

### December 20, 2019

### **CITY EVENTS**

### **UPCOMING PUBLIC CITY MEETINGS**

• Zoning Adjustment Hearing – 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, Phoenix City Hall, 200 W. Washington St., Assembly Room C.

For more information on these and all other public City meetings visit: https://www.phoenix.gov/cityclerk/publicmeetings/notices.

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### **DISTRICT 1 EVENTS:**

### **DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST**



The next breakfast is Friday, Jan. 31, at the DoubleTree Hotel Phoenix North, 10220 N. Metro Pkwy E., Phoenix, AZ 85051. Breakfast will be at 7:30 a.m. and the guest speaker will start 7:45 a.m.

### **CITY NEWS & EVENTS:**



# JOINT STATEMENT FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS WILLIAMS, STARK, AND PASTOR: RED LIGHT SAVE LIVES

Ensuring our streets are safe for all Phoenicians should not be an issue up for debate. Our city is growing rapidly, and that means more cars on our roadways and a greater likelihood for dangerous accidents. We are extremely disappointed that the full council could not come to an agreement on the issue of keeping the city's 12 red light cameras in operation over the next four months. The idea that

removing these cameras somehow makes our streets safer is not in line with what the data clearly shows—these cameras save lives and make our streets less dangerous for residents.

However, we believe it's important to keep some form of speed control in place ahead of the roll-out of the next red light camera contract. That is why we voted in favor of keeping the speed detection vehicles in operation through the next contract.

The next step on this topic is holding a work study session to look at what safety measures need to be part of our next red light camera contract and where these resources should be located throughout the city. There is no doubt that more needs to be done to ensure pedestrian safety in Phoenix. We look forward to working with the full council to prioritize this issue.

### POLICE RESPONSE TO ALARM CALLS DISCUSSION

#### **Best Practice Elements**

The first element in the list of best practices is Enhanced Call Confirmation. The Phoenix Police Department implemented three-call verification in May 2010. The alarm monitoring company must call the premises first, and then

make a minimum of two additional phone calls to attempt to contact a responsible party prior to requesting police response. The second element is standardized control panels and was removed in 2016 due to evolving technology. The third element is the requirement of an alarm permit and fee for every alarm system owner. The City of Phoenix Alarm ordinance requires each alarm system owner to obtain a valid permit and pay an annual renewal fee. The fourth element is a reasonable fee schedule for false alarms and limiting the number of free false alarm responses. The City's Alarm Ordinance allows for one free false alarm response in a 365day period. If a subsequent false alarm occurs in the same 365-day period, it results in a false alarm fee invoice and the alarm subscriber and the alarm company are jointly responsible for an assessment. The fifth element is ceasing response to chronic abusers. The Phoenix Police Department does not cease response due to the inherent liability of this practice and legal considerations. However, when an alarm system incurs 10 or more false alarms, the system owner is subject to an alarm inspection. If an additional three false alarms are incurred after an inspection, the system owner is subject to a class 1 misdemeanor citation and additional penalties. Additionally, the Alarms Detail provides in-person false alarm prevention training. The sixth and final element is the acceptance of alarm dispatch cancellations. In 2017 the Phoenix Police Department implemented the Automated Secure Alarm Protocol (ASAP to PSAP) to Public Safety Answering Point program. ASAP to PSAP is a computer-aided dispatch system with two-way communication between alarm monitoring stations and the dispatch CAD system. The system aids in the cancellation of alarm calls quickly when a determination is made through customer contact or the validity is verified through visual or electronic means.

# STREET VIEW: COUNCIL DISTRICT 1

This report covers the period from October 25 through November 27.

### **Council District 1 Initiatives**

### Street Right-of-Way Landscape Maintenance

Crews maintained the landscaped areas within the street right-of-way listed below. This work typically includes weed and trash removal and landscape pruning. This helps provide a safe environment for the public and enhances the image of the city's streets. For more information about the street right-of-way landscape maintenance program, visit phoenix.gov/streets/ROWlandscape.

1. Greenway Road and 35th Avenue

### Roadway Repair Work

Street maintenance crews completed significant roadway repairs at the following locations in D1:

- 2. 3225 W. Cavedale Dr.
- 3. 8021 N. 43rd Ave.
- 4. 4243 W. Greenway Rd.
- 5. 43422 N. 44th Ln.
- 6. 42nd Avenue and Ruth Avenue
- 7. 43rd Avenue / 47th Avenue Union Hills Drive / Grovers Avenue
- 8. 19th Avenue, 7th Avenue Deer Valley Road
- 9. 51st Avenue / Cactus Road Sweetwater Avenue

### Alley Maintenance

Street maintenance crews graded the dirt surface on the following alleys in D1:

10. 3509 W. Sahuaro Dr.



### Citywide Updates

Thanks to voter-approved Transportation 2050, this year, the street maintenance division oversaw more street paving than ever before. In 2019, crews completed the following work:

- 195 local street miles paved
- 61 arterial and major street miles paved
- 120 local street miles and 35 arterial and major street miles received a pavement preservation treatment
- 5,650 new wheelchair accessible sidewalk ramps were installed
- 75,000 man-hours
- 500,000 tons of asphalt material



Learn more and view an interactive map to see when and where we'll be paving through 2023 at

https://www.phoenix.gov/streets/accelerated.



# COUNCIL APPROVES CONTRACT WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, FOR THE SUPPLIES OF TASERS

On Dec. 18th, City Council voted to approve entering into a contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc, for the supply of Tasers, Virtual Reality headsets and Axon Performance software.

The Police Department's Property Management Bureau supplies new and replacement X2 Tasers, parts and accessories to new recruits and existing personnel. The X2 Tasers are now past the five-year "useful life" and the warranties have expired. During recertification training, officers have experienced unsafe, critical failures of the X2 Tasers. A failure on the streets could result in devastating consequences for both the officer and the subject.



The Tasers provide a non-lethal alternative to police officers in high-risk situations to subdue actively aggressive, non-compliant, dangerous subjects. The Tasers are required for all on-duty uniformed officers and are a critical part of the Police Department's continuing effort to provide public safety services to the citizens of Phoenix.

The Taser 7, which is the latest technology offered by Axon

Enterprise, Inc. allows officers the ability to more effectively de-escalate dangerous situations. This model also has wireless device management with self-reporting capabilities. Additionally, Axon has improved the effectiveness, accuracy and target attachment in the Taser 7 model. Training is conducted both online and inperson and delivers a more comprehensive Taser training program with a shift toward reality-based training to strengthen a police officer's capabilities to de-escalate. The use of Cloud storage and connectivity allows

more actionable use-of-force data to be used by department management. A time study was completed comparing the Taser 7 to the X2 Taser and found the Dock and Go work flow of Taser 7 could save up to four officer-hours per year, per device by automating data downloads and firmware upgrades.

# Taser X2 vs. Taser 7 Latest Technology Improved Data & Analytics Improved Data & Performance Improved Effectiveness/Officer Safety - Fewer officer injuries Improved Effectiveness, Accuracy & Target Attachment Comprehensive, Reality-Based Training

### SHORT-TERM RENTAL

The City of Phoenix is proposing an amendment to update the existing liability outlined in City Code Chapter 2, Article I, section 2-22 to recover the cost at events requiring response by police and the ability to hold the owner of the premises and any person who is in actual or lawful control of the premises responsible. This amendment applies any time the Police are dispatched to a parcel multiple times for a loud party noise call, not just to short-term or vacation rental units.



Additionally, the City of Phoenix is proposing an ordinance that requires owners of short-term or vacation rentals to register, provide emergency and complaint contact information. The proposed ordinance outlines vacation rental violations, prohibited types of uses and introduces an enhanced penalty structure. Short-term Vacation rentals means any portion of the land zoned for residential use or any unit, room, or detached structure of a single-family or multi-family dwelling unit that is offered to the public for short-term residential purpose.

### **SOBER LIVING HOME REGULATIONS**

On April 18, 2018 the City Council approved the Zoning Ordinance text amendment (G-6451) and the SSLH

Licensing Program (G-6453). The text amendment updated several sections of the Zoning Ordinance regarding group homes, community residences, and associated uses and regulations. More specifically it limited unstructured and unlicensed group homes with six to 10 residents in residential districts, updated definitions to create the Community Residence Home and Center classifications, added community residence spacing safeguards to prevent clustering, established a Zoning Disability Accommodation Committee to review



reasonable accommodation requests, increased parking requirements to limit on-street vehicle impacts and address the use of multifamily apartments as community residence centers. Staff has been working under the new regulation for approximately a year and a half.

### **Status Report:**

The Planning and Development Department (PDD) administers community residence home/group home registrations, the registration verification process, and reasonable accommodations. PDD registers the following types of homes:

State licensed facilities:

- · Community Residence Homes (6 to 10 residents)
- Community Residence Centers (11+ residents)

#### Non-Licensed Facilities:

- · Group Homes
- · Boarding Houses

Registrations have been maintained for community residence homes since 1992. Staff conducts an annual verification process where license data from the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) is compared to existing registration data to determine if registrations can be removed because the registered home is no longer operating a community residence home.



Based on the City's most recent registration verification process beginning in Sept. 2018, there were 620 homes verified. Since this time, 102 new registrations were added. This is a total of 722 community residence home registrations which equates to less than one percent of households in Phoenix (based on Census estimates from 2013 to 2017).

Since May 2018 (effective date of the Zoning Ordinance text amendment) there have been 277 registration applications received for registration. From these registration applications, 152 met spacing requirements and were approved. There were 92 that met the administrative reasonable accommodation criteria, 28 were approved by the Zoning Disability Accommodation Committee (ZDAC) and five were denied by ZDAC. These figures are current as of Nov. 26, 2019.

### CITY OF PHOENIX AWARDED \$200,000 FROM THE U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION TO BOOSTER WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

The U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation awarded \$200,000 in grant funding to the City of Phoenix Water Department under the WaterSMART, Water Marketing Strategy grant program. The Water Department will partner with the City of Tucson and American Rivers to develop the Central Arizona Water



Clearinghouse to facilitate future water market undertakings and maximize use of infrastructure and storage capacity to manage water shortages. The Clearinghouse will convene an advisory group made up of water users from different sectors, nonprofit organizations, tribal water managers, and state and federal water managers, among others, to assist with broader outreach activities, conduct supply and demand and water marketing analyses, analyze potential legal constraints, and build partnerships. The Clearinghouse will provide a market platform and hub for water managers to access water supply information and guidance, and to pursue water marketing opportunities in

the region. This project is one of ten nationally selected for funding.

For more information on grants, please call 602-262-1833 or visit the Phoenix Government Relations Office website (link to <a href="https://www.phoenix.gov/governmentrelations">https://www.phoenix.gov/governmentrelations</a>).

### APPLY NOW FOR SUMMER POOL JOBS

Recruitment for lifeguards and swim lesson instructors to work at city pools during summer 2020 is already underway. These are great jobs for teenagers and college students. City pools are open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Apply now at <a href="https://www.phoenix.gov/parks/pools/lifeguard">https://www.phoenix.gov/parks/pools/lifeguard</a>. For all other job opportunities: Phoenix.gov/Employment.





# HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Changes in collection day only occurs on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. During the rest of the holidays, Public Works staff will be working to collect your trash and recycling as regularly scheduled.

- Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2019
- o Every collection day moves one day later (e.g.: Wednesday collection moves to Thursday, Thursday to Friday... Friday to Saturday)
- New Year's Day, Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020
- o Every collection day moves one day later (e.g.: Wednesday's collection moves to Thursday, Thursday to Friday... Friday to Saturday)

### CITY

### OFFICES CLOSED DEC. 24 & 25

City of Phoenix offices will close at noon on Tuesday, December 24 and be closed all day on Wednesday, December 25 for the Christmas holiday.

On October 21, 2019, Community Action Officers (CAO) were temporarily re-assigned to patrol squads, to meet staffing needs at that time. These re-assignments were necessary, in order to move other resources to critical investigative functions.



# DON'T GIVE TO INDIVIDUALS, GIVE TO SHELTERS

To end panhandling, we must stop giving directly to individuals that panhandle.

Phoenix is full of compassionate and charitable citizens. They want to help those in need. However, giving money to people panhandling doesn't fix problems. To truly help those in need, stop giving money to panhandlers and instead support organizations and services that provide long-lasting care.

- Central Arizona Shelter Services
- Andre House
- Salvation Army
- St. Joseph the Worker
- UMOM New Day Centers
- The Phoenix Rescue Mission
- St. Mary's Food Bank



For more organizations and information on housing or other services, please visit the Homeless Shelter Directory webpage at: Homeless Shelter Directory.

https://www.homelessshelterdirectory.org/cgi-bin/id/city.cgi?city=Phoenix&state=AZ

# PHOENIX INTERACTIVE STREET CLOSURE & RESTRICTIONS MAP – UPDATED DECEMBER 20.

To view a listing of current or planned street restrictions please visit this link: <a href="https://www.phoenix.gov/streets/street-closures">https://www.phoenix.gov/streets/street-closures</a>.

The dashboard is a multi-agency effort to keep residents informed of street closures and restrictions due to planned construction activities or utility work, as well as unexpected events such as flooding, traffic collisions, fires, utility failures or other emergencies. For street closure alerts, follow the Phoenix Street Transportation Department on Twitter at <a href="mailto:oStreetsPHX">oStreetsPHX</a>.



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

### **Economic Development & Education**

On Dec. 15, Phoenix Convention Center hosted an estimated 3,000 attendees for the JAMZ Diamondback Championship. JAMZ Cheer & Dance produces cheer and dance camps, coaching clinics and competitions for Youth, School and All-Star teams.

On Nov. 28, Phoenix Convention Center hosted Salvation Army volunteers who served over 1,000 in-house meals and delivered 3,900 to-go meals for the Thanksgiving holiday. The event included live music, games and activities, free haircuts and a clothing drive.

This week, Communications staff worked with the Phoenix Suns Public Relations team to coordinate a monetary donation presented during Monday night's game at center court. The Suns presented a \$250,000 check to the City to help assist homeless individuals transition into permanent housing.

From Dec. 9 to 11, Aviation staff provided an airfield tour of Sky Harbor International Airport attendees of the 2019 Runway Safety Summit that was held at the downtown Hyatt Regency. Attendees included industry professionals that learned about airfield and runway safety topics including wildlife management, safety of unmanned aerial systems, and ramp operations best practices among others.

On Dec. 1, Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) had a record number of pick-ups at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport curbs at 11,786. This includes a new hourly record of 1,034 pick-ups which occurred between 10 and 11 p.m.

### Neighborhoods and Livability

On Dec. 21, Parks and Recreation staff will host the South Mountain AGLOW event at South Mountain Park from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The event will include a beautiful half-mile Winter Solstice luminaria walk along the Judith Tunell sidewalk trail that lights up the darkest night of the year. The event will also feature artwork from local youth, entertainers, food trucks and a vendor market.

On Dec. 2, the Margaret T. Hance Dog Park reopened following a six-week closure period while the turf was overseeded. Additional improvements included installing sod, replacing gate handles, servings drinking fountains and manicuring the landscape.

Parks and Recreation staff recently planted 36 new trees at Encanto Park. Four species of trees were planted including sissoo, pistache, oak and ash. The total number of new trees planted at Encanto Park in 2019 is 59.

This week, Planning and Development staff conducted the final inspections and provided a Certificate of Occupancy to NIKOLA Motor Company's research and development facility located at 4141 E. Broadway Rd. NIKOLA has the world's largest hydrogen fueling station at the company's Phoenix headquarters and is slated to build hydrogen fueling stations across the country.

### **Social Services Delivery**

This week, Human Resources staff continues working on the implementation of the \$15 minimum wage for non-seasonal, part-time employees and changes to the court interpreter classifications. These changes will be in effect for the Dec. 30 pay period and reflected on the Jan. 17 paycheck.

The Urban Living on Fillmore Grand Opening event celebrated the opening of Native American Connection's new affordable housing complex at 609 N. Second Ave. The property consists of 63-units serving persons with chronic substance abuse. Eleven of the units are designated as City set-aside units. The project utilized a \$1,991,241 HOME program award in the construction of the building.

Last month, a Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) client purchased a home and the family celebrated the Thanksgiving holiday in their new home. The family was living in Public Housing when they joined the FSS program on June 1, 2018. The individual's successful budgeting skills allowed her to save money and build her credit. Her annual income at time of intake was \$37,368 and is now \$55,893, a 67% increase in income.

On Dec. 7, Human Services staff participated in the bi-annual Phoenix 1st Step Drop in Center at the Helen Drake Senior Center for adults who have been sex trafficked or prostituted. Over 35 attendees received free services offered including drug and alcohol treatment, medical care, housing placement, hygiene products, HIV/STI testing and other support services.

On Dec. 6, Human Services, Parks and Recreation and Phoenix Police staff hosted a preschool Polar Palooza to benefit the Phoenix Children's Hospital. Activities included a pancake breakfast with Mrs. Claus, holiday crafts, bike rodeo and a winter carnival. Over 200 attendees participated in the event.

### **Public Safety**

On Dec. 14, Phoenix Fire staff will host a Rides for Toys event in the parking lot of Hobby Lobby at 4710 E. Ray Rd. from 5 to 8 p.m. Phoenix firefighters and police officers will trade rides in fire trucks and police cars for new, unwrapped toys that will be distributed to charities.

### Infrastructure

This week, Information Technology Services staff completed the development of a prototype GIS portal that provides a consolidated view of all land parcels owned by the airport. The portal provides key attribute data, such program name, location, acreage and funding source of the land assets using a user-friendly GIS map interface. The same portal can be used in the future to bring in terminal leased space data for a holistic airport-wide visibility.

On Nov. 29, Public Works staff member Kevin Dyer was recognized for his exemplary skill and vigilance. A person taking shelter in an alley container was trapped in the truck hopper after the container was serviced. Mr. Dyer's quick action to stop the packer mechanism of the truck allowed time for Police and Fire Departments to safely remove the person from the hopper, saving this man's life.

This year, Street Transportation staff increased paving efforts by more than 300 percent. Staff paved 195 local street miles and 61 arterial and major street miles, provided pavement preservation treatment to 120 local street miles and 35 arterial and major street miles, installed 5,650 new wheelchair accessible sidewalk ramps and used 500,000 tons of asphalt material.

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



### DEER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

ABODA William E. Richardson Program of Distinction Award 2019 – Mountain Ridge High School Band – Aaron Vogel

The Arizona Band and Orchestra Directors Association's 'William E. Richardson' Award recognizes High School Band and Orchestra programs that exhibit a high level of achievement in all areas of a given school year.

The program must score a Superior or Superior with Distinction rating at ALL of the ABODA Festivals within a school year: The State Marching Festival, Area Concert Festival, Area Jazz Festival, State Concert Festival, and State Jazz Festival. In addition, these programs must exhibit successful



student participation at the AMEA solo and Ensemble Festival and program presentation at the AMEA All-State Band Orchestra.

Director Aaron Vogel and the Mountain Ridge High School Band were selected for this exceptional honor for the third year in a row! Congratulations to Director Aaron Vogel and the Mountain Ridge High School Band!

### WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS



### Students Participate in Engineers of the Future Event

The WESD's After-school Academy Program partnered with Valley Metro and Engineers of the Future to provide an

amazing opportunity for our students this semester. Students were tasked with designing a sustainable light rail station and presenting their idea to a panel of judges at a Science and Engineering Fair. Councilwoman Thelda Williams, along with City of Phoenix Vice Mayor Betty Guardado, were among the judges. Students from Acacia Elementary, Palo Verde Middle School, Royal Palm Middle School and Washington Elementary had



their designs on display. After thoughtful review, Washington placed first and every student on the team received a new laptop! Acacia students placed second and received Phoenix Suns tickets, followed by Palo Verde and Royal Palm, who received medals and a variety of gift cards! We are so proud of all of our students! Thank you to our amazing community partners, guest judges and engineering mentors who made this opportunity possible! #WESDFamily



### Thelda is tweeting! Follow her @TheldaWilliams1

### **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 visit: info@operationcarefoodbank.org.

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