



Hello District 3,

In this newsletter you will find the latest news, announcements, and event details that I want to share with you.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office with questions, comments, or concerns at (602) 262-7441 or council.district.3@phoenix.gov.

Respectfully,

Councilwoman Debra Stark



City of Phoenix

The Phoenix City Council will have a Formal meeting on **Wednesday, December 6th at 2:30 p.m.**

Members of the public can attend and speak in-person, by phone, or virtually via Webex. Pre-registration is required to speak on an agenda item or during the Public Comment period. To find the agenda and information on how to register to speak and how to submit an e-comment, visit [Phoenix City Council Meetings](#).

A green holiday-themed flyer for District 3. It features a dark green background with white cursive text for the title 'District 3 Holiday Party'. There are decorative elements including a yellow starburst in the top left, a pine branch in the top right, and another yellow starburst in the middle right. A white-bordered box contains the event details. Below that, text mentions refreshments and a toy/food donation request. At the bottom, a grey box contains the RSVP information. Pine branches are also visible in the bottom left corner.

*District 3
Holiday Party*

Please join us on December 14 from 5:30- 8:30pm
North Mountain Brewing Company
522 E Dunlap Ave, Phoenix

Small bites and refreshments will be provided.

Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to benefit Childhelp
or a non-perishable food item for the pantry at Phoenix Starfish Place.

Please let us know you are coming! RSVP to
council.district.3@phoenix.gov or call 602-262-7441

District 3 Community Holiday Party

Please join us on **December 14th from 5:30 – 8:30pm** for our District 3 Holiday Party at **North Mountain Brewing Company – 522 E Dunlap Avenue, Phoenix AZ 85020**. Our Holiday Party will support two wonderful organizations. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy (all ages) to benefit Childhelp. Or please bring a non-perishable food item(s) for the pantry at Phoenix Starfish Place.

Small bites and refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, December 12th at 602-262-7441 or council.district.3@phoenix.gov!



New Healthy Prep Kitchen

The City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department and VALLEYLIFE, a non-profit that provides residential services, day activity centers, vocational services, and in-home services to Phoenix residents with disabilities, celebrated the ribbon cutting of a new healthy prep kitchen located at 1142 W Hatcher Rd. on Thursday, November 16th.

Funded by a \$150,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department, the new kitchen is located inside VALLEYLIFE's existing facility and will be used to prepare healthy pre-packaged meal kits, as part of an effort to enhance the organization's Eat Well Feel Great Nutrition Program.



Water Warriors Coloring Contest

The Environmental Services Division (ESD), part of Phoenix Water Services Dept., is delighted to present a community-focused and art engagement experience designed to educate children and families about environmental protection.

The Water Warriors Kids' Coloring Contest is now open and running until December 8, 2023, where children aged six to twelve can showcase their artistic skills and illustrate various ways residents can contribute to protecting our environment and water quality. The top twelve contest participants will have their artwork entry featured in the creation of an engaging and undated calendar giveaway that will benefit our entire community and win a cool prize.

For additional information about the contest, please visit [Water Warriors Coloring Contest](#).



36th Annual APS Electric Light Parade

The lights and sounds of the annual APS Electric Light Parade are returning this holiday season! Arizona Public Service (APS) and the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department would like to invite residents for a night of community and celebration. Entrants will interpret the theme of "It's Electric!" and are sure to light up the streets of central Phoenix on Saturday, Dec. 2, with their visually stunning displays!

The 2.3 mi. parade route starts at Central Ave. and Montebello Ave., travels south to Central Ave. and Camelback Rd., heads east along Camelback Rd. to 7th St., and continues south along 7th St. to its conclusion at Indian School Rd. The first parade entries will begin at 7 p.m. and take approximately 60 minutes to reach the end. It is strongly recommended that attendees arrive several hours in advance of the start of the parade.

For additional information about the parade, please visit [Phoenix Parks and Recreation - APS Electric Light Parade](#).



HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Accepting Non-perishable Food at
Drop Off Locations until Dec. 18, 2023

-Bell Ford 2401 W. Bell Road

Mon-Sat 8am-8pm, Sun 10am-6pm

-Starbucks 2450 W. Bell Road

Mon-Sunday 7am-1pm

-Fusion Self Defense 1930 W. Thunderbird Rd.

Mon-Fri 4pm-9pm

OR bring food donations to the
December 19, 2023

Bell Road Business Alliance Holiday Mixer

To Benefit Starfish Place
For more information contact Greg Freeman
623.498.4346

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Bell Road and Thunderbird Business Alliances Holiday Food Drive

Bell Road and Thunderbird Business Alliances are hosting a holiday food drive to benefit Starfish Place, a local non-profit that helps survivors of human trafficking. The locations listed in the flyer above are accepting non-perishable food items until December 18th.



2024-2025 Annual Action Plan

The City of Phoenix is commencing with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) FY 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan. Every five years, the city of Phoenix partners with the community to develop a strategic Consolidated Plan. The plan defines strategies to address housing, community development needs, and current market conditions in order for the city of Phoenix to make informed decisions on an estimated \$135 million in HUD grant funding. Grants include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). Each year, the city will

implement those strategies identified through the 5-year Consolidated Plan through an Annual Action Plan.

Your input is needed to help identify and prioritize community needs in housing and homelessness, community and economic development, infrastructure and enhancement, and public services and facilities and the best methods and programs to address those needs for the 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan.

The 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan Survey will be open from October 23, 2023, through January 5, 2024, and can be accessed at <https://www.phoenix.gov/yourvoice> in both English and Spanish.

In the Spring of 2024, a virtual public hearing will be held to share the results of the 2024-2025 survey and provide an opportunity for public input on the draft 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan.

For further information, please call Alicia Springs at 602-495-7509.



Maricopa Association of Governments Air Quality Survey

Attention Phoenix residents! The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) is working to create a regional plan to address air quality in your community. As we continue to tackle air quality concerns in our region, we invite you to provide your

opinion on what you value and prioritize when it comes to building resiliency and reducing emissions that contribute to our environmental challenges.

Your voice matters as we work towards making a stronger, more resilient region. Don't miss out on shaping the future, take the survey here: [MAG Regional Environmental Challenges Survey - Maricopa and Pinal Counties \(surveymonkey.com\)](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MAG-Regional-Environmental-Challenges-Survey-Maricopa-and-Pinal-Counties).



Food Waste Watchers Program

The City of Phoenix's Office of Environmental Programs and Arizona State University are offering a free educational program dedicated to teaching residents how to eliminate food waste. Up to 400 Phoenix residents can participate in the program and receive a free composting service for a year.

Program participants will receive training on simple and practical tips to decrease household food waste such as better food purchasing, storing food practices, meal planning tools and more!

Applications are open through Dec. 8 and the program will launch mid-January 2024. Find out if you qualify and apply at Phoenix.gov/OEP/Food-Waste.



Volunteers Needed for Income Tax Assistance

Every year, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program prepares free tax returns for low-to-moderate-income individuals and families.

VITA volunteers receive free training and are certified by the IRS to prepare basic tax returns. Greeters, screeners, bilingual interpreters, and site coordinators are also needed.

Training is free and available online to complete at your own pace. You can become a volunteer with as little as 8 hours of training and get IRS certified with 24 hours of training. Ready to sign up and work as a VITA volunteer? Register for an Information Session [here!](#)

Learn more about VITA at phoenix.gov/taxhelp.



Office of Homeless Solutions

The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) provides support for people experiencing homelessness and is committed to ending homelessness through a comprehensive, regional approach to shelter and heat relief, outreach, supportive and behavioral health services, homelessness prevention, and supportive housing.

This monthly report does not encompass the totality of the City's efforts to address homelessness but rather provides a review of the key highlights from the preceding month and an update on major upcoming projects.

[View November's report.](#)

[View the Phoenix Homeless Solutions Data Dashboard.](#)



District 3 Street Transportation Department Updates

This report from the Street Transportation Department covers the period from September 29 through October 26 in District 3.

Traffic Signals

Street Transportation is installing new traffic signals at 25th Ave. and Mountain

View Rd.; 25th Ave. and Mission Ln.; and 25th Ave. and Arizona Canal (9300 N.) in D3 as part of the Light Rail Northwest Extension.

Pedestrian Signal Updates

Street Transportation installed a new High Intensity Activated CrossWalk (HAWK) pedestrian signal at 17th Ave. and Peoria Ave. in D3.

ADA Curb Ramp Retrofit

These projects include the removal and replacement of non-ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant curb ramps, damaged concrete curb, gutter, valley gutters, and aprons or sidewalks, and the installation of new ADA compliant curb ramps. Newly compliant ADA ramps were installed in the areas bounded by 19th Ave to 7th Ave., Sweetwater Ave. to Thunderbird Rd.

Street Right-of-Way Landscape Maintenance

Crews maintained the street right-of-way on 7th St. and Thunderbird Rd. 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.

Roadway Repair Work

Street maintenance crews completed significant roadway repairs at Cholla St from Tatum Blvd. to 56th St; and near 39th Way and Winchcomb Dr.

Intersection Improvements

Street Transportation is improving the following intersections; 7th Ave and Bell Rd.; 16th St and Greenway Pkwy.; and 29th St. Greenway Rd. in D3 to include full traffic signal upgrades and raised median modifications to improve the negative offsets at left-turn lanes.

31st Street, Thunderbird to Hearn Roads Improvement Project

This project is designed to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility by installing new concrete curb, gutter, sidewalk, and pavement. This project will also improve drainage conditions by installing new storm drain inlets/catch basins and storm drain infrastructure at 31st St. from Thunderbird Rd. to Hearn Rd. A new waterline

and streetlights will also be included. The project is anticipated to be completed in December 2023. [Visit phoenix.gov/streets/31stTBirdtoHearn](https://phoenix.gov/streets/31stTBirdtoHearn) for more information.

To view planned or completed street maintenance, visit the interactive pavement maintenance dashboard at phoenix.gov/pavement.

Healthy Giving

