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Calendar Details on Phoenix.gov/Calendar

- FEB 19 Presidents Day* City Offices Closed
- MAR 10 Don't Be a Victim! Free Self-Defense Class Yucca Library, 1 p.m. Phoenix.gov/Defense
- MAR 21 Find & Fix Leaks Workshop Desert Sage Library, 3 p.m. Phoenix.gov/Water
- MAR 23/24 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event North Phoenix Baptist Church Phoenix.gov/PublicWorks
 - MAR 24 Landscape Watering Workshop Cesar Chavez Library, 2 p.m. Phoenix.gov/Water
 - MAR 24 Don't Be a Victim! Free Self-Defense Class South Mountain Community Library, 1 p.m. Phoenix.gov/Defense
 - APR 14 I Recycle Phoenix Event 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Desert Ridge Marketplace KeepPHXBeautiful.org

* Trash and recycling collection are not affected.



Music Festival Celebrates Milestones



Picture Courtesy: McDowell Mountain Music Festival

Phoenix's homegrown, non-profit, downtown music festival is back! McDowell Mountain Music Festival is prepping for its fifth year in downtown Phoenix and 15th anniversary as a festival. The three-day downtown event brings top musical talent to Margaret T. Hance Park, 1200 N. First St., Friday through Sunday, March 2 to 4. There will also be local food, an event marketplace for shopping, a Kid Zone and live art created to the sounds of the music.

The festival donates all proceeds to local Arizona charities. For more information about the concert event, visit **m3ffest.com**. If you would like to learn more about other major events in the city of Phoenix, check out **Phoenix.gov/MajorEvents**.

Ready to Find That Sneaky Leak?

Did you know ... the average Phoenix household with water leaks accounts for more than 10,000 gallons of water wasted every year? And, ten percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day! You can do your part by joining Phoenix Water and the Environmental Protection Agency in the 10th annual Fix a Leak Week, Mar. 19-25. Do your part to be Phoenix WaterSmart by finding and fixing leaks that could be draining your budget. Learn more about water conservation at **Phoenix.gov/Water**.





Mayor's State of the City

Residents are invited to join Mayor Greg Stanton at his seventh State of the City Address. The event will be Tuesday, Mar. 6, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Grand Phoenix Hotel, 340 N. Third Street. Mayor Stanton will provide an update on Phoenix's progress at the annual address.

The event will be streamed live on **AZCentral.com**, replayed on PHXTV and made available on **Phoenix.gov**. For more information and to register for the State of the City event, visit **www.PhoenixChamber.com/sotc**.

Join the Ride, Join the Fun

Come celebrate Valley Bike Month with Bike to Work Day on Wednesday, Apr. 18. Join hundreds of two-wheeled commuters at Park Central Mall at 7 a.m. for an escorted ride to CityScape in downtown Phoenix. There, you'll enjoy a free breakfast, prize drawings and bike-related info booths. Find out more at **ValleyMetro.org**.





Recycle Your Gifts

Valentine's Day season means love is in the air! There are teddy bears, boxes of chocolates and cards—but what do you do with unwanted materials after the special day? Here's how to dispose of common Valentine's Day gifts:

- Fall out of love with that teddy bear? Make sure you donate it, rather than throw it away.
- Already finished a box of chocolates? Toss it in the recycle bin – but only if it's made of paper or cardboard.
- Finished reading cards and love notes? Recycle those papers of love.

Visit **Phoenix.gov/PublicWorks** for more ideas on how to Reimagine Phoenix.

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Your Ideas on the Future of Biking

The city of Phoenix's Street Transportation Department is looking for input on the draft five-year bicycle program. It outlines a plan to achieve 176 miles of new bicycle lanes by 2022.

To view the draft and submit comments, visit the city's bicycle program web page at **Phoenix.gov/Bicycling**. Your questions and comments are a valued part of the public input process for this program.



Collecting Your Green Organics

The city of Phoenix is working to expand participation in its Green Organics program. Collection is currently available in certain areas of the city for an additional fee of \$5 per month. Currently, residents in the program can put branches, lawn clippings, tree fruit, garden debris, untreated wood and cactus in a brown collection bin. To see if you are eligible to participate, check your address online at **Phoenix.gov/PublicWorks**.



Help Clean Up Graffiti in Your Neighborhood

During February, the city of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department hopes you'll take advantage of its "Graffiti Free Phoenix" program. There are two ways to participate:

1) Call Graffiti Busters, who after getting permission from the property owner, will remove the reported graffiti. Then the property owner will receive color-matched paint to use.

2) Free paint and supplies will be provided to any group organizing a community cleanup to

wipe out graffiti. Spread the word by using **#GraffitiFreePHX** on your personal and neighborhood social media sites.

For more information, or to request graffiti-removal supplies, call 602-534-4444.

Free Tax Help

The city of Phoenix Earned Income Tax Credit campaign helps working families who earned less than \$54,000 in 2017 with free tax preparation and filing services. These services will be available through Tuesday, Apr. 17. A list of locations, hours and days of operation are available at **Phoenix.gov**.

Watching **#PHX**

You can now see what's going on in Phoenix whenever you want ... from the comfort of your home! Right now, four CityCams are high-atop Phoenix City Hall. The cameras are always on, monitoring the weather and offering spectacular views. Check them out at **Phoenix.gov/CityCam**.

