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You can still vote early

If you are planning to vote an early ballot in the Aug. 2015 city of Phoenix Mayor and Council Election, there's still time.

Registered voters who reside in the city of Phoenix will elect a Mayor and decide several ballot measures. City voters residing in Districts 1, 3, 5, and 7 will elect City Council members. If a candidate in any race does not receive a majority of the votes cast, a runoff election between the two candidates receiving the most votes will be conducted on Nov. 3. There is no election to elect Council Members in Districts 2, 4, 6, or 8 because the terms of the Council members are staggered.

The Sample Ballot and Publicity Pamphlet with information about the election was mailed to all registered voter households in the city of Phoenix the week of July 20.

Voters will begin receiving early ballots on Thursday, July 30. If you have not yet requested a ballot by mail, request forms are available on the Internet at phoenix.gov/elections and at city public service counters and libraries, or you may call 602-261-VOTE (8683). Requests must be received by

the City Clerk Department by 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14. Voters can now track their early ballot status online at phoenix.gov/elections.

Early voting also is available at City Hall, 200 W. Washington St., starting Thursday, July 30 through Friday, Aug. 21.

Accessible voting devices that allow voters with disabilities to vote independently will be available at the early voting site.

If you've already requested or received an early ballot be sure to mail or deliver it to the City Clerk Department so that it is received by 7 p.m. on Election Day (Tuesday, Aug. 25). Voters also may deliver their voted early ballots to any city voting center on Saturday, Aug. 22, Monday, Aug. 24, or on Election Day, Tuesday, Aug. 25, before the polls close at 7 p.m.

The election is open to all Phoenix residents who are registered voters and reside within the city of Phoenix at least 29 days before the election. The last day to register to vote is Monday, July 27.

For more information, visit phoenix.gov/elections, call 602-261-VOTE (8683) or use the 7-1-1 Relay System.



Save as You Reduce & Recycle

"Save As You Reduce & Recycle" offers residents that currently have curbside trash pick-up service the option of downsizing to a medium trash container for a savings of \$3 a month on their solid waste services bill. Additionally, residents must be enrolled in the city's recycling program before they can sign up for the SAY R&R program.

For more information about the SAY R&R program, please visit phoenix.gov/publicworks or call 602-262-7251.

Learn more about Recycling and the Solid Waste Programs

If you'd like to learn more about the new solid waste programs offered by the Public Works Department, or receive useful information on waste diversion and the



Reimagine Phoenix
Transforming Trash Into Resources



Reimagine Phoenix initiative, please email: reimaginephoenix@phoenix.gov or call 602-262-7251. A representative from the Public Works Department can present information regarding new programs to your family, group, neighborhood or community. Let us inspire you to look at trash as a resource!

Unemployed? Get the skills to land the job at the Ocotillo Library and Workforce Literacy Center

The Ocotillo Library and Workforce Literacy Center, located at 102 W. Southern Ave., assists job seekers by offering classes and one-on-one mentoring in resume writing, interviewing skills, and computer use. It also offers PhoenixWorks - a collection of materials to support workforce needs including résumé writing, occupational testing, language learning and computer skills.

Need assistance with a Skype interview? No problem, we're here to help. Attend free workshops on a variety of topics or stop by during Drop-in Employment Assistance Noon - 4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. For more information, visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org or call 602-262-4636.

Donate old clothes

Please remember that textiles should not be placed in your blue recycling containers for curbside collection. The city of Phoenix does not accept textiles in its recycling stream at this time. Please donate your old textiles and clothing to a local non-profit organization, resale stores or donation center.

For more information about what can or can't be recycled in your blue container, please visit phoenix.gov/publicworks/recycling.

Summer water conservation tips

Did you know that plants will stay healthy when you water wisely? This summer, focus on outdoor watering, which accounts for up to 70% of your home water use. Here are some helpful hints on how to use water wisely:

- Water deeply and less frequently. Allow water to soak roots deeply and then dry up to get some oxygen. Then give it another good soak. Make sure that you are watering three feet deep for trees, two feet deep for shrubs, one foot deep for groundcover, and eight to ten inches deep for grass.
- Adjust your watering frequency to account for the plant-friendly humid weather. Water warm season grasses, such as Bermuda, once every four days. Water desert-adapted trees, shrubs, and groundcover need water every seven to twenty one days (depending on your soil and plant type). Water high water use trees every seven to ten days, shrubs every five to seven days, and groundcover every two to five days.
- Does water run off your yard during the irrigation cycle? Split the watering schedule. Water for half the calculated time and repeat after one hour. If you have grass on a large slope, water for one-third of the calculated time and then repeat two more times during each consecutive hour. Make sure to water after sunset and before sunrise to prevent evaporation.
- Sign up for a free Landscape workshop, hosted by a Phoenix Public Library branch near you. Topics include Landscape Watering, Rain Gardens, and Creating a Desert Oasis with Low-Water Use Plants. E-mail tina.sleeper@phoenix.gov or call 602-534-3950 for more information.

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“Doing What Matters” with Shelly Jamison, Deputy Fire Chief

Swim season has officially started. Last year in Phoenix there were 64 drowning incidents and 19 fatalities. In response to this epidemic city leadership created the Water Safety Ad Hoc Committee to address drowning incidents occurring at alarming rates in the City of Phoenix. Shelly Jamison serves on this committee and explained that in addition to examining the factors that cause drownings and near drownings, the committee also determined what curriculum should be brought to the public and a new way to deliver that information. The committee developed is a new water safety program called Save Our Summer (S.O.S.) to regularly provide information regarding the water safety to the community by reaching out and making contact person to person, and instruct our community members more personally and in-depth. Drowning incidents are 100% preventable and adult supervision is key in preventing drowning or near drowning incidents. Never leave a child unattended around water whether it’s a pool, bathtub, or bucket. Other actions that can be taken to prevent drownings are to learn CPR, take swim lessons, and install pool fences, gates and latches. For more information on water safety visit phoenix.gov/fire.



To view more Doing What Matters segments, featuring other city of Phoenix employees visit: phoenix.gov/citymanager.

Two Handy Programs Offered to Simplify Travel



Looking for a way to speed up your travel experience? Two trusted traveler programs give flyers the opportunity to expedite and streamline the security screening process. TSA PreCheck allows pre-approved travelers to use designated lanes at security checkpoints and leave on their shoes, light outerwear, belt, and keep their laptop in its case. Travelers can participate by enrolling in the TSA PreCheck program at tsa.gov/tsa-precheck. The cost is \$85 and valid for five years. Once accepted into the program, travelers should look on their boarding passes for an indication of TSA PreCheck eligibility. At Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, there is a TSA PreCheck Enrollment Center located on Level 1 of Terminal 4 near Door 2 on the West End.

For those travelers who also want the benefit of expedited screening when they return home from an international trip, Global Entry is available. The Global Entry Program, which is run by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), provides pre-approved low-risk travelers expedited entry into the U.S. by allowing them to bypass the passport control lines and use an automated kiosk. In order to apply for the program, travelers must fill out an online application and submit an application fee of \$100. The CBP will then review the application, conduct a background check, and interview the applicant at the CBP enrollment center. The Global Entry Enrollment Center is located on Level 1 of Terminal 4. Global Entry is valid for five years. Note that travelers who receive Global Entry automatically receive TSA PreCheck so there is no need to enroll in both. For additional information or to enroll, visit globalentry.gov

More details on these programs as well as other services Phoenix Sky Harbor offers to travelers is available at skyharbor.com

The Phoenix Police Department is hiring

The Phoenix Police Department is now hiring for the position of Police Recruit. Over the next few years, more than 400 new officers will join the Phoenix Police Department to begin a great and rewarding new career in law enforcement. The City of Phoenix offers one of



The City of Phoenix offers one of the best compensation plans in the state of Arizona. New police recruits are paid to attend a 20-week police academy and will earn thirty seven (37) college credit hours upon graduation.

For information about joining go to: <https://www.phoenix.gov/police/joinphxpd> or call a recruiter at 602-534-2677. The City of Phoenix is an Equal Opportunity Employer.