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Councilman Scott Somers, left, unveils the Peace Pole at Mesa City Plaza.

## Mesa dedicates Peace Pole at City Plaza

In recognition of World Understanding Month the Mesa Sunrise Rotary Club recently dedicated a Peace Pole in front of Mesa City Plaza. Each Peace Pole is a handcrafted monument that displays the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" on each side of the pole written in different languages reflecting the community's population, according to a press release.

"The Mesa Sunrise Rotary Club is dedicated to fostering peace through community service," Mesa Sunrise Rotary Club President Rory Gilbert said. "Our partnership with the Week Without Violence Committee and the city of Mesa Human Relations Advisory Board has made Mesa City Plaza home to our latest Peace Pole."

The power of the Message and Prayer, "May Peace Prevail on Earth," lies in its capacity to bring people of various cultures, faith traditions and political ideals together as one united global heart and mind. The Message allows us to sincerely focus on our mutual desire to serve, cre-

ate and manifest true peace on earth while transcending our differences and celebrating our common humanity.

"Seeing the Peace Pole as you enter and exit Mesa City Plaza each day is a reminder for all of us to treat each other with kindness," District 3 Councilmember Dennis Kavanaugh said. "Peace in our daily lives can lead to more civil discourse through the community."

Masahisa Goi created the Peace Pole in 1955 in Japan. To date, more than 200,000 Peace Poles have been planted in 200 countries throughout the world. Peace Poles have been placed in such notable locations as the North Magnetic Pole, the Hiroshima Peace Memorial and the site of the Egyptian Pyramids in Giza.

The Peace Pole at Mesa City Plaza is the fourth Peace Pole planted in Mesa. The others are located at the Mesa Urban Garden, Mesa Community College and Montessori International School.

For more information go to [www.peacepoleproject.org](http://www.peacepoleproject.org).