

Dear District 3 Residents,

I hope you are enjoying the summer and doing your best to stay cool as these high temperatures continue. I am pleased to announce that the largest Fry's in Arizona is now open in District 3 at 14th Street and Bell Road. The grand opening celebration was Friday, July 15 with a \$5,000 donation to North Canyon High School – where both of my children graduated from.

Don't forget our District 3 July Coffee Chat tomorrow at Shadow Mountain Senior Center at 8 a.m. I am thrilled that we are co-hosting this event with city of Phoenix's Desert Horizon Police Precinct and their monthly Coffee with a Cop. As a special guest speaker, we will have a representative from the Phoenix Police Department there to discuss the Community and Police Trust Initiative (CPTI). If you haven't already attended one, there are three meetings remaining:

- Wednesday, July 27 6 to 7 p.m. Desert West Community Center Multipurpose Room – 6602 W. Encanto Blvd.
- Wednesday, July 28 6 to 7 p.m. Estrella Mountain Precinct Community Room – 2111 S. 99th Ave.
- Monday, August 1 6 to 7 p.m. Black Mountain Precinct Community Room – 33355 N. Cave Creek Rd.

For additional information about the Community and Police Trust Initiative please visit phoenix.gov/trust.

Sincerely,

Debra Stark
Councilwoman
Phoenix District 3

July Coffee Chat Reminder

Date: Wednesday, July 27

Time: 8 to 9 a.m.

Location: Shadow Mountain Senior Center 3546 E. Sweetwater Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85032

Special Guest:

The Desert Horizon Police Precinct
Phoenix Police Department representatives
discussing the Community and Police Trust

Initiative (CPTI)



Wings for Autism® returns to Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport in August 2016

The Arc of Arizona is bringing *Wings for Autism*® back to Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport on August 19, 2016. This national program of The Arc offers young people with autism spectrum disorders and other intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD), and their families, a unique "airport rehearsal" designed to ease the uncertainties and discomfort they may feel when traveling by airplane.

By simulating each step of a real-life airport process — parking, check-in and ticketing, TSA security checks, boarding, safety announcements and even taxiing around the runways (everything except actually leaving the ground) — *Wings for Autism* allows participants to understand the airport and airplane experience in a low-stress, customized environment. This experience can make traveling by air a smoother and less overwhelming event for families in the future.

The Arc of Arizona and its airport partners – American Airlines, Southwest Airlines, Transportation Security Administration and Sky Harbor – invite you or those you care for to take part in this no-cost, family-friendly event. Additional information about *Wings for Autism*® and a registration page can be found at arcarizona.org. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Arc of Arizona at jon@arcarizona.org or 602-290-1632.

Schedule of Events:

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3:00-4:30PM	Volunteer Check-In
4:30-5:30PM	Participant Check-In
4:30-5:45PM	TSA Check Point
5:45-6:00PM	Press Conference
6:00-6:15PM	Board Planes
6:15-6:30PM	Planes Depart (Simulation)
7:15-7:30PM	Deboard Plane
7:30-8:15PM	Refreshments

Section 8 Wait List Opening After 11 Years

The city of Phoenix Housing Department will accept online applications for the Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, August 8 through Friday, August 12 at 5 p.m. Once the application period closes, 10,000 applicants will be randomly selected using a lottery system and will be placed on the wait list.

"We are thrilled that Phoenix can now offer this program electronically versus having residents stand in long lines and fill out applications by hand," said Cindy Stotler, Housing Department Director. "Customer service comes first and in order to better serve our customers, the online application will be offered in English and Spanish, residents will have several days to apply, and everyone will have an equal opportunity to get on the wait list through a lottery selection process."

Residents are required to complete their applications online only at phoenix.gov/housing. Public facilities such as libraries and community centers will provide computer access at no cost.

The city's HCV program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and is available for low-income individuals and families to provide safe and decent affordable housing. Program participants pay at least 30 percent of their adjusted gross monthly income toward their rent to a private landlord of their choice and the program pays the landlord the remaining balance of the rent. Families from the Section 8 wait list are selected in accordance with HUD requirements and local preferences.

For more information about the Section 8/HCV program please visit phoenix.gov/housing.



Community Input Needed! Neighborhood Block Watch Signs

Several Phoenix neighborhoods have asked to install a different type of Block Watch sign in lieu of the McGruff "Take a bite out of crime" signs (shown below) currently offered by the Phoenix Block Watch Advisory Board. Phoenix Police Commander Matt Giordano is gathering community input and comments and would like to hear from residents in District 3. Please send your input on this matter to matt.giordano@phoenix.gov.

New Flashing Yellow Left-Turn Arrow Signal at 7th Ave & Roosevelt

The Street Transportation Department is upgrading the traffic signal at the 7th Avenue and Roosevelt Street intersection, including a new flashing yellow left-turn arrow signal. This is the first intersection in the city of Phoenix to receive the new flashing yellow left-turn arrow signal. According to research funded by the Federal Highway Administration, left-turn crashes can be reduced by as much as 20% after installation of this type of signal.

The new signal will be placed over the left-turn lane on southbound 7th Avenue and signs will be posted next to the new signal to advise motorists that they are to yield to through traffic and pedestrians when the arrow is flashing yellow.

The new flashing yellow arrow signal was activated Thursday, July 14.

SAVE THE DATE

The Southwest Veterans Foundation & Chamber of Commerce Patriots Ball will be held December 3, 2016 at the DoubleTree Resort in Scottsdale. Last year's inaugural event was a great success and we expect this year's Ball to be even better. We hope you will mark your calendars and save the date for this signature event and fundraiser.

Members from last year's Patriots Ball Committee will form the nucleus for this year's planning effort but more volunteers from the Chamber membership are needed to join the committee. This year's committee chairman is Dave Linhart, president of the North Glendale Chapter, SWVCC. The committee will hold monthly planning meetings at various locations in the Valley with a goal of one-hour meetings. Other business may be conducted via email/conference calls. Additional meetings may be required in the last few weeks before the event.





To accommodate families registering students for <u>Washington Elementary School District</u>'s 2016-2017 school year, the Welcome and Registration Center is at 3200 West Cholla Street.

The Welcome and Registration Center is open from 7:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday all summer long, though it is closed from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Parents should remember to bring with them:

- A certified copy of the child's birth certificate
- Immunization records
- Proof of residence (e.g. lease agreement, escrow papers, recent utility bill)
- Legal papers regarding custody, if applicable
- Registration packet

Children must turn five before September 1 to be registered for kindergarten. Children must turn six before September 1 to be registered for first grade. For more information please call 602-896-6950 or visit the Welcome and Registration Center web page at wesdschools.org/domain/55.

The WESD is hiring for the 2016-2017 school year. A wide variety of job opportunities are available including teaching positions, bus drivers, custodians, paraprofessionals and more. To view the latest openings please visit <u>jobs.wesdschools.org</u>.

A big congratulations goes out to Debbie Gasiorek, WESD Nutrition Services supervisor. Debbie was awarded with the President's Award of Achievement, in honor of Thelma Flanagan, at the national School Nutrition Association (SNA) conference in San Antonio, Texas last weekend. The SNA recognizes the commitment and dedication of individuals who act as state presidents and strive to make SNA, school nutrition and the children they serve every day a top priority. Thank you to Debbie for ensuring nutritious meals not only for WESD students but all students in Arizona.

WESD purchased five used Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses to serve as "parts" buses for the existing fleet at approximately \$1,000 each. Since acquiring the units, Transportation has replaced the engine of one of its operating CNG buses, saving the District between \$25,000 and \$30,000. That particular John Deere engine has less than 40,000 miles on it.

"We just want to be fiscally responsible," said Bert Herzog, director of Transportation for Washington Elementary School District. "We have taken what other districts have thrown away and have been able to put it to good use, prolonging the life of our buses and therefore saving the District thousands and thousands of dollars.



News from the Glendale Union High School District -- #WeAreGUHSD

It's hard to believe, but the <u>Glendale Union High School District</u>'s 2016-2017 school year is just a few weeks away. School resumes on August 8. This month students will receive information on how to register and prepare for the next school year.

Some schools offer a walk-through registration process. Students are required to attend on specific dates and times, where they will have an opportunity to pick up their textbooks, have identification cards made, turn in required paperwork, buy parking passes and choose their classes. Testing also occurs during this time.

Other schools will send information home via email or postal mail. Please pay attention to your mail so that you do not miss out on this important registration information. Registration generally occurs from July 25-29. Since the registration process is unique to each school, we encourage you to visit your school's website to read about its registration practices.

The annual New Teacher Dinner welcomed 72 new teachers to the Glendale Union High School District this week. The formal event is hosted by the GUHSD Governing Board and was held at Glendale High School. The event is an opportunity for the teachers to meet new coworkers and learn about the GUHSD culture and mission.

Of the 72 new teachers hired, 18 are first-year teachers. Seven new hires completed their student teaching at a Glendale Union high school and 19 graduated from a Glendale Union high school. Each new teacher will participate in GUHSD's nationally acclaimed mentoring program. GUHSD mentors help guide, counsel and provide professional development to the new teachers throughout the next three years. We'd like to welcome each of the new teachers to the Glendale Union High School District.

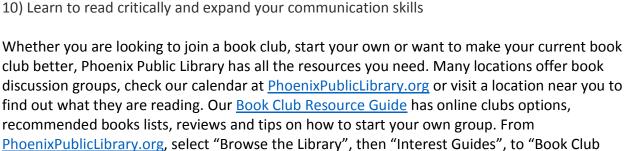


Phoenix Public Library Encourages you to Join a Book Club!

10 reasons to join a book club:

- 1) It's free
- 2) Meet new people
- 3) Read a good book
- 4) Lively discussions and good debates
- 5) Read outside the box
- 6) A reason to turn off the TV
- 7) Take a break and get out of the house
- 8) Everyone's welcome
- 9) Learn something new

Resources".





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