



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTS

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SMASHBURGER

Smashburger, named for the cooking method used to create the perfect burger, is opening its first Arizona location this fall at 777 S. College Ave, Suite 105 in Tempe. The restaurant plans to open in mid-September. Smashburgers are a one-third or half-pound ball of beef smashed on a flat grill to sear in flavor. They are served on a toasted artisan bun and topped with a selection of real cheeses. Smashburger also serves Smashchicken sandwiches, Smashdogs, and Smashesalads, with sides like veggie frites and rosemary and garlic-seasoned Smashfries. Burger lovers can pair their meals with local beer, wine, Häagen-Dazs shakes, and root-beer floats. A regional menu tailored to Arizona residents' tastes will be featured in each restaurant as well. The Tempe location marks the company's 25th location nationwide since June 2007. The Denver-based chain aims to grow into a 500-unit national brand.

www.smashburger.com/



THE VUE FROM HERE

This week, developer Campus Acquisition welcome their first student tenants to the **Vue on Apache**. The apartments are located at 922 E. Apache Boulevard. Approximately 468 students will be moving into this new privately-owned luxury student housing project for the semester. JJ Smith and Michael Yaegle of Campus Acquisitions expect approximately 1,500 parents and students in and around the project this weekend for the official move-in. The Vue is a contemporary 11-story mid-rise with 132 fully furnished units with loft-like features and up to five bedroom units. The apartments feature open floor plans with European-style kitchens and baths, exposed concrete ceilings with spiral duct work, high speed internet and cable, flat screen TVs, granite countertops, and spacious balconies. Located on the northeast corner of Rural Road and Apache Boulevard, the Vue is designed around the lifestyles of ASU students. Planned on the ground floor is a pizza joint, a cafe, and a sandwich shop which may offer poolside delivery and room service.

www.thevueonapache.com/

CABINET-LEVEL POSITION

RC Cabinets, a Tempe-based cabinet supplier for custom and production home builders, merged with Andrew Lauren Interiors, the company that pioneered design centers in Arizona, to position themselves as one of the largest flooring and cabinet companies in Arizona. The company will operate as Andrew Lauren Interiors, which was founded over 50 years ago as Design for Living. As a preferred supplier to Home Depot, Andrew Lauren estimates that it installs cabinets and granite countertops throughout half of Arizona. Andrew Lauren Interiors has two Valley locations: 1311 W. 21st Street, in Tempe and 530 W. Estrella Parkway in Goodyear. A Tucson location remains an independent franchise. RC Cabinets' headquarters is located at 4646 South Ash Avenue, Suite 101 in Tempe.

www.andrewlauren.com



CITIZEN KOEHN

After over ten years of dedicated service to Tempe, Neighborhood Enhancement Administrator Jan Koehn is leaving the City to pursue her passion. Congratulations Jan! You will be missed.

