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History of Avondale

The founder of Avondale is considered to be Billy G. Moore. Billy was a bit of a renegade, having supposedly ridden with the infamous Quantrill Gang, a pro-Confederate quasi militia in the Civil War. He moved to the area southwest of Phoenix around 1880, bought 280 acres at a quarter apiece, along the Agua Fria River, and named his little settlement "Coldwater". At that time, he was the largest landowner in that area.

Billy established a stagecoach stop, mostly a freight station. His settlement had a fresh water well, but equally importantly, a saloon and a general store, for the many hot and tired stage drivers crossing the desert to California. Billy also served as Justice of the Peace, and as postmaster for several years until 1905. When the railway established a station at Avondale Ranch, the post office moved there (about a mile west of Coldwater) in the early 1900's, and slowly the name Coldwater was discontinued. The town of Avondale celebrates Billy G. Moore Heritage Days annually.

Nowadays, Avondale is well known as the home of P.I.R. (Phoenix International Raceway). It has developed as a pleasant modern suburban community, with many attractive subdivisions, and large regional shopping areas, easily reachable from all parts of Phoenix. Billy's gone, but he left quite a legacy.



I want to take a minute in this newsletter to remind everyone that next month is the 10th anniversary of the very tragic events that occurred on September 11, 2001. Tempe Beach Park hosts their 8th annual Healing Fields with remembrances going on September 10th and 11th. If you've never been, I greatly encourage you to go. And of course, if you'd like to volunteer, we set up flags the Friday before the event and take them down the following Monday. We'd love to see you out there if you can make it. There is also another event going on September 10 at Paseo Highlands Park in Phoenix, called the Patriot Day Celebration. I am volunteering that Saturday, and encourage any of you that are interested to join me. I hope these events will bring us all together as a community and remind us what's really important. For more info, click on the logos.



Upcoming Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Aug 5	Ashley Furniture Pavilion	Kid Rock
Aug 5	Comerica Theatre	Hippiefest
Aug 6	Comerica Theatre	Lisa Lampanelli
Aug 7	Ashley Furniture Pavilion	Warped Tour
Aug 13	Comerica Theatre	Barney Live
Aug 15	Comerica Theatre	Death Cab for Cutie
Aug 17	Tempe Marketplace	Back to School Bash
Aug 24	Ashley Furniture Pavilion	Lil' Wayne
Aug 24	University of Phoenix Stadium	Cardinals PreSeason 1



It's that time again! Ashley Furniture Homestore Pavilion is gearing up for another Vans Warped Tour Concert. Warped Tour was the first concert I ever worked at this venue, so this will be the 5th one for me! WOOHOO! We get a lot of the younger crowd for these shows and most of them are dropped off by their parents. It's an environment where they are completely safe and able to roam around with their friends and feel like they have some real freedom for the day. While it is a safe environment, some of them have trouble convincing their parents that they need money for food, drinks, etc. It's completely true. They do need money for the essential items like sustenance and hydration. And you know, if you only give a teenager so much money, they are probably going to buy what they really want

(that souvenir T-shirt is AWESOME) and forego the essentials. Therefore my recommendation if you have kids that are going, is give them enough money to buy a t-shirt AND the essentials so that they can get both and enjoy themselves. It's not worth them getting dehydrated and going to the doctor. To go to the event website, click the logo!



Help Yourself

I hear The Last Lecture is a good read. I haven't had the pleasure of reading it yet but my husband said it's great and now I came across an article about it. In the article, he talks about customer service and making life long customers. It's the story of the \$100,000 salt and pepper shakers. Read the article [here](#).

It's that time of year where it is just plain HOT. You walk outside and feel like a turkey leg roasting in the oven. Yet, there are several concerts held in the summer season here in Arizona. [Here is a guide](#) to surviving outdoor concerts!

If you're like me and have a million different things going on in your work and personal life, sometimes it's easy to get caught up in it all and that can lead to lots of stress. Read this [article](#) for 5 tips on how to beat burnout by taking care of yourself.



♥ *Where there is love, there is life ~ Mahatma Gandhi*

Drink Lots of Water!



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