January 8th, 2016

**DISTRICT 1 NEWS & EVENTS:**

“Thank you to everyone in District 1 and across the City of Phoenix for a very productive year! We have accomplished many great things and saw each other through difficult challenges. I am proud to continue as your Councilwoman and I look forward to a successful 2016!” - Thelda Williams

**PHOENIX CELEBRATED MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL INAUGURATION**

The public was invited to attend the inauguration ceremony for the Mayor and Phoenix City Council on Monday, January 4th, at the Orpheum Theater, 203 W. Adams St.

Mayor Greg Stanton and four councilmembers re-elected in August, Thelda Williams, District 1; Bill Gates, District 3; Daniel Valenzuela, District 5; and Michael Nowakowski, District 7, took their oaths of office. Mayor Stanton was sworn in by Phoenix Municipal Court Chief Presiding Judge B. Don Taylor III. All the councilmembers were sworn in by Mayor Stanton.

The councilmembers gave brief remarks and were presented with an election certificate after which Mayor Greg Stanton delivered his Inaugural Address. The ceremony also included performances by the Phoenix Boys Choir, the Phoenix Police and Fire Honor Guard and Fiesta Mexicana. The invocation was given by Father Fausto Peña of St. Mark’s Catholic Church.

“Thank you to all of those who attended the inauguration event and to all the supporters that could not be there. We continue to develop, experience growth and strengthen because of the contributions of the people who live, work and are involved in District one. Thank you for your support and allowing me to continue as your Councilwoman.” – Councilwoman Williams
SERVICE DISRUPTION ON MAJORITY OF PHOENIX ROUTES

The Phoenix Public Transit Department has been informed by Transdev, one of its contracted bus service providers, that members of the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 1433 rejected the company’s last and best offer after the latest round of negotiations earlier this week. ATU leadership called for a strike following the announcement of the vote results, meaning that bus service for 34 Phoenix routes are disrupted, which affects service beginning Friday, Jan. 8.

Public Transit Department staff is working with Transdev to provide contingency service on affected bus routes as resources become available. Transdev’s contract requires them to run a reduced level of service, although doing so requires time for the company to get personnel trained and in place.

Passengers should make alternate transportation plans:

- Consider purchasing All-Day passes, instead of multi-day passes. No fare refunds or reimbursements are available for a loss of service due to a strike.
- Work with your employer or school to identify other bus riders that you can carpool with or meet at a park-and-ride.
- Go to sharetheride.com to find an alternate bus route, register for a carpool partner or seek a seat on a vanpool.
- Ask to telecommute if your job/supervisor permits.

Customers can get additional information on impacts to service by visiting Valley Metro’s website, http://www.valleymetro.org/, or by calling Valley Metro Customer Service at 602-253-5000.

Affected Transdev-operated routes:

North Phoenix; 44-44th St/Tatum; 50-Camelback; 52-Roeser; 60-Bethany Home; 70-Glendale/24th Street;
80-Northern/Shea; 90-Dunlap/Cave Creek; 106-Peoria; 122-Cactus; 138-Thunderbird; 154-Greenway; 170-Bell; 186-Union Hills/ Mayo, the SMART (Sunnyslope) and DASH (downtown) circulators and all RAPID commuter routes: Central South Mountain East; Central South Mountain West; I-10 East, I-10 West, I-17 and SR-51.

Other Phoenix routes NOT affected (not operated by Transdev):

All Express routes (500s). West: 3-Van Buren Street; 13- Buckeye Road; 17-McDowell Road; 29-Thomas Road; 41-Indian School Road; 43-43rd Ave.; 51-51st Ave.; 59-59th Ave.; 67-67th Ave.; 75-75th Avenue; 83-83rd Ave.; 251-South 51st Ave.; Grand Avenue Limited; and the MARY neighborhood circulator.

East: 30-University Drive; 45-Broadway Road; 48-48th St/Rio Salado Parkway; 56-Priest Drive; 61-Southern Ave.; 72-Scottsdale Road/Rural Road; 77-Baseline Road; 108-Elliot Road/48th Street; 156-Chandler Boulevard and the ALEX neighborhood circulator.
DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

The speakers for the January 29th breakfast are Elizabeth Banta and Carol Houselog from Duet. For more than 30 years, Duet has worked diligently to improve the quality of life for older adults across the Valley. Duet focuses particular attention on the needs of homebound elders and adults with disabilities, family caregivers, and grandparents raising grandchildren.

Elizabeth Banta has served as Executive Director with Duet for twenty years. She received a Master's Degree in Counseling and Certificate in Gerontology from Arizona State University. Prior to serving with Duet, she assisted elders through the Senior Adult for Independent Living program and the Arizona Long Term Care System. Providing compassionate, free-of-charge help to older adults, family caregivers, and grandparents raising grandchildren drives Elizabeth's career vision.

Carol Houselog has been with Duet since 2001, providing administrative and computer support. Before joining the staff at Duet, she was an outreach assistant for the Thomas J Pappas School for homeless children. Carol has been a resident of District 1 for over 30 years and has two children who graduated from Moon Valley High School.

“My challenges with legal immigration”

The Ocotillo Chapter NSDAR next meeting and program is Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 9:30 AM in the Community Room #435 at the Outlets of Anthem and is open to non-members. The Reverent Job J. Cobos, Pastor of Larkspur Christian Church and Templo Cristiano Central will be our guest speaker. Reverend Cobos will speak on his challenges with legal immigration.

Rev. Cobos was born in Mexico as the eighth child of sixteen siblings. He is a graduate with a Master of Arts from Florida Beacon Bible College, received his Master of Divinity degree from Lexington Theological Seminary and his Doctor of Ministry degree from Phillips Theological Seminary. With the establishment in Florida, Kentucky and Arizona of more than 20 congregations Reverend Cobos has focused his ministry intensively among the immigrant community in the United States.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890 to promote patriotism, preserve American history, and support better education for our nation's children. Its members are descended from the patriots who won American independence during the Revolutionary War. With more than 177,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters worldwide, DAR is one of the World's largest and most active service organizations. To learn more about the work of today's DAR, visit http://www.dar.org or contact Willine Evans at willineevans@gmail.com and 623-551-3764.
WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Three WESD schools in District 1 were the recipients of more than $14,000 worth of donations from Suntec Concrete January 6. Cholla Middle School, Lakeview Elementary and Sweetwater School each received generous donations that will enhance the learning for hundreds of students. Suntec recognizes teachers who have made a difference in the lives of students and supports them in their efforts to help their students succeed. Teachers and schools are nominated by Suntec employees. A big thank you to Suntec Concrete for supporting WESD schools!

Congratulations to Tumbleweed fifth grade teacher Peggy Pitts as she was selected as the December Super Teacher of the Month by the Arizona State PTA! And congratulations to Sahuaro second grade teacher Melissa Rodgers! Last month, she was selected as the Outstanding Mentor Teacher in the ASU Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College iTeachAZ program. Both of these teachers represent the best of the WESD. Way to go!

The WESD will host a Teacher Interview Fair this Saturday, January 9, 2016 to hire teachers for the 2016-2017 school year. The fair will be held from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the WESD Administrative Center, 4650 West Sweetwater Avenue, Glendale, 85304. Contracts for the 2016-2017 school year will be offered to qualified candidates.

Interviews will be conducted for those interested in teaching: kindergarten, elementary education, special education, language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, general music, art and special needs preschool. Successful candidates may be recommended for a 2015-2016 teaching contract.

Apply online prior to the interview fair at www.wesdschools.org. Please select the posting titled, Teacher Fair – January 9, 2016. Human Resources will contact qualified applicants directly to preschedule an interview. Walk-in applicants are welcome, but interviews will be limited. Human Resources will paper screen the application to determine if the applicant is eligible for an interview. In order to obtain a prescheduled interview, interested teachers (or soon-to-be teachers) should apply online by at www.wesdschools.org.

For more information, contact the WESD Recruitment Office at 602-347-3622 or e-mail lydia.garcia@wesdschools.org.

CITY NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING PUBLIC CITY MEETINGS

• Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee Meeting – Tuesday, January 12th, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in Assembly Rooms A, B and C, Phoenix City Hall, 200 West Washington Street.
• Public Safety and Veterans Subcommittee Meeting – Wednesday, January 13th, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in Assembly Rooms A, B and C, Phoenix City Hall, 200 West Washington Street.
• Zoning Adjustment Hearing – Thursday, January 14th, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in Assembly Room A, Phoenix City Hall, 200 West Washington Street.

For more information on these and all other public City meetings visit: https://www.phoenix.gov/cityclerk/publicmeetings/notices. City Council meetings are live on Cox Cable Channel 11 and streamed live on phoenix.gov and facebook.com/cityofphoenix. Past City Council meetings are posted to YouTube at http://www.youtube.com/cityofphoenixaz.

FOLLOW COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS ON TWITTER!

Thelda is tweeting! Follow her @TheldaWilliams1.

NEW YEAR’S TRIVIA
How did the month of January come about?

CITY NEWS

YEAR IN REVIEW: PUBLIC SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY THE NUMBERS

The city of Phoenix has released its “Year in Review” summary, which offers a by-the-numbers snapshot of the city’s public service accomplishments during calendar year 2015. These accomplishments, large and small, are at the core of improving the quality of life for Phoenix area residents and visitors. Here are some of the accomplishments:

Aviation
• Passenger traffic at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport is up 5 percent over 2014
• February 2 was the single busiest day with 175,000 passengers
• PHX Sky Train® welcomed its 10 millionth passenger in October
• The Navigator volunteer program celebrated its 15th year anniversary, gained 30 new volunteers and now has approximately 415 volunteers

Budget and Research
• Saved taxpayers more than $10 million in innovation and efficiency savings (One example: Through the integration of smart technology city staff can now control the city’s grass irrigation systems remotely via computer. This helps reduce the number of man-hours required to complete this type of activity.)
Community & Economic Development
- Created 9,443 new jobs in the Phoenix market
- $1 billion in capital investment
- Conducted 521 business outreach visits
- Assisted 20,565 job seekers

Education Office
- Secured $360,000 from Piper Charitable Trust to implement tutoring programs in 16 school districts serving over 500 students
- Launched Reengage Phoenix to connect adults and youth who have not completed high school to secondary educational opportunities; currently, 882 participants are enrolled
- Launched Career Online High School to offer adults ages 21 and older the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma and career certificate; currently, there are 313 applicants, 47 enrollees and four participants have received a diploma

Environmental Programs
- Received and responded to 150 emergency response calls to clean-up illegally dumped hazardous materials
- Entered into a development agreement to redevelop 10 acres of cleaned-up property
- The Energize Phoenix program was awarded the 2015 Climate Protection Award at the United States Conference of Mayors

Fire and Police
- Phoenix Crime Stop and 911 together received over 1.5 million calls for assistance

Housing
- Continues to serve 180 families working towards economic independence
- Housed a total of 630 new low-income families via public housing and voucher units

Human Services
- The Family Advocacy Center provided 8,589 services and distributed more than 13,400 resources and referrals
- Served nearly 3,600 children in Head Start and Early Head Start

Library
- The summer reading program saw a 58 percent overall increase in participation and an 87 percent increase in participation by grade school children
- Continued its partnership with St. Mary’s Food Bank Alliance to provide approximately 400 Kids Café meals a week and educational programming at seven library locations
- Expanded the Project Nabi program, which puts tablets with specialized educational apps and eBooks into the hands of young children, was expanded to a total of nine library locations
- College Depot launched Career Online High School to offer adults 21 and older the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma and credentialled career certificate; currently, 61 students are enrolled and seven students have graduated
Neighborhood Services
- Held 106 neighborhood clean ups
- Hosted 590 neighborhood meetings
- Counseled 3,881 tenants through the Landlord/Tenant Counseling Program

Parks and Recreation
- Provided swimming lessons to 20,000 children and adults
- More than 10,000 people explored downtown during year one of FitPHX Meet Me Downtown
- Approximately 15 million people utilized the city’s 200-plus miles of hiking trails
- Opened two new dog parks for a total nine city dog parks

Phoenix Convention Center
- Hosted 64 conventions and 246,478 convention delegates
- $352 million estimated direct spending impact

Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture
- $30,000 grant awarded to expand the ArtsBuild pilot program, allows for six additional artists to work with the city on projects
- Dedicated seven public arts projects and won six awards

Planning & Development
- Added 24 new online permits on phoenix.gov
- Reduced customer wait times by almost 50 percent by streamlining counter procedures

Public Transit
- Provided over 37 million bus rides
- Provided over 9 million light rail rides

Public Works
- Collected 11,240 tons of residential recycling tonnage (July – November)
- Diverted almost 50,000 tons of material achieving a 73 percent diversion rate during the Super Bowl XLIX events held in downtown Phoenix
- Held nine events where 6,057 residents were assisted with diverting the following household hazardous waste materials from the landfill
  - approximately 3,558 gallons of used oil
  - 1,104 vehicle tires
  - 45,440 pounds of flammable products
  - 13,100 pounds of pesticides
  - 7,274 linear feet of fluorescent light tubes
  - 4,793 compact fluorescent bulbs
  - 9,292 gallons of latex paint (1,690 gallons were reusable and redistributed to residents)

Social Media
- The city’s main social accounts generated the following:
  - 1,435,248 Facebook impressions with a 26 percent increase in page likes
  - 89 percent growth in Twitter followers with 1,057,200 impressions
  - 839,775 minutes of city content uploaded to the city’s YouTube channel
• The city started using Periscope to allow the public to live stream city events from a mobile device

**Street Transportation**
- Resurfaced over 125 miles of roadway and filled over 25,000 potholes
- Secured a $10.3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to build a multi-use path along the Grand Canal
- Installed 15 miles of bike lanes

**Volunteer Phoenix**
- 40,000 volunteers contributed more than 600,000 hours to the city’s 20 volunteer programs; valued at $13 million
- Welcomed six new AmeriCorps VISTA members to serve in the city

**Water Services**
- Managed 700,000 calls from customers in 2015
- Stored 113.7 billion gallons of water that can be used to offset future shortages or outages
- Reused nearly all reclaimed wastewater (more than 35.1 billion gallons) on crops, wetlands and energy production

2015 was another exciting and bustling year for the city of Phoenix. City staff took pride in serving the community and providing services 24-hours a day, seven days a week. To this, the city is thankful to its staff, community partners and residents for working together to make Phoenix a great place to live, work and play. As 2015 comes to a close, the city is looking forward to continuing its momentum in public service for 2016.

**PHOENIX CITY COUNCIL VOTES TO INCREASE WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES**

On January 6th, City Council voted to approve a rate increase and it is the first in almost four years for water and six years for wastewater. This plan includes a recommendation for an overall rate adjustment of 3 percent for Water and 2 percent for Wastewater effective March 2016, and an adjustment of 2.0 percent for both Water and Wastewater in March 2017. Both of the rates are still among the lowest in the nation. Per Council action, an independent rate consultant has reviewed and evaluated the Water Financial Plan and determined the financial plan information supports rate adjustments that are reasonable and are consistent with rating agency standards.

If rates were not raised, the water and wastewater utilities would need to cut investment in infrastructure to avoid depleting fund balances. Because the majority of the current capital improvement program is related to rehabilitation and replacement of aging infrastructure, this could put the operational reliability of the utilities at risk. Over the past two months the Water Services Department in conjunction with the Finance Department has sought public input on the Water Services Financial Plan in a variety of ways to include establishing an email address for information, several open house meetings across the City, presentations at the Village Planning meetings, at our District 1 monthly breakfast and through other outreach tools.

Based on feedback gained during public outreach efforts, it appears that residents generally are understanding of the reasons for the City’s proposed rate increases.
**APRIL 2016 BUS SERVICE CHANGES**

The Public Transit Department is focused on improving the efficiency of Phoenix’s transit services to best serve passengers’ needs. The Department reviews its services semiannually to determine if improvements can be made to improve the system. For April 2016, the proposed changes are the first improvements related to the voter-approved Proposition 104 transportation plan. In total, the staff-recommended April 2016 bus service changes are expected to have an annual net cost of $709,700 for the bus program.

The following proposed changes were discussed with the community through a formal public outreach process from November 1 – December 2, 2015.

**New Route 32 (32nd Street) and Modification to Route 10 (Roosevelt/32nd Street)**
Staff proposes to create a new route extending from Camelback Road and 28th Street (at Camelback High School) along 32nd Street to Washington Street, with the route ending at the 44th Street platform and the Sky Harbor International Airport Sky Train. This would allow the elimination of the current Route 10, as the proposed new route will provide improved service connections to Route 1 (Washington/Jefferson), Route 3 (Van Buren Street), and light rail. Staff proposes to extend the route to the 44th Street platform for a direct connection to the Sky Train.

Staff proposes to combine Route 10 with Route 1 (Washington/Jefferson) to provide a more efficient service. Route 10 will become part of Route 1 and will be renamed as such.

New bus service on 32nd Street to connect to light rail builds the transit network and was included in the Transportation 2050 Plan. It is also an action element in the Reinvent PHX Gateway Transit Oriented Development Plan for the Van Buren Corridor/32nd Street Area.

**Schedule and Frequency Adjustment to Route 19 (19th Avenue)**
As part of the start-up of the Northwest Extension of light rail in the spring of 2016, staff proposes to increase the off-peak service frequency in the higher ridership segment of the route. Route 19 extends from Baseline Road to Pinnacle Peak Road (27 miles) and will underlie light rail for four miles from Camelback Road to Dunlap Avenue (spring 2016). Currently, the light rail segment along 19th Avenue has 12-minute frequency during peak service times and 24-minute frequency during off-peak times. To improve connectivity to light rail service on 19th Avenue, staff proposes to improve the off-peak frequency of Route 19 from 24 minutes to 15 minutes. This meets the Transportation 2050 Plan element that the majority of transit routes have peak service of 15 minutes. The improved frequency would extend from Union Hills Drive to Jefferson Avenue which is the busiest portion of the route. The overall impact is reduced wait times for the bus-to-light rail and light rail-to-bus connections.
The following table provides the cost of the proposed April 2016 service changes.

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<td>Merged with Route 10 (segment on Central Ave/Roosevelt St)</td>
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<td>10 (32nd St/Roosevelt)</td>
<td>$(1,210,100)</td>
<td>Eliminate segment from Camelback Rd to Roosevelt St (replaced with new Route 32); Roosevelt segment merged with Route 1</td>
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<td>32 (32nd St) - New Route</td>
<td>$913,700</td>
<td>New route - Camelback Rd to Washington St/Light Rail at 44th St</td>
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<td>19 (19th Avenue)</td>
<td>$317,400</td>
<td>Increase frequency off-peak frequency from 24 minutes to 15 minutes (related to light rail extension to 19th Ave/Dunlap Ave)</td>
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**Proposed Service Change - April 2016**

- **New Route 32**
- **Modified Route 1**
- **Current Route 10**

Map showing the proposed service changes with key locations such as 28th St & Camelback, 32nd Street & Roosevelt, and Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport Sky Train Station.
REQUEST TO AMEND CITY CODE – CHANGES IN PHOENIX SPEED LIMITS

Deputy City Manager Mario Paniagua and the Street Transportation Department requested to revise City of Phoenix Speed Limit Ordinance Section 36-158. Further, request authorization to establish lower speed limits for different times of day, different types of vehicles, varying weather conditions, special events, work zones for construction, maintenance or other activity in the roadway and other factors bearing on safe speeds. The lower limits will be effective when posted on appropriate fixed, variable or portable signs.

Speed limits are established under Arizona Revised Statues, Section 28-703, which requires an "engineering study and traffic investigation," which has been completed.

The Phoenix City Code and Charter require that all speed limits be approved by City Council in the form of an amendment to the Speed Limit Ordinance. Revisions are necessary due to changing conditions and are based on traffic investigations. Of the six changes in speed limits, three involved lowering the speed limit. The other three involved clarification or correction from the previous ordinance.

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<td>Record keeping, update matches change in school hours</td>
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MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

MAG staff provided an update on legislative issues of interest. President Obama signed the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act, or FAST Act, on December 4, 2015. It is a five-year bill totaling $305 billion. Nationally, this marks an 11 percent increase in funding. Staff noted that much of the policy, programmatic and funding implications are still being reviewed by national associations.

The FAST Act includes an increased emphasis on streamlining and expediting project delivery, the return of a bus discretionary grant program, and new multimodal freight funding. Staff reported that unfortunately, the legislation did not include an update to formula allocations, and the formulas still use old 2000 Census data to determine funding allocations. This hurts high growth states like Arizona. The hope is that organizations like MAG have called enough attention to this issue that it can be addressed in 2020 when a new decennial census occurs.

On the highway side, Arizona is seeing an increase of funding by nearly 13 percent (2015 vs 2020), with an approximate five percent increase in federal fiscal year 2016, and an approximate two percent year-over-year thereafter. Staff noted that an amendment that would have helped MAG in an earlier version of the legislation did not pass.

The FAST Act did include some important designations, including the Sonoran Corridor, a bypass from Interstate 19 to Interstate 10 south of Tucson. This corridor will help save time and open technology and defense industry areas for development. The Act also expanded the designation of Interstate 11 from Las Vegas to Reno (Interstate 80), and south of Phoenix to Tucson and Nogales.

HOLIDAY RECYCLING

In addition to Christmas tree recycling, the Public Works Department would like to help Phoenix residents take the guesswork out of recycling by providing tips on which materials can be recycled, reused and reconsidered for a more sustainable holiday season. Please share these holiday recycling tips with your neighbors.

**Place in your blue recycling container:**
- Paper wrapping materials with no embossments, glitter and/or flocking
- Paper greeting cards and envelopes with no glitter, embossments and/or flocking
- Cardboard boxes that gifts were pack-aged in, such as children’s toys and electronics
- Hard plastics used for packaging foods, toys, electronics, etc.

**Do not place in your blue recycling container:**
- Foil-embossed papers and any material with glitter
- Ribbons and bows
- Plastic wrap from gift baskets, grocery shopping or packaging
- Photo greeting cards printed on photography paper
- Food waste should be composted, not placed in your recycling bin. If composting is not an option, it should be bagged and tied and placed in your trash container
- Polystyrene foam (Styrofoam) products, such as food packaging or drink ware.
**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT** (FROM LAST WEEK – NO NEW REPORT THIS WEEK)

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION**

On Dec. 7, Tuft & Needle, a start-up mattress company, officially announced they would be expanding their headquarters into a new building downtown. This growing company will be leasing a 36,000 sq. ft. building near Grand and 7th Avenues. The historic building, referred to as the OS Stapley property, was constructed in 1917, and first used as a hardware store. Currently, Tuft & Needle employs more than 70 staff at their office and showroom in the Warehouse District. As this business continues to grow so does their focus on giving back to the Phoenix community. Tuft & Needle donated a mattress to help raise funds for the City’s Community Service Fund Drive, and made their largest single donation of one hundred mattresses to UMOM, the largest homeless shelter for Phoenix families.

An estimated 3,000 attendees attended the Convention Center on Dec. 25, for the annual Salvation Army Christmas Dinner. The Convention Center has served as the host for the annual dinner for more than 30 years.

**NEIGHBORHOODS AND LIVABILITY**

More than 232 children and adults learned and experimented with science, technology, engineering and math, enjoyed a sci-fi movie, made creative art projects and built interesting designs using Legos, K’nex® and Snap Circuits® during STEM programs at Phoenix Public Library locations.

Staff sent out a draft Memorandum of Understanding to Neighborhood Services (NSD) and Transit Departments for the 16th Street and Bethany Home Road project. The artist has submitted a revised plan for design and is working on the development of the design now. Staff has sent the approved plan to NSD and Transit. Staff will continue to work with both departments as the design evolves.

**FINANCIAL EXCELLENCE**

ReinventPHX grant project final reimbursement of $10,000 from HUD was received Dec. 1. This marks the end of transactions with HUD Office of Sustainable Community. Staff will continue to work in implementation of the plan over the coming years.

**SOCIAL SERVICES DELIVERY**

As part of the Kid’s Café program, Acacia, Desert Sage, Harmon, Juniper, Saguaro, Yucca, and Burton Barr Central Libraries, in partnership with St. Mary’s Food Bank Alliance, served 360 meals to children the past two weeks. The program is the result of a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture administered by the Arizona Department of Education. Served Tuesday through Saturday meals are accompanied by an educational enrichment program presented by Library staff.
INFRASTRUCTURE

The Office of Environmental Programs has been working in partnership with the Law Department, the Water Department, and other staff representing stakeholders from the West Van Buren Working Group to complete a Proposed Remedial Action Plan (Plan) to submit to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). This Plan is being submitted under the terms of a Working Agreement between ADEQ and the West Van Buren Working Group. The Plan represents a monitoring and remediation strategy for contaminated groundwater in the Phoenix Active Management Area with the objectives of ensuring water quality is safe for current uses, the water supply is preserved for future use, and ensuring a monitoring and remediation strategy that meets the requirements of state law. The Plan will be submitted to ADEQ December 14.

Hance park staff met with ADOT representatives to discuss a new water leak that had been discovered in joints 5 and 6 of the I-10 tunnel. ADOT has stated that water is leaking through these joints and impacting east bound lanes in the tunnel, beneath the west end of the park. Per ADOT’s request, Parks staff shut off irrigation to the west end of the park over the weekend of Dec. 4, to assist ADOT in determining if the irrigation could be contributing to the leak. On Dec. 7, ADOT representatives confirmed that despite the irrigation being turned off to the park, the leaks were still evident. Park staff will turn off various irrigation sections in an effort to assist ADOT in locating the cause of the leak. ADOT will also be opening up to four potholes in the west end of the park that vary from 12” to 16” to further investigate this issue. Staff will continue working closely with ADOT on this issue.

The City of Glendale requested additional transit service (similar to the Super Bowl service) for the Routes 60 – Bethany Home and 70 - Glendale Avenue for the Championship Football Game to be held at the University of Phoenix stadium on Monday, Jan. 11, 2016. Public Transit Department staff will provide the needed information to assist.

PHOENIX TEAM

Volunteer Phoenix is helping to recruit volunteers for Downtown Phoenix festivities leading up to the College Football Playoff National Championship in Arizona, Jan. 8 through Jan. 10, 2016. The opportunity has been posted to the Volunteer Phoenix and Volunteer Match websites. We have received more than 150 visitors to the sites during the past week. Volunteers are provided a direct link to the AZ Championship Game page as well as phone and email contacts for Volunteer Phoenix. We continue to utilize the Volunteer Phoenix e-news list, made up of more than 1,000 active volunteers and groups, as well as social media to drive potential volunteers to the websites. We also are recruiting City employee volunteers.
NEW YEAR’S TRIVIA
How did the month of January come about?

The name January came from a Roman god Janus, the God of Gateways. According to the Roman legend, in 700 B.C., the ruler Numa Pompilius added January to the end of the 10-month Roman calendar. Janus had two heads so he could look in both directions, back at the old year and forward towards the new year, at the same time.

METROCENTER WALK ‘N TALK EVENTS

Purpose Statement: To create a fun and healthy framework to encourage exercise in a safe, convenient and climate controlled environment. To provide educational opportunities and information that promotes healthy lifestyles. FREE Presentations will be provided monthly in the Metrocenter Community Room on the 1st Thursday of each month at 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. (Located at the end of the hallway leading to the restrooms by the Food Court). Please note: Presentations are for the purpose of providing FREE information. Presentations ARE NOT for the purpose of sales pitches.

Jan. 7, 2016 “Health Risks of Radon” presented by Arizona Radiation Regulatory Agency

Walker’s etiquette
First, check with your doctor to make sure you are healthy enough to walk regularly.

- As of January 1, 2015 the Metrocenter Mall opens at 10:00 A.M.
- Stay clear of any work that may be in process in the mall or mall parking lot.
- Watch out for your fellow walkers.
- Please patronize the mall merchants! Enjoy the cuisine at the Food Court!
- Call 911 immediately if there is a medical emergency, and then contact mall security.
- For any other issues please contact Metrocenter Security at 602-944-0970.
- Finally… have fun!

Note: If you walk entirely around the upper level of Metrocenter Mall (including mall entrance corridors) you will have walked 2/3 of a mile!

Healthy Lifestyles for a Healthy Life!
We are always seeking presentations to serve your needs. Please send your requests and ideas to MetrocenterWalkNTalk@gmail.com.
GREAT ANIMAL CHARITIES TO DONATE TO:

ANIMAL CRUELTY TASK FORCE: Need cases of water, 5 lb. bags of dog/cat food, bowls, towels, collars and leashes. Bring items to our DVPNBWO / BMCA Meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the DVCC or drop them off anytime at the Black Mountain Precinct at 33355 North Cave Creek Road, Phoenix AZ, 85331.

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FETCH FOUNDATION: please go to the following site: www.fetchfoundation.com/Newsflash/the-fido-bag-program

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