I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and had a great time with family and friends. As many of us are wrapping up on the holidays Phoenix is busy rolling out the red carpet for Super Bowl XLIX.

Phoenix is thrilled to host many activities for Super Bowl XLIX such as Super Bowl Central and the NFL Experience that will be taking place in Downtown Phoenix.

Super Bowl Central is a free, family-friendly, football-themed outdoor fan campus and will be the hub of fans, sponsors, media and NFL activities by linking 12 city blocks in Downtown Phoenix from Fifth Street to First Avenue, Jefferson to Monroe Streets. There will also be two entertainment stages with live music, beer and wine gardens and cultural activities. All this excitement will be happening leading up to Super Bowl XLIX starting January 28 thru February 1, 2015.

NFL Experience at the Phoenix Convention Center will be an interactive theme park offering participatory games, displays, entertainment attractions, youth football clinics and free autograph sessions from current and former NFL players. Tickets are on sale now!

Super Bowl XLIX brings in many activities for the whole family! Check out information on events and daily schedules at www.azsuperbowl.com.
DECEMBER LUCKY 7 RECIPIENTS

1. Best Activity for the Family – 14th Annual Food City Tamale Festival, 1st to 4th Avenue on Washington Street.
   Each year in December Food City hosts the Annual Tamale Festival in Downtown Phoenix. It is a two-day culinary food festival; the finest tamale-makers in the state share their creations in hopes of winning the title for the Festival’s “Best Tamale.” For more information, please call 480-895-3357.

2. Best Food & Drink – La Carreta de Lily, 7611 W. Thomas Road, Phoenix, AZ 85033
   Introduce yourself to the sweet, salty, spicy world of Mexican snacks and drinks by visiting La Carreta de Lily. You must try their mangoneadas (chucks of mango, crushed ice, chili powder, chili sauce and tamarind stick), or raspaditos, shaved ice topped with real fruit. Another favorite is corn on the cob, brushed with melted butter and sprinkled with chili powder, cheese and lime. For more information, please call 623-873-7813.

3. Best Downtown Activity – Meet Me Downtown Phoenix
   Come to downtown Phoenix and get movin’! People of all ages are invited to downtown Phoenix for a weekly social walk/run. It is a three- to five-mile guided route with awards and prizes after each walk/run. Check-in at The Corner/CityScape 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. or check-in online after 3 p.m. Dogs are welcome….on a leash please. For more information, visit meetmedowntownphx.com.

   Learn more about Former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, from her early small town life to becoming the nation’s first woman to serve on the Supreme Court. Learn about her life on the ranch and life on the bench. The exhibit features family and public life photos, editorials, items from the Day and O’Connor family. Check out the exhibit now thru May 2015 by visiting the Irish Cultural Center. For more information, visit azirish.org or call 602-258-0109.

5. Best Place for a First Date – Japanese Friendship Garden, 1125 N. 3rd Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85003
   The Japanese Friendship Garden is a traditional strolling garden filled with a variety of plants and trees. The waterfall is the highlight of the entire garden and is said to produce a different feeling of tranquility. The garden is the perfect spot for a romantic walk for good conversations. For more information, visit japanesefriendshipgarden.org.

6. Best Kept Secret – Chess Tables at Civic Space Park, 3131 S Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85040
   Civic Space Park has many amenities for the public to enjoy, one of them are the permanent chess/checker tables. The tables sit along First Avenue directly across from the YMCA. Bring your chess pieces and enjoy this unique park and all it has to offer. Civic Space Park can be accessed by Light Rail and mass transit. For more information, visit phoenix.gov/parks/parks/alphabetical/c-parks/civic-space.

7. Best Neighborhood Spot – Zoyo Neighborhood Yogurt, 1515 N. 7th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85003
   Conveniently located on Seventh Avenue and McDowell Road, Zoyo it is the neighborhood’s hangout spot. With dozens of flavors and amazingly 45 toppings to choose from like fresh fruit, chocolate chips, nuts, syrups and many more. For more information, visit zoyogurt.com.

Thank you to everyone who submitted nominations.
For information on how to nominate visit www.phoenix.gov/district7/lucky-7
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FLIGHT PATH UPDATE
The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) new flight path and procedural changes have negatively impacted many neighborhoods in the Phoenix area since its adoption on September 18, 2014. I understand the frustration and acknowledge that the process is confusing, long and arduous.

On Tuesday, December 16, 2014 City Council held a special Policy meeting and I made a motion to direct City staff to require the FAA to return to the original flight paths and procedures that have been in place for many years. The motion was unanimously approved by the full Council. We are now waiting for an official response from the FAA.

I also requested that the City Manager authorize consultant resources to collect, analyze and compile noise data from areas affected by the new flight routes. The implementation of noise monitoring equipment in the newly affected areas will allow us to compare the noise levels from what they were prior to these changes. The City Council will be discussing this request at the City Council Formal meeting on January 21, 2015. I urge you to attend so you can receive the news first handedly.

Your support is always appreciated. I will continue to advocate for our neighborhoods and quality of life for all.

CITY OF PHOENIX RECOGNIZING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
Councilwoman Gallego and I have been working with the MLK Advisory Committee, led by neighborhood, faith and business leaders, to identify a street to name in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I am excited to announce that the City Council approved the ceremonial signage recognizing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard along Broadway Road.

This is an exciting announcement for Phoenix and the state as we make this historic move to recognize such a great civil rights leader. The first ceremonial sign will be placed at the intersection of 24th Street & Broadway Road on Thursday, January 15, 2015 with the remainder of signage to be installed by early spring.

Our offices are collaborating with the Roosevelt School District for a celebration of Dr. King. I will continue to update you as more information emerges of the ceremonial sign and celebration planned for January 15, 2015.
Business Highlight

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For information on current volunteer opportunities with the City of Phoenix apply on-line by visiting www.myvolunteerphoenix.org

Registration is now open for January 2015 thru May 2015. You can register in person at any City of Phoenix Parks & Recreation Department community center or online by first creating an account at http://activenet.active.com/phoenix. For more information, please call PAC line at 602-262-7370.

The City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department's Phoenix After School Center is a fun, supportive and educational place for children ages 6 to 13 to spend the crucial after school hours at school sites throughout Phoenix. Our experienced recreation staff leads structured, age-appropriate activities that include:

- **Homework help.** Provides time and assistance to complete homework on a daily basis.
- **Book Blast.** Provides books of all levels to read when homework is complete.
- **Baxter's Clubhouse / Step into Reading.** Offered at select sites, this program provides intensive, one-on-one reading tutoring.
- **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) curriculum.** Twice a month, participants will have opportunity to view STEM components in a fun and interesting way such as science experiments and other hands-on activities.
- **Guest presenters.** City government partners provide educational enrichment presentations.
- **Physical recreation.** Including organized games, activities, and opportunities for children to play, and offer weekly nutrition education programs.
- **Social recreation.** Supervised free time where kids can play and socialize.
- **Arts and crafts projects.** Children create take home projects.
Home in Five Advantage – Mortgage Origination Program

The Industrial Development Authority of the County of Maricopa and The Industrial Development Authority of the City of Phoenix, Arizona have joined together to help homebuyers obtain FHA, VA, or USDA-RD loan financing to purchase a home anywhere in Maricopa County, including the city of Phoenix. Through the Home in Five Advantage program, individuals or families who qualify would be able to obtain a 30-year fixed rate loan, with a non-repayable 5% down payment/closing cost assistance grant, with special incentives for qualified United States military personnel.

Homebuyers must meet the program eligibility requirements. Please visit the Phoenix IDA website at www.phoenixida.com to get the complete list.

Additional information can be obtained by calling the Phoenix IDA at (602) 534-9655.

PHOENIX 2020
“A Clear Vision for the Future”

Every month you can catch our show Phoenix 2020 “A Clear Vision for the Future” on Cox Cable Channel 11 or catch us on www.youtube.com/cityofphoenixaz.

In this episode of “Phoenix 2020,” Councilman Michael Nowakowski heads over to the Food City 14th Annual Tamale Festival and Toy Give-away in Downtown Phoenix. We also take you on a tour of the Holiday Lights along Central Avenue from Camelback Road to Baseline Road. Lastly, we take you for a stroll at the Japanese Friendship Garden and find out why it was voted this month’s Lucky 7 Best Place for a First Date.

Don’t forget to watch this and more episodes on www.youtube.com/cityofphoenixaz.
EVENTS

I RECYCLE PHOENIX FESTIVAL
FREE RECYCLE EVENT
8AM – 2PM
CHRISTOWN SPECTRUM MALL
Non Perishable Food Donations | Electronics** | Cell Phones | Hard Drive Shredding
Phone Books | Laptops | Desktops | Writing Utensils | Plastic Bags | Ink Jet Cartridges
Rechargeable Batteries | Clothing and Household Donations

On-Site Document Shredding (up to 5 boxes) from 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. or until the truck is full! We will also collect documents to be shredded offsite! Live Christmas Trees will be accepted.

**Due to the amount of lead in CRT monitors and TV's - Westech Recyclers will charge a small fee for recycling. For information, visit phoenixrecycles.org or call 602-262-4820.

TAILGATE @ PHOENIX PUBLIC LIBRARY

Book Club: Everybody’s All-American by Frank Deford
6 – 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28
Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N. Central Ave.

Super Bowl Appetizers with Chef Ingrid Hirtz
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24
Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N. Central Ave.
Chef Hirtz will prepare easy healthy snacks!
Registration Required

District 7 “Movie In The Park”
Friday, March 20, 2015
Margaret Hance Park
3rd Street & Moreland
 Featuring: TBD
6:30 p.m.

For more information please call, 602-262-7492.

Citywide Coffee with a Cop
January 7, 2015
8:00 A.M.
Memorial Hall – Steel Indian School Park
300 East Indian School Road
Phoenix, Arizona 85012

For more information please call, 602-262-4061.