

Saturday, October 17th marks the yearly celebration of G.A.I.N Day. G.A.I.N. stands for Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods. It is a day for the police to show their appreciation for those of you in our community who work tirelessly to keep our neighborhoods safe and help support the efforts of our Phoenix Police Department in their fight against crime. It's also an opportunity for neighborhood groups to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate participation in anti-crime programs, and strengthen neighborhood spirit.

This Saturday, I will be visiting G.A.I.N. events throughout District 3. If you or anyone you know is planning a G.A.I.N. event in your neighborhood, please contact my District Office so we can get it on our calendar. You can call us directly at 602-262-7441, or email us at council.district.3@phoenix.gov. I hope to see you all out there because together we can continue to keep our neighborhoods safe.

For more information on G.A.I.N Day please visit phoenix.gov/police/neighborhood-resources/gain

-Bill Gates

District 3 Fall Coffee Chats

• October Coffee Chat

Date: Tuesday October 20, 2015

Time: 7:30am - 8:30am

Location: Northtown Clubhouse

2202 E Waltann Ln Phoenix, AZ 85022

Guests: Burke Lokey – Maricopa County Flood Control District

Ken Waters - National Weather Service

November Coffee Chat

Date: Tuesday, November 24, 2015

Time: 7:30am - 8:30am

Location: Moon Valley Area - TBD

Upcoming Community Events

GAIN DAY – October 17

If your neighborhood is planning a GAIN event, please let us know!

• "I Recycle Phoenix" Festival – October 17

Computers, electronics, car seats, clothes and toys are accepted, along with ink cartridges, batteries, plastic bags, golf balls, and office supplies. There is a \$15 recycle fee for CRT monitors and CRT televisions which can be paid by cash or card. No hazardous waste recycling. Visit phoenixrecycles.org.

Date: October 17, 2015 Time: 8:00am – 2:00pm

Shredding from 8:00 - 11:00am or until full

Location: Desert Ridge Marketplace (behind AMC Theaters) 21001 North Tatum Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85050

North 32nd October Block Party

Date: Saturday October 24, 2015

Time: 2:00pm – 5:00pm Location: Christy Cove Park

2352 E Christy Dr, Phoenix, AZ 85028

Councilman Gates' December Holiday & Bowling Party!

Date: Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Time: 5:30 – 7:00pm Location: Let it Roll Bowl

8925 N 12th St, Phoenix, AZ 85020

We will be accepting donations and unwrapped gifts for Betty's Kids.

Coffee with the Chief Update – NEW DATE!

Coffee with Chief Yahner - Phoenix Police

Date: Tuesday December 8, 2015

Time: 8:00am – 10:00am

Location: Memorial Hall inside Steele Indian School Park

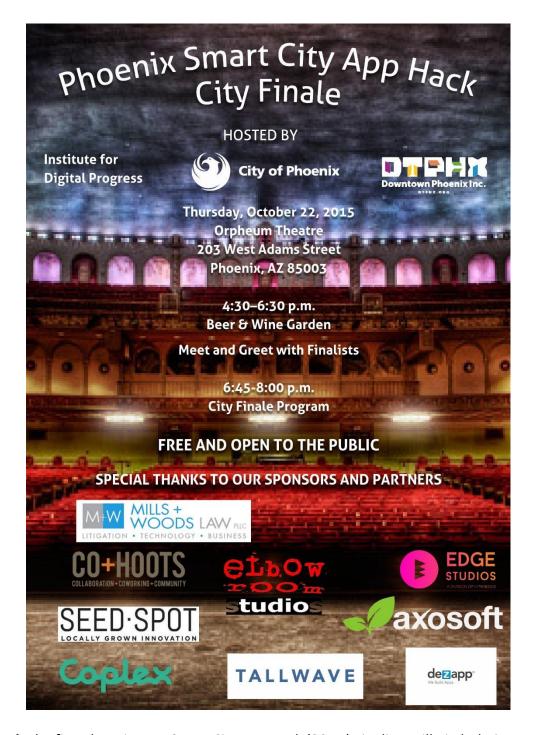
3rd Street and Indian School

Chief Yahner will provide an update on our hiring status and

the most recent grants awarded to the City for hiring more officers.

Members of each precinct will also be on hand to answer questions in reference

to your neighborhood concerns.



It's HERE! The five Phoenix area Smart City App Hack (SCAH) Finalists will pitch their apps to a panel of local judges on October 22 to determine the champion who will represent Phoenix at the International SCAH Competition in Barcelona, Spain in November. The program includes a keynote address by Lawdan Shojaee, CEO of Axosoft, and judging will include live audience participation with text to vote. The event is free and open to the public. Contact my office with questions: 602.262.7441 or council.district.3@phoenix.gov.

For finalists, more info, and FREE Tickets visit: Eventbrite.com – Search "Smart City App Hack"

Message from Police Chief Yahner

We are fortunate to live in one of the safest major metropolitan cities in the United States. Last year, the Phoenix Police Department's crime reporting statistics for combined violent and property crime counts were down a total of 3 percent compared to the same time period the previous year. The good news is that we had 2,000 fewer crime victims last year than the previous year. Property crime counts, which were at record low levels at the end of 2014, continued to decline ending the fiscal year down nearly 4 percent. Unfortunately, we saw violent crime incidents slightly increase by just over 3 percent. This was driven by an increase in robberies and aggravated assaults. While detectives and officers in your neighborhood precincts continue to work on the issues, we encourage you to keep reporting any suspicious activity to us. You continue to be our eyes and ears.

The Department's goal to keep overall crime numbers below the 3 year average was attained this last year. Working together, we can maintain this downward trend. For additional information about crime statistics and criminal activity, go to www.raidsonline.com where you can find information about specific crimes in your neighborhood.

On another positive note, the Police Department has been given authorization to resume the hiring of sworn police officers. A class of five Phoenix recruits graduated from the Arizona Law Enforcement Academy (ALEA) on July 17, 2015. They are the first Phoenix recruits to graduate from ALEA since April 2009. The Department's hiring efforts are guided by a multi-year hiring schedule that was approved by the City Council. With the support of the City Council, and the passage of Proposition 104 by the voters on August 25, 2015, an additional 125 positions have been added to the hiring plan. In total, the Department is poised to hire approximately 270 officers in the current fiscal year. The Department has already hired 88 of these sworn positions through our vigorous recruitment efforts, the transition of reserve officers to fulltime career officers, and lateral hires from other law enforcement agencies. Our hope is that, with the addition of these new positions, we will be able to focus more of our efforts on crime prevention and a further reduction in our overall crime rate.

Sunnyslope Community Center – Fall Festival

Come on out and see what's new and exciting at the Sunnyslope Fall Festival Event. This year's event will include a bounce house for the kids, Home Depot Building Area, stage entertainment and even meet our beauty queens for autographs and pictures. Please wear a costume for the "Best Youth Costume" and the "Best Family Costume", prizes will be awarded.

This free annual family event is Saturday, October 31, between 11am- 1pm at the Sunnyslope Community Center, 802 E. Vogel Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85020. For Information call 602-262-6661.

Councilman Gates Visits Student Council Groups



has translated into the work I do now as Councilman. We talked about the differing roles of federal, state and local governments and how they impact our lives. Both groups asked challenging questions about the current state of the City and my vision for the future. It was a wonderful experience and, in the end, I felt reassured to know that the City of Phoenix will be in good hands with these next generation leaders. I want to personally thank the students and administrators for organizing both events.

Last week I had the pleasure of speaking to the Student Government Groups at both the Sunnyslope and Thunderbird High Schools. It was exciting to listen to the wonderful things that these student leaders are doing for their schools and their fellow classmates. It's invigorating to see the passion for public service at such a young age. I discussed my own experiences in similar clubs when I was young and how it



WESD News in District 3 – October 8, 2015

Mountain View School and three Washington Elementary School District programs were the lucky recipients of the Pearson Day of Service. Pearson provides a range of education products and services and on October 8 its employees were volunteering in schools nationwide. In addition to Mountain View, the WESD's Head Start, Search to Serve and New Beginnings programs all had volunteers at their sites. Projects included gardening, campus clean-up and reading to students. Once again, the WESD feels so lucky to have great community partnerships.



Aviation Update

August 2015 passenger numbers are in and show a 6 percent increase compared to August 2014. Nearly 3.7 million passengers traveled through Phoenix Sky Harbor in August 2015. So far this calendar year, Sky Harbor's passenger traffic is up 4.7% compared to the same time period in 2014.

October 7 – Walk to School Day!



Students, staff and parents at Lookout Mountain Elementary School, along with City of Phoenix Councilman Bill Gates and other representatives from the city, kicked off Walk to School Day

celebrations October 7 by gathering together to promote safe routes to school. Walk to School Day

is an annual event that is celebrated across the country and around the world. The goals are to promote healthier habits, a cleaner environment and knowledge of pedestrian safety while at the same time boosting a sense of community and neighborhood connectedness. Not to mention, it's fun!





Last year, at the inaugural Shred Day Phoenix, we securely destroyed and recycled nearly 60,000 pounds of sensitive documents and the generous Valley community donated the equivalent of nearly 25,000 meals to feed hungry Phoenicians.

Take advantage of this free, one-day event by doing some financial fall cleaning and help protect yourself, and your business, from identity theft and fraud. And, you can feel good about doing your part for the environment too as 100% of the paper collected at the event will be recycled to make future paper goods.

Shredding sensitive documents like old bank statements, tax returns (7 years or older), medical bills, utility statements and pre-approved credit card offers is the single best way you can prevent identity theft, the fastest growing crime in the U.S. with more than 13 million victims annually.

We hope to see you on Saturday, November 7 at the second annual Shred Day Phoenix, and please don't forget to bring a non-perishable food or cash donation for the St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance.

No box limit this year!

We've lifted the 4 box per vehicle limit and that means unlimited shredding! Consumers and business owners may bring any amount of personal or business paper documents and we'll destroy them securely and efficiently. In fact, we'll have a dedicated lane this year for large loads and trucks and trailers full of paper are welcomed. If you can bring it, we can shred it!

2015 PHOENIX GOLF OVERSEEDING SCHEDULE



Arizona Cardinal Darren Fells visits Lookout Mountain

Arizona Cardinals tight end Darren Fells dropped by Erin Johnson's second grade classroom at Lookout Mountain Elementary October 6 as part of the Milk and Cookies program. Fells read a few books to the students and then enjoyed milk and cookies with the students afterwards. Each student received a Cardinals pencil and bookmark. Fells was joined by Big Red, everyone's favorite NFL mascot, who participated in some stretching exercises with the students and lead everyone in his favorite dance – the Chicken Dance!



On September 30, the WESD opened the doors to its first "CAFÉ" – Community and Family Engagement event – and it was a full house! More than 200 people representing each WESD school, its parents and a faith-based organization from its neighborhood came together to begin conversations about how to work together to not only improve schools, but entire communities. Graciously hosted by Thunderbird High School, the CAFÉ included a beautiful dinner prepared by students in the Glendale Union High School District (GUSHD) culinary arts program. Following a welcome from GUHSD Superintendent Brian Capistran, WESD Superintendent Dr. Paul Stanton began the discussion about community engagement and the importance of community support to public education. Dr. Jennifer Johnson, executive director of Support Our Schools Arizona, continued that theme as she spoke about parental and community support in relation to her organization and its goals. Schools had the opportunity to work with the guests at their table to share ideas that support engagement and opportunities to collaborate. It was a great night of collaboration that will surely continue when the CAFÉ opens again to include businesses and community organizations. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Twelve WESD schools participated in the annual Love Our Schools Day Saturday, September 19 and boy were they LOVED! A big thank you to all of the faith-based partners who rallied volunteers to participate in a variety of community service events at the schools: Pure Heart Christian Fellowship, North Hills Church, Christ Church of the Valley (CCV), Orangewood Nazarene, Young Life, Trinity Mennonite, Christ's Community Church and ASU West students. These volunteers, along with teachers, principals and students from the schools, painted buildings and teachers lounges, dusted books, cleaned desks, organized clothing closets, sanded benches, beautified gardens and lawns/fields, and so much more! District 3 schools – John Jacobs and Mountain Sky – were lucky recipients of the love.

Southwest Veterans Chamber of Commerce: Patriots Ball



The Southwest Veterans Chamber of Commerce Patriots Ball brings together veteran and patriot owned businesses, veterans support groups, and business and civic leaders to celebrate the theme Keeping Lincoln's Promise. In his second Inaugural address, President Lincoln said it was the nation's duty "To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and orphan."

The Patriots Ball will include award presentations to our Corporate Partner of the Year – The Patriots Shield Award as well as our Veterans Advocate of the Year with The Lincoln Award.

Event proceeds will fund Southwest Veterans Chamber of Commerce member programs, scholarships and veterans' support programs in Arizona. Application as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization pending.

2015 Honorees

Corporate Partner of the Year Award – Patriots Shield Award: Salt River Project Veterans Advocate of the Year Award – Lincoln Award: Helping Hands for Freedom

Master of Ceremonies

Rick D'Amico

Tickets are \$50.00 per Attendee

6pm – No Host Reception & Silent Auction 7pm – Dinner & Program 9pm – Dancing

Cocktail Attire/Uniforms Formal Wear Optional

Venue

Salt River Project Pera Club

Visit: Southwestveteranschamber.com for more information.