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Downtown Phoenix to host major Super Bowl events

With Super Bowl XLIX less than three months away, fans will be excited to know that downtown Phoenix will host several major events and activities.

The events will span 12 city blocks in downtown Phoenix, according to the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee. Combined, they will serve as the hub of fan, sponsor, media and NFL activities for Super Bowl XLIX.

- They include:
- Super Bowl Central, Jan. 28 – Feb. 1, a free festival featuring live performances by national recording artists and local musical talent, community groups and schools, football-themed activities, and beer and wine gardens
 - The NFL Experience, Jan. 24 – Feb. 1, the world's largest interactive football



theme park at the Phoenix Convention Center

- NFL Media Center, which will provide working space for 5,000 members of the international media at the Phoenix Convention Center

For details about the events, including times and locations, visit azsuperbowl.com.

Super Bowl XLIX will be played at the University of Phoenix Stadium, home of the Arizona Cardinals, on Feb. 1, 2015.

Volunteer Phoenix has opportunities for those who want to make a difference

Want to make a difference in our community? If so, visit phoenix.gov/volunteer.

The Volunteer Phoenix Program has hundreds of opportunities throughout the city, so you can match your passion – whatever it may be – to projects that make Phoenix shine.

From a one-day neighborhood cleanup to a longer-term commitment, such as the AARP Experience Corps Literacy Program supporting the mayor's "Read on Phoenix" program, you're sure to find the perfect opportunity to fit your schedule.

Visit phoenix.gov/volunteer and click the "Search for Opportunities" tab or call 602-256-4388.



Volunteers tend to Cities of Service "Let's Grow Phoenix" garden at Maryvale Parkway Terrace.

Holiday Trash and Recycling Collection

This mailing includes a special insert that details this year's holiday trash and recycling collection and the 2015 holiday trash and recycling collection schedule. Please read it and post it on your refrigerator as a reminder.

A special note: Phoenix residents may drop off green Christmas trees and wreaths starting the day after Christmas through early January. For a list of tree recycling locations, review the special insert.

For more information, please call 602-262-7251 or visit phoenix.gov/publicworks.



APS Electric Light Parade delivers holiday magic

One of the biggest free holiday celebrations in the state returns to Phoenix with the APS Electric Light Parade on Saturday, Dec. 6.

The theme for the 2014 parade is "Holidays in Toyland." The event features more than 60 illuminated entries, including custom floats, marching bands, performance groups and more.

The parade gets underway at 7 p.m. on Central Avenue at Montebello (just south of Bethany Home Road). It then heads south on Central to Camelback Road, where it will turn east to Seventh Street then south, ending at Indian School Road.

For more information, visit phoenix.gov/parks or call 602-534-4810.

Remember to Shop Phoenix this holiday season

If you're getting started on your holiday gift list, remember to Shop Phoenix and give yourself the gift of community services.

Sales taxes on the merchandise you buy 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 about 40 percent of General Fund revenues. By shopping in Phoenix, residents have a direct impact to support the city services they enjoy.

For more information, visit phoenix.gov/shopphoenix.



Make plans to attend Phoenix Festival of the Arts

Celebrate the city's vibrant arts and culture scene at the third annual Phoenix Festival of the Arts, Dec. 12-14 at Margaret T. Hance Park, 1202 N. Third St.

Festival hours are noon to 8 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The free event will feature live performances and presentations on indoor and outdoor stages, plus arts and crafts vendors, food trucks, a hands-on community mural and a family fun zone.

The festival is sponsored and produced by the Phoenix Center for the Arts with support from various community partners.

For more information, visit phoenixfestivalofthearts.org or call 602-254-3100.

New city website provides mobile access

Residents can now view city information on smart phones and tablets as well as on desktop computers thanks to a newly designed phoenix.gov.

The new site automatically adjusts and displays information based on the device instead of redirecting customers to a separate mobile site.

The site also has many new features, including:

- A home page with "quick links" providing direct access to some of the most-visited areas of phoenix.gov
- Prominent links to city meetings and financial reports
- Links at the top of every webpage providing easy access to pay bills, report items, map addresses and request information and services
- A new search field prominently displayed at the top of every webpage
- A single city calendar that displays all city meetings and events in one location
- Social media integration that provides the opportunity to view city news and information on multiple platforms

Please visit the new site and share your comments by emailing contactus@phoenix.gov or call 602-262-7177.

Donate blankets to help homeless this winter

During the winter, many homeless families and individuals end up on the streets without blankets, clothing and other necessities to keep warm.

Once again this year, the city is asking for donations to the Winter Respite Program. Blankets, new or used (but clean and freshly laundered), are the highest priority. The program also will accept clean warm clothing – such as jackets and coats, long pants, sweatshirts, sweatpants, winter hats and gloves – as well as new socks and underwear. Hygiene items also are needed.

The tax-deductible donated items may be delivered to any of the city's three Family Services Centers.

For more information, visit phoenix.gov/humanservices. Residents also may contact Kristina Blea at 602-256-4302 or email kristina.blea@phoenix.gov.

Phoenix residents invited to talk transportation

The Public Transit and Street Transportation departments recently launched a website, talktransportation.org, to encourage the public to get involved in the future of transit service and city street infrastructure.

The ideas generated from talktransportation.org will be reviewed by the Citizens Committee on the Future of Phoenix Transportation and

incorporated into a citywide transportation plan that is slated to go before the City Council.

Your input is vital to keep Phoenix moving. Join the conversation on the best ways to improve bus, light rail, and services for seniors and people with disabilities. You can win rewards for participation, including gift certificates, upcoming event tickets and more.

Register today at talktransportation.org.

Do you own a bicycle? How do you feel about bicycling on the weekends or bicycling to work? Please take a moment to complete an online bicycling survey at surveymonkey.com/s/phoenixbike. As the city begins to build more livable and vibrant communities in the Phoenix area, your feedback is crucial.

For more information, contact Joe Perez at 602-534-9529 or email joseph.perez@phoenix.gov.



'Save Our Space' campaign targets parking offenders

The holiday season is hectic, but that is no excuse to park in a spot reserved for people with disabilities – even if it's just for a minute.



Motorists who illegally park in a spot designated for people with disabilities could be taking away a space from someone who really needs it. Violators face fines ranging from \$288 to \$480.

Police officers and volunteers will be patrolling parking lots and issuing tickets to illegally parked motorists this holiday season. To report violations, obtain information or become an enforcement volunteer, call 602-534-SPACE (7722).

For more information, visit phoenix.gov/eod, phoenix.gov/police or call 602-534-1951.

SBA loans available for Maricopa County residents affected by storm

Low-interest federal disaster loans are available to Arizona residents and business owners affected by the severe storms and flooding that occurred Sept. 8, 2014, in Maricopa County.

The disaster declaration makes U.S. Small Business Administration assistance available in Maricopa County and neighboring counties.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

Disaster loan information and application forms are also available from SBA's Customer Service Center by calling 800-659-2955 or sending an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. For more information about SBA's disaster assistance programs, visit sba.gov/disaster.

The filing deadline to return applications for property damage is Dec. 1. The deadline to return economic injury applications is July 2, 2015.

New airport restaurants offer travelers an array of choices

If you're flying out of Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport this holiday season, you're in for a culinary treat. The airport has opened dozens of new restaurants in Terminal 4, which serves 85 percent of the airport's passengers.

The new local, regional and national offerings are getting rave reviews from passengers. The newest restaurants are located pre-security: Lo-Lo's Chicken &

Waffles and Joe's Real BBQ. Coming soon to the Terminal 4 lobby: America's Taco Shop, Smashburger, Wildflower Bread Company and Yogurtology.

Travelers pay about the same price at the airport restaurants as they would anywhere else in the Phoenix metropolitan area.

To find out which restaurants are closest to your gate, visit skyharbor.com.

Earned Income Tax Credit Campaign seeks volunteers

The city's Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Campaign is seeking individuals to become Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Volunteers. VITA volunteers help low-income working individuals and families by preparing their taxes and claiming the federal Earned Income Tax Credit.

Volunteers are needed for the upcoming tax season. The Internal Revenue Service in partnership with the city of Phoenix will be conducting free training sessions from November to January at locations around the city.

Last year, volunteers helped prepare thousands of returns resulting in millions of dollars to Phoenix residents. One hour of volunteer time may be worth more than \$1,800 to a working family.

For more information, call 602-534-0543, email to eitc@phoenix.gov or visit phoenix.gov/eitc.

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Program connects young adults to education

Phoenix Public Library recently launched ReEngage Phoenix, a service to connect adults and youth who have not received their GED or high school diploma with educational opportunities.

Services include customized education plans to help participants obtain a GED, enroll in alternative education or re-enter high school.

The program also offers college counseling services through College Depot, located on the second floor of Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N. Central Ave. College Depot was expanded to provide offices and meeting space to support the program.

For more information, visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org/collegedepot or call 602-262-4636.

Phoenix receives \$1.6 million grant for South Central Transit Corridor

The city is pleased that it will receive a \$1.6 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation for the South Central Transit Corridor.

The grant funds will be used to support planning, environmental assessment and conceptual engineering for the transit corridor, a five-mile light rail line along Central Avenue between downtown Phoenix and Baseline Road. Recent studies of the area indicated 14 percent of residents walk or bike to work, and more than 56 percent come from households with no available automobile.

The grant was awarded as part of the U.S. Department of Transportation's TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) program.

City seeks volunteers with a passion to go green

Would you like to be involved with the city's sustainability efforts?

If so, the city is looking for volunteers who are willing to donate their time working such fun events as the P.F. Chang's Rock 'n' Roll Marathon, the Electric Light Parade and the Phoenix 10K & Half Marathon. Volunteers also are needed to help grow PHX Renews, a 15-acre community garden in central Phoenix.

Discover the many volunteer opportunities available by calling Keep Phoenix Beautiful at 602-262-4820 or visit kpbvolunteers.org.

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Household Hazardous Waste event set for Esteban Park

The Public Works Department has scheduled a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) event from 7 a.m. to noon Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5 – 6, at Esteban Park, 3345 E. Roeser Road.

HHW events are for Phoenix residential solid waste customers only. Proof of city of Phoenix solid waste service is required, so please bring your current city of Phoenix city services bill showing solid waste fees and a matching photo ID. In addition:

- Non-hazardous materials brought to events will be sorted and disposed of as municipal solid waste.
- No commercial loads, large residential quantities, medical waste, explosives or radioactive waste will be accepted.
- A maximum of five tires per resident will be accepted. No tractor or oversize tires will be allowed.

For more information, call 602-262-7251 or visit phoenix.gov/publicworks.

Mark your calendar for the next 'I Recycle Phoenix' festival

Here's another chance to recycle your used household items and electronics to make room for the new ones you received for the holidays.

The "I Recycle Phoenix" festival will be 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, at Christown-Spectrum Mall, 1703 W. Bethany Home Road. At this "recycle-palooza," you can bring old laptops and electronics, phone books and writing utensils, rechargeable and old batteries, ink jet cartridges, clothing and small appliances and holiday decor.



Residents also may shred documents (up to five boxes) and computer hard drives at the event.

Household hazardous waste items, such as tires, oil-based paints and chemicals, will not be accepted at this event. A \$5 fee will be charged for each CRT monitor (bulky computer monitors) and \$10 for each CRT TV (tube).

For more information about acceptable items or to volunteer at the event, please visit phoenixrecycles.org or call 602-262-7251.

Hope to see you there!

Here's a guide to recycling holiday wrapping paper

After all the presents have been opened, are you left wondering what wrapping paper can and cannot be recycled?



Most holiday wrappers and greeting cards can be placed in your blue recycling containers, but there are exceptions. The following cards and wrapping materials should not be placed in your recycling bins:

- Foil embossed papers
- Plastic wrap (from gift baskets)
- Ribbons or bows
- Materials with glitter

Wrap presents with reused gift bags and wrappers or get creative with craft paper, newspapers and comics pages.

Sister Cities program offers Phoenix youth international experience

High school sophomores or juniors interested in traveling to another country are invited to apply for the 2015 Phoenix Sister Cities Youth Ambassador Exchange Program by 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19.

The program is open to Phoenix residents and offers students the opportunity to visit one of Phoenix's 10 sister cities next summer to learn more about the city and its culture through a three-week, home-hosted experience. Phoenix students reciprocate and house their host brother or sister when they visit Phoenix during the same summer.

For more information to download an application, visit phoenixsistercities.org.