

WHERE'S BILL?

Can you guess where I am? Answers below....



Upcoming Events:

Coffee Chat with Councilman Gates

When: Sept 16th, 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Where: North Mountain Business Alliance

1951 West North Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85021

Guests: Josh Bednarek, Planning Department

Focus: Plan PHX General Plan and District 3 priorities

Future of Phoenix Transportation Meeting

When: Tuesday, Sept. 23, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Where: Maricopa Association of Governments
Saguaro Room - 302 N. 1st Avenue.

Happy Hour with Councilman Gates

When: October 8th at 5 p.m.

Where: Salute Ristorante Italiano:

13216 N 7th St # B2, Phoenix, AZ 85022

I like to support local businesses in Moon Valley and I am happy to support Salute Ristorante by hosting a District 3 Happy Hour event. Please join me at Salute to hear updates going on in Phoenix and share your thoughts and concerns.

Development Update:

Construction Notice: Bus Bay

The city of Phoenix Street Transportation Department has begun construction of the bus bay at 35th Ave and Dunlap. Construction is expected to be completed by September 22nd. Work hours will be 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The contractor may work nights and weekends as needed. Two southbound lanes will be restricted adjacent to the contractor's work area during the installation of the new bus bay.

Once construction is complete for the bus bay at 35th Ave and Dunlap, construction will begin on two additional bus bays located at Central and Dunlap; 7th Street and Glendale. For more information please contact Robyn Elbanhawy at 602-319-4059.

Roadrunner Park

City of Phoenix Parks Department will begin removing and replacing 3 ramadas in Roadrunner Park beginning September 17th. The construction is anticipated to last a few months.

Fry's Food Store and Mark Mitsubishi

Fry's Food Stores recently held a neighborhood meeting to discuss a potential new Fry's Marketplace on the southwest corner of 14th Street and Bell Road. If built, it will be the largest Fry's Marketplace in the state of Arizona. Additionally, join us in welcoming Mark Mitsubishi at Bell and 19th Street. We hope to share additional exciting news in the Moon Valley area soon!

CITY NEWS

My Priorities

My colleagues and I were recently asked what our priorities are for this upcoming year. This Fall, we must begin to upgrade the city's antiquated technological infrastructure in preparation for, and to encourage, future growth in our community. Another budget deficit next fiscal year is not an option. As Chair of the Efficiency Committee, I continue working with city employees and the private sector to implement innovations and efficiencies to city operations that will not raise taxes or fees while still providing important city services. I will also work with the private sector to capitalize on economic development opportunities in Moon Valley, Sunnyslope, on 19th Avenue, North 32nd Street, the Bell Road corridor, and the Paradise Valley Mall area.

To read about other Councilmember priorities, <u>please click here</u>.

North 32nd Community Meetings

Vice Mayor Warning and I will be hosting community meetings to hear your comments and input on the DRAFT North 32nd Street Plan. The plan is a document that will help guide future development on North 32nd Street with regard to land use, transportation, infrastructure, community amenities and branding the corridor. **Share your thoughts with us!**

Area boundaries include the Phoenix Mountain Preserve to the South, Loop 101 to the North, 28th Street to the west, and 36th Street/SR-51 to the east.

You are invited to attend the following meetings to provide input on the draft plan.

September 30, 5:30 p.m. Shea Middle School cafeteria October 22, 5:30 p.m. Shea Middle School cafeteria

City Approval Meetings: November 3 – Paradise Valley Village Planning Commission November 9 – Phoenix Planning Commission December 3 – Phoenix City Council Formal Meeting

For questions or more information call District 3 at 602.262.7441, email <u>Council.District.3@phoenix.gov</u>, or visit the *North 32nd Street* Page.

Phoenix Fire Department receives Grant

I am pleased to announce that the Phoenix Fire Department has received an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Fire Protection and Safety grant award in the amount of \$74,800. The Federal share is \$71,060.00 and the local match is \$3,740.00.

The grant is for 20 tablet-style computers, 20 printers, and the associated wireless cellular service, software, tax and shipping for our Fire Prevention Section. Currently, Fire Inspectors must complete all research and paperwork related to inspection in a central office. This grant will increase productivity now that most work will be able to be completed in the field. My colleagues on City Council and Mayor Stanton have approved acceptance of the grant as well as to disperse funding.

Call for Artists: October 11th Sunnyslope Art Walk

Reminder for all artists interested in participating in this year's Sunnyslope Art Walk to please submit your artist application by **Tuesday**, **September 16**th. Applications can be accessed here. Artist applications can be submitted by email to: sunnyslopeartwalk@gmail.com or delivered to Sunnyslope Village Alliance at 755 E Hatcher, Phoenix, AZ 85020

Since 2008, more than 100 artists have shown and sold their original work ranging from painting to photography, jewelry to fiber wearable at various locations along Central Avenue from Dunlap south toward the canal. Participants can also enjoy live local music and food and drink from a variety of restaurants and fast-food providers along the route. Save the date for this year's Sunnyslope Art Walk on October 11th from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul honors volunteer Shirley Arthur

On September 11th, St. Vincent de Paul presented its annual Bob Russell Lifetime Achievement Award to Shirley Arthur for her 15 years of community service to Sunnyslope St. Vincent de Paul. Fifteen years ago, Arthur and her friends collected canned goods and food from their own homes to organize a yearly Christmas dinner and she has been in charge of the dinner ever since. Arthur set up a network of volunteers for the annual Christmas dinner at the Chris Becker Memorial Dining Room at Sunnyslope that grew form a handful to more than 60 volunteers today. The volunteers supply all the food, beverages, toys, clothing and personal hygiene items that are handed out during the dinner. Last year, almost 600 people ate Christmas dinner. Not only is Arthur involved in the annual Christmas dinner, she is also the driving force behind yearly back-to-school drives, July 4 celebrations, Halloween candy drives and diaper drives. I would like to thank Shirley Arthur for her devotion to charity and the Sunnyslope area and her contribution in making the Sunnyslope community stronger than ever.

Increased Passenger Traffic at Sky Harbor

Passenger traffic numbers at Phoenix Sky Harbor have increased for the eighth month in a row. July numbers were 5.7% higher than last July. Year to date, numbers are up by 4% over 2013.

<u>Updated bus and rail service schedule</u>

Valley Metro has updated their bus and rail service schedules. The new Transit Book will be available in October for the October 27th service change. Click <u>here</u> to access the e-transit book

Where is Councilman Gates? ANSWERS:

- 1) Lunch with Secretary of the Interior, Sally Jewell
- 2) Storm Response Update and Announcement of SBA funds
- 3) Unveiling of Super Bowl Clock at PHX Sky Harbor Airport
- 4) September 11th Memorial Ceremony

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

City Council Meetings- click here

City Calendar – click here

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

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