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## Shop Phoenix just in time for the holidays



It's time to start thinking about those holiday gifts, and where you choose to shop makes a difference. Shopping locally puts sales tax dollars back into your community to support programs and services such as libraries, parks, recreation programs, police and fire protection and so much more!

Visit <https://www.phoenix.gov/econdev/Retail> for a list of shopping destinations near you and to read more about the importance of shopping local.

## Help the homeless stay warm

During the winter, many homeless individuals end up on the streets without a way to keep warm. The city is asking for your help for the Winter Respite Program. The following donations are needed: Blankets (new or used but clean), jackets, pants, sweatshirts, winter hats and gloves. New underwear and socks, shoes and hygiene items also are needed.

The tax-deductible donated items may be delivered to any of the city's three Family Services Centers.

More information: Visit <https://www.phoenix.gov/humanservices> or call 602-256-4302.

## Dispose of grease, fats and oils

Planning on frying your food for the holidays? Pouring it down the drain could seriously impact your plumbing. Instead, follow these steps.

**Store It:** Use a coffee filter, cheese cloth or fine metal strainer to filter sediment then store the remaining oil in the refrigerator or freezer for up to six months, for later use.

**Trash It:** Pour the grease into small, unbreakable, sealable containers and throw them in the trash. Only throw away small amounts; big jugs can leak, making a mess of the city's collection trucks.

## Christmas trees and wreaths recycling

Trees and wreaths may be dropped off for recycling at any of the participating Phoenix parks, and at A to Z Equipment Rental and Sales, anytime between Saturday, Dec. 26 to Saturday, Jan. 4.

For tree and wreath drop-off parks locations, and for A to Z Equipment Rental and Sales drop-off hours, please visit: <https://www.phoenix.gov/publicworks/recycling/Christmas-tree-recycling> or call 602-262-7251.

## Trash and recycling collection for the holidays



### Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26

Thursday's collection moves to Friday, Nov. 27

Friday's collection moves to Saturday, Nov. 28

### Christmas Day, Dec. 25

Friday's collection moves to Saturday, Dec. 26

Saturday's collection moves to Monday, Dec. 28

### New Year's Day, January 1, 2016

Friday's collection moves to Saturday, Jan. 2, 2016

Saturday's collection moves to Monday, Jan. 4, 2016

*Trash and recycling containers must be placed 4 feet apart. Please don't overload your containers.*

## Household Hazardous Waste Event

Household Hazardous Waste Events (HHW) are only for city of Phoenix residential solid waste customers. Please bring your current city of Phoenix city services bill showing solid waste fees and a matching photo ID. No commercial loads, large residential quantities, medical waste, explosives or radioactive waste will be accepted. A maximum of five over-the-road-tires per resident will be accepted. No tractor or oversize tires will be allowed.

Details: Dec. 11 and 12, North Phoenix Baptist Church, 5757 N. Central Ave., 7 a.m. to noon.

More information: Call 602-262-7251 or visit <https://www.phoenix.gov/publicworks>.

## Happy Holidays from Phoenix Public Library

Looking for a little inspiration this holiday season? Visit [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org). Whether you're in search of a good book to read by the fire, the perfect fruitcake recipe (is there one?), some merry music, or stocking stuffer ideas, we've got you covered! Browse through our holiday guide for staff picks, helpful resources, local events and more. Check the calendar for family-friendly activities.

## I Recycle Phx Event

Now is the time to clean out that overstuffed closet! Bring old electronics, phone books, rechargeable and old batteries, ink jet cartridges, clothing, small appliances and holiday decor. Document shredding, up to five boxes-full, will be offered, along with hard drive shredding.



**Not accepted:** Tires, oil-based paints, and chemicals.

**Bulky items:** \$5 fee for each bulky computer monitor and \$10 for each bulky television.

Details: Saturday, Jan. 2, 2016 at Christown-Spectrum Mall, 1703 W. Bethany Home Road, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

More information on acceptable items or volunteering: phoenixrecycles.org.



## Phoenix Festival of the Arts

Come check out the fourth annual Phoenix Festival of the Arts, a weekend-long cultural celebration featuring arts, indoor and outdoor entertainment, local food trucks, a hands-on community mural, and a fun-filled family zone.

Details: Dec. 11 (12-6 p.m.) and Dec. 12-13 (10 a.m.-6 p.m.), Margaret T. Hance Park, 1202 N. 3rd Ave.

More information: Call 602-254-3100 or visit phoenixfestivalofthearts.org.

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## “Doing What Matters” with Officer Mike Lin

Thanks to Phoenix Police Officer Mike Lin and this canine partner Haro, a little girl is safe. While on patrol late one night, Officer Lin noticed a man on a bike at an intersection acting suspiciously. Officer Lin also noticed that the man was carrying a little girl wearing pajamas, “like a sack of potatoes,” setting off red flags. He turned on his lights, but the man would not stop. After pulling in front of the man and getting him to stop, Officer Lin eventually detained the man and saved the little girl, who police believe had just been kidnapped by the man. Officer Lin was recognized by the National Association of Police Organizations for his vigilance in this case as a 2015 Top Cop and was the recipient of the Citizens Choice Award.



## 39th Annual Pueblo Grande Museum Indian Market

Come experience a weekend of culture and history for the 39th Annual Indian Market presented by the Pueblo Grande Museum Auxiliary. Guests can shop at more than 100 booths of authentic American Indian fine art and collectibles along the interpretive trail, taking them by the ancient platform mound, ballcourt, and replica Hohokam dwellings. This 2-day event also offers activities for children and adults, including exceptional music and dance performances by American Indian artists and native foods.

Details: Dec. 12 and 13, 4619 E. Washington St., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

More information: Call 602-495-0901 or visit [pueblogrande.org/indian-market](http://pueblogrande.org/indian-market).

## Human Relations Commission seeks nominations for human rights awards

The Phoenix Human Relations Commission seeks human rights award nominations to recognize individuals, including youth, who have made an impact on the quality of life in Phoenix.

Nominees are needed for The Calvin C. Goode Lifetime Achievement and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Living the Dream awards that will be presented at a celebration in January. The Lifetime Achievement Award will recognize an individual who has made Phoenix a better place to live by promoting social and economic justice and civil rights. The Living the Dream Award will honor individuals who embody the ideas of Dr. King through a personal commitment to human relations and justice.

To apply, call 602-262-7716 (TTY: 602-534-1557/or use 7-1-1) or visit <https://www.phoenix.gov/eod>.

The deadline for nominations is 5 p.m. Tuesday, December 1, 2015.

## Seeking volunteers for the biggest game in town

In January, downtown Phoenix will take center stage as college football fans flock to Arizona for the College Football Playoff National Championship. While the game will be held in Glendale, the Championship Campus will be held in downtown Phoenix. The Arizona Organizing Committee (AOC) is hosting a variety of community events throughout Arizona and is actively seeking more than 2,000 enthusiastic individuals to volunteer and help make this experience one for the record books. Opportunities include support at signature events taking place downtown like *Playoff Playlist Live!* and *Playoff Fan Central and Taste of the Championship*. The AOC is also looking for drivers and ambassadors to greet guests at hotels, airports and other locations. For more information visit [azchampgame.org/volunteering](http://azchampgame.org/volunteering) or follow on social media @azchampgame.

