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Hi District 8,

hope you enjoyed a safe and festive Fourth of July with family and friends. As we step into a new month and continue finding ways to stay cool, my work in District 8 remains focused on making sure you have access to the resources and opportunities that help our community thrive. From free pool admission and summer activities for families to cultural experiences and transit-friendly events across the city, this season offers many ways to stay engaged, connected, and supported.

District 8 Summer Free Pool Admission Kickoff

I am excited to announce a new “Summer Swim in D8” initiative, providing free admission to all District 8 Pools every weekend for the rest of the summer. This initiative will provide families with an opportunity to cool off on Saturdays and Sundays for free.

This initiative ensures that every resident has access to safe, fun, and welcoming spaces to cool off this summer. I am also providing 200 free swim lessons for District 8 residents.

This season, District 8 pools are open through July 26, with Eastlake Pool being open six days per week through July 26 and during weekends in August through Labor Day Weekend (September 6 and September 7).

Open Swim Hours:

- Saturdays: 12 PM – 6 PM
- Sundays: 12 PM – 6 PM

District 8 Pools:

- Eastlake Pool — 1548 E. Jefferson St, Phoenix, AZ 85034
- El Prado Pool — 6428 S. 19th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85041
- Harmon Pool — 1425 S. 5th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85003
- Hermoso Pool — 5749 S. 20th St, Phoenix, AZ 85040
- Perry Pool — 3131 E. Windsor Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85008
- Pierce Pool — 2150 N. 46th St, Phoenix, AZ 85008

Pierce Pool will close on July 29 but will reopen during a larger celebration planned for the full park reopening on August 22. Save the date and watch out for more details about this event!



Support Is Available for Families Who Lost SNAP Benefits

Access to food and essential services is important for every household. If you lost SNAP benefits on or after October 1, 2025, the City of Phoenix is offering a Targeted One-time Crisis Assistance program for eligible households. If you qualify, you may receive \$600 toward your utility account and \$100 in transportation assistance through a gas card or Valley Metro pass. This assistance is intended to help cover essential expenses, allowing households to direct more of their income toward groceries and culturally appropriate foods. If you live in Phoenix or receive City of

Phoenix water services and have lost SNAP benefits since October 1, 2025, I encourage you to check your eligibility. Funding is limited and applications will be accepted while funds are available.

For more information or to apply, visit the city website [Targeted One-Time Crisis Assistance](#) or call (602) 262-SNAP (7627).

TARGETED ONE-TIME CRISIS ASSISTANCE



DID YOU LOSE SNAP BENEFITS ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2025?

Apply today to qualify for:



\$600 for Utilities



\$100 for Transportation
(bus pass or gas card)



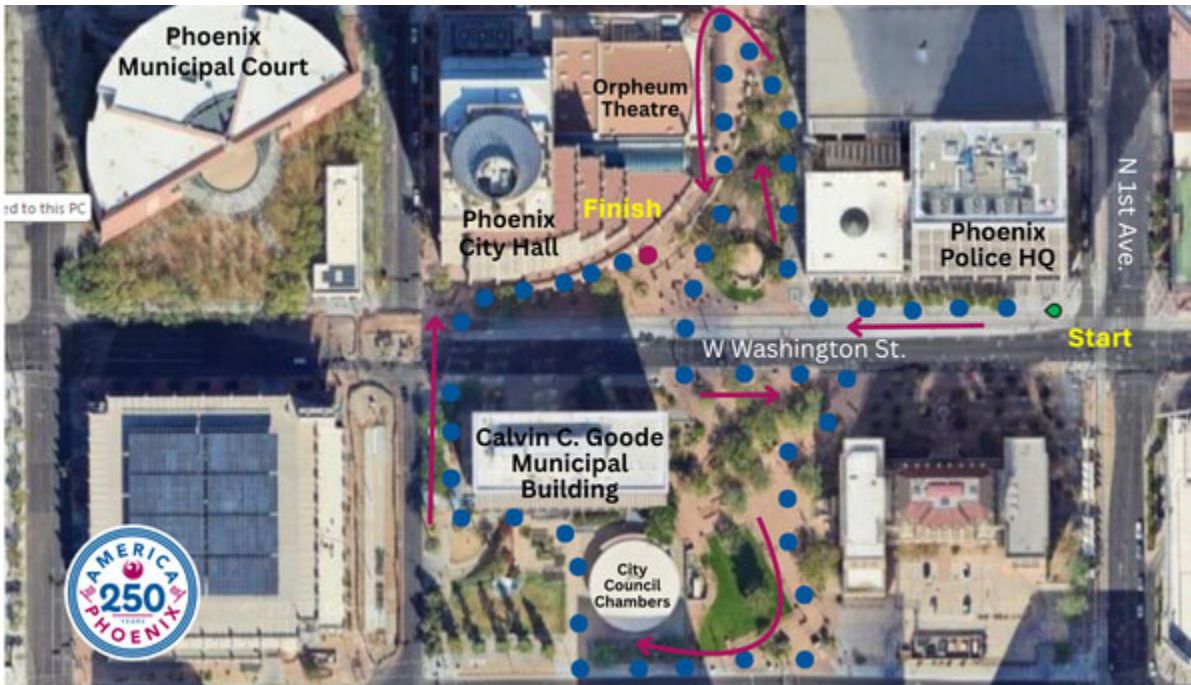
Visit phoenix.gov/BenefitLossAssistance to apply

Honoring America 250 with Phoenix's Downtown History Walk

Last week, I joined Mayor Kate Gallego, my fellow council colleagues, and our community partners as we gathered in front of the newly wrapped America 250 bus. This event was part of our city's recognition of 250 years since the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.



As part of this commemoration, the City of Phoenix has launched a new interactive History Walk on the downtown City Hall campus. Beginning at the north-west corner of 1st Avenue and Washington Street, visitors can follow a trail of 48 colorful sidewalk decals, each highlighting a key moment in the story of the 48th state and the land that became Phoenix. Designed in chronological order, the walk guides you past historic buildings and concludes at the entrance of City Hall, offering an engaging and educational way to explore Arizona's history. I encourage you to take part in this experience, learn something new, and enjoy this creative way of honoring our shared past right in the heart of Downtown Phoenix.



Summer Cinema at Harmon Library

With many children still enjoying summer break, finding fun ways to stay active while beating the heat is more important than ever. One great option is Summer Cinema Thursdays, offering families a cool place to unwind with free movies and light refreshments every Thursday in July from 3:30 to 5:30 PM at Harmon Library -1325 S. 5th Ave., 85003.

Each week features a new film for all ages:

- July 9 – Tron: Ares
- July 16 – Zootopia 2
- July 23 – The SpongeBob Movie: Search for SquarePants
- July 30 – Anaconda

It's a great way to stay cool, spend time together, and enjoy a family-friendly afternoon. Learn more about this and other summer programs by exploring the [Phoenix Public Library calendar](#).



Summer Hours at S'edav Va'aki Museum

As families look for meaningful ways to spend time during summer break, I always encourage exploring places in our District, especially those that honor our city's indigenous history. I've had the chance to visit [S'edav Va'aki Museum](#) several times, and on one occasion I even helped handle ancient artifacts and assisted with exhibit installation for a [Keshla on the Job](#). Experiences like that remind me how much there is to learn and appreciate.

The museum is shifting to summer hours beginning July 2. It will be open Monday and Thursday through Saturday from 9 AM to 2 PM, and closed Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Sundays. You can also explore the traveling exhibit "[Parched: The Art of Water in the Southwest](#)" through July 20.

If you're [planning a visit](#), remember that many museums and cultural attractions are accessible with a [Culture Pass from Phoenix Public Library](#). For questions, call 602-495-0901.



Light Rail, Local Business, Live Music: Ride the Rail This July

It has been just over a year since we opened the Downtown Hub light rail expansion, and I continue to be inspired by how it has brought new energy to our community. Every day, families, workers, students, and visitors use the light rail as a reliable and accessible way to move through our city.

Downtown Phoenix Inc. and Valley Metro are launching [Ride the Rail](#), a month-long summer campaign that makes riding the light rail a fun way to explore. Starting July 1, riders can pick up a free Copper Card from DTPHX Ambassadors, Valley Metro staff, or at the DTPHX Community Resource Hub. The Copper Card, or the Ride the Rail ad in the Valley Metro app, gives riders access to special discounts at participating Downtown businesses.

There will also be live music on July 16, 24, and 30 from 5 to 7 p.m. on the Valley Metro Rail B Line between the Central Ave Camelback and Downtown Phoenix Hub Central Ave stations. It is a great opportunity to enjoy local artists while using our transit system.



LIVE ENTERTAINMENT ON THE RAIL

- JULY 16** • Special Musical Guests from Rosie's House
The B line between the Downtown Phoenix Hub and Central Ave./Cameback
5pm - 7 pm
- JULY 24** • Special Musical Guests from Phoenix Symphony
The B line between the Downtown Phoenix Hub and Central Ave./Cameback
5pm - 7 pm
- JULY 30** • Special Musical Guests from Herberger Theater Center
The B line between the Downtown Phoenix Hub and Central Ave./Cameback
5pm - 7 pm



To learn more scan the QR code or visit www.dtphx.org/dtphx-ride-the-rail

Summer Wellness for Seniors

I want to remind our District 8 seniors about two great wellness opportunities: the Laveen Seniors Summer Series and the Broadway Heritage Senior Summer Series. Both programs offer free, welcoming spaces to stay active, learn, and connect with neighbors.

The Laveen Seniors Summer Series continues every Friday at the Laveen Library through August 7. The Broadway Heritage Senior Summer Series meets every Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon, beginning July 9 and running through December 17, 2026. Sessions include Sound Therapy, Move with Grace, Chair Yoga, Senior Center 101, Fitness and Wellness, Arts and Crafts, Bingo and Friends, Technical Assistance, and more. I hope you join us as we continue building community, health, and connection in District 8.



BROADWAY HERITAGE SENIORS SUMMER SERIES
Sponsored by Phoenix City Council District 8
Vice Mayor Kesha Hodge-Washington

Join Us for Fun Summer Older Adult Programming Kick-Off!

Welcome the Senior Summer Series with *Sound Therapy Class*
Thursday, July 9, 2026 from 10 a.m. to noon
& learn more about the summer adult programming!

Classes will continue every Thursday
Beginning July 9, through December 17, 2026
from 10 a.m. to noon

Location:
Broadway Heritage
Neighborhood Resource Center
2405 E Broadway Road
Phoenix, AZ 85040
For more information, call:
602-262-7249

This is your opportunity to:

- Stay active
- Learn something new
- Focus on your well-being
- Enjoy a variety of physical and educational activities
- All skill levels welcome in a supportive, friendly environment

FREE FOR ALL ADULTS | EVERYONE WELCOME



LAVEEN SENIORS SUMMER SERIES
Sponsored by Phoenix City Council District 8
Vice Mayor Kesha Hodge Washington

Join Us for Fun Summer Older Adult Programming Kick-Off Event!

Welcome the Senior Summer Series with *Harmony in Motion Exercise Class*
Friday, June 12, 2026 from 10 a.m. to noon
& learn more about the summer adult programming!

Classes will continue every Friday
Beginning June 12 through August 7, 2026
from 10 a.m. to noon

Location:
Laveen Library
3635 W. Baseline Rd,
Laveen, AZ 85339
For more information, call:
602-495-3711

This is your opportunity to stay active, learn something new, and focus on your well-being through a variety of physical fitness activities and health & wellness educational presentations.

All skill levels welcome in a supportive, friendly environment.

FREE FOR ALL ADULTS | EVERYONE WELCOME

Recognizing Leadership in Disability Inclusion

The Mayor’s Commission on Disability Issues is now accepting nominations for this year’s [Disability Awards and Recognition Event](#), which honors individuals, organizations, and businesses that strengthen inclusion and improve the quality of life for people with disabilities in Phoenix. Categories include the Architectural, Nonprofit, Business, Community Service, Outstanding Educator, and Det. Olsen Lifetime Achievement Awards. If you know someone making a meaningful impact, please [submit a nomination](#) by July 31, 2026.



Community Calendar

City Council Meetings:

All Phoenix City Council [formal, policy and special meetings](#) are conducted in the City Council Chambers, 200 W. Jefferson St. Residents are invited to attend and participate.

The next scheduled Phoenix City Council Formal meeting will be on Wednesday, August 26 at 2:30 p.m.

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If you need any special accommodations, please email council.district.8@phoenix.gov or call 602-262-7493.

Sincerely,
Vice Mayor Kesha Hodge Washington

This email was sent by Phoenix Vice Mayor District 8 at 200 W. Washington Street Phoenix, AZ 85003.

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