The New & Improved District 3 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

I'm sure you noticed that our newsletter looks a little different this month. We are using a new program in order to make it a little more fun to look at and read. We want your feedback so please let us know what you think of this new layout. We are still learning the Microsoft Publisher program so bare with us as we experiment.

Coming Up….

- Council meetings resume next Wednesday.
- The City of Phoenix is closed on Labor Day.
- Subcommittee meetings will soon be televised!

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Please Help Me Welcome Laura Etter to My Office Staff

As many of you know, Greg Montes, my Chief of Staff for the past two years, has accepted a new position in the Aviation Department. Greg was a great asset to the District 3 staff and he will be missed. We wish him the best of luck over at the airport and will continue to work with him in a new capacity. This past Monday, Jessica and I welcomed Laura Etter as the new Chief of Staff for District 3. Laura comes to us from Goodman Schwartz, a public affairs firm located in Phoenix. Laura has worked on projects with the city in the past and is familiar with how city government works. Laura is looking forward to meeting you all and working with you on city issues.

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District 3 Coffee Chat/Desert Horizon Coffee With a Cop

When: Wednesday, September 19

Time: 7:30 am—8:30 am

Where: Eye Opener Restaurant (524 W. Hatcher)

Guest Speakers: Fire Chief Bob Kahn & Police Commander Harry Markley

Cost: Free to attend, breakfast available for purchase

CPR Certification/Re-Certification Class

When: Saturday, September 15

Time: 8 am—12 pm

Where: Helen Drake Senior Center (7900 N. 27th Avenue)

The 32nd Street meeting is open to all residents, business owners, non-profits and property owners

32nd Street Working Group Meeting

When: Monday, September 17

Time: 5:30 pm—6:30 pm

Where: The Rock at 32nd Street (13625 N. 32nd Street)

*Come learn about our most recent accomplishments and discuss our next steps.

Doggie Movie Date Night

When: Saturday, September 29

Time: 7 pm

Where: Lost Our Home Pet Foundation (NW Corner of 32nd Street & Shea)

Bring: Blankets, Chairs and a cooler of your favorite movie treats

Movie: TBA

Important Survey Regarding Green Waste

The city of Phoenix is dedicated to providing residents effective solid waste services. The Public Works Department is evaluating certain business practices that improve efficiencies and decrease the amount of trash going to the city landfills. The goal is to increase the landfill diversion rate from 17 to 40 percent by the year 2020. Possible changes include fees for courtesy returns when residents forget to put their cans out in time for pickup, a new program to divert green organics like yard clippings from landfills, and fees for garbage loads self-hauled to the transfer stations. The city is asking residents to provide feedback on these potential changes by taking a short survey online at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SolidWasteCh27survey. If the link doesn't appear to work by clicking on it, please copy and paste it into your browser. For more information, call 602-262-7251.

Free City of Phoenix Prescription Drug Discount Card Program

The Phoenix Coast2CoastRx prescription drug discount card has saved people more than $5 million since the program started last year. Anyone can use the card at almost any pharmacy - it provides an average discount of nearly 64 percent off retail. The card even can help with pet prescriptions, dental, vision, hearing and more. To print out cards or for more information, visit coast2coastrx.com/phoenix or call 1-800-931-8872. The city is not spending any money on the program, and it actually generates revenue for city services.

Thank You Sears & Welcome BASIS Phoenix!

A big thank you to our friends at Sears on 32nd Street & Cactus! Sears was kind enough to allow parents from the new BASIS School on 32nd Street south of Cactus, to use their parking lot for their recent open house. This is a great example of people working together to help the community. Way to go Sears!

Muscular Dystrophy Lock Up Event

I need your help posting bail to get out of jail! I am participating in the Muscular Dystrophy Association's "Executive Lock-up" event, which is a fun and unique approach to raise money for a great organization. I get "arrested" by a deputy and transported to MDA's jail cell at Copper Blues in Phoenix City Scape on Tuesday, August 28. My bail has been set at $3,200, which will help send 4 kids to MDA summer camp in Payson, Arizona. Your support will help families living in our community with muscle disease, and help guarantee that I get out of jail. Please support me in reaching my goal by going to http://www2.mda.org/goto/bgates. Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated.

Valley Young Professionals Political Panel

Please join me along with Councilman Daniel Valenzuela, Representative Justin Pierce and Representative Kimberly Yee at the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce's Valley Young Professionals Political Panel. The Panel's discussion will focus on issues and legislative matters affecting young professionals, economic development efforts here in the valley, and how young professionals can become more involved in the political process.

When: Wednesday, September 12

Time: 7:30 am—9 am

Where: Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce (201 N. Central, 27th Floor)

Cost: Free for Chamber & VYP Members, $20 for Non-Members

Contact Amber Back for more details at aback@phoenixchamber.com

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City Launches PlanPhx—Help us Create the Next General Plan

Yesterday, the City of Phoenix launched planPHX, an interactive and innovative way for Phoenix residents to help decide how the city grows and changes over the next 10 years through their involvement in the update of the city's General Plan and planning for neighborhoods along the light rail line. There are several ways you can get involved with the project:

- Log on to www.myplanPHX.com and submit your ideas. You can receive feedback from other users, support other ideas and earn points for prizes along the way.
- Folllow the project on Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/planPHX
- Twitter: http://twitter.com/planPHX
- Stay tuned for details on upcoming planPHX events in your neighborhood.

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ConnectPHX
Phoenix's General Plan Update

Football season is here so test out your knowledge of the Arizona Cardinals:

Trivia Question 1: In 1933, Charles Bidwill bought the Cardinals for how much money?

Trivia Question 2: In what year did the Cardinals move to Arizona?

Trivia Question 3: How many square feet is the Cardinals stadium?

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Trivia Answers:

1. *$50,000*
2. *1988*
3. *1.7 million square*