



**Feb. 12, 2021**

## **CITY EVENTS**

### **UPCOMING CITY PUBLIC MEETINGS**

- **Land Use and Livability Subcommittee Meeting** – 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17. Please click on [City Council Meetings](#) for more meeting information.
- **City Council Formal Meeting** – 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17. Please click on [City Council Meetings](#) for meeting information.
- **North Mountain Village Planning Committee Meeting** – 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17. Please click on [Notice of Public Meeting](#) for meeting information.
- **Zoning Adjustment Hearing** – 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18. Please click on the [Notice of Public Meeting](#) link for meeting information.

City Council meetings are live on Cox Cable Channel 11 and streamed live on <https://www.phoenix.gov/phxtv> and [facebook.com/cityofphoenix](https://www.facebook.com/cityofphoenix).

To view written or video instructions for meeting participation, please visit <https://www.phoenix.gov/cityclerk/publicmeetings/city-council-meetings>

Past City Council meetings are posted on <http://www.youtube.com/cityofphoenixaz>.

## **DISTRICT 1 EVENTS:**

### **DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

Please continue to check here for updates on future District 1 community events.

# COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 NEWS AND INITIATIVES

## **DEEM HILLS COMMUNITY PARK**

Progress at Deem Hills Community Park continues. Please note the east side of the construction fence has moved west to expose the sidewalk, our new volleyball, tennis and pickleball courts as well as the group ramada and new parking area. These amenities are open except for basketball, volleyball and the ramada per the department's current COVID rules.



## **CITY NEWS & EVENTS:**

### **PHOENIX COVID-19 RESOURCES**

Find information related to the COVID-19 pandemic on the [Resources](#) webpage. Residents with questions about city services and programs are encouraged to call 602-262-3111 or e-mail [contactus@phoenix.gov](mailto:contactus@phoenix.gov).

### **COVID-19 TESTING SERVICES**

Community partners are holding COVID-19 testing sites on select dates. Please see below for information:

**Stationary Site:** Offers PCR test with results within 24 hours.

Maryvale Park: District 5

4420 N. 51st Ave., Phoenix 85031

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Appointments recommended at: <https://vincerecancer.com>



**Mobile Van #1:**

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays

7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Offers Antigen and antibodies test.



**Mobile Van #2:**

Mondays or Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Saturdays

7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Offers antigen results in 15 minutes and PCR with results within 24 hours.



**Walk-Up Sites:**

Weekends (varies) from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Offers PCR test with results in 24 hours.



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**Saturday, Feb. 13**

Mobile Van #1

Desert West Park and Sports Complex: District 7

6602 W. Encanto Blvd., Phoenix 85035

7 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; register at: [vincerecancer.com](http://vincerecancer.com)

Mobile Van #2

Cholla Library: District 1

10050 N. Metro Pkwy East, Phoenix 85051

7 a.m. to 1 p.m.; register at: [premierlabsolutions.com/covid-19/phoenix](http://premierlabsolutions.com/covid-19/phoenix)

Walk-Up Site

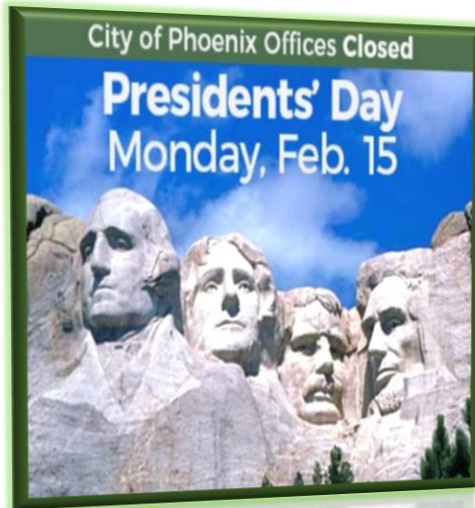
Cactus Park: District 1

3801 W. Cactus Road, Phoenix 85029

7 a.m. to 1 p.m.; register at [equalityhealthfoundation.org/covid19/](http://equalityhealthfoundation.org/covid19/)

For additional testing dates and locations, please visit [Phoenix Testing Blitz](#).

## PRESIDENT'S DAY



**Solid Waste:** No change to trash and recycling services but city [transfer stations](#) will be closed.

**Public Transit:** Buses are operating on a weekday service schedule. Light rail is every 30 minutes due to single tracking. No RAPID or Express bus service. Customer Service is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Service windows at transit centers are closed. Visit [valleymetro.org](http://valleymetro.org) for more information

**Parking Meters:** All [parking meters](#) are enforced 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, including weekends and holidays.

**Public Library:** Closed for President's Day. book drops remain available with the exception of South Mountain Community Library. Customers may access library resources 24/7 by visiting [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org).

## PHOENIX NEWS

### Phoenix City Manager Ed Zuercher Names Jeff Barton Assistant City Manager Leading the COVID-19 Response, Overseeing Police and Fire

Phoenix City Manager Ed Zuercher has named Jeff Barton as the city's Assistant City Manager, the number two position in the City Manager's Office, leading the city's COVID-19 response and overseeing the Police, Fire and Budget and Research departments, among others, in the fifth largest city in the nation, with more than 14,000 employees.

"Jeff led the strategic distribution of \$293.3 million in federal Coronavirus Relief Funds to support residents and businesses impacted by COVID-19, while ensuring public safety and other critical city services remained fully funded," said Zuercher. "His knowledge of the city's budget process, public safety operations, strategic use of data, and leadership skills will be an asset to the city and our residents in his new role, as we navigate this current phase of COVID, and beyond."



Most recently, Barton served as Deputy City Manager, overseeing the Budget & Research, Community and Economic Development, Fire and Library departments and the Youth and Education Office. Prior to this, he served for five years as director of the city's Budget & Research Department, where he was responsible for the planning, forecasting, and managing of the city's \$4.4 billion operating budget and \$7 billion five-year capital improvement program. During Barton's tenure, the department implemented a new five-year forecasting and modeling of expenses and revenues process to better plan for future funding needs, while providing early forecasts of potential budgetary challenges.

"I started my career with the city as an auditor 22 years-ago, ensuring the operational efficiency of city departments and programs – and I continue to utilize the skills I gained to this day," said Barton. "I am

humbled by this new challenge and look forward to continuing to focus my efforts on ensuring that the city's budget is sound, our departments and programs are resilient, and our communities are safe places for all."

Barton holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Morehouse College and a Master of Public Administration from Shippensburg University.

## NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

### Graffiti Free Awareness Month

It is Graffiti Free Phoenix Awareness Month!

Below are ways to report graffiti:

- See graffiti happening, call 911.
- To report graffiti locations, call Crime Stop at 602-262-6151
- For graffiti removal, call Graffiti Busters at 602-534-4444
- Report graffiti online at [phoenix.gov/atyourservice](http://phoenix.gov/atyourservice)



GRAFFITI IS A CRIME, REPORT IT! [#GraffitiFreePHX](https://twitter.com/GraffitiFreePHX)



## POLICE

### Report graffiti on the Phoenix PD app!

Graffiti can now be reported on the [Police Department app](#) released in January 2021. Studies show that if graffiti is removed within 24 hours, there is a 90% likelihood that the graffiti will not return to the same area.

If you see graffiti in progress, call 911 immediately, or use the app to have it removed! Click [here](#) to watch the video on how to report graffiti through the app.

[#GraffitiFreePHX](https://twitter.com/GraffitiFreePHX)  
[City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department](http://City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department)



# HUMAN SERVICES

## Free Tax Prep

The City of Phoenix Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program has three alternatives for filing taxes for those meeting eligibility requirements. Free services ensure all taxpayer's income, deductions and allowable credits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)\* are claimed and increase taxpayer education while promoting self-sufficiency. Save hundreds of dollars in paid preparer fees. First come, first serve. To learn more about the program visit [Free Tax Prep](#) and if you are interested in volunteering, click [here](#).

### 1. Do-It-Yourself, but let us help!



### 2. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance



### 3. Use free tax software at any where, anytime!



## Upcoming Landlord and Tenant Workshops

Open to the public: Landlords, tenants, service providers and community members are all encouraged to attend the upcoming virtual workshops held by the Human Services Department. Learn about your rights as they pertain to Arizona Residential Landlord/Tenant Law. Each virtual workshop will offer a variety of topics designed to educate residents. At this time, all workshops are virtual and require registration.

- 5:30 to 7 p.m. April 15
- 5:30 to 7 p.m. July 15
- 5:30 to 7 p.m. Oct. 21



For more information about the Landlord and Tenant Program or to obtain forms please visit the [website](#). To register for the upcoming workshops email [landlord.tenant.hsd@phoenix.gov](mailto:landlord.tenant.hsd@phoenix.gov) or call 602-262-7210.

## WATER SERVICES

Your feedback is needed! The Phoenix Water Services Department is proposing a water rate increase spread out over a two-year period and are seeking public input. To provide input on the proposed water rate increase, please take the [Phoenix Water Rate Increase Survey](#).

Visit [phoenix.gov/waterrates](http://phoenix.gov/waterrates) for additional information. All meetings will offer the same information. Email [watersmart@phoenix.gov](mailto:watersmart@phoenix.gov) with any questions or comments.

A horizontal banner with a blue and white background. The text "Phoenix Water Rates" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

## PUBLIC WORKS



Just a friendly reminder that Styrofoam and all other foam products are not recyclable in Phoenix and should not be included in curbside recycling bins or placed in the [Ecostations](#) found throughout the city.

For more information on items that are recyclable, visit [phoenix.gov/recycle](http://phoenix.gov/recycle).



## PUBLIC TRANSIT

### NORTHWEST EXTENSION PHASE II CONSTRUCTION UPDATE Week of Feb. 8



The Northwest Extension Phase II (NWEII) project will extend light rail west on Dunlap Avenue from 19th Avenue, then north on 25th Avenue and across I-17 on Mountain View Road with a terminus on the west side of the freeway near Metrocenter Mall. Northwest Extension Phase II light rail project construction is underway by the project contractor, Kiewit-McCarthy, A Joint Venture (KMJV) and third-party utility companies, such as Salt River Project (SRP).

#### Dunlap Avenue

- **Dunlap Avenue between 19th and 25th avenues:** KMJV and SRP are performing underground utility relocation and roadway construction on Dunlap Avenue between 19th and 25th avenues during day and nighttime hours. Traffic lanes will be located on the south side of Dunlap Avenue and restricted to one west- and one eastbound lane. Traffic restrictions will be in place 24/7 through 5 a.m. May 31.

#### 25th Avenue

- **25th Avenue between Dunlap Avenue and Mountain View Road:** KMJV is performing underground utility relocation and roadway construction on 25th Avenue between Dunlap Avenue and Mountain View Road during day and nighttime hours. Traffic lanes will be located on the west side of 25th Avenue and restricted to one north- and one southbound lane. Traffic restrictions will be in place 24/7 through 5 a.m. Feb. 14.
- **Rose Mofford Sports Complex and Dog Park:** KMJV is replacing drainage infrastructure in and adjacent to Rose Mofford Sports Complex and Dog Park. The work will involve removing fencing on the southwest corner of the dog park. Temporary fencing will be placed, allowing continued use of the park during construction. In addition, available parking areas will change throughout the process. The Rose Mofford Sports Complex and Dog Park will remain open during this work. The work will be completed in late spring 2021.

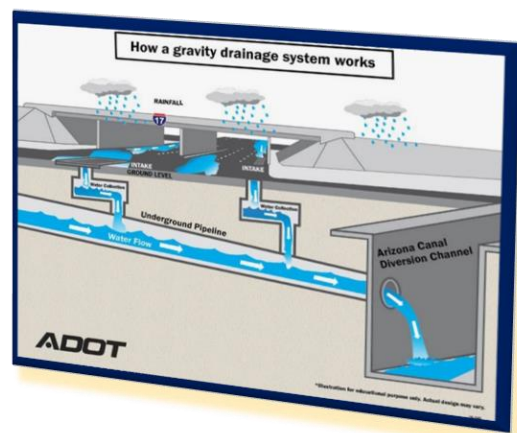
Visit [valleymetro.org/northwest2](http://valleymetro.org/northwest2) to view the latest updates and learn more about the project.

## ADOT

The Arizona Department of Transportation continues construction improvements to the cross-street drainage system along the I-17 frontage road between Greenway Road and Dunlap Avenue in Phoenix.

The purpose of the project is to improve the drainage facilities that remove storm runoff from the Greenway, Thunderbird, Cactus and Peoria cross streets, helping to reduce the potential for flooding at the I-17 overpasses.

Click [here](#) for more information.






# PHOENIX IN THE NEWS



The City of Phoenix has been included in a Forbes list of America’s best large employers. Phoenix is the only city named on the list and the article, ‘America’s Best Large Employer’s’, released on Feb. 9, details the methodology behind the results.

To read the full article, please visit [www.forbes.com](http://www.forbes.com) and to read the full list of America’s Best Large Employers, click [here](#).

# HOUSING IN REVIEW



## 2020

# IN REVIEW

**HOUSING IS ESSENTIAL!**

**2020 HIGHLIGHTS IN NUMBERS:**

- Food Boxes Distributed **6,800**
- Essential Care Packages Distributed **2,100**
- COVID-19 Tests Administered **640**
- Flu Shots Administered **350**
- Masks & Hand Sanitizers Distributed **6,000**
- Kids Cafe™ Meals Served **32,000**
- Family Self-Sufficiency Graduates **17**
- New Homeowners **8**
- Health Screenings Received **400**

**NEW TECHNOLOGY • STRONGER COLLABORATIONS • FOCUS ON WHAT'S IMPORTANT**

Providing essential services to meet the basic needs of residents in affordable housing has always been a priority for Phoenix Housing.

The events of 2020 elevated our efforts to ensure families had healthy foods, essential household items, resources to services and means of communication during the uncertain time.

**1,005** Tablets with hotspots distributed through the PHXConnect Program


*We wanted to thank you for getting us to the tablet program. The kids would have missed at least two months of school if we didn't have the hot spot on the tablet. We are very grateful to have you in our lives.*

**Resident success continues!**

**Distance Learning Day Camps provided 900 hours of engagement for youth in public housing**

**Construction completed on Monroe Gardens**

**The Housing Phoenix Plan was published**



**PHXHOUSING**  
Quality Affordable Housing and a Pathway to Self-Sufficiency

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

To date, Water Services staff have assisted 2,401 accounts for a total of \$1,340,511.22 of \$2 million through Project Assist. Water Services staff are averaging 100 customer contacts per day.

### **Legislative**

On Feb. 4, Government Relations staff participated on a briefing call with the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. The White House staff presented on the Executive Orders that have been issued by President Biden related to family reunification and legal immigration. Staff also received a briefing on the National Climate Task force and the need to focus on infrastructure for communities in need.

Governor Ducey's proposed budget includes a \$2 million allocation from the general fund for Arizona Commission on the Arts, which had requested a \$5 million allocation. State Senate and House bills were introduced this week to appropriate \$5 million from the general fund to the Arizona Commission on the Arts to assist the arts industry in reopening and recovery from the coronavirus pandemic's impacts.

### **Economic Development and Education**

The Aviation passenger survey analysis for 2020 has been completed. The survey demonstrated several behavioral shifts on the part of passengers reacting to commercial air travel during the pandemic. While the airport has seen an overall decrease of more than 50 percent of its passenger traffic, Sky Harbor experienced an increase in the proportion of leisure travel as compared to those traveling for business. The survey results also showed a significant move toward more origination and destination passengers, and fewer connecting. Ground transportation habits have also changed with the pandemic as more people are being dropped off at the airport's curb instead of using a ride share company or parking in the airport facilities.

Arts and Culture staff met virtually with prospective community arts program applicants. Fiscal Year 2022 general and project support grant guidelines will be widely shared in mid-February. The online application will open on March 8 and close on April 1.

On Feb. 9, Arts and Culture organizations attended the upcoming equity workshop with Kathy Hsieh, a diversity, equity and inclusion professional from Seattle, Wash. The workshop offered organizations an introduction to an organizational racial equity assessment tool and provided strategies for how to implement it within their organization with options depending on their size and budget. Over 50 individuals representing 30 organizations signed up for the workshop. The workshop can be found on [phoenix.gov/arts/workshops/equity](https://phoenix.gov/arts/workshops/equity).

Arts and Culture and Aviation staff did a final walk-through to approve the PSHIA Sky Train Rental Car station artist-designed terrazzo and weather fence projects. The station is expected to open in 2022.

Communications and Human Services staff are promoting tax free preparation services. Human Services staff will be guests on Spanish language radio to discuss the "Do It Yourself" and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site options. Residents can prepare their own federal and state tax returns using a free online software, available in Spanish, in the comfort and safety of their home. There are no income limitations and no fees. More information about free filing at VITA sites, can be found at [phoenix.gov/eitc](https://phoenix.gov/eitc). PHXTV staff is producing a virtual report on the free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.

Communications and City Clerk staff are collaborating to inform residents about the deadlines for the City's Runoff Election on March 9. Feb. 8 was the voter registration deadline for this election.

Communications and Housing staff are partnering to produce a virtual walkthrough celebration and grand opening of Monroe Gardens Apartments. The new community is replacing the obsolete A.L. Krohn East public housing complex built in the 1960s. Monroe Gardens Apartments consist of five buildings, with one-to-five-bedroom units, and are equipped with modern amenities and designed for families. PHXTV staff will be at the Monroe Gardens Apartments grand opening reporting on the event.

The Convention Center had two notable bookings; the National Demolition Association (NDA) 2023 Annual Convention and Expo scheduled for Feb. 2023 and the Waste Management (WM) Symposia for March 2025. The NDA Annual Convention and Expo is estimated to have 1,000 delegates equating to 1,870 total room nights and 450 peak rooms. The WM Symposia estimates 2,300 delegates booking 4,255 total room nights and 1,000 peak rooms.

On Feb. 4, Water Services staff hosted the second of four Proposed Water Rate Increase virtual meetings. The Water Services staff continued to promote the proposed water rate increase and the remaining virtual public meetings on social media in English and Spanish. A survey in English and Spanish was posted on [phoenix.gov/newsroom](http://phoenix.gov/newsroom). As of Feb. 5, 139 people have completed the survey in English and three in Spanish. The survey information has been added to the IVR system. The survey link has also been added to all outgoing emails from customer service representatives.

Youth and Education staff finalized the logistics of deploying 38 volunteers within four partnering schools in the Creighton and Fowler School Districts. Volunteer tutors will provide virtual one-on-one reading tutoring to second and third-grade students, who have been identified by their school's literacy coaches to participate and receive the literacy services.

### **Public Safety**

Fifty-four applicants have been invited to Police Recruit written exam and Police Officer Agility Assessment on Feb. 12. Police recruitment remains open for applicants to register for a written exam scheduled Feb. 27 as well as the ongoing online option.

The required documentation for the State Public Assistance application (SD2005) damage assessment and protective measures taken during the summer demonstrations have been uploaded to Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA). Documentation includes: The Governor of the State of Arizona has Amended the May 31, 2020 Declaration of State of Emergency for Rioting - Imposition of Curfew. The Dec. 21, 2020 Amended Declaration revises the Incident Period to begin May 28, 2020 and end June 11, 2020 (the original Incident Period began May 31, 2020 and the end was left TBD). All other terms set forth in the May 31, 2020 Declaration remain unchanged. DEMA has provided necessary revisions to complete the Public Assistance application. The Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (OHSEM) staff is working on gathering the final edits and supporting documentation. OHSEM is working with Finance staff to review the pre-application ensuring there are no duplications of insurance submittals in the final Project Worksheet. All supporting documentation have been uploaded to DEMA regarding the insurance claim.

City staff met with Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) related to supporting "Pop-up" Points of Dispensing Sites (PODS) for vaccinations in the community. The concept of operation is to stand-up no more than two PODS for two weeks at a mutually agreed upon community location easily accessible for those who are at highest risk and may not have the means to travel to one of the static sites

located throughout the county. The PODS would then move to another location, decided on in coordination between the city and MCDPH, where it would remain for two weeks. The PODS would then return to the previous location for second doses as a private POD to those who participated in that POD for their first dose. Staff will continue to be engaged in the planning meetings moving forward.

### **Neighborhoods and Livability**

Arts and Culture and Equal Opportunity staff are working to develop a process to update the Civil Rights Memorial in Eastlake Park. A task force consisting of members of the Human Relations Commission and the Arts and Culture Commission will be formed to update the final timeline panel on the memorial.

During the week of Feb. 1, Sustainability staff along with six other city departments discussed the Salt River Project (SRP) service territory to outline the new SRP incentive that will reimburse the City for installing up to 50 electric vehicle charging stations by April 30. The deadline for installing the required electrical infrastructure on City property is fast approaching, however, is beneficial given the over \$275,000 in potential SRP incentives. A project plan for consideration will be ready by the end of February.

Sustainability staff met with American Forests on a potential Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) focusing on philanthropic support for tree planting, updating their Tree Equity Score Map with high resolution data from Phoenix, and development of a carbon offset program. The MOU will be developed in the coming month.

Sustainability staff met with the City of Tempe to plan an application for a \$180,000 “Partners for Places” grant that will support the hiring of “equity fellows” in valley cities to conduct equity research and implement equity projects. The application is due March 15 and will be contingent on finding matching funding from local funders.

### **Social Services**

The Housing Department’s Landlord Incentive Program was launched on Sept. 1, 2020. Landlords signing a new Housing Assistance Payment contract with the City of Phoenix Section 8 program receive an additional \$500 payment as an incentive. Between September 2020 and Feb. 1, 2021, 374 incentives were paid for a total of \$187,000. Of those incentive payments, 44 were given to first-time landlords with the City of Phoenix Section 8 program. The program is still active and will continue paying incentives until the \$500,000 set-aside has been exhausted.

During the week of Feb. 1, Human Services staff conducted 1,972 wellness checks for senior center members and delivered 2,850 meals.

On Feb. 2, Strategic Initiatives staff and representatives from the Youth and Education Work Group facilitated the Amor Del Bueno Film Review and discussion workshop for Phoenix Police Cadets and Police Officers with the Community Engagement Bureau and members of the Golet A.C. Beuf Phoenix Teens Community Center. Amor Del Bueno is a short 15-minute film written and produced by One Love Foundation Teen Ambassadors and portrays a high-school-aged couple going through the ups and downs of a relationship that becomes abusive.

Family Advocacy Center (FAC) staff created the Library of Hope to provide clients a positive outlet after being victimized. The library offers free books, journals, toys, stress relief items, coloring books, and activity books to promote healthy coping mechanisms and resiliency for the clients and families who visit the FAC. The project is possible through donations from the community and multiple residents have benefited.

On Feb. 3, Human Services staff facilitated three virtual presentations on the “10 Signs of Healthy and Unhealthy Relationships” for freshmen at WestPoint High School. A total of 86 students attended the presentations.

Last week, in partnership with St. Mary’s Food Bank Alliance, Library staff served 612 meals to children and teens, ages 18 and under. The Kid’s Café program is the result of a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture administered by the Arizona Department of Education. Meals are being provided, Monday through Saturday, during curbside pickup hours at select library branches.

To date, Library staff has provided curbside pickup services to more than 229,000 customers, with approximately 2,137,000 physical library materials circulated by library cardholders.

### **Infrastructure**

On Feb. 1, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) approved funding for Public Works tank site improvement program for the Glenrosa Service Center. The City is eligible to receive up to \$200,000 for reimbursement work conducted in accordance with applicable regulations, ADEQ guidance, and consistency with the pre-approved scope of work. Upon completion of the project, the City must submit a reimbursement request by Jan. 29, 2022.

On Feb.1, Street Transportation staff presented to the Encanto Village Planning Committee on the proposal to widen the bike lanes and add buffers on 3rd Ave. from Osborn to Indian School Roads. A virtual public meeting was held for this project in January. Staff presented to the committee to get feedback from community members who might not have been able to attend the virtual meeting. It was also an opportunity to promote the survey for the project, which closed on Feb. 5.

Street Transportation staff are in Phase III of the Grand Canalscape. Phase III consists of installing a pedestrian and bicycle path along the Grand Canal between 75th and 47th Avenues. The pathway will include landscaping and pathway lighting. The project will install signalized crossings at local and major streets including Circular Rapid Flashing Beacons (CRFB) and High Intensity Activated Crosswalks (HAWKS). A meeting was held with the selected designer, J2 Engineering, on Jan. 29, to establish the project scope, schedule and budget. Council award of the design contract is scheduled for March 3, with the design Notice to Proceed anticipated to be issued in early March. The first public meeting for this project will be a live virtual meeting and is anticipated in late March or early April.

The Street Transportation and Police Departments in conjunction with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and Via Sun Corporation, conducted skid resistance testing for the Cool Pavement Pilot Program on Jan. 28. The purpose of the testing was to compare the installed texture of CoolSeal to other pavement surfaces. ADOT supplied the testing equipment and operator. The test simulates the effect of a heavy rainstorm on the road and calculates the force needed before a vehicle would slip under this condition. This provides a measure of how smooth or rough the surface is. The test required closing driveway and side street access. Residents, businesses, and schools affected by the traffic restrictions were notified in advance, and most restrictions were in place for less than an hour. The results of the testing will be available in a few weeks. The information will guide future work with the CoolSeal product. Results will be shared with Arizona State University to be included in the full Cool Pavement Pilot Program report expected later in 2021. The testing locations were in Council Districts 2, 3, 5 and 6.

From Feb. 13-26 and March 13-26, the light rail will run on temporary schedule changes and station closures. Public Transit staff have updated the PHXNewsroom page, social media, and Phoenix at Your Service newsletter with the schedule changes.

On Jan. 21, Water Services staff presented at a virtual public meeting hosted by the North 32nd St. community group and provided an update on the upcoming 66-inch Drought Pipeline Project construction along the 32nd Street corridor. Utility relocations are anticipated to start in Feb. 2021, with pipeline construction starting in May 2021.

This week, Water Services, Street Transportation and Aviation staff discussed upcoming construction on Deer Valley Road near Central Ave. The contractor will be relocating two 66-inch pipelines and installing three new 60-inch pipelines and connections within Deer Valley Road. This large construction effort will entirely block off the existing width of Deer Valley Road. The project team is coordinating the design of a temporary detour road through Deer Valley Airport property in order to prevent a full closure.

Water Services staff have been rehabilitating wells used by the Parks Department for irrigation of golf courses. In the event of a severe drought, these wells can be converted to supply wells to the drinking water system to help meet demands. Well 237, an old water supply well used by Water Services in the 1970s was given to Parks to be used to supply water for the Cave Creek Golf Course. In recent years, Well 237 collapsed and was no longer able to supply water. A rehabilitation project was started to repair the well casing, install a new pump and motor, and new electrical equipment. This ensures a water supply that can be counted on to supply water for an additional 20 years.

Information Technology Services (ITS) in partnership with the Phoenix Union High School District (PXU), are planning to build a large scale distributed Private Long-Term Evolution (LTE) network for education usage by students and staff members as part of the Digital Divide Cooperative. ITS staff is awaiting responses for PXU's two Request for Information, one for the Evolved Packet Core, a framework for providing converged voice and data on a 4G LTE network and a second for Citizens Broadband Radio Service Device and User Equipment/Customer Premises Equipment. The due date for both is Feb. 12, with a requirement that evaluation equipment be received by PXU no later than March 15, 2021.

Information Technology Services (ITS) is planning Wi-Fi systems for the City's new Cesar Chavez Community Center under construction. The ITS Network Services staff met with the Parks and Recreation staff to discuss short and long-term solutions for Wi-Fi and general network connectivity.

## **NEWS & EVENTS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT:** **GLENDALE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

### **Take the Credit with a Tax Credit Contribution**

With a tax credit contribution, you can take the credit and reduce your Arizona state income taxes! The Arizona State Public School Tax Credit Law allows taxpayers of a tax credit up to \$400 for those filing personal taxes as "married filing jointly" or \$200 for those filing "head of the household" or "single," if they contribute to a public school. For those still wanting to give back to their local GUHSD high school, we encourage you to do so by the deadline of April 15. For more information and to donate online, visit [www.guhsdaz.org](http://www.guhsdaz.org).



# The Road to Success starts at Deer Valley!

*Join us for Upcoming Kindergarten Virtual & Drive-Thru Events!*



## **Road to Kinder Drive-Thru**

- 5 – 6:30 p.m., Feb. 18 and March 4
- DVUSD District Office Parking Lot  
20402 N. 15th Ave.  
Phoenix, AZ 85027
- Pick up DVUSD registration and goodies!

## **Mapping Your Child's Success**

- 5 – 6:30 p.m., Feb. 25 and March 11
- Kinder Readiness Webinars featuring DVUSDs early childhood experts.

To view Kindergarten event details visit [www.DVUSD.org/KinderEvents](http://www.DVUSD.org/KinderEvents) and for more information on program and enrollment visit [www.DVUSD.org/Kindergarten](http://www.DVUSD.org/Kindergarten).



# WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS



## D-backs Award \$5,000 to Chaparral Elementary



Chaparral Elementary was selected as a winner of the D-Backs School Challenge! The D-Backs School challenge is a statewide grant program sponsored by the Arizona Diamondbacks and the University of Phoenix that challenges Arizona schools to “make their best pitch” for a chance to win a \$5,000 grant to put towards school improvement programs.

Chaparral will use their grant funds to purchase grade-level readers for fourth through sixth grade students to improve their reading comprehension. Congratulations, Chaparral, on your home run!

## WESD Hiring Teachers for 2021-2022 School Year

WESD continues to hire teachers for the 2021 – 2022 school year. If you or anyone you know is a current teacher, student teacher or college graduate interested in becoming a teacher, the WESD is hosting virtual interviews Feb. 16-18. Visit [WESDjobs](https://www.wesdschools.org/jobs) to sign up for an info session or interview.



## 2021-2022 Kindergarten Registration



Register your kindergarten student for the 2021 – 2022 school year! Our free, full-day program offers a developmentally appropriate, research-based curriculum that addresses reading, writing, math, science, social studies, physical education and art with time for fun! WESD provides a variety of opportunities to learn and practice essential social emotional and problem-solving skills. Our experienced and enthusiastic teachers encourage peer-to-peer relationships and collaboration while supporting each student’s unique needs and helping them to discover who they are as learners.

If you or someone you know has a child who will be five before Sept. 1, 2021 and you would like to learn more, virtual tours of all of our kindergarten programs are available at [wesdschools.org/Kindergarten](https://www.wesdschools.org/Kindergarten). WESD is currently enrolling kindergarten student for next year at [wesdschools.org/KinderRegistration](https://www.wesdschools.org/KinderRegistration).



## GREAT CHARITIES TO DONATE TO:

### ARIZONA HUMANE SOCIETY

<http://www.azhumane.org/get-involved/give-now/>

**CHILDHELP:** 2120 N. Central Ave. #130, Phoenix, AZ 85004

<https://www.childhelp.org/> 602- 271-4500.

**PHOENIX CENTER FOR THE ARTS** Love the arts? Want to help ensure that the programming we offer here at the center continues for generations to come? Please visit:

<https://phoenixcenterforthearts.org/support/>

**ANTHEM PETS** Animal Rescue: A Voice for the Voiceless!

<http://anthempets.org/> 480-287-3542.

**ARIZONA PAWS & CLAWS** [www.azpawsandclaws.com](http://www.azpawsandclaws.com)

**FETCH FOUNDATION:** please go to the following site: [www.fetchfoundation.com/Newsflash/the-fido-bag-program](http://www.fetchfoundation.com/Newsflash/the-fido-bag-program)

**M.A.I.N.** What We Do - M.A.I.N. - Medical Animals in Need, Dog Rescue in Phoenix. Kelly Ferreira 480-245-9203 President / Medical Animals In Need [www.medicalanimalsinneed.com](http://www.medicalanimalsinneed.com). Together we save lives!

**MINI MIGHTY MUTTS** for more information, contact Angie Crouse at 480-304-5654 or [info@minimightymutts.com](mailto:info@minimightymutts.com). Also check out our website at [www.minimightymutts.com](http://www.minimightymutts.com) Mini Mighty Mutts is a 501(c) 3 organization. We rescue the underdog!

**OPERATION CARE FOOD BANK** located in North Phoenix, a non-profit Christian organization committed to helping those in need with food and clothing. For additional information, please call 602-866-0135, or email [info@operationcarefoodbank.org](mailto:info@operationcarefoodbank.org).

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