



This Saturday is our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Cruisin' with Councilman Gates Community Bike Ride and I invite you all to come out and join the fun. It's a family-friendly ride and will also feature a bike rodeo, opportunities to register your bike with the Phoenix Police, local business booths, a special raffle, and more. It will be held at the northeast corner of Shea and 32<sup>nd</sup> street. We will have plenty of donuts, fruit and water thanks to a generous donation by Bashas. I hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

### District 3 Coffee Chat

- **March Coffee Chat**  
Date: Tuesday March 22, 2016  
Time: **7:30am - 9:00am**  
Location: Sunnyslope Senior Center  
802 E Vogel Ave.  
Phoenix, AZ 85020

#### Legislators Confirmed:

Senator Nancy Barto - LD 15  
Representative Anthony Kern - LD 20  
Representative Kate Brophy McGee – LD 28  
Representative Dr. Eric Meyer – LD 28





**March 23, 2016 – 8:00AM**

Black Mountain Precinct will be holding their Coffee with a Cop on March 23, 2016 located at Times Square at 718 East Union Hills Drive at 8:00 a.m.



**Where's Bill?????**



A.

B.

C.

This Saturday!!



## **NORTH 32ND CRUISIN' WITH COUNCILMAN BILL GATES**

Saturday  
March 12th, 2016  
8:30a.m. - 11a.m.

### **LOCATION**

Shea Plaza  
10629 N. 32nd St.  
(NEC of 32nd St and Shea)

- \*Bike Helmets (ages 5-18-While Supplies Last)
- \*Free Car Seat Checks
- \*Bike Registration
- \*Bike Rodeo

### **Schedule of Events (ALL FREE)**

8:30a.m.-9:15a.m. - Bike Ride Sign In

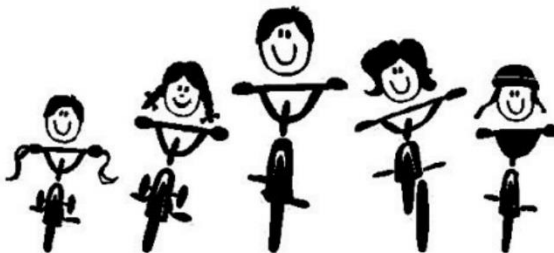
8:30a.m.-11a.m. - Open Booths

9:15a.m.-10:15a.m. - Community Bike Ride  
(Family Friendly)



### **City of Phoenix**

For more information or booth info  
contact Council District 3  
at 602-262-7441 or  
[council.district.3@phoenix.gov](mailto:council.district.3@phoenix.gov)  
or [events@north32ndstreet.com](mailto:events@north32ndstreet.com)



If your business or organization is interested in having space for a booth or donating a raffle prize please contact my office at 602.262.7441 or [Council.District.3@phoenix.gov](mailto:Council.District.3@phoenix.gov).

## **Councilman Bill Gates & Allpoint Network Team Up on "Welcome to Feenix" to Promote Free Phoenix Events and Activities**

Councilman Bill Gates and Allpoint Network, the world's largest surcharge-free ATM network, today announced an initiative designed to promote the vast amount of cultural, art, music and other events, activities and transportation that are available for free to Phoenix residents and visitors.

Backed by high job growth and low unemployment rates, the Phoenix metro area was the sixth fastest growing city in the U.S. in 2014 and continues to see extensive growth. As the city expands, keeping Phoenicians up-to-date on the free activities and events in Phoenix remains a focus to support the city's unique culture and feel.

"As Phoenix expands, so does the quality and volume of enriching experiences for our residents and visitors," Councilman Bill Gates said. "It has always been the goal of the City Council to support local businesses, the arts and culture, as well as the quality of life for all of our residents and visitors. This educational campaign will help to accomplish these goals."

The initiative, called "Welcome to Feenix," will leverage an educational campaign to help inform Phoenicians about free activities and events happening in the city.

"Our goal is to educate Phoenicians on the free and family friendly ways to enjoy everything our city has to offer – from movie nights at the library and events at the science center, to dance classes and our expansive Phoenix Mountain Preserve trail system," Councilman Gates added. "With this initiative, we seek to promote all of the arts and cultural activities that are available for free to our residents and guests visiting our great city."

In collaboration with Councilman Gates' office, Allpoint Network created an informational "Welcome to Feenix" brochure that maps out locations and dates of free activities in Phoenix, including: free days at the Phoenix Art Museum, trolley tours, yoga classes and more.

Allpoint Network will host a "Surcharge-Free Day" on March 12, offering residents and visitors surcharge-free access to all Allpoint ATMs at all Arizona QuikTrip locations, regardless of their financial institution. NOTE: While not likely, financial institutions may charge a foreign fee for using any ATM that it does not operate directly, including Allpoint Network ATMs. Residents are encouraged to check with their financial institution for details.

"At \$3.15, Phoenix has the second highest average ATM surcharge fee per transaction," said Bill Knoll, managing director, Allpoint Network. "Our goal is to provide convenient surcharge-free cash access to consumers giving them the opportunity to use the cash savings for their families."

The list of free things to do in Phoenix is available by visiting [welcometofeenix.com](http://welcometofeenix.com).

Please join us for the 7th Annual  
**Swim & Gym Festival**

Saturday, March 12th  
from 2:30 - 6:00 pm

**KINO PLAZA: 13832 N. 32ND STREET** in the Hubbard / Sunrays parking lot



**FAMILY FUN - FOR A GREAT CAUSE!**

**ENJOY ACTIVITIES**

- Family Swim and Water Fun
- Gymnastics and Dance
- Local Vendors:
  - Food
  - Shopping
  - Arts & Crafts
- DJ & Performances
- Phoenix Fire truck tours
- Phoenix Police Dept.
- Bounce House & Trampoline



**EVENT PARKING**

**Arizona Sunrays Gymnastics**  
3110 E. Thunderbird Road

**St. Marks Lutheran Church**  
3030 E. Thunderbird Road

**Paradise Valley Baptist Church**  
14034 N 32nd Street



**Hubbard**  
Family Swim School



**Arizona Sunrays**  
GYMNASTICS · DANCE

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO PHOENIX CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Interested in being a vendor? Contact: [Kenzie@arizonasunrays.com](mailto:Kenzie@arizonasunrays.com) or [Events@hubbardswim.com](mailto:Events@hubbardswim.com)

## **Councilman Bill Gates Takes Bike Safe Phoenix Pledge, Invites Residents to Neighborhood Bike Festival**

Councilman Bill Gates has taken the Bike Safe Phoenix Pledge and encourages other bicyclists and motorists to join him in making a personal commitment to keep Phoenix roadways safe for all users. The councilman took the pledge online at: [phoenix.gov/streetssite/Pages/Bicycle-Safety-Pledge.aspx](http://phoenix.gov/streetssite/Pages/Bicycle-Safety-Pledge.aspx). It's quick and easy and residents that take the pledge get a free online discount offer.

"The pledge reminds motorists and bicyclists that they both have a role to play to keep streets safe for bike riders and everyone else on the road," Councilman Gates said. "The pledge also boils down the simple basics of road safety: be cautious and courteous and look out for one another."

Councilman Gates also is inviting residents out to his Cruisin' with Councilman Bill Gates safe bicycling festival this Saturday, March 12 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at Shea Plaza, 10629 N. 32<sup>nd</sup> St. The event features a bike rodeo, free car seat checks, bike helmets while supplies last, local business booths and a family friendly community bike ride.

## **Phoenix To Host Weekend Bike Safety Events For Children During March and April**

The city of Phoenix Fire, Police and Street Transportation departments are teaming up to host a series of bike safety events for children, throughout the weekends of March and April. At these events, staff will distribute helmets to young people, explain bicycle-related traffic laws and conduct car seat safety checks.

Several activities will be conducted during each bicycle safety day to allow as many people as possible to obtain this much-needed information. Activities will include community bike rides, car seat checks, bicycle rodeos and obstacle courses to educate young people on safe riding techniques.

Parents or guardians are encouraged to attend. Children are invited to bring their bikes and helmets.

To view the event schedule please visit [phoenix.gov/streetssite/Pages/2016-Bike-Safety-Event-Schedule.aspx](http://phoenix.gov/streetssite/Pages/2016-Bike-Safety-Event-Schedule.aspx)

For more information about these events, please contact Don Cross at 602-534-2020 or [donald.cross@phoenix.gov](mailto:donald.cross@phoenix.gov).

For bike safety information and tips, please visit [phoenix.gov/streetssite/Pages/Bicycle-Safety.aspx](http://phoenix.gov/streetssite/Pages/Bicycle-Safety.aspx)

## **City of Phoenix Releases Floodplain Management Plan for Public Comment**

The city of Phoenix has prepared and released for public comment an update of its floodplain management plan. A floodplain management plan is an overall strategy of programs, projects and measures aimed at reducing the adverse impacts of flood hazards on the community. This plan identifies flood risks, their impact on the community, and a prioritized action plan for reducing flood risks.

Floodplain management plans are utilized in support of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for participation within the National Flood Insurance Program. The NFIP requires the city to review this plan annually.

The city of Phoenix is currently recognized as a Class 6 Community within the NFIP Community Rating System. This rating allows property owners to receive a 20 percent premium reduction in flood insurance rates for properties located within a Special Flood Hazard Area. For properties located outside of a FEMA- designated Special Flood Hazard Area, residents currently benefit from a 10 percent reduction in insurance premiums.

The city's draft floodplain management plan is available online at [phoenix.gov/streets/floodplain-management](http://phoenix.gov/streets/floodplain-management). The public comment and review period for the plan takes place Jan. 28, 2016, through April 28, 2016. Questions and comments may be submitted in writing by 5 p.m., April 28, 2016, to:

Hasan Mushtaq, P.E., Ph.D., CFM  
Floodplain Manager  
City of Phoenix Street Transportation Department  
200 W. Washington St., 5th Floor, Phoenix, AZ 85003-1611  
Email: [hasan.mushtaq@phoenix.gov](mailto:hasan.mushtaq@phoenix.gov)

In addition, the city will host four public meetings to share details about the plan and solicit comments from the public. The meetings will be held from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. During each meeting a brief presentation will be provided at around 6:30 p.m. and the same information will be presented at each meeting. The meetings are scheduled as follows:

### **Tuesday, April 5**

Golet A.C. Beuf Community Center - Multipurpose North, 3435 W. Pinnacle Peak Rd.

### **Wednesday, April 6**

Pecos Community Center - Multipurpose Room, 17010 S. 48th St.

### **Thursday, April 7**

Burton Barr Public Library - Pulliam Auditorium, 1221 N. Central Ave.

### **Tuesday, April 12**

Phoenix Fire Department Station #57, 1708 W. Dobbins Road



# City of Phoenix Floodplain Management Plan FACT SHEET

## What is a Floodplain Management Plan?

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## What are the benefits of this plan?

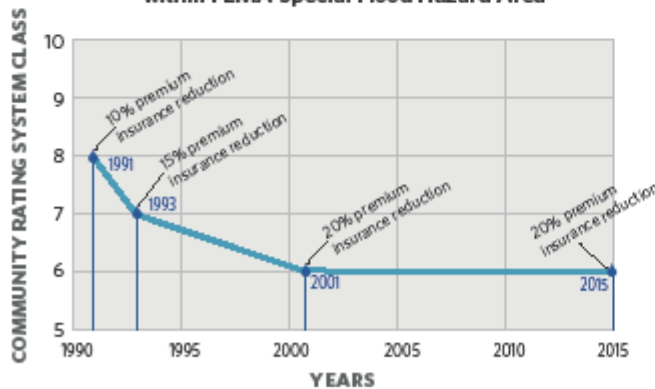
- Prioritizes flood management activities
- Identifies improvement projects to reduce flooding risks
- Educates the public and increases local awareness of flooding risks
- Creates successful partnerships with local, county and government agencies
- Strengthens the opportunity for resident cost savings on flood insurance premiums
  - Residents currently benefit from a 20 percent reduction in insurance premiums for properties located *within* a FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Area.
  - Residents currently benefit from a 10 percent reduction in insurance premiums for properties located *outside* of a FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Area.



## PLAN PURPOSE & NEED

- Meets the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) guidelines under FIA-15/2013
- Replaces the 1992 city of Phoenix Floodplain Management Plan
- Reflects the city's floodplain management efforts which contribute to the class rating per the Flood Insurance Administration (FIA)
- Strengthens the support and opportunity for resident cost savings on flood insurance premiums

**Phoenix Community Rating System (CRS) History within FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area**



Since 1991, the city has reduced its CRS Class by implementing Floodplain Management activities, resulting in increased insurance premium savings for residents.

## Policies and Discounts

In 1991 the city received the CRS designation of Class 8. In 1993 the city obtained a class improvement, becoming a designation of Class 7, followed by further improvement to Class 6 in 2001. Per FEMA reporting in May 1, 2013, the city had 4,589 policies in force which results in an annual CRS policy discount of \$626,488. As of November 30, 2015, the city maintains a Class 6 designation with 4,977 policies in force, resulting in an annual CRS policy discount of \$675,011.





### **WESD News in District 3 – March 10, 2016**

There's still time to make a tax credit donation to a Washington Elementary School District (WESD) school and have it apply to your 2015 taxes. Tax credit donations made on or before April 15, 2016 can be used to help reduce your 2015 or 2016 tax liability. The choice is yours. When you make a school tax credit donation you are enhancing the education of a child. Your donation can go to the program you specify, or you may permit the school to designate which of its extracurricular programs your donation will support – athletics, after-school classes, character education, field trips, music programs. To make a donation, simply go to the WESD Web site, [wesdschools.org](http://wesdschools.org), and click the "Donate Now" button to donate online. If you prefer to print a form, go to "About WESD" and click "Tax Credit." Complete the tax credit form and return it your neighborhood WESD school.

Special needs students from Sweetwater School and students with autism from John Jacobs Elementary and Desert View Elementary Schools joined together for the 11th annual Big Fun Field Day March 9 at Sweetwater. Students enjoyed BIG FUN with their music therapists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, orientation and mobility teachers, vision teachers, social workers, classroom teachers and teaching assistants, as well as student volunteer helpers. The morning started with a brief parade of students, Olympic style. Then the students then broke off with their classes and participate in a wide variety of adapted physical education activities that were more fun than competitive. Howler from the Phoenix Coyotes, Baxter from the Arizona Diamondbacks, and Ronald McDonald were on hand to interact with the students. This day allows the special needs students to showcase their abilities and skills and enjoy a morning of fun with their peers.

WESD is proud to share that one of its schools took top honors in a recent state robotics competition. The Robocougars from Orangewood School won the STEM Research Award at the VEX IQ State Finals Competition February 27. Students had selected the topic of water sanitation and purification and studied about what is being done worldwide to improve and develop safe drinking water. The Robocougars built a model of the Omni Processor being developed by Bill Gates and in their presentation to the judges, demonstrated how this model could improve life for people around the world. In feedback from the judges, they were impressed with students' depth of knowledge and polished presentation skills. This is the third year in a row that Orangewood has won the STEM Research Award. Way to go, Orangewood!

The sumo match-up that everyone was waiting for became reality February 25 thanks to the generous contributions of WESD staffers and Pure Heart Fellowship members! Together, the two groups met their goals, donating more than 13,000 pounds of food. Everyone gathered at Pure Heart Church to watch as Superintendent Dr. Paul Stanton and Pastor Dan Steffen went mano a mano in sumo suits! After three rounds of posturing, shuffling, pushing and falling, Pastor Dan emerged the winner! Pure Heart won \$1,000, provided by sponsor CORE Construction. Additionally, two other sponsors, DLR Group and McCarthy challenged each other and together they collected more than 1,600 cans. As a result, they participated in a pie-in-the-face contest – fun and messy! North Phoenix Kiwanis was also a big supporter, donating to the WESD collection.

## **City of Phoenix to Offer Free Tax Preparation, Filing Help**

The city of Phoenix will be offering free tax help for qualified individuals and families.

The city's Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) campaign will help working families who earned less than \$54,000 in 2015 with free tax preparation and filing services, starting on Monday, Jan 25.

Individuals and families may qualify and file for the child tax credit, dependent care credit, the education tax credit and the EITC tax credit up to \$6,269 at the city's free tax preparation sites, the city said in a statement.

The free tax help will be at 16 sites around the city. A list of the locations, including hours and days of operation, is available at [phoenix.gov/etc](http://phoenix.gov/etc). It is important to remember that hours and days of operation vary for different locations.

Taxpayers must bring a picture ID for themselves and spouse, Social Security cards and/or Individual Tax Identification Number cards for all household members.

They also must bring a variety of documents to insure tax preparers are able to help, including proof of income like W-2s and 1099 Retirement Income information for other income, 1095-A as verification of medical insurance premium tax credit received, verification of all other deductions/credits and the amount of money paid to child care provider (if applicable).

If filing jointly, both adults must be present to sign the return.

For a full list of what to bring, and what volunteers will and will not prepare, [click here](#).

For information about the city of Phoenix EITC program, visit [phoenix.gov/etc](http://phoenix.gov/etc).

For more information about Valley wide EITC site locations and hours of operation, call the Internal Revenue Service at 1-800-906-98



# City of Phoenix

## Where's Bill Answers

- A. On set of Politics in the Yard with host Jaime Molera on the CW6
- B. Celebrating 10 years of the Homeless Court with Judge Don Taylor and Council colleagues Mayor Greg Stanton, Kate Gallego, and Michael Nowakowski
- C. Speaking at Councilwoman Thelda Williams' monthly breakfast at the Radisson at Metro Center