

NEWS BRIEFS

**Credit card fee to be collected for Mesa services**

Beginning March 12, a service fee of 2.37 percent will be collected by a third party from city of Mesa customers paying with a credit card or debit card for certain services.

Those services include utility bills, building permits and fees collected at Falcon Field Airport.

The fee will be assessed on the total amount charged to the customers' credit card or debit card. The city does not receive any part of the service fee.

The city will no longer accept American Express starting March 12. All card payments will be assessed a service fee, which is not refundable.

Customers who use a credit card or debit card can avoid the charge by switching to a checking or savings account. This is especially convenient for utility customers who make automated recurring payments through the Credit Card SurePay program.

They can switch to BankDraft SurePay online at no cost at <https://se>

[www.mesaaz.gov/customerservice/surepay.aspx](https://www.mesaaz.gov/customerservice/surepay.aspx).

Mesa accepts Visa, MasterCard and Discover from customers who choose to continue using a credit card or debit card.

**Details:** [www.mesaaz.gov/servicefee](https://www.mesaaz.gov/servicefee)

**ICAN Chandler adds 5 to board**

ICAN: Positive Programs for Youth recently added five new members to its board of directors: John Hoopes, vice president of the Salt River Project; Matt Julian, community volunteer; Blas Minor, battalion chief of the Chandler Fire, Health & Medical Department; Sara Nance, CPA at Wallace, Plese & Dreher LLP; and Amy Richardson, Realtor at Keller Williams Leading Luxury Experts.

ICAN is a free youth center in the East Valley that offers programming for teens, families and the community.

ICAN's nationally recognized prevention programming teaches disadvantaged youths real-life skills, including

goal-setting, positive decision-making and how to avoid the risky behaviors that are prevalent in the community ICAN serves.

ICAN's evidence-based programming equips youth to achieve personal and academic success. Parenting classes and substance abuse education complete ICAN's programming, impacting the entire community.

**Details:** 480-821-4207 or [www.icanaz.org](http://www.icanaz.org).

**Pollack donates \$30,000 to East Valley fundraiser**

Michael Pollack, founder and owner of Michael A Pollack Real Estate Investments, has donated over \$30,000 to the Assistance League of the East Valley's Mardi Gras Spring Fundraiser.

The Spring Mardi Gras Fundraiser Event will be held on Feb. 24 at Oakwood Country Club at Iron Oaks in Sun Lakes. The event will feature bright festive colors, casino gaming, bingo, music and food.

The Assistance League has been able

to volunteer over 32,000 hours a year, enabling them to help more than 12,269 adults and children.

Besides being the title sponsor of the event, Pollack will be the emcee and head auctioneer.

Pollack is best known for redeveloping shopping centers across Arizona, Nevada and California. The real estate mogul has donated over \$200,000 in monetary and in-kind donations to the East Valley chapter of Assistance League.

In 2016, Pollack proudly accepted the Operation School Bell Award after renovating a free standing building located on Alma School Road in Chandler into a thrift store.

The thrift store offers funding for Assistance League's many philanthropic programs in the East Valley. Assistance League works hand-in-hand with 120 chapters and over 23,000 volunteers across the United States.

**Details:** [www.assistanceleague.org/east-valley/mardi-gras-ntc-fundraiser](http://www.assistanceleague.org/east-valley/mardi-gras-ntc-fundraiser).

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