



**November 27, 2019**

## **CITY EVENTS**

### **UPCOMING PUBLIC CITY MEETINGS**

- City Council Transportation, Infrastructure and Innovation Subcommittee – 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, Phoenix City Hall, 200 W. Washington St. Assembly Room A, B, & C.
- City Council Formal Meeting – 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 4 City Council Chambers, 200 W. Jefferson St.
- Zoning Adjustment Hearing – 9:00 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, Phoenix City Hall, 200 W. Washington St., 10<sup>th</sup> floor

For more information on these and all other public City meetings visit:  
<https://www.phoenix.gov/cityclerk/publicmeetings/notices>.

City Council meetings are live on Cox Cable Channel 11 and streamed live on [www.phoenix.gov](http://www.phoenix.gov) and facebook.com/cityofphoenix. Past City Council meetings are posted to YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/cityofphoenixaz>.

## **DISTRICT 1 EVENTS:**

### **DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST**



**The next breakfast is Friday, Jan. 31, at the DoubleTree Hotel Phoenix North, 10220 N. Metro Pkwy E., Phoenix, AZ 85051.** Breakfast will be at 7:30 a.m. and the guest speaker will start 7:45 a.m.

- Last week Guest speaker Nick Stavros, President and CEO, Community Medical Services spoke on the 24 hour Methadone Clinic on **Northern and 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave** (a correction from the previously stated location), and their mission to treating the opioids crisis.

## **CITY NEWS & EVENTS:**

### **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

At this time of Thanksgiving celebration our thoughts turn gratefully to you with warm appreciation. Our best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving.



## **CITY OF PHOENIX THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY NOTICE**

City of Phoenix offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28, and Friday, Nov. 29, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Here's how city services are affected:

**Solid Waste:** Trash collection for Thursday, November 28, will be moved to Friday, November 29, and Friday's collection will be moved to Saturday, November 30. Please place your trash and recycling containers 4 feet apart at the curb by 5:30 a.m. on those days.

**Transfer Stations:** The 27th Avenue and North Gateway Transfer Stations will be closed.

**Transit:** Phoenix buses, Dial-a-Ride and Valley Metro light rail will operate on a Sunday schedule on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day. On Friday, Phoenix buses, Dial-a-Ride, and Valley Metro light rail will operate on a regular weekday schedule. Express and RAPID routes will not operate Thursday or Friday. Customer Service is closed Thursday, but will be open Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit [valleymetro.org](http://valleymetro.org) for more information.

**Library:** All Phoenix Public Library locations will be closed.

**Parking Meters:** All [parking meters](#) are enforced 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, including weekends and holidays. <https://www.phoenix.gov/streets/parking-meters>



## PHOENIX SUNS MASH EVENTS

The Phoenix Suns awarded the Maricopa County Sheriff Office Animal Safe Haven Unit with a \$500,000 grant as a part of the team's \$10 million commitment to the City of Phoenix nonprofits and programs. Phoenix Suns President and CEO Jason Rowley presented the grant to Maricopa County Sheriff Paul Penzone and Phoenix Councilwoman Thelda Williams, District 1 at MASH's facility in Downtown Phoenix on Tuesday, Nov. 26. Councilwoman Williams stated, "The animals that come in to the MASH Unit are here because they were seized or are part of an investigation; they truly are the most vulnerable among us. I'm grateful for Robert Sarver and the Phoenix Suns, for their commitment to our community; and for Sheriff Penzone's commitment to the care and rehabilitation of these animals.



## PHOENIX SISTER CITIES ACTIVITIES UPDATE

### Events and Activities

Disability Awareness Committee's Holiday Bear and Book Fundraiser – Phoenix Sister Cities Disability Awareness Committee is currently accepting donations for their annual Holiday Bear and Book Fundraiser.

In partnership with Friends of Phoenix Public Library, the Committee provides a teddy bear and book to each child with a disability at Gompers Habilitation Clinic and each pediatric cancer patient at Phoenix Children's Hospital. Additional information may be found and online donations are accepted at <https://www.phoenixsistercities.org/disability-awareness-committee/#bear-book-fundraiser>.



Coro Infantil de Hermosillo/Hermosillo Children's Choir Concert – Phoenix Sister Cities Hermosillo City Committee hosts the Coro Infantil de Hermosillo/Hermosillo Children's Choir for a free concert at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at the Kroc Community Center Theater, located at 1375 E. Broadway Rd. Seating is limited. The Coro infantil de Hermosillo will perform selections in both Spanish and English, including a song created in honor of our sister city relationship with Hermosillo. "Sing That Song with Me" may be viewed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L-kboxBV55U>.

### Upcoming Events in Early 2020

January 10, 2020 – Deadline for application to the Youth Ambassador Exchange Program

January 25, 2020 – Phoenix Sister Cities Catania Committee II Giro de Phoenix

February 1, 2020 – Great Canadian Picnic

February 13, 2020 – Phoenix Sister Cities Calgary Committee Hosts the Canadian Fiddlers

February 21, 2020 – Deadline for applications for the Teach Abroad Program

February 22 -23, 2020 – Matsuri

## 33<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL APS ELECTRIC LIGHT PARADE

The City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department is proud to present the **33<sup>rd</sup> Annual APS Electric Light Parade.**

The APS Electric Light Parade, presented by the Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department, takes to the streets of central Phoenix on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. The parade begins at the North Phoenix Baptist Church. The theme of this year's 33rd annual free parade is "Walking in a Desert Wonderland."



Don't forget about the popular pre-parade event on **Friday, Dec. 6 from 5:30 - 8 p.m.** in the parking lot of **North Phoenix Baptist Church, 5757 N. Central Ave.** This free event is for everyone to see the floats closeup and participate in other holiday-themed activities. <https://www.phoenix.gov/parks/elp>

## PRESCHOOL POLAR PALOOZA AND TOY DRIVE

This special event is for youth ages six and under (and up to two adult guests per child) and will feature an indoor winter carnival, Phoenix Police Department outdoor bike rodeo, public safety vehicle display, holiday crafts, photos with Santa Claus, entertainment by Mrs. Claus and inflatable bounce houses. A pancake breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Each child will be given a "Polar Passport" to be stamped at sponsor and activity tables. Complete the Polar Passport to be entered in prize drawings.



Registration is required for this event. Admission is one new unwrapped toy per person attending (more toy donations are welcome). Toys will be donated to Phoenix Children's Hospital. Additionally, community members are welcome to drop off toys at Beuf Community Center through Saturday, Dec. 14.

Register here: [https://apm.activecommunities.com/phoenix/Activity\\_Search/preschool-polar-palooza/33102](https://apm.activecommunities.com/phoenix/Activity_Search/preschool-polar-palooza/33102)

This event is being produced as a partnership between the Phoenix Parks and Recreation, Human Services and Police departments.

**REGISTRATION BEGINS NOV. 6th - SPACE IS LIMITED**  
**ADMISSION: One new unwrapped toy per attendee**  
Additional toys appreciated as well!  
**\*TURN PAGE OVER FOR EVENT SCHEDULE\***

**EXTENDED BOUNCE HOUSE HOURS AFTER EVENT**  
2:30 PM - 5:00 PM FOR PARTICIPANTS (\$2 FOR SIBLINGS)



**WINTER CARNIVAL: OPENED BY SANTA**

Breakfast with Mrs. Claus  
Bounce Houses                      Games with prizes  
Police Bike Rodeo                      Face Painting  
Live Music by Bobby Freeman  
Holiday Crafts courtesy of Phoenix Families First

## TOP 5 TRAVEL TIPS FOR A THANKFUL THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is one of the busiest holiday travel weekends at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. Here are the top five travel tips that will make flying to and from America's Friendliest Airport® smooth and stress-free.



- **Tip # 1 – Pick-up or drop-off travelers at the 44th St. PHX Sky Train® Station to avoid airport roadway traffic and terminal curbside congestion.**  
The 44th St. PHX Sky Train® Station is centrally located on the southwest corner of 44th and Washington streets and can easily be reached from highways, major streets and the Valley Metro Rail. It features a Cell Phone Waiting Lot and it provides easy access to all airport terminals via the free PHX Sky Train®.
- **Tip # 2 – If you're planning to park at the airport, book your parking ahead of time with Sky Harbor Discount Parking to save time and money.**  
Sky Harbor Discount Parking allows travelers to reserve their parking online for any of the terminal garages, the East Economy Surface Lot and the East Economy Garages at a discounted rate.
- **Tip # 3 – Check the flight status with the airline before coming to the airport to catch a flight or to pick-up/drop-off loved ones.**  
Flight status can be checked on the airline's website or via an online search engine. Travelers can also check current TSA security checkpoint wait times on the homepage of skyharbor.com and on the flight information screens in the Airport once they arrive. If you are flying out of Terminal 4, you can use any of the security checkpoints to access your gate.
- **Tip # 4 – Once you have confirmed the flight status, be sure to give yourself plenty of time.**  
Arrive at the airport at least two hours before your flight departs if you are flying domestically and three hours before if you are flying internationally. Travelers can also sign-up for the PHX Track Your Flight through the flight search page on skyharbor.com to get important flight updates.
- **Tip # 5 – Overhead freeway signs will alert you to traffic, accidents and alternate routes.**  
Expect busy roadways and plan accordingly, especially the day before Thanksgiving. Drivers should watch their speed and keep an eye out for officers directing traffic once at Sky Harbor.

If you arrive at the airport and get through security with time to spare, check out some of the shopping and dining options, browse through the online 2019 Holiday Catalog for gift ideas or check out the art exhibitions on display by the Phoenix Airport Museum while you wait for your flight. For more travel tips, visit <https://www.skyharbor.com/>.



COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER

# CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Donate New Unwrapped Toys  
and bring a smile to a face this  
Holiday Season!

**Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>**

Drop Off:

9617 Metrocenter Parkway Ste. 1214  
Phoenix, AZ 85051



## **DON'T GIVE TO INDIVIDUALS, GIVE TO SHELTERS**

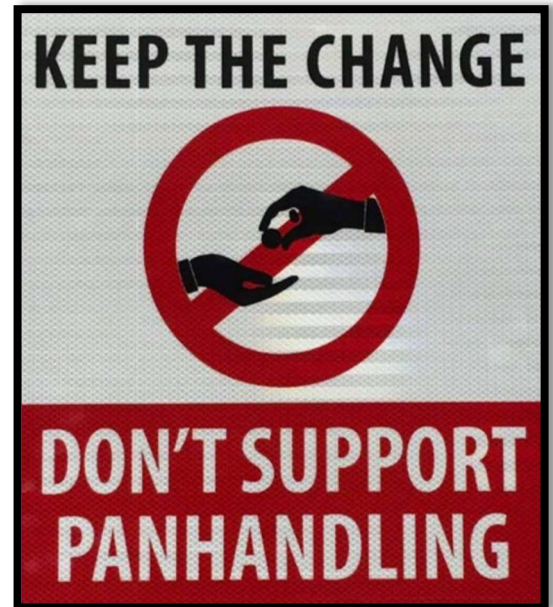
**To end panhandling, we must stop giving directly to individuals that panhandle.**

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.

- Central Arizona Shelter Services
- Andre House
- Salvation Army
- St. Joseph the Worker
- UMOM New Day Centers
- The Phoenix Rescue Mission
- St. Mary's Food Bank

For more organizations and information on housing or other services, please visit the Homeless Shelter Directory webpage at: [Homeless Shelter Directory](https://www.homelesshelterdirectory.org/).

<https://www.homelesshelterdirectory.org/cgi-bin/id/city.cgi?city=Phoenix&state=AZ>



## **PHOENIX INTERACTIVE STREET CLOSURE & RESTRICTIONS MAP – UPDATED NOVEMBER 27.**

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

The dashboard is a multi-agency effort to keep residents informed of street closures and restrictions due to planned construction activities or utility work, as well as unexpected events such as flooding, traffic collisions, fires, utility failures or other emergencies. For street closure alerts, follow the Phoenix Street Transportation Department on Twitter at [@StreetsPHX](https://twitter.com/StreetsPHX).





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

### **Legislative**

The Aviation Department was recently awarded \$24 million from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation grant program. The funds will be used to lower Union Pacific freight railroad tracks into a trench north of Sky Harbor International Airport. This project will enhance the movement of goods and produce local, regional and national benefits over a 2.3-mile-long trench that will eliminate five at-grade crossings and enable 24th Street, a busy north-south thoroughfare, to extend over the trench. It will also reduce congestion and delays on 24th Street and improve access to businesses along Air Lane, an east-west street just north of the airport.

### **Economic Development & Education**

On Nov. 14, the new Barrow Neurological Institute's Neuroplex broke ground at 350 W. Thomas Road. The new Barrow Neuroplex will be 5-stories and 130,000 square feet. The expansion adds more than 30,000 square-feet of research space which represents a 50 percent increase over its current laboratory space.

On Nov. 22 to 24, Phoenix Convention Center hosted an estimated 3,500 attendees for the Avalanche Ski/Snowboard Sale & Travel Expo. The Avalanche Expo is the biggest ski and snowboard sale in the southwest. The Expo has the largest selection of new ski and snowboard equipment and clothing available at discounted rates plus savings on used equipment available at the Ski Swap.

On Nov. 21, Phoenix Convention Center will host an estimated 1,500 attendees for the Arizona Multihousing Association (AMA) Maintenance Mania. The AMA is the statewide trade association for the apartment industry, representing more than 2,000 members in legislative, legal and regulatory matters. The AMA provides services, products, educational programs along with networking opportunities to promote ethical, quality rental housing throughout Arizona.

On Nov. 19, the City of Phoenix received a 100 percent on the 2019 LGBTQ Municipal Equality Score from the Human Rights Coalition. Communications staff held a press conference and provided media coverage of the event at One-n-Ten Headquarters.

### **Neighborhoods and Livability**

This week, Parks and Recreation staff concluded facility rentals to local high schools' Swim and Dive teams, which spanned over the past three months. Cielito, Cortez, David C. Uribe, Deer Valley, Paradise Valley, Roadrunner, Sunnyslope, and Washington pools were rented by thirteen high schools to host team practices and high school meets. Staff will now transition to its recruitment efforts in hosting certification classes for lifeguards and swim lesson instructors.

On Nov. 19, Environmental Programs staff presented information on staff's application for a \$600,000 Brownfields Assessment Coalition grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the Rio Reimagined Project and a \$1 million revolving loan fund grant for the City of Phoenix.

This week, Sustainability staff met with the Urban Forest Implementation Team (UFIT) to provide final counts of the trees planted for 2019. The number of trees planted will exceed 4100 for calendar year 2019.

This week, Neighborhood Services continued to conduct public outreach for the 2020-25 Consolidated Plan. As of Nov. 15, over 1,200 stakeholders have completed the Consolidated Plan survey. The survey will be available online through Nov. 25 and staff will continue attending community meetings and events as requested.

This week, Planning and Development staff held a pre-application meeting for the renovation of the Margaret T. Hance Park. The park is being redeveloped to allow for more flexible spaces that allow large public events. The three phases of construction are targeted for completion by 2023 to host festivities for the Super Bowl.

This week, Planning and Development staff conducted inspections at the new Park Central Mall parking garage at 150 W. Catalina Dr. The 11-story precast building will be surrounded by a future seven-story condo project and a seven-story Creighton University complex.

This week, Planning and Development staff held a preliminary meeting for R1-10 zoned development that includes 610 dwelling units on 164 acres of land for the Estrella Crossing development at the southeast corner of 59th Ave and Dobbins Rd. The project will incorporate detached sidewalks, enhanced landscaping, and system of multiuse trails and shared use paths to provide connectivity through the development and adjacent properties.

## **Infrastructure**

The Center for Digital Government (CDG) recently announced the City of Phoenix as a winner of the 2019 Digital Cities Survey, which recognizes cities “using technology to tackle social challenges, enhance services and strengthen cybersecurity.” Phoenix once again ranked in the top 10 list of cities with 500,000 or more population.

This week, Public Works staff contracted with Christmas Light Decorators, Inc. to place 100 banners and lighted ornaments on street poles on both sides of Central Ave. from Baseline Rd. to Camelback Rd. Private Donations are covering costs for the lease, deployment, and collection of the banners and ornaments. The decorations will be on display through the New Year and Bowl Game period before removal the week of Jan. 5.

On Nov. 12, Street Transportation staff hosted a public open house at Burton Barr Central Library to discuss a bicycle and pedestrian improvement project that encompasses 3rd Avenue from McDowell Road to Muhammad Ali Way (just north of Thomas) and 5th Avenue from McDowell Road to Thomas Road. The project will include a shared use path, sidewalk connectivity, an assessment of minor area drainage concerns, traffic signal modifications, street lighting upgrades, and the development of potential bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements. Approximately 185 people attended the meeting and were shown potential design concepts for the project.

## **NEWS & EVENTS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT:**



### **DEER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

#### **The National Association for Music Education (NAFME) All-National Concert Band – Darryl Leung**

The National Association for Music Education recently selected members for their All-National Concert Bands. The students chosen to represent the top performing high school musicians in the United States.

Darryl Leung, a junior and saxophone player from Mountain Ridge High School, was recently selected for the 2018-19 NAFME All-National Concert Band.

Darryl has been playing the saxophone since fifth-grade and continually illustrates his talent through his many accomplishments. Along with obtaining first chair sax player as a sophomore, he has also become a two-time member of All-State Band.

Congratulations to Darryl Leung on being selected for the NAFME All-National Concert Band!



#### **ASBO Certificate of Excellence – Heather Mock**

For more than 40 years, the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting has honored school districts for excellence and best Practices. Heather Mock, DVUSD Director of Finance, and her team received the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Award for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

This award, which was presented by the Arizona Association of School Business Officials, represents a significant achievement and reflects their commitment to the highest standards of school system financial reporting.

Congratulations to Heather Mock and the DVUSD Finance Department on their Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting!





## WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

### Open Enrollment Begins December 2

Open Enrollment begins December 2 and is available on a first-come, first-served basis! A-rated Abraham Lincoln Traditional School offers a back-to-basics model that stresses high academics and student achievement in a K-8 grade configuration. ALT also offers free-full day kindergarten, a 4-year-old early childhood enrichment program and before and after-school care. [Watch the video](#) to learn more about the Traditional Model and the Four Cornerstones that lead ALT students to success! Visit [www.wesdschools.org/registration](http://www.wesdschools.org/registration) for enrollment information.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MWX0MysDGsA>

### **WESD Hosting Teacher Interview Fair**

Are you passionate about helping students succeed? The WESD offers teacher support, student loan forgiveness and weekly professional development opportunities to help you excel in your career. Join the [#WESDFamily](#) on December 7, 2019 to learn more! Call 602-757-1447 for more information and to pre-schedule an interview and apply online today at [jobs.wesdschools.org](http://jobs.wesdschools.org).

### **WESD Accepting Tax Credits**

Give back and get back when you make a tax credit donation to your local WESD school! This year, tax credits can help fund items such as risers, scoreboards, soccer goals, marquees, playground equipment, 3-D printers, library books, classroom furniture and more! Tax credits also help fund extracurricular activities. The best part is that you will receive a dollar-for-dollar reduction on your state income taxes. [www.wesdschools.org/taxcredit](http://www.wesdschools.org/taxcredit) to make an online donation today.



Thelda is tweeting! Follow her @TheldaWilliams1

## 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 Arizona 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 visit: [info@operationcarefoodbank.org](mailto:info@operationcarefoodbank.org).

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**Report Animal Abuse**

Phoenix Animal Cruelty Task Force  
Crimestop - 602-262-6151  
AZ Humane Society - 602-997-7585 ext. 2073  
Maricopa County Sheriff's Office - 602-876-1681

A poster with a blue border. The top half has a blue background with the text "Report Animal Abuse" in white. Below the text is a yellow background with silhouettes of a horse, a dog, and a cat. The bottom half has a blue background with white text providing contact information for the Phoenix Animal Cruelty Task Force.

It's never too early...  
Call the  
**Spay Neuter Hotline**  
Before it's too late!

**602-265-SPAY**  
**602-265-7729**  
(Para Español: Oprimos 5)

Valley Wide Low-Cost Spay & Neuter Referrals  
& Trap Neuter Return (TNR) Information

**www.SpayNeuterHotline.org**

The Spay Neuter Hotline is a program of the Animal Defense League of Arizona, PO Box 33093, Phoenix, AZ 85067  
To find out how you can help ADLA, Call 602-273-7842, Email ADLA@adlaaz.org or www.ADLAZ.org

A logo for ADLA (Animal Defense League of Arizona) featuring a stylized animal head.