



August 31, 2021

Greetings,

In this newsletter you will find the latest news, announcements, and event details that I want to share with you:

- Mobile COVID-19 Testing and Vaccinations
- Coffee with a Cop
- G.A.I.N. Date Change
- Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program
- PHXPlays Registration
- Arts Career Advancement Grant
- Phoenix's Response to Drought
- Drought Pipeline Construction Updates and New App
- Valley Metro New App
- Sky Harbor Updates
- Street Pavement Maintenance Update
- Phoenix Awarded Grants for Highway Safety Programs in Arizona
- Public Meeting Information

As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office with questions, comments, or concerns at (602) 262-7441 or [council.district.3@phoenix.gov](mailto:council.district.3@phoenix.gov).

Respectfully,

**Debra Stark**  
Councilwoman  
City of Phoenix  
[Council District 3](#)





## Mobile COVID-19 Testing and Vaccinations

The City of Phoenix is now offering COVID-19 testing and vaccination at select mobile van events.

The Mobile Testing Van #1 will be in District 3 on **Tuesday, September 14** at Fry's Food Stores – 850 E. Hatcher Rd. from 6:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Register at [vincerecancer.com](https://vincerecancer.com).

The City of Phoenix provides FREE COVID-19 testing and vaccinations through two mobile vans out in the community. For a list of citywide locations, visit [phoenix.gov/covidtesting](https://phoenix.gov/covidtesting).

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## Coffee with a Cop

Coffee with a Cop is back! Anyone is welcome to join, ask questions, and get to know your Community Action Officers.

### Desert Horizon Precinct

**Tuesday, September 6**

9 a.m.

The Breakfast Joynt  
6245 E. Bell Rd. Ste. 112

### Black Mountain Precinct

**Thursday, September 23**

8:30 a.m.

Times Square Restaurant  
718 E. Union Hills Dr.



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## G.A.I.N. Date Change

G.A.I.N, Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods, is being rescheduled from **October 16 to October 23** as National Police Week in Washington, D.C. is being held on the 16<sup>th</sup>. A large contingency of police staff will be attending the national memorial to honor two fallen Phoenix Police Officers—Officer Paul Rutherford and Commander Greg Carnicle. Typically, many policers attend G.A.I.N. events to get to know block watch groups and community members. So G.A.I.N. will be pushed

back one week. By moving it back one week, the date will also coincide with the DEA's National Drug Take-Back Day.

### **Important Dates**

Pre-Registration for G.A.I.N. events to receive a free Crime Prevention Tote

**September 17**

G.A.I.N. 2021 Kick Off Event at Christown Spectrum Mall

**Saturday, October 2**

10 a.m. to noon

G.A.I.N. events with DEA Drug Take Back Day

**Saturday, October 23**

More info: [phoenix.gov/police/resources-information/gain](https://phoenix.gov/police/resources-information/gain)

Questions: Contact Detective Justin Martin in the Community Engagement Bureau at 602-534-9514 or [Justin.Martin@phoenix.gov](mailto:Justin.Martin@phoenix.gov).



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## **Applying for Phoenix's Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program**



The City of Phoenix is distributing \$51 million in federal emergency rental assistance dollars to people living in Phoenix. These funds can help with rent and utilities, including late fees and court fees.

There are two ways to apply—over the phone at (602) 534-AIDE (2433) or online at [wildfireaz.org/PHXERA](https://wildfireaz.org/PHXERA). Please note you'll need to have

required documents ready at the time of your appointment.

Please find full details in the instructional videos:

English: <https://youtu.be/eUUrQE5XJoc>

Spanish: <https://youtu.be/1x8gXQmRlp0>

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## PHXPlays Registration

Registration for PHXPlays 2021 Fall Youth Sports Leagues and Clinics is open. The leagues and clinics are available to youth ages 3 to 17, and include ball hockey, baseball, t-ball, basketball, volleyball, flag football, pickleball and soccer.



Register online: [phoenix.gov/parks/classes-and-programs](https://phoenix.gov/parks/classes-and-programs).

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## Arts Career Advancement Grants

The City of Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture just announced the Arts Career Advancement Grants – \$2500 grant for Phoenix artists who have suffered financial hardship because of the pandemic crisis. The application closes **October 6**.

Guidelines, application, and webinars available in both English and Spanish.  
[www.phoenix.gov/arts/grants](https://www.phoenix.gov/arts/grants)



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## Phoenix's Response to Drought and How it Impacts the City

Earlier this month, the United States Bureau of Reclamation declared the first-ever Tier 1 Shortage on the Colorado River, beginning in January 2022. This shortage comes as a result of persistent declines in Colorado River flows as a result of long-term drought conditions, over allocation of available river resources, and climate change.

Phoenix Water will continue to provide safe, clean, and reliable water to its customers without interruptions. However, it is essential that residents and business owners do their part to be water smart and embrace a desert lifestyle by using water wisely.

Read more: [phoenix.gov/newsroom/water-services/2028](https://phoenix.gov/newsroom/water-services/2028)



To learn more about Phoenix Water, what to expect and how you can prepare, visit: [Phoenix.gov/Drought](https://phoenix.gov/drought)

Read the [Water Resource Plan](#).

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## Drought Pipeline Project

Construction on the 66-inch pipeline is underway and schedule to be complete in early 2023. The pipeline project that will connect to the new pump station on 31st Street south of Bell Road also began last month. Construction for the rehabilitation/replacement 48-inch pipeline is complete. This pipeline was repaired/replaced to avoid failure of the pipe, which carries 35 million gallons of tap water a day to North Phoenix.

To help keep community members updated on construction updates and alerts, the city has launched the Pipeline Project mobile app. The free app is now available for download on your iPhone or Android's app store.



### Project questions or comments?

Call: 602-235-2666

Email: [WaterWorks@Phoenix.gov](mailto:WaterWorks@Phoenix.gov)

Sign up to receive updates on [phoenix.gov/droughtpipeline](https://phoenix.gov/droughtpipeline).



## New Valley Metro App Enhances Rider Experience

With the new Valley Metro app, navigating your way across the Valley is easier than ever. The Valley Metro app allows you to track your bus and light rail in real time. You can plan your trips, save favorite stops, and see rider alerts all in one place. Everything you need to know about Valley Metro is in the palm of your hand. The

app is available for Android and iPhone. Get it now in the Google Play and Apple app stores. More information at [valleymetro.org/app](http://valleymetro.org/app).

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## Sky Harbor Updates

### Passenger Traffic

More than 3.8 million passengers traveled through Sky Harbor in July. That passenger total is only 0.3% lower than July 2019 before the COVID-19 pandemic. July 2021 was 182.6% higher than July 2020 when more than 1.35 million people traveled through Sky Harbor.



**MASKS ARE  
FEDERALLY MANDATED**



**You must cover  
your nose and mouth  
at all times.**

\*Ages 2 and older

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### COVID-19 Updates

TSA extended the Security Directive (SD) requiring masks in airports and on transportation conveyances through January 18, 2022. The extension is designed to help minimize the spread of the COVID-19 Delta variant. This extension applies to individuals across all transportation networks throughout the United States, including at airports, onboard commercial aircraft, on over-the-road buses, and on commuter bus and rail systems. Masks are required in airport terminals, onboard the PHX Sky Train®, and on the Rental Car Center Shuttle buses.

### British Airways to Return

After a year and a half hiatus due to COVID-19 related restrictions, British Airways resumed service between Phoenix and London on August 31. The nonstop flight operates three times a week. The flight departs Phoenix at 7:15 p.m., arriving in London the next day at 1:15 p.m. It then departs London at 2:15 p.m. arriving in Phoenix at 5:05 p.m. It is operated by a Boeing 777-200. It offers 272 seats with three classes of service. There are 48 seats in Club World (business class), 40 seats in World Traveler Plus (premium economy) and 184 seats in economy.

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## Street Pavement Maintenance

Street Transportation crews continue working hard around District 3 and citywide!

In District 3 alone, crews have completed 89.1 miles of mill and overlay work, 120 miles of preservation treatments, 137.7 miles of crack seal, and 2,269 ADA ramps (from July 1, 2018 to July 31, 2021).

To find out which streets are included in the five-year pavement maintenance program, visit the Pavement Maintenance Dashboard: [phoenix.gov/pavement](https://phoenix.gov/pavement).



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## City of Phoenix Awarded \$890,180 for Highway Safety Programs in Arizona



The Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) recently awarded the City of Phoenix \$890,180 in grant funding for several highway safety programs. GOHS funds support new traffic safety programs and enhance existing programs in the City Prosecutor's Office and the Phoenix Fire and Police departments.

The Prosecutor's Office was awarded \$102,257 to support the Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor Program. The program has four primary objectives: provide training for prosecutors and law enforcement officers in the prosecution of traffic safety-related crimes; serve as a resource for questions about traffic laws and trial advocacy; improve communication between prosecutors, law enforcement officers and members of the judiciary; and act as a liaison for individuals and agencies committed to the enforcement and prosecution of traffic safety-related crimes.

The Phoenix Fire Department was awarded \$157,388 from GOHS to fund four programs: \$91,362 for the Occupant Protection and Child Car Seat Program; \$26,500 for the DUI Youth Alcohol Awareness Program; \$29,526 for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program; and \$10,000 for the Distracted Driving Program.

The Phoenix Police Department was awarded \$630,535 from GOHS to fund four programs: \$353,035 for the DUI Enforcement Program; \$40,100 for the Occupant

Protection Program; \$45,000 for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program; and \$192,400 for Traffic Services Program.

Funding is provided through September 30, 2021.

For more information on grants, please call 602-262-1833 or visit the Phoenix Government Relations Office website: [phoenix.gov/governmentrelations](http://phoenix.gov/governmentrelations).

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## Public Meetings

### City Council Meetings

Online: [Phoenix City Council Meetings](#)

- [More Information about City Council Meetings](#)
- You can watch meetings on Phoenix Channel 11 and online at [phoenix.gov/phxtv](http://phoenix.gov/phxtv)
- Please visit our [Public Records Search](#) page for an official copy of the minutes
- Subscribe to the [City Council Meeting Materials](#) List Serve
- 2021 Council Meeting Schedule: [Calendar Format](#)
- [Map - City of Phoenix Council Members and District Boundaries](#)

### Public Meeting Notices

Online: [Public Meeting Notices](#)

This webpage includes notices of meetings of the City of Phoenix City Council, Council subcommittees, all city boards, commissions, and committees.