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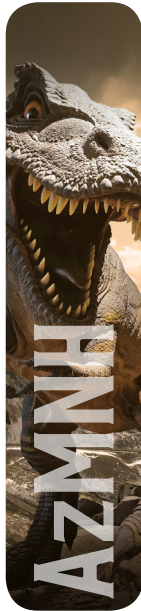
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## INFORMATION

For a complete listing of City events, activities and meetings, check out Mesa's events calendar at [mesaaz.gov](http://mesaaz.gov) or tune into **Mesa Channel 11.**



## Science Before Saturday

Come and join the Arizona Museum of Natural History for an evening of fun and discovery! Science Before Saturday is our newest Second Friday event geared to people of all ages. On Friday, Jan. 13 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., come experience "Star Wars: A Galaxy of Discovery!" Participate in hands-on experiments, attend workshops held by local scientists and institutions, and meet the local artists and businesses that make up our vibrant Downtown Mesa community!



## I Love Science Day!

Arizona Museum of Natural History presents "I Love Science Day!" on Feb. 11, 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Join us for a fun filled science celebration that has something for everyone! Observe ongoing scientific experiments, and participate in science based activities and crafts! For non-museum members, the event is free with regular price of admission. Museum members, as always, are admitted free!

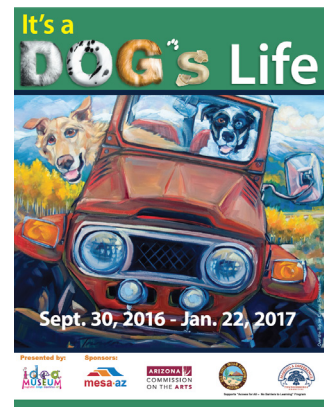


For more information or to register, call the AzMNH at 480-644-3553 or email [AzMNHgroups@mesaaz.gov](mailto:AzMNHgroups@mesaaz.gov). Visit our website at [AzMNH.org](http://AzMNH.org). For the latest on all of our events, "LIKE" us on Facebook at [facebook.com/azmnh1](https://www.facebook.com/azmnh1) and follow us on twitter and Instagram @AzMNH.

## Experience the world of canines with all of your senses!



The i.d.e.a. Museum proudly presents its Fall/Winter exhibition, It's a Dog's Life, through Jan. 22, 2017. The exhibition takes guests on a journey through art and hands-on activities to explore the life, science, history, geography and social impact of domestic dogs and their wild canine cousins, including wolves, foxes, jackals and dingoes.



The exhibition is sponsored by the i.d.e.a. Museum Board of Directors Inc., the City of Mesa and the Arizona Commission on the Arts, which receives support from the state of Arizona and the National Endowment for the Arts. Other financial contributions come from the Gila River Indian Community, Thunderbirds Charities and The Steele Foundation.

While at the museum, head to the HUB Gallery for more hands-on activities that encourage creative thinking and promote design principles. Plus, don't miss our black light room. For visitors ages 4 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 1.

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

## Make a resolution that will help you have 12 months of safety

Energy safety is not only one of the easiest resolutions to make and keep, it is one of the most beneficial resolutions to help you protect and enjoy all the comforts of your surroundings. Whether at work or at home, a resolution to use energy safely is a way to help keep the New Year happy. — Continued on next page.



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# Online Opening

## Mesa Historic Home Tour



Mesa's 17th Annual Historic Home Tour is Saturday, Jan. 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The tour will showcase homes in the Fraser Fields neighborhood along with several special stops. Tickets are \$20 with all proceeds benefitting the Mesa Historical Museum.

For more information, visit [mesamuseum.org](http://mesamuseum.org).

## MLK Celebration



The City of Mesa will remember the leadership and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with several celebrations Monday, Jan. 16. Events will include an MLK Celebration Breakfast at 8 a.m. at the Mesa Convention Center, the annual parade through downtown Mesa at 11 a.m., the MLK Festival at noon at the Mesa Arts Center and an Interfaith Candlelight Vigil at 1 p.m.

More details are available at [mesamlk.org](http://mesamlk.org).

## Recycle plastic bags at the store, not in your blue barrel



Plastic bags and other plastic film (shrink wrap packaging, bubble wrap, plastic wrap, etc.) are NOT ACCEPTED in Mesa's blue barrel. Material collected from the blue barrel must be separated prior to recycling using a variety of

sorting equipment with several moving parts. Plastic bags and film become entangled in these moving components and cause significant and costly damage to the equipment. Residents should instead recycle their plastic bags and plastic film at their local retailer. Since the bags are isolated in these specially marked containers, they do not need to be sorted and can be sent directly to the facility where they will be recycled into new bags, carpet, plastic lumber and clothing.

For information about Mesa's recycling programs, visit [mesarecycles.org](http://mesarecycles.org).

**\*Tip:** Reduce the use of plastic bags by skipping the bag or using reusable bags instead.

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event Saturday, Feb. 4 | 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

East Mesa Service Center, 6935 E. Decatur St.

For more information, call 480-644-2221 or visit [www.mesarecycles.org](http://www.mesarecycles.org)

## Residents encouraged to treecycle

Mesa residents choosing to purchase a fresh cut Christmas tree this year are encouraged to recycle it at the end of the holiday season after removing all nails, tree stands, lights and decorations. Please remember that wreaths, snow flocked trees and artificial trees cannot be recycled and therefore are not accepted at any of the drop-off sites.

THE FOLLOWING 24-HOUR DROP-OFF SITES WILL BE AVAILABLE DEC. 26-JAN. 15:

- East Mesa Service Center, 6935 E. Decatur St.
- Fitch Park, 651 N. Center St. (enter off of 8th St.)
- Superstition Springs Police/Fire Station, 2430 S. Ellsworth Rd.
- Mountain View Park, 845 N. Lindsay Rd. (enter off of Adobe St.)
- Dobson Ranch Park, 2363 S. Dobson Rd.

For more information or for additional recycling options, please call 480-644-2221 or visit [mesarecycles.org](http://mesarecycles.org).

**\*Holiday service reminder:** Trash and recycle barrel collection service is provided on all holidays, including Christmas and New Year's Day. Please have your barrel out for collection by 6 a.m.

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Maintaining your natural gas appliances is the best way to safeguard your home from a natural gas accident. Always put safety first when using natural gas appliances of any kind. Your natural gas flame should be blue with a hint of yellow near the tip; a yellow flame may indicate incomplete combustion and is potentially dangerous. Call a qualified contractor if you suspect your appliances are not operating properly.

### HOME SAFETY TIPS...

#### DO:

- Ensure everyone in your household knows how to identify a gas leak and what to do if a leak is present.
- Follow manufacturers' instructions for the installation, recommended service, and use of gas appliances and equipment.
- Ensure all natural gas appliances have a steady blue flame. If not, the appliances may not be operating properly. Have a qualified professional inspect gas appliances, connectors and lines, and repair or replace if necessary.
- Periodically inspect any gas lines you own for leaks and signs of corrosion (rust). This includes piping to your outdoor appliances (grills, pool heaters, fire pits, etc.). If a condition is discovered that could lead to an unsafe condition, it is recommended that a qualified contractor perform an inspection on your system or appliances and complete any needed repairs.
- Protect your natural gas meter from vehicular damage (i.e. cars, boats, trailers) by not parking near the meter. Protect against overgrown roots, plants, shrubs, or trees by keeping the vegetation trimmed.

#### DO NOT!

- Use barbeque grills indoors or use your stove for heating your home.
- Store or use flammable objects near natural gas appliances.
- Block the vents to your natural gas appliances.
- Attach anything to a gas meter or pipe.
- Allow children to play on or around natural gas appliances, pipes, and meters.

If you smell gas (rotten egg smell), hear the sound of escaping gas (hissing noise), or suspect a line break, leave the area and call 480-644-4277 (GASS) or 911. For additional home safety tips or information on natural gas safety, visit [mesaaz.gov/energy](http://mesaaz.gov/energy).



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!**