



# WEEKLY UPDATE

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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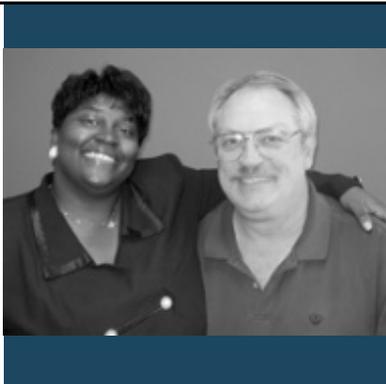
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### GIVE ME SPACE

After a year-and-a-half in development, consultants **Project for Public Spaces** have created the **Tempe Urban Open Space Plan**. Teamed with **Pros Consulting** from Indianapolis and local-based **Drake & Associates**, their exciting work includes a detailed assessment of the evolving open space needs of Tempe's Papago Park, Town Lake and Mill Avenue District. Having performed work in over 40 countries, the Tempe plan is the first of its kind to incorporate sustainability elements woven throughout the document, making Tempe a "Model for future plans," according to PPS's Vice-President and project lead **Phil Myrick**. To view the plan in its entirety, including explanations of key Placemaking Principles like *Design for Use*, *The Power of Ten* [creating a critical mass], *Triangulation* [clustering activities] and the *Role of Streets as Places* visit [www.tempe.gov/comdev/urbanopenspace.htm](http://www.tempe.gov/comdev/urbanopenspace.htm). Special thanks to the DTC, ASU, TCC, TCVB and numerous local stakeholders, business owners and Tempe citizens whose vision served to create this plan.

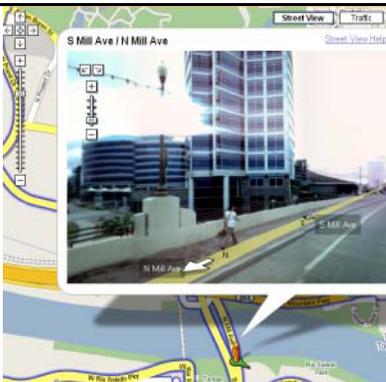
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### HOMEBUYER SUCCESS STORY

A single mom who needed assistance to buy a home and get out of debt is now helping others avoid her mistakes and become financially viable. Just six months after **Lorna Barker** [left] enrolled in Homebuyer Education classes, she realized her dream of becoming a first-time homeowner. Through a referral by **Bill Slater** [right], HomeOwnership Center Manager for **NHS Phoenix**, Lorna was enrolled in **Tempe's Community Assistance Mortgage Program** which provides down payment grants for first-time homebuyers. She and her two daughters also enrolled in Financial Fitness classes at NHS Phoenix, which helped her eliminate much of her debt. Being an enthusiastic, service-oriented person, she was able to convince her employer [State Farm Insurance] to sponsor Financial Fitness classes, and has also recruited volunteer facilitators, and procured donations of time, money and supplies for the program. She is now enrolled in instructor training through the **Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation Training Institute** in hopes of being even more involved with helping people become financially secure. Congratulations Lorna!

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### GOOGLE MAPS TEMPE STREETVIEW

Now available in Google Maps Streetview is Tempe. Streetview, or man on the street, gives a 360 view from the indicated street in Google Maps. Along with directions, you may want to show guests what the place looks like ahead of time. Try these links:

- >> view looking toward City Hall from 6th Street roundabout
- >> Hayden Ferry Lakeside from Mill Avenue
- >> A-Mountain from 6th Street + Forest
- >> Hole in the Rock @ Papago Park



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## NORTHSHORE

### WESTSTONE NAMES NEW V.P.

**WestStone Communities** has named **Patrick Tice** as Vice President of Sales. Responsible for managing all aspects of sales, Tice brings more than 15 years of extensive experience within the Arizona market to his new position. His expertise in executing strategic initiatives, assessing the competition, valuing properties, managing a sales team and building alliances. Former sales management positions include **Meritage Homes** and, most recently, **Standard Pacific Homes**, where he more than doubled total annual sales. Sales positions include **Shea Homes** and **Engle Homes**. Tice has also served the State of Arizona as a business development representative, appointed by then-Governor Fife Symington. Current WestStone condominium developments in Tempe include **Northshore** and **Onyx Tower**. For more information on WestStone Communities, visit [www.weststonecommunities.com](http://www.weststonecommunities.com).

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