

MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER – FALL 2018

ATTENTION – LOCAL NEWS FOR PHOENIX, OREGON



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La Quinta Inns and Suites Coming to Phoenix



La Quinta Inns and Suites is planning to build a new hotel in Phoenix. The four story, 83 room facility will be located across from La-Z-Boy Furniture and Home Depot. It looks like they are on track to break ground this year and open in 2019.

Many La Quinta Inns and Suits hotels are paired up with a restaurant. I have stayed at the La Quinta in Redding and had dinner at the neighboring Cattlemens Steakhouse restaurant that features wonderfully prepared steak, ribs and seafood. There is no word yet on which restaurant may be paired with the hotel. I'll keep you posted.



SPREAD THE WORD...Our new Phoenix Plaza Civic Center and Park is open for business and ramping up activity. The Phoenix Plaza Civic Center can provide affordable space for productive and efficient one-time, weekly, monthly, or quarterly meetings. Attendees, whether 10 or 250, will be impressed with our natural beauty, up-to-date technology, convenient location and complimentary parking. Attendees can enjoy this beautiful venue combined with warm, friendly staff, and amazing support.

Your Phoenix Plaza Civic Center is the right choice for a full day of strategic planning, a seminar or training. The 6,000+ square foot civic center is perfect for luncheons, civic banquets, birthday parties, civic club events, anniversary celebrations, corporate events, conferences, trade and business expos, job fairs, receptions, reunions, weddings, Quinceaneras, holiday parties, casino nights and high school overnight outings. And, if an event needs more than one meeting or event space, the Multipurpose Room can be divided into two separate smaller, but spacious areas.

City staff will assist groups with creating just the right room arrangement for each event. The open catering policy allows groups to choose their preferred caterer. The civic center also has an open vendor policy, so customers are free to bring their own technical support for lighting and sound.

Please call 541-535-3037 or visit www.phoenixciviccenter.org for more information.

The Phoenix Plaza Civic Center also is the setting for Phoenix City Council meetings that are normally held on the first and third Mondays of each month. Meeting for the Planning Commission, Parks Commission and the Bee City Committee are also held at the civic center.



Ray's Food Place has upgraded their store and they are having a Re-Grand Opening. Changes are immediately noticeable as you enter the store and walk on the beautiful hard wood floors. The video rental area has been replaced by a clothing section with very, very reasonably priced clothing: jackets, sweatshirts, pants, shirts and more. The store is stocking 3,000 additional items including a new international foods area called "Around the World International Flavors". Be sure to check out the new hot bar and deli for a delicious breakfast, lunch or dinner.

Be sure to say hello to store manager Mark Himphill. Ray's Food Place has been a generous community partner for many years and we appreciate their service to Phoenix.



Let's welcome **EzSleep Mattress** to The Shoppes at Exit 24.

EzSleep Mattress offers mattresses & bedding accessories, bedroom furniture, bunk beds, log furniture, murphy beds and more. Co-Owner Tony Kell is a 2004-2005 Iraq war veteran having served with the Army. He has a philosophy of giving back to first responders by offering discounts to fellow vets, police officers and fire fighters. His philosophy also includes "no hard sales". EzSleep Mattress also has locations in Central Point, Grants Pass and Klamath Falls.

Please stop in and say hello to Tony and check out this business. More info at www.ezsleemmattress.com (541) 897-4220. Open 9-6 Mon-Fri, 9-5 Saturday, closed Sunday. Tony, thanks for locating in Phoenix and welcome aboard.

Join the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce

***** Contact 541-535-6956 for Chamber of Commerce membership opportunities. *****

Mayor's Challenge – 4,000+ Pound collection on Dec 8th



Be a Neighborhood Coordinator

Get a group of neighbors to be Food Donors, and pick up their food every two months. If you think you'd like to help by becoming a Neighborhood Coordinator and picking up food once every two months, you probably have some questions so go to:

<http://phoenixfoodproject.org/coordinator.shtml>.

If you would like to be a food donor then go to:

<http://phoenixfoodproject.org/donate.shtml> They will bring you a green bag. Put food in it, and they will pick it up. It's that easy!

They need volunteers for the Neighborhood Food Project / Green Bag Days. Thank you Community of Phoenix Neighbors helping Neighbors. Call Karen Jones at 541-261-8200 for volunteer opportunities.

Phoenix Food Project District Coordinator Karen Jones and Pantry Manager Glenda Crenshaw, reported that **2,902 pounds** of food and household necessities were donated, collected, delivered and stocked on Saturday October 13th with more to come. That's over 3,000 pounds in green bag donations that will go to helping those in need in our community. Total cash & check (& gift card!) donations: \$518

The Neighborhood Food Project has developed a system that makes it easy for people to donate food. First, fill out the form at <http://phoenixfoodproject.org/donate.shtml>. You will be assigned to a Neighborhood Coordinator in your area, and that person will contact you and drop off one of the cool PFP green bags. (Pickups are on the second Saturday of even-numbered months: Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec)

Then simply fill your PFP bag with whatever you would like to donate and on the second Saturday of Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct and Dec your Neighborhood Coordinator will come by, pick up your bag of food, and leave you a new bag for the next pickup

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The project shops at ACCESS on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Fridays of each month at 10am, arriving at the pantry at about 10:45 — Just In Case anybody has a spare hour and can lend a hand to unload carloads of stuff.

THANK YOU, Neighborhood Food Project and sponsor, Harry & David!

Phoenix High School Spotlight

I was honored to proclaim Friday October 12th as Coach Harry Mondale day from the 50 yard line at the Phoenix High Homecoming Day football game.

In 1969, Coach Mondale launched our wrestling program that became a wrestling powerhouse. He led the Pirates to seven state championships and seven state runner-up finishes. Coach led a community effort to build a practice facility that is still used today. Mondale was football line coach for 17 years and head coach from 1986-91. Our Pirates won state championships in 1979 and 1985. City Councilor Terry Baker said, "Harry Mondale inspired us to achieve more than we ever thought possible, while ensuring that we learned the life lessons which made success possible. He was a mentor, coach, and friend. You always knew he was in your corner."

Phoenix High School Car Show



The Mayor's Choice Car was awarded to Abby Humphreys for the Student Car category. This was the first annual Phoenix High School car show fund raiser. There were many categories of classic cars as well as some modern beauties. Sponsored by the Phoenix High School Sports Booster Club, the show took place on Sunday,

October 7th. Special thanks to Dean-A Croy and other volunteers for their hard work with putting the show together.

Homecoming Parade - The Homecoming Parade was an absolute "hit". The parade route was packed with hundreds of residents and lots of pet dogs. This year's parade featured 52 entrants that stretched for about a quarter mile. Participants included many elementary school, junior high and high school participants as well as many civic and athletic groups. City Councilors Jim Snyder, Stuart Warren and Mike Shunk took part in the festivities. Thanks to Mike for being the council parade coordinator. I was honored to be the Grand Marshall. Many thanks to the many volunteers that made the parade possible. PHS Principal Toby Walker wrote: We are extremely thankful for Breeze Chapman and all of her work coordinating the community parade! We are very lucky to have Breeze on our Pirate Ship."

****** Congratulations to this year's Homecoming King and Queen, Freedom Martinez and Julissa Villasenor**

Volunteer Spotlight – Nancy Peterson

Each Mayor’s Newsletter will highlight the contributions of citizen volunteers that help keep Phoenix moving along. In this edition I’m going to highlight **Nancy Peterson** who serves as Chairman of our Parks and Greenway Commission.



Nancy is one of our longest serving parks and greenway commissioners, with many years of service. Nancy has a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Systems Engineering along with two related associates of Applied Sciences. She is a Librarian and is currently serving as the Outreach to Child Care Coordinator for Jackson County Library Services. She moved to Phoenix in 1988 and loves spending time with her husband, Byron, their two children and three grandchildren who all live in the Rogue Valley. Nancy and her family enjoy camping and “exploring”.

Nancy has been busy over the years having done volunteer work for the Phoenix/Talent School district, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, City of Phoenix, Youth Groups, Friends of the Phoenix Library, Agency Advisory Council of Southern Oregon Early Learning Services (SOELS) and the Family Connection Advisory Board.

Nancy said “I am willing to listen to all sides – have experience with groups – can delegate – will ask questions. People are the best in Phoenix. I see renewed interest and pride in living here”.

The Parks and Greenway Commission can have up to seven members and they meet monthly. The Parks and Greenway Commission may make studies, hold hearings and prepare reports and recommendations on its own initiative or at the request of the city council. Policies proposed by the Parks and Greenway Commission are reviewed for possible approval and advancement to the city council.

On behalf of all of us I’d like to say thank you to Nancy for her service to our community.

Parks Commissioners wanted

There are currently two open positions on the Parks and Greenway Commission. If you are interested in serving please pick up an application at city hall.

Phoenix Hills News

Our Planning Director, Evan MacKenzie, has informed us that the Planning Commission meeting regarding the plans for a 15 home development up above Meadow View Drive has been moved to November 13th at the earliest. The planning department has not received a revised tentative plat to address some access and circulation issues for the Phoenix Hills Phase 3 subdivision yet, so the meeting had to be delayed. Please check the Phoenix site for meeting updates – phoenixoregon.gov

Thanks for Supporting Our Police Department.

I have seen more and more blue light bulbs at homes in Phoenix. Thanks.

Concerns Of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) adopted the blue light idea as a way for everyone to honor the officers who serve and protect us while remembering those who have died in the line of duty. Project Blue Light has grown steadily as a way of supporting our police officers and remembering our departed law enforcement officers across America. The concept is simple. Place a single blue light at your home in memory of fallen officers and to support Chief Bowker and our local officers.



My fellow Phoenix residents, please join me by “going blue”.

Thanks.

1st Phoenix Community Center's Free Programs news: LOTSA HELPERS NEEDED!

Food Pantry: 9 - 12 Saturdays. Need help loading in from ACCESS 3 Fridays per month. We need redeemable cans & bottles, manufacturer's coupons, and those pesky bags and rolls of coins stashed in sock drawers everywhere.

Clothing Closet: Wednesday 1-3 and Saturday 9-12. Both managers are retiring in December. We need someone with retail experience who can manage incoming donations and clothing exchanges with other agencies & consignment stores.

Kitchen: Dinners 2nd & 4th Thursdays. Chef Alfred needs kitchen assistants on 2nd & 4th Wednesdays. Carolyn Marshall needs servers, greeters, set-up and clean-up crew members, and dedicated dish washers! Free Dinner for helpers, too!

The most fun you've ever had while working for a worthwhile cause.

Contact: Carolyn Marshall 1stphoenixcc@gmail.com 1-541-543-6874

What's Next for Our Downtown?

The City Council is open to your suggestions regarding the next steps in revitalizing our downtown area. Now that the blighted buildings have been removed and the new civic center and park are in place the question remains: What do we want to see built on the lands surrounding the new civic center and park area. Your suggestions will be sought out in public meetings to be announced soon. Some discussion has revolved around what our planning director refers to as the "third place" in life: The "third place" is the social surroundings separate from the two usual social environments of home ("first place") and the workplace ("second place"). Examples of "third places" would be environments such as churches, cafes, clubs, public libraries, or parks. Your "third place" is where you relax in public, where you encounter familiar faces and make new acquaintances.

Is it a new brew pub downtown, restaurants, coffee shops, senior center??? What about housing downtown? What type of housing is preferred? What style of buildings?

Your opinions and suggestions are very welcomed. We will keep you posted as to when the public meeting regarding this subject will be held. Of course you can always visit with the city council and me at our regular council meetings that are held the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:30 at the new civic center. I typically arrive early if you want to chat one-on-one.

Phoenix Financial Update

Finance Director Janette Boothe recently worked with our auditors during our routine auditing process. Once again our financial picture looks very good. I'm pleased at what great financial shape Phoenix is in. The official audit report will be delivered near the beginning of December.

As always, Phoenix says thanks to your City Council Members: Jim Snyder – President, Stuart Warren – Vice President, Terry Baker, Cindy Cameron, Mike Shunk, and Sarah Westover.

Gas prices are up about \$0.20, but Phoenix has one of the lowest gas prices I could find in the Valley, \$3.19 for the Shell station at the Petro Truck Stop. Costco \$3.13, Fred Meyer \$3.19, Arco on HWY 62 \$3.19.

All the Best,
Chris Luz – Phoenix Mayor