August 25th, 2017

CITY EVENTS

UPCOMING PUBLIC CITY MEETINGS

• City Council Formal Meeting – Wednesday, August 30th, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 200 West Jefferson Street.
• Zoning Adjustment Hearing– Thursday, August 31st, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Assembly Room C, Phoenix City Hall, 200 West Washington Street.

For more information on these and all other public City meetings visit:
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.

DISTRICT 1 EVENTS:

DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

The next breakfast will be on Friday, September 29th, 2017 at the Radisson Hotel Phoenix North, located at 10220 N Metro Pkwy E, Phoenix, AZ 85051.

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Our guest speaker will be Inger Erickson – the Director of Phoenix’s Parks and Recreation Department.
Inger was named Parks and Recreation Director for the city of Phoenix in December 2015. Inger began working for the city in 1988 as a lifeguard at Coronado Pool.

During her nearly three decades long career with the department, she also served as a maintenance supervisor, supervisor of aquatics, deputy director of multiple divisions and assistant director. She holds a bachelor of science degree in physical education from Grand Canyon University and a master of arts in organizational management from the University of Phoenix.

**CITY NEWS & EVENTS:**

**PHOENIX HONORED FOR FUTURE-FOCUSED WATER RESOURCES INITIATIVES**

The City of Phoenix Water Services Department was honored this week as a ‘Utility of the Future Today’ for the department’s forward-thinking initiatives. Phoenix Water was one of just 25 water utilities in the country to receive recognition.

The Utility of the Future Today recognition celebrates the achievements of forward-thinking, innovative water utilities that are providing resilient value-added service to communities. The recognition focuses specifically on community engagement, watershed stewardship, and recovery of resources such as water, energy, and nutrients.

“Phoenix has emerged as a forward-thinking national leader on water resources, and this distinguished recognition validates just how seriously we take the stewardship of our precious natural resources,” said Mayor Greg Stanton. "Recognition as a Utility of the Future Today means our residents can be confident their City is committed to resiliency, innovation, and working with the community and our neighbors to use – and reuse -- water efficiently and sustainably.”

"This prestigious recognition acknowledges that Phoenix is a leader in water resiliency and environmental sustainability," said Councilwoman Thelda Williams, chairwoman of the Phoenix City Council Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee. “I’m very proud of the innovative work of the Water Services Department, and congratulate them on a job well done.”

The recognition program was launched in 2016 by four water sector organizations—the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA), the Water Environment Federation (WEF), the Water Environment & Reuse Foundation (WE&RF) and WateReuse, with input from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

“Our Water Services staff pride themselves on providing quality drinking water, ensuring reliable wastewater services and protecting the environment with innovative programs and initiatives,” said Phoenix City Manager Ed Zuercher. “This honor gives national validation to their hard work.”
Honorees will be recognized during an awards ceremony at the Water Environment Federation's Technical Exhibition and Conference this October in Chicago.

For more information on the Utility of the Future Recognition, visit:  

I-17 WRONG-WAY VEHICLE DETECTION PROJECT UNDERWAY IN PHOENIX -

The first traffic restrictions required for the installation of a first-in-the-nation pilot wrong-way vehicle detection and warning system were scheduled last weekend at the Interstate 17 interchange at Indian School Road in Phoenix. Preliminary work started in the previous week on the Arizona Department of Transportation's $3.7 million thermal-camera based project designed to immediately alert ADOT and Department of Public Safety if a wrong-way vehicle is detected along a 15-mile stretch of I-17.

Glendale Avenue will be closed in both directions at I-17 from 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, until noon Saturday, Aug. 26. Both I-17 off-ramps at Glendale Avenue will also be closed.

Northern Avenue will be closed in both directions at I-17 from 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, until noon Sunday, Aug. 27. Both I-17 off-ramps at Northern Avenue will also be closed.

Alternate routes include Dunlap or Bethany Home roads. Traffic on Northern Avenue and Glendale Avenue that approaches I-17 will be required to make right turns onto the freeway's frontage road or on-ramps.

Future restrictions will be scheduled at other I-17 interchanges between I-10 northwest of downtown and Loop 101 in north Phoenix as the project advances over the next few months. No restrictions will be scheduled over the Labor Day holiday weekend. Following installation and testing, the system will be fully operational by early next year.

The system will use thermal cameras to detect a wrong-way vehicle along an off-ramp, initially triggering an illuminated wrong-way sign with flashing lights aimed at getting the attention of the wrong-way driver. The system also will immediately alert ADOT and DPS that a wrong-way vehicle is detected while warning other freeway drivers in the area through overhead message boards. On the freeway, additional cameras will signal when a wrong-way vehicle passes to help State Troopers plan their response. That response right now usually begins with 911 calls from other motorists.

The I-17 pilot system will speed notification, but it can’t prevent wrong-way driving, which in most cases involves impaired drivers. ADOT and its partner agencies, including DPS and the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, continue to study other potential countermeasures to reduce the risk from wrong-way driving.

PHOENIX SKY HARBOR AIRPORT AWARDED GREATER PHOENIX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IMPACT AWARD

The Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce (GPCC) has selected Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport as the Arizona Advocate award recipient as part of its 30th Annual IMPACT Awards. The IMPACT Awards honor
the accomplishments of small and large Valley businesses and the positive influences they have on the business community and economy.

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, one of the 10 busiest airports in the nation for passenger traffic, has a $79 million daily economic impact including serving more than 120,000 passengers, 1,200 aircraft and 800 tons of cargo each day. The rapidly growing airport embraces an excellent customer service culture to continue to earn the nickname “America’s Friendliest Airport.”

The Arizona Advocate award recognizes a business promoting pro-growth, pro-job policies that foster a business-friendly climate, advocating for Arizona on a state, national and/or global level as a unique place for businesses and individuals to thrive.

**SKY HARBOR’S VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK**

City officials volunteered alongside Sky Harbor’s Navigators in celebration of Volunteer Appreciation Week, from April 24-30, including: Mayor Greg Stanton, Councilman Daniel Valenzuela, Councilwoman Debra Stark, City Manager Ed Zuercher, and Deputy City Manager Paul Blue. Just like the helpful Navigators do on a daily basis, City leaders greeted travelers and answered questions at Sky Harbor’s busiest terminal, Terminal 4, throughout the week.

Each week, nearly 400 friendly Navigators direct travelers and serve as the first impression for Arizona visitors. The Phoenix Sky Harbor volunteer program began in 2000 with 20 volunteers and has grown to become one of the largest airport volunteer programs in the country. Volunteers spend at least four hours each week at the Airport, and in 2015, volunteers donated more than 68,000 hours of their time helping travelers.

For more information on the volunteer Navigator program, including how to become a volunteer, visit the “Volunteer as an Airport Navigator” page at https://www.skyharbor.com/volunteer or call 602-273-4017.

**PHOENIX PLANNED MAJOR STREET RESTRICTIONS – UPDATED AUGUST 25TH, 2017**

To view a listing of the latest planned major street restrictions please visit this link: https://www.phoenix.gov/streetssite/Pages/Planned-Street-Restrictions.aspx

These restrictions represent only the major planned activities reported to the Street Transportation Department’s right-of-way management office. This listing does not reflect closures or restrictions due to unexpected events such as flooding, traffic collisions, fires, utility failures or other emergencies. For street closure alerts follow the Phoenix Street Transportation Department on Twitter at @PHXStreetTrans.
DISTRICT 1 NEWS:

TEMPORARY EMERGENCY ALLEY RELOCATION - POWER LINE REPLACEMENT - 31ST AVENUE AND SWEETWATER

Arizona Public Service will need to replace some power poles and raise low power lines that are blocking access to alley collection for solid waste containers. This is a temporary relocation at this time and normal alley collection will resume as soon as repairs are complete.

The affected areas are the 29 houses on the west side of 32nd Avenue between Windrose and Dahlia Drive, the north side of Dahlia Drive between 31st and 32nd Avenues and the south side of Sweetwater Avenue from 31st to 33rd Avenues.

On Wednesday, August 16, 2017, Solid Waste staff will remove the black containers from the alley and will deliver a green container to every home affected. The schedule for garbage collection will not change; only the location of collection will change to curbside. The residents will be informed to place both the green and blue containers out by the curb for collection by 5:30am on Thursdays beginning August 17, 2017.

SHRED-A-THON AND DRUG TAKEBACK

Last Saturday morning, Councilwoman Thelda Williams and Arizona Attorney General Mar Brnovich, along with the Phoenix Police Department, co-hosted a shred-a-thon and drug takeback event at the Helen Drake Senior Center. The purpose of this event was to collect documents which contained personal information for secured destruction. Documents such as old tax records, medical files, credit card and bank statements, and a variety of other materials were brought to the center by residents to be safely destroyed by ASDD Document Destruction. Events such as this allow residents to securely dispose of these items not only to make more space, but also to reduce the chances of identity theft. The event collected 4944 pounds of paper (2.5 tons), saved 42 trees and spared 7.5 cubic yards in our landfill.

In addition to the shred-a-thon, the Phoenix Police Department collected old, or unused prescription and other medications. Safely collecting and subsequently disposing of these things reduces the chance of them falling into the wrong hands and ensures they are taken care of properly.
DEER VALLEY DOG PARK PROGRESS UPDATE

The Deer Valley Dog Park is making great progress! The seed application is complete. The temporary water from the hydrant is working. The city water crew has been working hard and it looks like they are starting to install the water line. Trees are being staked to protect them from any future storms and things appear to be on their way to have the park open later this year!

The Dog Park is located just to the north of the pool parking lot at the Deer Valley Park, located at 19th Avenue just north of Utopia Road.

GLENDALE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Calling all Glendale Union High School District alumni! Glendale Union is proud to announce a new spotlight project featuring graduates.

The We Are GUHSD project is a collection of stories told from the Glendale Union High School District community. The voices of the We Are GUHSD campaign highlight our teachers, students, alumni, parents and district advocates. They share their stories as an example of the importance of public education and strengthening communities.

Do you have a story to share? Interested candidates may contact the Community Relations Department by sending an email to prdept@guhsdaz.org. To view current stories from the project, please visit www.guhsdaz.org/news/weareguhsd
WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

The WESD is fortunate to have the support of numerous community partners. On Friday, August 18, Abraham Lincoln Traditional and Sunnyslope Schools received backpacks for their students. At Abraham Lincoln, Arizona State Senator Kimberly Yee delivered 20 backpacks, each with a pencil pouch full of supplies, to 20 lucky students. The supplies were made possible thanks to the National Federation of Women Legislators and Office Depot. At Sunnyslope, BMO Bank representatives delivered 150 backpacks and school supplies. Thank you for supporting our students!

Eighteen WESD Schools and the Administrative Center earned Energy Star awards. This means that these facilities have been operated and managed in a manner that is saving energy! Congratulations to Abraham Lincoln Traditional, Chaparral Elementary, Cholla Middle School, Desert Foothills Junior High, Desert View Elementary, Ironwood Elementary, John Jacobs Elementary, Lookout Mountain Elementary, Lakeview Elementary, Manzanita Elementary, Maryland School, Palo Verde Middle School, Roadrunner Elementary, Sahuaro Elementary, Sunburst Elementary, Sunnyslope School, Sunset Elementary and Sweetwater School!

DEER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

On Monday, August 21, 2017, students at schools throughout Deer Valley Unified School District safely observed the partial solar eclipse visible in Arizona. Solar viewing glasses were provided to many students, including all of the students at Canyon Springs School.

DVUSD teachers and staff were encouraged to use the comprehensive safety information and educational resources from NASA. Some students and teachers built viewing boxes, while others viewed the eclipse with special telescopes.

A photo gallery of DVUSD students and staff observing the solar eclipse can be found at:

https://www.dvusd.org/Page/53610
City Manager’s Report:

Economic Development & Education

Staff from the LinkedIn Economic Graph team recently provided a robust training to 14 team members from the ARIZONA@WORK network at the North Job Center. LinkedIn is working with the National Association of State Workforce Agencies to create a national curriculum for Public Employment Services to teach network-based job search using LinkedIn to unemployed active job seekers in 2,400 American Job Centers across the United States. The team previewed the LinkedIn materials and had excellent discussion and feedback to give to LinkedIn as they get ready to roll out the training at the August NASWA conference.

Equal Opportunity staff recently participated in a Subcontractor Outreach event hosted by Hensel Phelps, the prime contractor selected to perform work on the Sky Train Stage 2 Project at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. Approximately 40 small businesses attended the event, which was held at the Phoenix Airport Marriott. Staff presented information on the Certification Program, which includes Small Business Enterprise (SBE) and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) eligibility requirements and application process. In collaboration with Aviation staff, Equal Opportunity has been working with the prime contractor in preparation for the SBE goal setting process and the certification of SBE firms in the scopes of work inherent in the project. Equal Opportunity staff will provide hands-on assistance with the certification process during a future session.

Aviation’s Customer Service team is continuing its successful partnership with ASU’s American English and Culture Program to support Japanese students who are entering the airline hospitality industry. For the fifth consecutive year, the students will volunteer alongside Guest Services Representatives at information counters to serve Airport customers in late August/early September. The staffing schedule will include a rotation to give each student an opportunity to serve in various terminals. In preparation for the upcoming internship, the Aviation Customer Service Team hosted an orientation and scavenger hunt to familiarize the students with the airport environment and learn the expectations for providing superior customer service.

Neighborhoods and Livability

Neighborhood Services staff and Police recently toured the Westwood Community to identify code violations at properties within the focus area. Most of the properties have numerous violations and crime has begun to rise as well. The team will be meeting to focus on solutions of sustainability. A former Croatian Club at Devonshire and the Black Canyon access road was identified as being rented out for concerts and events. Staff was allowed inside and took pictures. Police will be following up with the Hot Spot Liquor Task Force for enforcement.

Planning and Development inspectors and contractors worked almost non-stop over two weekends to complete paving of 700 feet of new roadway for Sky Crossing, a joint venture between Pulte Homes and Taylor Morrison consisting of 1,200 residential lots on 410 acres. The roadway improvements will help relieve Pinnacle High School’s traffic congestion by doubling the number of through lanes on Deer Valley Road.
Financial Excellence

On Aug. 15, Government Relations staff attended a check presentation at the WeKoPa Resort and Conference Center in Scottsdale. The Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation has authorized and awarded $15,000 to Phoenix as part of its 12% tribal gaming grant program. The Office of Youth and Education will receive funding for the Free Little Libraries program. This marks the first time in a number of years that Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation has selected a City project for funding.

Public Safety

Public Transit staff recently met with the Phoenix Police Transit Enforcement Unit to discuss issues with and around the Transit System. Issues discussed included the inconsistency between light rail cities in how they prosecute offenders, the functions and limitations of Light Rail Security Officers, and some of the problem area light rail platforms. Valley Metro will be painting platforms and including signage to indicate fare enforcement zones. Additionally, Valley Metro is evaluating lighting and also will be upgrading the cameras at all of their platforms.

Infrastructure

Water Services staff recently participated in the AZ Pure Water Brew Challenge by purifying, sampling, and analyzing treated wastewater effluent for use by local breweries. The treated and sampled wastewater passed through a portable water purification system at the 23rd Avenue Wastewater Treatment Plant, was analyzed and verified to exceed drinking water standards, then transferred into a semi-truck tanker. Approximately 7,000 gallons from the 23rd Avenue WWTP was purified through the mobile truck and distributed to local breweries for use in the beer crafting competition. The cities of Tucson, Phoenix, and Flagstaff are providing purified water to beer brewers through the AZ Pure Water Brew Challenge to raise awareness of water reuse.

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Thelda is tweeting! Follow her @TheldaWilliams1.

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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.

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

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

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