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WHAT HAPPENED WHEN OSLO DECIDED TO MAKE ITS DOWNTOWN BASICALLY CAR-FREE? – (FAST COMPANY)

At the beginning of 2019, the city finished removing more than 700 parking spots—replacing them with bike lanes, plants, tiny parks, and benches—as a major step toward a vision of a car-free city center. Without those parking spots few people are driving in the area. The changes, unsurprisingly, have been met with some resistance. [More.](#)

“CAR-FREE” DEVELOPMENT BREAKS GROUND IN AZ – (CNU)

In Tempe, Arizona a large mixed-use apartment complex in the midst of suburbia will be laid out like a European village with architecture appropriate to the southwestern desert. The “car-free” claim may exaggerate the project’s revolutionary transportation significance. The retail part of this project will have parking—so cars will be involved. However, the 636 units of apartments will have no parking. [More.](#)

DON'T MISS THE MIDDLE – (Planetizen)

Supporting moderate-priced housing development will increase housing affordability by increasing housing options for middle-income households and taking the pressure off the affordable housing market. No single policy can solve all housing problems, but it is important to understand housing market dynamics in order to identify truly effective solutions. [More.](#)

HOW TO GROW THE WEALTH OF POOR NEIGHBORHOODS FROM THE BOTTOM UP – (CITY LAB)

Revitalizing distressed communities is one of the biggest and most intractable problems in America today. Regional inequality has deepened and the middle class has declined. In a new report titled “Towards a New System of Community Wealth,” researchers lay out a potential solution. [More.](#)

HAPPENINGS

NYE IN LANCASTER CITY

Ring in 2020 with New Year’s Eve in Downtown Lancaster City! N.Y.E. in Lancaster City will feature a live concert by ONE TOO MANY, the lowering of Lancaster’s Red Rose, and a fireworks finale at midnight! Join the Lancaster Office of Promotion in Binns Park, 120 N. Queen St., to celebrate the new year!

The event is free and open to the public.

More information on the event can be [found here.](#)

The Hourglass wishes you a Happy New Year!



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