Happy Holidays

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Central City South Receives Community Award

On November 15, 2012, the community of Central City South was recognized by LISC Phoenix in the category of “Outstanding Neighborhoods.” LISC Phoenix recognized the impact that residents and stakeholders have made by creating a common vision: the Quality of Life Plan. As a result, people of all ages and ethnicities have come together to work in community gardens, participate in walking clubs, help fix their neighbors’ homes, build leadership, and proudly sponsor the first ever Mayoral forum for their neighborhood!

PRC would like to congratulate EVERYONE!!

Your dedication and commitment has not gone unnoticed.
Global warming:

What is global warming? ‘Global warming’ is when the earth heats up. There are layers of gases around the earth called ‘greenhouse gases’ which include carbon dioxide, water vapor, nitrous oxide, and methane. Air pollution increases the amounts of gases in particular, carbon dioxide and methane, which leads to the greenhouse effect. The greenhouse effect is when greenhouse gases trap all the heat from the sun, and heat up the earth. It’s like sitting in your car with the windows rolled up; the inside of the car gets really hot. Heat from the sun gets to the surface of the earth (just like going in through the windows of a car), but it can’t get out. This leads to a lot of changes in the weather and can ruin whole environments for the people and animals living in them. We need the greenhouse effect for the earth to be warm enough to live on, but it has become too strong and now the earth is getting overheated. We will have to work hard to clean up air pollution so it does not get worse.

Calentamiento Global

¿Que es el calentamiento global? El ‘calentamiento global’ es cuando la temperatura de nuestra tierra y océanos aumenta. Alrededor de la tierra hay capas de gases que se llaman ‘gases atmosféricos’ que incluyen dióxido de carbono, agua vaporada, nitrógeno de oxígeno y metano. La contaminación del aire aumenta los niveles de gases en especial el dióxido de carbono y metano que causan el efecto invernadero. El efecto invernadero es cuando los gases atmosféricos atrapan el calor del sol y calientan la tierra. Es como el estar sentado en su coche con las ventanas cerradas; el interior del carro se pone bien caliente. El calor del sol llega hacia la superficie de la tierra (igual que como entra por las ventanas del carro) pero no se puede salir. Esto causa muchos cambios en el clima y afecta el medio ambiente para muchas personas y animales que viven en ellos. El efecto invernadero es necesario, la tierra necesita estar suficientemente caliente para que podamos vivir en ella, pero se ha vuelto mucho más fuerte y la tierra se está sobrecalentando. Tenemos que trabajar muy duro para poder limpiar la contaminación del aire para que no empeoren las cosas.
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What is your role in Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH)? Many people don’t know what it means to Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing. The Department of Housing and Urban Development says it involves analyzing local laws, practices, and policies, as well as identifying any obstacles people may face in obtaining, enjoying, and maintaining their housing. HUD also looks at the choices available, and the condition of both private, and public housing. The goal of AFFH is to remove any obstacles people face. There are eight prohibited practices according to the Fair Housing Act:

- Refusing to rent or sell or to negotiate for the rental or sale of a dwelling
- Subjecting persons to different terms, conditions and privileges
- Limiting housing choice by word or conduct
- Otherwise make housing unavailable
- Misrepresenting the availability of a dwelling
- Making, printing or publishing discriminatory ads, notices or statements
- Discriminating on the basis of disability
- Retaliation

The Fair Housing Act assumes that the persons are otherwise qualified to do business. This means that if someone has met the income and credit requirements as well as passing the background check (and/or other legitimate business requirements a property may have), what reason is there NOT to do business? If the reason is even partially based on one of the protected characteristics, it could be a violation of Fair Housing Law. It is also important to mention most people are born with 4 if not 5 of the protected characteristics, which are: race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability and families with children. So what is your role in AFFH? If you find that yours, or others rights have been violated, or you have suspicions or questions, document it, and contact us for support. We are here to be a resource for you. Please visit us online at www.swfhc.com We serve all of Arizona, and have two locations as well:

323 W. Roosevelt St
Phoenix, AZ 85003
602-252-3423

2030 E. Broadway
Ste 101
Tucson, AZ 85719
520-798-1568
1-888-624-4611
TTY 520-670-0233

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If you have a chance to speak with him about his life, you will find that he has had a variety of very interesting experiences. He worked in emergency medicine for 25 years, and then worked for three years in Internal/Family Practice medicine as a Federal contractor. Dr. Ahlers was born in Greenport Suffolk County, New York which he believes is the best county ever. Being a New Yorker, he has also spent time in NYC. When he was 11 years old, his internist “saved his life” and inspired him to become a physician. He has practiced medicine in New York, Vermont, Utah and now, Arizona. When managed care became the way to do business, the practice of medicine changed dramatically, that’s when he sold his practice and worked in family medicine, the emergency room and occupational medicine. He has had many different experiences. As a younger man, he went to Italy to live for several years. Learning to cook authentic Italian food is one of the best things he has undertaken (will he cook for us one day?) Dr. Ahler is fluent in Italian, speaks French and is learning Spanish. He also holds a Master’s in Fine Arts degree. Dr. Ahlers is divorced and has children and step children from the age range of 10 years old to 32 years old.
by Sheree Lee

Once again, the holiday season is fast approaching. Let us all remember that crooks love this time of year. Why…. because it is loaded with the opportunity for crime. If we remove the opportunity, we lessen our chances of falling victim to crimes. Try following these simple tips for safety and you may enjoy a more joyful season.

Traveling?
• Use automatic timers for your lights
• Ask a neighbor to watch over your home
• Have mail and newspapers stopped while you’re gone

Going out for the evening?
• Leave the lights/TV on at home
• Make sure doors are locked upon leaving
• Keep gifts out of sight inside

Shopping?
• Stay alert of surroundings
• Park in well lit areas
• Lock your car doors and windows
• Hide valuables in locked trunk
• Avoid carrying large amounts of cash
• Carry purses close to your body, and wallets in an inside coat pocket or front pants pocket

Solicitors/Charity Fraud?
• Ask for I.D.
• If you are leery for any reason call the police

Hopefully these tips will make for a Happy and Safer Holiday season.
Senior Opportunity West
Senior Center holds it first annual Wear it PINK Event:

On October 25, Senior Opportunity West Senior Center (SOW) held its “Wear it PINK” event, in an effort to raise awareness about breast cancer. 120 seniors participated in Pink Bingo, Pink Elephant Sale, Pink craft and bake sale. Members enthusiastically dressed in pink to show their support; and were encouraged to add names of those affected by cancer to the Awareness and Memory Wall. The seniors raised $672, which will be donated to two local charities; the Wellness Community and the Coalition of Blacks Against Breast Cancer.
Tire Salsa Garden

It's official! The ground-breaking event for the Community Tire Salsa Garden took place on Friday, October 26, where Academia del Pueblo’s student council, Friendly House leadership, city officials, and other respected guests (including former Governor Rose Mofford!) helped jumpstart this exciting initiative. Community Tire Garden will focus on providing a sustaining neighborhood salsa garden while educating the community about planting and harvesting.

"We have an extensive selection of resources that would help kids to learn more about the importance of planting, gardening and oil replacements," said Director of First Impressions at Community Tire Pros Patricia Fleischmann. "It's our objective to help teachers and parents make this not only a really fun outdoor experience, but a learning tool for building a healthier, stronger community."

Aside from volunteer planting and harvesting, Community Tire Salsa Garden will offer creative recycled tire art projects, on-site cooking workshops, and seasonal events to establish a fun learning environment.

"This garden is going to bring life and nutrition to our community. We are happy that Community Tire Pros has made the investment in this plot of land, in this community, and the kids that we serve at Academia del Pueblo," said Friendly House President & CEO Raul Espericueta.

The Community Tire Salsa Garden is scheduled for planting in February 2013. One of the long term goals for this garden is developing a Farmer’s Market where community members like Academia del Pueblo families can participate in monthly exchanges of vegetables.
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Just For You Transportation

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WHAT IS THE CRICKET LIFELINE CREDIT?

Lifeline is a government assistance program that grants eligible individuals a credit each month on their phone bill. Millions of Americans benefit from this credit. Eligible customers may receive the Lifeline credit for landline or wireless service, but the credit is only available for one phone line per household. **We are excited to offer a $10.00 Cricket Lifeline Credit to our Arizona Cricket Wireless customers;** the Cricket Lifeline Credit is not available for Cricket Broadband or Cricket PAYGo service or those individuals living on tribal land.

HOW DO I APPLY?

If you don’t have Cricket Wireless service already, you must activate a new account before you can apply for the Cricket Lifeline Credit. Once you have Cricket Wireless service, you can apply for the Cricket Lifeline Credit at a Cricket Corporate-owned Store or an Exclusive Cricket Dealer. If you are applying through **Method 1 (program-based),** just complete and sign the Cricket Lifeline Credit application (available in stores and [http://www.mycricket.com/lifelinerearizona](http://www.mycricket.com/lifelinerearizona)) or provide documentation verifying your participation in one of the eligible programs listed under Method 1, and show a government-issued photo ID. If you are applying through **Method 2 (income-based),** just complete and sign the Cricket Lifeline Credit application, provide documentation verifying your income eligibility (3 months of consecutive pay stubs within the previous 12 months, last year’s income tax return, employer’s W-2 form, etc.), and show a government-issued photo ID.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Once you submit your application, we’ll verify your information and add the Cricket Lifeline Credit to your account. You should see your first credit within 30-60 days; typically for your first full month of service following verification of your application (if you haven’t received the credit by your second full month of service, just come back to the store for help). Each year, you may be asked to confirm your continued eligibility. That’s it!

WHAT DOES THE CRICKET LIFELINE CREDIT MEAN FOR ME?

When you take advantage of the Cricket Lifeline Credit, Cricket service delivers even more value for the dollar. **Step up to a higher-value rate plan, add a feature bolt-on you’ve always wanted, or just enjoy the savings each month!**

ARE THERE ANY RESTRICTIONS?

You must be a resident of Arizona to receive this credit. Only eligible consumers may enroll and the service is non-transferable. You must be the head of household and no one at your residence can receive landline or wireless Lifeline service from another provider. Lifeline can only be applied to **ONE PHONE LINE PER HOUSEHOLD** and the name on the account must match the name of the household member participating in the eligible program. To receive the Cricket Lifeline Credit, you must live in Cricket’s designated service area (individuals living on tribal land do not qualify), must meet Arizona’s qualifications, and must verify your qualification annually.

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Fabrication has begun on the highly anticipated art fence! Local artist Joe Willie and John Nelson were selected to create three fences for Matthew Henson Village. One will surround the senior garden and two will be located at the youth gardens. As pictured below, the new fences will serve to two purposes. The fences will protect the gardens and provide the community with beautiful art pieces for all to enjoy. Joe and John have begun fabricating the pillars for the fences in their art studio. Fence construction should begin at the senior garden in January. The innovative design is well worth the wait!

Want to be a part of the design?

Community members are encouraged to donate old ceramic such as, breakable plates, and vases to the art fence project. The ceramic pieces will be used to create beautiful designs in the pillars of the fence. Contact 602-534-2043 for more information.
Please welcome the newest member of the HOPE VI CSS staff, Lena Varela! Lena started on November 1st and will be working as the new receptionist/secretary at the Emmett McLoughlin Community and Training Education Center (CTEC). Lena lives in the Central City South area. She has several years of valuable experience. Please welcome her when you come to the CTEC!

CSS is very excited to have an international student volunteer, Wenhao Wang (Heidi). Heidi is a student from Arizona State University’s School of Public Administration. Heidi is from Yellow Mountain, a city near Shanghai, China. She will serve as a translator for older adults living at Matthew Henson Village who speak Mandarin. With Heidi’s help, more inclusive services can be provided to Mandarin speaking residents.

This year the CSS Program would like to introduce 7 new Bachelors and Masters level interns from Arizona State University’s School of Social Work. Adrian Cascio, Alexis Mulvaney, Karen Bagley, Kristi Fenrich, Nicole Ransom, Romina Salgado, and Zach Clark will be serving the community through one-on-one engagement, group activities, and community outreach.

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Congressman
Ed Pastor

Best Wishes during this Holiday Season...
Save the Date Central City South Community Connection Fair

Please “Save the Date”. The Central City South Community Connection fair will be held on Saturday, March 2nd. The City of Phoenix Housing, Neighborhood Services, Parks and Recreation, Library, Phoenix Workforce, Police and Fire along with Phoenix Revitalization Corporation, Friendly House United Way Firestar Program and Phoenix Day will host the Community Connections Fair! Come and join us for free food, fun, information and family friendly activities. The fair will be located at Matthew Henson Park (8th Avenue between Sherman and Tonto Street). Activities begin at 10 am!

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Earl & Mary Rose Wilcox

Best Wishes during this Holiday Season...
WE Read!
Family Reading Program
January 14 through March 2
Prizes for Ages Birth to 12

CHILDREN

Family Storytime – Weekly (For ages birth to five with caregiver)
Tuesdays, 6:00-6:45pm
Children birth to five accompanied by a caregiver. Have fun sharing books, fingerplays, songs, flannel board stories, and more. Learn tips to build a foundation for reading including using interactive reading activities. Supported by Valley of the Sun United Way through a grant from First Things First.

Afterschool Special – 1st Wednesday of the Month (For Ages 8-11)
Wednesday, December 5    Wednesday, January 9    4:00-5:30pm
Come have fun with crafts, entertainment, circle time and more!

TEENS (Ages 12-18)

Club Harmon – 3rd Wednesday of the Month
Wednesday, December 19   Wednesday, January 16    4:00-6:00pm
Play Wii, Guitar Hero, or watch a movie. Snacks!

PhoenixWorks
FREE online resume help, career training and more!
Here’s a great resource to help you at every stage of the job-seeking process. Log on to phoenixpubliclibrary.org and click on PhoenixWorks to find information about:
- applying for unemployment benefits
- finding the nearest local workforce center
- writing a resume or cover letter
- getting ready for an interview
- online job-searching
- effective networking

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Marcos de Niza
Tenant Council
& Community Block Watch

Best Wishes during this Holiday Season...
Diciembre 2012 – Enero, 2013

¡Nosotros Leemos!
Program de lectura familiar 2013
El 14 de enero al 2 de marzo
Hay premios para los niños recien nacidos hasta 12 años

NIÑOS

Hora de cuentos para familias– semanal (para niños hasta 5 años)
Los martes, 6:00-6:45pm
Programa presentado para niños recién nacidos hasta 5 años acompañados por una persona mayor. Diviértanse con sus niños por medio de actividades, lecturas, canciones, juegos de dedos, cuentos relatados con pizarra de fieltro, y más. Aprendan pistas para crear una base para la lectura, incluso actividades interactivas de lectura. Programa patrocinado por Valley of the Sun United Way a través de una donación de First Things First.

Tarde Especial Después de la Escuela: El primer miércoles del mes (para niños de 8-11 años)
Miércoles, el 5 de diciembre Miércoles, el 9 de enero 4:00-5:30pm
Diviértate con crear manualidades, asistir a programas especiales interactivas, y compartir actividades con amigos en la biblioteca.

ADOLESCENTES (De 12-18 años)

Club Harmon - El tercer miércoles del mes
Miércoles, el 19 de diciembre Miércoles, el 16 de enero 4:00-6:00pm
Juega Wii, Guitar Hero, o mira una película.

PhoenixWorks
¡GRATIS ayuda de curriculum vitae en línea, formación de carrera y más!
Aquí está un gran recurso para ayudarle en cada etapa del proceso de búsquedas de empleo. Inicie al sitio phoenixpubliclibrary.org y haga clic PhoenixWorks para mas información sobre:

- solicitando beneficios de Seguro por Desempleo
- encontrando recursos locales para ayudar con las búsquedas de empleo
- curriculum vitae y cartas de presentación
- preparación para entrevistas
- búsquedas de empleo en línea
- gestión de redes eficaz

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State Representative Ruben Gallego and Kate Gallego

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Phoenix Revitalization Corporation (PRC) will be going green AFTER the December/January newsletter

Here are ways you can still get this information:

- Sign up on the PRC web-site main page for electronic delivery at www.phxrevitalization.org
- Call our office to have it direct mailed to your home
- Local pick up sites: I.G. Homes Boys and Girls Club, H.O.P.E. VI -CTEC Building, Harmon Library, Valley Christian Center, Friendly House, Inc., Valle del Sol Red Mountain Center, Marcos de Niza Senior Center, Seniors Opportunities West (S.O.W.), Vernell Coleman Youth Center

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