September 1st, 2017

CITY EVENTS

UPCOMING PUBLIC CITY MEETINGS

• Downtown, Aviation Economy and Innovation Subcommittee Meeting – Wednesday, September 6th, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in Assembly Rooms A, B and C, phoenix City Hall, 200 West Washington.
• City Council Formal Meeting – Wednesday, September 6th, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 200 West Jefferson Street.
• Zoning Adjustment Hearing– Thursday, September 7th, 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: https://www.phoenix.gov/cityclerk/publicmeetings/notices.

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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. Breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the speaker will start at around 7:45 a.m.

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.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXPO**

Phoenix firefighters are taking part in the Emergency Preparedness Expo from 10 a.m. to noon at Metro Center Mall on Saturday, September 9th. This event, hosted by Maricopa County Department of Public Health, hosts an array of safety information booths that give our community members information on how to prepare and react to a wide variety of emergencies. This event is free and open to the public. To see the event flyer, please click here: [http://www.maricopa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/31616](http://www.maricopa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/31616)

“Real Daughters of the American Revolution”

The Ocotillo Chapter NSDAR will hold its first meeting and program following summer hiatus on Saturday, September 9th, 2017 at 9:30 A.M. in the Community Room #435 at the Outlets of Anthem and is open to non-members. The chapter is delighted to have Suzanne Young, a member of the ASDAR Speaker Staff who has prepared a program on, The Real DAR Daughters. A quote by Suzanne Young, “Each DAR member has a patriot. Imagine yours was your father! Learn more about the ladies who are first generation. Are there a lot of these women? Who was their father, what did he do and did she know him? Real Daughters of the American Revolution will answer these questions and teach you about these amazing first Americans.”

Suzanne, a DAR daughter, many accomplishments since becoming a member was being the 2006 Chapter Outstanding Junior, personal page to ASDAR State Regent, Gillian Morse (2014-2016), page at NSDAR Continental Congress, Arizona Page Club President, Chapter committee member and officer positions for Treasurer, Librarian, and Corresponding Secretary for the Grand Canyon Chapter, and is currently chairman of the ASDAR State Regent Project for 2016-2018.

The September meeting will honor and remember our 9/11 First Responder's with a BAKE-Off ~ “We Remember 1st Responders,” Brownie's or Cookie's People Choice Fundraiser. Come taste and cast your vote for your favorite sweet treat with your dollars. Local Fire Department Stations located in the communities surrounding Anthem will be the recipients of a platter of sweet treats.

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](http://www.dar.org) or contact Willine Evans at willineelevans@gmail.com and 623-551-3764.
CITY NEWS & EVENTS:

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS HURRICANE HARVEY DISASTER RELIEF

The American Red Cross is working around the clock along the Gulf Coast to help the thousands of people whose lives have been devastated by Tropical Storm Harvey. If you would like to donate, or find more information about the disaster relief efforts of the American Red Cross, please visit their website at:

https://www.redcross.org/donate/hurricane-harvey

PHOENIX SEARCH AND RESCUE IN TEXAS FOR HURRICANE HARVEY RECOVERY

FEMA has activated the Phoenix Fire Department’s Arizona Task Force 1 urban search and rescue team which headed to San Antonio, Texas, last Saturday to help with recovery efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.

The 80-member task force, led by Assistant Phoenix Fire Chief Scott Walker and Deputy Chief Scott Grane, will be deployed for approximately 14 days. The team includes 76 Phoenix Fire Urban Search and Rescue Team members, a human remains dog and handler, two civilian physicians and two structural engineers.

The task force and its equipment departed the Phoenix Fire Department Special Operations Center on Saturday and arrived in San Antonio on Sunday evening.

“Phoenix sends not only our prayers to Texas, we’re sending a team of our best people to help save lives,” said Mayor Greg Stanton.

“Our prayers are with Texas,” said Phoenix Fire Chief Kara Kalkbrenner. “I’m proud of our team, they are ready to go and will be headed west to assist with rescue efforts in Texas.”

Phoenix Fire search and rescue teams have assisted in several major disaster cleanups over the past decades, including the Oklahoma City bombing, 9-11 and Hurricane Katrina.

COMMUNITY AND POLICE TRUST INITIATIVE LISTENING SESSIONS

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. All sessions will have translation service available and are ADA accessible.

Here is a listing of dates, times and locations for all of the 13 listening sessions being held city-wide:

Tuesday, Sept. 5
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Steele Indian School Park
Memorial Hall
300 E. Indian School Rd.

Thursday, Sept. 7
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Paradise Valley Community Center
Multipurpose Room
17402 N. 40th St.

Tuesday, Sept. 12
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Beuf Community Center
Multipurpose Room
3435 W. Pinnacle Peak Rd.

Wednesday, Sept. 13
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Sunnyslope Community Center
Multipurpose Room
802 E. Vogel St.

Thursday, Sept. 14
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Desert West Community Center
Multipurpose Room
6602 W. Encanto Blvd.

Saturday, Sept. 16
11:00 – 12:00 p.m.
Balsz Conference Center
Building 14
4309 E. Bellevue St.

Monday, Sept. 18
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Eastlake Community Center
Gymnasium
1549 E. Jefferson St.

Thursday, Sept. 21
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Pecos Community Center
Multipurpose Room
17010 S. 48th St.

Monday, Sept. 25
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
South Mountain Community Center
Century Room
212 E. Alta Vista Rd.

Tuesday, Sept. 26
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Estrella Mountain Precinct Community Room
2111 S. 99th Ave.

Wednesday, Sept. 27
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Black Mountain Precinct Community Room
33355 N. Cave Creek Rd.

Thursday, Sept. 28
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Ability360
Conference Room 2
5025 E. Washington St.
*Fragrance Free Facility*

US COURT OF APPEALS RULES IN FAVOR OF CITY, NEIGHBORHOODS IN FAA FLIGHT PATHS LAWSUIT

Nearly three years after the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) changed the flight paths at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport without notifying the community, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit has ruled in favor of the City of Phoenix and the neighborhoods. In June 2014, the City of Phoenix filed a lawsuit on behalf of all Phoenix neighborhoods, which was followed by a suit brought by several historic Phoenix neighborhoods. The court joined the two lawsuits together.
On August 29th, the court issued an unprecedented opinion and a judgment that FAA violated federal law when implementing the new flight paths in September 2014. The order indicates that the FAA will need to return to the routes in place prior to September 2014 until it conducts a new environmental process. Attorneys for the City of Phoenix are studying the decision to understand the process moving forward regarding what changes will be made and when.

In the Court’s written opinion, it agrees with the City and Neighborhoods’ argument that FAA approval of the new flight routes in September 2014 was “arbitrary and capricious” and violated the National Historic Preservation Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, and the Department of Transportation Act.

The court ruling states that “by keeping the public in the dark, the agency made it impossible for the public to submit views on the project’s potential effects—views that the FAA is required to consider.” The ruling goes on to say that “The FAA had several reasons to anticipate that the new flight routes would be highly controversial: The agency was changing routes that had been in place for a long time, on which the City had relied in setting its zoning policy and buying affected homes. The air traffic over some areas would increase by 300%—with 85% of that increase attributed to jets—when before only prop aircraft flew overhead. The FAA found a ‘potential [for] controversy’ but did not notify local citizens and community leaders of the proposed changes as the agency was obligated to, much less allow citizens and leaders to weigh in.”

The Court agreed that the FAA violated its duty to consult with the City in assessing whether the new routes would substantially impair the City’s parks and historic sites and that the FAA did not have enough information to find that the routes would not substantially impair these protected areas. The Court opinion states that “The FAA never conveyed the proposed route changes to senior officials in the City’s Aviation Department, local officials responsible for affected parks or historic districts, or elected city officials.”

The ruling and full court opinion are available on [https://www.skyharbor.com/flightpaths](https://www.skyharbor.com/flightpaths).

**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.

AMERICA’S FRIENDLIES AIRPORT JUST GOT FRIENDLIER - Navigator Buddies Make Debut in Pilot Pet Therapy Program at Sky Harbor

Today, Councilwoman Thelda Williams introduced Navigator Buddies at America’s Friendliest Airport®; the latest and furriest additions to the popular Phoenix Sky Harbor Navigator program. Sometimes referred to as stress-relief or emotional-comfort animals, Navigator Buddies are pups with a purpose: They offer company to travelers who might need some quiet comfort with man’s best friend.

The Navigator Buddies are volunteers, dogs and owners who are registered in good standing with a qualified pet therapy organization. Therapy animals offer soothing moments during stressful times, such as when flying or in large, busy places like an airport environment.

Councilwoman Williams will spoke and introduced the Navigator Buddies that are taking part in this pilot program. The dogs walked a purple carpet, posed for pictures and then met members of the public.

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.
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.

**AMWUA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING UPDATE**

**Governor’s Water Discussion**

Governor Ducey has convened a “Governor’s Water Discussion” Plenary group of invited stakeholders from various sectors. The Plenary group includes a single municipal representative, Mayor Jim Lane from Scottsdale, who is “staffed” by Warren Tenney and Kathryn Sorensen. The goal of the Governor’s Water Discussion is to better clarify the role of the Arizona Department of Water Resources as the “one voice” that speaks for Arizona on water policy matters. The Governor’s Water Discussion has two workgroups, the Colorado River Workgroup and the Groundwater Workgroup. While Phoenix does not have specific representation on the Plenary Group, Kathryn Sorensen was invited to participate in the Colorado River Workgroup.

During its most recent meeting on August 30, the Plenary group recommended specific reforms to address the problems identified by the State and the workgroups. It should be noted that CAWCD has expressed broad policy objections to the Governor’s Water Discussion, and does not believe there is a need for change with regard to Colorado River issues and its role in Arizona water policy. CAWCD states things are fine the way they are and this process represents the Executive Branch attempting to usurp the authority of a duly elected special taxing district. Unfortunately, the recent difficulties in reaching consensus on DCP and DCP+, CAWCD’s assertion of sovereign immunity in litigation, and questions about who has the authority to negotiate on interstate agreements just reinforces the need for clarity and one voice that speaks for Arizona on Colorado River issues. Because these are issues of statewide concern that reach beyond the three county special taxing district, that voice should be the Arizona Department of Water Resources through its Director. In addition, there are issues relating to groundwater use in Pinal County and non-AMA counties that would also be addressed by some of the State’s recommendations. The Governor’s Office seems intent on pursuing all of the recommendations as a package.
Water Quality Standard for Non-Project Water under the System Use Agreement

As part of effectuating the wheeling of Non-Project water in the CAP canal, CAWCD has initiated a Water Quality Standards Task Force (“Task Force”) of CAWCD Board members to recommend a water quality standard to the United States Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) for Non-Project water. The Task Force has invited stakeholders to provide input on water quality standards.

AMWUA is facilitating a presentation for the Task Force among the AMWUA cities, Southern Arizona cities, SRP and the Gila River Indian Community of a comprehensive proposal for water quality standards applicable to wheeling contracts on the CAP. The goal of the proposal would be to maintain the current water quality that is similar to that existing today so water providers will not need to make treatment changes to accommodate Non-Project water at this time. Part of the proposal would include monitoring and revisiting the standards periodically as conditions change and shortages become more acute.

A CAWCD Water Quality Taskforce is scheduled to meet again in mid-September to hear proposals for water quality regulation for Non-Project water. AMWUA staff will present the current status of the proposal. The written submission deadline to CAWCD is September 1st.

**ARIZONA MUNICIPAL WATER USERS ASSOCIATION (AMWUA) LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE**

The first comprehensive redevelopment of [www.amwua.org](http://www.amwua.org) in a decade has significantly improved the accessibility and usability of AMWUA’s information rich site. AMWUA’s website has been a key resource for central Arizona water information since 1996.

The new site is mobile adapted, streamlined, and easy to navigate. The design draws visitors to explore the content, to learn about the issues facing the AMWUA members, and to support the solutions that the association advocates.

The popular AMWUA blog is now integrated into the site, providing easy access to hundreds of posts on a diverse range of water related topics. Visitors can explore an expanded issues section, which delivers more in-depth information on the many complex issues facing Phoenix area water providers. The bill tracking section provides a well-organized, at-a-glance summary of the bills AMWUA follows during Arizona’s legislative session. AMWUA member staffs will appreciate the consolidated listing of public meetings and the ability to quickly search for past meeting materials.

The water conservation section of the website, now more appropriately titled, “What You Can Do,” has been simplified, allowing visitors to quickly scan for the information they are seeking, including guidance on finding and fixing leaks, rebates, landscaping resources, local workshops and events, contact information for local conservation professionals, and much more.

In the second phase of the site’s redevelopment, AMWUA’s plant selection database and landscape design guide will be completely redesigned. Councilwoman Williams serves on the Board of Directors of AMWUA as Phoenix’s representative.
Phoenix Planned Major Street Restrictions – Updated September 1st, 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:

Shred-a-thon and Drug Takeback

Saturday morning, August 19th, 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.

Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Update

The Parks and Recreation Department builds healthy communities through parks, programs and partnerships. The Capital Improvement Project (CIP) represents investments in the long-term health of our community. Currently, Council District 1 has the following projects in progress:

- **Deer Valley Dog Park** – The installation of the new dog park is scheduled to be completed by the end of this calendar year
- **Sunburst Paradise Park Improvements** – Installation of a retention and irrigation system is progressing
- **Paseo Highland Pickleball Courts** - 6 pickleball courts are currently being installed

For additional information about the Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department, please visit their website at: https://www.phoenix.gov/parks.
More than 120,000 people have graduated from the Glendale Union High School District since it was established in 1911. Are you wondering what happened to your classmates? Are you planning a reunion or want information on how to attend a reunion? This information is available by visiting the Community & Alumni section of the GUHSD website, www.guhsdaz.org. From this section, graduates can update their current contact information, see what reunions are planned and learn about a few noteworthy alumni who graduated from any of our nine high schools. If you are interested in sharing information about a planned event, please contact the Community Relations Department by emailing prdept@guhsdaz.org or calling Sara Clawson at 623-435-6001.

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

WESD’s new Gifted Coordinator, Jason McIntosh, received the 2017 Curriculum Award for his unit “Feats and Flops: Innovating Solutions to Real World Problems” from the National Association for Gifted Children. Mr. McIntosh was challenged to identify different curriculum units for classrooms and gifted education programs that could be shared with other educators as models of exemplary curriculum. This is Mr. McIntosh’s second Curriculum Award! Congratulations, Mr. McIntosh!

Albertson’s Companies made a generous donation to Acacia Elementary and Desert Foothills Junior High. Along with a $1,828.06 check donation to each school, Albertsons Companies donated backpacks, notebooks, crayons, markers, arts supplies and much more to help support the needs of our students! WESD extends a heartfelt thank you to Albertsons Companies and the wonderful employees who helped make this possible.

Heather Whiteman has dedicated over 13 years of service to the Washington Elementary School District and has recently been selected as a nominee for the Melanie McClintock Leadership Award by the Arizona Center for After School Excellence. Ms. Whiteman, a program manager in the KidSpace program, currently supervises four before- and after-school programs during the school year and the District’s largest summer camp. Ms. Whiteman’s coworkers describe her as a true leader who is able to motivate and encourage others
to grow and reach their goals. Ms. Whiteman always finds a way to recognize and respond to the needs of staff, parents, and youth within the program. Congratulations on this amazing recognition, Ms. Whiteman! The award will be announced at the 2017 School's Out, Make It Count Conference at the Phoenix Convention Center on October 28!

**DEER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

The Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps at Deer Valley and Sandra Day O'Connor High Schools both received the Silver Star Community Service with Excellence Award. This award is given annually by Headquarters Air Force JROTC to the top 5% of units worldwide with the most community service hours per cadet. The award emphasizes the value of community service and establishes a greater sense of pride within the corps. Sandra Day O'Connor’s Cadets have earned this award for all 3 years of its existence. Last year, Sandra Day O’Connor High School’s Lieutenant Colonel John Simmons, Master Sergeant Mike Badey, and their cadets served 4,904 hours of community service. Deer Valley High School’s JROTC set a goal to earn this award, and they achieved it when Major Vaughan Whited, Master Sergeant Danilya Stilchen, and their cadets served 4,614 hours of community service. Congratulations to our JROTC Cadets!

Each year, the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps selects outstanding instructors for each region they serve. They represent the “Best of the Best” in the Air Force Junior ROTC. This award recognizes the diligent work and outstanding achievement of instructors and encourages excellence through recognition of superior accomplishments. This year the Air Force Junior ROTC recognized Sandra Day O’Connor High School’s Lieutenant Colonel John Simmons for the dedication, hard work, and investment he has given to the Air Force Junior ROTC program and to the cadets. He sets the highest example of Air Force Core Values which are critical to the success of their mission. Congratulations to the Western Region Air Force Junior ROTC Outstanding Instructor of the Year, Lieutenant Colonel John Simmons!
CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

Economic Development & Education

PopPHX is a grassroots initiative created to provide a unique retail experience for those who work and live in downtown Phoenix in support of local merchants. Partnerships with building owners have allowed retailers to temporarily set up window displays in vacant first floor retail spaces at no charge to the retailer. These attractive window displays have a dual purpose: 1) to activate a dark space, and 2) to create a buzz of excitement for the retail pop up shop. This shopping experience allows soft goods, handmade products, and local wares to be sold in downtown Phoenix, where we are currently lacking these types of vendors. A sense of community is enhanced when local merchants can interact with a new audience in a new location. CEDD staff has scheduled a variety of retailers from Phoenix on a rotating basis. Renaissance Square is the building host for the month of August featuring Rubymint General Store.

Know99 recently produced a segment on the Solar Eclipse Festival. The Arizona Science Center hosted a Solar Eclipse viewing party where Phoenicians could safely see the solar eclipse event and provide an educational background to the reasons the eclipse was taking place. Coverage included a Facebook live and a video package to be edited this week.

Neighborhoods and Livability

On Aug. 26, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Library staff and community leaders attended the 50th Anniversary celebration of Ocotillo Library & Workforce Literacy Center (102 W. Southern Ave.) Poet Alberto Rios presented a reading of his poem *My Public Library*. Festivities included water activities for children, crafts and fun for all ages. Light refreshments were served, supported by the Friends of the Phoenix Public Library, Ocotillo Chapter.

The Abatement Lien Program staff recently began posting abandoned properties which will be sold at auction. These abandoned properties undergo a foreclosure based on unpaid abatement liens placed on the property because of a contractual abatement to remove hazards or blight. This process culminates in the auction of the properties to new owners. The signs serve to notify any party interested in purchasing the property and to alert neighbors of the positive changes taking place in their neighborhood.

Neighborhood Services staff facilitated a meeting with representatives from the QT Corporate Office and Cactus Park Precinct to discuss QT stores in the precinct. The meeting focused on action items that both QT and Police could work on to bring down criminal activity including additional cameras and security guards, crime prevention through environmental design options, training for store employees and better communication between the store managers and Police. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled once QT has had the opportunity to review with other QT management staff the information Police provided regarding their stores.

Planning and Development staff are reviewing shell building construction documents recently submitted for permit for Block 23 at Cityscape proposed mixed-use development in downtown Phoenix. The development will include two high-rise towers located above a common podium, which will be five stories with an amenity
deck located at level 5. The podium consists of retail stores (including a Fry’s grocery store), residential and office lobbies and service dock areas. The residential tower extends 13 stories above the podium and the office tower extends five stories above the podium.

Planning and Development staff granted preliminary site plan approval for a new 17.48-acre overflow parking lot and trailer parking for the existing Amazon facility at 71st Avenue and Buckeye Road. The project will be phased into two developments that provides parking spaces for the Amazon facility for the upcoming holiday rush. Phase I shows 462 parking spaces, and Phase II will allow for an additional 458 parking spaces.

Social Services Delivery

On Aug. 15, Housing staff held an RFP pre-proposal conference for the Disposition and Development of Vacant Lots Near the Matthew Henson HOPE VI Community. Fourteen members of the development community attended this conference. The RFP seeks to dispose of 34-City owned vacant lots in exchange for the construction of housing and the creation of affordable homeownership for individuals and families at 80 percent or below Area Median Income.

Moises Gallegos recently served on a panel at a community forum facilitated by the Phoenix Revitalization Corporation to discuss the impact of homelessness on neighborhoods. The PRC plans to utilize the information to promote public discourse and continue developing solutions in partnership with the public and non-profit sectors. PRC made a statement on behalf of downtown neighborhoods that they oppose any additional shelter services in downtown Phoenix, saying it was incumbent on neighboring cities and towns to do their part.

Public Safety

The Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management participated in a collaborative meeting with Gilbert and Glendale Emergency Management to begin evaluating core competencies and potential scenarios for the Integrated Emergency Management Course to occur December 11-15, 2017. Seventeen jurisdictions or organizations will participate in this course led by FEMA instructors.

Infrastructure

A community prosecutor met with Valley Metro, Phoenix Police and Transit, and Police officers and prosecutors from Tempe and Mesa to review system wide enforcement measures involving the light rail and bus system. The group is a collaborative effort that will continue to meet on related issues in order to develop enforcement best practices.

Public Transit staff met with Valley Metro Rail and their consultant regarding design for an HOV ramp at the current I-10 and I-17 interchange between 27th Avenue and 19th Avenue. The goal of the project is to design an HOV exit ramp from I-10 toward the capital area and two options are being evaluated. The first option is to design a ramp that is buses only until light rail is constructed. After rail is constructed, the ramp would be used only by rail. The second option is to construct an HOV exit ramp that both buses and rail will utilize.
Such an option would require a higher level of traffic control to manage the flow of bus and rail vehicles, and to prevent other vehicles from entering the ramp.

On Aug. 24 staff met with the Arcadia Traffic Committee to discuss recent traffic lane improvements along 56th Street at the Indian School Road approach and next steps for the MAG design assistance study. The purpose of the study is to assess the feasibility of sidewalk, bike lane, and intersection improvements that will lead to safer and more convenient conditions for bicyclists and pedestrians throughout the corridor. The MAG funding award is $73,200 and will be supplemented by the Street Transportation Department with $46,800 in additional AHUR funds, leading to a total project budget of $120,000.

ADOT is installing a thermal detection system which will detect wrong-way vehicles and alert the other drivers and law enforcement of them on I-17 from Interstate 10 to Loop 101. City streets that intersect with I-17 will be closed at specific times on weekends so that the technology can be installed at the intersections. Upcoming intersection closures are:

- No weekend work from Sept. 1 – 4 due to Labor Day.
- Camelback Road, 10 p.m. on Sept. 8 until noon on Sept. 9.
- Bethany Home Road, 10 p.m. on Sept. 9 until noon on Sept. 10.

**Phoenix Team**

Aviation and the Public Works staff recently met to discuss the expansion of the compost program at Sky Harbor Airport. The new compost facility, which is owned by the City and operated by “We Care Organics,” is capable of processing 55,000 tons of green waste annually. The compost processing facility opened in April 2017 and is currently in the “shakedown” phase of operational startup. The shakedown consists of understanding what percentage of food is acceptable to mix in with other organic material. It is anticipated that by the end of 2017, the compost facility will be prepared to accept greater volumes of food and Aviation will be able to begin to expand collection into all areas of the airport.

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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 DVPN/WMCA 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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