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City sets special election on employee retirement system

On Tuesday, Nov. 4, Phoenix voters will vote on Proposition 487, a proposed amendment to the City Charter related to the city's employee retirement system. This measure will appear on the ballot for the Nov. 4 General Election being conducted by Maricopa County.

City voters on the Permanent Early Voting List (PEVL) will automatically receive an early ballot by mail. Voters who are not on the PEVL can request an early ballot, no later than Friday, Oct. 24, by calling 602-506-1511 or online at recorder.maricopa.gov/EVRequest. Voters will begin receiving early ballots on Thursday, Oct. 9. **Voted early ballots must be received by**

7 p.m. on Election Day (Tuesday, Nov. 4).

For voting at the polls, polling places will be used instead of voting centers. On Election Day from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., voters must cast their ballot only at the specific polling location designated for the precinct where they reside. The name and address of the polling place for each voter household will be on the Sample Ballot (provided by Maricopa County) and the Publicity Pamphlet (provided by the city) that will be mailed prior to the election. Also, a polling place locator will be available at recorder.maricopa.gov/pollingplace/pollingplace.aspx or by calling 602-506-1511.

For more information, visit phoenix.gov/elections or call 602-261-VOTE (8683) / TTY 602-534-2737.

Go purple in support of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

One in four women and one in seven men will experience domestic or dating violence in their lifetime. In October, the city of Phoenix will "Paint Phoenix Purple" in observance of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Residents can show their support for the second annual campaign with displays of purple. Displaying purple throughout the community sends a strong message that there is no place for domestic violence in our homes, neighborhoods, schools or workplaces.

This month's issue of Phoenix @ Your Service has been printed in purple to raise awareness



Domestic Violence Awareness

about domestic violence. There are other ways to show your support: Install a purple light bulb on your porch, wear purple clothing on Fridays, tie a purple ribbon on your car antenna, etc. Together, Phoenix residents can raise awareness about domestic violence and its impact on families.

For more information about the Paint Phoenix Purple campaign, visit paintphoenixpurple.org.

If you or someone you know is in need of victim services, call the Family Advocacy Center at 602-534-2120 or the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233.

Holiday Trash and Recycling Collection

The city's Public Works Department will collect your trash and recycling on **Veterans Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11**. If your usual collection day is Tuesday, please make sure your containers are at the curb by 5:30 a.m. on Nov. 11.

To better serve you, always place your containers at least four feet apart and clear of obstructions, such as light poles, parked cars, and mail boxes.

Trash and recycling will NOT be collected on **Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 27**. Instead, Thursday collection moves to Friday, Nov. 28; Friday's collection moves to Saturday, Nov. 29.

The North Gateway and 27th Avenue transfer stations are closed on holidays.

For more information about the holiday collection schedule, visit visitphoenix.gov/publicworks (search word: "holiday schedule").

G.A.I.N. events celebrate crime-fighting efforts

G.A.I.N.- Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods - will highlight community crime prevention efforts with various events Saturday, Oct. 18.

Block Watches, apartment complexes, schools, neighborhood groups, parks, businesses and many others are expected to take part in G.A.I.N. block parties and other activities. The Phoenix Police Department uses G.A.I.N. to show its appreciation for community members who support its daily efforts to fight crime.

If you haven't planned your neighborhood events yet, there's still time.

For more information call 602-495-0597, send an email to deborah.iodice@phoenix.gov or visit phoenix.gov/police/neighborhood-resources/gain.



Human Relations Commission seeks nominations for human rights awards

The Phoenix Human Relations Commission is seeking human rights awards nominations to honor individuals, including youth, who have made an impact on the quality of life of Phoenix residents and contributed significantly to creating a compassionate and socially just community.

The Calvin C. Goode Lifetime Achievement and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Living the Dream awards will be presented mid-January at the Arizona Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Celebration Breakfast. The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes an individual who has made Phoenix a better place to live by promoting social and economic justice and civil rights. The Living the Dream Award honors individuals who embody the ideas of Dr. King through a personal commitment to human relations and justice.

For applications, call 602-256-4126 or 602-534-1557/TTY or visit phoenix.gov/eod. The deadline to receive nominations is 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31.

Earned Income Tax Credit campaign needs volunteers

The city's Earned Income Tax Credit Campaign is seeking individuals who will become Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers. VITA volunteers help low-income working individuals and families by preparing their taxes and claiming the federal Earned Income Tax Credit.

Volunteers are needed for the upcoming tax season. The Internal Revenue Service in partnership with the city of Phoenix will be conducting free training sessions from November through January at various locations.

Last year, volunteers helped prepare thousands of returns resulting in millions of dollars to Phoenix residents. One hour of your time may be worth more than \$1,800 to a working family.

For more information, call 602-534-0543, email to eitc@phoenix.gov or visit phoenix.gov/eitc.

Public Transit adds two new bus routes

The Public Transit Department has added two new routes for customers to enjoy.

Route 75 will offer new service along 75th Avenue between Lower Buckeye and Camelback Road. Route 83 will offer new service along 83rd Avenue between Van Buren and Camelback Road.

Both routes will run every 30 minutes on weekdays and every 60 minutes on weekends.

Service changes take effect Monday, Oct. 27.

A full list of service changes to Phoenix and regional routes is available at valleymetro.org.

Young artists invited to submit artwork for Jeremy Jackrabbit book

Phoenix Public Library invites students in kindergarten through eighth grade to submit original artwork for a new picture book about water conservation.

Selected artwork will illustrate "Jeremy Jackrabbit Saves Every Drop" by Sasha and Rodney Glassman.

Contest entries will be accepted in October at any Phoenix Public Library location. For contest entry forms and more information, visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org/kids.

"Jeremy Jackrabbit Saves Every Drop" will be published in April and distributed to every kindergarten student in Maricopa County.

Sky Harbor Airport makes it easier to stay fit

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport is making it easier for travelers to eat healthy and stay fit while waiting for flights.

The airport recently launched the Sky Harbor Fitness Trail post-security in Terminal 4. To follow the trail markers,



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Phoenix landmarks from the windows of Terminal 4.

Many airport restaurants also offer vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options. For a full list by terminal, visit the Maps, Food and Shops section at skyharbor.com

Remember to refill your water bottle at one of the airport's free water refilling stations, located next to drinking fountains on each concourse.

Water Services upgrades phone system

The Water Services Department is upgrading its customer service interactive voice telephone system.

Beginning in October, listen for new menu options when calling the Water Services Call Center. Customers can make payments, turn service on or off, get account and billing information, and make payment arrangements without waiting to speak to a customer service representative.

The Call Center's phone number will remain the same: 602-262-6251 or email water.customer.service@phoenix.gov.

Just a reminder . . . dogs are required to be on a leash at all times in Phoenix except for designated areas. Please review Phoenix City Code 8-14 for additional information and enforcement action that will be taken when dogs are found at large. The state also has a leash law and penalties for violating it. For more information about the city's designated off-leash locations, visit phoenix.gov/parks and click on the "Visit a Park" link.

2014 Bulk Trash Pickup Schedule

Area	Placement Begins On	Collection Begins Week Of
1	Aug. 23, '14	Sept. 1, '14
2	Aug. 30, '14	Sept. 8, '14
3	Sept. 6, '14	Sept. 15, '14
4	Sept. 13, '14	Sept. 22, '14
5	Sept. 20, '14	Sept. 29, '14
6	Sept. 27, '14	Oct. 6, '14
7	Oct. 4, '14	Oct. 13, '14
8	Oct. 11, '14	Oct. 20, '14
9	Oct. 18, '14	Oct. 27, '14
10	Oct. 25, '14	Nov. 3, '14
11	Nov. 1, '14	Nov. 10, '14
12	Nov. 8, '14	Nov. 17, '14
13	Nov. 15, '14	Nov. 24, '14

TO USE THIS SCHEDULE

- Locate your numbered area on the map.
- Find the area number on the schedule.
- Bulk trash must be placed out by 6 a.m. on the 'Collection Week Of' date.
- Placement is allowed only between your area's listed dates.
- If you have curbside collection of green containers, you should place your bulk trash curbside.
- If you have alley collection of large black containers, you should place your bulk trash in the alley.

Look at this map to see if your collection designation has changed.

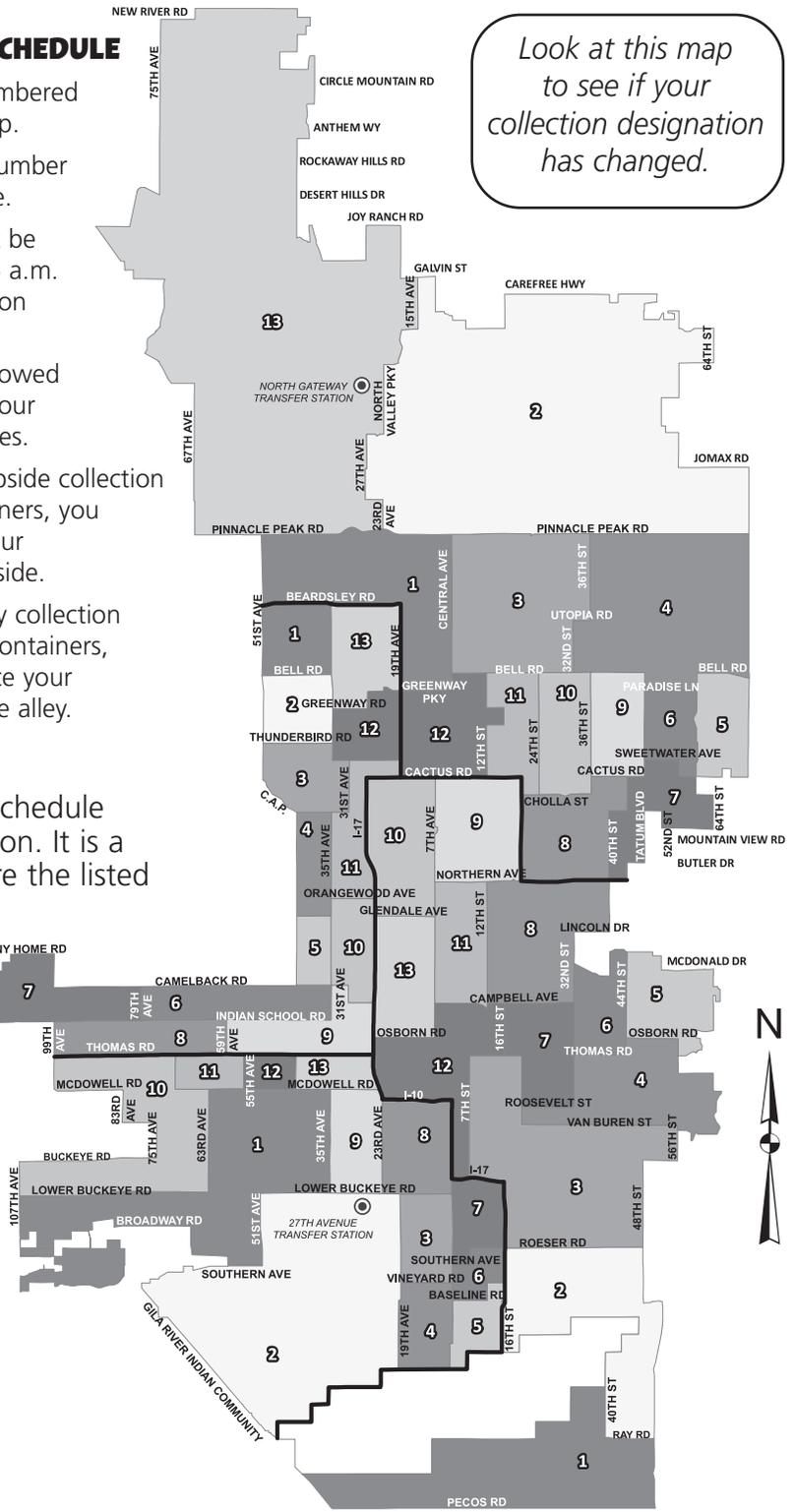
ONE WEEK RULE

City ordinance allows only nine days prior to the schedule collection week to place bulk trash out for collection. It is a violation of city ordinance to place trash out before the listed "Placement Begins On" date.

phoenix.gov/publicworks
 Email: pwsolve@phoenix.gov
 602-262-7251 TTY 602-253-8796

BULK TRASH CREWS DO NOT PICK UP...

- More than 20 cubic yards per residence, or a pile the size of a SUV.
- Loose debris and litter. Please sweep or rake after collection if necessary.
- Loose grass, leaves, weeds, twigs and hedge clippings. These items must be bagged or boxed and securely tied to be collected.
- Household hazardous waste (HHW), such as antifreeze, pool chemicals, oil, batteries and paint.
- Community piles.
- Materials such as bricks, concrete, dirt, rocks, asphalt and roofing shingles/tiles.
- Construction materials in excess of 25 lbs. or over four feet long generated by a residence.
- Any construction material generated by a contractor.



- Metal or car parts in excess of 20 lbs. or over four feet long.
- Any type or size of tire.
- Glass such as windows, shower doors, patio doors, mirrors, fluorescent tubes, etc.
- Appliances that use refrigerants such as freezers, refrigerators, and air conditioners.

Learn more about recycling and 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 about waste diversion and the Reimagine Phoenix initiative, please email: reimaginephoenix@phoenix.gov or call 602-262-7251.

A representative from the Public Works Department can present information about the new program to your family, group, neighborhood or community. Let us inspire you to look at trash as a resource!

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Green organics collection reminder

Have you signed up for the Green Organics Curbside Collection program yet? If you have, here is a reminder about what should and should not be placed in your Green Organics tan container:

SHOULD BE PLACED:

Grass clippings, tree branches, leaves, twigs, untreated wood (not bagged). The green organics waste that is collected is processed into mulch. This is not a composting program.

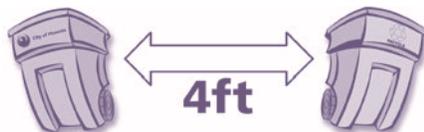
SHOULD NOT BE PLACED:

Palm fronds, oleanders, pyracantha,

creosote, treated wood, trash, food waste, pet waste and recyclable materials. These materials contaminate the green organics load and make them unusable for mulching and repurposing.

Eligibility to sign up for the Green Organics Curbside Collection program depends on where you live. To determine if your area is part of the first phase implementation, visit phoenix.gov/publicworks.

For additional questions, email reimaginephoenix@phoenix.gov or call 602-262-7251.



Make sure your containers are 4-feet apart

Please be sure to place your containers at the curb no later than 5:30 a.m. on the day they are to be picked up and allow 4 feet of space between each container. Containers also may be placed at the curb prior to your scheduled collection day. Make sure that trash is bagged and tied, and lids of containers are closed securely.

For more information about trash and recycling collection or to find out about your scheduled bulk trash collection, call 602-262-7251 or visit phoenix.gov/publicworks.

Office of Arts and Culture awards grants

The Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture will award a total of \$805,346 to 47 nonprofit arts and culture organizations that serve Phoenix residents through arts and culture activities.

Grant funds support the general operating costs of major, mid-size and small arts and culture organizations, specific arts projects related to festivals, as well as arts education activities. The funding, which was approved by the Mayor and City Council, remains the same as was made available in 2013.

Meanwhile, the Office of Arts and Culture's Public Art Program - in partnership with Friendly House and the Arizona State University School of Film, Dance and Theatre in the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts - recently was notified that it will receive a \$100,000 National Endowment for the Arts Our Town grant.

For more information, visit phoenix.gov/arts or call 602-262-4637.

Mark your calendar for Household Hazardous Waste events

Here's the schedule for the next Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) events in October and November:

- Friday and Saturday, Oct. 3 and 4, 7 a.m. to noon
North Phoenix Baptist Church 5757 N. Central Ave.
- Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7 and 8, 7 a.m. to noon
Paradise Valley Park 17642 N. 40th St.

HHW events are only for city of Phoenix residential solid waste customers. Proof of city of Phoenix solid waste service is required. Please bring your current city of Phoenix city services bill showing solid waste fees and a matching photo ID.

Non-hazardous materials brought to events will be sorted and disposed of as municipal solid waste. No commercial loads, large residential quantities, medical waste, explosives or radioactive waste will be accepted. A maximum of five over-the-road-tires per resident will be accepted; tractor or oversized tires will not be allowed.

For more information, visit phoenix.gov/publicworks or call 602-262-7251.