



**June 2012**

## Message from the Councilman

### WATCH YOUR CHILDREN AROUND WATER!

Unfortunately last year, Phoenix an extremely had high number of water related incidents and deaths Even one drowning is one too many.

Last year, 86 drowning related incidents and 22 fatalities occurred. This is a disturbing upwards trend compared to the previous five years. This pattern must stop.

Never turn your back on children in the water. No phone call is ever worth it. Remember to always lock pool gates and fences. Do not leave toys in or near pools.

Enroll your children in swim classes and learn CPR. For more information please visit: <http://phoenix.gov/fire/safety/home/water/index.html>



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## Phoenix: Best of the Best!

The bond rating agency Standard & Poor's has reaffirmed the city's AAA general obligation bond rating, with a stable outlook. This makes Phoenix the largest city in the nation to offer this outstanding rating.

By having a AAA bond rating, the city is able to secure lower interest rates when borrowing, ultimately saving taxpayers millions of dollars that can be used to provide important city services. Using current rates, for example, a BBB-rated city would pay approximately 70 percent more in interest costs on their bonds than Phoenix.

It is important to recognize and celebrate the hard work City employees do to make this possible. A strong credit rating definitely helps towards attracting new businesses and growing the local economy.

## Phoenix has not just 1 but 2 great summer reading programs for kids and teens this year!

### “Read, Play, Win”

This program is co-sponsored by The Arizona Republic and the Arizona Diamondbacks. Children of all ages up to 18 can earn prizes by reading 50 pages or listening to a book being read for 15 minutes. As a special “signing incentive,” children will receive a voucher for a ticket to a Diamondbacks’ game.

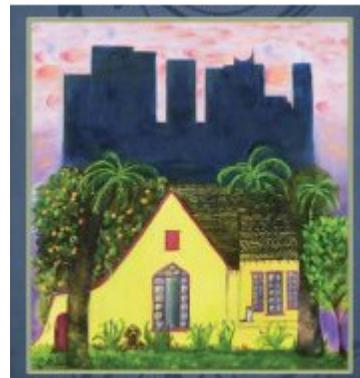
“Read, Play, Win!” booklogs will be available May 29 at any Phoenix Public Library, online at [phoenixpubliclibrary.org/kids](http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org/kids), or at Apache Junction, Chandler, Glendale, Peoria, Scottsdale and Wickenburg Public Libraries.

### “Our State, Our History”

Teenagers between 12 – 18 years old, can win exciting prizes by participating in Phoenix Public Library’s “Our State, Our Story” summer reading program. Prizes include best-selling books, Harkins movie passes, Harkins souvenir cups and popcorn coupons, as well as coupons from Sonic and Wendy’s along with other prizes. Beginning May 29, teens can register, log their reading and submit book reviews at [phxlib.org/teenreading](http://phxlib.org/teenreading).

“Our State, Our Story” is sponsored by the Maricopa County Library District and Harkins Theatres with additional support from the Phoenix Public Library Foundation, Friends of the Phoenix Public Library, Sonic and Wendy’s.

Phoenix Public Library is a system of 16 branch libraries and the Burton Barr Central Library. Follow them on Twitter at [twitter.com/phxlibrary](https://twitter.com/phxlibrary) and “like” them on Facebook at [facebook.com/phoenixpubliclibrary](https://facebook.com/phoenixpubliclibrary).



## Historic Homes Get A Facelift!

The Exterior Rehabilitation Program provides matching 50/50 grants to historic property owners who complete the needed exterior rehabilitation work on historic residential buildings listed on the Phoenix Historic Property Register. Typical projects rehabilitate historic windows, repair historic tile roofs, re-open original wood porches and repair historic adobe wall materials. The program reimburses property owners up to \$10,000 for pre-approved work items. Grants are selected competitively through multiple grant cycles each fiscal year with priority given to projects which repair original historic features and extend the life of historic materials. The program has been instrumental in revitalizing several inner-city historic neighborhoods since its inception in the 1990s. Over 400 successful projects have been completed so far.

This year, the City working on matching almost \$140,000 in rehabilitation funds for 15 individual projects, in 8 of the historic districts. That is a lot of love and attention that will go toward improving the curb appeal of the already charming historic homes in central Phoenix.

## TEE TIME ANYONE?

Beginning in June, three of the local municipal golf courses will be running specials geared towards getting kids outside and active for the summer. June 1 through August 31, any junior golfers, 17 and under, can play a free round of nine-hole golf, when accompanied by an adult. Additional junior can play for a nominal \$5.

This is a great opportunity for parents and children to spend a little time together outdoors, enjoying the fresh air. This program is an extension of the Phoenix Youth Golf Program that offers affordable golf lessons year-round to young golfers between the ages of 5 and 17 and the \$30 Junior Play Pass good for 30 days at all Phoenix golf courses on a space available basis.

The “Kids Play Free” Program is being offered at all three city of Phoenix nine-hole golf courses:

Aguila Par 3, 8440 S. 35th Ave., 602-237-9601

Encanto Short 9, 2300 N. 17th Ave., 602- 262-6870

Palo Verde 9, 6215 N. 15th Ave., 602-249-9930

Tee times can be booked online at [phoenix.gov/golf](http://phoenix.gov/golf)



## Solar Phoenix 2

Because of popular demand, the city of Phoenix, in partnership with the National Bank of Arizona, is once again offering this city-sponsored residential solar financing program, Solar Phoenix 2.

Solar Phoenix 2 allows qualified homeowners in the APS and SRP utility districts in Phoenix and the surrounding area to go solar without the large upfront investment. Homeowners can now make the switch to clean energy with a custom designed solar panel system from Paramount Solar. These solar power systems will save homeowners money each month on their electric bills. Systems can be installed with no money down and only a small monthly lease payment.



Solar Phoenix 2 is expected to allow up to 1,800 Phoenix homeowners to adopt solar power by the end of 2012. This is a partnership between the city of Phoenix, the National Bank of Arizona, and Paramount Solar. This program is made possible by a \$25 million investment from National Bank of Arizona and includes options for low and moderate income homeowners in Phoenix and surrounding areas. For more information, visit [solarphoenix2.org](http://solarphoenix2.org) or call 1-800-748-8900.

## CHILD HUNGER ENDS HERE!

Last month, a challenge was thrown out to the residents of District 7 to help boost the City of Phoenix’s ranking in the “Child Hunger Ends Here” campaign. I am so very pleased and proud to announce that in one month our city went from 45<sup>th</sup> to 39<sup>th</sup>!

Let’s see how much higher up the ranks we can climb. Look for the red thumb tack on participating products and enter the 8 digit code on the box at [www.childhungerendshere.com](http://www.childhungerendshere.com)



Participating Brands Include:



## TRASH TALKIN' ... NEW WAY, SAME DAY

How many times have you forgotten to put the trash out before leaving for work? How many times have you forgotten to pull the bin back in after a long, hard day? What would you say if the City could promise to reduce such annoyances by 50%? Half? That's right, half. But how, you ask?

Starting July 9<sup>th</sup>, residents will only need to remember to place their trash and recycling out once a week, instead of two!

Same day collection will save the \$1.3 million annually. These savings to the City translate to savings for you by keeping your solid waste fees constant. Also, with same day service, customers will be reminded to recycle on a constant basis.



## OCOTILLO LIBRARY & WORKFORCE LITERACY CENTER

The construction and renovation to the Ocotillo Library has now been completed. The improvements to the facility include a new First Five Years area, community multipurpose room, training room, study room, public lounge area, installation of additional public computers and laptop space.

The library will continue to offer all library services in addition to a workforce component that will

include resume writing, occupational testing, English & Spanish classes, as well as basic computer training.

This project was made possible through a CBDG of over \$1 million, of which 65% came from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The workforce center opened to the public on April 24<sup>th</sup>. A public grand opening celebration is scheduled for June 9.



## Fun Things To Do Around the District

### Friday, June 22

ITTY BITTY BEACH PARTIES-- University Pool, 1102 W. Van Buren St. (602) 261-8730. These parties are catered towards guests ages 6 years and younger and their families. Enjoy festive music, a water safety puppet show, games, dance contests, swimsuit contests, Hawaiian leis, sunglasses, prizes and more! Each poolside beach party will be from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

### Sunday, June 24

SILENT SUNDAYS AT SOUTH MOUNTAIN: On Silent Sundays (the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month), bicyclists, tots in strollers, in-line skaters and wheelchair users get to call the Park's roadways their own. Starting at 5 a.m. the park's roadways past the Central Avenue gate will be reserved for non-motorized use. South Mountain Park is located at 10919 S. Central Avenue. 602 495-5811.



For general program information please call 602.262.4994

## Phoenix Police Museum Grand Opening!

The Phoenix Police Museum is pleased to announce its grand opening Wednesday, June 6, at 11:00am. The new location is at Historic City Hall, 17 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. This was the site of the Police Head Quarters from the late 1920s to the mid 1970s.

Festivities will begin around 11am. There will be a short, formal ceremony and ribbon cutting ceremony followed by self guided tours through the museum.

For more information please contact Robert Demlong at 602-534-1314 or visit the website at [www.phoenixpolicemuseum.com](http://www.phoenixpolicemuseum.com)



## CALLING ALL NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS: UPDATE YOUR LISTING!

The city's Neighborhood Services Department is updating its listing of neighborhood organizations. The Neighborhood Notification listing is an important tool used by the City to communicate timely information to neighborhood organizations about upcoming events, grant opportunities, public meetings and requests for input on Ccity projects. Listed organizations also will receive the quarterly NSD newsletter and other valuable information about important issues affecting their community. Existing organizations on the list can update information online by visiting [surveymonkey.com/s/NSD\\_groups](http://surveymonkey.com/s/NSD_groups) or by calling 602-534-4444.

To list a neighborhood organization, download the directory form from [phoenix.gov/NSD](http://phoenix.gov/NSD) and return the completed form by emailing it to [nnet.nsd@phoenix.gov](mailto:nnet.nsd@phoenix.gov) or sending it via mail to Phoenix City Hall, Neighborhood Services Department, 200 W. Washington St., fourth floor, Attention: Neighborhood Notification, Phoenix, AZ 85003. Forms also can be mailed upon request. For more information, call 602-534-4444 or visit [phoenix.gov/NSD](http://phoenix.gov/NSD).

## Other Upcoming Public Meetings

1. June 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – Ocotillo Library Branch Ribbon Cutting, 102 W. Southern Ave.
2. June 11<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm – Central City Village Planning Committee at the downtown Rio Salado Campus, 1<sup>st</sup> floor 619 N 7<sup>th</sup> Ave
3. June 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm – Laveen Village Planning Committee at Desert Meadows Elementary 6855 W. Desert Meadows Loop
4. June 12<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm – Maryvale Village Planning Committee at Desert Sky Mall at 7611 W. Thomas Road
5. June 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:00pm – Verano Sano Hosted by Radio Campesina & SRP at El Prado Pool, 6428 S. 19<sup>th</sup> Place
6. June 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm – Chat with the Councilman at the Valley Garden Center 1809 N. 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. Public Works Director John Trujillo will present on same day trash collection and answer any questions you may have



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Find your legislature here:

<http://www.azleg.gov/alisStaticPages/HowToContactMember.asp>

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