



Thanksgiving is a time to reflect, a time to be grateful for all that we have been given over the past year. I am thankful for all of my fellow District 3 residents who work tirelessly to make District 3 a better, more enriched community. Special thank you to those who will spend time volunteering, serving others, or bringing food and comfort to a friend or neighbor. These selfless and thoughtful acts make me proud to be your Councilman.

I would also like to personally thank our City of Phoenix employees for the work they do to make our city great. They work hard to provide residents of District 3 the award-winning services to which we've grown accustomed. Without their commitment, creativity, and high standards, we would not be the thriving city that we are. I am very grateful for their efforts.

Please remember if you are traveling this weekend to allow plenty of time in order to ensure a smooth and safe experience.

Don't forget that next Tuesday will be our annual Holiday Party at Let it Roll Bowl. Come join us at the lanes for a fun-filled night. It will only be \$8 per person to bowl and that will include shoes. We will also be collecting unwrapped toys and donations for Betty's Kids.

From my family to yours, may you have a happy Thanksgiving filled with abundance and bright moments.

Bill Gates



Join Us For Our District 3 Holiday Party on Tuesday December 1st, 2015!

**\$8 per person (includes shoes)

Refreshments will be provided



Tuesday Dec. 1

5:30 - 7:00 PM

RSVP - 602.262.7441

council.district.3@phoenix.gov

Let it Roll Bowl

8925 N 12th St.

Phoenix, AZ 85020

APS Electric Light Parade Rolls Through Central Phoenix Dec. 5

Dozens of entries displaying hundreds of thousands of lights will brighten the streets of central Phoenix on Saturday, Dec. 5 when the APS Electric Light Parade, presented by the Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department, returns for the 29th straight year. Entries for the 2015 parade will interpret the theme "Trim the Trees for the Holiday." Minnie Mouse, from the Disneyland® Resort, is scheduled to serve as grand marshal.



The parade starts at 7 p.m. on Central Avenue at Montebello (just south of Bethany Home Road), heads south to Camelback Road, where it turns east to 7th Street where it turns south to the end point at Indian School Road. Comprehensive event information is available on the parade webpage or by phone at 602-534-FEST.

Parade lovers also may come out during judging on Friday, Dec. 4 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the event staging area at North Phoenix Baptist Church, when all motorized entries will be lit up for official review. Attendees can enter the staging area at the church parking lot entrance on Montebello Road just east of Central Avenue.



In addition to entry fees and the title sponsorship of APS, the following partners and sponsors help to make this event possible: North Phoenix Baptist Church, Arizona Diamondbacks, Phoenix Suns, 99.9 KEZ, ABC15, UltraStar Multi-tainment Center, Michael A. Pollack Real Estate Investments, IBEW #387, Arizona 811, Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Keep Phoenix Beautiful, Arizona State University's College of Public Programs, Phoenix VA Health Care System, Holiday Lights Decorating, Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, Republic Services, Classic Party Rentals, and United Rentals.



Helpful tips for those planning to attend the APS Electric Light Parade:

- Consider taking Light Rail to the event to avoid traffic congestion. The parade route runs right next to the Light Rail stop at Central Avenue, just south of Camelback Road.
- The parade is a rain or shine event. Check the weather forecast and dress accordingly.
- Spectators are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs for seating.
- Crowds for this event have grown very large in recent years. Spectators who arrive at the parade route within 45 minutes of the start should respect the viewing positions of those who arrived earlier, and take a position along the rear edge of the crowd.
- Spectators should try to minimize and gather any trash and litter generated during the parade to ease post-event cleanup.
- Coolers are permitted, however, alcohol and glass containers are prohibited.
- Viewing spots along the parade route are first-come-first served. Spectators often start arriving three or more hours prior to parade time to reserve a spot.
- Parking is available on city streets around the parade route and is on a first-come-first-serve basis. Private lots near the parade area often offer parking for a fee.

11 housing projects breaking ground in Phoenix neighborhoods

Courtesy of Brenna Goth, The Republic | azcentral.com

Phoenix is in a building boom. Cranes dot the downtown skyline as construction crews transform lots on nearly every major street. Housing projects run the gamut from apartments to townhouses, from the central city to the suburbs.

Some already are underway. Others will need more planning and approval before they break ground. See what's next for your neighborhood and if you see any projects you're curious about, e-mail Brenna Goth at brenna.goth@arizonarepublic.com.

(azcentral.com/story/news/local/phoenix/2015/09/30/projects-coming-to-phoenix-neighborhoods/72257318/)



Muse - Midtown



artHAUS - Midtown



Alta Filmore - Downtown



View 32 – 32nd St Corridor



Trellis on Bell – North Phoenix



The Curve at Melrose – Melrose District



Coronado Commons – Central Arts District



Capital Place Apts – Eastlake Park



Edison Midtown - Midtown



Grand Avenue Lofts – Triangle Neighborhood



En Hance Park - Downtown

Paradise Valley Mall Events

Santa Photos & Offers

Now through December 24, 2015

Santa will be available for photos and visits at his winter home, located in the Dillard's Court.

SANTA HOURS

November 7 - 24:

MON-FRI: 11-7pm (Break: 3-4 pm)

SAT: 10am-9pm (Break: 12-12:45pm & 3:45-4:30pm)

SUN: 11am-6pm (Break: 1-1:30pm & 4-4:30pm)

* November 26 (Thanksgiving): Closed

November 25 - December 23

MON-SAT: 10am-9pm (Break: 12-12:45pm & 3:45-4:30pm)

SUN (12/13): 10am-8pm (Break: 12-12:45pm, 3:45-4:30pm)

December 24

THUR: 9am-5pm (Break: 1-1:45pm)

PET PHOTOS WITH SANTA

We've reserved these special times for your furry friends to visit Santa!*

~ November 17 & 24: 6-9pm

~ December 1, 8 & 15: 6-9pm

*Cats and dogs only. Please be sure to have your pet on a leash or in a pet carrier. Please enter the mall near Dillard's.

SHOP EARLY, SAVE BIG + SHORTER WAIT TIMES!

Special Offer #1:

\$34.99 - Receive: (2) 5x7, (4) 4x6, (16) wallets, digital download of your photos and \$35 in online credits + reserved place in line.*

Special Offer #2:

\$49.99 - Receive (2) 5x7, (4) 4x6, (16) wallets, (20) Photo Greeting Cards, digital download of your photos and \$35 in online credits + reserved place in line.*



*Offer must be purchased and redeemed by 12/21/15. You must click the “Reserve & Buy Online” button and prepay to receive this offer. No other discounts apply.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Story Time with Santa

- * November 18 & 25
- * December 2, 9 & 16
- * 11-11:30am
- * Dillard's Court - Free Event

November Coffee Chat at Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort



Sky Harbor September Passenger Statistics

September 2015 passenger numbers are in and show an 8.1 percent increase compared to September 2014. Total passenger numbers for the calendar year are up 5% compared to Jan-Sept. 2014.



Checkered Flag Foundation and Bats for Trees Project

The Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department was the beneficiary of two check presentations made at Tuesday's City Council Meeting. One from the Arizona Diamondbacks and Arizona Lottery for donation of 125 trees as part of the "Break a Bat, Plant a Tree" initiative, and the other from Checkered Flag Run Foundation for donation of \$5,000 to provide 1,000 youth a free recreation pass for one year.





WESD News in District 3 – November 19, 2015

Seventeen WESD schools will receive nearly \$60,000 to fund 36 classroom projects thanks to the upcoming College Football Playoff (CFP) National Championship! The Arizona Organizing Committee and the College Football Playoff Foundation funded 284 classroom projects in Phoenix, Pinal County, Tempe and Yuma school districts this week. In the city of Phoenix, 158 projects were funded at a value of \$115,009 – more than half of that dollar amount went to WESD schools!

This “flash funding” project is generated through the CFP’s Extra Yard for Teachers Program and DonorsChoose.org. Projects funded in the WESD include 100 new Chromebooks for classrooms, along with carts and access points, 20 guitars, science lab materials, books, as well as PE equipment. All of the projects are teacher generated and are aligned with District curriculum and technology equipment standards. Here are the schools in District 3 who were selected and the number of projects funded:

- Mountain Sky – 4
- Mountain View – 4
- Shaw Butte – 1
- Sunnyslope – 1

Washington Elementary School District employees continue to be leaders in giving, contributing \$39,326 to the 2015 United Way campaign - one of the top three districts in the Valley and the best on the west side!

This year, District Office employees led the campaign in total giving, with contributions of \$5,939; however, it was Sunburst Elementary that raised the most per capita with a total of \$2,125. As a result, Sunburst campaign coordinator Sally Cook and her principal, Rhonda Warren, were presented with a check for \$500 courtesy of the Washington Education Foundation (WEF). This is the fifth year in a row Sunburst has won the additional money from the WEF

The top five contributors to this year’s campaign by school/location were:

- District Office, \$5,939;
- Cactus Wren Elementary, \$2,169;
- Sunburst Elementary, \$2,125;
- Lookout Mountain Elementary (District 3), \$2,074; and
- Maryland School, \$2,036.

Out of the total contributions collected, \$18,103 will be donated to the Washington Education Foundation to be used for its employee mini-grant program. These generous contributions from WESD employees will support the health and human service agencies that work in our community.

Youth Ambassador Exchange Program: Opportunity for Council District 3

The application for the 2016 Phoenix Sister Cities Youth Ambassador Exchange Program is now available online! This incredible international summer exchange program is now open to students in District 3. The application can be found here:

phoenixsistercities.org/index.php/youth-education/youth-ambassador-exchange-program#application

Last year, several students applied from District 3. We would love to see these numbers from our district increase! It is important to note that **all applicants are eligible to apply for scholarships!**

The deadline is **12/18/2015** and entirely available online at www.phoenixsistercities.org.

What is the Youth Ambassador Exchange Program?

The purpose of the Youth Ambassador Exchange Program (YAEP) is to offer opportunities for Phoenix high school students to appreciate and understand the cultures of our Sister Cities through a reciprocal three-week home hosted international exchange experience. The Phoenix Sister Cities Selection Committee will select high school students (Sophomores or Juniors), each of whom will be assigned as a Youth Ambassador to one of the ten Phoenix Sister Cities.

Through the Sister City program, Youth Ambassadors will have the opportunity to experience the sister city and the culture in ways not available to the typical international visitor.

