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## October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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

For information about the Paint Phoenix Purple campaign, visit [paintphoenixpurple.org](http://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.



## Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (G.A.I.N.)

G.A.I.N. 2015 will be held at various locations, neighborhoods and times throughout the City of Phoenix on Saturday, October 17th.

G.A.I.N. stands for Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods. G.A.I.N. is Arizona's answer to National Night Out (NNO) which is held in August. Because of the soaring temperatures in August, communities statewide decided to observe NNO in October and call it G.A.I.N. This is a great complement to National Crime Prevention month!

G.A.I.N. is a day of celebration for the successes of crime prevention through community involvement. Block Watches, apartment complexes, schools, neighborhood groups, parks, businesses, etc. across Phoenix participate in events to:

- Show support for the efforts of those involved in the fight against crime
- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back

G.A.I.N. is also a day for the police to show their appreciation for those in the community that support our efforts in the day-to-day fight against crime. It's not too early to start thinking of ways you can help make G.A.I.N. a successful event.

We also have the G.A.I.N. kick-off event on Saturday, October 3rd at Metrocenter near I-17 and Dunlap from 10am-noon if you are interested in learning more about block watch, crime prevention and what amazing programs the city has to offer.

For more information call (602)495-0597, e-mail Officer Deb Iodice at [deborah.iodice@phoenix.gov](mailto:deborah.iodice@phoenix.gov) or visit <https://www.phoenix.gov/police/neighborhood-resources/gain>



## Properly Dispose of Grease, Fats and Oils This Holiday Season

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and many people enjoy frying a turkey! But what do you do with almost 5 gallons of leftover oil when the frying is done? Whatever you do, don't pour it down the drain.

Fats, oils and grease – collectively known as FOG – can cause major problems to residential plumbing and municipal sewer systems, and may result in an unpleasant and costly call to a plumber. Instead, try these alternatives:

**Store it** - Once the oil is cooled, use a coffee filter, cheese cloth or fine metal strainer to filter the oil into an appropriate container. You can then store the oil in the fridge or freezer for up to 6 months for later use.

**Trash it** - Once the oil is cool, pour it into small, unbreakable, sealable containers and dispose of in the trash. Only throw away small amounts of oil, as big jugs can leak, making a mess of collection trucks and disposal facilities.

However you choose to handle your used turkey fryer oil, taking these steps will help keep your plumbing and the sewer system clean this holiday season.



## New Informational Tools for Flight Path Information

Looking for updates on Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) flight path changes? The Phoenix Aviation Department has a variety of helpful online tools to keep residents informed. Visit [skyharbor.com/flightpaths](http://skyharbor.com/flightpaths) for weekly updates, informational videos, outreach meetings, and open houses. You can also sign-up to be notified each time an update is made to the website. Residents can also submit a noise comment in a variety of ways on the website including through a fast track account on the PublicVue flight tracking portal, or by calling the Noise Office toll-free at (844) 244-7430.

## Take the Amazing Library Survey – It’s Your Library. Let’s Make it Amazing!

How do you envision your Library? What would it look like, what services and programs would it offer? How can we enhance and facilitate your lifestyle? Please take a brief moment to complete the Amazing Library Survey at phoenixpubliclibrary.org. Your suggestions will help us to further our efforts in meeting the needs of our community. It’s *your* library, let’s make it amazing!



## VITA Volunteers

The city’s Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) 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 season. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS), in partnership with the city of Phoenix, will be conducting free training sessions from November to January at locations around the city.

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, or email [eitc@phoenix.gov](mailto:eitc@phoenix.gov), or visit [phoenix.gov/eitc](http://phoenix.gov/eitc).

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## “Doing What Matters” with Human Services Department Program Coordinator Tamyra Spendley

Tamyra Spendley’s role is to coordinate the Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence Awareness campaigns for the city of Phoenix. Spendley’s dedication to the campaigns is critical to keep them moving forward, aligning resources, developing partnerships and coordinating community efforts.



Domestic violence affects one in four women and one in seven men. The domestic violence awareness campaign, “Paint Phoenix Purple,” is in its third year and is intended to start a dialogue to end domestic violence within the city of Phoenix. This year’s focus is educating high school students on healthy relationships.

Spendley also coordinates efforts to address and combat human trafficking in the city of Phoenix. The city is one of eleven cities to join the CEASE Network (Cities Empowered Against Sexual Exploitation) as part of its efforts to fight human trafficking. Additionally, a Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse Administrative Regulation was implemented, requiring city employees to demonstrate the highest standards of ethics and personal integrity.

For more information about the work being done to end domestic violence and the “Paint Phoenix Purple” campaign, visit [paintphoenixpurple.org](http://paintphoenixpurple.org).

To learn about the city’s Human Trafficking Task Force, visit [phoenix.gov/district2/human-trafficking](http://phoenix.gov/district2/human-trafficking).

## Fall Landscape Watering Guidelines

How much do you love the fall weather? Well, your plants love it, too. Plants love deep, infrequent watering, and the fall weather means you can increase the days between watering. It’s time to ratchet down on watering!

- Water your warm season grass every 6 days and your cool season grass every 3 days.
- Desert adapted trees, shrubs, groundcovers and vines need watering every 14-30 days.
- High water use trees need water every 7-12 days.
- High water use shrubs, groundcovers, and vines need water every 7-10 days.
- Cacti and succulents need water every 21-45 days.
- Annuals need water every 3-7 days.

Notice that some of the watering intervals range widely? How often should you water a 15-foot tree on the south side of your home? The answer depends on the season, plant type, weather, and soil. Learn with others at one of our conservation workshops. Visit: [www.phoenix.gov/water](http://www.phoenix.gov/water) for upcoming workshops.

## Equal Opportunity Department offers Fair Housing Workshops

The City of Phoenix Equal Opportunity Department in conjunction with the Southwest Fair Housing Council presents its 2015-2016 Fair Housing Workshops. Workshops are free and are open to landlords, owners, property staff and tenants and provides three hours of ADRE-authorized fair housing REALTOR re-licensing credit. Workshops are held on the third Thursday of each month in room 10 West of the Calvin Goode Building. To make a reservation, call 602-262-7486.

## Look Twice for Bikes

The city of Phoenix Street Transportation Department is reminding bicyclists and drivers they each share responsibility when it comes to safety. As we depart from summer months, more bicyclists will return to the streets. With bicycling activity on the rise, drivers are encouraged to “Look Twice for Bikes”.

