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# WEEKLY UPDATE

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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### RFP ISSUED FOR RITA LANE PROPERTIES

The Community Development Department has issued a Request for Proposals for the development of three City-owned parcels at 1436, 1443 and 1444 S. Rita Lane, within the Apache Blvd Redevelopment Area. The site is zoned R-4, and is approximately 29,000 SF [.67 acres]. The potential concepts for these sites call for 11 new residential units including 2-story townhome buildings at the southern portion of the site [immediately north of the Union Pacific Rail Line], as well as 2-story single-family dwellings at the northern portion to match the existing neighborhood in scale. Issued on Thursday, 23 August, this RFP will be open for 30 days. All proposals are due on 24 September 2007.

<< Click here, or visit [tempe.gov/comdev/RFP/](http://tempe.gov/comdev/RFP/)



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### AFFORDABLE HOUSING FORUM ANNOUNCED

On Saturday, 20 October, Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman, Councilmembers and Housing Staff will host an Affordable Housing Forum from 9AM-12N at the newly opened Tempe Center for the Arts. The forum calls for several of the Tempe's non-profit and faith-based partners to give a brief [5-10 minute] presentation of their affordable housing programs, completed and future projects, as well as creative ideas for alleviating the housing "crunch" for Tempe families. These presentations will be followed by a roundtable discussion with local community service providers including Chicanos Por La Causa [CPLC], Newtown, Neighborhood Housing Services of Phoenix, Community Services of Arizona, Housing our Communities, Arizona Behavioral Corporation and Save the Family. The specific topics to be addressed have not yet been formalized, but the general theme will focus around creating affordable housing partnerships and expanding communication among the various providers. This forum free, and open to the public.

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### NOW THAT'S HOSPITALITY!

A new information sheet on Tempe hotels shows that more than 3,200 hotel rooms planned throughout Tempe is now available. Approximately 78,000 SF of new meeting space, in addition to many new spas and retail options will be part of these planned hotels and resorts. The list includes Starwood's new Aloft hotel at Playa del Norte, Le Meridien at Hayden Ferry Lakeside and hotel components at the Marina Heights, 100 Mill Avenue and Centerpoint on Mill projects. Additional new flags include Drury Inn and Suites and Hyatt Summerfield Suites at the Emerald Center [Warner Road and the I-10].

<< Click here, or visit [www.tempe.gov/business/maps](http://www.tempe.gov/business/maps) and select the "Hotel Project" option for details.



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### BIRD'S EYE VIEW

Todd Photographic flew over much of Tempe last week, creating a new library of aerial photos to be used to update some of the city's brochures, presentations and marketing materials.

New images are available of Tempe Town Lake, Papago Park Center [following page], Emerald Center / IKEA and the ASU Research Park [left]. These are available for internal city use by contacting the Community Development Department. Should an outside party wish to use these new photos, please contact Todd Photographic to purchase rights at 602.254.5080.



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"Your success is driven in large part by your ability to leverage the community you build around you."

— Scott Allen and David Teten, authors, "The Virtual Handshake"



### D&B's WASTE NOT

Arizona's first **Dave & Buster's** entertainment center will celebrate its grand opening 15 September at **Tempe Marketplace** with a charity event benefiting **Waste Not**. The 50,000-square-foot facility features electronic games, arcade games, pool tables, a full-service restaurant and bar. The fundraiser is open to adults at least 21 years of age for a \$25 donation. Advance reservations are required and can be made online at [www.wastenotaz.org/irsvp](http://www.wastenotaz.org/irsvp) or by calling 480.312.1728. The 7 to 10PM event is billed as "Eat, Drink and Play Hunger Away."

Dave & Buster's Tempe location will be the 52nd for the company, which operates venues in the U.S. and Canada. Officials from the Dallas-based company say each facility attracts more than 500,000 people a year. A job fair for potential applicants is being conducted through 1 September from 9AM to 7PM, Mondays through Saturdays at Hampton Inn & Suites, 1429 N. Scottsdale Road in Tempe. For more: [www.daveandbusters.com](http://www.daveandbusters.com) or 480.518.1505.



### BrownBag FESTIVE FALL SCHEDULE

All Community Development **BrownBag** presentations are open to all, and scheduled to occur at 12 noon in the Orchid 2 Conference Room [2nd floor of the OrchidHouse Building]. The **BrownBag** is pleased to announce the fall schedule.

Thursday 23 August >> When in Rome...Walk! by **Ryan Levesque**

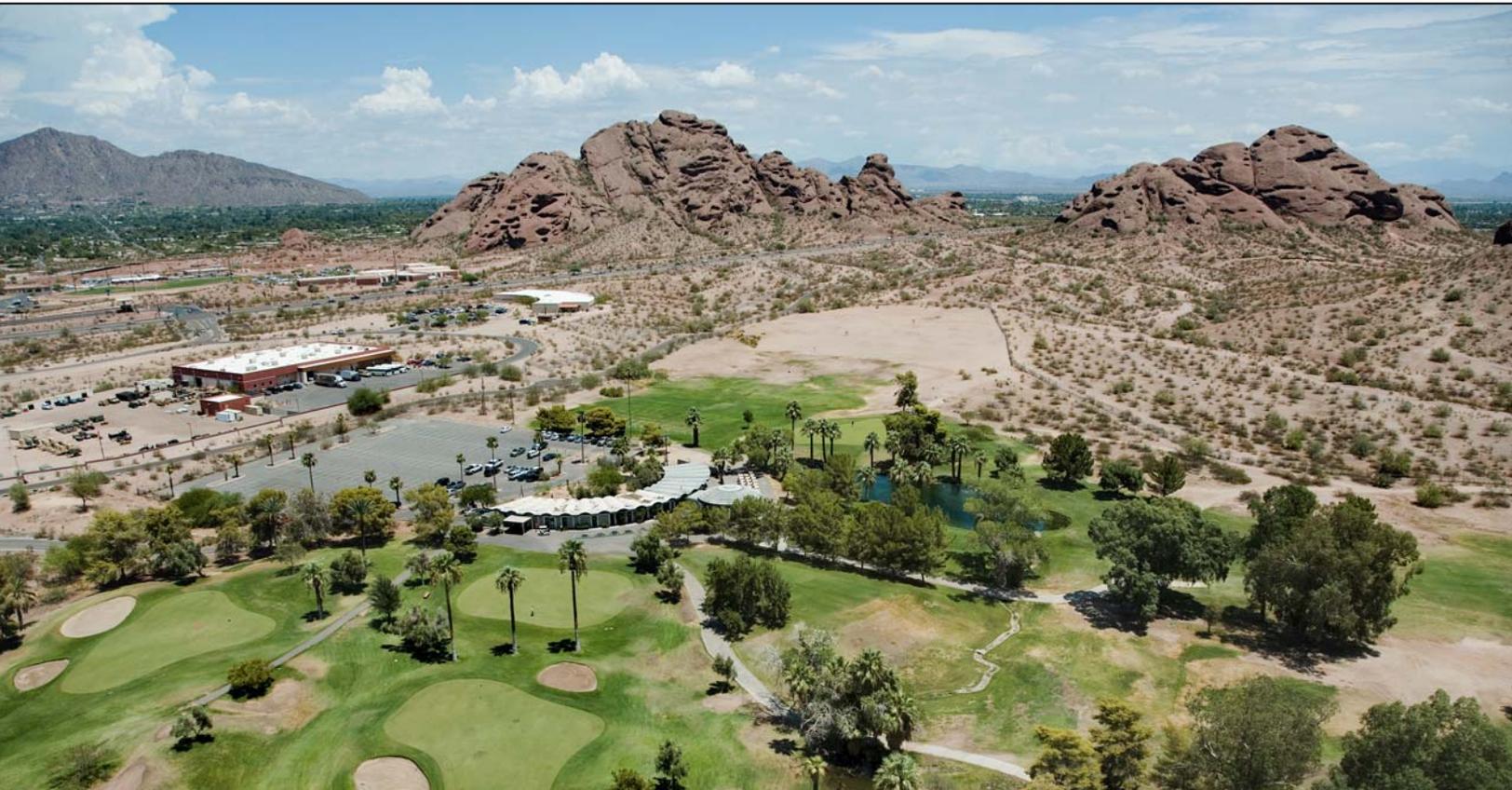
Wednesday 12 September >> Green Buildings / Building Green by **Kirby Spittler**, Architect [special invitees: the DRC]

Wednesday 17 October >> An Iberian Experience: Art + Architecture in Spain and Portugal by **Lusia Galav**, Scottsdale Planning Director

Wednesday 14 November >> India by **Terri Amabisca**, Retired Housing Services Manager

Been somewhere cool? Have something to share? To volunteer for a future Bag contact **Mark Vinson**. As always, BYO bag.

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