

July 27, 2018

# **CITY EVENTS**

# UPCOMING PUBLIC CITY MEETINGS

- Phoenix City Council Special Formal Meeting 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1 in Phoenix City Council Chambers, 200 W. Washington St.
- Zoning Adjustment Hearing (Revised) 9:00 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 2 in Assembly Room C, Phoenix City Hall, 200 W. Washington St.

For more information on these and all other public City meetings visit: <a href="https://www.phoenix.gov/cityclerk/publicmeetings/notices">https://www.phoenix.gov/cityclerk/publicmeetings/notices</a>.

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## **DISTRICT 1 EVENTS:**

### DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST



Next month's breakfast will be on Friday, Sept. 28 at the DoubleTree Hotel Phoenix North, located at 10220 N. Metro Pkwy E., Phoenix, AZ 85051. Breakfast will be at 7:30 a.m. and the speaker will start at around 7:45 a.m.

Please note: There is no breakfast meeting in August.

# **CITY NEWS & EVENTS:**



# Phoenix Fire Department Fire Station 55 Building Design Review



The City of Phoenix Fire Department invites you to attend a public meeting to view design plans for the new Fire Station No. 55 to be built at 27th Avenue and Jomax Road in 2019.

Tuesday, July 31, 2018 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Goelet A. C. Beuf Community Center 3435 W. Pinnacle Peak Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85027

There will be a brief presentation and an opportunity to examine important design elements of the fire station.

Fire and life safety information will be available.

Groundbreaking is expected to begin this fall (2018).





To request a reasonable accommodation please call Anna Bahadar at 602-256-3149

# HOUSING DEPARTMENT RECEIVES GRANT TO TRANSFORM PHOENIX NEIGHBORHOOD



The city of Phoenix Housing Department has been awarded a \$30 million Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to improve a community with the largest concentration of public housing in the state. The funds will be used to transform the Edison-Eastlake community into a vibrant mixed-income neighborhood.

"This grant will increase our ability to provide a mix of affordable housing options and bring needed improvements to the Edison-Eastlake neighborhood," said Mayor Thelda Williams. "It's an opportunity to reshape Edison-Eastlake and build on its assets to improve livability and quality of life for its residents."

The implementation grant will redevelop public housing and stimulate economic growth in the area near St. Luke's Hospital and Edison Park, 18<sup>th</sup> and Van Buren streets. It will link housing redevelopment with new amenities, upgraded infrastructure and social services; and will ensure that the Edison-Eastlake community benefits, and builds on, the local transit-oriented development opportunities.

"The Choice Neighborhoods Grant is the single most important step that the Phoenix Housing Department has taken to increase the supply of affordable housing in Phoenix," said Councilwoman Kate Gallego, the Chair of the Housing Subcommittee. "This important grant helps hundreds of residents have access to quality housing and will set a new standard for community-driven economic investment."

The Edison-Eastlake community is a distressed, low-income neighborhood that includes 577 aged, obsolete public housing units and many vacant lots.

For the past two years, the Housing Department has worked with residents, businesses and community organizations on a comprehensive neighborhood transformation plan required for a Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant.

The resulting "One Vision Plan" provides the framework to radically reshape the Edison-Eastlake community into a vibrant gateway to downtown Phoenix, deconcentrate poverty and expand quality affordable housing opportunities for the long-term.

For more information about the Choice Neighborhoods program, visit <a href="https://www.hud.gov/cn">https://www.hud.gov/cn</a>

## CITY OF PHOENIX BOOSTS SALT AND VERDE ALLIANCE

Ensuring Reliable, Clean Water Supplies for Three Million People in the Valley

The Phoenix City Council has approved a three-year partnership with The Nature Conservancy aimed at protecting flows and improving water quality in the Salt and Verde Rivers.

Through this partnership, Phoenix will join and invest \$100,000 per year in the Salt and Verde Alliance: *Healthy Rivers, Healthy Communities*. Phoenix was the first municipality to support the Alliance with a multi-year investment.

The Nature Conservancy, a leading conservation organization working to protect important lands and waters for both people and nature, convened a historic meeting of fourteen rivershed communities in 2016 that led to the creation of the Salt and Verde Alliance. The Alliance serves as a way for communities, corporations and foundations to invest in river-friendly projects that improve watershed protection, the quantity of flow and the quality of water in the Salt and Verde Rivers.

"A reliable water supply is critical to public health and economic prosperity in Phoenix," said Mayor Thelda Williams. "By protecting and improving our watersheds, the Salt and Verde Alliance Fund aides long-term water security. Phoenix is proud to lead the way as the first municipality to partner with The Nature Conservancy on this fund."

"We appreciate that Phoenix took the lead in helping us create collective action around the protection of the Salt and Verde Rivers," said Pat Graham, State Director, The Nature Conservancy in Arizona. "The extended drought has seen river flows decline by thirty-five percent. The time to act is now. Healthy rivers are essential to a healthy economy as well as countless benefits to people such as clean water and air, food security and beautiful places we enjoy."

The Salt and Verde River watersheds encompass 13,000 square miles in the eastern and north central portions of Arizona. These watersheds feed The Salt and Verde Rivers, which are vital surface water supplies to downstream users in the greater Phoenix metropolitan areas. The City of Phoenix obtains more than one-half of its raw water supply from these rivers.

Since its inception, the Salt and Verde Alliance has completed several projects, including:

- Thinning 1,600 acres of forests across four project areas within the Kaibab National and Coconino National Forest to reduce wildfire risk in the Verde watershed.
- Increasing water supply by approximately 40,150 acre-feet in the Verde River by implementing projects that benefit local farmers, create water savings, improve water quality and management and reduce future river impacts.

Over the next 3 years, the Alliance aims to thin an additional 12,000 acres of forest and increase water supply through infrastructure improvements.

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## A MESSAGE FROM CHIEF WILLIAMS

We kicked off this year with a commitment to our departmental goals outlined in the 2017-2019 Strategic Plan. I'm taking this opportunity to provide a mid-year update on a few key measures, including Crime Suppression and Prevention, Hiring, and Employee Well-Being.

Crime Suppression and Prevention. Thanks to an enhanced Crime Gun Intelligence Center within the Violent Crimes Bureau, we are solving more gun cases and getting violent offenders off the street. We've identified opportunities to improve communication and resource sharing across our investigative details which has led to a greater ability to connect outstanding cases and more quickly identify repeat offenders. The work ethic of your patrol officers, detectives, and forensic staff has brought up the clearance rate in our Homicide Unit to 62%!

**Hiring.** Meeting our employee hiring goals remains an ongoing commitment for us. Maintaining appropriate employee levels for both sworn and civilian staff translates into effective service for our community. We currently manage 2,937 sworn staff and are regularly holding written and physical exams to identify new officers. Last year brought a big win for us with the hiring of 14 new police assistants. The new group has responded to 9,000 calls for service, taken nearly 1,800 reports and handled 570 traffic collisions. I am told almost daily by our officers how much they are appreciated and the impact they are making, especially in addressing our goals for call response times. Our Communications staff has also grown significantly throughout the year due to focused recruiting for operators.

**Employee Well-Being.** There's no question that careers in law enforcement are challenging. Mental health and wellness is paramount for the safety of both officers and residents. I'm proud to share that we have recently partnered with Crisis Prevention and Recovery (CPR). CPR is a local agency with trained professionals who can provide our officers the support they need. They will also respond to critical incidents to provide on-site assistance during those stressful situations.

We have a lot planned for the remainder of the year. The City Council approved two new measures that will help us as we work to improve safety and increase officer training. We'll embark on a study to identify reasons why we have seen an increase in officer involved shootings. This collaborative study will partner Arizona State University and the National Police Foundation on a project we expect to be completed by the end of this year. We will also begin working with the National Training Institute on Race and Equity (NTIRE) to restore cultural competency training for our sworn staff.

We appreciate the continued support of our community and our volunteers as we work to be the police department you expect and deserve. My call to you is to get engaged or stay engaged if you are already involved. The goal of a safe city cannot be reached without everyone doing their part. We need residents to participate in Block Watch and the Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol programs. There's room for more youth to become Cadets and learn about how we serve our community. Register the cameras at your home or business in our Virtual Block Watch Program.

We look forward to working with you to meet more of our goals throughout the rest of the year.

# PHOENIX TO HOST 2024 NCAA MEN'S FINAL FOUR

FINAL FOUR

Phoenix will be the site of the 2024 the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Final Four, marking the second Final Four in the city's history. This will be the seventh time the Phoenix/Glendale area has hosted the tournament, with the last time being the 2017 Final Four, when North Carolina edged Gonzaga for the championship after losing in the title game in heartbreaking fashion the prior season. This will be just the second Final Four to take place in the western part of the country since 1995.

"We are thrilled for the opportunity to host another successful Final Four. In 2017, City of Phoenix staff, public safety officials, and community leaders came together to produce an exceptional-and safe-experience for college basketball fans. We are grateful to the NCAA for again selecting Phoenix to host an event that brought an economic and tourism boost to our region," said Phoenix Mayor Thelda Williams.

# MISTED BUS SHELTER PILOT PROGRAM

The Phoenix Transit Department has installed a new bus shelter equipped with a misting system on northbound Central Avenue, just north of Indian School Road. This is a pilot project connected to Phoenix's role as a Champion City in the 2018 Bloomberg Philanthropies Mayors Challenge, which provided funds for the misting equipment.

The mister-equipped shelter is a result of feedback received from Phoenix residents during outreach conducted by city staff and ASU professors and students at workshops and meetings related to the Mayors Challenge.

This is the only location identified to take part in the pilot project, and was selected because it is west facing more than eight hours of direct sun a day, frequently used because it's near light rail and Route 41 (Indian School Road), and adjacent to a transit-owned irrigation system (water source).

The misting system will be turned on daily between 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. starting Friday, July 27, and continue for a minimum of two weeks. There are six very low-flow misting heads attached to the front of the bus shelter; staff will closely monitor water use.

Members of the ASU team will interview bus riders during times the mister is turned on for their opinions about the misted shelter, and other heat related issues.

### KNOW WHAT'S BELOW BEFORE DIGGING



August 11<sup>th</sup> is National 811 Day – the perfect day to remind you to always call before you dig! Have you ever wondered what the different colored markings on roads or in yards are? They're a sign that a contractor or homeowner has put safety first and had utility lines identified prior to excavation.

Utility lines that serve the community with vital services such as natural gas, electricity, sewer and water can be buried anywhere. Striking a utility line not only poses a safety risk, but can also cause an interruption of service to customers.

The City of Phoenix and Southwest Gas encourage homeowners and contractors to call 811 or go online using E-Stake at <a href="http://www.811az.com/irthonecall/logon.aspx">http://www.811az.com/irthonecall/logon.aspx</a> to request a utility line locate at least two full working days prior to digging.

# PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S 2018 FALL PROGRAMS REGISTRATION

Registration for the Parks and Recreation Department's 2018 fall programs, activities, sports leagues and free codePHX classes opens on August 2 at 6:30 p.m. Additionally, registration is open now for Phoenix Afterschool Center (PAC) for the 2018-19 school year. PAC is available at 37 school sites throughout the city. Registration info is available online at <a href="https://www.phoenix.gov/parks">www.phoenix.gov/parks</a>.

# **Phoenix**PublicLibrary



### HYDRATE PHOENIX

Take part in a five-week series workshop offered through Watershed Management Group to hydrate your neighborhood. Learn how to design an earth-friendly yard using simple earthworks and low-water-use plants. Each presentation includes a mini-project to create an action plan for your home. Join us for your favorite topic, or attend the full series. **Burton Barr Central Library** Wednesdays Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 6 to7:30 pm. To register for a class, visit <a href="https://www.phoenix.gov/water">www.phoenix.gov/water</a> or call 602-261-8367. Walk-ins are welcome as long as space permits.

## CHANGES TO CURRENT STREET AND MOBILE VENDING RULES

As a result of a new State law (HB 2371), changes to current street and mobile vending rules for vendors dispensing food or beverages and other incidental retail items from a vehicle will take effect on Aug. 3, 2018.

For additional information about vending licenses, visit the License Services web site under VENDING at <a href="https://www.phoenix.gov/cityclerk/services/licensing/regbusinfo/vending">https://www.phoenix.gov/cityclerk/services/licensing/regbusinfo/vending</a>.

# PHOENIX PLANNED MAJOR STREET RESTRICTIONS – UPDATED JULY 27.

To view a listing of the latest planned major street restrictions please visit this link: https://www.phoenix.gov/streetssite/Pages/Planned-Street-Closures-and-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 <u>@PHXStreetTrans</u>.

# **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

# Legislative

During the week of July 9, the League of Arizona Cities and Towns completed its resolution subcommittee work, forwarding a number of potential state legislative items to August's Resolution Committee. The proposals include expediting the state's rulemaking process for sober living home licensing, the creation of a 9-1-1 study committee, updating impact fee statutes, and the licensure of short-term rental properties. Proposals that are added to the League's state legislative agenda require the approval of a majority of the 91 cities and towns that comprise the Committee.

The transition of the Phoenix Fire VHF radio system onto the Regional Wireless Cooperative (RWC) Network is continuing to make progress. This transition will benefit the Phoenix Fire Staff and their partners along with the RWC by centralizing the operations, maintenance, and management of this important piece of public safety infrastructure along with the existing RWC system. Formal approval to bring the Phoenix Fire VHF radio system under the governance of the RWC is scheduled for the November RWC board meeting.

# **Economic Development & Education**

On July 13-21, Phoenix Canstruction® was held at the Phoenix Convention Center West Building to benefit St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance and help fight hunger across Arizona. Canstruction® is an international

community service event, where design teams compete to build structures entirely out of canned food. This event was free and open to the public.

On July 17-21, the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) drew over 15,000 participants from across the country each year including top leaders from government, business, and the Latino community.

On July 12, the Phoenix Afterschool Center (PAC) program began registration for the 2018-19 school year. This program is hosted at 37 different school sites throughout Phoenix and can accommodate over 2,000 youth, ages 6 to 13, per day. Key program components include physical activity, arts and crafts, culture, homework help, nutrition education, game time and a variety of other age-appropriate activities. This program provides a positive recreational and educational environment during the crucial afterschool hours of 2 to 6 p.m.

# Neighborhoods and Livability

Planning and Development staff held a pre-application meeting for a proposed 6,546 square foot eight-unit multi-family apartment building in the Coronado Historic neighborhood district at 2241 N. Dayton St. Several zoning code variances were identified for the proposed design.

Following a massive fire that destroyed the entire Safeway building at 35th Avenue and Northern, and in coordination with Fire staff, Inspections Division staff responded early morning on July 12, to post the building as unsafe. Staff advised the Safeway representative and the complex landlord of required structural engineer evaluations, permits, inspections and utility clearances required to restore tenants within the strip mall and to access the interior of the building. A video was posted on the Inspectors' role in safety. <a href="https://youtu.be/M4SeAYpw2k">https://youtu.be/M4SeAYpw2k</a>

Planning and Development staff worked very closely with the general contractor and owner of SkyZone at 4857 E. Greenway Roadd. to open under a temporary certificate of occupancy (TCO). With the opening event scheduled and more than 250 individuals signed up, inspectors performed multiple daily inspections the week of and worked closely with the design professional to resolve existing site condition compliance issues. SkyZone was able to open within two hours of their scheduled event, as inspection staff returned after hours to approve the TCO.

On July 11, fourteen members of the public participated in the Electronic Plan Review Workshop, a two-hour workshop on Electronic Plan Review (EPR). Planning and Development staff led the hands-on training to familiarize our customers with the EPR process. Due to the popularity of the topic, there is an additional EPR workshop planned next month to try and accommodate the large number of people on the waitlist. The next EPR workshop is scheduled for August 8. This is the first of a series of workshops planned over the coming year to educate and provide opportunities for customers of PDD to learn more about the development process

# **Social Services Delivery**

Information Technology Services staff members, along with Neighborhood Services (NSD) technology staff, are providing training for PHX CARES Customer Relationship Management application that automates the intake and processing of homelessness-related issues from residents. The departments going through the training process include staff members from NSD, Housing, Police, Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Street Transportation, Public Transit and Library. PHX CARES' internal soft launch date is tentatively scheduled for July 23. The soft launch will allow staff to migrate data in preparation for the public launch tentatively scheduled for Aug. 1.

Aviation staff are working on Elite Airways' new service from Phoenix to Bullhead City and Rochester, Minnesota. Aviation is also working with Elite Airways on a welcome event at the gate for the first arriving flight on July 19.

As of last week, 257,326 bottles of water have been distributed to community partners. New partner to this year's campaign, City of Phoenix Crime Lab Charities, donated 83 cases of water and \$693.

On Aug. 23, Human Resources staff, in partnership with Arizona@Work, will be attending the PHXWorks DisABILITY Job Fair, from 10 a.m. to noon at Burton Barr Library. The DisABILITY Job Fair is hosted in partnership with Burton Barr Library and DES Arizona Rehabilitation Services Administration to provide an opportunity for people with disabilities to meet with employers and agencies having the shared goal of helping people with disabilities obtain meaningful employment.

#### Infrastructure

New transit furniture manufacturing continues by Talis Construction Corp. with the installation of six more shelters this week. The total amount of new bus shelters installed for calendar year 2018 is 41.

Street Transportation staff hosted the first of three working group meetings to discuss the complete streets design guidelines. This effort is in response to direction from the Citizen's Transportation Commission and the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee to solicit greater stakeholder comment and to perform a cost analysis. Approximately 30 people attended the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for July 31.

Fifty-one trees were recently installed along the medians and shoulders of Baseline Road between 32nd Street and 48th Street as part of the City's Tree Replacement Program.

# **NEWS & EVENTS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT:**

# DEER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS



## Arizona Department of Education's "A" Schools

When the Arizona Department of Education finalized the A through F letter grades, five DVUSD schools had their grades adjusted to the next higher grade. That brings the number of schools receiving an "A" rating to 16 Deer Valley schools. three of our DVUSD schools were recently honored with an "A."

Congratulations to Principal Tricia Graham, Assistant Principal Ryan Schoonover, and the staff of Canyon Springs School.

Congratulations to Principal Jody Brammer and the staff of Greenbrier Elementary School.

Congratulations to Principal Carrie Mabee, Assistant Principal Danielle Ware, and the staff of Stetson Hills School.



# WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS



# Register Now for the 2018-2019 School Year!

The new school year begins Monday, Aug 6. Beat the rush and register today! The WESD provides an exceptional educational experience for students pre-kindergarten through eighth grades, including Head Start preschool, 4-year-old enrichment programs, free, all-day kindergarten for our youngest learners and art, music and PE for all. Gifted and resources services are available for to meet

the needs of all students.

To register, visit our Welcome and Registration Center at 3200 W. Cholla Monday through Friday between 7:15 a.m. and 5 p.m. To expedite the process, you can complete an enrollment form online at

https://www.wesdschools.org/domain/55 For more information, please call 602-896-6950. We look forward to your child joining the WESD Family!

#### New Teachers Welcomed to the WESD

WESD is home to the longest running teacher induction program in Arizona, BEGIN (Beginning Educators Growing In New Skills). This week, cadre leaders welcomed new teachers to their first session



of the year at the Administrative Center, followed by lunch at Peter Piper Pizza. BEGIN recognizes the challenges new teachers often face, and serves



to improve new teacher performance, impact student achievement, increase retention and promote personal and professional well-being. We welcome our newest educators to the #WESDFamily!

# WESD Offering 4-year-old Program at Abraham Lincoln Traditional School

Attention parents! We are excited to announce the opening of a new KidSpace 4-year-old Enrichment program at Abraham Lincoln Traditional School! Abraham Lincoln will join our four current locations — Chaparral Elementary, Lookout Mountain Elementary, Roadrunner Elementary and Orangewood School - in providing convenient and affordable options. If you have a 4-year-old child, or know a 4-year old child, he or she is not going to want to miss the extraordinary fun and learning this 2018-19 school year! Spaces are limited, so call 602-896-6967 for more information today! You can also find information at https://www.wesdschools.org/Page/50

# FOLLOW DISTRICT 1 COUNCILWOMAN AND MAYOR THELDA WILLIAMS ON TWITTER!

Thelda is tweeting! Follow her @TheldaWilliams1



## **GREAT CHARITIES TO DONATE TO:**

#### ARIZON HUMANE SOCIETY

http://www.azhumane.org/get-involved/give-now/

#### **CHILDHELP**

2120 N Central Ave #130, Phoenix, AZ 85004 https://www.childhelp.org/ 602- 271-4500

**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: info@operationcarefoodbank.org

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