

March 19, 2021

CITY EVENTS

UPCOMING CITY PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Human Relations Commission 6 p.m. Monday, March 22. Please click on <u>Notice of Public</u>
 Meeting for meeting information.
- Zoning Adjustment Hearing 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25. 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 <u>PHXTV</u>. For meeting participation information and options, please visit <u>City Council Meetings</u>.

Past City Council meetings are posted on <u>CityofPhoenixAz</u>.

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

STREET TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

This report covers work done from Jan. 30 through Feb. 28

Traffic Signal Updates

Street Transportation installed, upgraded or repaired the following traffic signals:

Deer Valley Road/Drive, 35th Ave. to 56th
 St. – 21 traffic signals were retimed for progression across all time-of-day plans.

This was a joint effort between the City of Phoenix and the Arizona Department of Transportation's traffic signal at I-17 and Deer Valley Road.

Street Right-of-Way Landscape Maintenance

Crews maintained the landscaped areas within the street right-of-way listed below. This work typically includes weed and trash removal and landscape pruning. This helps provide a safe environment for the public and enhances the image of the city's streets. For more information about the street right-of-way landscape maintenance program, visit ROWlandscape.

- 2. 35th Ave. and Cactus Road
- 3. 35th Ave. and Deer Valley Road
- 4. 43rd Ave. and Greenway Road
- 5. 19th Ave. and Deer Valley Road
- 6. 209 E. Deer Valley Road
- 7. 35th Ave. and Happy Valley Road

Roadway Repair Work

Street maintenance crews completed significant roadway repairs at the following location in District 1:

8. 4733 W. McRae Way

Drainage Construction

As part of routine maintenance, crews inspect for obstructions, clear vegetation and make repairs to keep flow lines open. Crews performed maintenance, construction or repair work at the following locations in District 1:

- 9. 41st and Bluefield Avenues
- 10. 31st Ave. and Deer Valley Road





CITY NEWS & EVENTS:

PHOENIX COVID-19 RESOURCES

Find information related to the COVID-19 pandemic on the <u>Resources</u> webpage. Residents with questions about city services and programs are encouraged to call 602-262-3111 or email <u>contactus@phoenix.gov</u>.

COVID-19 TESTING SERVICES

Community partners are holding COVID-19 testing sites on select dates. Please see below for upcoming events. For additional testing dates and locations, please visit <u>Phoenix Testing Blitz.</u>

Stationary Site:

Maryvale Park: District 5

4420 N. 51st Ave., Phoenix 85031

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays: 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Appointments recommended at: <u>vincerecancer.com</u> Offers PCR test with results within 24 hours.

Saturday, March 20

Mobile Van #1: Paradise Valley Park – District 2

17642 N. 40th St., Phoenix 85032

7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Register at: vincerecancer.com

Mobile Van #2: Desert Broom Library – District 2

29710 N. Cave Creek Road, Phoenix 85331

7 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Register at: premierlabsolutions.com/covid-19/phoenix





Saturday, March 20

Walk-Up/Drive-Thru Site: Steele Indian School Park – District 4

300 E. Indian School Road, Phoenix 85012

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Register at familytreehealthcare.com

Walk-Up/Drive-Thru Site: Falcon Park – District 4

3420 W. Roosevelt St., Phoenix 85009

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Register at familytreehealthcare.com

Walk-Up Site: Hermoso Park – District 8 2030 E. Southern Ave., Phoenix 85040

7 a.m. to noon. Register at equalityhealthfoundation.org/equality/

Walk-Up Site: St Augustine Catholic Church – District 5

3630 N. 71st Ave., Phoenix 85033

7 a.m. to noon. Register at equalityhealthfoundation.org/equality/

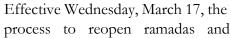




PARKS AND RECREATION

Park Amenities Now Open

The Phoenix City Council approved a plan during its Tuesday meeting to begin reopening the city's outdoor recreational amenities, as well as procedures to resume athletic field reservations and local tournaments this month, and open select city pools this summer. The Council also approved Easter weekend restrictions for parks citywide.





picnic tables, basketball and volleyball courts, fitness equipment and sports complexes began in all city parks. All other park amenities have been open since Oct. 8, 2020, following a Council vote one day earlier, and all city parks, hiking trails and golf courses have maintained normal hours of operation throughout the pandemic. Use of some city park amenities has been restricted intermittently since a Council decision on April 2, 2020.

Athletic field reservations and local tournaments at facilities managed by the city's Parks and Recreation Department will resume effective March 22. Reservations and tournaments at those facilities have been paused since Dec 3, 2020. Organizations and teams participating in activities on these fields will be required to follow various safety procedures; including having spectators, officials and coaches wear a mask or face covering; maintaining six feet between the field and spectators; and having an on-site contact to work with city staff.

The Parks and Recreation Department will open the following 12 city pools this summer: Cortez, Deer Valley, El Prado, Encanto, Falcon, Maryvale, Paradise Valley, Pecos, Perry, Starlight, Sunnyslope and University. Those pools will operate at a reduced capacity, have modified open swim and swimming lesson formats and staff will follow an enhanced cleaning protocol. Youth age 17 and younger will receive free admission for open swim at all pools through the city's Kool Kids program.

The pools will operate on the city's normal seasonal schedule and be open six days a week from May 29 to Aug. 1 (closed Fridays), and on Saturdays and Sundays only from Aug. 7 to Sept. 6.

Swim and dive teams, the water basketball league, and other aquatics activities and special events will not be offered this summer. Additional details about the 2021 pool season, and information regarding registration for swimming lessons, will be available later this month.

During the Easter holiday weekend (April 3 - 4), all city parks and amenities will remain open, but parking lots will be closed (those with an accessibility placard will be allowed access). Additionally, grilling and large gatherings will be prohibited. Historically during Easter weekend, thousands of visitors gather in city parks.

Being outdoors is important for health and wellness, and the Parks and Recreation Department encourages residents to get outside and exercise. Community members using the city's outdoor recreational amenities should continue to follow these guidelines.

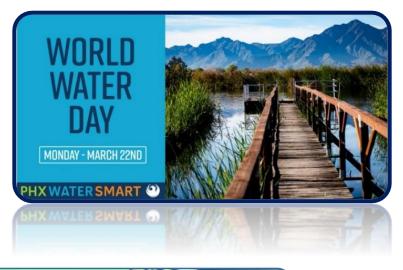
- Do not use public recreational amenities if you are exhibiting symptoms of illness.
- Wear a mask or face covering.
- Bring your own wipes and hand sanitizer.
- Keep a safe distance of six feet or more from others.

Detailed information about the city's outdoor recreational options and free virtual recreation and fitness programs is available at <u>Phoenix.gov/Parks</u>.

WATER SERVICES

Monday, March 22 is World Water Day and conserving water is a big part of living in a desert city. Read Water Service's Water Smart Brochure to learn more about how much effort and knowledge goes into providing Phoenix residents with a quality, reliable water source.

For additional information on water facts and resources click on the images below.





WHERE DOES PHOENIX WATER

COME FROM >



FIND & FIX LEAKS WITH THE SMART HOME WATER GUIDE >



BUDGET AND RESEARCH



On March 16 at the City Council Policy Session, the Budget and Research Department presented the 2021-22 Trial Budget and the 2021-26 Preliminary Capital Improvement Program to City Council and the community.

The proposed trial budget is an important step in the city's Zero-Based Budget development process. Community input is a valuable part of

the process in developing the final budget which will be presented at

the May 4 City Council meeting.

In April, the city of Phoenix will host several Virtual Community Budget Hearings online to gather feedback from the public. Registration for the hearings will open during the week of March 29 and exact details will be posted as they become available. To learn more about how to participate and to view additional community meeting times and dates, please visit <u>Virtual Budget Hearings</u>. The District 1 virtual hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 5.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Registration is now open for new online sessions of the Language Environment Analysis (LENA) Start program being offered by Phoenix Public Library. The LENA Start program is a 10-week workshop for parents/caregivers of babies between 0-33 months. Participants will use LENA Talk Pedometer technology along with LENA's Talking Tips to directly impact the growth in your baby's brain.



Workshops will be offered in both English and Spanish for parents and caregivers of young children. Classes are free but spaces are limited. To learn more, watch this video: What Families are Saying About LENA Start.

Registration

Online classes are for adults only and will meet once a week for 10 weeks. Registration is required and attendees are expected to attend all sessions.

- English Sessions will meet every Thursday from April 27 through June 29, 2021.
- Spanish Sessions will meet every Wednesday, from April 28 through June 30, 2021.

PUBLIC TRANSIT

NORTHWEST EXTENSION PHASE II CONSTRUCTION UPDATE Week of March 12



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. Monday, May 31, 2021. Click here for construction notice.
- **[UPDATE] Dunlap Avenue: 24th Avenue closure:** KMJV is performing underground utility relocation and roadway construction on 24th Avenue, just north of Dunlap Avenue. This work will require a closure at the location. In addition, left turns will not be available for eastbound traffic at Dunlap and 24th avenues. Traffic restrictions will be in place 24/7 through 5 p.m. Friday, April 30, 2021. Click here for construction notice.
- **[UPDATE] Dunlap Avenue: 22nd Avenue closure:** KMJV is performing underground utility relocation and roadway construction on 22nd Avenue, just north of Dunlap Avenue. This work will require a closure at the location. In addition, left turns will not be available for eastbound traffic at Dunlap and 22nd avenues. Traffic restrictions will be in place 24/7 through 5 p.m. Friday, April 30, 2021. Click here for construction notice.

25th Avenue

- [NEW] 25th Avenue between Dunlap Avenue and Mountain View Road: KMJV is reconstructing the Arizona Canal bridge on 25th Avenue between Dunlap Avenue and Mountain View Road during day and nighttime hours. North and southbound traffic lanes will be closed on 25th Avenue at the Arizona Canal Bridge. Traffic restrictions will be in place 24/7 from 7 a.m. Thursday, March 18 through 5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 25, 2021. Click here for construction notice.
- 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. Click here for construction notice.

Mountain View Road

• **[NEW] Mountain View Road between I-17 Frontage Road and 25th Avenue:** KMJV is installing a retaining wall on the north side of Mountain View Road between the I-17 frontage road and 25th Avenue during daytime hours. Traffic lanes will be located on the south side of Mountain View Road and restricted to one east- and one westbound lane. Traffic restrictions will be in place 24/7 through 7 a.m. Friday, June 18, 2021. Click here for construction notice.

Visit <u>valleymetro.org/northwest2</u> to view the latest updates and learn more about the project.

ADOT TENTATIVE FIVE-YEAR CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Public comment period begins March 19.



The Arizona Department of Transportation has released its tentative 2022-2026 Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program for public review and comment. The public comment period for the Tentative Five-Year Program ends at 5 p.m. on June 3, 2021. The Tentative 2022-2026 Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program can be found at <u>Tentative Five-Year Program</u>.

The State Transportation Board is expected to consider formal action at its June 18 board meeting about what will be in the updated Five-Year Program.

The public can provide comments on the tentative Five-Year Program in the following ways:

- Complete an online comment form at ADOTFiveYearPlan.
- Attend the virtual public hearings of the State Transportation Board at 9 a.m. on March 19, April 16, May 21 and June 3. Meeting information can be found at <u>aztransportationboard.gov</u>.
- Email: fiveyearconstructionprogram@azdot.gov
- Call the bilingual phone line at: 1-855-712-8530
- Mail ADOT at: Attn: Daina Mann, c/o ADOT Communications, 1655 W. Jackson St., Room 179, MD 126F, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

FREE TAX PREPARATION

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 are claimed and increase taxpayer education while promoting self-sufficiency. Save hundreds of dollars in paid preparer fees. First come, first serve.

Residents can book a <u>phone appointment</u> with VITA, and a certified IRS tax volunteer will assist in preparing and e-filing taxes! To learn more visit <u>Free Tax Prep</u>.



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Legislative

Government Relations staff attended the virtual National League of Cities (NLC) Congressional Cities Conference. Staff participated in various sessions as well as the NLC Transportation & Infrastructure Services Committee meeting. Staff also attended virtual meetings with members of the Arizona congressional delegation which included Senator Kelly, Senator Sinema and Congressman Grijalva.

Economic Development & Education

On March 20, Arts and Culture staff presented the first virtual grants orientation workshop to discuss updates to the Fiscal Year 2022 Community Arts Grants program and answer potential applicant's questions. The workshop was also held on March 13 and over two dozen organizations were represented in the two webinars.

Arts and Culture staff hired art conservators to refurbish approximately 30 sculptural vessels done as part of the 1992 Wall Cycle to Ocotillo public art project. The vessels sit along the bicycle trails on the neighborhood sides of the State Route 51 sound walls, from just south of McDowell Road to Bethany Home Road. Work has begun to renovate the two "Canal Jars," on the Grand Canal, south of Osborn Road. Finally, refurbishment of the Mesquite Library's artist-designed terrazzo floor in the courtyard is underway with completion expected in the next two weeks.

Aviation staff will add new flight routes on March 22. Frontier Airlines will add flights to Orlando. Southwest Airlines will add flights to Colorado Springs occurring twice a day and flights to Cancun once daily.

Communications staff is assisting the Equal Opportunity Department/Phoenix Women's Commission to promote a free virtual event taking place noon - 1 p.m. on March 23. Attendees will be able to learn ways to exercise their mental health and increase positivity. The event, "Managing Stress and Anxiety - Mental Health and Coping in the COVID-19 Pandemic", will include an engaging discussion centered around increasing healthy minds and bodies.

Public Safety

On March 24, Fire staff in collaboration with Hospice of the Valley will present a virtual session on Dementia Education for first responders. Fire staff has continued to collaborate with Hospice of the Valley to address the vulnerable population of our community pertaining to dementia. This session will be offered to all public safety community partners, including Fire, Police and EMS members.

Neighborhoods and Livability

On March 9, Office of Environmental Programs, Community and Economic Development and Public Works staff spoke at the American Public Works Association Jam Session and presented the topic "Don't Waste A Good Resource." The virtual presentation covered the City's existing and planned initiatives regarding food waste diversion. More than 100 participants nationwide tuned into the session.

During the week of March 1, Parks and Recreation staff continued construction on the new Cesar Chavez Community Center. This week, block work, electrical panel energization, pulling wire, light pole installation, and electrical inspections were completed. The new community center is slated to open in fall 2021.

During the week of March 1, Parks and Recreation staff had 20 applicants complete the lifeguard interview process consisting of a panel interview and water skills test at David C. Uribe pool. Approximately 28 potential hires participated in StarGuard certification courses at Cortez and Paradise Valley pools.

Social Services Delivery

On March 10, Housing staff held their eighth senior tablet distribution day at Henson Village Senior Living. Ninety-two tablets were distributed along with masks and hand sanitizer. To date, 619 tablets have been distributed to senior public housing residents.

On March 11, Housing staff in partnership with the University of Arizona Prevention unit administered COVID-19 vaccines at Pine Tower Apartments on March 11. Sixty-nine individuals received their first dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. This event helped to eliminate barriers such as transportation or digital literacy knowledge by simplifying the registration process and offering the vaccine onsite.

From March 17 - 23, a community pop-up vaccination site for residents 55 and older who reside in the South-Central Phoenix area will be held at Harmon Park. This event is in collaboration with Maricopa County Public Health, Phoenix Revitalization Corporation, the University of Arizona and several City of Phoenix departments. Housing staff are assisting eligible residents through registration and providing onsite support during the event.

During the week of March 8, Human Services staff conducted 2,105 wellness checks and delivered 2,795 meals for senior center members.

On March 8, the Internal Revenue Service reported the City of Phoenix's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program electronically filed 281 tax returns for a total refund amount of \$402,499. A total of 10 families were assisted during the week of March 8.

This week, the Library College Deport staff hosted 37 individuals through several virtual events and programs. Additionally, staff assisted 48 individuals with one-on-one college planning and re-engagement appointments via phone or video conferencing.

Last week, in partnership with St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance, Library staff served 623 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 260,000 customers with approximately 2,406,000 physical library materials circulated by library cardholders.

Water Services and Library staff are collaborating to host two virtual water conservation workshops. Staff held the first workshop, "Find and Fix Leaks" on March 18. On April 8, staff will host the "Water 101" workshop. Over 50 people registered for the March workshop.

Infrastructure

Public Transit staff met with Charles Small, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs for United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), to discuss the current and upcoming projects Phoenix is undertaking. Staff from the City Manager's Office, Public Transit, Street Transportation and Government Relations were in attendance. Staff discussed Phoenix's ongoing growth, voter approval, progress of the T2050 plan, the expansion of light rail in the region, the planned expansion of bus service and transit amenities, and areas of focus for current and future projects. Public Transit staff hope to continue an ongoing dialogue with USDOT staff regarding future grant opportunities for additional projects the city has planned.

Street Transportation staff will complete a roadway widening along Happy Valley Road between 67th and 35th avenues with three lanes in each direction, buffered bike lanes, landscape medians and intermittent curb, gutter and sidewalk. The improvements also include roadway widening, installation of ADA compliant sidewalks and ramps, scenic trails, raised medians, new bus bays, pads and stops, drainage improvements, new street lighting wherever there are existing gaps along the corridor, upgrades traffic signals, landscaping improvements, mill and overlay, new stripping and signs. The project will go through a qualification-based selection process for design and will be advertised in late March. Information can be found at streets/projects/happyvalley.

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

Reduce Your Taxes and Support GUHSD Students with a Tax Credit Contribution

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. Donations will also go toward supporting GUHSD students, extracurricular programs, community school meal programs and much more. Remember – the deadline to submit your contribution is April 15. For more information and to donate online, visit guhsdaz.org/.

To learn more GUHSD news, visit @GUHSDAZ.



WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

2021-2022 Kindergarten Registration



Register your kindergarten student for the 2021 – 2022 school year! The 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. The 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 leaners.

If you or someone you know has a child who will be five before September 1, 2021 and you would like to learn more, virtual tours of all kindergarten programs are available at <u>WESD Kindergarten</u>. WESD is currently enrolling kindergarten students for next year at <u>WESD KinderRegistration</u>.

DEER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Big Kid Book Club - It's free!

Sign up now and start receiving free books today! DVUSD.org/BookClub.

For Kindergarten information please visit DVUSD.org/Kindergarten.





GREAT CHARITIES TO DONATE TO:

ARIZONA HUMANE SOCIETY

azhumane.org/get-involved/give-now/

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

childhelp.org/ or call 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: phoenixcenterforthearts.org/support/

ANTHEM PETS Animal Rescue: A Voice for the Voiceless! anthempets.org/ or 480-287-3542.

ARIZONA PAWS & CLAWS: azpawsandclaws.com

FETCH FOUNDATION: please visit 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. Medical Animals In Need www.medicalanimalsinneed.com. Kelly Ferreira 480-245-9203 President. Together we save lives!

MINI MIGHTY MUTTS for more information, contact Angie Crouse at 480-304-5654 or info@minimightymutts.com. Also check out our website at 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.

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