District 3 Coffee Chat

What a great turnout we had for the joint District 3 Coffee Chat & Coffee With a Cop event last week. I look forward to partnering with our Phoenix Police Department again. Please mark your calendar for my October Coffee Chat meeting. Coffee and donuts will be provided. I will provide more information on our speakers at a later date.

When: Wednesday, October 10

Time: 7:30—8:30 a.m.

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

General Plan Meeting This Wednesday

By now I'm sure many of you have heard someone mention the city's General Plan. By charter, we are required to update our General Plan every ten years. What is the General Plan you ask? Think of it as a blue print for the city. We want your input on how the city should look in the future. Do you want to see more dog parks, libraries, or light rail in North Phoenix? For those of you who are interested in helping to plan Phoenix please join Councilman Daniel Valenzuela and me for a meeting this Wednesday.

When: Wednesday, September 26
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Where: Royal Palm Middle School (8520 N. 19th Ave.)

If you are unable to attend you can still participate by logging on to www.myplanPHX.com and submitting your ideas. You can even win prizes by sharing your ideas! If you have any questions on the General Plan, please contact my office at 602-262-7441 or email us at council.district.3@phoenix.gov.

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Pension Reform Discussion at Today's Policy Meeting

Today, I will be discussing Pension Reform with my fellow councilmembers during our Policy Session at 2:30 p.m. Policy meetings are held at Council Chambers, 200 West Jefferson, and are open to the public. They are also broadcast live on Channel 11. Last week the city held two public meetings to discuss potential changes to employee pensions. If you are unable to attend this meeting in person you can email your concerns to my office at council.district.3@phoenix.gov.

Grand Opening for The Rock at 32nd Street

Did you know that legendary rocker Alice Cooper has opened a community center right in the heart of District 3? Alice Cooper has generously funded the development of a teen center called "Solid Rock" which also houses "Genesis Church," and combined they make "The Rock at 32nd Street." Sounds cool, right? Wait until you see the place in action. Every day after school, kids are receiving free guitar and drum lessons, school tutoring and participating in dance classes. This center is open to kids and adults. Stop by the upcoming Grand Opening to learn more about all they have to offer.

When: Saturday, October 6
Time: Noon to 3 p.m.
Where: 13625 N. 32nd Street
Contact: 602-482-3534 for more information
Dance & Martial Arts Exhibitions ● Food Trucks ● Live Music ● Attractions for Kids ● Live Reptiles ● Win a Fender Guitar and More!

APS Shade Tree Program

APS is gearing up for more Shade Tree Program events throughout the valley. If you would like to receive a free tree to plant in your yard you can register for one of their hour long workshops and go home with a tree. It's that easy. Here are a few of their upcoming workshop dates:

- Saturday, September 29, 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. @ Deer Valley Community Center (2001 W. Wahalla)
- Saturday, October 13, 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. @ ASU SkySong (1475 N. Scottsdale Road)

Show Us How You Shop Phoenix!

The City of Phoenix is launching its annual "Shop Phoenix!" campaign, asking residents to "Show Us How You Shop Phoenix!" Ready to bite into a burger from your favorite Phoenix restaurant, just purchased a new car or getting started on holiday shopping? Photograph the moment at your favorite restaurant, auto dealership, local business or mall, tell us where you like to "Shop Phoenix!" and email us the photo.

Through the end of December, residents can "Show Us How You Shop Phoenix!" by submitting photos of places to shop, eat or visit in Phoenix. Send photos as an attachment to contactus@phoenix.gov with "Shop Phoenix!" in the subject line. Photos will be featured in a photo album on the city's Facebook page, and the top photo each week will be the city's Facebook cover photo.

Sales taxes on the merchandise purchased at businesses in Phoenix go directly to the city's General Fund, which pays for city services such as police and fire protection, parks, libraries, senior centers, neighborhood preservation, neighborhood clean up and street maintenance. The largest revenue component for funding our city's basic services is sales tax, it accounts for 39 percent of General Fund revenues. By shopping in Phoenix, residents have a direct impact to support the city services they enjoy.

North Phoenix Chamber Annual Animal Adoption Event

Looking for a new furry friend? Attend the NPCC Annual Adoption Event and you can go home with a dog, cat, rat, rabbit, or guinea pig! There will be a number of rescue organizations in attendance so you will get to meet all kinds of breeds and find the one that is right for you.

When: Saturday, October 13
Time: 10 a.m.—2 p.m.
Where: Wildfire Elementary School (3997 E. Lockwood Drive, Phoenix)
***For more information contact Ralph Holmstrom at rholmstromjr@aol.com**

Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project Near 48th Street & Cactus

In case you were wondering what the construction is all about near the Walmart on Cactus Road, south on 48th Street to Cholla and Tatum, rest assured the interruption will not last long. Paradise Village Parkway is expected to be closed for another 2-6 weeks for repairs to the sewer lines. Access to 48th Street and Altadena will be restricted at times as well. The majority of the work will take place during the daytime hours. We appreciate your cooperation during this construction project. Should you have any questions please call 602-486-3886.

Service Line Protection Program

Speaking of sewers, did you receive a letter in the mail this week from Service Line Warranties of America? This letter is not junk mail and you've just been introduced to our recent partner in the city's Marketing Partnership Program My office has received numerous calls on the letters that were mailed out last week. To clear up any confusion, I would like to highlight a few important points on this program:

- First and foremost, this is an optional warranty service.
- The City of Phoenix has established a partnership with Service Line Warranties of America. However, this program is entirely outsourced through a contract, with no cost to the City of Phoenix.
- The City of Phoenix did not pay for the distribution of the letters that were mailed to homeowners, nor did the company use our letterhead.
- The City of Phoenix did not provide a mailing list to SLWA. They used a mailing distribution list, much like other companies do who send you direct mail.

In February 2012, the city approved the Marketing Partnership Program, with the goal of establishing mutually beneficial business partners to generate revenue for the city's general fund. Still confused or have questions? You may call Service Line Warranties directly at 1-866-922-9006, or if you have general questions or comments you may call my office at 602-262-7441.

Trivia Time! Television shows are starting back up so let's do some TV trivia.

1. **Mr. Belding was the principal in what popular teen show from the 90's?**
2. **Television producer Sherwood Schwartz created the famous Gilligan's Island in addition to what other popular show that aired from 1969-1974?**
3. **Nicknamed Sonny and Rico, these two detectives were big stars in what television series?**

Arizona Veterans' Education Foundation

Next month I am honored to be a part of the Honor and Valor Recognition Dinner, an event hosted by the Arizona Veterans' Education Foundation. In an effort to honor our current and past veterans, this event recognizes our veterans who are taking educational steps to improve their lives. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Arizona Veteran's Education Foundation Scholarship Fund, as well as the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation. If you would like to join me for this great event, or make a donation, I can assure you it would go to a very worthy cause.

When: Saturday, Ocoter 20
Time: 6 p.m. (reception) 7 p.m. (dinner)
Where: Ritz Carlton Hotel, Phoenix (2401 E. Camelback)
Cost: $2500 (table of 10) or $250 (individual ticket)

Donations may be sent to the Arizona Veteran's Education Foundation, 8823 E. San Rafael Drive, Scottsdale, Arizona 85258. For more information please contact Gene van den Bosch at 623-236-3343 or visit www.azvef.org.

Gateway to Phoenix

Did you know that Phoenix City Council Members have a monthly program that airs on Phoenix Channel 11 as well as on YouTube? For those of you who have watched my shows in the past, thank you for watching! Folks who have not seen my show but have Cox Cable or access to the internet can check out past programs and learn more about local organizations and city services and programs. I have a wide variety of interesting guests and am always looking for new guests who are not camera shy and have something to share. Also, don't forget that all city council meetings as well subcommittee meetings are available on-line, in addition to airing on Channel 11. Lastly, please look for my public service announcement on Channel 11 discussing the importance of recycling plastic bags. I am joined by the Phoenix Suns Gorilla who of course doesn't speak but makes a great co-star! Find out more at www.bagcentralstation.com.

Trivia Answers:

1. *Saved By the Bell*
2. *The Brady Bunch*
3. *Miami Vice (the original)*

Thanks for reading my newsletter. Let's all hope for cooler weather soon as fall begins. As always, please contact my office at 602-262-7441 or council.district.3@phoenix.gov with any questions or concerns. And don't forget to follow me on Twitter or friend me on Facebook. Thanks!

Sincerely,
Councilman Bill Gates