

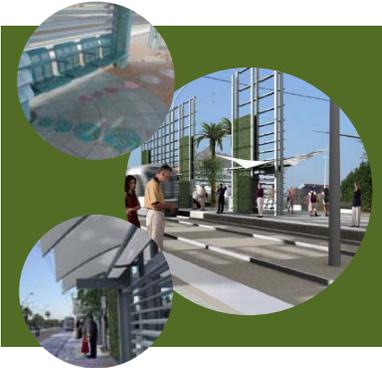


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HAPPY RAILS TO YOU...

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The City of Tempe will hold a public meeting to discuss planning around future light rail stations on Apache Boulevard from 6 to 8 PM Tuesday, May 20 at the Tempe Police Substation, 1855 E. Apache Blvd. At previous public meetings, residents, as well as representatives from local businesses and community organizations, were asked to provide input about the type of development they would like to see around the stations. That feedback was incorporated in a final report, which will be presented at the meeting. The report includes station area plans for the four METRO light rail stations on Apache Boulevard in Tempe [at Dorsey Ln., McClintock Dr., Smith Rd. / Martin Ln., and Price Rd / 101] and will guide the city in planning for public and private investment in these areas. The report addresses a number of issues identified through the station area planning process, including providing affordable housing, retaining local businesses, using development concepts that support transit and improving the environment for pedestrians. The meeting will be an open house with a brief presentation at 6:30PM. Participants will be able to talk with city staff and project consultants, and can provide input on comment cards.



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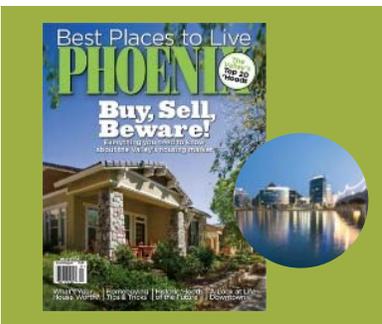
WestStone Communities opens its Onyx Tower sales center on Thursday, May 22 with a launch party. The sales center will enable potential buyers to virtually view condominiums from a variety of angles and heights. The 26-story black tower with 196 units is currently planned as the tallest building on Tempe Town Lake. Floor plans range from 711 to 2,634 sq ft. Amenities include an infinity-edge pool, a heated rooftop lap pool, a movie theater and the exclusive two-story Sky Lounge. Condos in this sought-after tower will feature floor-to-ceiling windows for spectacular views. www.weststonecommunities.com/onyxTower.html.



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PHOENIX MAGAZINE

Phoenix Magazine recently announced the Best Places to Live in the valley in their May 2008 publication. The "Best Places" list is divided into personality types for buyers. Listed first and representing the "Vertical Dweller" is Downtown Tempe. The article's photo features the waterfront condos by SunCor Development at Hayden Ferry Lakeside. Downtown Tempe is selected because of the variety of urban residential options from Orchid House, Centerpoint Condominiums, Hayden Ferry Lakeside or even the Tempe Brownstones. They mentioned that more choices are either complete or in the works, with prices of the smaller lofts averaging \$300,000 and sky-high condos selling for \$1 million and up. Additionally, for residents of downtown more than 175 boutiques, bars and restaurants are just a stroll away.



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PITAYA

Don't Pitaya wardrobe, buy some new things! Pitaya boutique opened last week at 524 S. Mill Avenue. The store features the latest in young women's clothing and accessories at affordable prices, most of which is in organic cotton for those who have a green earth in mind. This is the 13th store in the national chain. Other locations include Dallas, Seattle and Boulder. Pitaya opened in 1990. 480.557.9422 www.pitayaonline.com





IKEA TEMPE's NEW MANAGER

Robby Wierman has been appointed new store manager at IKEA Tempe. Robby has been with IKEA U.S. since 1989 and brings a wealth of experience with her to Arizona. Most recently, she was the store manager at the IKEA Woodbridge location in Virginia. Her local contact information is as follows: 480.785.8209, ext. 1333 or via email at rmw@memo.ikea.com.



ALL CHOKED UP

Community Development staff get all choked up thinking about our professional administrative staff. Celebrating the recent Administrative Professional's Day are [from left to right]: Lynn DeMartini, Quina Holmes, Carolyn Mills, Julie Sparr, Benicia Benson, Sarah Adame and Diane Johnson. Cheers to an incredible team!

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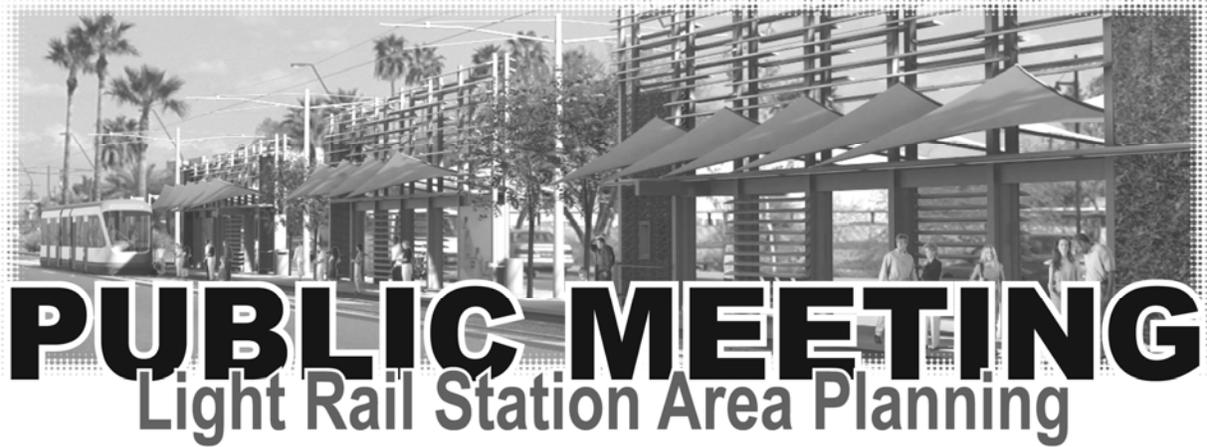


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Tuesday, May 20, 2008
Tempe Police Substation
Community Conference Room
1855 E. Apache Boulevard
Tempe, AZ 85281
6pm-8pm
6:30pm Presentation

The City of Tempe invites you to attend the final meeting related to planning around future light rail stations on Apache Boulevard. At previous public meetings, you were asked to provide your ideas on the needs and opportunities in the area and your vision and priorities for improvements. Feedback from those meetings was incorporated in the final report, which will be presented at the meeting. To review a copy of the draft report, please contact Dawn M. Coomer.

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With 72 hours advanced notice, special assistance can be provided for persons with sight and/or hearing impairments. Call 480-350-8487 (voice) or 480-350-8400 (TDD) to request accommodation. Spanish translation will be available at the meeting.

