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## 2016 City Transaction Privilege “Sales” Tax Election

### Q: When is the City Transaction Privilege “Sales” Tax election?

A: The City Transaction Privilege “Sales” Tax election question will be on the November 8, 2016 General Election ballot for City of Mesa residents.

### Q: What is being voted on?

A: The ballot will include one question (Question 1) on whether to increase the City Transaction Privilege “Sales” Tax from 1.75% to 2.15% to pay for public safety needs and higher education projects.

### Q: What happens if the City Transaction Privilege “Sales” Tax question is approved?

A: If the election question is approved, the City will direct the estimated \$38.4 million annually to public safety needs and higher education projects. Public Safety budget requests are approved individually by the City Council as part of the City’s annual strategic budgeting process and all higher education projects are reviewed and approved by the Mesa City Council.



### Q: How would the revenues generated by the increase in the City Transaction Privilege “Sales” Tax be used to support public safety needs?

A: An estimated \$23.2 million would pay for additional police officers and fire/medical personnel as well as life cycle and equipment needs such as radios, communications consoles, records management system upgrades and driving track resurfacing for police; and breathing apparatus, cardiac lead monitors, computer aided dispatch equipment upgrades, communications equipment and infrastructure; and emergency fire station generators.

### Q: How would the revenues generated by the increase in the City Transaction Privilege “Sales” Tax be used to support higher education projects?

A: The revenues would pay for a proposed Arizona State University Downtown Mesa campus including new buildings and a 10-12-acre Civic Center Plaza, a buildout of the Benedictine University campus, new parking structures to accommodate the expansions and additional offsite improvements totaling an estimated \$108-127 million.

### Q: What happens if the City Transaction Privilege “Sales” Tax question is not approved?

A: If the election question is not approved; the City would maintain public safety levels to the extent possible with current resources and proposed higher education projects would not be built. It is anticipated that the current levels of public safety services would not keep up with new growth.

### Q: Why use the transaction privilege “sales” tax?

A: The City does not have a primary property tax or a sales tax on food. There are not sufficient resources using established funding mechanisms at current levels to pay for public safety needs or higher education projects that provide services and opportunities for now and into the future. The City’s secondary property tax is limited to paying for capital projects and utilities infrastructure. An increase in the City’s local transaction privilege “sales” tax, one of the City’s other key revenue generators, uses a proven funding source to strategically staff and equip public safety services as well as provide higher education options and economic development strength.

### Q: If passed, how will the City’s tax rate compare with other valley cities?

A: The City tax rate with the voter approved increase (2.15%) would put the City in the middle of the eleven largest cities and towns and slightly above the average rate of 2.10%.

### 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.**

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## Mesa Supports America Recycles Day



In honor of America Recycles Day, residents are encouraged to take the recycling pledge by promising to recycle right and to reduce the amount of trash they send to the landfill. In return for pledging their support, residents will have the opportunity to win a FREE set of miniature City of Mesa barrels!



America Recycles Day (ARD) is a nationally recognized day dedicated to encouraging Americans to recycle and buy recycled products. ARD is celebrated annually on November 15.

Visit [mesarecycles.org](http://mesarecycles.org) by November 15 for more information and to take the pledge.

## Veterans Day Parade and Benefit Concert

Mesa will honor veterans with the annual East Valley Veterans Parade Friday, Nov. 11. The parade in downtown Mesa will begin promptly at 11 a.m. with many veteran and military themed activities including the Fallen Soldier Memorial. The parade will begin at Center Street and 6th Place/Athletics Way, travel south on Center Street and turn west on First Street. The parade will continue on First Street to Robson where it will end.



A free Veterans' Benefit Concert will be held immediately following the parade at the Mesa Arts Center. Help support the Mesa Veteran's Programs while enjoying a free concert, live performers, food trucks and more! Donations will benefit Housing Our Heroes to provide housing for homeless veterans.

Visit [mesaaz.gov/vets](http://mesaaz.gov/vets) or call 480-644-6536 for more information.

## Let's talk turkey!

**DON'T POUR YOUR COOKING OIL DOWN THE DRAIN - RECYCLE IT FOR FREE INSTEAD.**

Disposing of large amounts of cooking oil creates a mess year-round; not just during the holidays when you fry your turkey. Oil and grease rinsed down the plumbing system can congeal and block pipes, causing sewer back-ups. Recycling your cooking oil may save your home from a clogged drain—and a visit from the plumber.

Cooking oil recycling collection barrels are in place year-round at various City of Mesa fire stations:

- Fire Station 204, 1426 S. Extension Road
- Fire Station 205, 730 S. Greenfield Road
- Fire Station 212, 2430 S. Ellsworth Road
- Fire Station 214, 5950 E. Virginia St.



Simply stop by any of the locations and pour your used cooking oil into the barrel marked specifically for cooking/fryer oil.

The City of Mesa has partnered with Baker Commodities, Inc. to recycle cooking oil into products that can be used to feed livestock, power vehicles, and act as a base for everyday items.

For more information, visit [mesaaz.gov/water](http://mesaaz.gov/water) or call 480-644-2484.



The 2016 Mesa Music Festival will be returning to downtown Mesa, AZ **November 10-12, 2016**  
Admission is FREE!

For more information, visit [mesamusicfest.com](http://mesamusicfest.com).

## Ride-In-Movies at the Park

We invite Mesa residents to bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy a free movie in one of Mesa's parks. Hosted by the Bike & Pedestrian Program, monthly movie nights are offered September through May and provide an alternative to the movie theatre. Fondly referred to as the Ride-In Movie Series, the City offers walking and biking paths for residents to make the destination to the movie just as much of the experience than the movie itself.

For more information, visit: [mesaaz.gov/bikeped](http://mesaaz.gov/bikeped).

## FREE MOVIE ON US TONIGHT!

| DATE              | LOCATION                     | TIME      | MOVIE                   |
|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| October 15, 2016  | Carriage Lane Park           | 6:30 p.m. | Goosebumps              |
| November 5, 2016  | Porter Park                  | 6 p.m.    | Elf                     |
| February 11, 2017 | Red Mountain Park            | 6:30 p.m. | Minions                 |
| March 10, 2017    | D-Lab Alley - 18 W. Main St. | 7 p.m.    | The Secret Life of Pets |
| April 22, 2017    | Harmony Park                 | 7:30 p.m. | Jungle Book             |
| May 6, 2017       | Mountain View Park           | 7:45 p.m. | Finding Dory            |

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

**Saturday, Oct. 15 | 8 a.m.-12 p.m.**  
East Mesa Service Center, 6935 E. Decatur St.

**Saturday, Dec. 3 | 8 a.m.-12 p.m.**  
Center Street Facility, 2412 N. Center St.

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

