July 29, 2016

WALMART BREAKS GROUND ON NEW SUPERCENTER AT METROCENTER MALL

This week marked a major milestone in Metrocenter’s revitalization, the Walmart Supercenter officially broke ground. I want to especially thank neighbors in the area and our Cactus Park Precinct for their continued support of this project. Many people have worked hard to make this happen and I am very grateful.

 Officials with Walmart, the city of Phoenix and Carlyle Development Group – along with area business leaders – were on hand to conduct a ceremonial groundbreaking for a new Walmart Supercenter. The project represents the single largest capital investment in Metrocenter Mall in decades.

“Metrocenter Mall is a Phoenix icon that has served shoppers in this community for decades,” said Phoenix City Councilwoman Thelda Williams. “Together, this Walmart and City Council’s recent approval of a new development plan for Metrocenter symbolize re-investment and rebirth for this critical community asset.” Construction begins immediately on the approximately 148,000-square-foot store on the south side of Metrocenter Mall, near Interstate 17 and Dunlap Avenue. The Supercenter will take shape on the site of the former Broadway building, which was recently demolished and had been vacant since 2006. The Walmart is slated to open in Spring 2017.

“Those of us at Walmart are excited this project will both help us serve our customers better while playing an important role in the continued revitalization in the Phoenix landmark that is Metrocenter Mall,” said Paula Ginnett, a Walmart Vice President and Regional General Manager. “This site is going to be buzzing with shoppers next year, and that’s a great thing – for the city of Phoenix, area businesses and Metrocenter Mall.”
Metrocenter Mall opened in 1973 as the biggest shopping center in Arizona and one of the largest nationwide. Recent years saw Metrocenter challenged by the establishment of competing regional malls, changing shopping patterns and the Great Recession. Now, Metrocenter Mall owner Carlyle Development Group, the city of Phoenix and community leaders are intent on bringing new life to the area.

In June, the Phoenix City Council unanimously approved a Planned United Development (PUD) application for 130 acres in and around Metrocenter Mall. The new zoning allows for multiple new uses, including office, senior housing, multifamily housing and healthcare. It also provides for increased height and density at the infill site.

"Even in our early planning, the name 'Walmart' would come up regularly as a great fit for a mixed-use Metrocenter development," said Warren Fink, COO of Carlyle Development Group. “With our new zoning, we're now able to actively pursue that vision through the addition of elements like office, senior housing and medical uses. Walmart is a valued part of that mix, and a welcome addition to the neighborhood at large. We're very pleased to celebrate their groundbreaking."

Once open, the Supercenter will employ an estimated 250 associates. A mix of full- and part-time positions will be available throughout the store, including: department managers, customer service, personnel, maintenance, sales associates, stocking positions, cashiers and more.

**CITY EVENTS**

**UPCOMING PUBLIC CITY MEETINGS**

- Zoning Adjustment Hearing – Thursday, August 4th, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in Assembly Room C, Phoenix City Hall, 200 West Washington Street.
- Board of Adjustment Meeting – Thursday, August 4th, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. in Phoenix City Council Chambers, 200 West Jefferson Street.

For more information on these and all other public city meetings visit: 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 youtube.com/cityofphoenixaz.
The Community and Police Trust Initiative (CPTI) was formed by the city manager in 2015 to review police-community relations which affect all residents. The initiative was composed of 17 community members carefully selected by the city manager to represent the residents of Phoenix, including those from the disability, immigrant, LGBT, millennial and refugee identity. After a nine month process, they presented city leadership with 15 recommendations to enhance the Phoenix Police Department's relationship with those they serve. The public is invited to learn about the recommendations and provide feedback. Representatives from the City Manager’s Office and the Phoenix Police Department will be in attendance at all events.

*The last session will be held 6 to 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 1, Black Mountain Precinct, 33355 N. Cave Creek Road, Community Room. For more information, visit phoenix.gov or call 602-262-6937.

### Phoenix Public Library

**10 Reasons to Join a Book Club**

1) It's FREE!
2) Meet new people
3) Read a good book!
4) Lively discussions and good debates
5) Read outside the box
6) A reason to turn off the TV
7) Take a break and get out of the house
8) Everyone's welcome
9) Learn something new
10) Learn to read critically and expand your communication skills

Phoenix Public Library has all the resources you need for a book club. Many of our locations offer book discussion groups, check our calendar for a location near you to find out what they are reading. Our Book Club Resource Guide has online clubs options, recommended books lists, reviews and tips on how to start your own group. Visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org.
PHOENIX HEAT RELIEF NETWORK

Places to turn to when the heat is extreme.
The Phoenix Heat Relief Network provides hydration, respite and wellness checks during the summer months. The Phoenix Heat Relief Network adds additional community resources to the ongoing efforts of agencies assisting people who are homeless, elderly or disabled when they are most needed. The network forms each May and operates through September.

Relief is:
• A bottle of water
• A place to find refuge and cool off for a while
• Lightweight clothes and hats to wear, sunscreen

The Heat Relief Network provides:
• Water donation points – the map and directions are available at: phoenix.gov/humanservicessite/Documents/Collection%20Map%205_11_16%20finished-Revised.pdf
• Hydration Station and Heat Refuge Locations
• Wellness checks for elderly or disabled individuals by faith and community organizations

The Heat Relief Fact Sheet is available at: phoenix.gov/humanservicessite/Documents/HRN%202016%20fact%20sheet.pdf

Help the Phoenix Heat Relief Network!
Individuals, businesses, churches or organizations can help by collecting donations of bottled water for those that are on the street during the hot summer months. Tax-deductible bottled water donations may be delivered to any of the city's three Family Services Centers:

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The centers are open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please call 602-256-4302 to arrange a large donations or to volunteer your site as a hydration station or heat refuge. Acknowledgement of any donation is available.
**The Valley Metro Regional Ridership Report** for June is summarized in the chart below.

*Includes Light Rail, Local Bus, Express, RAPID, Circulators and a rural route.

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<td>37,565</td>
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<td>70,455</td>
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<td>29,177</td>
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<td>48,554</td>
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**Final Paving, Utility Work to be Tentatively Completed July 26**

During final inspection of the Northwest light rail extension, it was discovered that repairs were needed on four storm drains. The repairs have now been completed. All traffic restrictions are tentatively scheduled to be lifted on July 26 after final paving is completed and in-street utility covers are adjusted. This will complete storm drain work at all sites. Valley Metro, city of Phoenix and the project contractor, Sundt/Stacy and Witbeck, are working together to best minimize the impact to local businesses, neighborhoods and the traveling public.
DISTRICT 1 NEWS & EVENTS:

DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

We will not have a breakfast in August. The next breakfast will be held on Friday, Sept. 30, at the Radisson Hotel Phoenix North, 10220 N. Metro Parkway East, Phoenix, AZ 85051. Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. and the speaker starts at around 7:45 a.m.

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

During the 2016-2017 school year, more than 2,000 students in Washington Elementary School District (WESD) will benefit from the hard work and dedication of 39 teachers participating in a $347,000 federally funded Math Study Partnership (MSP) research grant. The program funds collaborative partnerships between science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) departments at institutions of higher education and high-need school districts.

The WESD is proud of its history of welcoming and teaching students from all over the world. Currently, there are 413 refugee students ready to begin school in the District on August 8. Over the summer, 40 new refugee students arrived from Syria, Congo, Malaysia, Cuba, Iraq, Rwanda, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Somalia and Burma.

Alta Vista Elementary is home to 50 refugee students, 16 of whom enrolled from Syria during the summer. The school hosted a special school readiness program for their newest kindergarten – third grade refugee students and their parents. Two teachers and a school social worker facilitated a variety of workshops to introduce the families to the education system – how the school works, schedules and procedures – and how the parents can be engaged in their children’s learning. Parents also learn about local community resources, as well as resources provided by the WESD.

The Welcome and Registration Center is open all summer long, Monday through Friday, from 7:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Parents should remember to bring with them:

- A certified copy of the child's birth certificate
- Immunization records
- Proof of residence (e.g. lease agreement, escrow papers, recent utility bill)
- Legal papers regarding custody, if applicable
- Registration Packet
Children must be 5 years old before September 1 to be registered for kindergarten. Children must turn 6 years old before September 1 to be registered for first grade. For more information, call 602-896-6950 or visit the Welcome and Registration Center web page at http://www.wesdschools.org/domain/55.

The WESD is hiring for the 2016-2017 school year. A wide variety of job opportunities are available from teaching positions to bus drivers, custodians, paraprofessionals and more! Check out the latest openings at jobs.wesdschools.org!

**DEER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

July 29, 2016 – The first day of school is almost here! The Glendale Union High School District will welcome 15,000 students on the first day of school, August 8. Our teachers, administrators and staff have been working hard all summer long to prepare for their arrival and we are excited for the year ahead. To set our students and families up for a successful year, we encourage them to familiarize themselves with the school websites. School websites can be found at this link: http://www.guhsdaz.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=754623&pageId=19997858

Schools post their student handbooks, yearly calendars, bell schedules and news stories to the websites. It’s also an opportunity to learn about the school lunch program and costs.
**AFTER DARK IN THE PARK**

On Saturday, June 25th, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., The City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department, along with the Deer Valley Bingo Committee, hosted *After Dark in The Park*.

This **FREE** event, including cuisine from local vendors, live music by The Big Zephyr, the band from Barry Goldwater High School, community booths, water slides, immunizations, inflatables for the kids and a SPECTACULAR fireworks show, drew nearly 5,000 people!

Thank you to all the Parks and Recreation staff, the Deer Valley Bingo Committee and everyone in the community who helped with this very successful event!

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**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

**Economic Development & Education**

Recently, CEDD staff met with the new Human Resources team at TJX, a distribution center for TJ Max, Marshalls, and Home Goods along with other companies. TJX currently employs more than 900 distribution center employees and needs to net new hire 250 by August, with another 250 in October, for a total net new hire of 500. CEDD staff is assisting TJX by coordinating marketing and educating the Workforce Development community about the positions, as well as designing and implementing a series of hiring events. CEDD will also assist with the recruitment of 25 additional professional jobs in Human Resources, Supervisory and Quality.

The Phoenix RISE Summer Youth Internship program is up and running. There were 118 youth placed on summer job sites and 114 youth starting employment. All youth attended work readiness workshops prior to being placed to gain skills to be successful on the job. A diverse group of employers are working with the RISE program including: healthcare, manufacturing, educational facilities, government agencies, construction, retail technology, social service agencies, fitness, recreation and publishing. The program runs for five weeks, giving youth the opportunity to learn valuable work place skills, develop positive behaviors and attitudes, network, build their resume, have fun and earn money, up to $1,545.60. Youth received their first RISE paycheck; for most of them, it was their first paycheck ever. They are budgeting for school clothes, helping with family expenses, saving for cars and college, and spending money in our community.
From July 18 to 22, the Phoenix Convention Center hosted the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Summer Institute with more than 1,600 attendees. The U.S. Department of Education 21st CCLC program supports the creation of centers that provide academic enrichment opportunities during non-school hours for children, particularly those attending high-poverty and low-performing schools. Speakers and presenters shared valuable experiences and insights about how to develop, implement and sustain successful 21st CCLC programs. This is the first time Phoenix has hosted this conference.

As part of the off-site improvements associated with the new Fry’s Marketplace, new traffic signal lights are required to be installed at 14th Street and Bell Road. Seven new pole bases need to be poured as part of the improvements. Street Transportation Department’s Signal Shop, Right of Way Management, Civil, and Water Services have been heavily involved in the coordination of construction activities related to the completion of the off-site improvements, barricades and adjacent private development projects with their barricade set-ups on Bell Road.

Optima Center Kierland is a large-scale mixed-use project situated on a nine-acre site just north of Kierland Commons. The development is a pilot project for the city’s newly adopted International Green Construction Code to ensure material resource efficiency, energy efficiency, water resource efficiency and indoor environmental quality. The developer is preparing for a temporary certificate of occupancy by January 2017. Construction has begun on the fourth building located at 7120 E Kierland Blvd, a 10-story, 200,000 square-foot luxury apartment tower containing 162 high-end rental units. Amenities include a dog park, outdoor fitness areas, indoor basketball court, full gym, hot tub/cold plunge, pool, business center, residence lounge, movie theater, outdoor BBQ areas, indoor party room and game room.

Neighborhoods and Livability

On July 19, the City Manager’s Office Volunteer Phoenix Program will host the budget director from the Corporation for National and Community Service. Interest in the city’s Resilience AmeriCorps program prompted the visit and included the HandsOn Greater Phoenix, Governor’s Office and other Valley cities. The tour will feature the Resilience AmeriCorps led “We’re Cool” campaign to connect low-income transit users to hydration stations; a shade and mural project at Wilson Elementary School; and an initiative at Burton Barr to connect homeless patrons to services and support.

On July 13, Neighborhood Services staff facilitated a meeting with the Westwood Neighborhood Association to provide information from Police, Public Works and Neighborhood Services departments concerning issues with their properties. This area was recently highlighted in an Arizona Republic news article and staff will be working with the owners and residents to reduce the crime and blight over the next six months.

Neighborhood Services staff recently met with Maricopa County Health Department, Crockett School, a landscape architect and an artist to finalize the details on improvement projects at the Crockett School. These projects will be leveraged for the KaBoom “Play Everywhere” grant application. Helping Phoenix Neighborhoods was awarded $500 for its initial application to create a creative place space along the Grand Canal adjacent to the Crockett School. The finalist applications are due on July 31 and, if funded, the project would need to start and complete by the end of the calendar year.
Social Services Delivery

The Housing Department and HUD are partnering in the “Campaign for Grade Level Reading.” The Housing Department was selected as one of the 12 national Public Housing Authorities sites to promote the “Campaign for Grade Level Reading” through the HUD initiative, which promotes third grade reading levels at housing sites and encourages other public housing authorities to implement similar programming. Phoenix was selected based on the city’s education programming and partnerships with Southwest Human Development, Head Start, and the Phoenix libraries.

On July 15, Human Services staff attended the Project B.R.A.V.E, Healthy Relationships presentation. Project B.R.A.V.E. will be utilized this year in the Youth Workgroup extension into elementary and middle schools Domestic Violence/Healthy Relationship awareness training. Project BRAVE is a violence prevention education program which develops interactive educational events for at-risk youth and aims to decrease violence through awareness, leadership training activities, and partnerships.

The Children's Museum of Phoenix recently hosted the National Summer Learning Day, and Phoenix’s summer learning programs were recognized along with the Mayor's Great Start program. More than 150 students from the city Headstart program and the Greater Phoenix Urban League attended the event.

Transportation and Infrastructure

The City of Phoenix was recently recognized as a “Leading Fleets 2016” operation in Government Fleet Magazine, published by the American Public Works Association. The magazine recognized the city’s Public Works Department for its alternative fuel strategy and efforts to create a sustainable fleet.

Water Services staff from the Wastewater Engineering and 91st Avenue Wastewater Treatment Plant recently conducted a final acceptance inspection of the new steel cover on Digester #10. The digester cover, in conjunction with a water seal, forms a gas tight enclosure. The cover is insulated for temperature control. The previous steel cover on Digester #10 had reached the end of its useful life. By making the appropriate capital investment at the right time, reliable infrastructure performance can continue to be obtained.

The new mobile app game, Pokémon Go, has more than 30 sites located on Airport property. The primary concern for the Airport is that some Pokémon Go players may be tempted to breach the airfield fence to go after a site while playing the game. Currently, there is one identified site on the north side of the airfield, near the closed Left Seat Restaurant. Police, Operations, and Technology are working together to keep an eye out on this new phenomenon and any safety or security impacts it may have on the Airport. In addition, options which may be available to mitigate or block these sites on Airport property, especially the airfield, are being researched.

Street Transportation staff recently held a design review meeting with more than 25 residents near 15th Avenue and Rose Lane. Staff reviewed the history of traffic calming efforts on 15th Avenue and discussed details of the design for a traffic circle. Staff also discussed the placement and schedule for installation of the speed cushions on 15th Avenue between Bethany Home Road and Glendale Avenue. Residents approved
the installation of eight speed cushions on this section of 15th Avenue, which are scheduled for installation this month.

Street Transportation contractor has completed the paving and utility adjustments along Roosevelt Street from Fourth and Seventh streets. The project is anticipated to be completed in December 2016. The scope of work for this project includes narrowing Roosevelt Street to make room for wider sidewalks and pedestrian amenities within existing right-of-way, installing new curbs and gutters, adding bike lanes, and implementing several other improvements.

**FOLLOW COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS ON TWITTER!**

Thelda is tweeting! Follow her @TheldaWilliams1.

**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.

**ANHEM PETS** Animal Rescue: A Voice for the Voiceless
http://anthempets.org/ 480-287-3542

**ARIZONA PAWS & CLAWS** www.azpawsandclaws.com

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

**M.A.I.N.** What We Do - M.A.I.N. - Medical Animals In Need, Dog Rescue in Phoenix Arizona Kelly Ferreira 480-245-9203 President / Medical Animals In Need www.medicalanimalsinneed.com Together we save lives!

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