

December



### **Best Activity for the Family- 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Food City Tamale Festival**

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Tamale Festival is a great way to enjoy a two-day culinary food festival; the finest tamale-makers in the state will share their creations in hopes of winning the title for the Festival's "Best Tamale of 2014." Kids can enjoy arts & crafts, games, rides and the first 2,000 children will receive a free toy.

For more information, please call: 480-895-3357.

### **2. Best Food and Drink- La Carreta de Lily**

Introduce yourself to the sweet, salty, spicy world of Mexican snacks and drinks by visiting them inside Desert Sky Mall. You must try their mangoneadas (chunks of mango, crushed ice, chili powder, chili sauce and a tamarind stick), or raspados, shaved ice topped real fruit. Another favorite is corn on the cob, brushed with melted butter and sprinkled with chili powder, cheese and lime!

Desert Sky Mall  
7611 W. Thomas Road  
Phoenix, AZ 85033  
623-873-7813

### **3. Best Downtown Activity- Best Downtown Activity- Meet Me Downtown**

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](http://meetmedowntownphx.com).

### **4. Best Arts & Culture Event- Best Arts & Culture Event- “The Cowgirl Who Became a Justice: Sandra Day O’Connor**

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 on loan from the Day and O’Connor family.

For more information, visit [azirish.org](http://azirish.org) or call 602-258-0109.

### **5. Best Place for a First Date- Japanese Friendship Garden**

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](http://japanesefriendshipgarden.org).

### **6. Best Kept Secret- Chess Tables at Civic Space Park**

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.

There is also a small café on the ground floor of the park’s historic A.E. England

building. Civic Space Park can be access by Light Rail and mass transit.  
For more information, visit [phoenix.gov/parks/parks/alphabetical/c-parks/civic-space](http://phoenix.gov/parks/parks/alphabetical/c-parks/civic-space).

## **7. Best Neighborhood Spot- Zoyo Neighborhood Yogurt**

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. On Wednesdays after 5 p.m. wear your pajamas and enjoy 50 percent off your frozen yogurt! For more information, visit [zoyogurt.com](http://zoyogurt.com).