

# AVONDALE NOW

## *Avondale, Arizona A Great Place to Live, Work, and Invest*

### **Zoning Ordinance Amendments**

The comprehensive amendment to the Avondale Zoning Ordinance went into effect on January 5, 2012. Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance include revisions to Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, and 13. Specific changes affecting **Group Homes** can be found in Section 1 and Section 2. The group home amendments include revisions to the group home definition, removal of the group home spacing requirements, permitted with conditions, and the addition of group homes as a permitted land use in the Agricultural (AG), Rural Residential (RR-43 and RR-18), Suburban Residential (R1-35 and R1-15), Urban Residential (R1-8, R1-6, and R1-5), Multi-Family Residential (R-2, R-3, and R-4), and Manufactured Home Park (MH). The document can be accessed directly from the website at [www.avondale.org](http://www.avondale.org).

### **General Plan 2030**

The **Avondale General Plan Update 2030** final draft is completed and was recently reviewed by the Planning Commission at the first of two scheduled public hearings. The first public hearing was held on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Municipal Operations Service Center. Following a presentation from staff, the Planning Commission took public comments and closed the hearing. The next public hearing with the Planning Commission will be on March 15, 2012 in the Council Chambers. The proposed plan is located on the City of Avondale website located at [www.avondale.org/generalplan](http://www.avondale.org/generalplan).

The purpose of the General Plan 2030 is to provide the City with a vision to guide growth through 2030. It focuses on the importance of creating a balance of land uses and establishing a new way for Avondale to grow as a healthy, sustainable community. For up to date information on the General Plan 2030 Update, please follow us on Twitter at [@AZAvondale](https://twitter.com/AZAvondale) or on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/AZAvondale).

### **Attention Race Fans!**

The City of Avondale and Phoenix International Raceway will welcome NASCAR back to Arizona March 2, 2012. Be the first to watch the Daytona 500 winner battle the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series—Subway Fresh Fit 500 at its first stop here at Avondale's Phoenix International Raceway. It will be the same great party amongst the beautiful back drop of the Estrella Mountains and natural beauty of the Gila River that fans have come to expect at Phoenix International Raceway. This year a recently renovated track will make the racing experience even more worth watching. We hope to see you there. Spectator gates open at 9:00 a.m., Friday, March 2, 2012.



### **Our mission:**

*Our mission is to enhance the quality of life for present and future generations by providing progressive, professional services and leadership that reflects the needs of all those who live, work, and play in the City of Avondale. Building on the past and looking to the future.*