Orpheum bricks make holiday gifts

ooking for a unique holiday gift? If so, be sure to check out what the historic Orpheum Theatre in downtown Phoenix has to offer.

From now through Dec. 15, you can purchase a commemorative brick at a holiday discounted price of \$35, which is \$40 off the regular price.

The bricks have space for up to three lines of text with 18 characters per line and will become part of the collection of bricks that line the Avenue of Stars on the plaza in front of the theater.

An order form can be downloaded from phoenix.gov/extranet/pccd/OrderForm.pdf. Be sure to mention the discount on your order form.

For more information, call Vini West at 602-534-5601.



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Remember, 'Shop Phoenix' for holidays

pend the holidays shopping in Phoenix. Whether you're planning a big holiday shopping spree or waiting for the after-holiday sales, Phoenix is the place to do your buying.

"Shop Phoenix" and you'll be keeping your sales tax dollars in your community.

The holiday shopping season has a significant impact in the community. Sales taxes on the merchandise you buy at Phoenix businesses go directly into the city's General Fund, which helps pay for services such as police and fire protection, parks, libraries, senior centers, neighborhood preservation, neighborhood clean-up activities and street maintenance.

When you shop in other cities, the sales tax you pay supports the budgets of those communities.



There are notable shopping opportunities in all parts of Phoenix, including destinations with distinctive settings and stores recognized for their iconic brands, some of which are unique to Phoenix. Among them are:

- Ahwatukee Foothills Towne Center, 4710 E. Ray Road
- Arcadia Crossing,
 4535 E. Thomas Road
- Biltmore Fashion Park, 2470 E. Camelback Road

- Christown Spectrum Mall, 1703 W. Bethany Home Road
- City North, 20250 N. 56th St.
- Desert Ridge Marketplace, 21001 N. Tatum Blvd.
- Desert Sky Mall,
 7611 W. Thomas Road
- Desert Sky Palms Center, 7502 W. Thomas Road
- Kierland Commons,
 15054 N. Scottsdale Road
- Legacy Village, 2140 E. Baseline Road
- Metrocenter, 9617 N. Metro Parkway West
- Outlets at Anthem, 4250 W. Anthem Way
- Paradise Valley Mall, 4568 E. Cactus Road

You'll find a listing of some shopping destinations as well as hotels and restaurants near you at phoenix.gov/shop phoenix.

Changes to city bill coming

ou'll soon notice a change in the look of your Phoenix Municipal Services Bill. The re-designed bill, which covers charges for water and wastewater services and trash

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collection, will be easier to read, featuring an 8 1/2 X 11 format. And, you'll be able to monitor your recent water usage.

For a preview of the new bill and description of its content, visit phoenix.gov/water.

Ambassador program seeks students

The Phoenix Sister Cities Youth Ambassador Exchange Program is accepting applications from high school sophomores and juniors who are interested in representing the city in a foreign country

The program is open to Phoenix residents and offers students the opportunity to visit one of Phoenix's nine sister cities to learn more about the city and its culture through a three-week, home-hosted experience.

The students then reciprocate and house their host brother or sister when they visit Phoenix later in the summer.

Sister Cities pays half of each student's travel expenses without using tax-payer dollars. The remainder is the responsibility of the students and their families, and financial assistance is available for qualified students.

The deadline for applying is 4 p.m. Dec. 4. For more information or an application, visit phoenixsistercities.org or call 602-534-3751.

Keep tabs on state legislative activities

hoenix residents and neighborhood leaders have an easy way to keep informed of state legislative activities that might affect them.

The Phoenix Office of Government Relations offers them the P.L.A.N. – Phoenix Legislative Action Network.



People who sign up for the Internet-based program can use their personal computers to view the city's

legislative agenda and receive regular e-mails on legislation and other activities that affect them and their neighborhoods.

You can join P.L.A.N. at phoenix.gov/plan.

Save space for disabled

Don't let the heavy holiday traffic at malls and other shopping areas tempt you into parking in a spot reserved for people with disabilities, even if it's just for a minute.



Motorists who illegally park in a spot designated for the disabled could be taking away a space from someone who really needs it.

And, if they get caught, it will cost them between \$250 and \$500.

Police officers and volunteers patrol parking lots and issue tickets to violators. To report violations, obtain information or become a volunteer, call 602-534-SPACE (7722). Additional information also is available at phoenix.gov/mcdi/dispark.html.

Phoenix wins 'Playful City' honors

The hundreds of municipal parks, recreation facilities and other playspaces in Phoenix have earned the city "Playful City USA" honors for 2009.

The award – the third in as many years for the city – came from KaBoom!, a national nonprofit organization that encourages cities to devote time, energy and resources to creating play opportunities for kids.

To earn the award, the city had to demonstrate creative commitments to the cause of play in the areas of quantity, quality and access.

The quality side of the award related to factors that encourage repeated use, including making playspaces engaging, exciting, interesting and fun, while access involved the ability to get to a playspace without barriers such as traffic and locked gates.

The city partnered with the Maricopa Council on Youth Sports and Physical Activity to earn the designation.

Residents can find comprehensive information on city parks and facilities at phoenix.gov/parks. Also, the council's playspace database is available at mcyspa.org.

2010 Bulk Trash Collection Schedule

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Four times a year city crews collect bulk trash. Some items are not acceptable for bulk trash collection. Please visit the city's Web site or call customer service (see Web address and telephone number below) for more information.

To take advantage of this residential collection:

- · Locate your area number on the map.
- · Find the area number on the schedule.
- The first date listed is the date you may begin placing bulk trash out for collection.
- · The second date listed is the date city crews will begin collection.
- \bullet Bulk trash must be placed out by 6 a.m. on the "collection begins on" date.
- Trash must be placed at least five feet from any object, such as fence, utility pole, cable box, water meter, mailbox, vehicle, refuse container, etc. All material should be neatly stacked.
- For alley collection, place bulk trash behind your property and next to your fence only. Do not place trash behind neighbor's property or in utility easements. No community piles.
- For curbside collection, place bulk trash on the front edge of your property behind and parallel to the sidewalk or curb. Do not place trash on the sidewalk or in the street.
- · Piles must not exceed 20 cubic yards.

ONE WEEK RULE

City ordinance allows one week prior to the scheduled collection week to place bulk trash out for collection. Please plan your clean-ups accordingly. It is a violation of city ordinance to place bulk trash out before the "placement can begin only on" date listed. Failure to comply may result in enforcement action.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information, call Customer Service at 602-262-7251 or e-mail to pwserve@phoenix.gov on the Internet. The collection schedule appears quarterly in Notes and can be found on the city's Web site at phoenix.gov/publicworks. This material is available in alternative format, TTY 602-253-8796 / Fax 602-534-9864.

SIGN UP FOR E-ALERTS

Visit phoenix.gov/publicworks and click on the left hand link and register to receive emails regarding solid waste issues.

2009-2010 Bulk Trash Collection Schedule								
Area	Placement Begins On	Collection Begins On		Collection Begins On		Collection Begins On		Collection Begins On
1	Nov. 28	Dec. 7	Feb. 27	March 8	May 29	June 7	Aug. 28	Sept. 6
2	O Dec. 5	Dec. 14	March 6	March 15	June 5	June 14	Sept. 4	Sept. 13
3	Dec. 12	Dec. 21	March 13	March 22	June 12	June 21	Sept. 11	Sept. 20
4	N Dec. 19	Dec. 28	March 20	March 29	June 19	June 28	Sept. 18	Sept. 27
5	Dec. 26	Jan. 4	March 27	April 5	June 26	July 5	Sept. 25	Oct. 4
6	Jan. 2	Jan. 11	April 3	April 12	July 3	July 12	Oct. 2	Oct. 11
7	Jan. 9	Jan. 18	April 10	April 19	July 10	July 19	Oct. 9	Oct. 18
8	Jan. 16	Jan. 25	April 17	April 26	July 17	July 26	Oct. 16	Oct. 25
9	Jan. 23	Feb. 1	April 24	May 3	July 24	Aug. 2	Oct. 23	Nov.1
10	Jan. 30	Feb. 8	May 1	May 10	July 31	Aug. 9	Oct. 30	Nov. 8
11	Feb. 6	Feb. 15	May 8	May 17	Aug. 7	Aug. 16	Nov. 6	Nov. 15
12	Feb. 13	Feb. 22	May 15	May 24	Aug. 14	Aug. 23	Nov. 13	Nov. 22
13	Feb. 20	March 1	May 22	May 31	Aug. 21	Aug. 30	Nov. 20	Nov. 29

Hazardous waste collections set

Phoenix residents can dispose of common hazardous wastes and other items at collections from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 10, 11 and 12 at Mountain Vista Park, 13647 S. 50th St., and Jan. 14, 15, and 16 at Palmcroft Baptist Church, 15825 N. 35th Ave.

A current municipal services (water) bill and matching photo identification are required to prove residency.

The events accept batteries, oil, paint, antifreeze, pesticides, pool chemicals, tires, computers, plastic bags, shredded paper and household appliances that use refrigerants, including refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and heat pumps. Commercial loads and large residential loads (more than five car or pickup tires per household, 20 gallons of paint or five gallons of other types of hazardous fluids) will not be accepted.

The city also will pick up household appliances at your home for a fee. Call for a collection appointment. For information, send e-mail to pwserve@phoenix.gov, visit phoenix.gov/publicworks or call 602-262-7251.

Library offers literacy screenings

Free literacy screenings for first through third graders, ages 6 to 10, are available monthly through next July at four Phoenix public libraries.

The screenings will determine children's reading levels and test for reading problems.

Parents will receive information on learning activities, materials and referral information to help children who are not reading at grade level.

The screenings will be from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N. Central Ave., on the first Saturday of each month; Mesquite Library, 4525 Paradise Village Parkway North, on the second Saturday of each month; Cesar Chavez Library, 3635 W. Baseline Road, on the third Saturday of each month; and Cholla Library, 10050 Metro Parkway East, on the fourth Saturday of each month.

Registration is not required, but space is limited

The program is sponsored by Season for Sharing/The Arizona Republic and 12 News and presented in partnership with Arizona Literacy & Learning Center.