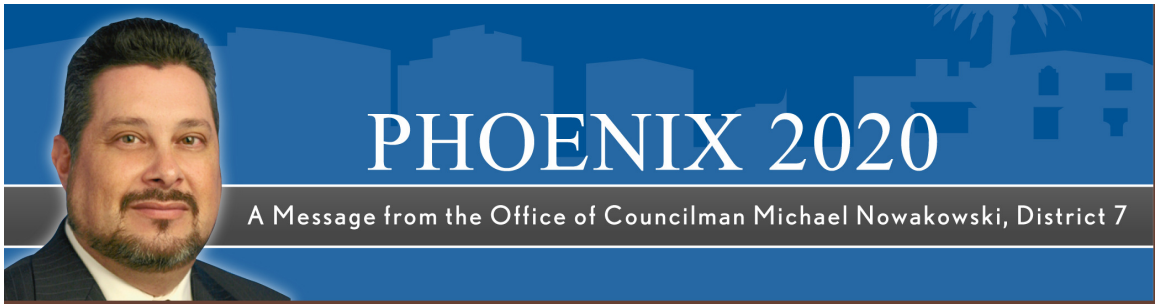

January 2013

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe holiday season.

Last year, District 7 welcomed $155,000,000 worth of new capital investments and approximately 1,230 full time jobs. That is over a 40% improvement in employment from 2011. Let's hope the growth trend continues through 2013.

The New Year is here and it is full of new opportunities and successes waiting to happen. Here are a couple of my goals for the New Year that I would like to share with you:

- Continue to grow and strengthen the local economy. A diverse economy is more stable and fosters further development

- Work to improve international trade relations with Mexico. Mexico trades $79 billion and $38 million with Texas and California respectively. In Arizona, that number is less than $12 billion. Phoenix can do better, regardless of state politics

- Continue to work with MAG, ADOT and the Federal Highway Administration to make tangible strides on completing the South Mountain Freeway

- Work with the State Legislature to push for the reforms the Anti-Graffiti and Anti-Animal Cruelty Task Forces recommended

- Continue my "Take Back Your Neighborhood" campaigns throughout the district. In the first part of 2013, my office will be focusing on the District 7 portion of Maryvale

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** revised to reflect new elected officials!

New City Council Districts take effect Jan 1

As a reminder, the new City Council district boundaries took effect on Jan. 1, 2013. Phoenix is required by the U.S. Constitution and the City Charter to redraw the district lines every 10 years following the U.S. census. The new district boundaries were approved by the Phoenix City Council this summer after numerous public meetings and neighborhood presentations. More than 800 residents attended these presentations by city staff and more than 360 additional comments were received in various formats. In October 2012 the U.S. Department of Justice completed its review of the new boundaries and are now effective for all city elections. The next election is scheduled for March 2013. Redistricting will occur again after the 2020 decennial census. Residents may find their new district by typing in their home address at:

www.phoenix.gov/mayorcouncil/mydistrict/index.html

or by calling 602-261-8683

Christmas Tree Recycling Program

The city's Public Works Department offers Phoenix residents a green way to take down their Christmas trees. Trees can be dropped off for recycling at any of the participating Phoenix parks now through Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013.

Participating parks include:

- Deer Valley Park, 19th Avenue and Utopia Road
- Paradise Valley Park, 40th Street south of Union Hills Drive
- Sereno Park, 56th Street and Sweetwater Avenue
- Cactus Park, 38th Avenue and Cactus Road
- Mountain View Park, Seventh Avenue south of Peoria Avenue
- Marivue Park, 59th Avenue and Osborn Road
- Washington Park, 23rd Avenue and Maryland Avenue
- Madison Park, 16th Street and Glenrosa Avenue
- Los Olivos Park, 28th Street and Devonshire Avenue
- Desert West Park, 67th Avenue and Encanto Boulevard
- El Reposo Park, Seventh Street and Alta Vista Road
  Mountain Vista Park, 50th Street just north of Ray Road
- Desert Foothills Park, Desert Foothills and Chandler Boulevard
- Cesar Chavez Park, 35th Avenue and Baseline Road

Please remember that trees should be cleared of any decorations including tinsel and tree stands and other hardware should also be removed before recycling. Public Works also asks that residents take care to safely secure trees during transport and that trees only be left in the designated drop-off areas.

Residents also are able to donate living container-grown trees for replanting in city parks. Parks will only accept 15 gallon-sized or 24" box-sized trees. They can be delivered to a nearby maintenance facility to be planted in a local park. For more information about donating a living tree, call 602-534-9440.

Volunteer! Make A Difference

The Planning and Development Department's Long Range Planning Team is recruiting a Volunteer In Service To America (VISTA) for the PlanPHX project. The VISTA will be charged with the following three objectives:

- Integrate and become a productive member of the City of Phoenix Planning and Development Department with a specialized focus on community outreach for the PlanPHX project.
- Identify and initiate outreach to underserved and low-income communities within Phoenix.
- Develop a network of community residents and partners that will be active participants and ambassadors for PlanPHX and that will continue to represent and empower undeserved and low-income communities in Phoenix.

The following is a link to the job posting on Americorp's website:
https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=47964&fromSearch=true

Not interested in Planning and Development? Not a problem! The City of Phoenix has volunteer opportunities for all manner of interests. Check out the city's volunteer webpage to find something that speak s to you: www.myvolunteerphoenix.org

Block Watch Grant applications available

Block Watch groups and other neighborhood organizations are eligible for grants of up to $10,000 to help fund programs that fight crime and improve the safety and quality of life in their areas.

Applications for the 2013 Neighborhood Block Watch Grant Program will be available online only at www.phoenix.gov/police/nbwgrant.html Wednesday, Jan. 2. Completed applications must be submitted by email to www.nbwgrants.ppd@phoenix.gov no later than 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1.

More information regarding grant application requirements can be found on the website.

Laveen Community Meeting

COME CHAT WITH COUNCILMEN

Councilman Nowakowksi and Vice Mayor Johnson will be hosting a meeting to hear what is going on in Laveen. This is Councilman Nowakowski's way of introducing Vice Mayor Johnson to the community, and the community to Councilman Johnson.

Join them at 5:30pm, January 17th, at Cesar Chavez Library

City of Phoenix

You are cordially invited to attend "Graffiti Free Phoenix: Day at the Legislature!"

We are asking Phoenix residents to come to the Arizona State Capitol in support of anti-graffiti legislation. To show your support, you must register at the kiosks. By doing so, it allows you to log in and comment on the graffiti legislation once it is being heard by the Legislature. We also are asking that you bring your neighbors, friends and family to the event so that they can get signed up too! This is a grassroots effort and we need as many supporters as possible.

Those that are unable to join us at the Capitol can give us permission to sign them up remotely. In order for us to sign someone up we need an email (sent to nsd@phoenix.gov) giving us permission to do so. The email must include the supporter's full name, home address, phone number and email address.

We hope to see you all at the Capitol on Friday, Jan. 11! Meet us at the Neighborhood Services tents on the Capitol Lawn. Light refreshments will be provided.
For more information, call 602-534-4444 or email nsd@phoenix.gov.

Graffiti Free Phoenix Wipe it Out!

Graffiti Free Phoenix: Day at the Legislature
9 to 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 11, 2013
Arizona State Capitol, 1700 W. Washington St.

Neighborhood Stabilization Program

The city of Phoenix Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) is hosting an open house that will feature available move-in ready homes available for purchase. Residents are encouraged to attend a homebuyer information session from 9 to 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Maryvale Community Center, 4420 N. 51st Ave., to learn more about NSP and program eligibility requirements. Attendees also may tour available move-in ready homes from 9 a.m. to noon. A list of addresses will be provided the week of the event, which will be available by calling 602-262-6602 or online at www.phoenix.gov/nsphome.

Move-in ready home prices begin in the $120s and homes include: energy-efficient systems, improved design finishes, enhanced curb appeal and a home warranty.

To RSVP or for more information, call 602-262-6602 or visit www.phoenix.gov/nsphome

Neighborhood Stabilization Program

Things To Do ...

Saturday, January 19
POLLINATOR GARDEN CONSERVATION -- Join us on the third Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. - noon for the fifth of 6 conservation workdays. Our under-construction pollinator garden has suffered through the sweltering summer and needs your TLC. Objectives this year include amending soil, mulching plants, applying top dressing and planting wildflowers and other natives. This wildlife-friendly garden supports pollinators, provides opportunities for citizen-science projects and enriches the Rio Salado park space. YOUR HELP IS VITAL to our garden's success! All ages welcome (unless otherwise noted) and no experience necessary! Tools and training provided. RSVP: Cathy Wise, 602-468-6470 X109. Rio Salado Audubon Center, 3131 South Central Avenue.

Sunday, January 27
SILENT SUNDAYS AT SOUTH MOUNTAIN: On Silent Sundays (the 4th 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.

Other Upcoming Public Meetings

1. January 8th 6:00pm – Maryvale Village Planning Committee, Desert Sky Mall, new Community Rm 7611 W. Thomas Rd
2. January 11th 9:00am – Anti-Graffiti Task Force at the Legislature, State Capitol Lawn, 1700 W. Washington
3. January 14th 6:30pm – Laveen Village Planning Committee, Desert Meadows Elementary School, 6855 W. Meadows Loop
4. January 17th 5:30pm – Laveen Community Meeting w/Councilmen, Cesar Chavez Library, 3635 W. Baseline Rd.

Useful Contact Information

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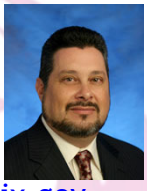

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Crime Stop
Phone: 602.262.6151
e-mail: http://www.phoenix.gov/police/policereport/index.html

Identity Theft
Phone: 602.534.5940

Seamless Service Directory – any and all additional phone numbers you may ever need
http://phoenix.gov/webcms/groups/internet/@inter/@pio/documents/web_content/047076.pdf

Police Precincts

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2111 S. 99th Ave.
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Mountain View
2075 E. Maryland Ave
602.495.5007

Maryvale
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602.495.5008

South Mountain
400 W. Southern Ave.
602.495.4004

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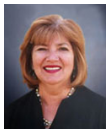

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Rep. Lupe Chavira Contreras – District 19
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