

PEACE



The year is winding down and I am proud to live, serve, work and raise a family in Phoenix. The weather and beautiful scenery, opportunity, and sense of community make life here truly special. As I drive around our neighborhoods, all the houses decorated with beautiful lights provide me with cheer for the holidays.



JOY

The last few weeks have been busy, and I continue to work towards making Phoenix the best city it can be. Already we're starting to anticipate the coming Super Bowl and many events in the Spring. I'm committed to a better 2015. May your holidays be joyful!

LOVE



WARM WISHES FROM THE GATES FAMILY

City News

Change in Phoenix Police Leadership - Joe Yahner appointed Acting Police Chief

Yesterday, City Manager Ed Zuercher appointed Joe Yahner as Acting Police Chief. As we move forward in reviewing our Community Engagement and Outreach Task Force, I will work with the community and Acting Chief Yahner to address concerns and implement policies that make our entire community feel safe. Our main responsibility is the safety of our residents and community. I thank our Phoenix police officers who are the best in the nation and who continue to serve and protect the citizens of Phoenix.

Sky Harbor, the FAA and Flight Noise



In September, the FAA implemented the NextGen flight path changes to air traffic at Sky Harbor. In the past 90 days, Sky Harbor has received over 1700 complaints regarding the changes as the planes now fly over many historic Phoenix neighborhoods. As a City Councilman, I am committed to improving the quality of life of our residents. The recent FAA flight path changes in Phoenix were implemented without gathering public input and have negatively impacted our citizens. While the current changes have primarily affected areas around Central Phoenix, I know air traffic at the Scottsdale Airpark has always been a concern for our residents living in the area.

Phoenix held a Special Policy Meeting on December 16th to hear citizen concerns and receive an update on how the FAA plans to remedy the situation. At our city council meeting on Tuesday, I called for a full investigation to determine why the city council was not informed of this change so that it doesn't happen again in future. I will consider all options to remedy the situation, including the possibility of litigation.

You can read the Arizona Republic article at

<http://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/phoenix/2014/12/15/phoenix-sky-harbor-faa-noise-new-flight-paths-meeting/20454487/>. You may also provide comments to the Sky Harbor Noise Officer at 602.683.2669.

No Burn Days



On cold winter days, it's natural to want to burning wood on No Burn Days is not only an health hazard for children, the elderly and anyone seriously and hold off on the fire until restrictions are lifted.

use the fireplace or backyard fire pit, but irritant to healthy people, it can be a serious with heart or lung illnesses. Please take No Burn Days

If residents are unsure if a No Burn Days is in effect, they can check the status online at cleanairmakemore.com or by calling 602-506-6400. Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day typically are declared No Burn Days, and residents should check before burning wood on these days. Residents also can download the Clean Air Mobile App or sign up for automatic e-mail or text alerts on No Burn Days.

The city has worked closely with Maricopa County and other regional partners to achieve federal air quality health standards. In addition to the health hazards, burning wood on No Burn Days increases the risk of us falling out of compliance with these standards, which could mean burdensome and costly federal regulations and higher fines.

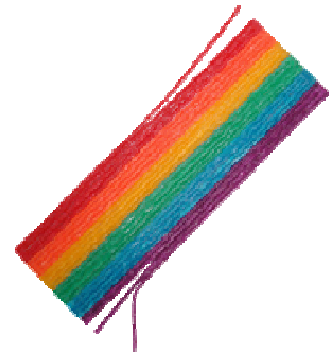
The City of Phoenix is a part of regional clean air campaign that includes the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Maricopa County, the Arizona Department of Transportation and the Mayo Clinic.

Phoenix Honors Residents for Volunteer Efforts

Hundreds of volunteers were honored on December 18 for the time and services they provided in the past year at the city's 15 Human Services Department senior centers. This year, 596 volunteers logged 135,708 hours, equaling \$3,060,215 worth of services. Through the city's senior programs, volunteers provide support services for older adults such as greeting participants, serving meals, assisting office staff, facilitating activities and planning trips.

"Volunteers are the backbone of so many important services for seniors, and without all their hard work and dedication to helping others, we would not be as successful as we are today," said Mayor Greg Stanton. The city's senior centers provide services to people 60 years and older and adults with disabilities, including nutrition programs; congregate and home-delivered meals; educational opportunities; recreation and social activities; information, referral and advocacy; and transportation. A calendar of events is available at each center. Private donations funded the luncheon hosted by the city's Human Services Department. For more info about the city's senior programs, visit phoenix.gov/seniorservices.

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Phoenix, AZ 85017
602-589-0277





Holiday Trash Collection

Christmas Day: Christmas Day collection moves to Friday, Dec. 26. Friday's collection moves to Saturday, Dec. 27

New Year's Day: Jan. 1, 2015's collection moves to Jan. 2. Friday's collection moves to Saturday, Jan. 3

There's great recycling information here: <http://www.keepphxbeautiful.org/images/uploads//Holiday-List-KPB-2014.pdf>

City Winter Respite Program

The city is asking for donations of the following items: blankets, new or used; clean warm clothing; new underwear and socks; shoes; and hygiene items to help homeless families and individuals keep warm during the winter. If you can, please bring these items to:

Sunnyslope Family Service Center
914 West Hatcher Road
602-495-5229

The centers are open from 7:30 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday. Please call 602-534-3070 to arrange a bulk or large donation. Acknowledgement of any donation is available.

Sky Harbor for the Holidays

If you are traveling for the holidays, Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport is offering important travel tips along with a parking discount and a free service for those traveling with gifts.

- The TSA recommends that travelers do not wrap their gifts when passing through security. For the sixth year, Phoenix Sky Harbor will be offering free gift-wrapping for travelers. From 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. December 20-22, gift-wrapping will be available in Terminal 4 in two post-security locations: just past the A Checkpoint and just past the C Checkpoint.
- Travelers can save money in the convenient terminal garages by reserving their parking in advance through Prepaid Discount Parking. Parking in the terminal garages is deeply discounted for the holidays – just \$13 a day. That price is available through January 4. Pre-book your parking and enjoy convenient access from the garage right into the terminal. Visit skyharbor.com and click on Prepaid Discount Parking.
- The opening of the Terminal 3 PHX Sky Train® station has made it even easier to connect between terminals. All airport travelers are encouraged to use the 44th Street & Washington PHX Sky Train Station for handy pick-up and drop-off. The station offers a quick ride on the PHX Sky Train to Terminals 3 and 4. There is a cell phone lot where drivers may wait free of charge for their party.

Important City Numbers:

- **Emergencies:** 911
- **City Non-Emergencies:** 602-495-5555
- **Abandoned Vehicles:** 602-262-6151
- **Barking Dogs:** 602-262-6466
- **Blight Violations:** 602-262-7844
- **Buildings, Open/Vacant:** 602-262-7844
- **City Manager:** 602- 262-6941
- **City Prosecutor:** 602-262-6461
- **Crime Stop:** 602-262-6151
- **Dial-A-Ride:** 602- 253-4000
- **Flooding within City Limits:** 602-262-6441
- **Garbage/Trash services:** 602- 262-7251
- **Graffiti Busters:** 602-495-7014
- **Graffiti in Parks:** 602-262-6862
- **Illegal Dumping:** 602- 262-7251
- **Mayor's Office:** 602-262-7117
- **Neighborhood Services:** 602-534-4444
- **Loud Party Information:** 602-262-7821
- **Phoenix Dial-A-Ride** 602-253-4000
- **Parks Dept. after hours:** 602-534-9440
- **Parking complaints:** 602-262-6151
- **Police Blockwatch:** 602-495-0597
- **Potholes:** 602-262-6441
- **Shopping Carts, abandoned:** 602-CRT-PKUP
- **Street Repairs:** 602-262-6441
- **Street Light Maintenance:** 602-495-5125
- **Speeding/Traffic Hotline:** 602-534-7733
- **Water Leaks/Water Main Emergencies:** 602-261-8000
- **Water Department after hours:** 602-261-8000

City Council Meetings- visit phoenix.gov/cityclerk/publicmeetings/notices.

City Calendar – visit phoenix.gov/calendar.