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Village of Phoenix

Newsletter

June 2016

Message from the Clerk's Office

How we use your Tax Money and
other Revenues...

- Maintaining Village streets, sidewalks, and curbing
- Monitoring, maintaining, and improving storm sewers and natural storm water draining channels
- Plowing and removing snow from Village streets
- Providing weekly brush pickup during Spring, Summer and Fall
- Street lighting
- Building inspection and code enforcement
- Long-range planning (*Canal Corridor Plan, Comprehensive Plan*)
- Pruning existing trees; and removing diseased trees along Village streets
- Maintaining the Canal Park, Village properties and buildings, canal frontage, entrance gateways to Village
- Municipal planning (*working with county agencies*)
- Providing other municipal services required by residents and businesses
- Maintaining an up-to-date archival system for Village documents and historical records
- Seeking grant funding to subsidize the cost of capital projects aimed at improving the Village's quality of life
- Collaborating with the Town of Schroepel, the Phoenix School District, and other government agencies to stage community events and accomplish municipal projects

- Providing community police service and safety.



Police Department News

I would like to thank all that came out and supported our VFW Post #5540 Memorial Day parade, it has grown into quite a tradition that we all take great pride in, it's success is measured by the amount of people that come out and show their support!

With our school year coming to a close, please remember that our children will be out and about; please take extra caution when driving. As the school year ends we will be offering a Basketball camp as in years past, at least once a week. Please visit our Facebook page for updates on times and dates regarding our activities for our youth. Please join us for our 3rd annual 3-on-3 CHOOSE Basketball tournament on July 30th, 2016 on State Street- for sign up information please visit our website at choosephoenixpd.com.

Keeping in mind that we are a river community, we will be visible this boating season, patrolling our waterway making sure all are safe.



Please be aware of all boating regulations so that we may have a safe and enjoyable boating season. Boating rules and tips may be found on the United States

Coast Guard website and the NYS office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. A reminder that swimming is prohibited in and around the locks, and no jumping or diving from any canal structure. Should anyone like to have their vessel inspected, Sgt. McKenna, Officer's Chimber and D. McCarthy would be willing to do that with an appointment made through the police department.

One accident that could have been prevented is one too many.

Hoping to have everyone join us again for our annual fireworks display in the village on June 24th. Just a reminder that in order to sell or solicit that evening a hawkers permit has to be obtained from the Village Clerk's office ahead of time.

In closing I would personally like to wish everyone a healthy and happy summer. Please remember to be respectful and courteous to your neighbor, that's what makes a village a great place to live. A simple act of kindness towards someone could actually change their lives.

Martin Nerber – Police Chief

Help Us Keep Our Water Infrastructure Clean:

10 Things You Can Do To Prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution

- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and gutters.
- Never dump anything down drains or in streams.
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard.
- Compost your yard waste.
- Use least toxic pesticides, follow labels, and learn how to prevent pest problems.

- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff.
- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway.
- Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil.
- Pick up after your pet.

From the Code Enforcement Officer



Code requirements:

- Typical projects that may require approval include replacement of siding, windows, doors if there is a structural change to the project, also permits are required for porches, railings, steps, fences, signs, and most construction. Applications are available at the Village Office or Village Website www.villageofphoenix-ny.gov. Please call before starting your project.
- Most construction projects require building permits. Contact me for specific rules for your proposed projects. I will be glad to provide any information that is needed and help you with the approval process.
- The Village Code and the Property Maintenance Code of New York State contain provisions regulating junk cars, refuse and debris, tall grass, and building maintenance such as painting. You can report any violations to me at (315) 380-6991.
- Although it is legal to do your own electrical work, the work may require a permit, and in any case requires an inspection agency. If in doubt as to your ability to safely do your own installation, call a licensed electrician.

Don Ryan – Code Officer



Protect the Skin You're In!



With the hot summer season currently upon us, the Village of Phoenix is providing its residents tips on how to keep their skin safe when they are outdoors:

- Apply sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 or greater 30 minutes before sun exposure and every two hours thereafter – more if you are sweating or swimming.
- Select clothing, cosmetic products and contact lenses that offer UV protection.
- Avoid direct sun exposure as much as possible during peak UV radiation hours (between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.)
- Perform skin self-exams regularly to become familiar with existing growths and notice any changes or new growths.
- Eighty percent of a person's lifetime sun exposure is acquired before the age of 18. As a parent, be a good role model and foster skin cancer prevention habits in your child.

By following these guidelines, you and your family can protect "the skin you're in!"



Presents:

"Spreading H.O.P.E. in your Hometown"

June 15, 2016 at JCB High School starting at 5:30 pm.

Expo (5:30pm) will be located in the gymnasium and Forum (6:15pm) in the Auditorium.

SUMMER EVENTS CALENDARS



For more information call
(315) 695-1307 or visit
www.villageofphoenix-ny.gov

June 24, 2016

4:00 pm – Dusk, St. Stephen's Church & Henley Park
Summer Strawberry Festival, Food & Music at Bridge House and FIREWORKS.

July 8, 2016

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Henley Park Music in the Park
Ronda Helene

July 11, 2016

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Henley Park Farmers Market & Music in the Park – Time Line

July 15, 2016

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Henley Park Music in the Park
Henry

July 18, 2016

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Henley Park Farmers Market & Music in the Park – The Strangers

July 22, 2016

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Henley Park Music in the Park
Vote for Pete

July 25, 2016

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Henley Park Farmers Market & Music in the Park – Phoenix Community Concert Band (Rain location JCB)

July 29, 2016

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Henley Park Music in the Park
2 Feet Short

August 1, 2016

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Henley Park Farmers Market & Music in the Park – Moss Black Mule Band

August 5, 2016

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Henley Park Music in the Park
Nelson Bros

August 8, 2016

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Henley Park Farmers Market & Music in the Park – Tom Gilbo & The Blue Suedes

August 12, 2016

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Henley Park Music in the Park
Nite Life

August 15, 2016

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Henley Park Farmers Market & Music in the Park – Dan Elliot & The Monterays

August 19, 2016

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Henley Park Music in the Park
Flat Face & the Shempdells

August 22, 2016

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Henley Park Farmers Market & Music in the Park – The Fab Cats

August 26, 2016

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Henley Park Music in the Park
Better Than Bowling

August 29, 2016

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Henley Park Farmers Market & Music in the Park – American Eagle Band

September 11, 2016

6:30 pm, Henley Park Community Vigil in Memory of those who lost their lives.
(Bring a candle and chair)



Keep Your Home Safe While On Vacation!

More than half of the US population will take a vacation away from home this summer. According to FBI statistics, there is a 10-18 percent increase in home burglaries during the summer months. According to the Insurance Information Institute, 9 out of 10 home break-ins could be prevented with some simple steps. **The following are a few "Do's & Don'ts" to keep your home safe while you travel:**

- **DO** make sure all doors & windows are locked and fastened.

- **DO** examine your house from the street and make sure no valuables (electronics/art) are visible.
 - **DO** secure sliding glass doors by placing a metal rod or a piece of plywood in the track to prevent intruders.
 - **DO** unplug the power to your garage door opener to keep thieves from opening it with a universal remote.
 - **DO** make it appear that you're home by use of timers, radios & TV's.
 - **DO** consider installing a home security system & make sure it's activated upon leaving. Studies have shown that homes without working security systems are 300% more likely to experience a theft.
 - **DON'T** post your vacation on social networking sites.
 - **DON'T** leave clues that you're away. Have a neighbor collect your newspapers & mail.
 - **DON'T** close blinds if you usually keep them open. The more normal your home looks, the better.
 - **DON'T** leave a portable GPS in your car when parked in lots. It'll alert thieves that you're not home and give them a convenient map to your house. Prior to vacationing, drop by the Police Department and fill out a "Property Check Request" form.
- REMEMBER – IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!**

Summer Safety



With summer approaching remember these precautionary tips to keep yourself and your family safe:

Distracted Driving – Too many people are killed and injured each year by distracted drivers. Talking on a handheld cell phone quadruples your risk of an accident (and is illegal in New York). That risk doubles if you're texting.

Dangers of Extreme Heat – Heat illnesses can be deadly. In extreme heat situations, your body's

temperature control system can't keep up. When this happens, your body temperature gets dangerously high. As a result, you're at greater risk of serious heat illness, such as heat stroke, heat exhaustion, heat cramps and sunburn. How to Protect Yourself:

***STAY COOL** – Stay inside, in air-conditioning if you can, or in a cool place such as basements. Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.

***STAY HYDRATED** – Drink more water than usual, especially if exercising or outdoors. Be proactive, don't wait until you're thirsty.

*** NEVER LEAVE CHILDREN, OR PETS IN A PARKED VEHICLE** – Just don't do it. The sun can turn a vehicle into an oven within minutes, even if it doesn't feel that hot outside.

***HELP YOUR PETS KEEP THEIR COOL** – It will feel as hot for them as it is for you. Be sure your animals have access to shade and a water bowl full of clean, cold water. Dogs don't tolerate heat well because they don't sweat. During summer heat, avoid outdoor games or jogging with your pet. If you wouldn't walk across hot asphalt

barefoot, don't make your dog walk on it either. (Dogs can get blisters on their paws from hot pavement.) Please remember the Phoenix Police Department is always here for you. **Have a fun and safe summer and stay cool!**

D.P.W. News

Hydrant Flushing August 22 - August 26

The DPW has planned out a busy summer this year including sidewalk replacement, road repairs and some drainage work along with the routine pick up of yard waste and brush. We also try to keep up on maintaining Village buildings and parks. Brush pick up is normally on Fridays. Stack brush neatly with cut ends to the road. Normally yard waste is picked up 2-3 times a week. All grass clippings and light debris must be packed in biodegradable paper bags. No dirt or stones in bags. Pile dirt and heavy wastes separately. We do not pick up lumber or construction debris. That must be taken to a landfill. Please check in with our Village Facebook page to see notices if we have any water and sewer issues. We try to post

when there are fires or heavy rains and flooding that will potentially give homeowners issues with water or sewer. Thank you and have a safe summer.

Schroepel Historical Society Event Schedule

- **Monday, June 20, at 7 PM.** Membership Meeting – Speaker TBA
- **Wednesday, July 6, at 1 PM.** Call Barbara Dix at 695-6641 or Jerry Hughes, at 695-6871 to join Historical Society members on a visit to the Gleason Mansion & Willow Museum, located at 314 Second Street, Liverpool. Tour both for a nominal donation of \$2.00.
- **Saturday, July 23, 11 AM to 3 PM.** Blueberry Fest! Fresh berries, home-made blueberry baked goods and ice cream sundaes. Bakers needed!
- **Saturday, August 16, at 10 AM.** Walking Tour of Phoenix, Part 3. Meet at Henley Park as we explore the section of the village immediately south of Lock Street.
- **Monday, September 19, 7 PM.** Phoenix Fire Centennial. Join us at SHS to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the fire that destroyed the heart of the business district, and celebrate its rebirth.

“Dear Village of Phoenix Resident or Town of Schroepel Water Customer:

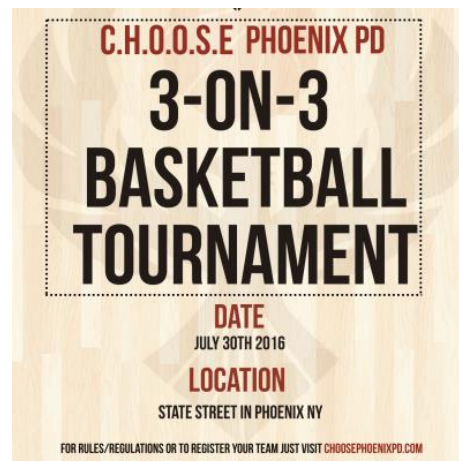
Please be advised the quarterly notice entitled “Important Information About Your Drinking Water” for the period of April 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016 has been posted in its entirety on the Village of Phoenix website at <http://villageofphoenix-ny.gov/> front page and under the Documents tab. Included is also a link to the informational document relative to microorganisms found in unfiltered water.

In the event you do not have internet access or for any other reason would still like a hard (paper) copy, one can be picked up free of charge at the Village of Phoenix Clerk-Treasurer's office during regular business hours (weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.).

If for any reason you are unable to access the Village website and would like an electronic transmitted (email) copy, please email your request to the following address: rdemo@villageofphoenix-ny.gov, and please permit seven (7) to ten (10) days for a response. This will permit the Clerk's office to transmit in groups.

Thank you.

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