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# FOOD TRUCK NIGHT



**THURS  
11 MAY  
2023**

**4 DIFFERENT FOOD TRUCKS MUSIC  
FIRST CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH  
📍 4910 E. EARLL DRIVE 6PM-8PM**

## Food Truck Night Thurs. May 11, 6-8 pm

*C'mon out to eat, mingle and connect with your neighbors.*

We're serving up some good food and conversation, and we hope you can join us. Four different food trucks to purchase from including:

- **Chimichurri Argentina Grill**- serving empanadas, tri-tip sandwiches, salads & child's menu of chicken strips and fries;
- **SuperFarm SuperTruck** - serving Mexican food & children's menu with cheese quesadilla & fries
- **Kona Delights**- serving personal pizzas
- **Udder Delights**- serving ice cream, milkshakes, root beer floats

Enjoy the weather, the food, the music and the neighborhood! 

## Save the Date: AONA Annual Meeting

**Saturday, May 20, 2023  
9am to 10:30am**

**First Chinese Baptist Church  
4910 E. Earll Drive**

*Our Annual Meeting is when we review our past year, look forward to the next and elect members to the Board of Directors.*

## We'll also have two special guests:

**Meet our new City Councilman  
Kevin Robinson**

- he'll introduce himself to the group
- lay out his focus for the district & city
- answer questions from residents
- ask him about his 'obnoxious dogs'!

**Meet our new Mountain View  
Precinct Commander Leif Myers**

- learn about his career background
- talk about focus of precinct efforts
- answer questions from residents
- ask him if his golf game is as good as he says it is!

### Inside:

- **False alarms cost money**  
You might be surprised how much it costs to answer all those false alarms around the city.
- **Homelessness around downtown**  
A Superior Court Judge requires city to address homelessness in area just west of downtown Phoenix.
- **DOJ investigation update**  
The US Department of Justice (DOJ) launched an inquiry into the Phoenix Police Department and its policies.

## First new District 6 Councilman in 12 years Welcome Our New Phoenix Councilman Kevin Robinson

*Kevin Robinson was sworn in  
to office on April 17, 2023.*



The 'new kid on the block' is a familiar face to many people in Arcadia and around District 6. Councilman Kevin Robinson is a retired Phoenix PD Assistant Chief whose career began in the Arcadia neighborhood in 1980.

**During his 36-plus years of service,** Robinson had oversight of PPD's \$500 million annual budget as well as numerous other functions including responsibility over investigative units, air support unit, tactical and K-9 units as well as the uniformed patrol function.

**He served as a board member for 17-plus years to the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RHMC)** of Central and Northern Arizona, serving for two terms as its President of the Board while directing a successful multi-million dollar capital campaign.

In 2020, Robinson was selected by Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert Brutinel to serve on the Arizona Judicial Council (AJC). The AJC is a policy-making body that oversees the judicial system in Arizona. During the latter part of 2020, **former Arizona Governor Doug Ducey nominated Robinson** to fill a seat on the Arizona Police Officers Standards and Training Board (AZPOST). AZPOST stands to foster public trust and confidence by establishing and maintaining standards of integrity, competence, and professionalism for Arizona peace officers and correctional officers.

**Robinson currently serves as a lecturer** at the Watts College of Public Programs and Community Solutions at Arizona State University in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice.

Robinson and his wife, Dr. Michele Halyard, have three adult children. According to the Councilman, they also have two obnoxious dogs, a Portuguese Waterdog and a Goldendoodle.

**Welcome to the neighborhood, Councilman Kevin Robinson.**

To email the District 6 Council office: [council.District.6@phoenix.gov](mailto:council.District.6@phoenix.gov)  
To sign up for the D6 newsletter: <https://bit.ly/PHX-CouncilDistrict6-newsletter>

## False Alarms Are Costly

*A recent study by Phoenix Police and ASU calculated the costs and frequency of false burglary alarms in our city. The effect is, well, alarming.*

### **Scope of the false alarm 'problem'**

In 2021, PPD logged 47,078 burglary alarm calls, 2.3% of all calls for service, and in 79.2% of those calls (or, 37,296) police were dispatched to the home.

### **Actual number of burglaries is few**

Here's the key fact: of the total number of calls to PPD for a burglary alarm, only 326—just .69% of all the calls—resulted in an attempted or actual burglary.

### **What is the cost of false alarms?**

The current yearly estimated time spent by PPD responding to alarms is 37,296 manhours and the cost is \$945,080.

These numbers are based on two officers responding to an alarm call, the hourly cost per officer set at \$25.34 per hour, and each call taking 45 minutes to respond to and complete. Costs are higher when including supervision, vehicle usage and record-keeping.

### **Changes may be coming**

PPD may alter the current fee schedule for false alarms. But in the meantime, every homeowner should be vigilant in limiting false alarms in their homes.

*To help reduce false alarms, consider using a RING-type doorbell to augment your existing alarm system with visual alerts and evidence.*

## What's the City Doing About Homelessness Downtown?

Seems like no matter where we look, we see the effects of homelessness on individuals, businesses and neighborhoods.

In response to a lawsuit filed by private individuals and businesses, the City of Phoenix has been ordered by a Maricopa County Superior Court Judge to promptly begin addressing the conditions in and around the Human Services Campus just west of downtown.

According to a post on the City's website, "The City has an action plan to clean up the encampment which includes adding additional shelter space, enhanced cleaning and offering various alternative locations to residents once complete, leading with services to offer options to those relocating and unifying our efforts with regional partners."

It is a regional issue, yet Phoenix bears the brunt of the efforts--and costs.

The next steps for the area west of downtown include:

- An additional 800 shelter beds coming online before the end of next year.
- The City is also exploring creative solutions such as leasing hotel space to add additional rooms for individuals needing shelter.
- The City is working with other government partners to identify vacant land and/or buildings which could be used to support those experiencing homelessness.
- The Office of Homeless Solutions is also exploring creating a safe, outdoor space with restrooms, 24/7 security, onsite services and shade for those who may not be ready to accept an indoor shelter option.

*For more info on the City's approach:*  
<https://bit.ly/PHXhomelessSolutions>

## Meet Mountain View Commander Leif Myers

Commander Leif Myers, a 25-year veteran of the Phoenix Police Department, has been appointed to lead our local Mountain View Precinct. Myers is responsible for managing more than 200 sworn officers and civilians to serve more than 230,000 residents of the precinct.

During his career, Myers has had varied assignments and responsibilities including working in the Maryvale Precinct as a Sergeant and as a Lieutenant in the Desert Horizon Precinct where his focus was on community-based policing.

Myers was also a motorcycle cop assigned to traffic enforcement. One of his assignments was in the vehicular crimes unit. "You can solve a lot of problems with traffic enforcement," he said. "And when you put together an investigation that gets impaired drivers off the road, there's a lot of pride behind those investigations," Myers added.

What does Myers think about the Mountain View Precinct? "It's an honor



and a privilege to be working with a dedicated staff and to be joining up with our neighborhood partners," he said. Myers sees crime reduction efforts as a driving force, but "it's not just the police department--we work best when we partner with the multiple stakeholders to address problems."



## Backyards are for the birds!



Birds love our neighborhood because of all the trees and irrigated lots. Still, these little guys need all the help we can give them. It's easy to add a bird bath (shaded, of course). And bird feeders are easy and fun. Just keep them filled and you'll have these fun visitors around all the time.

Here's some great suggestions for bird-friendly backyards from the Audobon Society.

<https://bit.ly/BirdFriendlyYards>



## Looking for a sign?

You've told us that you love these neighborhood signs that identify our community. Learn how you and your neighbors can sponsor a sign. Drop us a line, and we'll tell you about it.

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Also, Kanopy Kids is free to stream for all Phoenix Public Library cardholders and features hundreds of educational and enriching videos that spark children's imaginations. Kanopy Kids has curated titles from Weston Woods, Sesame Street, Jim Henson Productions, Highlights for Children, Signed Stories, and others, promoting empathy, literacy, critical thinking and help build STEM skills.

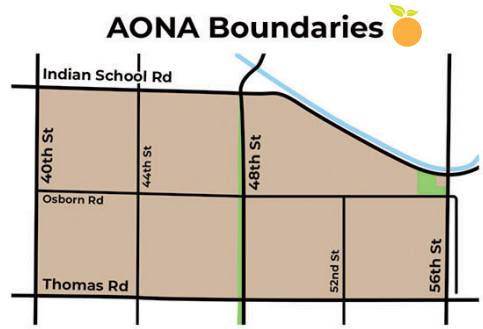


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Interested in building a safer and more connected community? We are looking for volunteers to help with social media & fundraising. Email us.

## Update:DOJ Inquiry



In August 2021, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) announced that it is conducting a Civil Pattern or Practice inquiry into the Phoenix Police Department (PPD).

Since the announcement, DOJ has been investigating PPD through the request for data and policies and by interviewing sworn officers.

PPD has been transparent with citizens by meeting with neighborhood groups and by creating a web page with updates. You can visit that web page here:  
<https://bit.ly/PHX-DOJ-inquiry>

Many citizens who are following this inquiry are appreciative of how transparent and compliant PPD has been with DOJ. Findings from a DOJ inquiry are not appealed, as there is no mechanism for that. One thing is almost always certain: DOJ consent decrees cost cities for years to come.

To provide feedback, give input, or find out more about this process you can contact the DOJ directly at **866-432-0335** or email: [phoenix.community@usdoj.gov](mailto:phoenix.community@usdoj.gov)



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