



April 2, 2021

CITY EVENTS

UPCOMING CITY PUBLIC MEETINGS

- **Transportation, Infrastructure and Innovation Subcommittee Meeting** – 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 7. Please click on [City Council Meetings](#) for meeting information.
- **City Council Formal Meeting** – 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 7. Please click on [City Council Meetings](#) for meeting information.
- **Zoning Adjustment Hearing** – 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8. Please click on the [Notice of Public Meeting](#) link for meeting information.
- **Deer Valley Village Planning Committee Meeting** – 6 p.m. Thursday April 8. Please click on the [Notice of Public Meeting](#) for meeting information.
- **North Gateway Village Planning Committee Meeting** – 6 p.m. Thursday, April 8. Please click on the [Notice of Public Meeting](#) for meeting information.

City Council meetings are live on Cox Cable Channel 11 and streamed live on [PHXTV](#).
For meeting participation information and options, please visit [City Council Meetings](#).
Past City Council meetings are posted on [CityofPhoenixAz](#).

Beginning April 1, the City of Phoenix will be lighting City Hall teal all month long to raise awareness for Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Everyone has a role to play in ending sexual assault, harassment and abuse. Take the time to learn more and support your community members.



COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 NEWS AND INITIATIVES

DISTRICT 1 VIRTUAL COMMUNITY BUDGET HEARING

Location: Call-in, register to speak or submit comments by clicking [here](#). Scroll down to listed district and community meetings.

When: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 5.

Senior Community Meeting:

Hosted by Vice Mayor Williams.

When: 8:30 a.m. Friday, April 9.



Phoenix City Manager Ed Zuercher presented his [2021-22 Trial Budget](#) to the Mayor and City Council for community review on March 16. The community will have the opportunity to provide input on the budget during 14 virtual community budget hearings, including two in Spanish, April 2 – 20, 2021. Input may also be provided through the city's FundPHX interactive tool, available at [Phoenix.gov/Budget](https://phoenix.gov/Budget).

This year, the General Fund budget is balanced, with a projected budget surplus of \$153 million, made up of \$98 million in one-time funds and \$55 million in ongoing funding. This surplus was possible, during a pandemic, due to sound leadership by our Mayor and Council, as well as the city's strategic use of data to direct our efforts. In the Trial Budget, surplus funding will be allocated to address important needs raised by the Council and the community across six areas:

- Public Safety Reform and Responsiveness: \$15,000,000 in funding to add 130 positions to expand a successful civilian program in the Phoenix Fire Department, the Community Advocacy Program, to provide comprehensive services for mental and behavioral health calls for service.
- COVID Response and Resiliency: Continue to provide Wi-Fi access and continue the Emergency Food Assistance Program to achieve the goals of the Council-approved Phoenix Food Action Plan.
- Climate Change and Heat Readiness: Create a new Office of Heat Response and Mitigation to coordinate efforts citywide to become the first "heat ready" city in the nation and meet the goals of the Tree & Shade Master Plan, including doubling the shade canopy by 2030.
- Affordable Housing and Homelessness: Funding to accomplish goals of the Council-adopted Affordable Housing Strategy to increase and improve the number of affordable housing units in Phoenix, and support people experiencing homelessness and impacted neighborhoods.
- Building Community and Responding to Growth: Add positions to support the growing needs at the new Cesar Chavez Community Center, and to properly care for new amenities at Margaret T. Hance Park and Deem Hills Recreation Area, and support Arts & Culture programs and Historic Preservation.
- Administrative Accountability: Establish the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion to ensure Phoenix is a place to live and work that is free from discrimination and represents all residents.

Residents may share their thoughts on the city's budget by emailing budget.research@phoenix.gov, calling 602-262-4800, or on social media by using [#PhoenixBudget](#).

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 email contactus@phoenix.gov or call 602-262-3111.

COVID-19 TESTING SERVICES

Community partners are holding COVID-19 testing sites on select dates. Please see below for upcoming events. For additional information on walk-up testing locations and other available dates, please visit [Phoenix Testing Blitz](#).

Stationary Site: Maryvale Park - District 5
4420 N. 51st Ave., Phoenix 85031
Mondays and Fridays from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
(effective April 10, Friday testing changes to Saturday)
Appointments recommended at vincerecancer.com.
Offers PCR test with results within 24 hours.



Saturday, April 3
Mobile Van #2: Epworth United Methodist Church
4802 N. 59th Ave., Phoenix 85033
7 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Register at premierlabsolutions.com/covid-19/phoenix



Tuesday, April 6
Mobile Van #1. Cortez Park
3434 W. Dunlap Ave., Phoenix 85051
1 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Register at vincerecancer.com



HUMAN SERVICES

The Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) program is now taking online applications for rental assistance through Wildfire’s ERA Program application portal.

Residents can visit wildfireaz.org/phxera/ to begin the online application in English or Spanish. After entering their Phoenix zip code, residents will answer questions to ensure eligibility of assistance and then proceed to complete the program application. Landlords may apply on behalf of renters with their permission.



WATER SERVICES

City of Phoenix Selects Troy Hayes as New Director of Phoenix Water Services

Phoenix City Manager Ed Zuercher announced Troy Hayes, P.E. as the new Director for the city of Phoenix Water Services Department, effective April 5, 2021.



Hayes has been with the city of Phoenix for over 20 years, serving in a broad range of roles and responsibilities. These include water treatment program manager, water quality manager, deputy water services director, and most recently, as assistant water services director since 2014. Before joining the city, he worked in the private sector for six years. Hayes' career demonstrates an in-depth knowledge of the city's water and wastewater utilities' operations and capital programs.

"Troy's leadership experience combined with his dedication to water reflects our core values of serving customers, employees and communities while protecting public health and providing one of our most valuable resources," said Zuercher.

Hayes has led the city's award-winning Water Division to recognitions such as AZ Water Association's Large System of the Year for the Phoenix Distribution system in 2020 and 2021 and Water System Project of the Year for the Highline Booster Pump Station project, to name a few.

"Providing the essential service of safe, clean and reliable water service to our residents, business owners, and communities is vital," said Vice Mayor Thelda Williams, chair, Transportation, Infrastructure and Innovation Subcommittee. "Troy has the experience and leadership skills necessary to lead Phoenix through its critical water needs."

"I'm grateful for the opportunity to lead the department of over 1,400 employees who never stop working hard to provide our essential lifeline--water," said Hayes. "I grew up in Phoenix and have spent my entire life dedicated to water. It's an honor to continue the great work of this department as Director."

Hayes is a second-generation Phoenix Water Services employee and loved spending time with his late father at the water treatment plants when he was a boy. Hayes is a registered engineer in Arizona and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering from the University of Arizona and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Phoenix.



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PHOENIX SKY HARBOR

International Airport Update – April 2021

Passenger Traffic

February statistics are now available for Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport and show a 52.6 percent decrease in total passengers compared to February 2020. More than 1.79 million passengers traveled through Phoenix Sky Harbor in February 2021 compared to more than 3.77 million in February 2020.

Official March numbers will not be available for a few weeks, but Sky Harbor’s passenger counts appeared to be a little higher in March 2021 compared to Spring 2020.



Route Updates

Alaska Airlines has extended its service between Anchorage and Phoenix to year-round. American began its nonstop flight to Culiacan in northwestern Mexico on March 4. Starting May 6, American Airlines will increase its service to Maui from once to twice daily from Phoenix. It has also returned to serving Honolulu seven days a week and will increase service from once to twice daily starting June 3. American Airlines will also resume its nonstop service to Rapid City, SD starting June 3.

Hawaiian Airlines will start seasonal service from Phoenix to Maui. Hawaiian’s four-times-weekly flights – the only daytime service connecting Phoenix and Kahului – will be offered May 21 through Aug. 15. The flight from Phoenix to Kahului will depart on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

On March 11, Southwest began its Phoenix to Colorado Springs route as well as launched international service to Cancun. The Cancun service marks Southwest’s third international destination from Phoenix.

COVID-19 Related Work

Federal Mask Mandate

The Federal mask mandate remains in effect for U.S. Airports. This covers all terminals at Sky Harbor, the Rental Car Center, the PHX Sky Train, Airport buses and commercial aircraft. Numerous signs are posted reminding passengers and employees of the mandate, and audio announcements by the Mayor and City Council are heard every five minutes in the terminals.

ACI Check and Fly App Useful for Travel

Early in the pandemic, the aviation industry realized the need to communicate health and safety requirements and information about COVID-19 from a one-source, standardized place. Last year, under the leadership of the Airports Council International (ACI) World IT Standing Committee’s ACRIS (Airport Community Recommend Information Services) Group, ACI, multiple airports and World

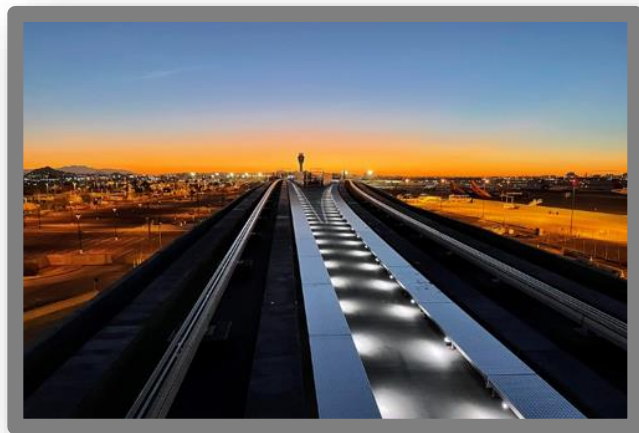
Business Partners worked together to create the Check & Fly app, which would serve as a resource to help passengers get COVID-19 related health and safety measures at arriving and departing airports.

The app was originally only available for iOS operating systems, meaning that it was only available to Apple users. Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport's Technology team saw the need for ensuring that Android users had access to this critical information, and therefore, developed an Android version of the app. This version was recently released by ACI World to the Google Play Store. The app is free and provides users with comprehensive information about what they can expect when they travel through a particular airport. The app can be downloaded from the [Apple app store](#) or [Google Play](#) store. [Learn more.](#)

Updates on Major Airport Construction Projects

PHX Sky Train® Stage 2 Project

Final work continues in the 24th Street Station including signage installation, replacement of ceiling panels in the levels 1 and 2 lobbies and finishing work on the terrazzo flooring. Expansion of the train system continues along the new guideway structure between Terminal 3 and the Rental Car Center. Work includes installation of walkway and platform lighting. Work on elevator and escalator items are continuing through the end of March. Stage 2 of the PHX Sky Train® project will be complete and open to the public in 2022.



Terminal 4 Eighth Concourse



Terminal 4 Eighth Concourse construction work continues. Building work is ongoing with interior framing and exterior glazing. Interior work will consist of drywall installation, shaft wall framing, hearing loop installation and overhead and in-wall utilities. Concourse permanent power is anticipated to complete by early May 2021.

Interior building work continues with framing at passenger boarding bridge locations, soffits and interior walls. Temporary construction walls have now been installed at Checkpoint D and in the main terminal where Starbucks used to be. Baggage handling work continues throughout the terminal at multiple locations. This project will be complete and open to the public in 2022.

PUBLIC TRANSIT

NORTHWEST EXTENSION PHASE II CONSTRUCTION UPDATE Week of March 22



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

Dunlap Avenue:

- **[UPDATE] 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. Saturday, June 12, 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 7 a.m. Saturday, June 12, 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. Saturday, June 12, 2021. Click [here](#) for construction notice.

25th Avenue:

- **[UPDATE] 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 through 7:00 a.m. Saturday, July 31, 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:

- **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.

PHOENIX LIBRARY

Sign Up for Online Teen Volunteer Opportunities

Phoenix Public Library is offering a virtual volunteer program this summer on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 4-5 pm. Teens between the ages of 12-17 can participate and gain volunteer hours. The focus will be to develop teen programs and services. Teens can join one or all the meetings to hang out with other teens, discuss program and service ideas.



Interested teens will help Phoenix Public Library in creating the next online event, crafty video, book recommendations or other fun activities while gaining new skills and experience. Registration begins on April 1; go to phoenixpubliclibrary.org for more details and to [sign-up](#).

PARKS AND RECREATION

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ADVANCE APPOINTMENTS are encouraged to help maintain social distancing.

When: 2-6 p.m. Friday, April 9
Where: Bus at Paseo Highlands Park
3435 W Pinnacle Peak Rd.

Contact Janet at jpearson@vitalant.org or visit BloodHero.com (Sponsor Code: goelet).

PARKS AND RECREATION

Easter Weekend Restrictions in Parks

As the Easter holiday weekend approaches, the Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department reminds residents that temporary restrictions will be in place at city parks on Saturday and Sunday, April 3 - 4.

While all city parks and park amenities will remain open those two days, the following restrictions will be in place:



- Parking lots will be closed. Those with an accessibility parking placard will be allowed access. At parks with multiple parking lots, one lot will be designated for accessibility.
- Grilling will be prohibited. This includes grilling in the city's desert parks and preserve land.

Additionally, the parking lot near Hole in the Rock in Papago Park, that is accessed off Galvin Parkway, will be closed. Hole in the Rock, trails and all other amenities in Papago Park will be open. Parking at all other city trailheads will not be affected.

Dog park users should also be aware that while dog parks will be open, parking lots associated with them also will be closed.

Phoenix Park Rangers and other city staff will work as ambassadors at parks citywide during the holiday weekend to educate residents about these restrictions. Park users can expect to find parking lot gates locked and ungated lots barricaded. The restrictions will go into effect after parks close on Friday, April 2.

Traditionally, the Saturday and Sunday of the Easter holiday weekend are the busiest two days of activity annually in City of Phoenix parks, as families and large groups gather to celebrate. These temporary restrictions are intended to limit the possibility of large group gatherings this weekend.

Being outdoors is important for health and wellness, and the Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department encourages residents to get outside and exercise, and to use city parks this Saturday and Sunday the same way they would during a typical spring weekend.

It is recommended that community members using the city's outdoor recreational amenities follow these guidelines:

- Do not use public recreational amenities if you are exhibiting symptoms of illness.
- Wearing a mask or face covering is recommended.
- 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 [Phoenix.gov/Parks](https://www.phoenix.gov/Parks).

PHOENIX CENTER FOR THE ARTS

VIRTUAL Summer Arts Camp is open for registration! Click on the picture to find more information on the sessions and to register.



PHOENIX SMALL BUSINESS



The [Phoenix.gov/Small Business Toolbox](https://www.phoenix.gov/Small-Business-Toolbox) website provides answers to business challenges while lending support to small businesses and fledgling entrepreneurs.

The Phoenix Small Business Toolbox provides access to everything in one place to start, manage or grow a business.

Connect online or by calling TeamPHX at 602-262-5040 or email TeamPHX@Phoenix.gov.

FREE TAX PREPARATION

Tax filing day for individuals has been extended to May 17.

Although the deadline for filing taxes has been extended, residents have a number of options to get free tax preparation assistance, or use free software, to complete their taxes now. To learn more about each of the three ways to file taxes, please click on the images of your choice.



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



2. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance



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



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

On March 25, the Parks and Recreation Board unanimously voted to implement a smoke-free parks policy. The policy will prohibit smoking on all City park property, including sidewalks/pathways, parking lots and areas outside of community centers. Exceptions to the policy will include allowing designated smoking areas at special events, special event venues, spring training facilities and continuing to allow smoking at city golf courses provided the rules to be 20 feet from buildings or doorways are followed. The new policy will be included in the department's code of conduct. Staff will provide the Land Use and Livability Subcommittee an update at the April subcommittee meeting.

Legislative

Government Relations assisted Youth and Education staff with their grant application to the Arizona Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism for AmeriCorps Program funding through the Corporation for National and Community Service. Youth and Education is requesting \$975,000 in funding over three years and intends to seek funding to operate an AmeriCorps Program for the start of the 2021-2022 school year. Grant funds will place 68 AmeriCorps members per year in various educational programs citywide. The application deadline was March 26.

Economic Development and Education

Arts and Culture Community Arts Grants Program applications for the fiscal years 2021 and 2022 closed on April 1. Funding opportunities include the General Support and Project Support programs. Staff continues to hold one-on-one appointments with prospective applicants. Guidelines and application questions are available website at phoenix.gov/arts/grants-program.

On March 26, Arts and Culture and Water Services staff worked with Arizona artist Bobby Zokaites and landscape architects to film a ribbon cutting video for the new Well Site 84/88 project entitled “A Time Machine Called Tinaja” at 73rd Avenue and Crittenden Lane. The project is part of a series of projects that combine public art and landscaping to enhance the security and appearance of inactive City well sites. Zokaites, a sculptor, worked with landscape architects at Dig Studios to reduce the urban heat island impact and enhance the security and appearance of this Community Well Site in Maryvale. The project turned a large vacant lot surrounded by chain link fence into a community space with walking paths, sculpture, fencing, lighting and landscaping.

Between March 17 – 25, Aviation staff distributed 9,185 FEMA masks to the traveling public.

Communications staff received 1,113 public records requests in March. This is the most requests received in a single month since the public records request program began in 2017, and the second consecutive month with over one-thousand requests.

Aviation staff found contracted taxi services had a 24.1 percent increase in trips this week compared to the previous week. Through March, taxis are averaging over 625 trips per day, which is a 9.4 percent decrease compared to the same timeframe in March of 2020.

Aviation staff have added new domestic routes for Hawaiian Airlines to Maui for non-stop flights beginning May 21 to August 15.

The Convention Center had one notable booking, 2024 AZ Rock N Roll Marathon Health and Wellness Expo. The summit is scheduled for Jan. 2024 and estimates having 16,000 attendees, equating to 6,120 total room nights.

Downtown Phoenix Inc. (DPI) has launched an interactive map showing the locations of new 15-minute takeout meters throughout Downtown. DPI worked in partnership with Community and Economic Development and Street Transportation staff to allow for these new short-term parking meters near restaurants and shops. These meters allow for delivery drivers and the general public to make quick pick-ups and drop-offs.

On March 18, Community and Economic Development and Neighborhood Services staff hosted an informational webinar for the 24th Street and Broadway Road Development Opportunity Request for Information (RFI). The webinar was made available for the development community and general public to attend. Thirty-three individuals representing 26 organizations had registered. The goal of the webinar was to provide a high-level summary of the RFI and answer any questions that the public might have about the site, which is controlled by the Neighborhood Services Department. Neighborhood Services staff helped answer additional site-specific questions. The current timeline for the RFI remains as follows: answers issued by April 1 and responses due by April 15.

Neighborhoods and Livability

On March 25, Neighborhood Services CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Public Service Request for Proposal (RFP) process closed. A total of 42 proposal submissions were received: thirty for Low-Income Youth Services, 8 for Support Services for Seniors, and 4 for Support Services for Person with Disabilities. The next step in the RFP process is to conduct an eligibility review of all proposal submissions.

Parks and Recreation staff continue recruiting efforts for the aquatics section. During the week of March 22, 15 individuals participated in the StarGuard lifeguard certification classes at Cortez and Paradise Valley pools. Additionally, nine participants attended the Starfish Swimming Instructor course held at David C. Uribe Pool. Parks and Recreation staff are currently making job offers to previous employees for the positions of lifeguards, swim lesson instructors and cashiers.

Social Services Delivery

To date, housing staff have distributed 695 tablets and face masks to senior public housing households as well as 1,390 bottles of hand sanitizer.

On March 25 and March 30, Housing staff in partnership with University of Arizona Mobile Prevention unit administered the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccines. Approximately 69 individuals received their second dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. These events aid in the fight against COVID-19 and create herd immunity in the community, especially those in vulnerable groups such as the elderly and people with weakened immune systems.

During the week of March 22, Human Services staff conducted 1,945 wellness checks and delivered 2,730 meals for senior center members.

As schools begin to re-open for in-person learning, Human Services' Head Start enrollment is shifting to accommodate in-person learning. Last week, there were 20 in-person students and this week 454 in-person students have attended Head Start programs at four different school districts.

On March 22, the IRS reported the City of Phoenix's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program electronically filed 582 tax returns for a total refund amount of \$725,015. A total of 65 families have been assisted during the week of March 29.

This week, the Library College Depot staff hosted 38 individuals through several virtual events and programs. Additionally, staff assisted 58 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 621 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 270,000 customers, with approximately 2,458,000 physical library materials circulated by library cardholders. Library staff assisted 1,087 customers over the phone as well as 1,898 customers who submitted an online form, with various inquiries related to library card registration, customer accounts, online databases, research and resources.

NEWS & EVENTS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT: **WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

WESD Hiring Special Education Teachers

The Washington Elementary School District is hiring special education teachers for the 2021-2022 school year! If you are looking for a rewarding teaching career, look no further! The WESD is an award-winning district that offers great benefits, opportunities for advancement, weekly professional development, ongoing mentorship and we want you! Your new career is waiting in the WESD! Apply online today at jobs.wesdschools.org!



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 learners.

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 [WESD Kindergarten](https://www.wesdschools.org/Kindergarten). WESD is currently enrolling kindergarten students for next year at [WESD KinderRegistration](https://www.wesdschools.org/KindergartenRegistration).

Head Start Enrolling for 2021- 2022

WESD Head Start Program is now enrolling for the 2021- 2022 school year! The Head Start Program is a multicultural early childhood education program designed to meet each child's individual needs. Students must be 3 or 4 years-old before September 1, 2021, to participate. Qualified students attend at no cost. To learn more about this program, visit [wesdschools.org/HeadStart](https://www.wesdschools.org/HeadStart) or call 602-347-4806.



DEER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Congratulations to DVUSD's Newest National Board-Certified Teachers!

The Deer Valley Unified School District's Governing Board recognized two extraordinary DVUSD teachers who have gone above and beyond to help bring the best education to their students by recently completing the National Board Certification process.

National Board Certification is an advanced teaching credential. This rigorous, peer-reviewed process ensures that Board-Certified teachers have proven skills to impact learning and advance student achievement. Board-Certified teachers are invaluable to Deer Valley as mentors to their colleagues and for their ability to provide guiding input for curricular decisions.

Legend Springs Elementary Teacher Shawna Collins has been a teacher for 13 years, teaching kindergarten or first grade in DVUSD and has been at Legend Springs for the last five years.



When asked how being Nationally Board Certified will be beneficial to her students Shawna stated, "The National Board process has greatly impacted my teaching and how I plan activities to meet learning objectives and the needs of my students. Using knowledge about my students' interests and learning styles, along with a better understanding of what accomplished teachers should know and do, has helped me develop a more student-centered approach to learning. The reflection and analysis required through this process has helped me focus on best practices, individualization and collaboration with my students' families and my colleagues."

Sunset Ridge Teacher Stephen Wilding has been teaching for 20 years; all of them in Arizona and has been in DVUSD for the last 17 years, with the last 10 years at Sunset Ridge. Stephen shared that he wanted to get his NBCT certification because it represented a higher level of qualifications. He knew that it would challenge what he was doing and, more importantly, why he was doing it. He also knew that he would be evaluated by people who truly understand the teaching profession. When asked how being Nationally Board Certified will be beneficial to his students Stephen shared, "I feel, as a NBCT, I now have a greater understanding of what makes a great teacher. I am now able to better understand my students and their needs. I also have a better idea of what I want to accomplish with my students." Stephen also revealed that as a teacher who also earned a Master's Degree in Elementary Education and who has held certifications as a Reading Specialist and in Gifted Education, he would say that his time working through the NBCT process was the best professional development he has ever experienced.



GREAT CHARITIES TO DONATE TO:

ARIZONA HUMANE SOCIETY

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

childhelp.org/ or call 602- 271-4500.

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phoenixcenterforthearts.org/support/

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anthempets.org/ or 480-287-3542.

ARIZONA PAWS & CLAWS: azpawsandclaws.com

FETCH FOUNDATION: please visit fetchfoundation.com/Newsflash/the-fido-bag-program

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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.

Thelda is Tweeting! Follow her at [@TheldaWilliams1](https://twitter.com/TheldaWilliams1)



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