

Nov. 6, 2020

## **CITY EVENTS**

## **UPCOMING PUBLIC CITY MEETINGS**

- Phoenix Bus Rapid Transit Meeting 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10. Please click <u>Notice of Public Meeting</u> for meeting information.
- Rio Vista Village Planning Committee 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10. Please click on <u>Notice of Public</u>
   <u>Meeting</u> for meeting information.
- Zoning and Adjustment Hearing 9:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12. Please click on the <u>Notice</u> of <u>Public Meeting</u> link for meeting information.
- Environmental Quality and Sustainability Commission 3:00 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12. Please click on the <u>Notice of Public Meeting</u> link for meeting information
- North Gateway Village Planning Committee 6:00 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12. Please click on the <u>Notice</u> of <u>Public Meeting</u> link for meeting information.

City Council meetings are live on Cox Cable Channel 11 and streamed live on <a href="https://www.phoenix.gov/phxtv">https://www.phoenix.gov/phxtv</a> and facebook.com/cityofphoenix.

To view written or video instructions for meeting participation, please visit <a href="https://www.phoenix.gov/cityclerk/publicmeetings/city-council-meetings">https://www.phoenix.gov/cityclerk/publicmeetings/city-council-meetings</a>

Past City Council meetings are posted to YouTube at <a href="http://www.youtube.com/cityofphoenixaz">http://www.youtube.com/cityofphoenixaz</a>.

## **DISTRICT 1 EVENTS:**

## DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Please continue to check here for updates on future District 1 community events.

## **CITY NEWS & EVENTS:**

Last Updated: 9:00 a.m. on Nov. 6, 2020



These are unofficial election results for the Phoenix Mayor and Council Election provided to the City by the Maricopa County Recorder's Office, which conducted the election.

Phoenix-Mayor	Ballot Cast: 610437	Tumout: 71.77%	Vote for 1	
		GALLEGO, KATE*	329,354	6 1%
		HAMILTON, MERISSA	139,398	26%
		SEAY, TIM	66,680	12%
Phoenix-PROPOSITION 444	Ballot Cast: 610437	Turnout: 71.77%	Vote for 1	
		NO	140,488	27%
		YES*	380,294	73 %
Phoenix Dist 1-Councilmember	Ballot Cast: 82223	Turnout: 70.98%	Vote for 1	
		O'BRIEN, ANN*	32,294	53%
		SIEBERT, DAVE	28,827	47%
Phoenix Dist 3-Councilmember	Ballot Cast: 84826	Turnout: 75.62%	Vote for 1	
		GARCIA, NICOLE	21,949	35%
		PIERCE, KRISTEN	11,043	17%
		STARK, DEBRA*	30,000	47%
Phoenix Dist 5-Councilmember	Ballot Cast: 50602	Turnout: 60.00%	Vote for 1	
		GUARDADO, BETTY*	27,808	68
		SCHICK, NATHAN	5,727	14%
		WILLIAMS, ANDRE	7,624	19%
Phoenix Dist 7-Councilmember	Ballot Cast: 53987	Turnout: 60.64%	Vote for 1	
		ANSARI, YASSAMIN*	14,609	32%
		ESTELA, CINTHIA	14,501	32%
		FLUNOY, G. GRAYSON	3,985	9%
		MERCADO-GUDINO, SUSAN	3,677	8%
		MONTOYA, FRANCISCA	8,064	18%

This election is to elect a City of Phoenix Mayor and City Council Members for Districts 1, 3, 5 and 7 for a full four-year term that begins on April 19, 2021 and to vote on a ballot measure for the Alternative Expenditure Limitation (Home Rule). These items appeared on the State General Election ballot for City of Phoenix voters only.

Maricopa County will continue to process and tabulate early ballots and provisional ballots. Additional updates on the election results are expected each day beginning Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2020. The updated results will be posted as they are received from the County. To view results directly on Maricopa County's website go to Results.Maricopa.Vote.

Find out more information about the Mayor and Council Election.

For information about races for Federal, State and County offices, or other General Election ballot information, please visit Maricopa. Vote.

## IN HONOR OF ALL VETERANS



To all the veterans out there... we salute you! Thank you for your service and sacrifice! Thank you to all members of our military, in all branches, past and present, living, and deceased.

Happy Veterans Day to our military and their families, who sacrifice so much to keep our country safe and strong.

#### **VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY**

Phoenix City Offices will be closed on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020 for the Veterans Day Holiday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Here's how city services are affected:

**Solid Waste:** Trash and recycling will be collected as usual. There will be no change in collection day. Please place your trash and recycling containers 4 feet apart at the curb by 5:30 a.m.

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



**Public Transit:** Bus and light rail are operating on a regular weekday service schedule. No RAPID or Express bus service. Customer Service is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Due to COVID-19 preventative measures, the following transit centers are open only for mask distribution: Central Station\* (\*note new address 302 N. 1st Avenue Suite 120), Ed Pastor, Sunnyslope and Metrocenter. Visit valleymetro.org for more information.

**Library:** All Phoenix Public Library locations are closed. Phoenix Public Library book drops remain available with the exception of South Mountain Community Library. Customers may access library resources 24/7 by visiting phoenixpubliclibrary.org.

Parking Meters: All parking meters are enforced 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, including weekends and holidays.

## PHOENIX COVID-19 TESTING BLITZ

## Mobile Van Testing

## Saturday, Nov. 7

Pendergast Community Center 10550 W. Mariposa St., Phoenix 85037 Council District 5 6:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Appointment required at: https://vincerecancer.com

#### Sunday, Nov. 8

Sueño Park
4401 W. Encanto Blvd., Phoenix 85035
Council District 4
6:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Appointment required at: https://vincerecancer.com



## Monday, Nov 9

Mountain View Community Center
1104 E. Grovers Ave., Phoenix 85022
Council Districts 2 + 3
6:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Appointment required at: https://vincerecancer.com
Additional Influenza vaccination registration

at: <a href="https://oem.passporthealthglobal.com/ClinicSignUp/Registration/maricopaflu">https://oem.passporthealthglobal.com/ClinicSignUp/Registration/maricopaflu</a>

## Friday, Nov. 13

Cholla Library 10050 N. Metro Pkwy E. Phoenix 85051 Council District 1

6:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Appointment required at: <a href="https://vincerecancer.com">https://vincerecancer.com</a>

Additional Influenza vaccination registration

at: https://oem.passporthealthglobal.com/ClinicSignUp/Registration/maricopaflu

For additional testing dates and locations, please visit **Phoenix Testing Blitz** 

COVID-19

**Free Testing** 

## WATER SERVICES



## Phoenix Water Recognized by National Association of Clean Water Agencies for Continued Operational Excellence in Wastewater Treatment

The <u>Phoenix Water</u> Services Department was honored this week by The <u>National Association of Clean Water</u> <u>Agencies</u> (NACWA) Peak Performance Awards. The NACWA recognized the department for continued environmental and operational excellence.

Phoenix Water's dedicated employees have earned 91st Avenue Wastewater Treatment Plant a Silver Award and 23rd Avenue Wastewater Treatment Plant a Platinum Award. The 23rd Avenue Wastewater Treatment Plant has received the Platinum Award for the last 11 years.

"To be honored amongst an impressive group of utilities contributing to water quality, makes me so proud. It's not an easy job to do but we know how valuable it is," said Nazario Prieto, assistant director, Phoenix Wastewater Services Department.

NACWA is a nationally recognized leader in environmental policy, water quality, and ecosystem protection issues. The Peak Performance Award is presented to utilities for continuously providing outstanding clean water. This annual ceremony celebrates honorees who maintain permit compliance ensuring the safest treatment of water.

"Being recognized for 11 years in a row is pretty remarkable. This recognition wouldn't be possible without our staff who are committed to environmental responsibility and the community we serve," said Stuart Dalbey, deputy director, Phoenix Water Services Department Wastewater Treatment Division.

Phoenix Water received both Platinum and Silver Awards. <u>Platinum Awards</u> recognize 100% compliance with permits over a consecutive five-year period. Silver Award are presented to facilities with less than 5 permit violations for the entire calendar year.

## **PUBLIC TRANSIT**

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



The Northwest Extension Phase II (NWEII) project will extend light rail west on Dunlap Avenue from 19th Avenue, then north on 25th Avenue and across Interstate 17 on Mountain View Road with a terminus on the west side of the freeway near Metrocenter Mall. Northwest Extension Phase II light rail project construction is underway. The current work is exclusively third-party utility construction. The project contractor (Kiewit-McCarthy, A Joint Venture) began their work on Oct. 18.

- Dunlap Avenue between C Street and 25th avenues (north side): Salt River Project is converting overhead electrical lines to underground facilities on the north side of Dunlap Avenue between C Street and 25th avenues. Westbound and Eastbound Dunlap Avenue will have one lane restricted daily. Traffic restrictions will be in place 9 a.m. through 4 p.m. through late December. Click <a href="here">here</a> for more information.
- Dunlap Avenue between 23rd and 25th avenues (north side): Kiewit-McCarthy is performing underground utility relocation and roadway construction on the north side of Dunlap Avenue between 23rd and 25th avenues. Dunlap Avenue traffic will be restricted to one westbound and one eastbound lane daily. Traffic restrictions will be in place starting Sunday, Oct. 18 at 7 a.m. through Friday, July 30, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. Click <a href="here">here</a> for more information.
- **[NEW] Dunlap Avenue between 19th and 25th avenues:** Kiewit-McCarthy is performing underground utility relocation and roadway construction on Dunlap Avenue between 19th and 25th avenues during day and nighttime hours. Traffic lanes will be located on the south side of Dunlap Avenue and restricted to one west- and one eastbound lane. Traffic restrictions will be in place 24/7 from Monday, Nov. 9 at 7:00 p.m. through Monday, May 31, 2021 at 5 a.m. Click <a href="here">here</a> for more information.
- **[NEW] 25th Avenue between Dunlap Avenue and Mountain View Road:** Kiewit-McCarthy is performing underground utility relocation and roadway construction on 25th Avenue between Dunlap Avenue and Mountain View Road during day and nighttime hours. Traffic lanes will be located on the west side of 25th Avenue and restricted to one north- and one southbound lane. Traffic restrictions will be in place 24/7 from Monday, Nov. 9 at 7:00 a.m. through Friday, Jan. 29, 2021 at 5 a.m. Click here for more information.

Visit <u>valleymetro.org/northwest2</u> to view the latest updates and learn more about the project.

#### Other Area Projects

• The Arizona Department of Transportation is constructing improvements to the cross-street drainage system along the I-17 frontage road between Greenway Road and Dunlap Avenue in Phoenix. The purpose of the project is to improve the drainage facilities that remove storm runoff from the Greenway, Thunderbird, Cactus, and Peoria cross streets, helping to reduce the potential for flooding at the I-17 overpasses. This work will close portions of the I-17 south- or northbound frontage roads through 2020 and into 2021. Click <a href="here">here</a> for more information.

**Business Owners Forum** 

Date: Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020

**Time:** 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.

WebEx: <u>valley-metro.webex.com</u> Event number: 146 666 3473

Event password: NWEII\_Biz\_Forum

**Phone:** 602-666-0783

Access code: 146 666 3473

Business owners or managers, please attend this virtual event to meet the NWEII business assistance coordinator and other Valley Metro team members, representatives from the City of Phoenix and the construction contractor.



You'll get a general overview of what to expect during construction, hear from other businesses that have experienced light rail construction and have the chance to ask questions about the project. For more information, contact: Bree Boehlke Business Assistance Coordinator 602-256-5822 or at <a href="mailto:bboehlke@valleymetro.org">bboehlke@valleymetro.org</a>.

#### **Project Contact**

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## STREET TRANSPORTATION

#### Two Pedestrian Scrambles Installed in Downtown Phoenix

People who live, work or play in downtown Phoenix no longer have to look to Tokyo or New York City to learn what a pedestrian scramble is. A pedestrian scramble is an intersection that allows pedestrians to cross in any direction. Downtown Phoenix is now home to two pedestrian scrambles, complete with all-way crosswalks and a traffic signal phase that temporarily stops all vehicular traffic, allowing pedestrians to cross the street in any direction, including diagonally.

The two pedestrian scramble intersections are adjacent to the downtown Arizona State University campus on Taylor Street at 1st and 3rd Streets. With many people walking in this area, the pedestrian-only phase of the traffic signals is expected to improve safety and reduce delays for people walking and people driving.



Street Transportation Department Director Kini Knudson, explains that these intersections are another step to improve mobility in Phoenix, but added that they are part of a long-term strategy. "We are always looking at ways to improve our roadways for all users – people walking or jogging, riding bicycles or scooters or driving cars. For downtown Phoenix, the addition of these two pedestrian scrambles is just one of many recent and upcoming improvements." He highlights that the 3rd and 5th Avenues Project is under construction, the 3rd Street Project will begin construction in spring 2021, and that the Downtown Transportation Plan Update demonstrates that our infrastructure is set up for success. Learn more about the department's capital improvement projects here.

The pedestrian scrambles were both installed and activated in October, which is National Pedestrian Safety Month. People walking are encouraged to only cross when given indication from the traffic signal. Diagonal crossing is only acceptable at these two specially marked crosswalks. At all other intersections, pedestrians should cross at designated crosswalks as indicated by the paint markings.

People driving are reminded to always come to a full stop on red and to expect people crossing in any direction during the pedestrian-only phase. The city encourages people to always be alert and on the lookout for the wide variety of people who use Phoenix streets. Recently, also as part of National Pedestrian Safety Month, the Street Transportation Department launched a new public service announcement campaign, Scan the Street for Wheels and Feet. Watch the full PSA here.

#### PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

### Staff Helps Critical Mask Manufacturing Plant Open in Phoenix





Under a tight deadline, a potentially life-saving company is up and running thanks to their collaboration with the City of Phoenix Planning and Development Department staff.

Listen to how they were able to creatively meet some strict deadlines. It is one example of how staff has kept the development community thriving despite COVID. To watch the story visit <a href="https://t.co/siKCeEJW4J?amp=1">https://t.co/siKCeEJW4J?amp=1</a>

# Phoenix Planning and Development Department Launches New On-line Services for Short-term Vacation Rental Property Registrations and Searches

Searching for or registering a short-term vacation rental property in Phoenix is a lot easier now, thanks to a new online self-registration portal. The Planning and Development Department just launched the portal that will make the registration process more efficient for property owners. It will also make it easier to find rentals and the owner's emergency contact information by surrounding property owners should there be management issues.

In 2019, the Arizona Legislature authorized municipalities to create provisions for short-term vacation rentals (Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S. §9-500.39) to help manage them as the law requires all cities to allow them within their city. Phoenix adopted the Short-Term Vacation Rental Ordinance (G-6653) in early 2020, to implement the law passed by the State Legislature.

The Short-Term Vacation Rental Ordinance (ORDINANCE G-6653) requires owners of short-term or vacation rentals to register with the city and provide emergency and complaint contact information. The ordinance outlines vacation rental violations and reaffirms prohibited types of uses, such as banquet halls and large parties, and introduces an enhanced penalty structure.

Two new features have been added to the website and take customers directly to the online PHX At Your Service Portals. Property owners should visit <a href="https://www.phoenix.gov/pdd/codes-ordinances/short-term-">https://www.phoenix.gov/pdd/codes-ordinances/short-term-</a> rentals to register their short-term vacation rental property. Neighbors impacted by a short-term vacation rental property should visit that site to find the contact information for the manager of that property to communicate about renter issues.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

The Parks and Recreation Department is encouraging residents to explore Phoenix trails this month and post pics or video of their adventures using #HikeYourTurf and #HikeRight. Each post will help support the National Recreation and Park Association <u>@NRPA\_news</u>.

More than 41,000 acres of Phoenix desert and mountain parks and preserves offer everything from busy, arduous summit climbs to secluded, meandering valley walks. 40 trailheads provide access to more than 200 miles of trails.

Dogs are prohibited on Camelback Mountain's Echo Canyon and Cholla Trails, and the Piestewa Peak Summit Trail year-round. Dogs are prohibited on all city of Phoenix trails when the temperature is 100 degrees or warmer.

To further explore park locations near you, visit <u>Park Locations</u>. You can learn the level of difficulty, distance, and elevation of each hike as well as park hours. Don't' forget to Review "Take a Hike. Do it Right." guidelines before visiting the trail. The symbol to the right of each trail name represents the difficulty rating.



## COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Innovators Sought to Bridge Digital Divide for Phoenix Schools in Real Life

Mobile technology companies interested in bridging the digital divide in central Phoenix are being sought to design a private intranet connecting the city's most vulnerable students to their classrooms with high-speed broadband connections. A request for proposal (RFP) -- due Nov. 24 -- is on the street right now.

The RFP wants the successful proposer to take the working micro proof of concept and scaleup to provide secured home-to-classroom intranet connections. Public internet access is not part of the plan, so that traditional broadband access remains with commercial internet service providers.



In a city becoming one of the innovation hotbeds for technology companies, the break-the-mold request for proposals will help to bridge the digital divide. A technology company or collaborative considering itself innovative, nimble, and entrepreneurial will deliver the future to digitally underserved Phoenix students and create the foundation for the workforce of the future.

The proposals for "Network of the Future for a Workforce of the Future – Bridging the Digital Divide," Phoenix Union High School RFP #9-1120, are due by 2:00 p.m., Mountain Standard Time, Tuesday, Nov. 24. For more information, only contact Lila McCleery, director, Purchasing, Supply and Property, Phoenix Union High School District. McCleery@PhoenixUnion.org.

To read the full article visit https://www.phoenix.gov/newsroom/ced/1608

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

#### Legislative

This week, Public Transit staff submitted a grant application to the U.S. Federal Transportation Administration under the Public Transportation COVID-19 Research Demonstration Grant Program. A funding request of \$2 million was made for the purchase and installation of bus operator protective barriers on the Phoenix heavy duty transit fleet. The protective barriers will serve to enhance the health and safety of fixed route bus operators by providing protection from physical hard, as well as protection from water droplets associated with passenger coughing or sneezing.

This week, Public Transit staff also submitted a grant application to the U.S. Federal Transportation Administration under the Transit Oriented Development Pilot Planning Program requesting \$2 million to enhance a half mile radius surrounding the 1.6-mile Northwest Extension Phase II corridor. Funding will

support existing businesses and attract healthy new businesses to the corridor, enhance connectivity, increase access and mixed-use development, and identify opportunity sites for new developments that complement the next phase of the extension.

#### **Economic Development & Education**

Last week, Aviation staff distributed 50,000 individually bagged cloth masks to guests in Terminal 3, Terminal 4, and the Rental Car Center of Sky Harbor International Airport. Throughout the month of October, staff distributed 155,000 masks.

On Nov. 5, Arts and Culture staff kicked off their November series of online professional workshops with private attorney Sarah Conley Odenkirk, covering legal and business issues for artists and arts organizations. The workshops take place every Thursday at 10 a.m. and are open to all. Those interested in participating can register on the Office of Arts and Culture website.

On Oct. 19, Community and Economic Development staff toured the 80,000-square-foot General Electric (GE) Healthcare facility and met with the Phoenix executive team. At the Phoenix facility, GE manufactures the InveniaTM Automated Breast Ultrasound System 2.0, which improves breast cancer detection capabilities and is the only ultrasound technology approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for use as a supplemental screening for women with dense breast tissue. GE Healthcare plans to expand their Phoenix operations and continue to advance their research and development device technology.

### **Social Services Delivery**

To date, Library staff has provided curbside pickup services to more than 150,000 customers, with approximately 1.4 million physical library materials circulated by library cardholders.

This week, in partnership with St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance, Library staff served 752 meals to children and teens, ages 18 and under. The Kid's Café program is the result of a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture administered by the Arizona Department of Education. Meals are being provided Monday through Saturday during curbside pickup hours at select library branches.

On Oct. 31, Housing staff hosted the Phoenix COVID-19 Mobile Testing Van at the Emmett McLoughlin Community Training and Education center at Matthew Henson. During the event, 300 individuals were tested.

On Oct. 28 and 29, Housing staff hosted flu clinics at Dunbar Elementary School in partnership with the Maricopa County Public Health Program and Native Health. During the event, 80 residents from Henson Village, Henson Village Senior, and Symphony Apartments received flu shots.

On Oct. 30, Housing staff hosted Trash for Treats, a Halloween-inspired community clean-up at Edison Park. Residents were encouraged to dress-up in "recycled" costumes from articles they had in the home and met in the park to help pick up litter. In exchange for the litter residents collected, they received Halloween treats and information on recycling and the effect of litter on the environment. Participants included 29 residents from the neighborhood.

On Oct. 26, Human Services staff at the Family Advocacy Center (FAC) set a record of serving 13 walk-in clients in one day. In October, victim advocates at the FAC served 94 walk-in clients, which reflects a 20 percent increase compared to the previous year. The Victim Advocacy team provides critical crisis-intervention services such as order of protection assistance, safety planning, emergency shelter assistance, and other important referrals.

#### **Public Safety**

On Oct. 29, a Police Recruit Written Exam was administered to 23 applicants. Those who passed the exam were invited to submit their AZPOST background packet. The next Police Recruit Written Exam is scheduled for Nov. 6 and 83 applicants have been invited to take the exam. Police recruitment remains open for applicants to register for written exams scheduled Nov. 6, Nov. 21, Dec. 4, and the ongoing online option.

On Nov. 7, Fire and Police staff will partner with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety to educate drivers about the proper use of booster and child safety seats. Fire staff has found through past car seat inspections that four out of every five child car safety seats are installed incorrectly. Additionally, one-third of children have been found to be riding in the wrong restraints for their age and size.

#### Neighborhoods and Livability

During the week of Oct. 26, the Parks and Recreation staff hosted five tournaments at sports complexes citywide. Staff hosted 373 allocations and 92 reservations on flat-land athletic fields citywide and scheduled 83 maintenance staff for 332 hours to conduct secondary cleaning on adjacent restrooms. During the week of Nov. 2, staff is currently scheduled to host 66 allocations at sports complexes so far.

#### Infrastructure

This week, Information Technology staff continued work on the PHX 311 project. PHX311 is vital to the city as it expands our outreach to citizens and visitors through new city services mobile applications. The project will occur in two phases and the existing services on PAYS will become the PHX 311 web portal to match the user Interface and experience of the PHX 311 Mobile Application.

This week, Street Transportation staff launched the web page for the Colter Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements project. The web page includes the recorded public meeting presentation, downloadable roll plots of the conceptual design alternatives, and links to the public surveys. Staff also fourteen temporary roadway signs that were installed along Colter Street to direct people to the project web page.

This week, Street Transportation staff presented the new tree planting prioritization map to a virtual meeting of the Urban Heat Island Subcommittee. The map shows areas in Phoenix that need shade the most. Data was compiled by the Streets Transportation staff in Technical Services using data from Streets Mobility study areas, Maricopa County Health Department shade study, and The ICARUS Project, an ASU - UCLA collaboration.

On Oct. 28 and 29, Water Services staff hosted two virtual public meetings to share information regarding Phase Two of the Drought Pipeline Project. Approximately 80 people attended the meetings to ask questions and participate in discussion regarding upcoming impacts. Recordings of the public meeting and detailed summaries of the meetings will be available online.



## **COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 NEWS AND INITIATIVES**

## CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES ON DEEM HILLS RECREATION AREA: PHOTO UPDATES



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

## WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

## Manzanita Teacher Receives Generous Surprise

Manzanita Elementary kindergarten teacher Ivonne Monge received a huge surprise Oct. 30: more than \$2,200 worth of supplies for her classroom courtesy of Suntec Concrete! Each year, Suntec offers its employees the opportunity to honor a teacher who has made a difference in their child's life through their Education Appreciation Program.

Mr. Monge was nominated by her husband, Francisco, who wrote, "She cares about every single kid like they were one of her own. She is always trying to find help for all of her kids, especially those most in need." Ms. Monge was one of 40 teachers recognized by Suntec.



## WESD Finance Department Honored with Two Awards

The WESD Finance Department recently received two awards for outstanding financial reporting. The Association of School Business Officials awarded the district their Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ending in 2019. Additionally, WESD was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

Both of these awards signify the highest form of recognition in government accounting and financial reporting and reflect a commitment to transparency and full disclosure. We are proud of the team in the Finance Department and appreciate everything they do!



## DEER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS



DVUSD's new Spanish Immersion school, Union Park School, held a small, socially distanced Ribbon Cutting event Wednesday, Oct. 21. We welcomed distinguished guests including Deer Valley Governing Board members Ann O'Brien, Ann Ordway and Julie Read, Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego, and Maricopa County School Superintendent Steve Watson to celebrate our spectacular school. We will hold a MUY GRANDE celebration when it is safe to do so, but in the meantime, we cut the ribbon to recognize the home of the Toros! A home... a family!!

Union Park School is located near Happy Valley Road and 19th Avenue in the new Union Park Neighborhood.



## **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

**FETCH FOUNDATION**: please go to the following site: 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 Together we save lives!

MINI MIGHTY MUTTS for more information, contact Angie Crouse at 480-304-5654 or info@minimightymutts.com Also check out our website at 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 email info@operationcarefoodbank.org.



Thelda is tweeting! Follow her @TheldaWilliams1

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