

Cities Want Young Families to Play and Stay

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Doug and Maureen Towne, who live in Phoenix with their children Autumn, 10, and Ben, 2, have long toyed with the idea of moving to the suburbs. Doug works in nearby Scottsdale. Maureen drives back and forth from the Scottsdale school where Autumn will be entering fifth grade. A move, says Ms. Towne, is "definitely tempting."

But for now they are staying put. One factor: plans for a \$118 million redesign of the Margaret T. Hance Park, which is near their home. There will be a beer garden and restaurant; an...

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