547 and upon graduation the average income was \$33,353. One current graduate earned a bachelor's degree, is working on her MBA, found a full-time job and just purchased a home. The other graduate had health problems and has found a way to open a group home for seriously mentally ill individuals. We also highlighted an FSS graduate from 2008 who worked with Newtown to become a homeowner this last summer as part of the community land trust program. **Jennifer Quillan** was recognized as a board member who provided outstanding support to all the FSS programs in the community.

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