



July 6, 2018

## CITY EVENTS

### UPCOMING PUBLIC CITY MEETINGS

- Zoning Adjustment Hearing – 9:00 a.m. Thursday, July 12 in Assembly Room C, Phoenix City Hall, 200 W. Washington St.

For more information on these and all other public City meetings visit:

<https://www.phoenix.gov/cityclerk/publicmeetings/notices>.

City Council meetings are live on Cox Cable Channel 11 and streamed live on phoenix.gov and facebook.com/cityofphoenix. Past City Council meetings are posted to YouTube at

<http://www.youtube.com/cityofphoenixaz>.

## DISTRICT 1 EVENTS:

### DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST



Last month's breakfast meeting was on Friday, June 29, at the DoubleTree Hotel Phoenix North, 10220 N. Metro Pkwy East, Phoenix, AZ 85051.

Breakfast began at 7:30 a.m. and the speaker started at around 7:45 a.m. The guest speaker was Thomas Remes who discussed regional freeway updates.

***Please note: There are no breakfast meetings in July or August.***

## **CITY NEWS & EVENTS:**

### **CITY COUNCIL APPROVES BALANCED BUDGET**

On June 27, the City Council approved the City Manager's Proposed 2018-2019 Budget with a 6 to 1 vote. The Council-approved balanced budget makes significant additional investments in public safety, homelessness intervention, infrastructure, and other important community services including neighborhoods, arts and libraries.

"This balanced budget is critical to keeping our economy strong and our neighborhoods safe," said Mayor Thelda Williams. "I want to thank our residents who showed up and provided their input, and our city staff – especially City Manager Ed Zuercher and Budget Director Jeff Barton – who did an excellent job putting this budget together."

This year's budget

- Adds five civilian positions to support the Police Department's Crime Gun Intelligence Center.
- Includes funding and staffing to construct Fire Station 55 located at Interstate 17 and Jomax Road.
- Boosts funding for the CASS Homeless Shelter to augment case management, and adds resources and staff needed to clean up homelessness sites.
- Adds two new park ranger positions to assist with monitoring and enforcing park rules and provide additional support to the PHX C.A.R.E.S. program as it relates to homelessness issues in city parks.
- Enhances the City's efforts to make a Latino Cultural Center a reality.
- Restores funding for the Arts Grant Program to pre-recession levels.
- Permanently adds Sunday hours to four library branches.
- Creates a Pedestrian Safety Coordinator position, which will work with the multi-department Pedestrian Fatality Review Team to conduct studies and implement enforcement strategies with the goal of improving pedestrian safety.
- Increases the pavement and traffic management programs to accelerate street improvements citywide.

## **A VISIT FROM ZOE, A SKY HARBOR NAVIGATOR BUDDY**



Since September last year, passengers and visitors to Sky Harbor have the opportunity to pet and interact with a therapy dog while waiting to board a plane, picking up a passenger, or after landing in Phoenix. Navigator Buddies are dogs in a registered pet therapy program who will volunteer their time – along with their owners – to provide some tail-wagging comfort to airport travelers.

We were very happy to have Zoe stop by City Hall and appreciate all of our volunteers—even the four-legged ones!

Mayor Williams and Zoe

## **I-17 SYSTEM DETECTS FIRST WRONG-WAY VEHICLE IN TRAVEL LANES**

The wrong-way detection and warning system being tested along 15 miles of Interstate 17 in Phoenix alerted officials early Thursday to a vehicle traveling southbound in the wrong direction between Loop 101 and Bell Road, according to the Arizona Department of Transportation and Arizona Department of Public Safety.

No crash resulted from the incident, which involved the first vehicle detected on I-17 travel lanes in Phoenix since the wrong-way system went into operation in January.

At 1:11 a.m., the system sounded an alert that a wrong-way vehicle was traveling southbound in the northbound lanes of I-17 at Union Hills Road. The vehicle exited shortly after, turned around and reentered I-17 going the right way in the northbound lanes. While traffic operators and DPS continued tracking the vehicle, state troopers alerted through the system stopped the driver and took him into custody on suspicion of DUI.

The \$4 million system includes ninety thermal detection cameras positioned above exit ramps and the mainline of the freeway between the I-10 “Stack” interchange near downtown to the Loop 101 interchange in north Phoenix. It’s designed to provide immediate alerts to ADOT and DPS so traffic operators can quickly warn other drivers via overhead message boards and state troopers can respond faster than relying on 911 calls from other drivers.

A detection by this first-in the-nation system sets off a loud horn in ADOT’s Traffic Operations Center as a window appears on operators’ workstations showing video from the thermal camera and providing other data. Using a computerized decision support system, operators can immediately activate digital message boards in the area alerting drivers and instructing them to exit the freeway.

If the detection is at an off-ramp, an internally illuminated wrong-way sign with red flashing LEDs will activate. It's positioned along the ramp to attract the attention of wrong-way drivers, most of whom are impaired, often severely.

As it studies results from the wrong-way system along with partner agencies, ADOT is planning to install it along Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway that's scheduled to open in late 2019 and is looking at adding it to other freeways.

In addition to Thursday's detection, the system has detected more than 20 vehicles entering I-17 off-ramps and frontage roads in the wrong direction. None of these other vehicles is believed to have entered I-17 travel lanes, with the majority of drivers turning around on exit ramps.

Technology like the I-17 thermal camera system cannot prevent all wrong-way crashes from happening. The primary goal is reducing the risk of serious crashes by alerting DPS and ADOT to wrong-way vehicles much faster than waiting for 911 calls from other motorists. Faster detection is a key to giving law enforcement officers an improved chance of responding to a wrong-way vehicle.



As Arizona's urban center, Downtown Phoenix provides unique year-round experiences thanks to a rich history, diverse culture, fantastic art community and booming live music scene. From award-winning restaurants to exciting sports events and concerts, this is the epicenter of fun things to do in the area. In addition to this website <http://dtphx.org/>, stay current on Downtown Phoenix events with the What's Happening guide or sign up for our digital publications here: <http://dtphx.org/about/blog-media/newsletter-sign-up/>

## **PHOENIX PLANNED MAJOR STREET RESTRICTIONS – UPDATED JULY 6.**

To view a listing of the latest planned major street restrictions please visit this link:  
<https://www.phoenix.gov/streetssite/Pages/Planned-Street-Closures-and-Restrictions.aspx>

These restrictions represent only the major planned activities reported to the Street Transportation Department's right-of-way management office. This listing does not reflect closures or restrictions due to unexpected events such as flooding, traffic collisions, fires, utility failures or other emergencies. For street closure alerts follow the Phoenix Street Transportation Department on Twitter at [@PHXStreetTrans](https://twitter.com/PHXStreetTrans).

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Convention Center staff is working closely with the Suns on several high-priority repair projects at the City owned arena. These are currently underway, utilizing several city on-call engineers and plumbing contractors, and this work will continue throughout the summer. Not all of the critical repairs can be made within the limits of the on-call agreements, so a solicitation will be issued this summer to address additional needs. Staff will request City Council authorization to enter into a contract with the successful respondent and expend the necessary funds later this fall.

### **Legislative**

Street Transportation and Public Transit submitted applications for funding consideration to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment Initiative, requesting \$12 million in funding for two separate projects. Public Transit requested funding to assist in the implementation of the Regional Fare Collection System Technology Improvements project. Street Transportation requested funding for a transit signal prioritization, adaptive traffic signals, bus lanes with intermittent priority and automated and connected vehicle features. Government Relations will be working with its federal lobbying team to secure congressional letters of support.

### **Economic Development & Education**

On June 21, Aviation staff met with representatives from the Street Transportation and Salt River Project to discuss the creation of a future CanalScape bridge that provides access to the 44th Street SkyTrain Station. This meeting was held at the Grand Canal to look at potential locations for the bridge crossing and access to the station. A follow-up design meeting is being scheduled for late July to determine the recommended location of the bridge.

Career Services staff at the South Job Center launched a partnership with the City of Phoenix Municipal Court Compliance Assistance Program (CAP). This partnership was established to assist individuals with suspended licenses in getting employed or better employment to enable them to pay fines and have their driver's license restored. The goal is to ensure they obtain employment with wages that sustain their living situation while paying off the fines that resulted in a suspended license. Staff spends two afternoons per week at Municipal Court meeting with individuals referred by their attorneys and judges for an initial conversation about their employment status. They are provided some self-service resources and an opportunity for an appointment at the Job Center nearest to them for more individualized guidance. A previous pilot through CAP demonstrated that hourly wages increased for individuals whose driver's licenses were restored compared to those trying to stay employed with a suspended license.

The Summer 2018 session of CodePHX programming is off and running at 10 Phoenix Public Library sites and four Parks and Recreation sites: Coleman Recreation Center, Mountain View Community Center, Sunnyslope Youth Center and Tarver Learning Center. At the Parks and Recreation sites, participants ages eight to 18 are experiencing the Big Bytes program, where they are learning the basics of computer coding

using various educational websites, including code.org and Scratch. The summer session of CodePHX kicked off with outreach programming at Vista College Prep to get kids in the Maryvale area excited about coding. Kids in kindergarten through second grades participate in the Little Bytes program, learning about coding through fun, unplugged activities teaching sequencing and critical thinking. The CodePHX initiative is a joint effort between Parks and Recreation and Library and is supported by a grant from the Phoenix Industrial Development Authority and Arizona Community Foundation.

FitPHX, the City's healthy community initiative, received a \$2,300 title sponsorship from AARP to launch Fall into Fitness at Civic Space Park. The eight-week indoor summer fitness concert series began June 19 at the A.E. England Building at Civic Space Park. The series will take place every Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. until August 7.

## **Neighborhoods and Livability**

The off-site improvements continue for a 385-unit apartment complex named Liv North Valley Apartments at 31113 N. North Valley Pkwy.; with the installation of a new left turn pocket and median island on North Valley Pkwy. The off-site improvements also include the addition of 2,530 square feet of new sidewalk, 715 linear feet of new curb and gutter and 169 square yards of new pavement. Grand opening is scheduled for July 2018.

Planning and Development staff granted preliminary approval for a 39 lot, single-family attached infill project with lots fronting on a private drive; wet utilities will be private systems. The site, on the Northwest Corner of Larkspur Drive and 28th Avenue, requires use permit approval to utilize the single-family attached development option and a variance to reduce the required common open space.

## **Social Services Delivery**

Staff assisted 126 customers with homeless related concerns as follows: 98 calls, 11 PAYS reports, eight e-mails, seven after-hours voicemails and two walk-in customers. In the coming weeks, we will be adding more detailed information to this weekly update.

On June 15, the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) announced the 2018 Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Awards. Monroe Gardens was one of 14 projects to receive a reservation of LIHTC. Monroe Gardens will be constructed on the existing A.L. Krohn East Public Housing site. Through a partnership with Gorman & Company, the 38 existing deteriorated apartment units will be demolished and 78 new energy efficient affordable housing units will be constructed. A.L. Krohn East will be the second City of Phoenix Public Housing site to convert from public housing into a Project Based Section 8 development using the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program. The new community will not only provide leasing and management offices, but it will also contain a meeting room with kitchen to hold public events and programs as well as a resident services room with a computer lab, including free wireless internet throughout the community center. Construction is expected to begin the Summer of 2019.

## Infrastructure

The North Mountain Tower site is a primary hub for the Regional Wireless Cooperative (RWC) and City of Phoenix microwave network and radio system, as well as the Phoenix Fire's VHF radio system. The road improvement construction is on its 21st week, and is expected to be completed in December; the new tower itself is expected to be completed on the second quarter of 2019.

On June 12, Water Services crews replaced a leaking water valve that had caused street flooding at I-17 and Northern Avenue. Staff took immediate action to mark underground utilities and place restriction barricades. Crews notified a nearby fast food restaurant and apartment complex prior to shutting down the main to offer bottled water. Service was disrupted for only three hours while the valve was excavated, removed and replaced. The main was flushed for water quality, service restored, the excavation backfilled and the street was restored.

The construction of a 1.6-mile segment of Deer Valley Road between Cave Creek Road and Black Mountain Boulevard was completed and closed out in June 2018. The City and private land developer, Cave Buttes Development Partners, LLC., entered into a development agreement on February 21, 2017 to design and construct the roadway. Per the agreement, the project was designed and constructed by the developer. The project's success and lessons learned from its execution will serve as a model for future similar public-private partnerships in the City.

## NEWS & EVENTS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT:

### WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS



#### **Mark Your Calendars! WESD to Host Job Fair in July!**

Are you looking to join a team where you can positively impact our future? Join the #WESDFamily for a Classified Job Fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, July 20 at 4650 West Sweetwater Ave, Glendale. We're hiring bus drivers, bus assistants, custodians, cafeteria staff and classroom assistants. We can't wait for you to start your career with us! For more information, call 602-347-2668 or go to [www.jobs.wesdschools.org](http://www.jobs.wesdschools.org)

#### **WESD Offering 4-year-old Program at Abraham Lincoln Traditional School**

Attention parents! We are excited to announce the opening of a new KidSpace 4-year-old Enrichment program at Abraham Lincoln Traditional School! Abraham Lincoln will join our four current locations – Chaparral Elementary, Lookout Mountain Elementary, Roadrunner Elementary and Orangewood School - in providing convenient and affordable options.



If you have a 4-year-old child, or know a 4-year old child, he or she is not going to want to miss the extraordinary fun and learning this 2018-19 school year! Spaces are limited, so call 602-896-6967 for more information today! You can also find information at <https://www.wesdschools.org/Page/50>

## DEER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS



**DEER VALLEY**  
*Unified School District*

Each year the Deer Valley Education Support Professional Association (DVESPA) accepts student scholarship applications from all DVESPA members and their families.

This year's scholarship recipient is Mountain Ridge High School Senior Trevor Daley. Trevor's mother, Tara Daley, is a health teacher and grandfather, Marshall Militano is Garage Clerk for DVUSD Transportation.

Trevor's counselor at Mountain Ridge says his academic accomplishments stand out, as he challenged himself with AP and Honor classes. At the same time, he led a team of freshman in his school's mentor program during both his junior and senior years and served as senior varsity captain of the football team. He will pursue a degree in a medical field, because he wants to assist people back to good health. Congratulations DVESPA Scholarship Recipient, from Mountain Ridge High School, Trevor Daley!



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Thelda is tweeting! Follow her @TheldaWilliams1





## **GREAT CHARITIES TO DONATE TO:**

### **ARIZON HUMANE SOCIETY**

<http://www.azhumane.org/get-involved/give-now/>

### **CHILDHELP**

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<https://www.childhelp.org/> 602- 271-4500

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<http://anthempets.org/> 480-287-3542

**ARIZONA PAWS & CLAWS** [www.azpawsandclaws.com](http://www.azpawsandclaws.com)

**FETCH FOUNDATION:** please go to the following site:

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**OPERATION CARE FOOD BANK** located in North Phoenix, a non-profit Christian organization committed to helping those in need with food and clothing. For additional information, please call 602-866-0135, or visit:

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