CITY EVENTS

UPCOMING PUBLIC CITY MEETINGS

- Downtown, Aviation, Economy, and Innovation Subcommittee Meeting – Wednesday, November 2nd, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in Assembly Rooms A, B and C, Phoenix City Hall, 200 West Washington Street.
- City Council Formal Meeting – Wednesday, November 2nd, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. in Phoenix City Council Chambers, 200 west Jefferson Street.
- Zoning Adjustment Hearing – Thursday, November 3rd, 2016 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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CITY NEWS

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS MARICOPA RE-ENTRY CENTER (MRC) INFORMATION FROM COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS

The Arizona Department of Corrections has recently opened a Maricopa Re-entry Center (MRC), located off Interstate 17 and Pinnacle Peak Road. The city of Phoenix was not involved in any approval process related to the creation of the MRC. While I understand the need, I am opposed to the close proximity to neighborhoods and schools without sufficient bus and transportation options. Below is a summary of information on the MRC provided by the Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC).
One of the programs is a 90-day in-residence treatment program for substance abuse. There is on-site outpatient substance abuse counseling, job services, and cognitive restructuring classes offered for offenders on community supervision status. Recently, there has been an addition, adding a day reporting program, which will service hundreds of additional parolees. Offenders who are residing at the MRC must return to the center each night between 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., dependent on which program they are enrolled in and their employment status. If they fail to return at their designated time, they are contacted. When an offender poses a high risk to the community and either cannot be contacted or does not have a legitimate reason for being late in reporting back to the center, a warrant is immediately issued.

Offenders staying at the MRC who have committed a sex offense are required to wear an electronic monitoring unit at all times. These offenders are prohibited from entering areas known as exclusion zones. The exclusion zones include: Adams Traditional School; Norterra Canyon School; Sandra Day O’Connor High School; Beuf Community Center and surrounding sports complex area; Desert Sage Elementary School; and Wet and Wild Water Park. An officer is alerted and will immediately contact the offender and order them to leave the area.

The websites of http://www.icrimewatch.net/index.php?AgencyID=55581 and http://www.azdps.gov/Services/Sex_Offender/ are superior for providing information on questions regarding sex offenders to include:

- Definition of classifications
- Location of sex offenders
- Requirements for sex offenders to register
- Laws regarding sex offenders

I have asked the Police Department to provide additional crime stats near the MRC as we closely monitor the impact of the center on the community. I have asked our Transit Department to work with bus drivers in the area to assist in being vigilant. I continue to work with our state officials, the Department of Corrections and the Police Department as we work to ensure the safety of our neighborhoods. Those that organized and attended community meetings have been very respectful and I thank them for their participation. I will continue to provide updates and information in this newsletter.

**GOODBYE METROCENTER? NO WAY! WE’RE ALL ABOUT HELLO.**

*No Plans in Place to Demolish Metrocenter Mall*

A rumor circulating about the demolition of Metrocenter Mall has had two results. First, considerable media coverage. Second, a public outpouring from Phoenix residents unhappy about the news. Here’s the good news: Metrocenter isn’t being demolished.

“The public’s response confirms what we’ve known for a long time – that Phoenix residents hold a special place in their hearts for this retail landmark,” said Warren Fink, Chief Operating Officer for Carlyle

No Plans in Place to Demolish Metrocenter Mall

[Image of Carlyle Development Group logo]
Development Group, the owner of Metrocenter Mall. “We feel the same way, which is why we’ve worked so hard to create concepts that will revitalize Metrocenter without losing its history.”

“Our vision is to create a mixed-use palate that makes the very best use of this site – both its existing space and parts of the property that can support redevelopment or new development, such as senior housing, multifamily housing, corporate office, healthcare and additional retail, restaurant and entertainment amenities,” said Fink. “Shoppers flock to this type of dynamic combination. It’s what communities want and it’s what we want to provide. This will almost certainly include some level of redevelopment and new development, but not an entire demolition.”

Carlyle’s vision is possible thanks to a June decision by the Phoenix City Council to pass a Planned Unit Development (PUD) rezoning that allows for this range of property types at Metrocenter. The PUD also allows for a height increase up to 180 feet (approximately 15 stories) and allows Carlyle to almost double its current 800,000 square feet of existing space, to a total 1.6 million square feet. This rezoning encompasses 130 acres, with 83 acres of that occupied by Metrocenter Mall, the adjoining Macy’s and Sears anchor spaces, and the 10-acre land site of a future Walmart Supercenter. The balance of the PUD – approximately 45 acres – encompasses land and businesses around the mall loop road, including Castles-N-Coasters, College of America and the former Sports Authority big box.

“This has been a joint effort championed by everyone from public officials to retailers to property owners to residents. We’ve all been working to get to this spot for a long time,” said Fink. “Now that the rezoning is in place, we can move even more purposefully toward our vision.”

One of the first projects to move forward at Metrocenter has been the construction of a 148,000-square-foot Walmart Supercenter, which upon completion will sit directly adjacent to Metrocenter Mall, at the site of the former Broadway building. The development marks the single largest capital investment in Metrocenter Mall in decades. Other benchmarks on the horizon include the extension of Light Rail to the Metrocenter site, with an on-property Light Rail stop expected to be open and operational by 2023.

“The bottom line is that there’s a tremendous opportunity to do great things here. We won’t be saying ‘goodbye’ to Metrocenter for a long time,” said Fink. “We will be saying ‘hello’ to a new hub that we hope will serve the community for years to come.”

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY REVIEW TEAM REPORT**

In 2005, Senate Bill 1071 (A.R.S. § 41-198) was signed into law, supporting the establishment of domestic violence-related fatality review teams in the State of Arizona. This law enabled the City of Phoenix to appoint its first DVFRT in May 2006. The purpose of a DVFRT is to develop recommendations for systemic improvement to prevent domestic violence fatalities through the examination and analysis of past fatalities and near fatalities. Active teams are required by law to submit reports to the State Attorney General’s Office by a given date, currently July 31 annually. The first City of Phoenix report was provided to Mayor and Council in 2007. Subsequent reports were submitted in 2014 and 2015. The most recent report was submitted in July 2016.

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Firearms continue to be the most prevalent method of injury in domestic violence homicide cases and were used in 53 percent of the domestic violence homicides in Phoenix in 2015. While this rate of gun usage is high, research by the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence and Everytown Gun Safety shows that 62 percent of women killed by their intimate partners in Arizona were shot to death.

**Paint Phoenix Purple**

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.”

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

**Vote NO on Proposition 205 to Legalize Marijuana – From the Center for Arizona Policy**

Regardless of what you think about legalizing recreational marijuana, Prop 205 is a disaster for Arizona. It goes far beyond decriminalizing the drug to the point it makes using marijuana a statutory right. That means the state cannot stop users from driving with it in their systems and local communities cannot opt out – they would be forced to allow retail pot shops to set up business. It means business owners cannot keep a drug-free work environment, and judges cannot consider marijuana use when making child custody and visitation decisions.
We can learn from Colorado, where marijuana-related fatal car crashes jumped 62% when they legalized recreational marijuana; adult use increased 63% and teen use is now 74% higher than the national average; many little children accidentally ate marijuana laced candy and ended up in the emergency room. Colorado legislators ended up banning the marijuana gummies. But we couldn’t do that in Arizona because under the Voter Protection Act, the legislature cannot change voter passed measures. We would be stuck with it. Prop 205 is bad law and Arizona voters should reject it.

GETTING ARIZONA INVOLVED IN NEIGHBORHOODS

What is G.A.I.N.? G.A.I.N. stands for Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods. G.A.I.N. is Arizona’s answer to National Night Out (NNO), which is held in August. Because of the soaring temperatures in August, communities statewide decided to observe NNO on the 3rd Saturday in October and call it G.A.I.N.

October is also Crime Prevention month! G.A.I.N. is a day of celebration for the successes of crime prevention through community involvement. There are three remaining G.A.I.N. events in District 1. Here are the dates, times, locations and names of the Neighborhood Associations or Block Watch groups that are hosting them:

- Cortez Park at 3435 W. Dunlap
  Phoenician Palms (and three other groups)
  Saturday, October 29th,
  9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

- Deer Valley Park - 2001 W Wahalla
  Deer Valley Park Neighborhood Block Watch Org.
  Saturday, October 29th,
  2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

For additional information, please visit the G.A.I.N. website at:
https://www.phoenix.gov/police/neighborhood-resources/gain

PHOENIX IS HOT!

Phoenix is the city that has it all. It is the vibrant center of one of the fastest growing job markets and economies in the United States; and Phoenix is a welcoming place where people from all over want to come and live. The sixth largest city in the country, Phoenix is emerging in the new economy with strength in high technology, manufacturing, bioscience research and advanced business services. Just since January 2016, 8,000 quality jobs (excluding construction, retail and restaurant) have been created in the City’s thriving business environment.

City of Phoenix Local Workforce Development
T2050 PROGRESS – APRIL 2017 PROPOSED BUS SERVICE AND DIAL-A-RIDE IMPROVEMENTS

With the passage of Proposition 104, the Public Transit Department developed a potential bus service implementation plan for the 2016-2017 fiscal year that begins to address the comprehensive transportation plan included in Transportation 2050 (T2050) and the public’s priorities for improved bus and Dial-A-Ride (DAR) services.

Bus service enhancements were based on public input and current and projected future service demands. DAR service increases will mirror any bus service increases. In preparation of Proposition 104, public input proposed extended bus and DAR service hours to match light rail service hours through extended early morning and late night service; provide 30 minute or less frequency on all Phoenix routes; add bus service to unserved major streets (“filling in the grid” for arterial streets).

Staff determined that extending bus and Dial-a-Ride service to match light rail service hours and adding frequency to the majority of bus routes could be accomplished without additional studies or fleet. City Council approved October 2016 bus and DAR improvements, which will be in effect starting October 24th.

Public Transit Department proposes to solicit public input on implementing Step 2 of the 2016-2017 fiscal year service changes. The proposed bus service changes are listed below:

- Further expand bus and Dial-a-Ride service hours - Monday through Thursday: 4 AM to 12 AM, Friday: 4 AM to 2 AM, Saturday: 5 AM to 2 AM and Sunday: 5 AM to 11 PM
- Route 39 (40th Street) - Connect to Paradise Valley Mall Transit Center, Connect with Route 16 (16th Street) at Shea Boulevard and SR-51 Park-and-Ride
- Route 70 (Glendale Avenue/24th Street) - Terminate south end of route at new 24th Street and Baseline Road Park-and-Ride (eliminating last 0.5 miles of route)
- Route 122 (Cactus Road) - Create light rail connection from 19th Avenue and Cactus Road to 19th Avenue and Dunlap and Extend route from 51st Avenue and Cactus to ASU West Campus at 51st Avenue and Thunderbird Avenue

The April 2017 proposed service changes will achieve an efficient system that has consistent operating hours between bus, Dial-a-Ride, and light rail. The process for implementing the proposed service enhancements beginning in April 2017 has the following timeline:

- Conduct required public outreach and public hearing (regional effort) – October/November 2016.
- Seek Citizen Transportation Commission, Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee, and City Council approval of final proposed bus service changes by December 31, 2016.
- Approved bus and DAR improvements implemented on April 24, 2017.
VALLEY METRO CUSTOMER SERVICE HOURS UPDATE

After an analysis of the call volume within the customer service department, records show that there is a significant amount of calls being made after closing hours. Valley Metro recommended to extend the hours of operation in the customer service department to better serve customers. Also, this will better align with the current bus and rail operations as well as the extension of bus operations beginning in October 2016. Valley Metro currently operates the Customer Service Department located at the Mobility Center. It is responsible for providing Bi-lingual transit information and trip planning, customer complaint documentation, ADA information, field trip planning, lost and found inquiries along with general information to customers throughout the region. Customers calling into 602-253-5000 are routed to various customer service agents according to the following menu choices:

1. Next Ride
2. Trip Planning
3. Customer Feedback – comments, complaints or suggestions
4. Lost & Found
5. Field Trip planning

Eighty-five percent of calls coming into the customer service agents are regarding Transit information or Trip Planning. Customer Service agents have taken over 1.3M calls in the last year. The current hours of operation are:

- Monday – Friday (6:00 AM – 8:00 PM)
- Saturday (7:00 AM – 7:00 PM)
- Sunday (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

After analysis of the call volume going through the customer service department, our records show that there are a significant amount of calls being made after closing hours. Valley Metro is recommending to extend the hours of operation in the customer service department to better serve our customers. Also, this will better align with the current bus and rail operations and the proposed extension of bus operations beginning in October 2016. Currently, bus operations run to 10:00 PM during the weekdays and rail operations run past midnight. The proposed October service changes will extend the hours of bus operations to midnight during the weekdays. Based on existing call volume and forecasted call volume, Valley Metro is recommending to change the customer service hours as follows:

- Monday – Friday (5:00 AM – 10:00 PM)
- Saturday (6:00 AM – 8:00 PM)
- Sunday (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM) – No change

Valley Metro will need to add six customer service representative positions and one customer service lead position to accommodate the increase in the customer service hours of operations. Currently, there are 39 customer service representative positions and four customer service lead positions approved in the FY17 budget.
Valley Metro was selected to receive the full amount of funding requested ($1,001,000) from USDOT/FTA Section 5312 – Mobility on Demand Sandbox Demonstration Program for development of a regional mobile ticketing and trip planning platform. The project includes overhauling Valley Metro’s mobile application and integrating mobile ticketing and multi-modal trip planning to include a range of mobility providers, including ride-hailing, bike-sharing and car-sharing companies, allowing all levels of income, age and people with disabilities to have access to an integrated, connected multi-modal transportation system.

The October 2016 Transit Book has been delivered and is in process of being delivered to all distribution locations. Also available are various online tools, including the e-Transit Book, where customers can go online, select their preferred routes and print or download a customized set of transit schedule(s).

Conducted several trainings with local bus service providers to expand Safe Place, the program supporting teens in need, to the region’s more than 900 buses. Staff met with supervisors, trainers and/or operators from First Transit East and West, Transdev and provided information to the service provider in Ajo. Program launch is being evaluated for mid-November.

Conducted scoping meetings for the Northwest Extension Phase II to share project information, outline the process for the Environmental Assessment and collect comments. Representatives from five government agencies participated in the Agency Scoping meeting on October 18 and approximately 40 people attended the public meeting on October 20.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT LOAN PROGRAM CALL FOR INTEREST, COMMUNITY PRIORITIES AND UNDERWRITING GUIDELINES**

The Sustainability, Housing, Efficiency and Neighborhoods (SHEN) Subcommittee recommended City Council approval of the Housing Department’s Affordable Housing Loan Program’s (AHLP) Community Priorities, its Call for Interest (CFI) process for the 2016-2017 HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) competitive funding round. Approval is also requested for revisions to the AHLP and Underwriting Guidelines.

On September 30, 2015, City Council approved the AHLP’s Underwriting Guidelines, including its Community Priorities (Priorities) that allow the City to be proactive in communicating housing needs to developers of affordable and/or special needs housing. The Housing Department recommends continuing with these Priorities, and requests adding victims of human trafficking to the special needs population definition.
The proposed Priorities are:

- Acquisition, rehabilitation, and/or new construction of properties that focus on homeless or special needs populations and that provide appropriate services to assist and sustain these populations.
- Acquisition, rehabilitation, and/or new construction of properties where the developer qualifies as a Community Development Housing Organization (CHDO) as defined by the HOME Program.
- Rehabilitation of existing affordable properties, owned by non-profit developers and currently or previously funded by the City of Phoenix.
- Down payment, closing cost assistance for low and moderate income families at or below 80 percent of median income ($50,300; family of four).

The total allocation available for the 2016-2017 CFI is approximately $3.7 million in HOME funding, of which $650,000 must be awarded to CHDOs, and up to $325,000 in CDBG funding. The remaining funds will allow for approximately three to four affordable housing project awards.

The proposed CFI will be available through the city’s website in early November 2016. A Housing Department-appointed selection committee will be convened to review and prioritize proposed projects based on the established Priorities and on the criteria below. The committee will be made up of representatives from City departments and community partners with housing development expertise who are not competing for the funding.

**REPORT ON YOUTH HOMELESSNESS DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM**

The Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care is working with community partners to respond to a recently released HUD announcement of a new initiative to reduce the number of youth experiencing homelessness through a national YHDP grant opportunity. As our region continues to make difficult decisions, keeping with HUD direction and philosophies, there is a gap in funding opportunities and in recent funding cycles, youth services have been lost to our community.

The City of Phoenix Human Services Department supports homeless youth through participation in the Tumbleweed Safe Place initiative and through competitive contracts to house homeless youth. In 2013, the Housing and Human Services Departments issued a joint request for proposals to provide permanent supportive housing for homeless youth. Successful bidders, One in Ten and Tumbleweed are in the third year of a five-year contact. Each agency was awarded 15 Tenant Based Vouchers and annual funding of $14,000 for outreach and $50,000 for wrap around services.

While this is a valuable resource, the YHDP is an exciting new initiative designed to reduce the number of youth experiencing homelessness. The application must be submitted through the local Continuum of Care and HUD will select up to 10 communities, four of which will be rural. YHDP projects will have two-year grant terms and may be renewed under the Continuum of Care program if they meet program statutory requirements. HUD has set aside $33 million dollars nationwide for YHDP projects, where each community
can apply for between $1 million and $15 million to implement new and innovative project models. The YHDP requires communities to collaborate with a broad array of partners including a youth advisory board and the local state and public child welfare agency.

**AUTHORIZATION TO CREATE “BUILD YOUR FUTURE: TO GROW TRAINING, APPRENTICESHIPS, AND EMPLOYMENT” INITIATIVE**

Nationally, one in seven young adults between the ages of 16 to 24 do not work or attend school. Phoenix ranks high in the number of disconnected youth, with more than 45,000 teens and young adults (one in five) neither working nor in school [Source: Measure of America (2012)]. More than 18,000 Arizona students dropped out of high school in 2013, which will amount to $7.6 billion less economic activity over their lifetimes, according to a report by the Arizona Mayors Education Roundtable.

According to Construction Dive Trade Magazine, the most commonly mentioned trend for 2016 and beyond is the continued effects of the skilled worker shortage within the construction industry. Recent survey data from the American Association of General Contractors showed that 80 percent of construction firms expect to expand their payrolls, while 87 percent of firms “report having a hard time filling key professional and craft worker positions.” The U.S. Department of Labor remains upbeat on this sector, predicting overall employment growth of 13.6 percent or almost 520,000 new jobs by the year 2024. Plumbers, electricians, carpenters, painters and construction managers will be needed to build new structures and update existing buildings.

The Community and Economic Development Department and College Depot at Phoenix Public Library will address a process to increase the pipeline into high-growth, high demand career fields, with a particular focus on the field of construction science. This initiative will connect youth and adults, who are not working or in school, to postsecondary education options to pursue training, apprenticeship and certificate programs that lead to employment in these growing professions.

To achieve these objectives, the Community and Economic Development Department and College Depot at Phoenix Public Library departments will:

- **Research all of the Training, Apprenticeships and Employment (TAE) options:**
  - Define high-profile/high-demand positions for internships based on business needs using combined trade information and labor market indicators and analytics.
  - Define the apprenticeship process beginning with the recruitment of job seekers/students into the program and through journeymen status.

- **College Depot, ARIZONA@WORK, City of Phoenix Job Centers and the One Stop System** will expand its programming to more proactively connect youth and adults to opportunities within the high-growth, high-demand areas of the construction science field:
Staff will be trained on TAE options related to high-growth fields and then will promote the opportunities through interactions with customers, emails, social media, the website and community outreach.

- An information wall will be created.
- Sessions dedicated to construction sciences will be explored and incorporated into the current programming, which will result in an increased number of youth and adult interactions regarding TAE options.

- Define partnerships, both union and non-union.
  - Identify construction partners already working on apprenticeship and educational opportunities; partner towards best practices.
  - Define, create and promote pre-apprenticeship programs that meet the needs of identified partners.
  - Promote apprenticeship, on-the-job training program and mentorship opportunities.

- Time frame
  - The majority of the above can be accomplished within 120 days of approval to begin. Items that require customizations to existing programmatic approaches will require additional time based on scope or strategic gaps that are identified in the discovery phases.

**GRANTS AWARDED TO POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The Police Department (PO) has been awarded a total of $4,394,408 from federal and state grants.

- The Bureau of Justice Assistance awarded $675,000 to PD under the fiscal year (FY) 2016 Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking. Funding will support development and enhancement of a multidisciplinary human trafficking task force that combats all forms of human trafficking within Phoenix. The goal is to implement victim-centered and sustainable approaches to identify victims of all types of human trafficking, investigate and prosecute sex-trafficking and labor-trafficking cases at the local, state, tribal, and federal levels, and address the individualized needs of victims through the provision of a comprehensive array of quality services. The grant will allow the City of Phoenix to partner with the International Rescue Committee (IRC) to address the individualized needs of victims through a comprehensive array of quality services. Grant funds will be utilized for overtime and related fringe benefits, travel, training, equipment, supplies, and contracts/consultants in support of the task force.

- The Bureau of Justice Statistics awarded $714,880 to PD under the 2016 National Crime Statistics Exchange Grant. This funding will allow PO to become part of a nationally representative system of incident-level records on offenses known to law enforcement
agencies. The project will leverage existing data compiled by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) by engaging additional law enforcement agencies to join the more than 6,500 agencies currently reporting data to NIBRS. Funding is for overtime and related fringe benefits, training, contracts/consultants, and other costs associated with the project.

- The National Institute of Justice awarded $419,014 to PD under the FY 2016 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program. Funding is for processing, recording, screening, and analysis of forensic DNA and/or DNA database samples. Funds will be used for overtime and related fringe benefits, equipment, travel/training, consultants for outsourcing DNA testing, and other costs to improve quality and timeliness of casework and reduce backlogs in the analysis of DNA evidence. The grant objective is to increase the capacity of public forensic DNA and DNA database laboratories to process more samples, thereby reducing the backlog. All DNA profiles will be entered into the Combined DNA Index System (COlS) and ultimately, where applicable, uploaded to the National DNA Index System (NDIS).

- The Bureau of Justice Assistance awarded $1,597,406 to PO under the National Sexual Crime Assault Kit (SAKs) Initiative to address the growing number of unsubmitted sexual assault kits to provide resolution for victims. This is a new funding opportunity for PD. Funding will be used to inventory the existing numbers of unsubmitted SAKs, test these kits, assign designated personnel to pursue new investigative leads/prosecutions, and to support victims throughout the investigation and prosecution process.

- The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention awarded $405,608 to PD for the 2016 Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Continuation program. PD commands the Arizona Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. The goal of the task force is to prevent, interdict, investigate, and prosecute internet crimes against children and child exploitation. Funding pays salary and fringe benefits for one sergeant position, overtime and related fringe benefits for various task force personnel, supplies, travel, training, and contracts/consultants to support the task force investigations.

- The Bureau of Justice Assistance awarded $482,500 to PO for the Encouraging Innovation: Field-Initiated Programs. The goal of this Intelligence Officer program is to reduce crime, recidivism, and unnecessary confinement, and promote a safe and fair criminal justice system. This program will develop and implement strategic and innovative strategies to integrate intelligence gathering and analysis into patrol operations to enhance the capacity to prevent and respond to emerging and/or chronic crime problems. Funds are for travel, equipment, and contracts/consultants in support of the project.
The Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC) awarded $100,000 to PO under the FY 2017 Full Service Crime Laboratory Program. The program provides funding for processing evidence associated with criminal investigations to ensure federal requirements are met regarding forensic analysis. Funds will be used for overtime and related fringe benefits, equipment, supplies, and training for Crime Laboratory staff. The equipment and supply items are critical to support the continued operations of the Laboratory Services Bureau. These resources help to meet the growing needs of case processing and will ensure federal requirements are met regarding forensic analysis.

**WATER SERVICES PARTICIPATION IN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY’S BETTER PLANTS PROGRAM**

The Water Services Department is the City of Phoenix’s largest energy user, accounting for approximately 36 percent of the City’s electricity and natural gas usage as a whole. An aggressive program is being implemented to increase energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions. An update on this program was presented to the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Sept. 21, 2016.

A key component of the WSD’s Energy Management Program is partnering with other organizations to leverage technical and financial resources. The WSD’s participation in DOE’s Better Plants Program is an example of how such a partnership is helping meet this end.

Better Buildings™ is a DOE initiative designed to improve the lives of the American people by driving leadership in energy innovation. Through Better Buildings, DOE partners with leaders in the public and private sectors to make the nation’s homes, commercial buildings and industrial plants more energy efficient by accelerating investment and sharing of successful best practices. The Better Plants program is part of the Better Buildings initiative, with its mission focused on improving energy efficiency in the industrial sector. Through Better Plants, participating organizations set a specific goal, typically to reduce energy intensity by 25 percent over a 10-year period.

**SOUTH MOUNTAIN DESIGN GUIDELINES MANUAL**

The aged infrastructure at South Mountain Park is reaching the end of its life cycle and is in need of renovation or replacement. Many areas including trailheads, lookouts, picnic areas, roadways, and infrastructure are in need of redesign. With the addition of the new 202 freeway wrapping around the south and west of the park, all future trailheads and connections to the preserve are in need of evaluation to determine the impact on the park.

The Parks and Recreation Department contracted with Swan Architects, Thomas and Crowley Landscape Architects, Wright Engineering, and Bowman Civil Engineers to refine the design guidelines of the 1989 approved South Mountain Park Master Plan.
The increase in popularity of desert parks and preserve trails for individuals seeking recreation presents opportunities and challenges to maintain a sustainable natural environment as well as sustainable infrastructure for users. The 16,000 plus-acre South Mountain Park is visited by approximately 3,000,000 guests annually and provides hiking, biking, and equestrian opportunities for both local residents and visitors. Popular lookouts and picnic areas are heavily used and provide unique experiences.

The South Mountain Park Design Guidelines Manual outlines conceptual designs for trailheads, picnic areas, lookouts, and infrastructure. Evaluation of existing conditions and the potential improvements of individual areas are also included. A cost analysis was prepared for budgeting purposes and to estimate potential costs for design and construction. Also included in the manual are design concepts that will be further determined during the construction phases. Sustainable materials and construction practices will be used when possible. The goal of the design guide is to ensure consistency throughout the Mountain Park and Preserve system.

The developed design guidelines are essential for the allocation of funds to improve the South Mountain Park visitor experience. Currently, $5 Million has been allocated towards South Mountain projects in each of the next three years. The funding source for the projects is the Parks and Preserve Initiative Funds.

**MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS HOUSEHOLD TRAVEL SURVEY**

Your BFFs (Best Furry Friends) aren’t the only ones who want to know where you’re going. So do we! The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) hopes to make your future trips better by learning more about how you travel in the Valley. **We'll make it easy by providing an app you can download right to your smart phone!** Whether you are driving to work, taking kids to school, going on a date, walking your dog, biking, or taking transit, your travel information is important info we need to plan for our region’s future transportation needs. Participants will be compensated for their time while contributing to a better future for us all. [www.MAGTravelSurvey.org](http://www.MAGTravelSurvey.org)

**A SUPER GUPPY VISITS GATEWAY**

Late afternoon on October 21st we had a very special visitor at Gateway when the NASA Superguppy stopped over for a quick gas and go. We had a few hundred visitors in the park and over 195,000 viewers across the 5 news networks that ran stories on the arrival, and nearly 30,000 on social media. They hinted they may return on their way back in
case you missed it this time. The exposure was great and hats off to our ground crews who managed the Guppy while also juggling a half dozen military jets and other general aviation activity!

For additional information and coverage from local news services, please see the links below:


**PHOENIX PLANNED MAJOR STREET RESTRICTIONS – UPDATED OCTOBER 28TH, 2016**

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](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.

**EFFORTS TO INCREASE CITYWIDE ACCESS TO YOUTH CODING CLASSES**

Coding programs assist children in developing critical thinking, problem solving and computational skills which help them better understand the world around them. Children having access to these programs typically perform better in school, and upon graduation from high school, have additional continuing education and career options. The coding programs provided by Phoenix Public Library and the Parks and Recreation Department offer participants a free and accessible bridge between classroom expertise and home.

Phoenix Public Library has been offering free coding programs in its MACH1 (Makers, Artists, Crafters, Hackers) makers’ space located at the Burton Barr Central Library (1221 N. Central Ave.). In “Coder Dojo”, library staff help kids and teens learn the basics of coding by utilizing free online coding resources, such as Scratch and Code.org. In “3D Modeling”, 3D animation software such as Tinkercad and Sculptris are used to give youth a broad understanding of 3D animation, which incorporates multiple STE/AM topics. For “Robotics Club,” kids use basic coding principles to program robots to make various movements and follow
commands. In addition, Children’s Place at Burton Barr Central Library successfully piloted “Little Bytes”, which is a program introducing children ages 4-7 to the concepts behind coding. MACH1, with its wide variety of STE/AM programming, has been extremely successful. In 2015, approximately 9,100 community members attended one of the programs that MACH1 offered.

Building on the interest of these programs, and the need for equity of programs across the City, the Parks and Recreation Department, in a partnership with Phoenix Public Library, launched “CodePHX” this past summer at Maryvale Community Center and Palo Verde Library, a pilot program that Councilman Valenzuela supported. Between the two locations, there were 127 students who participated. CodePHX, comprised of an 8-week coding program, held 45 minute workshops in two sessions Monday - Thursday, accommodating 15 students per session. In addition, on Thursdays, two one hour drop-in sessions were held.

CodePHX also proved to be a success, with a total of 477 students participating and completing a total of 163 coding tasks. CodePHX participant survey results showed:

- 87% had fun while learning to code
- 80% felt excited to learn more about coding
- 63% would attend the program again
- 63% felt they learned a lot about coding

In this fiscal year, Phoenix Public Library received an additional program budget allotment of $50,000. These additional funds will be used to expand current weekly coding programming to three additional library locations: Harmon Library (1325 S. 5th Ave.), Palo Verde Library (4402 N. 51st Ave.), and Yucca Library (5648 N. 15th Ave.). Phoenix Public Library will hire a part-time Library Assistant and purchase the necessary equipment for the three additional classes. The programs provided will include Little Bytes, Coder Dojo, 3D Modeling, and Robotics Club.

With the indicators of success for the ongoing Library coding programs, and the success of CodePHX, Phoenix Public Library and the Parks and Recreation Department would like to explore opportunities for grants to expand CodePHX to more libraries and community centers. If grant funding is obtained, staff will provide CodePHX offerings citywide by adding classes at the following four additional libraries and four additional community centers with the ultimate goal to expand to all 17 libraries in the future.

Potential Additional Libraries:
- Cholla Library (10050 Metro Parkway)
- Desert Sage Library (7602 W. Encanto Blvd.)
- Cesar Chavez Library (3635 W. Baseline Rd.)
- Ironwood Library (4333 E. Chandler Blvd.)

Potential Additional Community Centers:
- Sunnyslope Youth Center (1702 W. Peoria Ave.)
- Vernell Coleman Youth Center (830 W. Tonto St.)
- Bret Tarver Learning Center (1516 N. 35th Ave.)
- Mountain View Community Center (1104 E. Grovers Ave.)

PHOENIX PUBLIC LIBRARY'S KINDERGARTEN BOOTCAMP

The lack of school readiness is one of the biggest factors in the poor reading performance of 40 percent of Phoenix 3rd graders. For children entering Kindergarten, lack of school readiness may include the inability
to sit still and pay attention, poor vocabulary, no knowledge of the alphabet, a lack of experience handling books and being read to, inability to count to ten, and a lack of knowledge about colors and shapes. Children entering school with these deficits have a very difficult time catching up with their peers by 3rd grade. If they are not reading on grade level by 3rd grade, they will fall further behind and are much more likely to drop out of school. Based on demographic studies, economically-disadvantaged children, children of color, and native children are most likely to lack school readiness skills.

In 2014, Phoenix Public Library staff began piloting a workshop format to help parents of preschoolers prepare their children to begin Kindergarten. After initial success, grant funding was used to hire a former Kindergarten teacher part-time in 2015 to realign the program to Arizona Early Learning Standards and College & Career Readiness Standards. In 2016, the program was scaled to serve more than 600 families and has been presented or scheduled in 18 libraries and 20 community sites, including Sunset Elementary in the Cartwright district, the Creighton Community Learning Center, Native Health, and the Deer Valley School District Head Start Office.

Kindergarten Bootcamp is a seven-week series that meets one hour per week. The class is designed for a parent or caregiver and a four-to-five-year-old child who will enter Kindergarten in the next 3-9 months. Parents are given a binder that outlines key skills children need to be successful in school and related “homework” and activities to develop those skills. Each week, Bootcamp instructors focus on a different skill set, including: Language and Literacy (strands include phonological awareness, vocabulary, and emergent writing); Mathematics (counting, cardinality, measurement, and abstract reasoning); Science (inquiry, prediction, and investigation); and Socio-Emotional (self-regulation, attentiveness and persistence).

The effectiveness of the program is measured by the level of parent engagement and subsequent changes in attitudes. Engagement is approximately 70 percent of families complete all seven sessions. Parents are supportive and indicated the Bootcamp exceeded their expectations. More importantly, pre/post surveys demonstrate a significant increase in confidence/knowledge. On average, parents advance from being somewhat knowledgeable to being very knowledgeable about the specific skills children need to be ready for kindergarten. When asked, “Has Bootcamp taught you how to prepare your child for kindergarten?” Ninety-nine percent of parents said yes. Library staff follow up with parents approximately two months after the child is scheduled to begin Kindergarten and the response has been very positive.

**PHOENIX PUBLIC LIBRARY HAS FIRST JOB BASICS HELP**

Have a teen or family member looking for a part-time or seasonal job? Want to avoid the mistakes many first-time jobhunters make? Phoenix Public Library can help. Come learn skills in resume building, online applications and interviews.

Get details and dates on our website [www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org](http://www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org) or call 602-261-8847
TAking the Fear out of Halloween for Young Kids

Halloween can be a fun time of year, but for infants, toddlers and preschoolers—who often can’t distinguish between fantasy and reality—scary experiences can ruin the holiday and create long-term fears. Below are tips for minimizing anxiety and helping young kids enjoy Halloween.

Teach kids the difference between real and imaginary. One way to do this is to connect to something kids already do—like playing dress-up or pretend. Talk with your child leading up to Halloween about how people will be dressed up and how some costumes—while scary—aren’t real.

Choose costumes and decorations carefully. Something may be cute or funny to us, but uncomfortable, scary or downright dangerous to young kids. Consider how long your child will wear a costume. Avoid masks, which can be scary and restrict vision; try face-painting instead. If your child is old enough, let her help choose a costume.

Practice for trick-or-treating. This is more than just what to say to get candy. Talk about holding hands when crossing the street and going only to well-lit homes. Remind kids that some people will be strangers, but that you will be with them the entire time.

On the big night. Go trick-or-treating early in the evening. Stay with your children always. If your child is fearful, don’t tell them to not be afraid. This invalidates their concerns and may prevent them from expressing anxieties later on. Remind them that you are there to protect them.

Choose treats wisely. Hard candies, gummy snacks and caramels get stuck in tiny teeth and can cause tooth decay. The best selection of treats is plain chocolate, which melts easily. In addition, look out for very small treats or toys with small parts, which can be choking hazards.

Make holiday learning fun. Engage your child in family traditions, like baking seasonal favorites or carving pumpkins. Read books about Halloween. Talk about your past Halloweens and ask kids to share what they like about the holiday.

By following these simple tips, we can make this time of year fun for the entire family, especially those new to Halloween.
DISTRICT 1 NEWS & EVENTS:

CALL TO THE PUBLIC -

We are looking for High School juniors and seniors to serve on Village Planning Committees. If you are interested in helping our District by serving on a Village Planning committee, or would like more information about our Village Planning Committees, please contact our office by emailing us at council.district.1@phoenix.gov, or calling (602) 262-7444.

DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

The latest breakfast was held on Friday, October 28th, at the Radisson Hotel Phoenix North, 10220 N. Metro Parkway East, Phoenix, AZ 85051. Breakfast began at 7:30 a.m. and the speaker started at around 7:45 a.m. The guest this month was Tim O’Neal; President & CEO, Goodwill of Central Arizona

This presentation was very informative and we all learned that there is much more to Goodwill than just a thrift store! Goodwill is a non-profit that helps the community in many ways; to include workforce development and environmental stewardship.

The next breakfast will be on November 18th because of Thanksgiving falling on the last Thursday and Friday of the month. It will be at the Radisson Hotel Phoenix North, 10220 N. Metro Parkway East, Phoenix, AZ 85051 and will begin at 7:30 a.m.

SIEMENS SCIENCE DAY COMES TO CHAPARRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On October 18, Siemens partnered with Chaparral Elementary for Siemens Science Day.

With national attention focused on the need to bolster science literacy in American schools, Siemens Science Day is a private/public sector initiative created to engage elementary and middle school students’ in science and math in the early stages of the learning process. As a leading global technology company Siemens is committed to encouraging the next generation to develop greater knowledge, skills and self-confidence in science, mathematics and technology.

Siemens Science Day, sponsored by Siemens, one of the world’s leading electronics and engineering companies, is a new
initiative targeting elementary and middle school students in key urban centers across the nation. Volunteer mentors from Siemens Phoenix using materials developed in partnership with Scholastic, the internationally recognized children’s media, education and publishing company worked with Chaparral Elementary students on a series of technology-based experiments. Building and examining a glacial landscape and other off-beat primers in physics was part of a morning of hands-on activities designed to introduce real-world science into the classroom.

Patrick Ziegert, from Council District 1, participated in the first class of the morning and worked with students to learn about and discuss the effects or erosion. The kids really enjoyed the day, and Audrey Hess (the teacher), was very grateful for the extra science exposure and help in making the day happen. She said that a few kids throughout the day said things like “This is fun - I want to be an engineer.” She said that having special guests really helps with science experiments and projects because the different “teachers” get the kids more excited about the subject matter.

**DOG LEASH LAW SIGNS**

For a number of years, Park users had been subjected to attacks from other dogs because some owners allowed them to run free at the Park. Many times this resulted in serious injuries to their pets. In addition, there are a number of dog walkers who do not realize the health hazard that exist from leaving their dog’s poop on the ground. Everyone had to watch where they were stepping to insure they didn’t pick up something extra on the bottom of their shoes.

Last Fall the Deer Valley Park Neighborhood Block Watch Organization worked with Deer Valley Park Community Center staff to create a project designed to educate park users on issues related to dogs. They developed a budget and prepared a grant request that was submitted to the City of Phoenix Police Neighborhood Block Watch Grant Program.

The project received funding and 6 signs were purchased for the Park. With the cooperation of Park Maintenance staff, the signs were installed throughout the Park. In addition, staff built and painted tubes that will hold grocery bags and installed them underneath each sign. With the installation costs absorbed by the Parks Department, there was money remaining in the budget to purchase additional signs to be installed at Telephone Pioneer Park which is located next to Village Meadows Elementary School.
Congratulations to Sweetwater special education teacher Jeanmarie Jacoby! Jacoby recently received the Outstanding Educator Award from the City of Phoenix Mayor’s Commission on Disability Issues. The Phoenix Mayor’s Commission on Disability Issues (MCDI) addresses issues affecting people with disabilities in the city of Phoenix. Mrs. Jacoby currently teaches self-contained cross categorical special education students in fourth and fifth grades.

We are so proud of Mrs. Jacoby and thank her for all she does for the students of Sweetwater School!

The Washington Elementary School District’s (WESD) first Teacher Interview Fair is just around the corner - Saturday, November 5, 2016. The fair will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the WESD Administrative Center, 4650 West Sweetwater Avenue, Glendale, 85304. Contracts for the 2017-2018 school year will be offered to qualified candidates. Interviews will be conducted for those interested in teaching: kindergarten, elementary education, special education, language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, general music, art and special needs preschool. Successful candidates may be recommended for a 2017-2018 teaching contract.

Applicants will need to take the following items to the Interview Fair:
- Copy of most recent teacher or student teacher evaluation
- Teaching Certificate (if applicable)
- NES Exam Scores
- IVP Fingerprint Clearance Card

For more information, contact the WESD Recruitment Office at 602-347-3598 or e-mail angela.oransky@wesdschools.org.
DEER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Award

For more than 40 years, the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting has honored school districts for excellence and best practices. Dale Splittberger, DVUSD Director of Finance, and his team received the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Award for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. This award, which was presented by the Arizona Association of School Business Officials, represents a significant achievement and reflects the DVUSD Finance Department's commitment to the highest standards of school system financial reporting.

GLENDALE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Did you know a tax credit donation to a Glendale Union High School District school can not only reduce taxes you may owe for 2016, but also provide a student with opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities like National Honor Society, NJROTC, orchestra, speech and debate, student council and sports?

When you choose to make a tax credit donation, you can determine which GUHSD school your donation goes toward as well as the specific program and teen you wish to make a contribution toward. The donation can also be earmarked to eliminate registration fees associated with college readiness exams like the ACT, PSAT and SAT.

Arizonans filing as a single individual or head of household can contribute as much as $200 toward a tax credit and those filing as a married couple can contribute $400. The credit is applied against the taxpayer’s Arizona state income tax. If the allowable credit is more than your tax, or if you have no tax, you may carry the unused credit forward for up to the next five consecutive taxable years’ income tax liability. The deadline to file a tax credit for 2016 is April 15, 2017.

To make a tax credit online or to learn more about this opportunity, visit www.guhsdaz.org.

UPDATE ON THE DEER VALLEY PETROGLYPH PRESERVE

As many of you know, the Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve has been closed for some time. ASU has been working on remediation and renovation projects. Here is an update from a letter sent to us on October 14th from ASU:
“The project to address some of the problems that have occurred with the facility is currently underway. It has two phases: remediation and restoration. We have about ten days left of remediation, which includes cleaning carpets, floors, desks, cleaning the HVAC and removing insulation as necessary, and removing and cleaning aluminum ceiling tiles.

Once the remediation is done, we will have a better idea of the scope and timing of the restoration phase, which will include restoration of HVAC insulation, re-installation of aluminum ceiling tiles and insulation, and installation of new doors on the restrooms. Until we have completed the remediation, we don’t really know how complicated or extensive the restoration work will need to be, but we are talking weeks as opposed to months for this phase. As soon as we have an estimated re-opening date, we will share it with you, so you can in turn share it with the community.”

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF METRO PHOENIX**

**LOUIS AND ELIZABETH SANDS BRANCH** – information from the FY 2015-2016 Scorecard

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Phoenix offers affordable after-school and summer programs for 27,000+ young people in grades K-12. At thirteen clubs in Phoenix and the West Valley, BGCMP provides award-winning programs designed to change the lives of young people in four key areas:

- Fun With a Purpose
- Academic Success
- Be Great, Do Good
- Healthy Choices

During fiscal year 2015-2016, the Louis and Elizabeth Sands Branch of the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Phoenix served 2,083 young people. The club had 461 Youth Club Members, 235 Teen Club Members and 997 youth that received outreach services. On average, 163 attend per day during the school year, 53% of Club members live in single parent/guardian homes and 31% of Club families live below the poverty level ($24,300 annual income for family of 4). 18,135 free, hot and health meals were served to hungry youth.

The High School graduation rate in Maricopa County is 85%. 93% of Club kids are on track to complete High School.

This is an excellent organization to support. If you would like more information about the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Phoenix, please contact the **PROGRAM SERVICES CENTER** at 4309 E. Belleview Street, Bldg. 14, Phoenix, Arizona 85008. Or, call (602)954-8182 or [www.bgcmp.org](http://www.bgcmp.org).
CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Early ballots were mailed last week by Maricopa County. Voters can drop off voted early ballots at Phoenix City Hall, either in the Lobby at the main entrance, or on the 15th floor. Voters also can cast an early ballot in person on the 15th Floor through Friday, Nov. 4. In the first week, 89 voters cast ballots in person on the 15th Floor. Another 31 voters dropped off voted mail ballots. This number is higher than in previous elections.

Additionally, the number of registered voters in the City has increased significantly. At the last city election in August 2015, there were 657,130 registered voters in Phoenix. There are now 723,817, an increase of more than 66,000.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION

From Oct. 18 to 20, the Phoenix Convention Center hosted the Small Business Expo. This business-to-business expo is designed to help small business owners and entrepreneurs achieve their business dreams. The event offered invaluable insights and exclusive networking opportunities with a wide range of business-critical workshops, seminars, and presentations from top industry experts. This is the first time Phoenix has hosted this show and 1,000 delegates are estimated to attend.

From Oct. 22 to 23, the Phoenix Convention Center held the Phoenix Fan Fest, is a pop culture convention featuring actors, wrestlers, top comic book writers and artists, exhibits and costuming. This is a smaller version of the annual Phoenix COMICON. This is the first time the convention center has hosted the event and more than 1,000 delegates are estimated to attend.

NEIGHBORHOODS AND LIVABILITY

To further Read On Phoenix and Housing’s Grade Level Reading Campaign, Housing partnered with the United Way Foundation to prepare 60 School Readiness Kits. The kits contain books, a pair of easy-to-use safety scissors, a journal, crayons, a children’s music CD, and a parent resource book, which enhance fine motor development, literacy skills, and an array of resources for parents to help their children learn to read. Once the Aeroterra Parent Resource Center is open, Luke Krohn staff will distribute the kits to families with children up to 5 years old.

FINANCIAL EXCELLENCE

Public Works staff recently completed an energy efficiency project at the Calvin C. Goode Building that consisted of retrofitting all of the interior fluorescent lighting, totaling 4,500 lamps, to Light Emitting Diode (LED) lighting. The color temperature of LED lighting was installed to match the pre-existing fluorescent lighting. The retrofit will save 65 percent in energy, cut the lighting heat load in the building by 17 percent, and reduce utility costs by $32,400 per year.
SOCIAL SERVICES DELIVERY

FSL Real Estate Services, developer of the 121-unit single-family infill project in the South Phoenix Village Neighborhood Initiative Area, was notified this week that their Wells Fargo Housing Foundation Priority Markets Program grant application to provide additional home ownership assistance to eligible buyers earning less than 80% AMI, was approved. The Wells Fargo Housing Foundation's Charitable Committee is awarding a $105,000 grant for FSL to provide an additional $7,500 in financial assistance to 12 low-income homebuyers in the SPV project. This additional assistance will go toward principal reduction, thus lowering the monthly mortgage payment by approximately $40 per month.

In partnership with Victimas de Crimen, the Parks and Recreation Maryvale Community Center held a community meeting dedicated to Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Victimas De Crimen is an organization that helps families that have lost loved ones to crime. The organization helps provide resources, transportation, and counseling to grieving families. Their mission is to help families cope with the aftermath of losing a child, parent or relative.

PUBLIC SAFETY

On Oct. 14, Human Resources staff directed the Police Recruit testing at the Phoenix Convention Center. More than 275 people took the written test; those who passed were invited to the physical test.

The Phoenix Fire Department recently announced the promotion of Deputy Chief Scott Walker to Assistant Fire Chief. Chief Walker has 23 years on the Phoenix Fire Department and has worked in Operations, Fleet Services, Fire Investigations, Homeland Defense and as a Public Information Officer.

INFRASTRUCTURE

On Oct. 5, The General Sales Company Warehouse, located at 515 E. Grant St., was designated on the Phoenix Historic Property Register. The building was designed by the architectural firm of Lescher and Mahoney and constructed in 1946 by Del Webb Construction Company. At the time it was the largest grocery warehouse in the Southwest.

Sixteen of the 20 new Southwest Airlines self-tagging kiosks recently were installed. Installation of the passenger self-tagging kiosks is anticipated to dramatically reduce congestion and wait times at the Southwest Airlines ticketing counters. However, half of Southwest’s ticketing counters will continue to provide traditional walk-up ticketing and bag-tagging service for their passengers.

Community and Economic Development staff coordinated a meeting recently with Planning and Development staff and the owner of Hospitality Ventures Management Group to discuss their upcoming $15 million Hilton Suites Renovation improvement project located at 10 E. Thomas Road. As a result of this project, the name of the hotel will be changed to Embassy Suites, and additional suites will be added to the location. Construction will begin June 2017 and will be completed by the end of 2017.
On Oct. 24, First Transit and Transdev are increasing bus service after months of hiring additional staff and adjusting maintenance, fueling and cleaning schedules to accommodate the expanded service day. Significant public and media outreach is being conducted to inform users and potential users of the improved service.

Planning and Development staff recently granted preliminary approval for Mariposa Point of Algodon located at the northwest corner of 91st Avenue and Pinchot Avenue. This 91-bed assisted living and memory care facility is approximately 68,000 square feet and located on an 8.3-acre site.

Planning and Development staff recently granted preliminary approval to the first phase of Sky Crossing parcels, consisting of a clubhouse and 146 single-family detached homes located at Deer Valley and Black Mountain roads. Four additional parcels of the master planned community are scheduled for preliminary review on Nov. 1.

**PHOENIX TEAM**

On Oct. 17, the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies honored 20 public drinking water systems with its top utility management awards at the 2016 Executive Management Conference. The City of Phoenix Water Services Department received a Platinum Award for Utility Excellence for progress it has made to develop goals to drive and measure performance based on the Attributes of Effective Utility Management.

**FOLLOW COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS ON TWITTER!**

Thelda is tweeting! Follow her @TheldaWilliams1.

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