

August 7, 2020

CITY EVENTS

UPCOMING PUBLIC CITY MEETINGS

- Zoning Adjustment Hearing 9:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Thursday, August 13. Please click on the <u>Notice of Public Meeting</u> link for meeting participation information.
- North Gateway Village Planning Committee 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 13. Please click on the Notice of Public Meeting link for meeting participation information.

City Council meetings are live on Cox Cable Channel 11 and streamed live on https://www.phoenix.gov/phxtv and 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 to YouTube at http://www.youtube.com/cityofphoenixaz.

DISTRICT 1 EVENTS:

DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY MEETINGS

There will not be an August Community Breakfast Meeting. Please continue to check here for updates on future District 1 community events.

AUGUST 7 STATEMENT FROM COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS ON 2020 CENSUS

Get Counted!

The U.S. Census Bureau is reducing the self-response time by a month from Oct. 31 to Sept. 30. This includes collecting responses online, over the phone, by mail and door-knocking efforts. This also means we have less time to get counted.





In Phoenix, nearly 40% of residents, including portions of our district, will not be counted unless we act now. Census workers will begin door-to-door visits to households on or by Aug. 11. Please take the time to respond, don't delay, do it now.

You also can still respond online, by phone or by mail. Simply visit <u>iCount2020.info</u>; or call 1-844-330-2020 English, 1-844-468-2020 Spanish; or respond by mail. If you have any questions, call my office at 602-262-7444.

SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you for taking the time to provide your feedback in the survey that was included in the July 24 newsletter. More than 1,000 District 1 residents responded to the survey. Every zip code in our district generated a response. The responses didn't just come from a small section of our district or a select neighborhood, they came in from residents across the board from Northern Avenue to New River Road.



A few highlights from the District 1 residents that responded:

- 87.38% are very satisfied and satisfied with police services in Phoenix.
- When it comes to the relationship between Phoenix Police and the community, 89.91% of the respondents said it was excellent and good.
- 94.41% of those that responded said they would not hesitate to call the Phoenix Police Department for assistance.

This <u>dashboard</u> will take you to more survey highlights. The responses in the survey did not surprise me. The Phoenix Police Department has been recognized nationally as a leader in community-based policing and I am grateful for the outstanding men and women who work hard to serve and protect us.

CITY NEWS & EVENTS:

PHOENIX COVID-19 TESTING BLITZ: AUGUST 8



- Drive through testing
- Face covering required
- Bring your own pen
- Appointments necessary
- If you have insurance, please have card ready
- For more information and registration visit https://www.familytreehealthcare.com/

- Drive through testing
- No pre-registration or appointment needed
- Must have valid ID.
- Viral testing only
- Aug 8 from 6:00a.m.-1:00p.m.
- While supplies last.





- Drive-thru testing. No walk-ups accepted.
- Appointment is required. To register online go to equalityhealthfoundation.org/phx.
- Onsite registration is available
- Children as young as 2 years welcome
- Please wear a mask if possible. Free cloth face masks will be provided.
- Map available <u>here</u>.

To view additional no-cost testing locations click here.

PHOENIX HOMELESSNESS PLAN

Phoenix wants feedback on strategic plan for homelessness



The city of Phoenix is seeking feedback on the proposed Homelessness Strategies Plan (English) (Spanish) that focuses on service priorities and strategies for individuals experiencing homelessness and reducing impacts to surrounding communities and neighborhoods.

The city has scheduled four virtual public meetings, including one conducted in Spanish, in early August for the community to learn more about the plan and provide input. There is also a webpage that provides historical information on Phoenix's role in supporting other strategies to address homelessness, as well as a downloadable copy of the proposed strategic Plan.

We want to hear your feedback on the Plan as well as any ideas you may have for the city of Phoenix to consider. To register for an upcoming virtual meeting and to respond to a survey regarding this topic, visit phoenix.gov/HomelessHelp.

Schedule of virtual meetings:

- Tuesday, August 11, 2020, 5:30 p.m. Virtual Meeting, Event Link.
- Wednesday, August 12, 2020 (Hosted in Spanish), 5:30 p.m. Virtual Meeting, Event Link.
- Monday, August 17, 2020, 5:30 p.m. Virtual Meeting, Event Link.
- Wednesday, August 19, 2020, 12:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting, Event Link.

PHOENIX ARTS AND CULTURE

The City of Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture continues to host free online workshops for artists wanting to learn how to apply for and create City of Phoenix public art projects. Geared toward artists who have never done a city public art project, the sessions will offer step-by-step overviews of the application, contracting, design and fabrication processes.

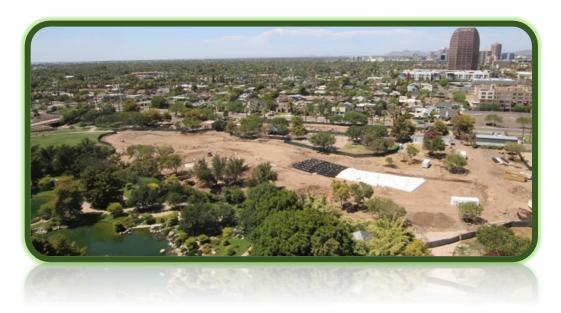
Each 50-minute online workshop includes a 20-minute presentation and 30 minutes for questions and answers. Public Art 101 is open to all on a first-come, first serve basis, but you must <u>register</u>.

- Thursday August 13, 2020: Contracts
- Thursday August 20, 2020: Design Phase
- Thursday August 20, 2020: Fabrication/Construction



All workshops are at 10:00 a.m. and the LIVE lessons will be recorded and posted permanently for continued viewing on the Office of Arts and Culture's website.

PHOENIX PARKS AND RECREATION



Now in its fifth month, construction on phase one of the Margaret T. Hance Park Revitalization Project has made considerable progress and continues to proceed on schedule. The latest issue of the Hance Park Newsletter provides a closer look at the "Fiesta Bowl Play at Hance Park" play area, an update about the work being done by construction crews and information about free FitPHX activities previously held in the park that are being offered virtually this summer. Additional information about the Hance Park Revitalization Project and instructions for how to subscribe to the e-version of the newsletter is available on the project website: Phoenix.gov/Parks/HanceRevitalization.

PHOENIX POLICE DEPARTMENT



At 4:00 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, the Review and Implementation Ad Hoc Committee will hold a virtual public meeting to present their recommendations.

The draft recommendations are available for public review and comment. You may watch the meeting online or via Cox on Phoenix Channel 11. You must register to speak prior to 3:00 p.m. Aug. 20.

To download the recommendations, register to speak at the virtual public meeting or submit comments, please visit: https://www.phoenix.gov/police/transparency

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Census

This week, Census staff learned the U.S. Census Bureau reduced the timeline for self-response by one month to Sept. 30. In response to the change, staff continued working with the consultant and regional partners to update outreach plans to ensure maximum exposure and diligent messaging toward encouraging the community to participate.

Canvassing efforts continue in full force. Since May 11, outreach to 71,411 households across 54 census tracts was recorded by Census staff, and Parks and Recreation staff recorded outreach to an additional 61,350 households.

Census staff connected the U.S. Census Bureau to Human Services staff to ensure appropriate locations had been identified to conduct the count of individuals experiencing homelessness in September. The count of individuals experiencing homelessness is scheduled to take place from Sept. 22 to 24.

Census staff continues to work with community organizations in processing funding requests from the Phoenix Census Community Grant. This week, an additional four grants were funded for a total of \$16,500 going into the community for census outreach.

Economic Development & Education

Recently, over 120 businesses in or adjacent to low income census tracts received small business assistance through grant funding to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Grant recipients include 103 restaurants, 18 small business concessionaires operating at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, and more than 600 businesses with 5 or fewer employees.

Library staff assisted 46 individuals with one-on-one college planning and re-engagement appointments via phone or video conferencing. To date, College Depot has celebrated 155 graduates from Career Online High School and there are 55 students currently enrolled in the program.

Since the end of May, the heat relief shelter located in the Convention Center's South building has been open 66 days and provided necessary services to approximately 170 people daily.

Neighborhoods and Livability

This summer, Arts and Culture staff opened registration for the new four-part "Public Art 101" digital classroom. This online series of workshops is for artists who have never applied for a City-funded public art project. Workshops will be held on Thursdays in August at 10:00 a.m. starting on August 6. The sessions will be recorded and posted as a resource on Office of Arts and Culture website.

On Aug. 23, Silent Sunday event will be held at South Mountain Park. On the fourth Sunday of each month, the main roadway is closed to motor vehicle traffic from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m., and the park's roadways are reserved for non-motorized activities such as walking, cycling, jogging, and hiking.

During the week of July 27, grading began for construction of the new parking lot by the Phoenix Zoo. The parking lot will add 608 new parking spaces and parking for the nearby 5K fitness trail, along with the opportunity to create a shared use area for future special events.

Recently, Phoenix golf courses have continued to be extremely busy. The rounds of golf for all Phoenix Golf courses are up compared to previous year by 70 percent and revenues are up 75 percent compared to previous year.

Social Services Delivery

To date, Housing staff has distributed 535 tablets to public housing residents. The remaining 265 tablets are scheduled for distribution by Aug. 31. The tablets connect residents to the internet for distance learning and telemedicine.

Public Safety

On July 31, a Police Recruit written exam was administered at the Police Regional Academy. Results were provided immediately following the exam and the 34 applicants that passed the written exam were invited to submit their AZPOST background packet. The next written exam is scheduled for Aug. 8 at the Police Regional Academy and 65 applicants have registered. The job recruitment remains open for applicants to register for written exams scheduled for Aug. 8, 17 and 28, as well as the ongoing online option.

Infrastructure

On Aug. 7, Chief Information Officer Matthew Arvay will be honored at The Arizona CIO of the Year ORBIE Awards during a virtual ceremony. After a rigorous application progress, the awards program honors technology leaders who are moving businesses forward in Arizona.

In July, Public Works staff completed a full LED upgrade in the Municipal Court Building, where more than 4,500 fixtures containing almost 10,000 lamps were replaced. A recent data snapshot of quarterly energy costs for the facility from the first quarters of 2018 through 2020 indicated energy savings of approximately \$30,000 compared to the same period of the previous five years. This indicates savings of more than 30-percent per quarter and approximately \$120,000 annually. This project was completed in less than five months and has a calculated return on investment of three and a half years.

On May 20, a request for proposals was issued to solicit and award a commodity contract for the purchase and installation of bus operator protective barriers for the City's transit bus fleet and buses operated by Valley Metro. An appointed evaluation committee conducted a technical and price evaluation and made an award recommendation on July 2 and a public notice of the award recommendation was posted on July 8 with no protests received. The recommendation is planned to go before the City Council on August 26.

On June 30, Street Transportation staff held their largest public virtual meeting to date, with more than 150 attendees, to share updated design concepts for 3rd Avenue from McDowell Road to Muhammad Ali Way and for 5th Avenue from McDowell to Thomas Road. The two design alternatives for which staff is seeking input are a roundabout at Encanto and a cycle track or multi-use path. A survey will be open until Aug. 14 at https://www.phoenix.gov/streets/3rdand5thavenuesnorth.



ADOT

HAPPY VALLEY ROAD AND ALL RAMPS AT I-17 AND HAPPY VALLEY ROAD CLOSED THIS WEEKEND

Drivers who use Interstate 17 in north Phoenix should be prepared to use alternate routes and allow extra travel time during this weekend's closure of the Happy Valley Road interchange, which will be followed by a two-month closure of the northbound I-17 on-ramp and southbound I-17 off-ramp at Happy Valley Road for construction of new ramps.

The Arizona Department of Transportation reminds motorists to use caution around construction personnel and equipment while the closures and restrictions are in place. For more information on the project traffic alerts visit

I-17 TI Reconstruction - Happy Valley and Pinnacle Peak

August 7 – 10 Weekend Closure of Happy Valley Road Interchange

Beginning at 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, until 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 10, the following closures will be in place to remove the roundabouts on Happy Valley Road, install temporary traffic signals at the interchange, pave temporary detours and set up traffic control for the next phase of project construction:

- Happy Valley Road closed between 23rd and 29th avenues.
- All I-17 interchange ramps closed at Happy Valley Road.
- I-17 southbound frontage road between Jomax and Happy Valley roads and the northbound frontage road between Happy Valley Road and Agave will be closed.
- DETOURS: Traffic can use the interchanges at Pinnacle Peak Road and Jomax Road for I-17 access, and Pinnacle Peak Road for east/west travel.

Beginning at 5 a.m., Monday, Aug. 10, east-and westbound Happy Valley Road will reopen to traffic. Temporary signals will be in place at the interchange to control all traffic movements.

• DETOUR: Traffic can use the Jomax Road interchange for I-17 access via 19th Avenue

Closures and restrictions through August 15 from Pinnacle Peak to Happy Valley roads

North-and southbound I-17 will have overnight lane restrictions from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. from Monday, August 10 - the morning of Saturday, Aug. 15.

- Northbound I-17 will be restricted to one lane overnight on Monday (Aug. 10) and restricted to two lanes on Tuesday (Aug. 11) through Friday (Aug. 14) night.
- Southbound I-17 will be restricted to two lanes overnight on Friday (Aug. 7) and Monday (Aug. 10) and restricted to one lane overnight Tuesday (Aug. 11) through Friday (Aug. 14) nights.

Jomax Rd

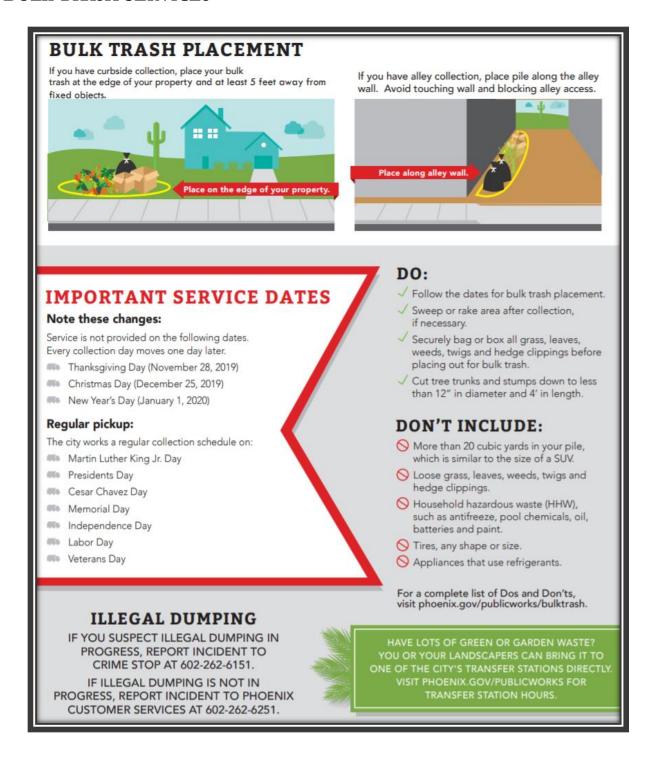
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DETOUR
TEMPORARY
TRAFFIC SIGNALS
LOCAL TRAFFIC
ONLY
Map not to scale

Happy Valley Rd

To read more about the closures or receive project updates and traffic alerts by email, visit <u>azdot.gov/I17TrafficInterchanges</u> or call 855-712-8530.

COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 NEWS AND INITIATIVES

BULK TRASH SERVICES



To find out more information on bulk trash services please go to <u>Bulk Trash</u>. To search for exact service dates for your residence, click <u>here</u>.

HELP HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS BY GIVING YOUR CHANGE TO SHELTERS

To end panhandling, we must stop giving directly to individuals that panhandle.

Phoenix is full of compassionate and charitable citizens. They want to help those in need. However, giving money to people panhandling doesn't fix problems. To truly help those in need, stop giving money to panhandlers and instead support organizations and services that provide long-lasting care. https://www.givesmartaz.org/





PHOENIX INTERACTIVE STREET CLOSURE & RESTRICTIONS MAP – UPDATED AUGUST 7.

To view a listing of current or planned street restrictions please visit this link: https://www.phoenix.gov/streets/street-closures.

For updated street closure alerts, follow the Phoenix Street Transportation Department on Twitter at <u>@StreetsPHX</u>.



NEWS & EVENTS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT:

DEER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS



Who Wants Free Books?

The Deer Valley Unified School District invites your child to join the **Big Kid Book Club!** Let us help your child cultivate a love for reading – and get ready for kindergarten. We will periodically send your child a free book in the mail along with helpful advice for parents of 3-5 year olds.

You do not need to live within the Deer Valley Unified School District to participate. All children ages 3-5, who are not yet enrolled in kindergarten, are eligible to join the Big Kid Book Club.

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



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WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS



Tumbleweed Elementary Receives Donation from Larry Fitzgerald Foundation

Tumbleweed Elementary was recently received a \$10,000 donation from the Larry Fitzgerald Foundation! One of the priorities of the Foundation's First Down Fund is to promote reading proficiency for K-12 youth as a cornerstone for success in school and life.

Thank you to the Larry Fitzgerald Foundation for encouraging reading and bringing books to Tumbleweed students!



Acacia Elementary Included in Phoenix Magazine's Best of the Valley Issue



Acacia Elementary is included in the August 2020 Best of the Valley issue of Phoenix Magazine! This special edition highlights innovations in education and features an article about the Arizona Educational Foundation and their commitment to recognizing A+ Schools of Excellence.

Acacia has been an A+ School of Excellence consecutively since 2010, earning the label, A+++. The award is based on bridging the gap between the school and community while maintaining and achieving high standards of achievement.

The social and emotional climate of the school is also reviewed in their rigorous process of judging. The WESD is proud of Acacia students, staff, parents, and community members who contribute to this prestigious honor.

To read more about the Arizona Educational Foundation and see Acacia listed as an A+ Schools of Excellence in this Best of the Valley edition, click www.phoenixmag.com/2020/07/28/innovations-in-education-2/.

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

FETCH FOUNDATION: please go to the following site: 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 Arizona Kelly Ferreira 480-245-9203 President / Medical Animals In Need www.medicalanimalsinneed.com 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 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 visit: info@operationcarefoodbank.org.



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