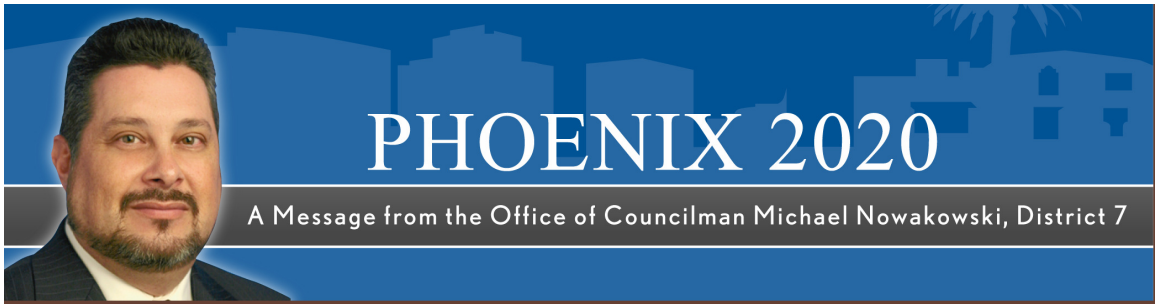

August 2013

Message from Councilman Nowakowski

Back to School and Water Safety

It is that time of year again; students are heading back to school. Please be considerate of the increase in traffic. Drivers, pay attention to posted speed limit signs, and don't forget to slow down in school zones. Let's start this school year off right with safe routes to schools!

The end of July brought the 23rd water-related incident involving a child in Phoenix this year. Councilman Nowakowski along with Phoenix Fire and Police, and representatives from SRP walked a west Phoenix neighborhood informing residents of the dangers of children playing in or around the canals. The canal is not a pool, and no one of any age should swim in it.

Please remember to watch you children around water.

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Welcome WinCo!

WinCo Foods has announced it will open a new $90 million, 800,000 sq/ft, distribution center in District 7, at 75th Avenue and Broadway Road.

The new facility is expected to be completed early next year and with it, bring an additional 200-300 new jobs to the area.

This new distribution center will help the grocer grow their operations and storefronts in Arizona and throughout the southwest. WinCo already has three retail stores in Phoenix, Glendale and Mesa. Welcome to District 7 WinCo!

City launches new recycling initiative

The city recently launched "Reimagine Phoenix," a citywide effort to inspire residents and businesses to reduce the amount of trash sent to city landfills by 40 percent by the year 2020.

Reimagine Phoenix
Transforming Trash Into Resources

The five pillars of Reimagine Phoenix, formerly known as the 40 x 20 initiative, are:
• Reduce the amount you consume and the amount of waste you create.
• Reuse materials you already have or share them with others to be reused.
• Recycle more of your trash by properly sorting it into your compost or recycling.
• Reconsider everything you discard and how smarter choices can save you and the community money and resources.
• Reimagine the future of Phoenix when everyone does their part to lessen our impact, use resources wisely and support a sustainable future.

The program includes a public education component with a particular focus on schools and an online pledge to do your part. For more information or to take the pledge, visit phoenix.gov/publicworks/reimaginephoenix.

ADAPTIVE REUSE

Small business owners renovating existing buildings for new uses can now apply for adaptive reuse project fee reductions for construction plan review and permit assistance.

"The most sustainable building is a reused building, and many of the most exciting things happening in Phoenix are because entrepreneurs are investing in older existing buildings," Mayor Greg Stanton said.

Up to $4,500 in fee incentives are available to projects that meet eligibility requirements:

- An independent structure permitted prior to the year 2000
- A change of occupancy or significant alteration to the character of the building
- A change that incorporates the entire building
- A building that is 25,000 square feet or less in size

"Using available building stock to create new uses has been very successful in the central Phoenix area. We have great spaces to dine, shop and enjoy the arts through creative adaptive reuse," said Councilman Tom Simplot. "Adaptive reuse of an existing building can be a cost effective, sustainable way to enhance a neighborhood's character through our small business community."

To apply for the incentive, contact the Planning & Development Department's Office of Customer Advocacy at 602-534-7344 or visit the Adaptive Reuse Program webpage.

The Foundation For Aquatic Safety & Training

F.A.S.T. is dedicated to helping provide aquatic safety and training for the greater Phoenix area. F.A.S.T. works hand in hand with the competitive swimming community of the Phoenix Metro area by tapping the talents and strengths of the athletes and coaches in a two-fold mission: (1) to organize and implement water safety events at schools and pools Valley wide to help spread the message of aquatic safety and the need for supervision around water, and (2) to serve as teachers and mentors of high-risk children by building relationships through swim lessons and aquatic training.

F.A.S.T. kids serve in the important role of water safety ambassadors, using their peer relationships to reach out to the next generation of youth and plan and coordinate events designed to keep water safety and drowning prevention in the media spotlight year round. We focus on making a difference in the lives of all young people involved, both swimmer and students by championing the simple concept of kids saving kids.

Current programs and ways to get involved:

- Invite out FAST Talkers: Prevention through education. Using our partnership with Banner Children's/Cardon Children's and the launch of Common Core to partner with schools and teachers around the valley to enrich existing curriculum to include water safety awareness and drowning prevention.
- Support the partnership with the International Rescue Committee: In the age of the 21st Century the global community rely on each other more and more each day and F.A.S.T. is growing as a key part of the global water safety movement. Many refugees are, thankfully, relocated from war-torn regions and the difficult conditions of refugee camps. The move "from harm to home" is a great step forward in comfort and security, but in Arizona they are typically living in apartment properties that prominently feature a swimming pool – something refugee children are often being exposed to for the first time in their lives. It's a tragedy waiting to happen, and is where F.A.S.T. steps in to teach a water safety series.
- Donate or join Escaping Limitations, the Alcatraz annual event: One of the greatest aspects of children learning the skills to be safe in water is testing those skills to help them bust past their boundaries and limitations. Escaping Limitations is the core underlying principle of both the Foundation and its signature annual fundraising events, the Alcatraz and Golden Gate Bridge swims. Each year in the San Francisco Bay children as young as age eight take on a challenge most adults will not and prove that their perceived limits are just that. Once back in Arizona they succeed in elevating a curriculum of water safety and swim training for their peers, and particularly for refugees unfamiliar with bodies of water in general, and swimming pools specifically.

To get involved visit www.thefastfoundation.org AND email Samantha Kramer, F.A.S.T. Event and Program Coordinator coachsamk@gmail.com 602-799-4390

Join Us For A Free Movie In The Park!

FREE Movie in the Park this **Saturday, August 3rd at 6:30 p.m., at Reposo Park**, 502 E. Alta Vita Road, featuring *OZ The Great and Powerful***.** Don't forget to bring a blanket or lawn chairs. Invite your friends, family and neighbors!

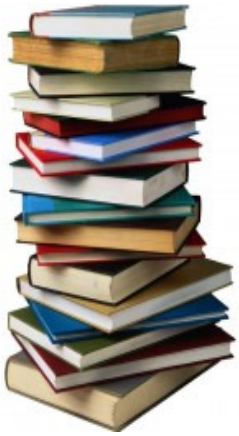
Monsoon Madness

Several city of Phoenix golf courses will be offering "Monsoon Madness" discounted rates every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from July 29 through August 28. Twilight rates apply all day long - only $10 to walk and $18 with a cart. Golfers can book tee times online at phoenix.gov/golf. The offer is valid Monday through Wednesday at the following courses:

- Aguila, 8440 S. 35th Ave. (602) 237-9601
- Cave Creek, 15202 N. 19th Ave. (602) 866-8076
- Maryvale, 5902 W. Indian School Rd. (623) 846-4022
- Encanto, 2745 N. 15th Ave. (602) 253-3963

Phoenix cardholders receive two loyalty points with this special. Monsoon Madness is not valid with other discounts, specials, tournaments or leagues. Applicable taxes are not included.

Free Reading Lessons



Take 30 minutes to help your child read on grade level. Burton Barr Central Library, located at 1221 N. Central Ave., hosts free reading level screenings the first Saturday of each month.

Specially trained staff will screen children in kindergarten through third grade to determine their reading level. For children not reading on grade level, staff will suggest activities and materials to help the child. Referral information will be provided to families whose child may need professional assistance.

The last appointment starts around 12:30 p.m. Registration is not required. Screenings are offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Screenings provided by Arizona Literacy & Learning Center.

Phoenix Public Library is a system of 16 branch libraries and the Burton Barr Central Library. For more information, call 602-262-4636 or visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org. Follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/phxlibrary and "like" us on Facebook at facebook.com/phoenixpubliclibrary.

Other Upcoming Public Meetings

1. August 12 6:30 p.m. – Laveen Village Planning Commission, 6855 W. Meadows Loop East

2. August 13 6:30 p.m. - South Mountain Village Planning Commission, South Mountain Library, Rooms L162 & 163, 7050 S. 24th St.

3. August 14 6 p.m. – Maryvale Village Planning Commission, 7611 W. Thomas Rd.

Useful Contact Information

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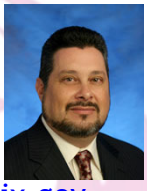

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http://phoenix.gov/webcms/groups/internet/@inter/@pio/documents/web_content/047076.pdf

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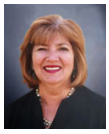

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