Next week, November 11th, is Veterans day and the date for the Phoenix Veterans Day Parade. The theme for 2014 is “Duty, Honor, Sacrifice: Celebrating Our World War II Veterans.” The Phoenix Veterans Day Parade will mark the 70th anniversary of the Invasion of Normandy in celebrating our World War II Veterans with a flyover by WWII Biplanes flown by Fred Gorrell and his Thunder Flying Group.

“We feel it is so important to recognize our World War II Veterans this year as we know they are aging and our hope is to give them another joyous event in their lifetime through our Parade,” says Katherine Brooks, President of Honoring Arizona’s Veterans (HAV) who now presents the parade as part of their organization’s mission to help our Veterans heal and reintegrate. HAV joins with the Phoenix community to honor the brave men and women from every generation and conflict, who have sacrificed and risked their lives to preserve our freedom.

The Parade kicks off at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 11, 2014. The starting point is at the North Phoenix Baptist Church (at Centeral and Bethany Home). The parade then heads South on Central, turns East on Camelback and then heads South on 7th Street where the Parade de-stages at Indian School.

Each year, the Phoenix Veterans Day Parade is viewed by more than 40,000 spectators.

For more information and a link to the Parade map, please click here: http://www.honoringarizonasveterans.org/parade/
DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Our next Community Breakfast will be held Friday, November 21, 2014 at Deer Valley Airport Restaurant. Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. and the speaker will start around 7:45 a.m. Breakfast will be available for $4.99, not including tax or gratuity, and the District 1 office will pay for your drink.

The guest Speakers for November will be Assistant City Manager; Milton Dohoney Jr. Mr. Dohoney has an extensive career in city management, community services and public safety. He has a master’s degree in personnel management/human resources and a bachelor’s degree in psychology. He will be talking about ways the city of Phoenix is working to become a more efficiently operated organization.

FLU SEASON STARTED EARLY IN ARIZONA

Maricopa County Department of Public Health

If you experience sudden onset of fever, aches, chills, or extreme tiredness, you may have the flu.

Influenza (flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness. Serious outcomes of flu infection can result in hospitalization or death. Some people, such as older people, young children, and people with certain health conditions, are at high risk for serious flu complications. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting vaccinated each year and avoiding sick people.

Primary and Other symptoms

- Fever - Your temperature is considered elevated when it is 100°F or greater.
- Aches - Body aches that are sudden and unexplained can be a sign of the flu.
- Chills - Body chills not related to a cold environment can be a sign of the flu.
- Tiredness - Tiredness is a feeling of exhaustion or lack of energy. When associated with one or more of the other symptoms, this can be a sign of the flu.
- Headache - A headache associated with the flu may appear suddenly and be accompanied by body aches or nasal congestion.
- Sore throat - Swelling in the throat can make it sore.
- Runny or stuffy nose - A runny or stuffy nose may occur, but is more common in children than adults.
- Stomach symptoms - These include nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. They are more common in children than adults.
- Chest discomfort, cough - Chest discomfort is often severe with the flu. Symptoms can come on quickly. Ask your doctor about an antiviral at first signs of flu

Additional information is available at:
http://www.maricopa.gov/PublicHealth/Programs/Flu/
FIELD SCHOOL IS RECRUITING FOR THE JANUARY 2015 CREW

Participants Must:

- Meet WIA eligibility guidelines
- Be 18-21 years old
- Be available full time from January 2015 - May 2015
- Have an interest in the outdoors & conservation field

Please send all interested youth my way. Also, please share the flyer with anyone you think would be appropriate.

Jessica Sutton
649 N. 6th Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85003
Office: (602) 252-6721, ext. 228
www.acyraz.org

DISTRICT 1 K-8 GRANT Awardees

The Youth and Education Office has been working with Darcie Estrada from General Mills for the past 6-9 months to identify schools in Phoenix that would benefit from a one-time, grant donation. The office provided GIS maps of schools overplayed with demographic data to help them target schools.

I am pleased to report that 20, K-8, Phoenix area schools, each will receive $5000.00. The funding was earned through General Mills, through Walmart. Many schools were completely surprised by the announcement of the grant.

The grant was awarded to the following schools within our district:

- Esperanza Elementary School (DVUSD)
- Cholla Middle School (Washington ESD)
- Ironwood Elementary School (Washington ESD)

Congratulations to the schools! Thank you Darcie, General Mills and Walmart for their contributions!

CITY NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING PUBLIC CITY MEETINGS

- Public Safety and Veterans Subcommittee Meeting – Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in Assembly Rooms A, B and C, Phoenix City Hall, 200 West Washington Street.
Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee Meeting - Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. in Assembly Rooms A, B and 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.

NOTES FROM CITIZENS COMMITTEE ON THE FUTURE OF PHOENIX TRANSPORTATION (CCFPT)

Since late August, the CCFPT has worked to develop a transportation plan and funding strategy to recommend to the Phoenix City Council. City Staff, led by Public Works Director, Maria Hyatt, explained the history and current status of the Transit 2000 tax. Before the tax, there was no Sunday service provided, the Public Transit Department only had 17 staff members, limited Saturday bus service was provided, and no light rail or RAPID bus service existed. With two recessions during the first 14 years of the Transit 2000 tax, the department will be unable to fully implement the Transit 2000 Plan. The planned light rail miles included 24 miles within the first 16 years and an additional 7-10 by 2020. We have built 16 miles and have capital funds to build an additional 4-5 miles if operating funds are identified. Local bus peak frequencies were identified in the plan and 26% of routes meet peak and 86% meet off-peak frequency goals. Due to funding shortages, the Public Transit Department was also not able to provide local bus service until midnight, but does run until 10 p.m. Thanks to Transit 2000, Phoenix’s transit service has grown extensively. Over the last 14 years, ridership as a whole has increased 60% while revenue miles have increased 45%. What this shows is that service is efficient. Phoenix’s farebox recovery has also increased during this time period.

Ms. Hyatt also informed the committee that Phoenix has seen significant investment along the light rail line, with more than $3.6 billion in private investment and $1.4 billion in public investments. This includes residential, commercial and hotel growth. The Downtown Phoenix Partnership and Community and Economic Development Department indicated there are 48 new downtown restaurants since 2008. Proximity to high frequency public transit also has an impact on property values. A 2013 Urban Land Institute study noted that during the last recession, condos near transit outperformed those in the entire region by 30% and apartments by 80%.

Once the T2000 tax expires in 2020, a $130M deficit is forecast. If the transportation tax expires, the lost tax revenue for 2020-21 equates to 62% of our operating budget. Ms. Hyatt estimated about 15% of the operating budget is administrative costs, and the remaining 85% direct service. Therefore, 85% of the 62% decreased revenues = 53% service reduction. Additionally, loss of service will result in a 30% loss of revenue. Ms. Hyatt stated that the estimated reduced fare revenues to be about 7% of the operating budget, and along with the 53% service reduction resulting from the lost tax revenue, would result in a 60% service reduction.

Phoenix funds about 15.3M miles of bus service annually, and will be at 2.1M miles of rail service with the addition of NWE Phase I. Consequently, 9.3M miles of bus service would have to be eliminated and about 1.3M miles (just 400K less than we currently fund) of rail service, assuming both services are reduced by...
60%. This would put the Phoenix well below pre-T2000 service levels for bus, and really poor service for rail (probably service levels that would reduce ridership, thus reducing fare recovery).

Ms. Hyatt informed the committee that a new website has been developed, www.talktransportation.org, which gives the community the opportunity to participate in discussions about what they want in regards to transit. Anyone can sign up and be involved in the discussion, and the ideas will be tracked and passed on to the committee. The website is just one of the many ways to encourage public involvement.

Streets Transportation Director Ray Dovalina presented an overview of the City of Phoenix Street Transportation Department to the committee. The main focus of the department is to plan and provide for the safe and convenient movement of people and vehicles on City streets, maintain existing City streets, and design and inspect the construction of new streets to insure they meet specifications. The department also maintains 4,856 miles of streets, 95,592 Street Lights, 1,104 signalized intersections, 430 miles of bike lanes, 163 miles of bike routes, 582 bridges, uses 50,000-60,000 gallons of lane striping paint each year, fills 21,600 potholes each year, and sweeps 179,000 roadway lane miles each year.

Mr. Dovalina explained to the committee that there was a large boom of road construction in the 1970’s and 1980’s, which makes those roads now 30 and 40 years old. The optimum overlay cycle is 30 years, but the City is currently on a 60-65 year schedule. Due to the economic downturn over the past six years, staffing numbers have decreased significantly, but the number of streets has not, forcing the department to manage a steady and somewhat increasing inventory of roadway miles with fewer staff. While putting the department in a position to be more efficient in how to manage, maintain, and build streets, it has reached the point where it is difficult to deliver the services and roadways our citizens expect.

The Streets Transportation Department operating budget is comprised of funding from Arizona Highway Users Revenue (AHUR) ($47M), General Funds ($17M) Other Sources (Grants, Capital Construction Funds, City Improvement Funds, Other Restricted Funds) ($4M). The Capital Improvement Budget is projected to maintain a steady level of funding for the next 5-6 years. The department has a greater reliance on HURF funds for its daily operating needs due to decreases in general fund support over the past 7 years. Instead of using 28% of our HURF funds for operating activities, we are now using 45% of HURF funds, and a net increase of $10 million per year. This in turn has reduced the amount of HURF funds the department can use for capital expenditures.

Mr. Dovalina then showed the committee the evolution of the street’s network and the five key initiatives: Phoenix Bikeway Plan, BikeShare Program, Complete Streets Policy, Downtown Transportation Study, and the ITS Strategic Plan. Some of the current construction projects currently underway are: 32nd Street Redevelopment, 107th Avenue Safety Enhancements, Avenida Rio Salado, Sonoran Desert Drive, and Black Mountain Boulevard.

Looking to the future, Mr. Dovalina presented the committee with the future needs of the department: Revenue projections are $2 billion for next 20 years, there is an estimated $6 billion in projected needs, a shortfall of approximately $4 billion, and an estimated $509 million in critical needs (major maintenance, special projects, bicycle mobility, pedestrian mobility, drainage and bridges, and technology enhancements).

**FOLLOW COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS ON TWITTER!**

Thelda is tweeting! Follow her @TheldaWilliams1.
TRIVIA

Approximately what percentage of American homes eats turkey on Thanksgiving?

CITY NEWS

REDUCED STATE INCOME TAX REVENUE

This report transmits recently received information from the State’s Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) regarding state income tax revenue reductions due to legislative changes. As a result, the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 General Fund revenue estimate will be reduced by $6.8 million compared to previous projections. Future fiscal year General Fund revenue estimates will also be substantially reduced. The current fiscal year General Fund revenue estimate is not negatively impacted.

Due primarily to legislative changes made in 2011 under House Bill 2001, also known as the “Jobs Bill”, and in 2013 under Senate Bill 1179, the JLBC has lowered their corporate and individual income tax forecast. The legislative changes include reducing the corporate income tax rate from 6.97% to 4.90% over four years, increasing the corporate optional sales factor for multi-state corporations from 80% to 100%, allowing higher deductions to 529 college savings plans, and eliminating the requirement that a filer itemize deductions in order to claim the working poor tax credit.

The potential impact was discussed as a caveat to the forecast and identified as one of the “Resource Assumptions.” Now that JLBC has put a dollar figure to the changes, staff will be able to include it in future forecasts. The impact to GF revenues is significant starting in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 based on JLBC projections. The variances from the prior GF forecast are included in the table below:

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As reported by JLBC, the revenue estimate reductions worsen the budget outlook for the State considerably compared to recently reported figures. Clearly, this also adds to the budget challenges that the City already must address. This information will be included in future discussions regarding General Fund revenue and budget status for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and beyond.
INNOVATION AND EFFICIENCY SAVINGS UPDATE

The Innovation & Efficiency Task Force was established in December 2009 with the charge to develop and implement innovative solutions that would result in the most effective delivery of services at the most efficient cost. In October 2012, a total savings goal of $100 million to achieve by December 2015 was established. To date, the City has implemented $96.9 million in savings; $45.9 million to the General Fund and $51.0 million to non-General funds. In the current fiscal year, 2014-15, about $6.2 million in annual savings have been implemented, almost all of which is in the General Fund. The changes have reduced costs substantially while maintaining or enhancing the City’s delivery of services. The complete savings detail is attached to this report.

Savings resulting from the rebidding of the City’s life insurance provider recommended by the FEES Subcommittee and approved by the City Council. The new contract will save the City approximately $355,000 annually.

- Administrative efficiency actions by the Police and Fire Departments implemented in July that achieve savings totaling about $1.7 million.
- A collaborative effort by the Municipal Court, the Prosecutor’s Office and the Police Department to develop a process enhancement that assists in prosecuting Domestic Violence cases while also reducing Police overtime costs, for an estimated net savings of $500,000 annually.
- Enhanced water irrigation technology in the Parks and Recreation Department which reduces water usage and saves approximately $500,000 annually.
- A multidepartment effort including the City Manager’s Office and the Public Works, Finance and Budget and Research departments, resulted in the sale of underutilized vehicles in various departments, saving approximately $400,000 annually.
- Operating savings from the sale of the 22nd Ave. and Greenway Road property, reducing costs for security services totaling approximately $116,000 annually. This savings adds to the more than $1.6 million in one-time revenue from the property sale.

AUTHORIZATION TO USE RFP FOR DEVELOPMENT ON THE PHOENIX BIOMEDICAL CAMPUS

The PBC is currently home to the three state public universities, federal research labs, and the global headquarters of the Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen) and the International Genomics Consortium (IGC). The 30-acre campus continues to expand. The University of Arizona Cancer Center in partnership with Dignity Health / St. Joseph’s Hospital will open by Fall 2015. Construction recently began on a 1,200-space parking structure to serve the PBC, as well as the Biosciences Partnership Building (BPB). At 10-stories and 245,000 square feet, BPB will be the largest facility on the campus when it opens in 2017.
Current development activity at the PBC will double the size of the campus compared to the space available at the start of 2014. However, even with that tremendous expansion and investment, the PBC will only be one-fourth built-out. This process is similar to the open RFP process for downtown development projects.

Staff seeks to issue an RFP that will facilitate City economic objectives while at the same time improving community healthcare outcomes, advance scientific breakthroughs and/or enhance Phoenix’s educational environment to better prepare the City’s workforce. The flexibility requested in this authorization will allow the City to be highly responsive to the market and efficiently achieve the ultimate development of the campus.

The RFP would seek development proposals that are consistent with the City Council approved PBC Master Plan on any combination of City and non-City land on or around the campus. This could include clinical, academic, medical office and/or research laboratory facilities as well as support space. The RFP would be open for up to one year, but no less than one month based upon market demand and responses.

**Ballpark Lofts Development Agreement**

On March 21, 2014 Fore Property Company submitted its Ballpark Lofts proposal to the City for a Government Property Lease Excise Tax (“GPLET”) transaction pursuant to the Downtown RFP seeking private development or redevelopment of urban and/or mixed-use projects in downtown Phoenix (“RFP”). In accordance with the RFP the City convened a panel to review and evaluate the proposal and make a recommendation about advancing the proposal. The panel consisted of representatives from the Historic Preservation Commission, Central City Village Planning Committee, Phoenix Revitalization Corporation, Downtown Phoenix Partnership, Arizona Diamondbacks, and City staff from the Street Transportation, Planning and Development, and Community and Economic Development departments. The panel unanimously recommended proceeding to negotiations with Developer.

If approved, this project will result in $43 million of private investment for a multi-family rental residential project with 276 apartments located inside one four-story building and one five-story building, on a 3.4 acre site in the warehouse character area. At approximately 80 units per acre, Ballpark Lofts will be one of the more dense projects in this portion of downtown. The project will result in redevelopment of vacant lots and buildings into new urban residences for 300-400 downtown residents, who will live just two blocks from light rail transit, expanding the customer base for local restaurants and retail businesses. The developer has received Preliminary Site Plan approval for the project. Application of the GPLET transaction will facilitate the development of this infill project that would otherwise not be financially viable.

**Phoenix Bicycle Master Plan**

At 2013 City of Phoenix budget hearings, several residents expressed a need for the Street Transportation Department to provide additional or improved bike facilities throughout the city. As a result, the City Manager directed the department to allocate $1 million in funding for new bike infrastructure. Funded projects included the Greening of Lower Grand Avenue and major extensions of bike routes along Indian School Road and 15th Avenue corridors. In order to identify specific needs citywide, the department hired a consultant to develop a bicycle infrastructure needs assessment to guide future improvements.

The Bicycle Master Plan offers a blueprint for extending bicycle facilities throughout the City. A total of 385 potential projects were identified to complete gaps along 37 corridors throughout the City. The projects range in complexity from simple, inexpensive lane striping adjustments to bike bridge construction. Total estimated costs of the improvements recommended in the 20-year plan are approximately $52.6
million in today’s dollars. Funding for all the improvements has not yet been identified, but the City will continue to build new bike infrastructure and make other enhancements as funding allows.

**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AT INTERSECTIONS AND JAYWALKING**

*(RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND CITY CODE 36-128)*

The Public Safety and Veterans Subcommittee recommend City Council approved, for emergency action *(during the November 19th City Council Formal meeting)*, an amendment to City Code Section 36-128 that adds language prohibiting pedestrians from stopping or remaining in a traffic island or median except to wait to cross the roadway. Staff also recommended that language be added to this code section making violations a civil traffic offense currently resulting in a sanction of $250, and subsequent violations a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Staff recommended adding the following language to Section 36-128:

“No pedestrian may stop or remain in the portion of the roadway designed for vehicular use or in a painted or raised traffic island or median not designated for use by pedestrians except to wait to cross the roadway at the next pedestrian signal or, in the absence of a pedestrian signal, when traffic has cleared or yielded.”

**CITY MANAGER’S WEEKLY REPORT**

**LEGISLATIVE**

The Gila River Indian Community recently announced their 2014 Gaming Revenue Sharing Grant decision and two City of Phoenix sponsored entities were awarded funds. The Regional Wireless Cooperative will receive $242,760 (to be paid over two years) and Junior Achievement of Arizona will receive $35,000 for their Biz Town program.

In 2011, the Regional Wireless Cooperative (RWC), supported by Government Relations, filed a petition with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on behalf of every major regional public safety communication system in the State of Arizona to delay or eliminate the federal mandate to narrowband all public safety 700 MHz frequencies by 2017. This mandate had major financial implications for local and other public safety communications systems nationwide. System administrators across the country partnered to have this mandate modified. As a result of these efforts, on Friday, October 24, 2014, the FCC announced the elimination of the 2017 mandate based upon the petitions filed by the RWC and other major public safety communications systems. This now places the process of narrow banding and replacing thousands of mobile and portable radios in the control of the local regional systems rather than based upon a federal mandate.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION**

Community and Economic Development staff requested assistance from the Office of Customer Advocacy (OCA) to determine if the 16610 North Black Canyon Freeway site is suitable for a 4,000 square foot payment processing center that is under contract with the State of Arizona. The company is currently based in Sacramento. OCA provided feedback and determined the existing zoning and occupancy is suitable for the new small business.
Planning and Development staff met with the property owner of 801 North 2nd Street looking to convert the past City of Phoenix, Chamber of Commerce building into a retail/restaurant establishment. Staff provided the necessary application and processing information for the interior demolition. The owner is looking to occupy the structure prior to the Super Bowl.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Firefighters from across the Valley will compete in the Scott Firefighter Combat Challenge from November 3-6 at 3rd Street and Jefferson. Participants will battle it out from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day running relay teams in the Valley Throwdown Championship. The relays will include a high-rise pack carry, a hose hoist, a forcible entry, a hose advance and a victim rescue. All proceeds will go to the 100 Club, the Valley Firefighter Veteran Society, and Phoenix Firefighter Charities.

Human Resources staff met with the Police Communications Supervisor to discuss updates to the current written exam used for the Police Communications Operator process. At this meeting, suggestions for improving the process were discussed including beginning research and cost analysis on the use of an outside vendor to test applicants. Currently, the Police Communications Unit is at approximately 50% staffing due to turnover and retirements.

The Governor’s Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) has granted the Phoenix Fire Department $40,000 to purchase billboard space to promote its car seat installation stations located at 1925 E. Indian School Road, 3210 E. Conotia Place, and 7620 S. 42nd Place. Parents and caregivers interested in checking that their child car seats are installed correctly may call the car seat safety hotline at (602) 495-KIDS to make an appointment with a certified Phoenix firefighter at those locations. There are a total of 22 CBS Outdoor billboards and 10 Clear Channel billboards spread across the City of Phoenix. They will be up for a total of 12 weeks. The billboards have already made a difference in our community as calls made to the car seat safety hotline have doubled.

On October 26 staff participated in the Cardinals Domestic Violence Awareness game, providing information tables on the main and club level of the stadium. The Cardinals organization sold bracelets and announced their donation of $1,000 for each 3rd Down stop during the season to domestic violence programs and services.

**NEIGHBORHOODS AND LIVABILITY**

The Historic Preservation Commission met on October 20. They recommended approval of three nominations to the National Register of Historic Places. The Boardwalk located at 4225 North 36th Street is a condominium complex of 34 units designed by Al Beadle and constructed in 1965. The Luhrs Building located at the southwest corner of Central Avenue and Jefferson Street was constructed 1923/24 and designed by Henry C. Trost of Trost & Trost. The Luhrs Tower at the southeast corner of 1st Avenue and Jefferson Street was constructed in 1929 and also designed by Henry C. Trost. The Commission also recommended approval of Preserve Historic PHX, a Historic Preservation Plan that will act as a policy guide for preservation over the next 10 years.

On October 25, the Parks and Recreation Department received 63 trees as a donation from the Arizona Diamondbacks Bat a Tree Program to be planted at three parks; Edison, Coronado, and University.
variety of trees were planted with the help of Parks Forestry Division. Diamondbacks Luis Gonzalez (Gonzo) came out to help plant and publicize the last planting at University Park.

On November 8, the Latino Institute will host the Dare2Dream Foundation Film Fest at Civic Space Park. The Dare2Dream Student Film Festival is designed to give middle and high school students a vehicle to express their ideas, creativity and positive energy. The film video competition is open to Phoenix students, grades 7 to 12. Categories for video entries include Pocket Journalism, Short Film, Short Documentary and Public Service Announcement. The winners of video entries will be featured in the film festival. This free event is open to all ages.

Throughout the week, more than 2,300 children and adults shared books, literacy activities, songs and stories at Phoenix Public Library locations. An additional 876 children and adults attended storytime programs provided by outreach staff at area schools and organizations. Outreach activities are funded by a grant from First Things First.

**INFRASTRUCTURE**

Based on the Capital Improvement Program prioritization results for FY 2015/2016, the Flood Control District of Maricopa County (FCDMC) approved the Circle K Park Detention Basin and Storm Drain Project for cost sharing. The proposed project will design and construct a multi-use flood control facility and enhance the existing Circle K Park. Several large storm drains are also planned for the area to provide additional protection from flooding during storm events. Estimated cost of the proposed project is approximately $17 million dollars which includes rights-of-way for the detention basin. The anticipated cost share for the proposed project with FCDMC is 50/50.

On October 13, 2014, the Bus Stop Shade Study project consultants presented a progress overview to Public Transit staff. With the southern half of the study area almost completed, findings show that many of the stops identified as unshaded do in fact have trees or buildings providing shade. However, the remaining nearly two-thirds of the unshaded stops have right-of-way or other constraints that would likely prevent the installation of structured shade. The project is progressing on-time and is expected to be completed in December 2014. A presentation to the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee is expected in January 2015.

Street Transportation is promoting an online survey, via Survey Monkey, to obtain feedback from residents about bicycling in Phoenix. The results the survey will be utilized to gage what type of amenities would encourage people to bike more and where it will make sense to expand bike lanes in Phoenix. The survey will open this week and remain open through the end of the year.

**SUSTAINABILITY**

Residents are receiving fall campaign letters for the water and sewer line protection program from Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA). The Public Information Office has received several calls from residents inquiring about how they can sign up for the program. The program has generated approximately $10,000 more in revenue for the same period last year. Since its inception, the Marketing Partnership Program has saved Phoenix residents more than $16 million in prescription drug costs and sewer and water line repairs. The program has also earned the City more than $1 million in revenue.
On October 18, 2014, the Public Works Department participated in the I Recycle Phoenix festival at the Desert Ridge Marketplace, at Tatum and 101. A record 560 pounds of cardboard, glass and other assorted recyclables were collected in the mini rear loader. Data from the other vendors are being collected and will be reported at a later date. The next event is scheduled to be at Christown, 15th Avenue and Bethany Home Road, on January 3, 2014.

METRO CENTER UPDATE

METROCENTER WALK ‘N TALK EVENTS

Purpose Statement: To create a fun and healthy framework to encourage exercise in a safe, convenient and climate controlled environment. To provide educational opportunities and information that promotes healthy lifestyles. FREE Presentations will be provided monthly in the Metrocenter Community Room on the 1st Thursday of each month at 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. (Located at the end of the hallway leading to the restrooms by the Food Court.) Please note: Presentations are for the purpose of providing FREE information. Presentations ARE NOT for the purpose of sales pitches.

December 4th
“Home Safety and Smoke Detectors” Presented by
Captain Robert E. Johnson , City of Phoenix Fire Department
FREE Blood Pressure Checks by CareMore Insurance at each Event.

Walker’s etiquette
First, check with your doctor to make sure you are healthy enough to walk regularly.
• Please walk on the upper level only until the mall opens at 9:30 a.m.
• Stay clear of any work that may be in process in the mall or mall parking lot.
• Watch out for your fellow walkers.
• Please patronize the mall merchants!
• Call 911 immediately if there is a medical emergency, and then contact mall security.
• For any other issues please contact Metrocenter Security at 602-944-0970.
• Finally... have fun!
For more info contact: MetrocenterWalkNTalk@gmail.com

TRIVIA ANSWER

Approximately 90% of American homes eat turkey on Thanksgiving

It’s hard to imagine Thanksgiving without a roasted turkey as the centerpiece of this traditional meal. Yet many Arizona families are facing that exact scenario.

St. Mary’s Food Bank and Safeway team up to help thousands of families enjoy a traditional holiday meal this Thanksgiving.

Arizona’s Biggest Turkey Drive is back!
See more at: http://www.firstfoodbank.org/news/arizonas-biggest-turkey-drive-is-back/7523
DEER VALLEY AIRPORT RESTAURANT HOLIDAY INFORMATION

We have made fresh, delicious home made food available to the Phoenix Metro area for over 20 years. Come in and try our delicious cooking goodness and you will come back again and again.

Deer Valley Airport Restaurant is proudly family owned and located in the terminal building of historic Deer Valley Airport where we have created a unique place to dine and eat well.

Thanksgiving: open 6:30 am to 3:00 pm
our specials is:
Roast Turkey w/ stuffing
Prime Rib
Baked Ham
all includes, potato, veg, mini loaf, soup or salad bar,
and a piece of pecan or pumpkin pie.
plus regular menu Items

We have Santa flying in on a helicopter
Saturday Nov 29th @ 10:00 am
Sunday Nov 30th @ 3:00 pm

Saturday Dec 6th @ 10:00 am
Sunday Dec 7th @ 3:00 pm

Saturday Dec 13th @ 10:00 am
Sunday Dec 14th @ 3:00 pm

Saturday Dec 20th @ 10:00 am
Sunday Dec 21st @ 3:00 pm

For additional information, please see the website at:
http://www.deervalleyairportrestaurant.com/index.html
YOU CAN CHANGE A CHILD’S LIFE

You can support your community by providing opportunities for thousands of amazing kids at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Phoenix. At twelve clubhouses in Phoenix and the West Valley, kids from tough neighborhoods have a safe place to play, caring mentors, hot meals, and programs to help kids be better students, athletes, artists and leaders.

Every dollar invested in the Club provides $19.33 in community benefits, including higher graduation rates, better jobs, lower crime, fewer unhealthy behaviors, and the freedom for low-income parents to work while knowing their kids are safe.

Arizona’s Tax Credits let you redirect your tax dollars. 100% of your money goes to programs you believe in and 100% comes back to you as a tax credit. You can make a huge difference to Arizona children by directing your tax dollars to the Working Poor Tax Credit (BGCMP) as well as the public and private school tax credits. For more information please go to:

https://give.bgcmp.org/believe-2014

Or contact Tim Emory at (602) 343-1204 – temory@bgcmp.org
Early Care and Education

Both research and common sense tell us high quality child care makes a difference. Children in high-quality child care settings fare better in school, and develop better language and social skills.

Quality child care settings include: safe, healthy environments; highly educated teachers; classrooms and materials that simulate children at different stages of learning; and, low staff to child ratios so that kids get the attention and support they need.

Through our signature programs, First Things First works to improve the quality of early education services in licensed child care centers and certified child care homes statewide.

First Things First Signature Programs

- **Quality First** – ensuring that licensed centers and certified child care homes are safe, engaging learning environments for kids.

- **T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Arizona** – tuition assistance so that those working with the youngest kids can enhance or expand their skills.

- **Professional REWARDS** - incentives to keep the best teachers working with our youngest kids.

Each year as Christmas approaches, Military Assistance Mission is contacted by benefactors who want to bring joy to the faces of our military families and wounded warriors, showing that their community cares about them. MAM’s Holidays for Heroes program facilitates the adoption of military families in need during the Christmas Holiday.

Military Assistance Mission is currently accepting applications of both sponsors and military or wounded warrior families interested in participating in this holiday adoption program.

For more information, please visit Military Assistance Mission at:
http://www.azmam.org/holidays-for-heroes.html
On Saturday, Oct. 25, Sandra Day O'Connor High School student and District 1 resident Quade Merrill celebrated “Make a Difference Day” by coordinating a cleanup at the northwest corner of 19th Avenue and Union Hills Drive. This project will also serve as Quade’s final community service project in pursuit of his Eagle Scout ranking. More than 30 volunteers, including Quade’s mom and dad, participated in the cleanup event. The team started at 7:30 a.m. and began weeding, raking and removing litter around the U.S. Post Office branch. By 10 a.m. the cleanup was complete and the busy corner was free of litter and looking great.

“Make a Difference Day,” a partnership of USA WEEKEND Magazine and Points of Light Foundation, was launched 20 years ago as an annual nationwide event to improve the lives of others. For more information, visit makeadifferenceday.com. To facilitate the project, Quade worked with Councilwoman Williams’ office, the Neighborhood Services Department and the City Manager's Citywide Volunteer Program.

If you would like to participate in a volunteer project in Phoenix, visit phoenix.gov/volunteer. If you have questions or ideas for a project you would like to lead, email volunteer@phoenix.gov.

Thanks to Quade and his volunteer team for making Phoenix shine!