



A Brief Update of News Around Arizona April 2019

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Culinary

Punch Bowl Social to open first Arizona location in Phoenix

[Punch Bowl Social](#) will open a 22,000-square-foot location in downtown Phoenix's Roosevelt Row district in fall 2019. The combination restaurant, bar and entertainment venue will feature a custom-built 360-degree bar and outdoor patio, ping-pong, darts, board games, video games, bowling, private karaoke rooms and more. Punch Bowl Social Phoenix will also feature the brand's indoor Putt Club, a new social experience that is anything but a standard mini-golf experience. In Punch Bowl Social fashion, the course will start and end at an epic bar where guests will enjoy craft cocktails and scratch-made sharable food.



Punch Bowl Social

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Attractions

Tiki Cruise at Lake Havasu

[Cruisin' Tikis Havasu](#) offers a variety of year-round cruises in Lake Havasu, including Bridgewater Channel and Thompson Bay. The floating tiki bar can hold up to six people and has a cruising speed of four to six mph. Cruisin' Tikis Havasu made its first debut the weekend of April 5 – 7, 2019 at the 28th Annual Lake Havasu Boat Show. Tour prices range from \$54- \$74 depending on the time of day and year. The cruise does not provide food or drinks but allows guests to bring their own alcohol and snacks. Reservations can be made online through their [website](#).



Cruisin' Tikis

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Casa Grande Neon Sign Park grand opening

Historic signs collected over the years have been restored and placed in a 4-acre park. The [Neon Sign Park](#) is opened early April 2019 and features 14, mid-20th century electric signs. Some of the signs featured include the Route66 Dairy Queen sign from Holbrook, the Casa Grande Horseshoe Motel sign and the Goddard Shoe sign. The majority of the historic signs were originally located on Casa Grande's old Highway 84.

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Neon Sign Park

Hotel News

New event venue at Tanque Verde Ranch in Tucson

[The Barn](#), Tanque Verde Ranches' brand new 20,000-square-foot event space, is set for completion in fall 2019. The Barn will offer a picturesque space for gatherings, corporate group functions, weddings and more. Accommodating up to 350 guests, the expansive facility will feature barn doors that open up to a massive lawn with desert landscaping peering over surrounding saguaros and the Rincon Mountains in the distance.



The Barn at Tanque Verde Ranch

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Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino completes renovation and opens new spa

[Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino](#) recently completed a multimillion-dollar property renovation. The hotel added a 12-story tower, adding 230 rooms to the property. The casino expanded the gaming floor with the addition of live entertainment, slot machines, bingo, video poker, video keno, statewide progressives, live action poker and blackjack. The property also expanded its ballroom, opened a nearly 3,000-square-foot spa and updated all of its existing resort-style hotel rooms.

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Harrah's Ak-Chin Spa

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Great Wolf Lodge Arizona grand opening

[Great Wolf Lodge](#) is opening their first Arizona location on Oct. 17, 2019 within the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Talking Stick Entertainment District. The resort will feature 350 guest rooms, an 85,000-square-foot indoor waterpark, an outdoor resort pool, a 27,000-square-foot family entertainment center and several on-site dining options. The indoor water park has a set temperature of 84-degrees year-round and 10 water attractions. Near the outdoor pool, the resort provides an adult-only oasis with lounge chairs and a private hot tub. The family entertainment center, known as the Great Wolf Adventure Park, features a live action adventure game, a rope course, miniature golf, a bowling alley, and an arcade. An overnight stay at the Great Wolf Lodge Arizona includes two days at the waterpark, standard rates start at \$180 per night.



Great Wolf Lodge Arizona

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General

Six new bike repair stations in Sedona

The Sedona Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau is pleased to announce the installation of [six bike repair stations](#) in Sedona. Each bike repair station is equipped with a bike hanger, heavy-duty bike pump and air kit, and commonly used tools for bike maintenance. Bike repair stations are free for all riders. The repair stations are installed in high use areas including the Fay Canyon, the City Bike Skills Park at Posse Grounds, Adobe Jack Trail, Chuckwagon Trail, Bell Rock Trail, and Yavapai Vista Trail.

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Sedona Bike Repair Station

Summer Staycations



Parker Watercraft Rentals

Family-owned watercraft rentals in Parker announces Spring Break hours and rates
[Parker Watercraft Rentals](#), the family-owned and operated personal watercraft company on the Parker Strip, announced their spring hours and rates. Pending water levels, patrons are invited to enjoy the Parker Strip with Parker Watercraft Rentals starting at just \$250 per day, plus tax and gas. Full day rentals are available 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. and include life jackets, all safety equipment, anchor, and dock line.

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The Scottsdale Resort at McCormick Ranch Offers “Rock Your Staycation” summer deals

The [Scottsdale Resort at McCormick Ranch](#), A Destination Hotel is bringing back “Rock Your Staycation” this summer with room rates starting as low as \$97 on the weekends, a \$30 daily resort credit, two \$25 Luna Spa vouchers (per reservation) and a 50 percent discount on the daily resort fee. Use promo code: ROCK19 at checkout. The daily resort fee is \$29 plus tax, which includes valet or self-parking, fitness center access, bicycle use, Wi-Fi, and daily newspaper. These rates are available for stays May 24 – Sept. 1, 2019 (based on availability; blackout dates and cancellation fees do apply).



Golf Course Patio, Scottsdale Resort at McCormick Ranch



King Suite, Scottsdale Resort at McCormick Ranch

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FOUND:RE Phoenix Hotel celebrates the season with “Summer Fun Package”

The [FOUND:RE](#) announces their “Summer Fun Package” deals available from May 24 – Sept. 2, 2019. Room rates start at \$129 plus tax and include 25 percent off the standard rate for a “re:markable” room, \$25 poolside food and beverage credit and poolside swag (including sunglasses, a pool floatie and sunblock) per stay. Booking dates are from May 1 – Sept. 2, 2019.

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Suite, FOUND:RE

The Hermosa Inn announces hot summer 2019 rates and cool dining dates

Available May 19 – Sept. 30, 2019, [The Hermosa Inn](#) offers rates starting from \$149, plus tax and resort fee of \$32. The resort fee includes valet parking, two drink tickets per room, \$25 daily food and beverage credit, and daily poolside treats. Based on availability, guests will receive a free upgrade and early check-in and late checkout. Book during the presale week of April 8 – 14, 2019 and receive a double bonus of \$50 in daily food and beverage credit and four drink tickets upon arrival.



King Suite, Hermosa Inn



LON's Wine Cellar, Hermosa Inn

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Centennial Celebrations in 2019

Grand Canyon Centennial, Grand Canyon National Park

The [Grand Canyon](#) celebrates 100 years of its designation as a national park. The Centennial year will feature virtual and in-park events throughout 2019 at the South Rim, North Rim, Desert View, Inner Canyon, and surrounding gateway communities.

The Centennial Summerfest and star party will take place on June 22–29, 2019. During the day, the Centennial Summerfest will bring together park partners to highlight Arizona. The star party, at night, will celebrate the Grand Canyon National Park designation as an International Dark Sky park. Visitors on the South Rim will learn about dark skies with the Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association and on the North Rim with the Saguaro Astronomy Club of Phoenix.

Watch it here: Senate (starts at 11 min 35 sec mark) -

http://azleg.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?clip_id=22237&autostart=0

Read it here: <https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/54leg/1R/bills/SR1001S.htm>

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Hotel Congress, Tucson

The hotel was established in 1919, but while digging up historical facts about [Hotel Congress](#), the building was constructed in 1918 with a soft opening in November of that year. The celebrations will continue through 2019 with events toasting the hotel's dedication to serving the Tucson community.

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Semicentennial Celebrations in 2019

Lunar Legacy, Flagstaff

On July 20th, 1969, Neil Armstrong became the first person to set foot on the moon. All astronauts who walked on the Moon – including Neil Armstrong, Alan Shepard, and Buzz Aldrin – completed their training in [Flagstaff](#), and at several other locations in northern Arizona. After 50 years, it is time to celebrate Flagstaff's scientific role in the Apollo Moon Missions of 1969.

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John Wesley Powell Museum, Page

The [John Wesley Powell Museum](#) is a nonprofit organization that started in 1969 by local volunteers. The museum's mission is to collect, preserve and interpret the history of John Wesley Powell, the City of Page and the Colorado Plateau. [John Wesley Powell](#) is known for his trips down the Green and Colorado River in 1869, and is credited with leading the first group of white men down the Colorado River through present day Grand Canyon.

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Desert Caballeros Western Museum, Wickenburg

In 2019, [The Desert Caballeros Western Museum \(DCWM\)](#) will celebrate 50 years since opening its doors to the public on May 9, 1969. Originally founded by members of the Wickenburg community to preserve the history of the town, five decades of continued support from locals and visitors alike has transformed the Museum into a nationally celebrated center for Western art and history.

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