Events

District 1 Events:

Meet Your Neighborhood Firefighters! FREE Open Houses in Honor of National Emergency Medical Services Week

The public is invited to visit one of the following Phoenix fire stations between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and Noon on Saturday, May 17, 2014, for safety information, child car seat checks and to meet your neighborhood firefighters:

- Fire Station #12 at 3217 E. Glenrosa Avenue
- Fire Station #43 at 4110 E. Chandler Boulevard
- Fire Station #50 at 20225 N. 35th Avenue
- Fire Station #54 at 9820 W. Campbell Avenue

*Please note ONLY at these four fire stations!

For more information, please contact Captain Ruben Saavedra, Phoenix Fire Department, 602-370-5718.

District 1 Community Breakfast

The Breakfasts are held on the last Friday of each month, unless a change is noted. The next District 1 Community Breakfast will be held Friday, May 30, 2014. 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.

Date: Friday, May 30, 2014
Time: 7:30 a.m.
Location: Deer Valley Airport Restaurant – 702 West Deer Valley Road

Guest Speakers:

- Bill Montgomery, County Attorney - Bill will discuss the Maricopa County Attorney’s Office, including its aim to deliver high-quality prosecution, comprehensive victims’ services, crime prevention programs and legal representation for County government on behalf of the people of Maricopa County, to provide a safe and well-governed community.
• A representative from the Public Works Department will give a brief presentation on the launch of two new solid waste programs in July

**Metrocenter “Walk ‘N Talk” Walkers Club**

When: Thursday, June 5, 2014 @ 8:00 AM  
Where: Metrocenter Mall, 9617 North Metro Pkwy E  
Details: Councilwoman Thelda Williams and representatives from the Maricopa County MASH Unit will be present to discuss animal cruelty.  
• FREE Blood Pressure Checks  
• FREE Senior Living Information by Assisted Transitions

**Book Signing - “Phoenix's Greater Encanto–Palmcroft Neighborhood”**

Join the authors of “Phoenix’s Greater Encanto-Palmcroft Neighborhood” at a book signing event to be held in the Metrocenter Mall:

Who: G.G. George and Leigh Conrad, authors of “Phoenix’s Greater Encanto-Palmcroft Neighborhood”, published by Arcadia Publishing in their Images of America Series  
What: The public is invited to the book signing and to meet the authors  
Where: Barnes and Noble Bookstore – Metrocenter Mall  
When: Saturday, May 17, 1 - 4 p.m.

**Book Description:**

The Encanto-Palmcroft neighborhood in central Phoenix was created in the twilight of the “City Beautiful Movement,” a philosophy that supported beautiful surroundings to promote moral and social order. Palmcroft was developed in 1927 by prominent Phoenix booster Dwight B. Heard and William G. Hartranft, father of the parks system. Encanto, “The Enchanting,” was founded by Lloyd C. Lakin and George T. Peter in 1928. These custom Period Revival homes were styled as bucolic refuges from the hustle of downtown when the city limits ended at McDowell Road. Even into the 21st century, this neighborhood maintains its integrity and significance due to the participation of residents who realize its historic importance.

**Author Bio:**

G.G. George, a preservation activist, is president of the Encanto Citizens Association. As a founder of the Association, she fought in the 1970s to stop the Papago Freeway from impacting central Phoenix neighborhoods. She initiated the movement to have the Encanto-Palmcroft neighborhood listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Leigh Conrad is the former manager of the Arizona history collection at Scottsdale Public Library.
She served five years on the Phoenix Historic Preservation Commission and assisted the Coronado Neighborhood Association with its application for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

**New River/ Desert Hills Community Association Monthly Town Hall**

Please join the Town Hall event hosted by the New River/Desert Hills Community Association on the 2nd Friday of each month from 9 to 10 AM at the Anthem Civic Building, 3701 W. Anthem Way on the SE corner of Anthem Way & Venture Drive.

Visit [www.nrdhca.org](http://www.nrdhca.org), or contact Alan Muller, President (602-432-2800, Alan@NRDHCA.com) for more information.

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**Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Meeting and Program: “Taps” – Twenty Four Notes**

The Ocotillo Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution next meeting and program held on Saturday, May 10, 2014 at 9:35 AM will feature a presentation on TAPS, by our special guest speaker, Peggy Hurd, at the Outlets at Anthem Community Room #435, Anthem Arizona.

What is the real story of the origins of “TAPS” the beautiful sound of notes of sadness and sweetness, of the call played by the bugler on his/her trumpet at funerals, wreath-laying and memorial services of our fallen veterans. An article written in the Century Magazine in August 1898 by music historian and critic called The Trumpet in Camp and Battle did not have his facts correct about “TAPS”. The article, however, did spur the account of “TAPS” from two people’s own written accounting of that summer evening of July 1862, following the Seven Days Battle of the Peninsular Campaign during the Civil War.

Peggy Hurd, is a fourth generation daughter, and joined the NSDAR as a Junior Member over 40 years ago. Peggy is an Arizona Honorary State Regent and past Treasurer General of the National Society. She is the current Arizona Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission Chairman and is the National Vice Chairman of the DAR Leadership Development Committee.

Meetings are open to non-members. For information contact, Willine Evans at 623.551.3764. Visit us at [http://ocotillo.arizonadar.org](http://ocotillo.arizonadar.org) or [www.DAR.ORG](http://www.DAR.ORG).

*National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890 to promote patriotism, preserve American history, and support better education for our nation's children. Its members are descended from the patriots who won American independence during the Revolutionary War. With more than 177,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters in all 50 states, American Samoa, Guam, and the District of Columbia, the DAR continues its mission today.*
chapters worldwide, DAR is one of the world's largest and most active service organizations. To learn more about the work of today's DAR, visit www.DAR.org.

Community Events:

Shred-A-Thon/Drug Take Back

When: Thursday, May 22, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Where: Desert Ridge Marketplace, 21001 North Tatum Boulevard, Phoenix, AZ 85050

This is a great way to dispose of old files of paperwork that may include personal information, etc. and to dispose of old medication!

8th Annual Memorial Day Rally “Flags for Our Fallen”

When: Monday, May 26, 2014
Where: Phoenix National Cemetery, 23029 N. Cave Creek Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85024

For more information or to Sponsor a Flag, go to RidersUSA.net.

Next Week’s Public City Meetings

City Council Meetings

- City Council Policy Meeting – Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. in the Phoenix City Council Chambers

Subcommittee Meetings

- Neighborhoods, Housing & Development Subcommittee Meeting – Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in Phoenix City Hall – Assembly Rooms
- Finance, Efficiency, Economy & Sustainability Subcommittee Meeting – Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in Phoenix City Hall – Assembly Rooms

Planning Meetings

- Zoning Adjustment Hearing – Thursday, May 22, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in Phoenix City Hall – Assembly Room C

For more information on these and all other public City meetings visit http://phoenix.gov/PUBMEETC/indxhtml.html. 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.
Community

Follow Councilwoman Williams on Twitter!

Thelda is tweeting! Follow her @TheldaWilliams1.

Trivia

How many numbers between 0 and 100 are divisible by both 6 and 8?

Weekly Bulletins and Neighborhood Newsletters

- Black Mountain Community Alliance (BMCA) has released its May 2014 newsletter. If you would like to begin receiving the BMCA Bulletin on a regular basis, please send an email to communityinfo@bmca200info.com.

- Deer Valley Park Neighborhood Block Watch Organization (DVPNBWO) has released its May/June 2014 newsletter. If you would like to get neighborhood CRIME ALERTS, reminders for the Deer Valley Park Neighborhood Community Meetings, early copies of this neighborhood newsletter and timely information about Lost Pets, Neighborhood Events and Concerns, please e-mail dvpnbwo@aol.com.

- Cactus Park West Block Watch has released its May 2014 newsletter. If you would like to begin receiving the Cactus Park West Neighborhood News on a regular basis, please send an email to vallen@westusa.com.


- This week’s Irish Cultural Center Newsletter is out! Check it out at http://www.azirish.org/index.php?topic=Newsletter.

City News

Phoenix Fire Department – Water Safety

Drowning is a serious problem in Phoenix, in part because of the large number of swimming pools. Home pools are the major drowning site for many young children. Other sites that can be hazardous include bathtubs, toilets, 5-gallon buckets, irrigation ditches, canals, rivers, ponds and lakes. Last year in Phoenix, 40 children under the age of 18 were involved in water related incidents. Sadly, four did not survive. Many more suffered life-long brain damage and other deficits, causing emotional and financial stress to the families.
Childhood drowning incidents are preventable. The most common remark heard by firefighters from an adult is, “I only turned my back for a few seconds.” It only takes a few seconds for a child to drown, and drowning is a silent event. The most frequent cause of pediatric drowning occurs when an adult is distracted and leaves a child unattended near water, or when a child gets past an unlocked or unsecured gate.

Adults and older children are also at risk at lakes, ponds, and irrigation canals. Children should be told of the danger posed by canals and irrigation ditches. Although the water may look inviting on a hot, summer day, it is cold and may cause panic. There are only sporadic ladders in the canals, which makes escape difficult. The force of water in an irrigation ditch can force the victim against a storm grate, which may result in injury or death.

Adults should take an active role in drowning prevention. Beginning in the third grade, children can also be made aware of the basic rules of water safety. Drowning prevention tips include:

1. Place appropriate self-closing, self-latching fencing around a pool.
3. Keep gates locked on the pool perimeter when the pool is not in use.
4. Keep chairs, ladders, tables, and any other items which can be used to climb on, away from pool fences.
5. Do not allow children to play around pool areas.
6. Keep toys away from the pool. Install lifesaving flotation devices near the pool.
7. Post a 9-1-1 sticker on the phone and keep a phone near the pool area.
8. Never leave children unattended, or to answer the telephone or the front door.
9. Have children leave the pool area if you have to leave the area for any reason.
10. Keep doors leading from the residence to the pool area secured at all times.
11. Consider investment in a structural pool cover (i.e., that can be walked on without danger of collapse).
12. Learn CPR.

Superbowl Planning Update & ACTIC Support Overview

The State of Arizona has been selected to host Super Bowl XLIX in February, 2015. In preparation for this event, Valley agencies sent representatives as part of an advance team to New Jersey to observe the planning process and strategies implemented as they prepared for Super Bowl XLVIII. Visiting representatives had the opportunity to engage their counterparts in New York regarding best practices, organizational structure, and to observe the intelligence and information sharing environment between multiple jurisdictions at all levels of government. The experiential learning will prove invaluable as Arizona’s Valley agencies ramp up their planning efforts in preparation for Super Bowl XLIX. The Phoenix Police Department has already begun the planning process for Super Bowl XLIX and is actively engaging Valley agencies who will be impacted by this event. The multi-jurisdictional resources provided by the Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center (ACTIC) will be integral throughout this process.
Since its opening in October 2004, the ACTIC has earned the reputation as one of the most respected fusion centers in the country. The ACTIC serves as the fusion center for the City of Phoenix and the State of Arizona. This facility serves as the central hub of an information sharing environment unifying the efforts of state, local, and tribal communities with the federal government and a network of over 70 fusion centers across the country. The ACTIC hosts a variety of capabilities and capacities. Among these are the Phoenix Police Computer Forensic detectives. These detectives are co-located among approximately 20 other forensic detectives and investigators representing agencies across the state to address and process the digital evidence needs of the City of Phoenix and regional communities.

The ACTIC houses the Phoenix Police Department’s Homeland Defense Bureau (HDB). The HDB is comprised of the Intelligence and Investigations Unit and the Intelligence Action Center (IAC). The ACTIC hosts a facial recognition capability through the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office (MCSO). A Homeland Security Investigations Unit is the point of contact for the Intelligence and Analysis (I&A) working group. The I & A Team serves as the conduit for direct accessibility to federal information and assets during normal day-to-day operations; however, this connectivity is critically important during major incidents or events.

The ACTIC hosts the statewide Terrorism Liaison Officer (TLO) program, which unifies the public safety intelligence and response capabilities of all the law enforcement and most of the professional fire service departments operating within the State. The TLOs utilize a multitude of investigative databases available at the ACTIC to directly impact critical public safety incidents by providing real-time on-scene investigative support to investigators.

Additional ACTIC capabilities include serving Phoenix and Arizona as the point of contact for INTERPOL, which is the world’s largest international police organization that enables police agencies around the world to work together to increase safety. The ACTIC maintains a comprehensive global imaging and mapping capability used for significant incidents or events and maintains a classified space creating a secure information sharing environment for state and local partners to receive briefing information regarding federally classified matters. The ACTIC serves as the state sponsor for its public safety partners in obtaining secret security clearances to ensure necessary and important information is shared.

The ACTIC is home to the Threat Mitigation Unit (TMU) charged with the responsibility for conducting threat assessments on critical infrastructure locations including schools. The TMU maintains the capacity to provide threat mitigation strategies to support regional jurisdictions hosting large scale events like the Super Bowl, Waste Management Phoenix Open, NASCAR events, etc.

The federal Special Event Assessment Rating (S.E.A.R.) system designates the Super Bowl as the type of event that is given the nation’s highest ranking of national significance. During significant incidents or special events rising to the level of national concern, the full weight of the ACTIC is prepared to respond with its full complement of capabilities in support of local, state, and federal agencies.
The ACTIC will serve as a vital and integral resource from pre-planning through post-event operations for the Super Bowl. The ACTIC’s ability to leverage its assets, resources, and relationships at the local, state, and federal level will prove invaluable during this effort.

New Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Definition for Rape

The Phoenix Police Department’s official crime statistics are compiled in accordance with the FBI’s UCR Program guidelines. Uniform crime reporting is a collective effort by city, county, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies to present a nationwide view of crime. Offenses reported to the UCR Program are limited to the most significant and most commonly reported crimes occurring in all parts of the country. Serious crimes are referred to as Part I offenses and consist of: criminal homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Of these, the first four offenses are collectively referred to as violent crimes and the latter four are collectively referred to as property crimes. This official statistical information is an established service indicator for the Phoenix Police Department, and is routinely made available to the public.

Per the FBI, the previous definition of UCR rape was, “The carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will.” The FBI also noted that carnal knowledge is defined by Black’s Law Dictionary (6th ed.), as “The act of a man having sexual bodily connections with a woman; sexual intercourse.” Thus according to the previous UCR definition, sexual assaults involving male victims, and any other form of sexual assault on female victims other than sexual intercourse would not have met the UCR criteria for rape, and would not have been included in the Department’s official UCR statistics for that offense. The new UCR definition for rape is defined as, “Penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim.”

Metal Theft Update

In 2013, the Arizona State Legislature passed HB 2262: Scrap Metal Dealers; Registration (Rep. Tom Forese; R-Gilbert). This law added new language to the sections that regulate scrap metal dealers and registration. In the 2014 State legislative session, HB 2268: Scrap Metal Dealers (Rep. Tom Forese; R-Gilbert) was signed into law. HB 2268 makes numerous cleanup changes to the 2013 measure and also clarifies that cities can conduct their own scrap metal licensing programs.

Highlights of HB 2268

Although HB 2262 contained additional statewide tools to address scrap metal theft, the measure also preempted Phoenix’s existing licensing program for scrap metal dealers. As a result, Councilman Nowakowski requested staff work with the state legislature to address this issue. Staff from the PPD worked with the Office of Government Relations, the City Clerk’s Office, and the Law Department to pursue this request. When HB 2268 was introduced (a cleanup bill for HB 2262), staff worked with the bill sponsor after receiving Mayor and Council approval to add an exemption that would allow Phoenix to reinstate licensing of scrap metal dealers. HB 2268 was amended to include the City’s request and the bill was signed by the Governor on April 17, 2014 with an enactment date of July 24, 2014. Staff will be working with the Law Department in the coming weeks to determine the appropriate next steps.
**Education**

The PPD, along with other law enforcement agencies and members from the scrap metal industry have been working collaboratively for approximately one year to resolve issues and challenges relating to metal theft and managerial control of scrap yards. As a result of this effort, the PPD facilitated a Metal Theft Symposium on April 11, 2014 in Phoenix. The PPD hosted this symposium with the assistance of metal theft experts from several law enforcement agencies, subject experts from the scrap metal industry, Arizona Public Service, and representatives with LeadsOnLine and ScrapTheftAlert.com (another website focused on combating metal theft). The symposium provided significant and much needed education and training to participants.

**Veterans Services Update**

The City works in partnership with the Maricopa Association of Governments Continuum of Care, the Valley of the Sun United Way, and a variety of other community-based organizations to provide and leverage resources as part of a coordinated regional response. The initiatives highlighted below demonstrate the City’s continued efforts to lead the way in ending chronic homelessness for all veterans.

**Boot Camps**

In October 2013, the City of Phoenix, Phoenix Veterans Medical Center, Arizona State Department of Veteran Services (ADVS), and Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness participated in the Rapid Results Housing Boot Camp in Denver, Colorado. The boot camp, hosted by the U.S. departments of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Veterans Affairs (VA), focused on addressing systems barriers to finding permanent housing solutions for chronically homeless veterans with the intent of ending chronic homelessness for veterans by February 2014. The Phoenix team developed goals for the first 100 day planning period, which included reducing the time it takes to complete the eligibility process for housing and services, and prioritizing permanent housing options for veterans.

In March 2014 the VA, in partnership with the HUD and the Unites States Interagency Council on Homelessness, brought 25 cities including Phoenix together in Washington, D.C., to accelerate and align existing efforts to end veteran and chronic homelessness by 2015. Phoenix was chosen as a participant based on its success in addressing the VA’s national goal of ending chronic homelessness for veterans. In May 2015, Phoenix will participate in a two-day kick-off event to expedite the development and implementation of a coordinated assessment and housing placement system for the region.

**VASH**

The Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) program provides housing vouchers for chronically homeless veterans utilizing the Housing First model. HUD supports the program by providing housing vouchers with wrap-around services to the VA. The City supports the program by providing rental deposit assistance to VASH voucher recipients through Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding.

**H3 VETS**

Project H3 VETS is a community collaboration coordinated by the Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness, in conjunction with the City and other community partners to house
medically vulnerable veterans. The initiative, which is aligned with the national 100,000 Homes Campaign and the VA’s goals to end veteran homelessness, provides chronically homeless and medically vulnerable veterans VASH vouchers with wrap around services through the VA. Since its inception in 2012, 287 veterans have been housed with a 97 percent retention rate.

**Hire, Educate, Recruit, and Organize (H.E.R.O.)**
The City of Phoenix partners with private businesses and veterans organizations to facilitate employment for veterans. More than 390 veterans attended the last two H.E.R.O. events, where they participated in employment related workshops, completed skill assessments, and interviewed with more than 50 participating employers.

**Veterans Court**
Phoenix Veterans Court utilizes evidenced-based practices to solve problems and provide long-term solutions for veterans involved with the justice system. Partners from the VA, mental health system, ADVS, and various social-service programs work together with the prosecution and the defense to connect veterans to specialized services and treatment programs, with the goal of reducing recidivism in the criminal justice system and increasing the quality of life for vulnerable veterans. Since August 2012, more than 600 veterans have participated in treatment through the Phoenix Veterans Court, with more than 200 successfully completing programs. The recidivism rate is less than two percent. The cities of Chandler, Mesa and Gilbert are studying the Phoenix model as they consider how to implement Veterans Court services in their areas.

**Veterans StandDown**
The annual Veterans StandDown event took place from February 14 through 16, 2014, at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum. Over 1,750 veterans were assisted through City programs. The Veterans Court, Prosecutor’s Office, Public Defender’s Office, and Municipal Court provided legal services to 316 veterans. The Mayor’s Office hosted a H.E.R.O. hiring event, which attracted the participation of 121 veterans.

**Awards and Recognition**
In December 2013, the National League of Cities recognized the City of Phoenix and its partners for being the first city to end chronic homelessness for veterans by reaching “functional zero.” In January 2014, President Obama recognized the Phoenix community and Mayor Greg Stanton for the same efforts at a White House reception for mayors.

In March 2014, Phoenix received the inaugural National Award of Distinction from the Association of the U.S. Navy for becoming the nation’s first large city to end chronic homelessness for veterans.

In March 2014, The City of Phoenix and Maricopa County were recognized for coordinated efforts to end homelessness for chronically homeless veterans when United States Veterans Administration (VA) Assistant Secretary Dr. Tommy Sowers kicked-off the national “Boots on the Ground Campaign” at Phoenix’s own Victory Place.

On April 16, 2014, the H3 program was recognized for its innovative peer-led approach to case management and supportive services at the United Nations World Urban Forum.
The Phoenix Veterans Court has been selected as a finalist for the 35th Annual City Livability Award. Winners will be recognized at the 82nd Annual Conference of Mayors in Dallas in June, 2014.

**Update on Municipal Court Specialized Dockets – Mental Health**

Pursuant to State law, an incompetent person “shall not be tried, convicted, sentenced or punished for an offense” (A.R.S. 13-4502). The law requires a defendant must be competent to stand trial, the Court is tasked with examining competency with the input of mental health professionals. During this process, a defendant undergoes a preliminary screening by a mental health professional in order to determine whether reasonable grounds exist for conducting a full competency evaluation. If the preliminary screening reveals a full competency evaluation is indicated, the defendant’s case is transferred to Maricopa County Superior Court, which conducts the full evaluation. If the defendant is found competent, the case is returned to the Municipal Court for the prosecution to proceed. The costs of both the preliminary and full competency hearings are borne by the City and accounted for in the Municipal Court budget.

On February 23, 2012, the National Center for State Courts conducted an Innovations and Efficiency Study of the City of Phoenix Justice System and recommended the Municipal Court consider participating in or developing specialized dockets for serving offender populations customers with specialized needs. As a result, in May 2012 the Court created specialized dockets to more efficiently handle cases involving mental competency issues. In concert with this effort, the Public Defender’s Office commenced a Mental Health Specialist Pilot Program to proactively respond to the increasing number of individuals entering the Court system with mental health issues.

In-custody defendants undergoing the competency evaluation screening process are scheduled for the Bond Review Court dockets held at the jail on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Previously, these defendants were transported to the Municipal Court for appearance at pre-trial disposition conferences.

Those defendants undergoing the competency evaluation screening process who are not in custody are scheduled for pre-trial disposition conferences on consolidated dockets in Division 703 on Friday mornings. The number of defendants scheduled for Mental Health Court is controlled through a preliminary screening conducted by the Mental Health Specialist. The Mental Health Court is staffed with a Judge, Court staff, a Prosecutor, a Court-Appointed Attorney dedicated to working on mental health cases, and the Mental Health Specialist. Previously, these cases were scheduled throughout the various divisions of Municipal Court.

The consolidation of mental health competency cases into specialized dockets resulted in demonstrable efficiencies. With an emphasis on early detection of cases involving competency issues, and the intervention by the Mental Health Specialist, many defendants are able to begin the process at an earlier point in time and some court appearances are no longer necessary. Individuals with severe mental health issues are completely diverted from
the Court process as they are petitioned straight into the Arizona State Hospital shortly after being taken into custody.

During the first two quarters of fiscal year 2013-14, initial screening no-show fees charged to the Municipal Court were reduced by 90 percent as compared to the same period in the year prior to the implementation of the specialized dockets. This reduction also resulted in jail cost savings as warrants are issued for no-shows and these individuals are typically held for 30+ days while their initial screenings are conducted in-custody.

Additionally, with the Public Defender Mental Health Specialist able to assist in assessing initial competence, fewer defendants are ordered to undergo the formal pre-screen assessment process. During the first two quarters of FY2013-14, formal pre-screen assessments ordered were reduced by 73 percent as compared to the same period in the year prior to the implementation of the specialized dockets. This reduction is further illustrated by the Municipal Court’s order of 804 mental health examinations in FY2010-11, and 246 in FY2012-13.

Each of these has dramatically reduced costs. As the Court approaches the end of its second, successful year with an operational mental health court, it must acknowledge the important role played by its justice system partners, including the Prosecutor’s Office and the Public Defender’s Office. In particular, the Mental Health Specialist Pilot Program of the Public Defender’s Office has proven to be critical to the success of this venture. The Municipal Court will continue to evaluate the performance of the mental health dockets in an effort to find additional efficiencies and cost savings.

Maricopa Association of Governments 2014-2015 Dues and Assessments

The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), formed in 1967, is a Council of Governments (COG) that serves as the regional agency for the metropolitan Phoenix area. MAG takes an active role in long-range regional issues and addresses concerns that affect all of the communities in the Valley, including transportation, air quality and human services.

MAG is the designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for transportation planning in the Maricopa County region. Additionally, MAG has been designated by the Governor to serve as the principal planning agency for the region in a number of other areas, including air quality, water quality and solid waste management. MAG also develops population estimates and projections for the region.

The city derives a significant amount of funding through its participation and active role in MAG. During FY 2011-15, the city of Phoenix received approximately $116,598,542 in federal and regional funding through the MAG planning process. This funding was allocated for a variety of significant projects, including construction of the Avenida Rio Salado: 51st Avenue to 7th Street roadway widening and Sonoran Boulevard: 15th Avenue to Cave Creek Road roadway widening.

At its May 2014 meeting, the MAG Regional Council will approve the 2014-15 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. The passage of the budget will include the final dues and assessments for 2014-15. These dollars, combined with federal funds,
cover MAG’s annual operating costs. Due to economic conditions, MAG dues and assessments were reduced by approximately 50 percent between 2009-10 and 2013-14. Beginning in 2014-15, dues and assessments are projected to return to their full pre-recession level of $182,814.

On May 13, 2014 the Transportation and Infrastructure subcommittee recommended City Council approval of the payment of the city’s MAG dues and assessments for 2014-15 in an amount not to exceed $182,814.

**Airline Industry Changes in Response to the Economy**

The airline industry has been making capacity adjustments throughout the country since 2008 in response to factors such as high fuel prices and a struggling world economy. Like most airports in the country, Sky Harbor has seen route, capacity and fare changes as the airlines restructure their networks in response to the tough economic conditions over the past six years.

Phoenix is unique, with two dominant air carriers in American Airlines and Southwest Airlines, as well as nearly all other domestic airlines competing for business at Sky Harbor. What’s more, Southwest’s focus on their cost advantage over other airlines meant that they could offer the same service without additional fees such as checked baggage and ticket change fees. This focus put downward pressure on ticket prices, which affected the profitability of service to and through Phoenix. Despite this, air carriers remained committed to Phoenix and stayed in this very important, metropolitan market.

While the cost gap has narrowed between Southwest and the other carriers, costs for all airlines have remained relatively high, led by higher fuel costs. Air traffic has increased in 2014, although this increase comes on the heels of low passenger traffic which was the result of the economic downturn starting in 2008. Throughout its history, the airline industry has tracked very closely with the economic health and overall GDP. Therefore, airlines have had to fine-tune the number of routes flown, seats offered and prices in each market. Though Sky Harbor has been impacted, the airport is still among the best served by airlines and among the lowest-priced for tickets in the country. In fact, it is the fourth-lowest priced ticket market of the top ten passenger airports.

The most noticeable cases of airline restructuring at Sky Harbor, as a result of the economy between 2007 and 2013, are:

- High frequency markets such as Las Vegas, Los Angeles and Burbank have seen some reductions: for example, instead of two flights every hour to Las Vegas, there may now be one flight every hour to Las Vegas.
- Long-haul markets with relatively low demand and a high cost environment have been cut, such as Birmingham, Hartford, Manchester, and Providence.
- Some small, regional markets that have not been cost-effective have been cut, such as Branson, Colorado Springs, Kingman, Prescott, Santa Fe, and Telluride.
- Destinations that were being served as a spoke from another airline’s hub such as Cincinnati and Memphis were cut. Phoenix passengers were able to get there nonstop if desired, but the majority of passengers were actually on the plane simply
to connect. When the airlines reduced their hubs in those locations, there was no longer a reason to carry passengers there to connect, leaving no opportunity for the few passengers specifically traveling to and from Phoenix.

**Sky Harbor – Added Service Where Demand Warrants**

While service cuts receive a lot of attention, it’s important to note that airlines have also INCREASED service to Sky Harbor over the last several years, where it makes good business sense. Some examples include:

- New service to four Canadian cities on WestJet, including Kelowna, Regina, Saskatoon, and Victoria
- Increased flights to Miami, Guadalajara, Edmonton, Charlotte, Calgary, San Francisco, Vancouver, Toronto, and Cleveland.
- Two new airlines joining PHX: Volaris (with service to Guadalajara) and Spirit (with service to Minneapolis, Denver, Chicago and Dallas)

**Biosciences Partnership Building**

The University of Arizona and the City of Phoenix have announced plans for the Biosciences Partnership Building in Downtown Phoenix. The building will be 10 stories, 245,000 square feet, will create about 500 construction jobs and nearly 400 permanent jobs. Construction should be completed by late 2016.

**City Manager’s Weekly Report**

**Economic Development & Education**

The grand opening of JV Driver Fabricators at 19th Avenue and Broadway was held on May 1, 2014 and attended by Community and Economic Development staff. The Canadian company purchased an existing fabricator at this site and retained all the employees and accounts in July of 2013. Since that time, they have expanded the footprint to 100,000 square feet and installed new state-of-the-art structural steel and pipe fabrication equipment. The 27-acre facility nearly doubles their Canadian fabrication and oil sands project capacity, and allows them to compete in the American transportation and construction markets.

The University of Arizona Cancer Center Topping Out Ceremony was held on Tuesday, May 6th, at 8:30 a.m. Executives from Dignity Health / St. Joseph’s Hospital, University of Arizona, and the City of Phoenix attended the ceremony. When the facility opens in fall of 2015, it will add a key clinical component to the campus and bring cutting-edge cancer treatment to Phoenicians in the heart of their city.

The Barrister Building and Property Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued on April 25, 2014. The RFP will solicit proposals to preserve and promote the productive use of the prominent historic building and to maximize the City’s return on investment. There will be open house opportunities on May 9th, 14th, and 19th. Proposals will be due to the City on July 7, 2014. Responsive proposals will be reviewed by an evaluation panel soon after with the
expectation to bring a recommendation to City Council in the fall. The RFP is available online at www.phoenix.gov/rfp.

Phoenix Convention Center staff attended the Materials Research Society (MRS) 2014 Spring Meeting and Exhibit in San Francisco April 22-24. MRS has executed contracts with the Phoenix Convention Center for the next five years starting in 2016. In the move to Phoenix, MRS will consolidate all of their meeting needs into one building. Currently MRS uses two hotels and the Moscone Convention Center West building to hold all of the meeting sessions and exhibits. Staff previewed the exhibits, meetings and receptions, and other event activities in preparation for this move. A special exhibitor meeting was held to gain insight from exhibitors on ways to create a “new beginning” for the society.

Public Safety

The City of Phoenix is entering the 2014 Spring/Summer fire season after an extended warm and dry winter and is likely to experience a high fire hazard period from April through June. Typical spring season fires include storage yard fires and dry vegetation fires. Fire crews will use prevention activities including education, engineering, and enforcement to reduce the number of seasonal fires. Crews will identify and pre-plan for hazard reduction, access, water supply, search and rescue, and safety for target hazards including brush and weeds near structures; mulch manufacturing, storage yards and green waste landfills; wooden pallet manufacturing, storage yards and lumber yards; recycling yards for paper, cardboard, plastics and combustible metals; building construction sites, especially large wood frame buildings such as apartment complexes.

The latest study of the economic impact of successful commercial fire intervention conducted by the L. William Seidman Research Institute in collaboration with the W.P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University (ASU) found that after a review of 42 fires affecting commercial businesses and organizations from June 2012 through May 2013, approximately 6,951 jobs were saved in the State of Arizona (3,023 in Maricopa County) that would have been lost without the successful intervention by the Phoenix Fire Department. Gross state product of $650 million and real disposable personal income of $295 million were saved, as was $35 million in state tax revenues. This study is funded through Underwriters Laboratories; no additional costs are incurred by the City.

The Human Trafficking Task Force met on May 1st. The four Task Force Work Group Chairpersons presented strategic work plans. A final plan will be presented to the group on May 19, and will go to the Mayor and Council for approval in the next couple of months.

Staff attended the first Super Bowl XLIX multi-agency Interoperability Resource Working Group meeting. The Interoperability Resource Working Group is one of 24 planning and resource groups established under the Core Planning Group that will develop the operational plan for the 2015 Super Bowl. The RWC network will be the central radio communications resource utilized by virtually all public safety agencies participating in Super Bowl security operations.

Staff forwarded an action request card (ARC) to the Transit Enforcement Unit (TEU) regarding an incident that occurred on Route 41 on April 24, 2010 whereby a transit
passenger claimed to have been assaulted on the bus by school age children. The incident report noted that several similar incidents had occurred in the vicinity of Central and Indian School Roads and First Transit was requesting police support to ensure transit safety in the area. TEU staff informed staff that they immediately implemented preventive patrols in the area to curtail any further incidents and planned to obtain the police report associated with the specified precipitating incident identified in the ARC. TEU staff is also reviewing on-board video to assist in the investigation.

**Neighborhoods and Livability**

On April 26, Paradise Valley Community Center filled its summer youth recreation program (160 youth per session) within 10 minutes of registration opening. The Mountain View Community Center was approximately 75% filled (110 youth per session) by the end of the day and was expected to fill by the end of the week. The Pecos Community Center summer registration for the gym and swim program was also held and of the 400 spots available only 23 spaces remained opened.

On April 24, the Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area partnered with the Nina Mason Pulliam Rio Salado Audubon Center and Wild at Heart to release 15 burrowing owls into the Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area. Wild at Heart is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the rehabilitation and release of endangered species back into the wild. In addition, 35 American Express employees joined the effort and assisted Wild at Heart in erecting tents for release of the owls. There have been 59 burrowing owls released into the Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area this year. Approximately 70 people attended the event.

On April 26, the 9th Annual Camp Colley Golf Tournament took place at Aguila Golf Course. One hundred and four players endured the windy conditions and brief downpour in support of the Camp Colley Foundation. Along with golf, players were treated to a continental breakfast, special drawings, silent auction and awards luncheon. Preliminary results showed fundraising efforts totaled more than $25,000.

During the week, volunteer docents provided tours of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum’s exhibit “State of Deception: The Power of Nazi Propaganda” to more than 300 students and adults at Burton Barr Central Library. After the tour, students participated in an activity to re-enforce the themes of the exhibit, which has been visited by approximately 8,600 guests as of May 3rd.

Staff continues to oversee construction of the public art project at the Pinnacle Peak Water Reservoir. The concrete walls are being poured over the next few weeks. The team will meet on May 7, 2014 to review the reservoir one last time before it is sealed. The artists are working on final plaques and will review signage on May 8, 2014.

**Social Services Delivery**

The Emmett McLoughlin Community Training and Education Center (CTEC) hosted over 1,300 participants during the month of April, including 139 visitors to the Goodwill-sponsored Job Center and 95 to the One-Stop Career Resource Center. Over 1,100 others
participated in the various classes held at the CTEC including typing and computer skill classes, GED classes and more.

**Phoenix Team**

Staff completed the reformatting of 932 job descriptions as part of website revisions taking place for the Phoenix.Gov Refresh project. This accomplishment was completed a full two weeks ahead of schedule. The Phoenix.Gov Refresh project will enable the phoenix.gov website to be viewed from any Internet enabled device (i.e. desktop computers, laptops, mobile phones, tablets, etc.).

**Infrastructure**

American Airlines announced that it will add new daily, nonstop service to Cleveland beginning in October. Currently, other airlines provide service to Cleveland, but not on a daily nonstop basis.

The Aviation Department submitted an application to the Custom and Border Protection (CBP) Section 559 Reimbursable Services Program. The program allows airports to reimburse CBP for officer overtime associated with international flights which arrive after normal operating hours. Increased hours of operation at CBP is critical to expanding international flights at Sky Harbor. CBP will choose five airports to participate in the project; selections should be made by June 30th.

Humble Pie opened on April 26th in Terminal 4 on the concourse serving Southwest Airlines customers. Premiere to Go opened in the lobby of Terminal 2 on April 18th, and TapAZ wine bar opened past security on April 30th, serving Alaska, Great Lakes and United Airlines.

The Street Transportation Department, Arizona Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration in collaboration with Aztec Engineering and Kiewit Infrastructure held a public open house on Thursday, May 1, 2014 at Pinnacle High School Cafeteria for the Black Mountain Boulevard project. The purpose of the meeting was to relay information to area residents on the construction schedule and phasing that is planned after the Memorial Day Holiday. The project elements that will improve access around Pinnacle High are planned to be constructed during summer break so that improvements are complete before school resumes. Roadway improvements on Black Mountain Boulevard from Rough Rider Road to Pinnacle Peak Road and the freeway ramps connecting State Route 51 to the arterial roadway will follow in the fall of 2014 through the winter of 2015.

On May 2nd the Northwest Light Rail Extension team received the Lamp of Learning Award from the Washington Elementary School District. This award recognizes people who go above and beyond to support the education of students. The team received several nomination letters from the school staff, parents and PTO members. They were recognized for responsiveness, assistance with traffic restrictions and community involvement including a tree-dedication ceremony for a beloved teacher.
The City’s Illegal Sign Abatement Program staff canvassed 275 miles of major thoroughfares removing 914 signs from the rights-of-way. Staff referred seven additional signs to the Illegal Signs Enforcement Team. Fiscal year to date, Preservation opened 4,760 cases, resolved 4,539 cases, and issued 68 citations. Currently, 221 cases and 21 citations remain active.

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