



July 2012

Message from the Councilman

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY EVERYONE!

I love the 4th of July. It is a holiday that gives us time with friends and family and also gives us time to celebrate who we are as a nation.

Independence Day is a reminder of all the freedoms we enjoy as individuals that are easily taken for granted and envied around the world.

Freedom of speech, freedom to assemble and freedom of religion are all gifts to us. These gifts are paid for by the men and women in the Armed Services. They are paid for and enhanced by those individuals that protect us. These individuals are not just the men and women in uniform. Thanks are owed to the men and women that volunteer to make their neighborhoods safer through their block watches and through Graffiti Busters.

Thank you to everyone who volunteers to make their neighborhoods safer. Our community is better off of it and we all share in the benefits. These individuals embody the spirit what it is to be American.

Let's hang our flags and patriotic bunting in honor of this festive holiday. Honor the men and women in uniform. Thank them for their service and reach out to your community leaders and get involved.

Happy Fourth of July everyone! Have fun and be safe. Drink plenty of water, stay hydrated and use sunscreen. And please, please, please watch children around water.

Thank you all, God Bless and God Bless America!

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Light Up the Sky!

When: Tue, July 3, 6:30pm - 9:00pm
Where: Maryvale Baseball Park, 3600 N 51st Ave.

For the past 20 years, the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department hosts a free community Independence Day celebration at Maryvale Baseball Park, 3600 N 51st Ave. This year's event, from 6:30-9:00 p.m., will again be an opportunity for family and friends to gather at the park meet their neighbors and celebrate, as a community, the true spirit of the holiday. The event will feature inflatables for the kids, community organization tables, games and activities on the field and much more. The highlight of the program is of course the outstanding display of fireworks that concludes the event. So if you want to play some family games on the same field the Milwaukee Brewers play or if you just want to throw a blanket on the field and relax the 2012 Light Up the Sky Celebration is for you. For more information call Mark Engelhardt @ 602-262-5030.



Improved Bus Services to South Phoenix

RAPID Riders Rejoice!

The Phoenix City Council approved a 180-day trial of a new RAPID™ route serving south and southwest Phoenix. The route, Central/South Mountain RAPID, will provide commuter service from a recently constructed park-and-ride at 27th Avenue and Baseline Road to downtown Phoenix.

The service will also pick up passengers at the Ed Pastor Transit Center at Central Avenue and Broadway Road, and will drop off riders near Central Station and the state capitol complex. The new service will operate morning and afternoon commuter trips.

The trial service was included as part of a wider array of changes to local bus and RAPID™ service set to go into effect July 23, 2012. During the 180-day trial period the route will be funded out of Proposition 400, the regional transit sales tax.

“RAPID is one of our most popular services for commuters, and aids riders in reaching employment centers in downtown Phoenix,” noted Phoenix Public Transit Interim Director Neal Young.

“A RAPID route for South Mountain has been planned for several years, and thanks to ongoing efforts at route efficiencies and Proposition 400 savings, it’s finally possible to run this trial of the service,” he added.

Information on the new RAPID route and schedule is available at phoenix.gov/publictransit.

Passengers can also get information by calling Valley Metro Customer Service at 602-253-5000.



New Jobs for District 7

Given the current economic condition it is important to stay positive and become even more persistent and proactive in improving our communities and our city. It is fantastic to therefore report that District 7 will be the new home to 170 new jobs. Councilman Nowakowski has been working closely with the City’s Community and Economic Development Department to help secure new branch locations for a new national firm and a new international firm.

Parts Authority is an automotive parts supplier headquartered in New York, established in 1972. The Phoenix warehouse and 5 retail stores mark the companies first expansion westward, bringing with it 40 new jobs.

Cosma Power Systems is a manufacturing subsidiary of Magna International from Ontario, Canada. Cosma Power will be building frames for solar panels, which will help to further Phoenix’s goal of being the solar capital of the country. Magna International is purported to be North America’s largest automotive supplier now diversifying and using its manufacturing expertise as a supplier to other renewable energy industry. The company has of 100,000 employees in 26 countries. Cosma brings with it 130 new jobs!

1st Annual Team Cool Jay Golf Tournament

Team Cool Jay began in 2011 to honor Johnny Garcia, after he lost his battle with Leukemia. In loving memory and celebration of Johnny, a charity golf tournament will be held in his honor to benefit Be The Match Registry and bring hope to patients and families and awareness to the organization.

Each year, thousands of people of all ages are diagnosed with blood cancers like leukemia, sickle cell anemia or other life threatening diseases. Many of them will die unless they get bone marrow or cord blood transplant from a matching donor. Seventy percent of patients, who do not have a donor in their family, rely on Be The Match Registry to find a match to save their life.

100 % of the proceeds from the tournament will directly benefit Be The Match Registry. Funding is vital. Every \$100 raised adds another potential live saving donor. Last year, Team Cool Jay raised \$12,000 and over 750 people were registered as donors. This year, the goal is \$20,000.



The tournament will take place on Saturday, September 8, 2012, at the Palm Valley Golf Club.

For more information, or if you would like to donate to Team Cool Jay, please contact:

Heather Kieckhefer at 602.214.5746 or hkieckhefer@yahoo.com

... MORE ON GOLF

Celebrate America's independence with Firecracker Golf, July 2 - 8 at Aguila, Cave Creek, Maryvale and Encanto golf courses. The special offer includes greens fee, cart and lunch at the participating golf courses for only \$25. You must present a promotional flyer, which is available at phoenix.gov/golf. Visit the website to book your tee time or for more information.



Nanananananananana BATMAN!

Holy once-in-a-lifetime-opportunity!

Want something fun to do to liven up another boring Monday? The Batmobile will be here in District 7 on July 2nd at Desert West Park. We will be screening The Dark Knight in anticipation of the third installment of the Batman trilogy set to premier this summer. Come out and see the newest Batmobile up close and in person. Stay for the movie, and enjoy a lovely evening in Desert West Park.

This event will start around 6pm, the movie will begin at dusk.



TAKE BACK YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT

This summer, the District 7 office will be reaching out to residents of the Estrella Village, encouraging them to “take back their neighborhood.” Luz Enriquez along with our teen volunteers will be contacting residents, asking about the general look and feel of their neighborhoods.

The idea behind this outreach to find which areas, if any, need a little TLC and extra attention. The goal of the program is to help residents openly and actively participate in their community. No one should feel unsafe in their own neighborhoods, and we want to know where we can help.

If you live in the Estrella village (between the I-10 and the Rio Salado, from 19th to 107th Avenue) and would like to participate please contact Luz Enriquez by calling 602.262.7492 or e-mailing her at Luz.Enriquez@phoenix.gov

A NEW RESOURCE FOR YOU

The city's Information Security & Privacy Office has launched its new and improved website. It has been developed to help you protect your family, identity, privacy, computers and business from many emerging threats in today's computerized world.

Our goal at the City is provide information about security and privacy best practices. Information is available for individuals and businesses that may need help in protecting themselves from the growing number of scams and scammers out there in cyber space.

For more information please visit the ISPO website at: <http://phoenix.gov/publicsafety/infosec/index.html>



TOTAL TRASH

For those of you who did not catch the trash talking article last month, or those of you who have not been bombarded with commercials and warnings, the City of Phoenix will begin picking up both garbage and recycling on the same day in July. Please click on the link below to find out when your new pick up day is.

<http://phoenix.gov/webcms/groups/internet/@inter/@dept/@pubworks/@gar>



Fun Things To Do Around the District

ARIZONA ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS: ARIZONA MAMMALS

When: Sat, July 21, 11am – 12pm

Where: Rio Salado Audubon Center, 3131 S. Central Ave.

On every third Saturday we offer you the opportunity to see wild animals as part of a fun and interesting presentation. 11 a.m. FREE. Nina Mason Pulliam Rio Salado Audubon Center, 602 468-6470.

SILENT SUNDAYS AT SOUTH MOUNTAIN:

When: Sun, July 22, 5am – 11pm

Where: South Mountain Park is located at 10919 S. Central Ave

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.



Kuban Good Neighbor Program

Congratulations to the most recent graduates of the Good Neighbor Program held this time in the Kuban Community.

The Good Neighbor Program (GNP) seeks to increase participation in neighborhood improvement activities and projects by creating opportunities in which all residents feel comfortable while learning about themselves, their neighbors and their neighborhood through a series of educational and self-awareness oriented classes and workshops. The Kuban Good Neighbor Program was a seven week program that began on May 17 and ended on June 28. The program averaged 15 residents who regularly attended. Some of the session topics included: a visioning exercise, Police, Police Communications 911, Parks & Recreation, Public Works, Arts & Culture, Water, Animal Control and Landlord/Tenant Rights. Upon completion of the Good Neighbor Program, the residents plan on forming their own neighborhood association and continue to partner with the City of phoenix to make their neighborhood a better place.

If you are interested in hosting a Good Neighbor Program in your community please contact the District 7 Council Office at 602.262.7492

SAY IT AINT SO JOE!

To round out our newsletter this month, it is with fond reluctance we say good bye and good luck to Mr. Joe Murphy. Joe has been with District 7 since 2008. During his tenure in the Council's Office he has over seen the development of downtown and the preservation of the historic neighborhoods in central Phoenix. He has done everything from battled peacocks in the Coronado district, to organizing Encanto Park's diamond jubilee celebration. He has been instrumental in creating and rehabbing neighbor parks for Sherman and Lindo areas. He has spent the past four years attending community meetings and truly entrenching himself in all that he could to promote and improve District 7. The D7 team won't be the same without his sarcastic but good natured sense of humor. Gone, but not forgotten, Joe will be moving on to the UFCW.

Post your favorite Joe moment on our facebook page. Thank him...roast him...really let him know what you think of him. We will certainly miss him and thank him for his years of service.



Other Upcoming Public Meetings

1. July 2nd 6:00pm – “Movie in the Park” – The Dark Knight at Desert West Community Center, 67th Ave & Virginia.
2. July 3rd 6:30pm – Maryvale Light Up the Sky Firework Spectacular at the Maryvale Baseball Park
3. July 4th 6:00pm – Freedom Wireless Fabulous Phoenix Fourth of July at Steele Indian School Park
4. July 9th 6:30pm – Laveen Village Planning Committee, Desert Meadows Elementary School, 6855 W. Meadows Loop
5. July 10th 6:00pm – Maryvale Village Planning Committee at Desert Sky Mall at 7611 W. Thomas Road



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

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