CITY EVENTS

UPCOMING PUBLIC CITY MEETINGS

- Downtown, Aviation, Economy and Innovation Subcommittee Meeting – Wednesday, October 4th at 10:00 a.m. in Assembly Rooms A, B, and C, Phoenix City Hall, 200 West Washington Street.
- City Council Formal Meeting – Wednesday, October 4th, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 200 West Jefferson Street.
- Zoning Adjustment Hearing – Thursday, October 5th, 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.

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 latest breakfast was on Friday, September 29th. Our guest speaker was 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. We also had a presentation from the Phoenix Police Department about the police response to the August 22nd President Trump rally and protest at the Phoenix Convention Center.

The next breakfast will be on Friday, October 27th, 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.
Pioneer Living History Museum Harvest Fest

Pioneer Harvest Fest
Saturday & Sunday in October beginning Oct. 14th.
October 14-15; 21-22; 28-29
9am-4pm
3901 W. Pioneer Rd
Phoenix Exit 225 from I-17 North of Carefree Highway

This sleepy historical ghost town is about to come alive! Forget driving out of town for Harvest Fest. It's all right here at the Pioneer Living History Museum. Come enjoy local hometown entertainment for the whole family!

Digital Family Photo, Exciting Gun Shows, Horseshoes, Fast Draw Shows, Kids BB Gun Range, Beer Garden (21+)

Pumpkin Patch, Pumpkin Painting, Hay Maze, Ol’ Time Games, Blue Grass Music!

Gold Panning, Hay Rides, Trolley Rides, Face Painting, 3 Giant Bouncers, Craft Booth

Tickets $8 (Adult) and $5 (Youth)
(Sale Price: Sept. 12-Oct. 8)
kids 2 and under free

Purchase Your Discounted Tickets Online!
https://pioneeraz.org/harvest-fest/

Every Family Receives a FREE Pumpkin!
CITY NEWS & EVENTS:

G.A.I.N. - GETTING ARIZONA INVOLVED IN NEIGHBORHOODS

G.A.I.N. (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) is a day for Arizona to join forces and promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity. G.A.I.N. showcases the importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement in our fight for a safer Arizona. On G.A.I.N. day (third Saturday in October), we invite neighborhoods to come together and make their community a safer, better place to live.

Here is a list of G.A.I.N. events in District 1:

**Danbury Neighborhood Watchers** –
4014 W Danbury Drive from 12pm - 4pm

**Willow Creek Village** –
3807 W Wagoner Road from 10am - 1130AM

**Cactus Park West Neighborhood Association** –
Cactus Park, 3801 W Cactus Road from Noon - 4pm

**Anthem Neighborhood Watch West** –
Arroyo Grande Park, 43603 N 50th Drive from 10am - 11am

**Moon Valley Gardens** –
Deer Valley Park, 2001 W Wahalla 19th Ave & Loop 101 from 2pm - 6pm

**Deer Valley Park Neighborhood Block Watch with Black Mountain Community Alliance** -
Deer Valley Park, 2001 W Wahalla 19th Ave & Loop 101 from 2pm - 6pm

PAINT PHOENIX PURPLE

Help us bring awareness to the issue of domestic violence in our community by helping Paint Phoenix Purple, the color representing domestic violence.

Domestic Violence is one of the most widespread and dangerous health and safety challenges in our community today. In October, the city will Paint Phoenix Purple in observance of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Your organization or household can support the campaign by coming up with unique ideas to “Paint Phoenix Purple”. The goal is to bring awareness to Domestic Violence and create a culture of change.

The color purple and the use of the purple ribbon is a unifying symbol of courage, honor, survival and dedication towards halting domestic violence. Displaying purple throughout the community expresses a
strong message there is no place for domestic violence in our community’s homes, neighborhoods, schools, or workplaces.

Paint Phoenix Purple is a local awareness campaign brought to you by a collaboration of more than 50 community, private and public organizations including the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the O’Conner House and the City of Phoenix. The collaboration drafted a plan entitled “Road Map to Excellence: Making the City of Phoenix a National Leader in Preventing and Ending Domestic Violence.” Paint Phoenix Purple is the inaugural initiative within the Awareness Campaign for the plan.

For additional information, please visit [http://paintphoenixpurple.org](http://paintphoenixpurple.org)

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY FOR THE RIO SALADO OESTE PROJECT**

Rio Salado Oeste is a habitat restoration project located along the Salt River from 19th Avenue to 83rd Avenue. In 2001, the City applied to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for a Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) lease to improve and manage the Rio Salado Oeste project area. In May of 2004, the R&PP lease was granted and the City entered into a 25-year lease with the BLM for the 159.32 acres that comprise Rio Salado Oeste.

Salt River Materials Group (SRMG) is owned by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and is a regional supplier of Portland cement, gypsum and fly ash products that is based in Phoenix. In 2016, SRMG approached the City with a proposal to advance development of a segment of Rio Salado Oeste near 67th Avenue by conducting preliminary grading activities as a foundation for the habitat restoration project envisioned in the City’s R&PP Plan of Development.

In a Sept. 26, 2016 letter to the City, SRMG proposed the construction of two trapezoidal channels to accommodate low flows and terraces and infrastructure that are consistent with current plans for Rio Salado Oeste. The channels would be consistent with the existing engineering design of the sections of the Salt River to the east where the Rio Salado Phoenix project has already been constructed. Once the grading is complete, SRMG would maintain the channels. This is a complex project that would require SRMG to work with the City, BLM and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to obtain appropriate permits and advance the project. The proposed project enables the City to advance a portion the Rio Salado Oeste plan without additional funding. Many properties to the south of the project, which include an SRMG facility as well as other residential properties, would likely no longer fall within a designated floodplain area.

**Financial Impact**

The City would not incur any expenditures to enter into the IGA with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, as SRMG proposes to pay for all expenses associated with the design, construction and ongoing maintenance of the proposed channel.

In 2006, the Corps completed a feasibility study for Rio Salado Oeste. This study estimated the cost for construction of the recreational amenities, access points and support facilities to be $12.3 million with an estimated $1.9 million annual operation and maintenance cost. The recently-updated Plan of Development
prepared for BLM, which also included planning, engineering, design and other costs not included in the feasibility study conducted by the Corps, estimated the project cost at $81.8 million.
The City continues to anticipate a cost-sharing agreement with the Corps, resulting in the Corps paying 65 percent and the City paying 35 percent of the habitat and flood control improvements. To date, the needed federal funding to advance the project has not been appropriated and the City has no plans or available funding for any portion of the project.

Benefits
With no certainty that federal funding will be forthcoming in the foreseeable future, SRMG’s proposal enables a positive step for the project to move forward with the long-term goal that habitat restoration eventually be realized. SRMG’s proposal indicates that maintenance of the habitat and the flood control facilities within this segment will be SRMG’s responsibility. The Parks and Recreation Department will have approval authority over all plans that involve habitat restoration, recreational amenities and public environmental facilities.

Next Steps
City staff has been in discussions with SRMG since receiving its proposal. The next step is for SRMG to work with the Corps to obtain appropriate permitting under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. SRMG will also need to work with the Bureau of Land Management to ensure that they are in compliance with BLM requirements, as BLM is the lessor of the Rio Salado Oeste project area.

The City will need to enter into an IGA with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community to establish the standards of performance for the project in relation to:

1. The stipulation of the City’s lease with BLM;
2. The design and engineering specifications of successfully-completed segments of the Rio Salado Phoenix project upriver of 67th Avenue;
3. The substantive general and specific conditions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act;
4. City of Phoenix Ordinance Chapter 32B regarding floodplains;
5. City of Phoenix Storm Water Policies and Standards Manual, 3rd Edition (December 2013);
6. Any stipulated maintenance requirements; and
7. Any related or other applicable requirements.

The City will support this effort through its Parks and Recreation, Streets Transportation, Planning and Development and Law departments, the Office of Environmental Programs and other City functions that may be needed to review plans, evaluate proposals and interface with other agencies.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT 2017 UPDATE

The City of Phoenix’s Human Services Department (HSD) provides a comprehensive array of services to help City residents meet emergency, short-term, and long-term needs and to reach their highest level of self-sufficiency. Programs include early childhood education, emergency assistance, older adult services, crime victim services, homeless services, and community- and faith-based initiatives. Some of these programs are funded, at least in part, by federal funds, which require the City to conduct periodic community assessments.
HSD contracted with Burns and Associates to conduct a community assessment produced in May 2016, along with updates in 2017 and 2018. The 2015-16 Community Assessment included a general overview of the City, with sections devoted to the demographics of the City’s residents, education, employment, housing, crime, and community amenities; outlined services available to low-income and other in-need residents from City, State, and federal sources; and summarized findings from surveys of HSD clients and partners. To see the 2016 Community Assessment report, please go to: https://www.phoenix.gov/humanservicessite/Documents/2016%20Community%20Needs%20Assessment.pdf

Areas that have been updated are Census Bureau estimates, job growth and housing trends among others.

2017 Updates:

**Census** - Although the City’s growth has slowed in recent years, the Census Bureau estimates that Phoenix added more than 23,000 residents between July 2014 and July 2015. Population growth between 2013 and 2015 was greatest among the older age groups. The number of residents between 65 and 74 years of age increased 6.1 percent while the number of residents over 75 increased 5.4 percent. In contrast, the number of children under 18 years-old was essentially unchanged during this period, increasing one-tenth of one percent.

Growth rates for the two largest racial/ethnic groups in the City moved in opposite directions. The number of individuals of Hispanic descent increased 7.9 percent between 2010 and 2015. In contrast, the City’s largest racial/ethnic group – individuals of Caucasian/White descent – declined 2.1 percent. This trend is likely to continue given the age profiles of these groups. Almost two-thirds of the Hispanic population is under 35 years of age while 46 percent of the White population is over 45 years-old.

More than 347,000 Phoenix residents live in households with incomes below the federal poverty level, which in 2015 was $20,090 for a family of three. The City’s poverty rate in 2015 was 23.1 percent. The City’s poverty rate has increased significantly since 2005, when it was 16.4 percent. However, 2013 was the first year since 2005 that saw a decline in the poverty rate. Although the decline was modest, the poverty rate has remained largely stable in the two subsequent years.

Phoenix’s poverty rate is substantially greater than the 17.4 percent statewide poverty rate, which is common among the country’s large, urban cities. Across the other 10 most populous cities in the nation, however, Phoenix’s poverty rate was the third highest, lower than only Philadelphia and Dallas. Further, among these cities, Phoenix experienced the largest growth in its poverty rate between 2005 and 2015.

Census data continues to show that the incidence of poverty is correlated with a number of demographics; for instance:

- Children are most likely to live in poverty, with more than one in three children under five years of age living in households with incomes below the poverty level, a rate more than three times greater than that of individuals over 65 years of age. Within HSD’s Head Start service area, there are nearly 10,000 three and four-year-olds living in poverty and more than 14,000 children from birth through two years of age living in poverty within the City’s Early Head Start service area.
- Households led by unmarried women are substantially more likely to be in poverty than any other household type.
• Poverty is highly correlated with education; more than 35 percent of individuals who have not completed high school live in poverty, compared to about 19 percent of high school graduates, 13 percent of those who have completed some college, and less than 6 percent of college graduates.

• Non-Caucasian/White residents are more likely than White residents to live in poverty; for example, 34 percent of persons of Hispanic descent are living in poverty compared to 12 percent of White residents.

• Non-citizens are significantly more likely to live in poverty than citizens.

**Employment** - As described in the 2015-16 Community Assessment, Arizona was one of the states most impacted by the Great Recession by many measures, including percentage of jobs lost, declines in home values, and decreases in tax revenues. The national recession officially ended in June 2009 with gradual improvements occurring since then. Employment and housing indicators continue to trend in a positive direction.

2016 marked the sixth consecutive year of job growth since 2010. The greater Phoenix area added 280,000 jobs since 2010, with annual growth between two and three percent. Job gains have occurred primarily in professional and business services (64,400) as well as the education and health services industries (net gain of 63,700 jobs since 2009) and trade, transportation and utilities (32,900). Despite these gains, several industries have yet to regain the jobs lost during the recession. In particular, construction and manufacturing employment remain 39 percent and 12 percent, respectively, below their 2007 high points.

The unemployment rate in Phoenix has been declining since exceeding 10 percent in late 2009 and early 2010. Unemployment stood at 4.0 percent in January 2008. The City’s rate grew nearly uninterrupted for two years, peaking in November 2009 at 10.3 percent. Since that time, the rate has trended downward, reaching 5.1 percent in January 2017.

The Arizona Office of Economic Opportunity projects that the greater Phoenix area will experience annual job growth of 2.2 percent, adding almost 468,000 jobs, over the next ten years. This growth is projected to be led by education and health services (111,000 new jobs); professional and business services (109,000); trade, transportation, and utilities (64,000); and construction (53,000).

**PHX C.A.R.E.S. - CITYWIDE HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT RESPONSE STRATEGY**

The number and urgency of requests from residents, business owners and neighborhood groups related to homeless encampments has dramatically increased over the last two years. The Maricopa Regional Point-in-Time Count confirms the number of individuals experiencing street homelessness increased by over 27 percent between January 2015 and January 2016; and an additional increase of over 25 percent between 2016 and 2017. With public concerns continuing to escalate, the demand for services has stressed the capacity and flexibility of existing City resources and staffing structures.
While many individuals are receiving the support they need to end their homelessness, many more remain homeless and unsheltered for a variety of reasons. As a result, Phoenix communities are impacted by trash, waste, debris and temporary structures left behind in alleys, washes, city right-of-ways, and public and private properties. From March 10 to Aug. 31, 2017, the City received nearly 500 complaints related to these community impacts.

In response to increased requests to address blight associated with unsheltered homelessness, which often takes the form of an encampment, heavily impacted departments including Human Services, Police, Neighborhood Services, Public Works, Parks, Streets and the Prosecutor's Office collaborated to create a coordinated program, PHX C.A.R.E.S. (Community Action Response Engagement Services). The goal of PHX C.A.R.E.S. is to connect individuals experiencing homelessness with appropriate services and reduce the impact of unsheltered homelessness on Phoenix neighborhoods.

Persons experiencing homelessness have complex needs best addressed by certified outreach professionals with access to transportation, medical, behavioral health and recovery services. To meet this need, the Human Services Department conducted a competitive procurement process resulting in a contract with Community Bridges, Inc. (CBI). The contract provides professional outreach and engagement services, seven days per week, from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. The service includes transportation and access to the behavioral health network.

Residents and City staff will be asked to call the City's Customer Service line or enter concerns about persons living unsheltered and/or associated blight online in the City's PHX at Your Service (PAYS) system. Information will be documented and shared amongst collaborating departments in a single electronic platform. If individuals experiencing homelessness are present, an outreach team will be dispatched to engage and provide services. Simultaneously, the City will be assessing the ownership of the property in question. If individuals decline services and remain at the location without permission of the owner, the City will begin enforcement measures, which may include enhanced prosecution. If the site is public property, the responsible department (predominantly Public Works, Streets and Parks) will clean-up the site. If the site is private property, the property owner will be responsible for clean-up as governed by current City code through the Neighborhood Services Department.

PHX C.A.R.E.S. is projected to be available sometime in late October, or early November. Until then, residents and staff are encouraged to continue reporting through appropriate city departments.

**PHOENIX SISTER CITIES YOUTH AMBASSADOR EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

Phoenix Sister Cities exists to create people-to-people relationships between the residents of Phoenix and its sister cities through commercial, educational, cultural and artistic exchange programs and events that create and sustain global, long-term, international partnerships and business opportunities for the citizens of Phoenix.

Beginning October 1st, applications will be accepted for the 2018 Phoenix Sister Cities Youth Ambassador Exchange Program (YAEP).
What is the Youth Ambassador Exchange Program?
Phoenix high school sophomores and juniors apply to be selected to serve as a Youth Ambassador to one of Phoenix’s ten Sister Cities. Upon selection, the Youth Ambassadors will participate in Academy Sessions where they not only learn how to interact in their host country and what they can expect, but also how to best represent Phoenix, the state of Arizona, and the United States abroad.

Each Youth Ambassador will depart in the summer to spend approximately three weeks in the Sister City they are assigned. They will live with a host family and an international counterpart where they will be fully immersed in the culture of the Sister City.

Shortly after the Youth Ambassadors return to Phoenix, their international counterparts from their host city will then travel to Phoenix to spend approximately three weeks living with the Youth Ambassador. While the international counterparts are visiting, both the Phoenix and the international Youth Ambassadors will engage in trips and activities to give the international students the best representation of Phoenix culture.

For additional information about the program, and to download the application, please visit the Phoenix Sister Cities website at: https://www.phoenixsistercities.org/youth-ambassador/

Due date for applications is January 12th, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. local time.

Phoenix Sister Cities (PSC) is a not-for-profit, citizen-based, volunteer organization that is governed by a 40-member Board of Directors, was established in 1972, and now supports ten sister city relationships: Calgary, Canada; Catania, Italy; Chengdu, China; Ennis, Ireland; Grenoble, France; Hermosillo, Mexico; Himeji, Japan; Prague, Czech Republic; Ramat-Gan, Israel; and Taipei, Taiwan.

LUKE AIR FORCE BASE INFORMATION ABOUT DRONES/SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (UAS)

Flying a sUAS on or near Luke Air Force Base has both safety and legal responsibilities. If you intend on operating a drone as a hobbyist or a Part 107 commercial operator, this information will assist you. Luke Air Force Base wants to ensure flying safety remains paramount in the airspace around Luke AFB, Aux-1 (Morristown), and Gila Bend Auxiliary Field / neighboring Aux-6 (KGAX) by asking all drone/UAS operators to become knowledgeable and practice good general operating rules required to fly a Drone/sUAS in the National Airspace System.

If you have never flown a Drone/sUAS, or it has been a while since you have flown, we encourage you to visit the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) UAS Website “Getting Started” at https://www.faa.gov/uas/getting_started for the latest rules and insights governing Drone/UAS operations.

There are several restrictions for hobbyists and commercial users for airspace over and around Luke Air Force Base as well as other locations. For more detailed information and to see maps of restricted areas, please visit the Luke Air Force Base website at:

For additional information about Luke Air Force Base, please visit: http://www.luke.af.mil/
FLU SEASON IS HERE! VETERANS PROTECT YOURSELVES AND GET A NO COST FLU SHOT!

The cold and flu season is upon us and the Department of Veterans Affairs has once again teamed up with Walgreens Pharmacies nationwide to allow all veterans who are currently enrolled in the VA healthcare system to be able walk into any of the over 8000 Walgreens nationally to receive a vaccination **at no cost**. Vaccinations will be available through March 31, 2018.

Veterans wishing to receive the no cost vaccination simply need to present a Veterans Identification Card and a photo ID, at any participating Walgreens to receive the vaccination. The Group ID is: **VAFLU**

In addition, after the Walgreens pharmacist administers the vaccine Walgreens will transmit that information securely to VA where it becomes part of the patient’s electronic medical record.

VA is committed to keeping Veteran patients healthy, and during this flu season, vaccination is the best way to prevent the spread of flu. No matter where you live, visit your local VA clinic or Walgreens to get a no cost flu shot.

- To find your local VA, visit [https://www.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp](https://www.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp)
- To locate a Walgreens store near you, call 800-WALGREENs (800-925-4733), or go to [https://www.walgreens.com/storelocator/find.jsp](https://www.walgreens.com/storelocator/find.jsp)
- To learn more about the partnership, call 1-877-771-8537 or visit [https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/programs/veterans/immunization.asp](https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/programs/veterans/immunization.asp)
- To get more information on flu and flu vaccine, visit [https://www.publichealth.va.gov/flu/](https://www.publichealth.va.gov/flu/) or [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu)

REQUEST TO TRANSLATE CITY’S WEB PAGES

During the August 30, Formal City Council meeting, a resident requested that the City translate all the City's web pages into Spanish, as well as the City Council agendas for all City Council meetings.

Content on [www.phoenix.gov](http://www.phoenix.gov) is overseen by the Communications Office, while City Council agendas are generated by the City Clerk Department with input from City departments. The City of Phoenix currently provides a translation device on phoenix.gov to translate webpage content to any of 58 languages. The translation options have always included Spanish. The City also contracts to translate select documents on [www.phoenix.gov](http://www.phoenix.gov) when legally required. However, the Arizona Constitution prohibits the City from conducting official business (including publishing official documents such as City Council agendas) in languages other than English. Additionally, the software used to translate [www.phoenix.gov](http://www.phoenix.gov) is incapable of translating PDF documents, such as City Council agendas. Under certain circumstances, Communications can translate specific documents upon request.
LOOP 202 CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE: ANTICIPATED START DATES

Signs of construction on the Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway are everywhere. Changes are visible every week—sometimes daily—demonstrating the efficiency of the innovative public-private partnership (P3) approach to building the freeway.

Over the last six months, Connect 202 Partners laid the groundwork for the freeway by finalizing design plans, obtaining right-of-way, performing demolitions, relocating utilities and above all, moving a LOT of dirt. We’ve also seen the beginnings of vertical growth in the shape of bridges and the girders that span them.

During the next six months construction will begin in new areas while work continues on utility relocations and earthwork throughout the corridor. All of this is in preparation for what lies ahead: reaching new heights as we continue to build the 40 bridges and 22 miles of freeway that will complete the Loop 202 in late 2019.

This second construction notice provides an update of the construction schedule and identifies locations of major activities anticipated to begin in late-2017 to early-2018. Actual start dates may change based on utility relocations, right-of-way acquisition and other factors.

For additional information, please visit the ADOT website at:
PHOENIX PUBLIC LIBRARY - SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2017

Phoenix Public Library’s annual Summer Reading Program ran June 1 through Aug. 1, 2017. This year’s program was a success in encouraging families and kids to stay educationally engaged while out of school and offsetting children’s’ summer learning loss.

A key strategy in improving childhood literacy rates in Phoenix is stemming summer learning loss. Phoenix Public Library offers its free annual Summer Reading Program for all ages. 2017’s national Summer Reading Program was themed "Build a Better World." More than 31,700 Phoenicians of all ages read more than 13 million minutes during the summer. Participation in the program by Phoenix residents increased by 41 percent over the previous year due to aggressive outreach to school districts. Participation by the key 6-11 age group increased by 44 percent. Phoenix Public Library also provided more than 7,250 meals for children during the summer, in partnership with St. Mary’s Food Bank Alliance (Kid’s Café), Desert Food Bank (Snack Paks) and the Roosevelt School District.

PHOENIX PLANNED MAJOR STREET RESTRICTIONS – UPDATED SEPTEMBER 29TH, 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.

VALLEY METRO B-WEEKLY BOARD REPORT Capital & Service Development

Capital Projects
South Central Extension
- Facilitated two project “Meet and Greet” open houses to provide the community with the opportunity to meet staff from Valley Metro, City of Phoenix, AECOM (designer) and Kiewit (construction contractor).
- Overall design is 35% complete.
  - Early Design Package for 7th Street/I-17 and 7th Avenue/I-17 is 45% complete and will be 60% complete by end of September.
  - Early Design Package for Salt River Bridge is 40% complete and will be 60% complete by mid-November.
  - Performed a project orientation for the 14 public artists.
- Phoenix Citizens Transportation Commission approved downtown track and station configuration modifications. Phoenix City Council will also be asked to approve.
- Design & Construction Agreement with Phoenix was approved by Rail Management Committee (RMC). Board action is expected in September.
• The RMC approved a Rail Systems Design contract with PGH Wong. This contract will provide support for all rail projects for the next few years and South Central will be the first project they will work on. Board action is anticipated in September.

Projects in Preliminary Engineering
Northwest Extension Phase II
• The Rail Management Committee awarded the Construction Manager @ Risk contract to Kiewit Infrastructure. Board action is expected in September.
• Met with the City of Phoenix Water Department for the Moon Valley Pump Station (northeast corner of Arizona Canal/25th Avenue) to review potential design conflicts between projects. Coordination will be ongoing to minimize project design changes and costs.
• Met with three individual stakeholders along the project alignment to review current design concepts for the project.
• Contract award of artists will now occur at the November Board meeting, which is a change to the schedule.

HOW TO DONATE TO HELP THE HOMELESS

Some of the most common calls our office receives are related to issues with our homeless and transient population. Homeless and transient issues are experienced across the country and they are growing. Phoenix is not alone in its struggle to find effective ways to address the concerns of all of our residents and that includes those who need the most assistance in finding housing, or other services. Often, people ask how to help in ways that get less fortunate people the help they need. Handing out money seems like a quick method to help, but it doesn’t contribute to long term, or effective solutions. We suggest that if you want to help, consider donating to charities such as St. Mary’s Food Bank, UMOM New Day Centers, Central Arizona Shelter Services, the Phoenix Rescue Mission, or any other of the many organizations that can provide housing, or other services. For information about these services, please visit the Homeless Shelter Directory https://www.homelessshelterdirectory.org/cgi-bin/id/city.cgi?city=Phoenix&state=AZ

DISTRICT 1 NEWS:

GLENDALE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

The mission of the Glendale Union High School District is to empower all students for the choices and challenges of the twenty-first century. During this time of year – Homecoming season – we are proud and excited to see so many of our current students continue the traditions created by more than 100 years of graduates. Homecoming is an exciting time for the community, our students and our alumni. We welcome graduates to return to their alma maters to catch up with old classmates and teachers and to meet the current generation.
Many of our schools celebrate the entire week leading up to the Homecoming varsity football game, which may include a carnival, bonfire and parade. Please visit your school’s website for homecoming details at: https://www.guhsdaz.org/cms/One.aspx?po%C6%92rtId=754623&pageId=19997858

Additionally, the Fall 2017-2018 Newsletters, specific to each school, are also online for you to catch up on what’s been happening on campuses so far this year.

DEER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

AzMERIT results for DVUSD students included 610 assessments with the highest possible scale score, essentially a “perfect” score. Deer Valley also has 32 students who scored the highest possible scale score on two assessments, either the English Language Arts (ELA) and Math AzMERIT assessments or the ELA AzMERIT and AIMS Science assessments. These students represent the top one-tenth of one percent of Deer Valley students!

Students who were honored at recent Governing Board Meetings include: **Braeden Baker** – Norterra Canyon; **Angelina Barrios** – Legend Springs; **Gracie Bethers** – Mirage; **Claire Bixby** - Highland Lakes; **Aiden Bowers** - Highland Lakes; **Jonah Cain** – Highland Lakes; **McKenna Carlson** - Diamond Canyon; **Manasa Chundi** - Highland Lakes; **Joshua Cohon** – Terramar; **Ryan Conroy** - Diamond Canyon; **Kiara Cox** – Legend Springs; **Peyton Dennis** – Sierra Verde; **Ivana Djukic** – Norterra Canyon; **Parker Halpine** – Legend Springs; **Andrew Hirani** – Legend Springs; **Lillian Kaye** – Canyon Springs School; **Susan Martin** - Highland Lakes; **Emily McCarthy** – Legend Springs; **Kathryn Mills** - Highland Lakes; **Salil Naik** - Highland Lakes; **Weiss O’Connor** - Boulder Creek HS; **Tyler Olsen** - Las Brisas; **Abigail Parcell** - Highland Lakes; **Erik Potts** - Highland Lakes; **John Simcoe** - Las Brisas; **Mesha Smith** - Desert Sage; **Kaydence Soltau** – Sonoran Foothills; **Aiden Thatcher** - Canyon Springs School; **Grace Chang Xu** – Mountain Ridge HS; **Jasmine Yao** – Sonoran Foothills.
WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

The WESD Trust Board application deadline for the vacant community member seat has been extended! The new deadline is Friday, October 27. The Trust Board is responsible for management of trust funds including Employee Benefit Trust, Worker's Compensation Trust and Casualty Trust. Please click the link for more information. https://www.wesdschools.org/Page/965

Recently, two Arizona legislators visited WESD schools as part of the Take You Legislator to School Day event. Rep. Kellie Butler visited Moon Mountain Elementary September 21 and Senator Kimberly Yee was at Acacia Elementary September 25. This was a great opportunity for our elected officials to see first-hand all of the wonderful learning happening in our schools! A big thank you to both legislators for visiting our campuses!

Cory McCloskey from Fox 10 Phoenix visited Acacia Elementary this week for a Back to School segment. Students wore matching class shirts and made themed banners to welcome Cory. We love when Cory visits WESD – it’s a great opportunity to showcase our #WESDFamily!

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

Economic Development & Education

On Sept. 19 - Nov. 14, the 12th Phoenix Aviation Academy is taking place. This eight-week Academy consists of a diverse group of 25 business and community leaders and will take place every Tuesday evening from 5 – 7 p.m. These attendees will get a first-hand look at what it takes to run a major international airport from aviation staff, as well as tour different aspects of the airport from Customs and Border Protection to Fire Station #19.

Community and Economic Development staff has scheduled an informational workshop, entitled the Development RFP Boot Camp, which will be held on Oct. 30, to educate potential proposers on the City’s Solicitation Transparency Policy and development of the RFP process. The target audience is developers, architects, designers, and professional proposal writing consultants. Interested parties can register at: www.PhoenixRFPBootCamp.Eventbrite.com
Government Relations staff met with the district staff of Senator Flake and Senator McCain. These meetings provided an opportunity to introduce new staff members and hear their expectations for legislative action through the end of the year. Sen. McCain’s office provided an update and reiterated the Senator’s interest in revitalizing the Salt River between Tempe Town Lake and the Tres Rios Wetlands. Staff will continue to monitor this effort as the process moves forward.

On Sept. 24-25, the Phoenix Convention Center hosted 1,200 estimated delegates and 2,400 estimated attendees at the National Tactical Officers Association (NTOA) 34th Annual Tactical Conference and Trade Show. NTOA is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the law enforcement community. NTOA currently has more than 40,000 members from specialties that include patrol, tactical emergency medical support (TEMS), crisis negotiations, canine, corrections, sniper, protective operations, explosives, command, tactical dispatchers, behavioral sciences, and more.

Last week kicked-off the CodePHX fall session. The program is expanding to be offered in a total of eight libraries and four community centers. Libraries offering coding programming this fall are: Yucca, Cesar Chavez, Century, Harmon, Desert Sage, Palo Verde, Cholla, and Ironwood.

**Neighborhoods and Livability**

On Sept. 14, Neighborhood Services staff facilitated a meeting between Dutch Brothers ownership at Central and Camelback and the surrounding business owners and neighborhood association. There were approximately 25 attendees, including Planning and Development Director and the Street Transportation Director. Surrounding business owners were shown the new site plan for the property and after a long discussion, Dutch Brothers agreed to hire security to help with traffic flow and their customers parking in surrounding private parking lots, hourly trash pick-up and to meet again in a month to continue the discussion.

On Sept. 14, a dedication ceremony was held for the VALLEYLIFE Multi-Purpose Room Addition at the 29th Avenue facility. The agency was awarded $70,000 in CDBG funding to construct a 959-square foot ADA compliant classroom addition to their existing facility. VALLEYLIFE provides services to persons with disabilities, enhancing their quality of life and improving their independent living, social and recreational skills.

On Sept. 13, the Youth Arts and Culture Council (YACC) held its second meeting with the newly-selected members. Committees were created in areas of Events, Marketing, and Advocacy. They also created a social media campaign for National Arts Education Week featuring young artists of Phoenix. Members collected stories of young artists in their schools and communities for the campaign.

Planning and Development staff have reviewed a pre-application submittal for a 353-unit, single family detached subdivision at 3825 S. 99th Ave. The site currently is a hay and alfalfa farm and requires rezoning to R1-6. There are several SRP facilities bordering the project and all have been through the land exchange process. Several streets within the development will require redesign or traffic calming techniques.
Social Services Delivery

Dinner at the Stacks has been rescheduled to Friday, Nov. 17, at Margaret T. Hance Park. More than just a fundraiser for Phoenix Public Library, Dinner in the Stacks is a much-anticipated annual gathering of community leaders, library champions and local personalities in support of literacy for Phoenix.

Sixteen seniors from the Desert West Community Center crocheted and donated 23 blankets and 26 beanies to the Hurricane Harvey Relief. The crochet group was recognized by the radio host Crisco Kid during a Power 98.3 radio broadcast.

Northeast Division Park staff put the finishing touches on the Paradise Valley Dog Park renovation. Since July 17, the small and large dog pens have undergone a turf/maintenance restoration that improved the overall health of the turf and addressed several issues that needed attention.

Public Safety

The Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center are hosting Fall Cybersecurity Workshops. Staff started setting up workshops at Globe, Tucson, and Yavapai County. This has been an annual awareness program since 2015 and is very well received across the state of Arizona.

Infrastructure

Public Works staff issued the Curbside Textile Diversion Request for Proposals (RFP) on Sept. 15. The RFP seeks one or more entities to provide curbside textile diversion services to redirect textiles currently in the municipal waste and recycling streams. Staff anticipates offers that will divert textiles for reuse, remanufacture and/or research and development. A pre-offer meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 25.

Environmental Programs and Sustainability staff completed a research effort with the EPA who had hired a consultant to identify materials that could be used in streets, parking lots, and sidewalks to lower the effects of urban heat islands in the City while investigating secondary benefits of increased durability, storm water capture and infiltration, and use of recycled materials. Staff held a kickoff meeting on Sept. 20, with the EPA and Street Transportation to explore opportunities to implement some of these solutions in the City. There was consensus to move this effort forward, and build a plan to test and implement solutions on a pilot scale in communities most affected by heat. Findings will be reported over the coming months.

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