DISTRICT 1 NEWS & EVENTS:

D1 RESIDENT APPOINTED TO CITY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Three citizen volunteers were appointed on September 3rd to serve on Phoenix Boards & Commissions. Congratulations to Laura Robins (Neighborhood Block Watch Oversight Committee), Trilese DeLio (Deer Valley Village Planning Committee) and Larry Herrera (North Mountain Village Planning Committee). Thank you for volunteering your time and talent to serve the city and its residents.

(From L-R: Laura Robins, Trilese DeLeo, Councilwoman Williams and Larry Herrera)

DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Our next Community Breakfasts will be held Friday, September 26, 2014 at Deer Valley Airport Restaurant. Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. and the speakers 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.

Guest Speakers for September will be Rusty Mitchell, Director of the Luke Air Force Base Community Initiatives Team, and John Wayne Gonzales from the City of Phoenix Office of Government Relations.

G.A.I.N. KICKOFF EVENT

Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (G.A.I.N.) will be officially celebrated on Saturday, October 18, 2014 at numerous events around Phoenix. The purpose of G.A.I.N. is to heighten community awareness and involvement, generate support and participation in local anti-crime efforts, strengthen community relations and send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized to prevent crime.
In preparation for the October 18th G.A.I.N. event, the annual G.A.I.N. Kick-Off event will be held at MetroCenter on Saturday October 4, 2014 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. This event provides an opportunity for neighborhood organizations, Block Watch groups and other community members to meet at a centralized location and interact with officers and other city department representatives that provide services in their neighborhoods.

In order to register for G.A.I.N. participation, an online registration form is available at: https://www.phoenix.gov/policesite/Documents/eng_GAIN.pdf#search=G%2EA%2EI%2E%20registration. A list of the participating events being held throughout Phoenix will be available in our newsletter in the second week of October. Please call Officer Deb Iodice, Phoenix Police Dept at 602.534.2346 for more information.

**GET YOUR TICKETS FOR THE 6TH ANNUAL PIONEER HARVEST BALL**

On Saturday October 25, 2014 at 6pm at Turf Paradise I am hosting the Pioneer Harvest Ball to raise funds for the Pioneer Living History Village. A regular destination for over 35,000 school children each year, Pioneer Village features over 90 acres of historically accurate reproductions of an 1800s-era Territorial Arizona town. The Pioneer Living History Village has operated on a not-for-profit basis since its opening in 1969. Generous support from businesses and community members is needed to restore existing buildings and erect new buildings to house major historical donations. Tickets for the Harvest Ball are $100 (at least 65% of which is tax deductible). The event includes dinner, live music and a silent auction. Please join us. Your support is greatly needed and appreciated. Please call my office for information regarding tickets at 602-262-7444 or email us at council.district.1@phoenix.gov.

![Pioneer Living History Village](image)

**CITY NEWS & EVENTS**

**FREE FAIR HOUSING WORKSHOPS OFFERED**

Housing providers, including landlords, leasing agents, realtors and property managers, are invited to attend free fair housing workshops offered by the Equal Opportunity Department at the Calvin C. Goode Municipal Building, 251 W. Washington St., 10th floor, room CCG West.

- 9 a.m. to noon – Thursday, Sept. 18
The three-hour workshops provide information about fair housing practices and laws and explain housing discrimination investigations from the experts who conduct them. Fair housing practices apply to apartments, houses, condominiums and mobile home parks. The workshops are presented in partnership with the Southwest Fair Housing Council and offer ADRE-authorized fair housing REALTOR® re-licensing credit. It is illegal for housing providers to discriminate against tenants, rental applicants or customers on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, familial status or sexual orientation.

Registration is required. Call 602-262-7486/voice or 602-534-1557/TTY to register or for general information.

NEXT WEEK’S PUBLIC CITY MEETINGS

- Phoenix City Council Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee – Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in Phoenix City Hall, 1st Floor Atrium, Assembly Rooms A, B & C, 200 W. Washington Street.
- Planning Commission – Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 200 West Jefferson Street.
- Phoenix City Council Public Safety and Veterans Subcommittee – Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in Phoenix City Hall, 1st Floor Atrium, Assembly Rooms A, B & C, 200 W. 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.

Follow Councilwoman Williams on Twitter!

Thelda is tweeting! Follow her @TheldaWilliams1.

TRIVIA

A rope burns non-uniformly for exactly one hour. How do you measure 45 minutes, given two such ropes.

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NIGHT FLYING AT LUKE AIR FORCE BASE

Luke Air Force Base will increase night flying throughout the month of August. F-16 student pilots from multiple squadrons are scheduled to fly Monday through Friday until approximately 11:30 p.m.
each day. This night flying will not involve F-35s and is not scheduled to occur on Saturdays and Sundays. Nighttime flight training is an integral phase for students. Learning this critical skill over Arizona’s skies ensures the pilots’ safety and mission success while supporting combat operations around the world. While Luke AFB reserves the right to fly 24 hours a day if needed, the base has been successful in minimizing late-night flights to reduce the impact on West Valley and neighboring communities. For more information, please contact Maj. Matt Hasson with 56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs at (623) 856-4997.

**Pinnacle Peak Road Update**

Contractor work continues with concrete sidewalk and driveway placement along the south side of Pinnacle Peak Road from 55th Avenue to 45th Avenue. In the upcoming weeks, crews will install new street light poles, complete remaining concrete sidewalk and driveway installation and complete landscape irrigation installation. The anticipated completion is mid November 2014. The project is approximately 75% complete and on budget.

**City Manager’s Weekly Report**

**Legislative**

The League of Arizona Cities and Towns Annual Conference was held at the Sheraton Downtown Phoenix Hotel from August 26 to August 29, 2014. More than 1,000 mayors, councilmembers, and municipal staff from throughout the state participated in policy and training sessions focused on enhancing local government. The last time Phoenix hosted the League Conference was in 2002.

**Economic Development & Education**

On September 17, 2014, the Phoenix Convention Center will host the annual AZBio awards to celebrate the successes of the state's bioscience industry. One of the awardees will be Phoenix-based Pinnacle Transplant Technologies located in Council District 1. They manufacture innovative allografts for transplants and are dedicated to being an industry-leading tissue bank. AZBio is the state's bioscience industry association dedicated to moving Arizona's biosciences business community and member organizations forward.

Planning and Development staff conducted a pre-application meeting for the 7th Street and Thunderbird Assisted Living and Memory Care Facility formerly approved and platted for condos. There are two buildings proposed. This site is located in a flood plain so the applicant will work with the City's Floodplain staff to set elevations and flow parameters prior to submitting for preliminary approval.

Planning and Development staff granted preliminary approval for the Walmart Supercenter at Metrocenter through the streamlined Option 2 process. The retail center is going through rezoning to a Planned Unit Development. This project was submitted and complies with the current Regional Shopping Center zoning. This project will demolish the current building portion formerly occupied by Broadway Southwest and construct a larger building detached from the mall building.
Approximately 109 future business owners attended “Business Road Map” entrepreneurial programs this week at Hive @ central at Burton Barr Central Library (1221 N. Central Ave.). Workshops, facilitated in English and Spanish, included “Getting the Word Out” and “Treat Your Customers Right.” The programs were made possible by a grant administered by the Arizona State Library with funding provided from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Public Information and Community and Economic Development are working with the Greater Phoenix Economic Council and the Chamber to develop a special section which will appear in the North American edition of the December 22, 2014 issue of Fortune magazine. The sections will likely feature economic development efforts in the city of Phoenix, including small businesses and Fortune 500 companies.

The Historic Commission held its monthly meeting on August 18. It recommended approval of the Farmers & Stockmens Bank at 5001 E. Washington Street for the Phoenix Historic Property Register. The Planning Commission will hear the case on September 9. The Commission also heard an update on the Capitol/I-10 West Light Rail Extension project. Representatives from the Executive Towers at 2nd Avenue and Clarendon asked about designation on the Phoenix Register.

**FINANCIAL EXCELLENCE**

On September 23, 2014, staff will present a budget update to the City Council. Staff will present the final results for the General Fund in fiscal year (FY) 2013-14, provide an update on FY 2014-15 revenue, and request adoption of the FY 2015-16 budget process calendar.

The FY 2014-15 Summary, Detail, and Capital Improvement Program Budget books have been printed and distributed. Staff is working with the Information Technology Services Department to reformat the budget books on the B&R Webpage to enhance usability and navigability of the electronic versions. The 2014-15 books will be posted online within the coming weeks.

Budget and Research is working with the Finance Department and the Office of Emergency Management to develop draft guidelines for departments to use in tracking exceptional weather-related costs, as well as emergency incidents that trigger activation of the Tactical/Emergency Operations Center. Finance and B&R are exploring the most efficient and useful tracking/accounting options available.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

The Annual September 11 Memorial ceremony will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 11, in the City Hall atrium. Speakers will include the Mayor and City Council, Police and Fire chiefs.

Fire has received the Assistance to Firefighters Fire Protection and Safety Grant (AFG) award of $74,800. Funding will be used by the Phoenix Fire Department Fire Prevention Section to obtain 20 tablet-style computers, 20 printers, software and associated wireless cellular service to facilitate real-time, on-site fire code compliance and permitting for Phoenix businesses. The AFG program provides grant funding to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments throughout the nation. Fire has received approval from the Mayor and Council to accept and disperse funding.
Human Resources staff administered the written exam for Fire Emergency Dispatcher on August 20 at the Personnel Building. Due to the volume of applicants, two test sessions were held. Of the 372 applicants who were invited to the exam, 146 attended. Applicants will be notified of their exam scores, via postal mail, during the week of September 8.

On August 22, the Police Recruit and Police Lateral recruitment processes opened. This is the first time since 2009 that these two recruitments have been opened and the expectation is that the applicant volume will be high. The Police Lateral recruitment is geared towards current Police/Peace Officers who would like to transition to work at the City of Phoenix. They will be required to submit a resume. The Police Recruit recruitment is geared towards applicants who are new or who have not worked as a Police Officer for more than 12 months. Applicants who successfully pass the written exam, physical agility assessment, and the background check process will be invited to participate in one of several upcoming law enforcement academies. As of August 22, two of the four Police Recruit Exam dates were closed when the maximum 250 applicants per each recruitment was met.

The Law Department continued to work with the Police Department to prepare a proposed IGA between ASU and the City of Phoenix to establish the Arizona Center for Police Leadership (“AZCPL”) at Arizona State University as a community based partnership between the City and ASU. The AZCPL is intended to be a center of learning, research and innovation in which members of the Phoenix Police Department partner with members of the ASU academic community across various disciplines to conduct research and add to the body of knowledge on those topics influencing contemporary policing, civic engagement and service delivery in a rapidly evolving society. The Parties agree that there will be no transfer or expenditure of funds between them to implement this IGA nor any need to establish and maintain a budget therefore.

**NEIGHBORHOODS AND LIVABILITY**

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month at Phoenix Public Library. A library card from Phoenix Public Library is an all-access pass to a wealth of information. Card holders can explore print materials at one of 17 Valley locations, or access our online collection of eResources anywhere, anytime, all free with a library card. The Amazing Library Card Geek Gala will occur from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, September 5 at Burton Barr Central Library (1221 N. Central Ave.). Staff will be on hand to issue cards to those who need them. Also, the Science of Superheroes will occur from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, September 27 at Burton Barr Central Library.

Neighborhood Services staff will conduct a four-month educational series on Landlord/Tenant Laws to the Veterans Association, Veterans Assistance for Stable Housing Program, and to Section 8 Certification Program participants at the City of Phoenix Housing Authority located at 830 East Jefferson Street on the following dates: Monday, September 15th, at 1:00 p.m., Monday, October 20th, at 9:00 a.m., and Monday, November 17th, at 1:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Department staff completed the installation of four road identification signs and a 4’ x 8’ area map sign at the tower entrance at South Mountain Park. The project included coordinating the coring of the holes, setting the posts and sign installation all in the same day.
Twenty organizations have submitted vendor forms for the October 3, 2014 Arts and Humanities Showcase in the Atrium of City Hall in recognition of National Arts and Humanities Month. Two organizations will perform around noon: a Nash Jazz Ensemble and the Spirit of Phoenix Chorus. Remaining performances throughout October include: Rosie’s House sax ensemble; Carmen and Zarco Guerrero; Phoenix Boys Choir (with visiting German Boys Choir); and Rising Youth Theatre. Humanities presentations are also being coordinated with Arizona Humanities, a final schedule of activities will be forthcoming.

Arts & Culture staff prepared a directory of Phoenix arts and cultural organizations. A total of 136 organizations were identified and organized by discipline/category. The directory includes links to the organizations’ websites. The website link: https://www.phoenix.gov/arts/arts-and-cultural-organization-directory

**SOCIAL SERVICES DELIVERY**

The Human Services Department submitted a grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for funding consideration under the Early Head Start Expansion (EHS) and EHS Child Care Partnership program. The funding request of $3,317,492 will work with existing child care providers to improve the quality of services for the children currently being served with child care subsidies or Quality First child care scholarships. The project will allow the child care providers to expand services to infants and toddlers through the use of Early Head Start funding in seven high poverty zip codes.

**INFRASTRUCTURE**

Effective November 2014, Aviation will no longer print the monthly Flight Schedule. The identical Flight Schedule information is available on skyharbor.com. In addition, information cards will be available for customers informing them where to find the information on-line. The demand for the printed version of the Flight Schedule has continued to decline in recent months.

Street Transportation staff successfully completed the installation/modification of signs and parking meter stickers for Phase 1 of the parking meter changes. The new meter hours and days became effective on Monday, August 18. Phase 1 included an enforcement time change to Monday through Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The current rates will remain at $1.50 an hour in most areas. The exception is that coin meters will be reduced from $1.50 an hour to $1.00 an hour. The enforcement hour changes came with an extensive public notification program including static and dynamic message signs, a press release, and website updates. All of the meters were reprogrammed to reflect this change.

Google has been in contact with City staff and continues to do its due diligence regarding fiber installation in Phoenix. They are reviewing permit requirements, negotiating with utilities for pole attachment rights, researching the cost of construction and opportunities to share dark fiber and conduit, and continue to review our license agreement. We expect representatives to be in town during the month of September to further discuss these and other issues.

**TECHNOLOGY**
Information Technology Services will be performing maintenance on the City’s shared computer systems Saturday, September 6 from 6pm to 6am Sunday, September 7. Although no service disruptions are anticipated, there is a possibility of interruptions in service as tasks are being performed. Appropriate communications will be provided to technicians and business owners.

**TRIVIA ANSWER:**

First start burning rope 1 at both ends, and rope 2 at one end only. When rope 1 finishes burning (which will take 30 minutes), light the other end of rope 2. 45 minutes is up when rope 2 finishes burning.