



A Brief Update of News Around Arizona June 2019

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Culinary

Fate Brewing Company opens new location in Tempe

[Fate Brewing Company](#) opened its third valley location in Tempe on Wednesday, May 15, 2019. The new 6,000 square-foot brewpub is located in a former longstanding office complex that was completely renovated to match the midcentury modern structure of Fate's other locations. The brewpub features an indoor/outdoor wrap-around bar, an additional 2,500 square-foot beer garden, and a large, dog-friendly patio with two fire pits and lawn games. The High Gravity Room can accommodate private buyouts for large groups with a designated balcony bar. Fates' lunch and dinner menu remains the same and Brunch will start only on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Last month, Fate Brewing Company announced its return to its original name after reverting to the name McFate Brewing Company since 2016.

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Fate Brewery and Restaurant, Tempe

Attractions

City of Prescott revamps the Prescott Heritage Trail with new History Hunt Adventure Guide



The [Prescott History Hunt Adventure](#) Guide features nine historical landmarks and cultural attractions, currently part of the [Prescott Heritage Trail](#). There are questions or activities that pertain to each stop, to challenge young visitors and tourists. The adventure guide is a free, interactive tour created in collaboration with local organizations, historians, educators and community members to enhance the experience of the Prescott Heritage Trail.

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The largest alligator outside Florida is now at OdySea Aquarium

For a limited time, the [OdySea Aquarium](#) in Scottsdale is hosting one of the biggest, most astounding alligators in the country. Weighing 800 pounds and 14 feet long, [Mighty Mike](#) has toured the country with Florida based reptile expert Bruce Shwedick, spreading the word for the conservation of the crocodylian species. In addition to their large size, American alligators also have one of the strongest bites of any living animal – 2,000 pounds per square inch. At OdySea Aquarium, Mighty Mike will demonstrate his powerful bite during his public feedings, which usually include four to nine pounds of meat — chicken, pork shoulder, large rodents, turkey, and rabbit.

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Mighty Mike, OdySea Aquarium

Hotel News

Maswick South Lodging Complex undergoes \$30 million rebuild and renovation

[Xanterra South Rim, L.L.C.](#), a concessionaire within [Grand Canyon National Park](#), will be rebuilding and renovating the [Maswick South lodging](#) complex. The \$30 million project will include demolishing the six existing lodging buildings and constructing four new ADA compliant buildings, reconstructing existing roads and adding one new section of road, replacing utilities, landscaping, and other site improvements. The four new lodging buildings will supply 120 mid-scale rooms, 30 of which will have kitchenettes. The project began in April 2019 and is expected to finish in 18 months.

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Maswick South Lodge, Grand Canyon



Maswick New Lodge Opening in 2020, Grand Canyon

Flight Service

New daily flight service from Phoenix to South Dakota and Mexico



CRJ1700 Aircraft, American Airlines

[American Airlines](#) announced its service expansion at [Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport](#) with the launch of daily, nonstop flights from Phoenix to Rapid City, South Dakota and Chihuahua, Mexico. The flight to Rapid City will begin Sept. 4, 2019 on a CRJ200 aircraft, which carries approximately 50 passengers. The flight to Chihuahua will start Dec. 18, 2019 and will operate on a CRJ700, which holds approximately 70 passengers. Both routes will be available year-round.

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Phoenix travelers can now enjoy flying on 30-seat jets from private terminals to Burbank, Las Vegas, and Oakland

[JetSuiteX](#), has announced that it will soon launch service from [Phoenix Sky Harbor](#) to Burbank, Las Vegas, and Oakland. Customers traveling between these cities will be able to enjoy flying on 30-seat jets from private terminals with fares starting at \$79 one-way. Starting August 30, 2019, JetSuiteX will offer three daily flights from Phoenix to Burbank. Flights from Phoenix to Las Vegas will begin on September 12, 2019, offering four daily flights. There will be three daily flights offered from Phoenix to Oakland, starting on October 1, 2019.



30-seat jet, JetSuiteX

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Accolades

Pedal Haus Brewery won four medals at 2019 Los Angeles International Beer Competition

Downtown Tempe's [Pedal Haus Brewery](#) ranked in the top three in four beer categories in the [Los Angeles International Beer Competition](#). The brewery on Mill Avenue won two silver medals and two bronze medals. The Day Drinker Light Lager won a silver medal in the American-Style or German-Style Light Lager category and the Rauchbier Märzen won a silver medal in the Smoke Beer category. The bronze medals were awarded to Tmave Pivo, a collaboration with [Pueblo Vida brewery](#) in Tucson, in the European-Style Dark Lager/Munich-Style Dunkel category and the Bière Blanche in the Belgian-Style Witbier category.

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Pedal Haus Brewery and Restaurant, Tempe

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Ed Mell becomes the seventh recipient of the Desert Caballeros Western Museum's Lifetime Achievement Award



Ed Mell, painter, sculptor, and illustrator, will become the seventh recipient of the [Desert Caballeros Western Museum's](#) Lifetime Achievement Award. The award will be presented at the annual [heART of the West Gala](#) in the Museum's Cultural Crossroads Learning Center in Wickenburg on Jan. 18, 2020. The heART of the West Gala pays tribute to people who reflect creativity and history of the American West, and to recognize those who inspire others while shaping the West's cultural legacy. There will be an exhibit of Mell's work in the Museum's Fisher Gallery from Dec. 21, 2019 through March 8, 2020.

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Ed Mell, Desert Caballeros Western Museum

General

New shuttle route from Flagstaff to the Grand Canyon with National Park Express

[National Park Express](#), a tour and transportation company, has announced an agreement with [Amtrak Vacations](#), to transport visitors from Amtrak's Flagstaff stop to the Grand Canyon and other locations starting June 1, 2019. National Park Express offers shuttles to the Grand Canyon National Park, South Rim, as well as Bryce Canyon National Park, Zion National Park and Antelope Canyon. Visitors can book one-way shuttles between these locations, as well as the surrounding Arizona communities such as Williams, Flagstaff, Sedona, and Page.

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Zion National Park Tour Bus, National Park Express



Grand Canyon Tour Bus, National Park Express

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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).

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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.



Suite, FOUND:RE

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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.

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King Suite, Hermosa Inn



LON's Wine Cellar, Hermosa Inn

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Cool Summer Rates at Arizona's Three JW Marriott Resorts

The JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa announced a "Splash Into Summer" deal that includes a \$50 resort credit, a \$10 donation to Phoenix Children's Hospital, and resort fee (which includes high speed internet, two comp hours of pickleball, comp use of driving range, tennis courts and two hour bike rental). Prices start at \$199 and is available May 23 – Sept. 7, 2019. Must use promo code SPU when booking. JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa in Tucson unveiled



Pool, JW Marriott Desert Ridge

new summer special called "Casitas & Rita's" includes overnight accommodations in a luxurious casita, two specialty-handcrafted margaritas per night and a \$50 resort credit per night. Prices starting at \$199, and is available May 24 – Sept. 2, 2019. Must use promo code ES1 when booking. JW Marriott Camelback Inn Resort & Spa "Fling & Swing" summer special includes overnight accommodations, unlimited golf for two per day beginning at 1 p.m. day of arrival, and \$50 resort credit per night. Prices starting at \$189, and is available March 27 – Sept. 7, 2019. Must use promo code 33G when booking. All prices do not include tax or resort fee and are based on availability.

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"Steak-Cation" Summer Package at JW Marriott Camelback Inn Resort & Spa

JW Marriot Camelback Inn Resort and Spa's "Steak-cation" summer package includes accommodations in a luxurious, adobe-style casita, and a \$100 credit to Lincoln, the award winning, JW steakhouse. Room rates begin at \$269 per night, not including taxes. The "Steak-cation" summer package is available May 24 – Sept. 2, 2019, excluding Sundays and Mondays from June 30 – Aug. 26, 2019. Must use promo code ZI8 when booking.

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Lincoln, JW Marriott Camelback Resort & Spa

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Summer Staycation Packages at the We-Ko-Pa Resort & Conference Center

We-Ko-Pa Resort & Conference Center announced their one and two-night summer staycation packages. A one-night stay includes a deluxe guest room with one king or two queen beds, \$25 food and beverage credit, one \$10 casino slot play, 25% off regular priced spa services, and a waived \$25 resort fee. Prices start at \$99, not including taxes. A two-night stay includes a deluxe guest room with one king or two queen beds, \$75 food and beverage credit, one \$10 Casino slot play, 25% off regular priced spa services, and waived \$25 resort fee, per night. Prices start at \$189, not including taxes. The summer staycation packages are available May 1 – Aug. 31, 2019.

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Pool at We-Ko-Pa Resort & Conference Center

Mormon Lake Lodge offers groups two-for-one pricing on cabin rentals during midweek

Located southeast of Flagstaff, Mormon Lake Lodge offers groups two-for-one pricing on cabin rentals during midweek (Sunday through Thursday) for spring and summer 2019. Every night booked would include a second night at no charge. Choose from a variety of cabins ranging from \$59 - \$324 per night. The Lodge is situated on 300 acres of pristine forest that offer flexible facilities and amenities for corporate meetings, family reunions, retirement parties, weddings, group functions, and team-building events.

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Banquet Hall, Mormon Lake Lodge

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Summertime room packages and activities at L'Auberge de Sedona

L'Auberge de Sedona, A Destination Hotel in Sedona, announced their "Cooler by Nature" summer package, available now until Sept. 30, 2019. The package includes a two night stay, up to 20 percent off cottages and suites, and \$40 credit at ETCH Kitchen + Bar. L'Auberge de Sedona offers exclusive summertime activities such as creekside dinner at Cress on Oak Creek, summer nature-focused spa and wellness treatments at L'Apothecary Spa, or a customized hike through The Hike House.

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Cress on Oak Creek, L'Auberge



Cottage, L'Auberge



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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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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