

What's your **NEXTMESA?**

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A quarterly newsletter from City of Mesa Development Services Department



CITY BUILDINGS REOPEN

The City of Mesa has reopened all government offices to the public. Hours of operation for Mesa Municipal Building, 55 N. Center St. are Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Our phone center is open on Fridays from 8 a.m. to noon. Please call **(480) 644-4273** for assistance with services such as DIMES submittals/resubmittals, inspection scheduling, permit issuance and general questions.

Although face coverings are optional at City of Mesa facilities, we encourage visitors to continue to exercise precautions, including getting vaccinated, wearing masks if unvaccinated and staying at home when not feeling well. Additionally, we will continue to maintain enhanced cleaning practices and provide hand sanitizer at all City of Mesa buildings.

City Council and advisory board meetings will operate on a hybrid system. Public participation will be available using either blue comment cards found in the City Council chambers or by submitting an online comment card through the video and audio-conferencing platform Zoom. Mesa will also continue to broadcast its council and study session meetings live on YouTube and Facebook.

COMMUNITY RESIDENCE REGISTRATION

On July 8, 2021, the City of Mesa's City Council adopted text amendments to the Mesa Zoning Ordinance, revising "group home for the handicapped" or what will be known as "community residence" standards.

One of the ways the amendment affected regulations is that it changed when a home needs to register with the City as a Community Residence. Previously homes with 6 or more residents had to register with the City's Planning Division. Under the amendments, effective August 9, 2021, homes providing care to 5 or more residents will need to register with the City and update their registration annually.

Existing homes providing care to 5 residents are considered "grandfathered" and exempt from the location separation requirements; however, all such homes must provide proof of their current operations and register with the City within 6 months.

Please visit <https://www.mesaaz.gov/business/development-services/planning/special-projects> to learn more about the text amendments and how to register as a Community Residence.



DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATES

FACEBOOK DATA CENTER - The Facebook Mesa Data Center will be among the most advanced energy and water efficient data center facilities in the world. The 960,000 square foot facility will be part of the Elliot Road Technology Corridor and will create approximately 100 jobs when it opens and up to 1,500 construction jobs at peak.



ASU @ MESA CITY CENTER - The state-of-the-art, three-story, 118-thousand square foot building is scheduled to open to students in Fall 2022. When completed, it will house programs offered by the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts related to digital and sensory technology, experiential design, gaming, media arts, film production and entrepreneurial development and support for approximately 1,300 students and faculty.



THE STUDIOS @ MESA CITY CENTER - Construction is expected to be completed in January on the adaptive reuse of Mesa's first library at the southwest corner of First Street and Centennial Way. The Studios @ Mesa City Center will allow the collision of ideas between industry leaders, entrepreneurs, students and the public and provide community event space. Exterior renovations will include a new entry experience and improved daylighting while respecting the local Historical Landmark Designation.



PLAZA @ MESA CITY CENTER - Construction for this project, which will create a major public civic space to enjoy, is scheduled for completion in November. The plaza includes an interactive water feature, a large shade canopy over an area for the Merry Main Street ice rink and other events and a large lawn space to view movies and videos on an exterior high-resolution screen on the adjacent ASU building.



THE GROVE ON MAIN - The Grove, at the southeast corner of Main Street and Mesa Drive, is now open. It includes 283 market-rate units that were fully leased in six months. It has 8,500 square feet of retail space and 18,000 square feet of institutional space, which includes the new Mesa AZ Temple Visitors Center. The Grove also has 450 underground parking spaces.



MESA ARTS DISTRICT LOFTS - Pre-construction work has started for the Mesa Arts District Lofts on Main Street on the old Brown and Brown Chevrolet site. The project will have five buildings with 335 rental units and anywhere from 13,000 to 25,000 square feet of retail space. Two sites will be available for future buildings.



CANNON BEACH - The surf lagoon should open next summer with other phases to follow. Cannon Beach, at the corner of Power and Warner, is a 37-acre mixed-use development anchored by Revel Surf, the first surf park development in the world to feature both a large traveling wave and a stationary rapid surf wave in one park. Cannon Beach will also offer a four-story hotel, office buildings, a gym, dining and retail.



RECOGNITION FOR RANDY CARTER

City Council recently recognized Randy Carter for 21 years of service on Mesa boards and committees. Carter served on the Planning and Zoning Board, Board of Adjustment and Design Review Board. Over the years, he reviewed more than 14,000 land use cases and helped improve and shape the City's urban form.



NEW/PROMOTED EMPLOYEES

TYLER SESSIONS is a new Building Inspector II

RAFAEL CANCINO is a new Senior Building Plans Examiner

JOSHUA GRANDLIENARD is a new Planner II

ROBERT APODACA promoted to Deputy Director Development Services – Civil Plan Review

MICHELLE DAHLKE is a new Principal Planner

RACHEL PRELOG promoted to Principal Planner

EVAN BALMER promoted to Senior Planner

KELLIE ROREX and **SEAN PESEK** promoted to Planner II

CHLOE DURFEE-SHERMAN promoted to Planner I

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS/EVENTS

TUES., SEPT. 7. HISTORIC

PRESERVATION BOARD. 6pm. Lower Level Council Chambers, 57 E. 1st St.

WED., SEPT. 8. PLANNING AND ZONING

BOARD. 4pm. Upper Level Council Chambers, 57 E. 1st St.

SAT., SEPT. 11. CITY OF MESA 9/11 20TH

ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION. 10am-11am. Mesa Amphitheatre, 263 N. Center St.

MON., SEPT. 13. CITY COUNCIL.

5:45pm. Upper Level Council Chambers, 57 E. 1st St.

TUES., SEPT. 14. DESIGN REVIEW

BOARD. 4:30pm. Lower Level Council Chambers, 57 E. 1st St.

MON., SEPT. 20. CITY COUNCIL.

5:45pm. Upper Level Council Chambers, 57 E. 1st St.

WED., SEPT. 22. PLANNING AND

ZONING BOARD. 4pm. Upper Level Council Chambers, 57 E. 1st St.

MON., OCT. 4. CITY COUNCIL.

5:45pm. Upper Level Council Chambers, 57 E. 1st St.

TUES., OCT. 5. HISTORIC

PRESERVATION BOARD. 6pm. Lower Level Council Chambers, 57 E. 1st St.

TUES., OCT. 12. DESIGN REVIEW

BOARD. 4:30pm. Lower Level Council Chambers, 57 E. 1st St.

WED., OCT. 13. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

10am. Upper Level Council Chambers, 57 E. 1st St.

WED., OCT. 13. PLANNING AND ZONING

BOARD. 4pm. Upper Level Council Chambers, 57 E. 1st St.

SAT., OCT. 16. CELEBRATE MESA.

5pm-9pm. Red Mountain Soccer Complex, 905 N. Sunvalley Blvd.

MON., OCT. 18. CITY COUNCIL.

5:45pm. Upper Level Council Chambers, 57 E. 1st St.

SAT., OCT. 23. LOVE YOUR CITY

CITYWIDE SERVICE DAY. 6am-1pm

SAT., OCT. 23. DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

FESTIVAL. 10am-5pm. Mesa Arts Center, 1 E. Main St.

SUN., OCT. 24. DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

FESTIVAL. 12pm-5pm. Mesa Arts Center, 1 E. Main St.

WED., OCT. 27. PLANNING AND ZONING

BOARD. 4pm. Upper Level Council Chambers, 57 E. 1st St.