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A Bi-Monthly Newsletter for Mesa Utility Customers

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Renovate Your Landscape and Get \$500

Did you know that up to 70 percent of household water is used outdoors? One easy way to save water is to remove water-thirsty landscaping like grass, and we'll help! Mesa is offering a \$500 Grass-to-Xeriscape rebate when you remove 500 square feet or more established grass and replace it with a low-water-using Xeriscape landscape.

Learn more about this program and other ways to save water at www.mesaaz.gov/conservation or call 480-644-3058.



Make Mesa A Better Community

Make Mesa A Better Community with a tax deductible donation that will assist Mesa residents in need. Please donate today by signing up online at www.mesaaz.gov/abc or by adding \$1 or \$5 to your monthly utility bill payment. In 2015, Paz de Cristo used donations from ABC to provide meals to the homeless, veterans, families and senior citizens in need by serving an average of **7,500 meals per month** through the help of 750 volunteers. Your generosity benefits our community and has the capability to change lives. Please donate to ABC today and support local non-profits assisting those in need.

"You cannot do a kindness too soon because you never know how soon it will be too late."
— **Ralph Waldo Emerson**



April is National Safe Digging Month

April 1 marks the official start of Safe Digging Month. Safe Digging Month is a collaborative effort of the Common Ground Alliance (CGA) and other national organizations to remind everyone who digs or excavates to call 811 to have the approximate location of their utility lines marked.

Utilities may be buried only a few inches underground making them easy to hit even during shallow digging projects. When utility lines are hit, injuries, property damage, and inconvenient outages can result in the responsible party being held financially responsible.

Safe digging is everyone's responsibility. Do your part, before digging into spring projects, call Arizona **811, AT LEAST TWO BUSINESS DAYS BEFORE EVERY DIGGING PROJECT - IT'S FREE AND IT'S THE LAW!**

Visit www.mesaaz.gov/energy for more information.



Dive into an Underwater FantaSEA

Come visit the i.d.e.a. Museum this spring to experience the Underwater FantaSEA exhibition, where you can explore the depths of our oceans and learn about marine life. The exhibit, which runs through May 29, features many activities and interactive displays and showcases approximately 60 artworks by 16 artists who bring together a mix of fascinating sea life and imaginative beauty to take you on a fanciful journey under the sea.



While at the museum, let your creativity loose in our HUB. Build a new invention with Rigamajig and design your dream machine in Robot Corner. Dance to ocean sounds in Soundscape, play games on Tech Table and more. For visitors ages four and younger, ArtVille provides a creative outlet with soft blocks, puppets, gears, pixels and more. Just remember your socks — ArtVille is a socks-only space for children and adults. Cost: \$8; free for museum members and children younger than one.

Learn more: www.ideaMuseum.org. Keep up with us on social media: Like us on Facebook at facebook.com/ideaMuseum and follow us on twitter and Instagram @ideamuseummesa.

INFORMATION
For a complete listing of
City events, activities and
meetings, check out
Mesa's events calendar at
www.mesaaz.gov
or tune into
Mesa Channel 11.

**TAKE OUR ONLINE
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<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MesaInformation>





UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS AT KIOSKS

City of Mesa utility bill customers are now able to pay bills via kiosks at 300 participating Circle K's throughout Arizona, and within the Main, Dobson and Red Mountain branch libraries.

The Circle K kiosks offer a 24-hour, 7 day a week option for customers to pay their utility bill, and all kiosks offer a payment of other bills such as SRP, Cox and Cricket. All kiosks are located indoors for convenience and safety. Payments post within minutes and a receipt is printed for customers. City of Mesa payments are cash only and are charged a \$2 usage fee.



Club Blue - Mesa's Young Recycling Squad

Mesa's young recyclers, ages four to ten, are invited to join one of Mesa's coolest clubs for kids. Club Blue teaches kids about recycling and how they can take care of the planet. The goal is to develop strong environmentally responsible habits at an early age for Mesa's youngest residents. Membership in this educational recycling club is free and enrollment is quick and easy. Members receive a quarterly newsletter, a birthday card from Charlie the Recycling Chimp and are invited to participate in member-only activities and contests, including the chance to win some fun and exclusive prize packages.



For more information or to enroll your kids, visit www.mesarecycles.org.

City of Mesa launches MesaSiteSearch.com

A FREE online real estate search tool



The City of Mesa has launched **Mesa SiteSearch**, a new, free online tool designed to help businesses find commercial properties located in Mesa that are available for sale or lease.

Mesa SiteSearch, located at www.MesaSiteSearch.com, allows businesses to search a database of approximately 800 properties. Search criteria include property type, lease rate, sale price, square footage, acreage, keywords and more.

Search results include a customized list of properties that meet the search parameters along with detailed information about each property, a property map, broker contact information and area demographics such as age distribution, housing types, income levels and retail sales volumes.

According to a joint study by Google and LoopNet, 78 percent of tenants and investors report using online sources to search for commercial properties, which corresponds to a 60 percent increase in commercial real estate-related online searches reported by Google over the last six years.

"The internet has become one of the most valuable and widely used tools to help buyers find commercial real estate," Bill Jabjiniak, City of Mesa Economic Development Director said. "It is a smart investment for the City of Mesa to provide this valuable service to companies searching for expansion or location opportunities in Mesa."

Learn more at www.MesaSiteSearch.com.

Roll-off Trash Container Rentals Available

The City of Mesa has 20, 30 and 40-yard roll-off containers available for construction, roofing, cleanup and other large-scale projects.

For rates and additional information, please call the Environmental Management & Sustainability Department at 480-644-6789.



Bulk Item Collection Program

City of Mesa customers interested in disposing of large items such as old furniture, bundled yard waste or other household items that do not fit into their garbage container are encouraged to take advantage of the City's Bulk Item Collection Program. Rates start at \$20.99 per load and the service must be scheduled in advance.

For more information or to schedule a curbside bulk item pickup, visit www.mesaaz.gov/waste or call 480-644-6789.



PARDON OUR DUST... Don't forget our local businesses being affected by construction. The City of Mesa supports the promotion of our local businesses affected by construction. Check out the construction specials offered by your local businesses at ShopMesaAz.org! Your patronage keeps stores open and your neighbors working. **WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO SHOP MESA!**

Remember that when you shop, every dollar spent in Mesa supports not only local businesses but your community, providing critical funding for police, fire, streets, parks and more. **SHOP MESA!**