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NEWS BRIEFS

**Seniors get a break on college**

Senior citizens can get a 50 percent tuition discount at all 10 Maricopa Community Colleges.

Students must be at least 65 years old at the time of enrollment and a resident of Maricopa County to receive the discount.

"We believe that learning is a life-long pursuit that contributes to personal well-being and the betterment of our communities as a whole," said Maricopa County Community Colleges District interim Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Paul Dale.

The senior citizen tuition rate for the 2016-17 fiscal year is \$43 per credit hour for all courses and class audits with vacancies. Registration, course fees, non-credit courses and clock-hour courses are not included in the discount.

Eligible students may enroll in or audit any credit course that has open seats after the first class meeting. There is no limit to the number of classes an eligible student can take at the discounted rate.

To register at the discounted rate, complete a Senior Citizen Tuition Rate form, submit it to a college admissions office and show proof of eligibility. Tuition and fees are due at the time of registration.

Details: [www.maricopa.edu/senior-citizen-tuition-rate](http://www.maricopa.edu/senior-citizen-tuition-rate).

**QC residents want better roads**

Most Queen Creek residents recently reported their overall quality of life as excellent or good on a citizen survey, with traffic and road congestion cited as the worst things about living in Queen Creek.

Thirty percent of residents listed road improvements and more roads as the most desired benefit.

Every two years, the town conducts a citizen survey to gauge resident opinions. WestGroup administered the sur-

vey in the late spring and asked about town services, programs, customer services and communication. Survey participants were selected randomly, surveying 401 residents.

"We appreciate our residents taking the time to share their opinions with us," Queen Creek Mayor Gail Barney said. "The information helps us evaluate what the town is doing well, and areas that might need improvement. It is important that as a Town Council we know what areas are priorities for our residents."

Queen Creek is in the process of improving various roadways with a Capital Improvement Program. Several major roadway projects were recently completed including widening Rittenhouse Road from Sossaman to Queen Creek Marketplace, expanding Ocotillo Road from Power to Recker and improvements to Ellsworth Road from Ryan to Germann.

Details:  
[QueenCreek.org/CitizenSurvey](http://QueenCreek.org/CitizenSurvey).

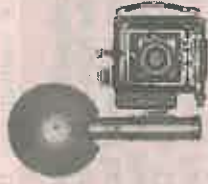
**ICAN announces new CEO**

ICAN: Positive Programs for Youth has named Shelby Pedersen its new CEO.

Pedersen earned her bachelor's in marketing and international leadership at Johnson and Wales University and Sejong University in Seoul, South Korea. In 2006, she moved to Chandler, completing her master's degree in public administration at Arizona State University.

ICAN's programs are designed to equip vulnerable youth with the skills to break the cycle of poverty. Since 2008, Pedersen has worked with community leaders, individual donors, corporate entities and foundations to secure funding for ICAN's critical programs.

In addition to leading ICAN's philanthropic efforts, Pedersen has substantially grown the organization's marketing, special event, volunteer and community relations activities.



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