



District 3 Residents,

Happy New Year. I am tremendously excited for 2016 and the future of our great city. I look forward to rolling up my sleeves and making Phoenix a better place to live work and play for each and every resident. Please join for a joint Coffee with a Cop and Coffee Chat on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am at the Shadow Mountain Senior Center. I will be highlighting accomplishments from last year and will discuss my priorities for 2016. It's clear that "Phoenix is Rising," let us continue this momentum into 2016 and make this year our best year yet.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Bill Gates'.

### District 3 Coffee Chats

- **January Coffee Chat with Desert Horizon Police Department (PLEASE NOTE DIFFERENT TIME)**  
Date: Tuesday January 19, 2016  
Time: **8:00am – 9:00am**  
Location: Shadow Mountain Senior Center  
3546 E Sweetwater Ave.  
Phoenix, AZ 85032  
Guests: YouFit – Silver Sneakers Program
- **February Coffee Chat**  
Date: Tuesday February 9, 2016  
Time: **7:30am-8:30am**  
Location: TBD



## Latest Gateway to Phoenix Economic Impact of National Sporting Events

In his latest segment of Gateway to Phoenix, Councilman Bill Gates visits the College Football Championship Campus Fan Central at the Phoenix Convention Center to talk with Convention Center Director John Chan about the economic impact of major national events in the greater Phoenix area. Visit [youtu.be/F8fCY0yX6vg](https://youtu.be/F8fCY0yX6vg) for the full video or access from the main listserv email.



Where's Bill?????



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## DEAL REACHED TO END BUS STRIKE

The Phoenix Public Transit Department has learned that a tentative agreement has been reached between Transdev and leaders of the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 1433, and bus drivers will return to work Saturday, January 16 if union members approve the deal during a Friday vote.

Members of the ATU have been on strike since last Friday, Jan. 8, affecting 34 Transdev-operated routes, about 60 percent of Phoenix's bus service. Since the strike began, the city has worked with Transdev to provide limited service on some of the city's highest ridership routes, which will continue Friday, Jan. 15.

Once drivers return to work Saturday, all routes will resume their normal schedules moving forward. For schedule information, please visit [valleymetro.org](http://valleymetro.org), or call Valley Metro Customer Service at 602-253-5000 and for more information about the Phoenix Public Transit Department visit [phoenix.gov/publictransit](http://phoenix.gov/publictransit).

Transdev-operated routes:

0-Central Avenue; 1-Washington/Jefferson streets; 7-Seventh Street; 8-Seventh Avenue; 10-Roosevelt/32nd streets; 12-12th Street; 15-15th Avenue; 16-16th Street; 19-19th Avenue; 27-27th Avenue; 28-Lower Buckeye Road; 35-35th Avenue; 39-40th Street (north Phoenix); 44-44th Street/Tatum Boulevard; 50-Camelback Road; 52-Roeser Road; 60-Bethany Home Road; 70-Glendale Avenue/24th Street; 80-Northern Avenue/Shea Road; 90-Dunlap Avenue/Cave Creek Road; 106-Peoria Avenue; 122-Cactus Road; 138-Thunderbird Road; 154-Greenway Road; 170-Bell Avenue; 186-Union Hills Drive/Mayo Boulevard; SMART (Sunnyslope) circulator; DASH (downtown) circulator; and all RAPID commuter routes, including: Central South Mountain East; Central South Mountain West; I-10 East, I-10 West, I-17 and SR-51.

For more information about the Public Transit Department, visit [phoenix.gov/publictransit](http://phoenix.gov/publictransit) and follow @PhoenixMetroBus on Twitter.



## **Attention: Rock 'n' Roll Marathon This Weekend**

Drivers are encouraged to adjust travel time within and around the race course.

- The 10K is back again this year, and uses roads already closed for the marathon and 1/2 marathon. It will start at 7:50 am with the Half Marathon on E. University Ave, follow the same course for slightly more than 2 miles, then turn onto the Tempe Lake Path, before finishing in Tempe Beach Park. All events will finish near Mill Ave and Rio Salado Parkway in Tempe Beach Park.
- The Rock 'n' Roll Arizona Marathon & 1/2 Marathon will bring more than 25,000 runners and walkers to Phoenix, Tempe and Scottsdale, in addition to tens of thousands of spectators, family and friends.
- To get the most out of your weekend and minimize stress, be aware of the road closures in your area and plan ahead for an alternate route or added travel time.
- Join the festivities! Phoenix, Tempe and Scottsdale residents are encouraged to visit the free Health & Fitness Expo on at the Phoenix Convention Center, volunteer during race weekend and/or line the course to cheer runners. Visit the website to learn about volunteer opportunities!

### **INTERACTIVE ROAD CLOSURE MAP**

- Please visit [runrocknroll.com/arizona/the-races/road-closures/](http://runrocknroll.com/arizona/the-races/road-closures/) for a map of all road closures

### **VALLEY METRO TRANSIT DETOURS**

Valley Metro Rail will operate on race weekend and with an enhanced schedule on race morning. There will be slight service delays once the races start. Several Valley Metro bus routes will be on detour during the race. For more information visit [valleymetro.org](http://valleymetro.org) or call (602) 253-5000.

### **ROAD CLOSURES**

Most road closures and detours will be in effect between the hours of 6:00 am and 3:30 pm. At 6:00 am, Police and event personnel may implement a soft closure along the entire race course. At most points along the course, pedestrians and bicyclists may cross the course during safe gaps in runners. Please follow the discretion of a traffic controller if present. All races on Sunday will start at 7:50 am, and streets will reopen on a rolling basis as soon as the last participant has passed and all course support materials have been removed. Streets along the earlier miles of the route will open earlier than roads along the end of the route. Please review the road closure grid and course map for more information. Residents and businesses located near the race course are urged to plan ahead and to be aware of road closure schedules and alternate access routes.

## Is Your New Year's Resolution to Get Fit? City of Phoenix Can Help!

Valley residents looking to get or stay fit in 2016 can benefit from a variety of fun, convenient and free or affordable options provided by the Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department and FitPHX citywide healthy-living initiative. Whether one is looking to walk, run, hike, bike or hit the gym, the city offers a long list of amenities and programming.

- There's no better place to be on Monday nights than the FitPHX Meet Me Downtown Phoenix (MMDT) walk/run. More than 10,000 participants have enjoyed this free, social, non-competitive weekly event. MMDT takes place from 5:15 to 7:15 p.m. every Monday night, and steps off from The Corner restaurant at CityScape Phoenix. The 3.2-mile route takes participants through three downtown parks and past numerous businesses, restaurants and landmarks. A weekly raffle includes restaurant gift certificates, vouchers for free Phoenix Symphony tickets through January and Phoenix Suns tickets twice a month.
- The neighborhood park could be a key asset to staying on the path to good health – and many residents can walk or bike there and leave the car at home. Walking is the No. 1 activity people use city parks for nationwide. Many of Phoenix's more than 180 parks have concrete and/or granite paths where one can walk and enjoy nature. FitPHX has placed WalkPHX signs and mileage markers at 21 parks, giving walkers or joggers the ability to track their fitness progress. See a map and more information at [phoenix.gov/fitphx](http://phoenix.gov/fitphx) – click the "WalkPHX" link.
- Hiking is another great choice, and Phoenix has 200-plus miles of trails in its desert and mountain preserves to explore. District 3 is especially fortunate to have a vast amount of our Phoenix Mountain Preserves. The trail system offers something for all interests and skill levels. It's always important to bring plenty of water and a cell phone, and to dress appropriately. View trail locations and "Take a Hike. Do it Right."
- Prefer moving on two wheels? Safe bicycling options are available throughout the city, with dedicated bike lanes, paths and routes along canals. Visit [phoenix.gov/fitphx](http://phoenix.gov/fitphx) and click on "Bicycling in Phoenix" for more information. Bikes also can be rented at one of nearly 40 locations through the city's Grid Bike Share program – check out [gridbikes.com](http://gridbikes.com) for additional information.
- When it's too hot outside, or during a rare rainy Phoenix day, head to one of the city's 31 community and recreation centers. An annual recreation pass can be purchased for youth age three to 17 for \$5 (\$10 for non-residents) and adults age 18 or older for \$20 (\$40 for non-residents). Children age two or younger are free. View a list of the city's community and recreation centers. Information about sports leagues and additional programming and activities is viewable via the Parks and Recreation Department's registration website.

**City of Phoenix Police: Media Advisory**  
**Date and Time: January 10, 2016 at 12:30 a.m.**

**Location:** 6100 N. 27th Avenue near Club Silverado

**Victim:** Farrell Bevins Yuyaheoea, male, age 46

**Suspect Vehicle:** Believed to be white, 2000 GMC Sierra or Yukon

On January 10, 2016, at approximately 12:30 a.m., Farrell Bevins Yuyaheoea was crossing 27th Avenue mid-block when he was struck and killed by a southbound vehicle.

The driver of the vehicle did not stop and was last seen fleeing westbound on Bethany Home Rd. Investigators have determined that the involved vehicle is likely a white 2000 GMC Sierra or Yukon. The suspect vehicle likely received damage to the front, left side of the vehicle.

Investigators are asking for public assistance in locating the suspect and vehicle. They are hoping that patrons from the nearby business that was open at the time of the collision may have witnessed the collision and can provide further information. If anyone has information regarding this incident, please urge them to call the Phoenix Police Department or Silent Witness.





### **WESD News in District 3 – January 14, 2015**

The Washington Elementary School District is proud to announce that one of its principals has been selected as a 2016 Rodel Exemplary Principal! Shannon Bonnette, principal of Richard E. Miller Elementary School, is one of four principals in Maricopa County selected for this honor, one of eight statewide. She is in her fifth year as principal at Richard E. Miller. Prior to that, she was assistant principal at Shaw Butte Elementary School.

Ms. Bonnette has been a part of the WESD for most of her life – she attended elementary school in the District, worked in the WESD during college and served students at several schools throughout her teaching career before moving into administration.

“Shannon is truly focused on meeting the academic, social and emotional needs of her students,” Paul Stanton, Ed.D., superintendent of the WESD, said. “She leads by example and is grounded in her role as a servant leader. You will not find a more humble human being. We are extremely proud of Shannon and the accomplishments of the Richard E. Miller team.”

Rodel, in partnership with Social Venture Partners of Arizona, developed the Rodel Exemplary Principal Initiative to recognize outstanding school principals and populate a pipeline of highly skilled school leaders for Arizona’s high-need schools. Each cohort of Exemplary Principals provides professional development, field experience, and ongoing mentorship to a class of Rodel Aspiring Principals for two years. After learning from the best, these Aspiring Principals are better prepared to lead their own high-need schools.

Bethany Zimmerman, fourth grade teacher at Moon Mountain Elementary, recently earned National Board Certification (NBC), an advanced teaching credential that is the highest level of distinction a classroom teacher can achieve. Two additional educators – Joylyn McCain, program coach at Sunnyslope, and John Vasey, sixth grade teacher at Orangewood, received their 10-year certification renewals. Their dedication to their profession and their desire to achieve at the highest level are indicative of the passion for teaching you will find throughout the WESD.

Zimmerman was one of 48 in Arizona to receive certification this year and is among more than 1,826 teachers nationwide. McCain and Vasey were among the 22 in Arizona who renewed their certification. The WESD ranks in the top five school districts in Arizona with national board certified teachers.

To earn National Board Certification, teachers demonstrate their knowledge and skills through a yearlong series of performance-based assessments, including a portfolio of lessons and samples of student work, videotapes, and rigorous analysis of their classroom teaching.

Teachers also complete a formal written evaluation that probes the depth of their teaching knowledge.

Congratulations to our fine educators!

Shaw Butte Elementary has received a lot TLC recently thanks to a local business and church. On January 6, Suntec Concrete stopped by to deliver new backpacks for every student, as well as new digital cameras, video cameras, laser pointers, wireless mice, supplies and money for future field trips – a total donation of \$6,200! Then, on Saturday, January 9, more than 250 volunteers from Radiant Church’s REACH ministry cleaned classrooms, installed new soccer posts with nets and added tether balls, raked leaves, pulled weeds, trimmed bushes and organized the supply room and PE storage area. Additionally, they wrote encouraging notes to the staff and provided gifts for every student! If that weren’t enough, the church also donate three flat screen TVs, new cabinets, sofas, tables and a laminator. Shaw Butte and the WESD are truly thankful for these generous donations!

The Mountain Sky Junior High Wake Up! Club participated in a wonderful learning opportunity with the City of Phoenix Sister Cities program before their park clean-up Saturday, January 9. The students were taking time to learn about the Youth Ambassador Program as a way to expand global citizenship and leadership. Mark Morrissey, a former Mountain Sky and Lookout Mountain student, is currently a National Merit Scholar semifinalist at Thunderbird High School. He presented information about the exciting opportunities that exist in the Youth Ambassador Program. It's very impressive when former students give back and mentor current students. Mark will be sharing at the next WESD Business Advisory Team (BAT) on Wednesday, January 27.

The WESD will host its sixth annual Parent University on the campus of Cholla Middle School, 3120 W. Cholla, on Saturday, January 23, from 7:45 a.m. to noon. Parent University is a free, half-day educational opportunity designed to help parents and guardians assist their children with academics and behavior as well as provide important health and human service information and support. The event begins with breakfast, then parents/guardians may attend up to three breakout sessions. Lunch is offered at the conclusion of the even and free child care is available.

For complete information on Parent University and to register, visit the WESD Web site at [www.wesdschools.org](http://www.wesdschools.org).





## **Year in Review: Public Service Accomplishments by the Numbers**

The city of Phoenix has released its "Year in Review" summary, which offers a by-the-numbers snapshot of the city's public service accomplishments during calendar year 2015. These accomplishments, large and small, are at the core of improving the quality of life for Phoenix area residents and visitors. Here are some of the accomplishments:

### **Aviation**

- Passenger traffic at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport is up 5 percent over 2014
- February 2 was the single busiest day with 175,000 passengers
- PHX Sky Train® welcomed its 10 millionth passenger in October
- The Navigator volunteer program celebrated its 15th year anniversary, gained 30 new volunteers and now has approximately 415 volunteers

### **Budget and Research**

- Saved taxpayers more than \$10 million in innovation and efficiency savings (One example: Through the integration of smart technology city staff can now control the city's grass irrigation systems remotely via computer. This helps reduce the number of man-hours required to complete this type of activity.)

### **Community & Economic Development**

- Created 9,443 new jobs in the Phoenix market
- \$1 billion in capital investment
- Conducted 521 business outreach visits
- Assisted 20,565 job seekers

### **Education Office**

- Secured \$360,000 from Piper Charitable Trust to implement tutoring programs in 16 school districts serving over 500 students
- Launched Reengage Phoenix to connect adults and youth who have not completed high school to secondary educational opportunities; currently, 882 participants are enrolled
- Launched Career Online High School to offer adults ages 21 and older the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma and career certificate; currently, there are 313 applicants, 47 enrollees and four participants have received a diploma

### **Environmental Programs**

- Received and responded to 150 emergency response calls to clean-up illegally dumped hazardous materials
- Entered into a development agreement to redevelop 10 acres of cleaned-up property
- The Energize Phoenix program was awarded the 2015 Climate Protection Award at the United States Conference of Mayors

### **Fire and Police**

- Phoenix Crime Stop and 911 together received over 1.5 million calls for assistance

## **Housing**

- Continues to serve 180 families working towards economic independence
- Housed a total of 630 new low-income families via public housing and voucher units

## **Human Services**

- The Family Advocacy Center provided 8,589 services and distributed more than 13,400 resources and referrals
- Served nearly 3,600 children in Head Start and Early Head Start

## **Library**

- The summer reading program saw a 58 percent overall increase in participation and an 87 percent increase in participation by grade school children
- Continued its partnership with St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance to provide approximately 400 Kids Café meals a week and educational programming at seven library locations
- Expanded the Project Nabi program, which puts tablets with specialized educational apps and eBooks into the hands of young children, was expanded to a total of nine library locations
- College Depot launched Career Online High School to offer adults 21 and older the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma and credentialed career certificate; currently, 61 students are enrolled and seven students have graduated

## **Neighborhood Services**

- Held 106 neighborhood clean ups
- Hosted 590 neighborhood meetings
- Counseled 3,881 tenants through the Landlord/Tenant Counseling Program

## **Parks and Recreation**

- Provided swimming lessons to 20,000 children and adults
- More than 10,000 people explored downtown during year one of FitPHX Meet Me Downtown
- Approximately 15 million people utilized the city's 200-plus miles of hiking trails
- Opened two new dog parks for a total nine city dog parks

## **Phoenix Convention Center**

- Hosted 64 conventions and 246,478 convention delegates
- \$352 million estimated direct spending impact

## **Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture**

- \$30,000 grant awarded to expand the ArtsBuild pilot program, allows for six additional artists to work with the city on projects
- Dedicated seven public arts projects and won six awards

## **Planning & Development**

- Added 24 new online permits on phoenix.gov
- Reduced customer wait times by almost 50 percent by streamlining counter procedures

### **Public Transit**

- Provided over 37 million bus rides
- Provided over 9 million light rail rides

### **Public Works**

- Collected 11,240 tons of residential recycling tonnage ( July – November)
- Diverted almost 50,000 tons of material achieving a 73 percent diversion rate during the Super Bowl XLIX events held in downtown Phoenix
- Held nine events where 6,057 residents were assisted with diverting the following household hazardous waste materials from the landfill

- approximately **3,558** gallons of used oil
- **1,104** vehicle tires
- **45,440** pounds of flammable products
- **13,100** pounds of pesticides
- **7,274** linear feet of fluorescent light tubes
- **4,793** compact fluorescent bulbs
- **9,292** gallons of latex paint (**1,690** gallons were reusable and redistributed to residents)

### **Social Media**

- The city's main social accounts generated the following:
- 1,435,248 Facebook impressions with a 26 percent increase in page likes
- 89 percent growth in Twitter followers with 1,057,200 impressions
- 839,775 minutes of city content uploaded to the city's YouTube channel
- The city started using Periscope to allow the public to live stream city events from a mobile device

### **Street Transportation**

- Resurfaced over 125 miles of roadway and filled over 25,000 potholes
- Secured a \$10.3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to build a multi-use path along the Grand Canal
- Installed 15 miles of bike lanes

### **Volunteer Phoenix**

- 40,000 volunteers contributed more than 600,000 hours to the city's 20 volunteer programs; valued at \$13 million
- Welcomed six new AmeriCorps VISTA members to serve in the city

### **Water Services**

- Managed 700,000 calls from customers in 2015
- Stored 113.7 billion gallons of water that can be used to offset future shortages or outages
- Reused nearly all reclaimed wastewater (more than 35.1 billion gallons) on crops, wetlands and energy production

2015 was another exciting and bustling year for the city of Phoenix. City staff took pride in serving the community and providing services 24-hours a day, seven days a week. To this, the city is thankful to its staff, community partners and residents for working together to make Phoenix a great place to live, work and play. As 2015 comes to a close, the city is looking forward to continuing its momentum in public service for 2016.



# **City of Phoenix**

### Where's Bill Answers

- A. The City of Phoenix Inauguration. Councilman Gates taking his oath of office.
- B. Grand Opening of the new GCU Golf Course in Maryvale. GCU Executive Chef whipped Councilman Gates up one of Maryvale's historically famous milkshakes.
- C. Grand Opening of the new Century Link store in the Paradise Valley Mall area.