Nov. 10, 2016

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

Update – Arizona Department of Corrections released the following information on Nov. 4

“The Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC) announced today that it will be adjusting programming at the Maricopa Reentry Center (MRC).

Going forward, MRC will continue accepting released offenders participating in the Intensive Treatment with Housing (ITH) and Sanctions programs.

The ITH program is a cognitive based, 90-day substance abuse treatment program. Offenders participating in this program work with licensed counselors and paraprofessionals to address their substance abuse problems and successfully reintegrate back into society.

Offenders remain on-site for services and do not leave the facility during the first 45 days of treatment. After 45 days, based on the individual’s program progress and behavior, they may earn limited passes to visit family and engage in prosocial activities (such as outside 12-Step meetings, job interviews, etc.).

The Sanctions program serves as an intervention technique with offenders who are violating the technical terms of their supervision status, but who are not committing new crimes or presenting a danger to the public.

Instead of returning to prison to await a revocation hearing, these offenders are sent to MRC for brief stays (typically 2-3 days) during which they remain on-site at the facility. They are only allowed to leave the premises to attend pre-existing employment. While in the sanctions program, offenders attend classes and complete assignments designed to help them rethink their decision making processes.

“We believe that these adjustments will address the neighborhood concerns while continuing to provide programming and services that will help reduce recidivism and promote public safety,” said Charles L. Ryan, ADC Director.
In the next 2-4 weeks, day reporting operations for offenders at MRC will be transitioned to another location. Effective immediately, no new offenders will be added to the Without Placement program at MRC. Moreover, within 90 days, offenders currently in the Without Placement program will no longer be at MRC. The department will continue to actively work with these offenders to identify housing options for them and to connect them with needed services.”

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 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. Thank you to everyone in the community who continues to follow what is happening and providing information to our office. I will continue to provide updates and information in this newsletter. - Councilwoman Williams

**CITY EVENTS**

**VETERANS DAY**

When did the United States begin celebrating Veterans Day?

Veterans Day originated as “Armistice Day” on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938.

*Thank you to all the Veterans, Service Members and Military Families, for your dedication and sacrifice, making safe this place in which we live. We are the land of the free because of the brave…*

**UPCOMING PUBLIC CITY MEETINGS**

- Sustainability, Housing, Efficiency and Neighborhood Subcommittee Meeting – Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 10:00 a.m. in Assembly Rooms A, B and C, Phoenix City Hall, 200 W. Washington St.
- City Council Policy Session – Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 2:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 200 West Washington St.
- North Mountain Village Planning Committee Meeting – Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the Cowden Center, 9202 North 2nd St.
• Zoning Adjustment Hearing – Thursday, Nov. 17 at 9:00 a.m. in Assembly Room C, Phoenix City Hall, 200 W. Washington St.
• Deer Valley Village Planning Committee Meeting – Thursday, Nov. 17 at 6:00 p.m. at the Deer Valley Community Center, 2001 W. Wahalla Lane.

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.

CITY NEWS

PHOENIX WELCOMES NEW POLICE CHIEF!

Jeri L. Williams, Police Chief, Phoenix Police Department

Jeri L. Williams was appointed Police Chief of the Phoenix Police Department on Oct. 28. She brings nearly three decades of law enforcement experience back to the agency where she began her law enforcement career.

From 2011 to 2016, Chief Williams served as the Police Chief for the City of Oxnard, California. In Oxnard, she managed with a focus on community based policing, oversaw the implementation of police body cameras, coordinated training on use of force, legal issues and technology topics for 300+ California law enforcement agencies and guided the department during several high-profile events including large-scale community protests.

Before her appointment in California, Chief Williams served 22 years with the Phoenix Police Department. She worked in nearly all divisions of the department and rose quickly through the ranks. She retired as an Assistant Police Chief where she managed approximately 1,000 employees, to include the Air Support Unit, the Community Relations Bureau, four Patrol Precincts, the Academy and the Special Assignments Unit.

Chief Williams is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA), and the Arizona Association of Chiefs of Police (AACOP).

In 2011, Chief Williams was the recipient of the Ventura County NAACP Pioneer Award; in 2013, she was selected as one of Arizona’s 48 Most Intriguing Women, and in 2016, she was recognized as California Assembly District 44 Woman of the Year for her leadership and outstanding accomplishments leading the Oxnard Police Department.
Chief Williams holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Fine Arts from Arizona State University and a Master’s Degree in Education from Northern Arizona University.

**CONSUMER ALERT: NEW SCAM TARGETING APS CUSTOMERS STATEWIDE**
- 90 incidents reported in last 10 days

APS issued a warning about a new scam where criminals masquerading as APS employees are calling customers demanding immediate payment of their electric bill under the threat of having their power turned off. Potential victims are instructed to purchase prepaid cards in a specific amount, and then call a special number to make the payment. In some instances, the call back number goes to an automated phone system that acts and sounds like the actual APS Customer Care Center.

While it is impossible to know how many customers have been targeted or have fallen for the scam, APS security has received reports of more than 90 incidents across the state in the past 10 days. APS encourages customers who have been targeted to report the incident to local law enforcement along with APS at 602-371-7171 or 800-240-2014 (outside metro-Phoenix).

To keep customers from becoming a victim of consumer scams, APS provides the following guidance:[https://support.aps.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/175]:

- APS never requires payment via a prepaid card.
- The only valid phone numbers to call the APS Customer Care Center are listed on customer bills and at aps.com.[http://www.aps.com/].
- If there is ever a question about the validity of an email, website or person claiming to be an APS representative, call the APS Customer Care Center immediately at 602-371-7171 to verify this information.
- Recognize the signs of a phishing email: mismatched fonts, missing hyperlinks, improper grammar and misspellings.
- Never share credit card information with an unverified source.

Customers who pay by credit card at aps.com.[http://www.aps.com/] will be directed to the KUBRA EZ-Pay website, which asks them to enter a "captcha" validation code. A "captcha" typically uses a set of letters and numbers that the user is required to manually retype and submit. Any other credit card payment site is fraudulent and should not be used.
**Proposed Downtown Alley Improvements Including Pilot Alley Activation Program and Pilot Alley Abandonment Process Improvements.**

The Planning & Development Department (PDD) worked with business owners, community members, utility companies and multiple city departments to develop a pilot program for Alley Activations and Alley Abandonment requests in the downtown area.

Business and community members are interested in encouraging more alleys to become activated throughout the downtown area. Activating alleys can improve aesthetics, safety and cleanliness of the alleys by adding artwork, improved lighting, shade elements, enhanced paving, landscape planters and temporary seating. The improvements focus on pedestrian comfort and aesthetic amenities that provide a sense of place and can create a gathering space.

The Downtown Alley Study Group was formed in September 2015 to examine best practices for evaluating and prioritizing alley right-of-way in downtown Phoenix. The approach was comprehensive, inclusive and developed functional opportunities to support a sustainable, vibrant downtown. The study group included stakeholders from community groups, developers, and business owners, in addition to city staff from Planning and Development, Public Works, Water Services, Street Transportation, Community and Economic Development, Neighborhood Services and the Mayor’s Office. The intention of the study group was to make it easier for community members, property owners and businesses to have a dialogue around new projects that have an existing alley on the property so that new projects help create a walkable, sustainable and vibrant downtown.

**Alley Activation**

The Downtown Alley Activation Pilot “fact finding” applications will be accepted by PDD staff. Two categories of activations included in the pilot program are Minor and Medium activations. Minor activations include elements that focus on cleanliness, aesthetics and safety. Typical upgrades include murals on building facades, screen walls, additional lighting installations, moveable chairs for temporary public seating, as well as artwork and landscape pots that are easily removed if access is needed. Medium activations may include new or enhanced entrances to existing businesses, new microretail opportunities facing the alley with the sole and primary entrances on the alley, and ornamental fencing at undeveloped lots, banners, artwork, shade screens and other visual elements.

Activated alleys will still accommodate full vehicular movement through the space. Downtown Alley Activation Pilot applicants will be required to 1) obtain signatures from adjacent property owners on a petition in support of the activation, 2) enter into a maintenance agreement if the scope of work warrants it, and 3) follow anti-graffiti design recommendations. Applicants will also notify business operators adjacent to the alley of the proposed improvements.

**Alley Abandonments**

Currently, for the Downtown Alley Abandonment process, only a sign is posted at the ends of the alley to announce the request for an abandonment, including the time, date and location of the public hearing. The
pilot program for Downtown Alley Abandonments will require increased public notification similar to the Zoning Adjustment process. The applicant will be required to contact registered neighborhood associations within 600 feet and property owners within 150 feet and communicate the reason the abandonment is being requested and the intent for the use of the space. At least one neighborhood meeting must be held to explain the abandonment request. In addition, Downtown Alley Abandonment criteria will be utilized to help evaluate the appropriateness of approving the abandonment and mitigating factors for the Abandonment Hearing Officer to complete a fact finding process.

**Phoenix Planned Major Street Restrictions – Updated November 10th, 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

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.

![Phoenix Public Library Logo](https://www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org)

**Job Fair!**

Goodwill of Central Arizona will be hosting a community job fair on Thursday, Nov. 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Ocotillo Library and Workforce Center 102 W. Southern Ave. in Phoenix. Bring copies of your resume and dress to interview.

For more information, visit www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org or call 602-262-4636.
**District 1 News & Events:**

**District 1 Community Breakfast**

The next breakfast will be held on Friday, Nov. 18, at the Radisson Hotel Phoenix North, 10220 N. Metro Parkway East, Phoenix, AZ 85051 (please note this is moved up due to Thanksgiving). Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. and the speaker starts at around 7:45 a.m. The guest this month is newly appointed Police Chief Jeri Williams. Please see the top of the newsletter for her bio.

Chief Williams was appointed Police Chief of the Phoenix Police Department on Oct. 28. She brings nearly three decades of law enforcement experience back to the agency where she began her law enforcement career.

**Councilwoman Williams Discusses Transportation Improvements in Latest "On the Issues"**

In her latest segment of "On the Issues," Councilwoman Thelda Williams focuses on transportation and the recent major expansion of service hours for the city’s buses, funded by Transit 2050 funds. While the expanded bus service has made it easier and more convenient for residents to get to work, school and shopping, it also has created career opportunities for drivers, mechanics and bus yard staff at the city’s contract bus operators. Phoenix Public Transit Department Director Maria Hyatt is on hand in the studio to discuss the current and planned improvements from Transit 2050, while Dave Todd, Assistant General Manager with Transdev Services, talks about their efforts to recruit new employees to fill the demand for expanded bus service.

The show is viewable online on the city’s YouTube channel at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EGyIXuYIuF0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EGyIXuYIuF0). It also will air on cable for the next several weeks on Ch. 11 on Cox and Ch. 8005 on Century Link Prism.

Viewers can reach the District 1 Council Office at 602-262-7444 or by e-mailing [council.district.1@phoenix.gov](mailto:council.district.1@phoenix.gov). More information on Council District 1 also is available online at [phoenix.gov/district1](http://phoenix.gov/district1). More council shows are viewable on the city’s YouTube channel accessible from the city website at [phoenix.gov](http://phoenix.gov).
Councilwoman Williams Honors Veterans

I was very proud to team with SSP American and the National Restaurant Association to present this proclamation honoring veterans in the food service industry this week. We were especially proud to honor Bill Hastings and we’re grateful for the businesses that support our veterans!

NEW NONPROFIT HELPING FAMILIES IN THE NORTH VALLEY

Web for Hope, a 501(c)3 nonprofit, hits the ground running by assisting Anthem residents in need. "Web for Hope is composed of a network of experienced, knowledgeable, and remarkable individuals who believe in and know the value of helping others. Web for Hope creates a 'web' of hope and help around deserving families with resources, education, financial assistance, and support so families achieve their true potential and in turn, give back to their community," said founder, Holly Matson. Web for Hope collaborates with local nonprofit organizations and businesses to assist families and to partner on community projects.

One such recipient was Landon, a 11-year-old with severe medical needs. Thanks to the dedication of Azteca Landscaping and Unique Landscapes, coupled with local fundraising and volunteers, Landon received a backyard he can play in without concern. "We cannot thank Azteca Landscaping enough for coordinating the project and for the countless donated hours, as well as for Unique Landscaping's design and product donation. Their partnership has opened up a new world of creativity and fun for Landon," said Matson.

Web for Hope, has launched an Adopt a Family Program to assist North Valley families in need by providing holiday festivities, food and gifts. "The holidays are a tough time for many families. Web for Hope believes that no child should have to go without a bit of holiday spirit," said Holly Matson, founder.

If you are a North Valley family in need this holiday season, email holly@webforhope.org with your contact information and situation. To join a Web for Hope volunteer support team, email your contact information to holly@webforhope.org. To learn more about Web for Hope, visit www.webforhope.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 Oct. 14 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 and estimated re-opening date, we will share it with you, so you can in turn share it with the community.”

GLENDALE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

The Glendale Union High School District recognizes military service members by displaying handwritten notes of thanks to those who have served or are serving our country. The high school district office also participates in this event to recognize service members in uniform. This tradition began in 2001 and continues to grow each year. Some schools work with the JROTC programs to collect and display cards; other schools string the cards together to create a banner that is then displayed on the school property, usually on a fence near the sidewalk so that the public can read the cards. The Glendale Union High School District is grateful for the sacrifices military personnel have made for our country.
On Nov. 8, voters approved a $98 million bond for the Washington Elementary School District. This funding will greatly enhance student safety, improve facilities and provide new technology to its students. The WESD truly values its residents and is very appreciative of their support of local schools. When our schools succeed, our neighborhoods thrive and when our neighborhoods thrive, so do our businesses and local communities. The WESD thanks you for your support.

WESD will host a Teacher Interview Fair on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2016 to hire teachers for the 2017-2018 school year. The fair will from 8:30 a.m. to Noon at the WESD Administrative Center, 4650 W. Sweetwater Ave., Glendale, 85304. Contracts for the 2017-2018 school year will be offered to qualified candidates. For more information, contact the WESD Recruitment Office at 602-347-3598 or email angela.oransky@wesdschools.org.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION

The Orpheum Theatre has received several capital upgrades and enhancements over the summer, which will assist in preserving the historic theater for years to come. The improvements include new carpeting, new roof and new HVAC and building automation controls. These investments will allow the Orpheum Theatre to continue serving as the Valley’s premier concert venue and historical entertainment destination.

NEIGHBORHOODS AND LIVABILITY

A total of 55 children, teens and adults attended “FitPhx: Energy Zone” at Harmon and Yucca libraries this week. FitPHX Energy Zone is a free healthy activity and food program for students ages 10 to 14. The program is a collaboration between the City of Phoenix, Obesity Solutions Mayo Clinic/ASU and Maricopa County Public Health.

On Oct. 28, the Information Security and Privacy Office partnered with the Community and Economic Development Department on “Protecting Your Business,” a Cyber Security Forum for small and medium-sized businesses. The goal of the event was to provide outreach to these businesses on how law enforcement and cyber security organizations can help them to protect their businesses from the very real threat of cyber-attacks. Approximately 40 business representatives attended.
On Oct. 24, the Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture hosted the Joint Arts Education Conference at Herberger Theatre Center in partnership with the Arizona Commission on the Arts and the Arizona Department of Education. More than 200 attendees were present for the morning keynote and panel discussion about school reform through arts education, then 150 attendees stayed for the full-day conference programming.

**Financial Excellence**

The City recently received a $32,300 rebate from Arizona Public Service for a recently completed energy efficiency project at the Calvin C. Goode Building. The project consisted of retrofitting all interior fluorescent lighting to LED lighting. The Phoenix Fire Department has accepted grant funds from the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety in the amount of $135,832. This grant will benefit the Child Passenger Safety Program, the Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Program, and the Choose to Survive High School Program.

**Social Services Delivery**

Human Services staff recently met with reKindle Charity, a work program to assist homeless people gain skills and employment to earn money. The organization has hired several homeless residents at the Human Services Campus to clean up the trash and blight in the area around the facilities. The clients were provided with gift cards as payment. Staff seeks to see how we can possibly coordinate with this group in continuing a blight reduction project and partner to secure additional resources and assistance.

Human Services staff recently helped plan Missing in Arizona Day 2016, which will be held on Nov. 5, at the Arizona State University West College Campus. Law Enforcement will be on hand to take reports and gather information and identifiers (DNA, medical records, fingerprints, photographs, etc.) from families of missing persons. Families are encouraged to bring medical and dental records of their missing loved ones. A support group will be held from noon to 2 p.m. for family members with a missing loved one. There will also be a candle-lighting ceremony to honor the missing at 3 p.m. There are currently 2,000 missing persons in Arizona, 84,000 missing nationally and 600,000 reported missing nationally every year. In Arizona, there are 1,400 unidentified remains and 40,000 in the United States.

**Infrastructure**

The Desert Botanical Gardens is expanding their park features as they work through a multi-year master plan. The 5,327-square-foot greenhouse structure will be outfitted with automated solar shade panels mounted on the overhead structural grid system above. The panels will move with the sun to provide both sunlight and shade as well as power to operate the system. The site also includes a 21,000-square-foot desert conservation lab and an 1,869-square-foot learning center classroom. Staff is currently engaged in rough electrical, structural and plumbing inspections on the learning center building.

Construction continues on the Avenida Rio Salado Project, Broadway Road from 51st Avenue to 7th Street. Street Transportation contractor is installing a 12-inch water main along Broadway Road from
27th to 19th Avenues. The contractor is removing the fence and asphalt along the south side of Broadway Road between 35th and 27th Avenues. Curb, sidewalk and street light installation is in progress. The traffic signal has been activated at 51st Avenue and Broadway Road. The roadway is now open to traffic from 51st to 43rd Avenues. The overall completion for this phase of the project is anticipated for late January 2017.

The 99th Avenue Interceptor is a multi-owner interceptor governed by an intergovernmental agreement among the cities of Glendale, Peoria, Tolleson and Phoenix. The 99th Avenue interceptor includes more than 12 miles of large diameter (36-inch to 72-inch diameter) PVC-lined concrete pipelines and rehabilitation of more than 2,600 linear feet of sewer and 115 manholes. The low bid was $1,929,413.14, which was less than the engineer’s estimate of $2,122,709. The Request for Council Action will be on Nov. 30 City Council date.

On Oct. 18, Water Services staff replaced a valve in the area of 7200 N. 7th Ave. This valve was replaced as a part of the valve preventative maintenance program that ensures reliable infrastructure performance. The replacement took three days of planning due to the reverse double yellow lane on Seventh Avenue; all 20 residential homes affected in the shutdown were notified 24 hours in advance. Southbound traffic on Seventh Avenue was restricted to two lanes after morning rush hour so staff could complete the excavation and replacement of the four-inch line valve and a four-inch tee. The water main was isolated for four hours while the replacement took place. The job was completed and barricades picked up before the evening rush hour.

**FOLLOW COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS ON TWITTER!**

Thelda is tweeting! Follow her @TheldaWilliams1.

**GREAT CHARITIES TO DONATE TO:**

**ANIMAL CRUELTY TASK FORCE:** Need cases of water, 5 lb. bags of dog/cat food, bowls, towels, collars and leashes. Bring items to our DVPNBWO / BMCA Meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the DVCC or drop them off anytime at the Black Mountain Precinct at 33355 North Cave Creek Road, Phoenix AZ, 85331.
ANTHEM PETS  Animal Rescue: A Voice for the Voiceless  
http://anthempets.org/  480-287-3542

ARIZONA PAWS & CLAWS  www.azpawsandclaws.com

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

M.A.I.N.  What We Do - M.A.I.N. - Medical Animals In Need, Dog Rescue in Phoenix Arizona  
Kelly Ferreira  480-245-9203 President / Medical Animals In Need  
www.medicalanimalsinneed.com  Together we save lives!

MINI MIGHTY MUTTS  For more information, contact Angie Crouse at 480-304-5654 or  info@minimightymutts.com  
Also check out our website at www.minimightymutts.com  Mini Mighty Mutts is a 501(c) 3 organization. We rescue the underdog!

OPERATION CARE FOOD BANK  located in North Phoenix, a non-profit Christian organization committed to helping those in need with food and clothing.  
For additional information, please call 602-866-0135, or visit:  
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