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Calendar

Details on Phoenix.gov/Calendar

MAR 31	**Cesar Chavez Day*** *City Offices Closed*
MAR 31 – APR 3	**Downtown Final Four Fan Events** *See page 2 for details*
APR 7	**"Yes In My Backyard" Housing Symposium** *Call 602-262-7716*
APR 8	**Free Self-Defense Class** *Juniper Library, 2 p.m. Facebook.com/PHXDefense*
APR 14 –15	**Household Hazardous Waste Event** *6602 W. Encanto Blvd. Details 602-262-7251*
APR 19	**Annual Bike to Work Day** *Maricopa.gov/BTW*
APR 20	**Summer Camp & Activities Signups Start at 6:30 p.m.** *Phoenix.gov/Parks*
APR 22	**Find & Fix Leaks Workshop** *Cesar Chavez Library, 2 p.m.*
APR 27	**Swim Lessons & Aquatics Signups Start at 6:30 p.m.** *Phoenix.gov/Parks*

** Trash and recycling collection are not affected.*

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Loop 202 Construction is Underway

January marked the beginning of major construction activity in multiple locations on the Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway. The work includes setting foundations for several bridges, widening eastbound lanes of Pecos Road to help traffic flow during construction and creating access roads at the freeway's future interchange with Interstate 10 in the west Valley. Also, crews are building drainage structures and roadway embankments, relocating utilities and extending HOV lanes west from the Loop 202 Santan Freeway.

The 22-mile freeway, opening late 2019, will provide a long-planned direct link between the east and west Valleys and a much-needed alternative to Interstate 10 through downtown Phoenix. Approved by Maricopa County voters in 1985 and again in 2004 as part of a comprehensive regional transportation plan, the South Mountain Freeway will complete the Loop 202 and Loop 101 freeway system in the Valley.

Visit **SouthMountainFreeway.com** for current construction activities, maps, schedules and community events. Be sure to sign up for weekly traffic alerts, too!

PHX Expands Transit Hours Again

Phoenix riders and the community continue to tell us they want more public transit flexibility to get around. Thanks to Phoenix Transportation 2050, the latest bus schedule improvements kick off April 24 when local bus and Dial-a-Ride hours will match light rail hours, every day of the week.

Now, Friday and Saturday service hours will extend until 2 a.m. and on Sunday to 11 p.m. This major step follows last October's changes when three hours of service were added to every day of the week and all local routes began operating at a frequency of 30 minutes or less. Stay connected at **Phoenix.gov/T2050**.

Recycle-palooza

Join the "I Recycle Phoenix" festival, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at Desert Ridge Marketplace behind AMC Theatres.

Acceptable items: clothing, laptops and electronics, rechargeable batteries, inkjet cartridges and small appliances. Document shredding, up to five boxes-full, will be accepted along with hard drive shredding.

Unacceptable items: CRT monitors and TVs, household hazardous waste items including tires, all kinds of paint, pool chemicals, cleaning solutions, any kind of light bulbs and non-rechargeable batteries.

This event is hosted by Keep Phoenix Beautiful in partnership with Phoenix Public Works. Visit **Phoenixrecycles.org.**

Final Four: Know Before You Go

Stay Informed on Digital Devices

Phoenix will soon host events for the biggest weekend in college basketball! The Final Four is here **March 31 – April 3**. Visit and bookmark these websites and follow these social media accounts to stay in-the-know.

Websites:
Phoenix.gov/FinalFour
NCAA.com/FinalFour

Facebook:
@CityofPhoenixAZ
@FinalFourPhoenixAZ

Twitter:
#PHXFinalFour
#FinalFour

Interactive Downtown Map
Bit.ly/PHXFinalFour

Map features fan event areas and shows the Free Trolley Loop.

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Fun for the Whole Family

Final Four Fan Fest at the **Phoenix Convention Center** is more than just basketball with 24 hands-on NCAA championship experiences. From rock climbing, youth clinics, autograph signings and special appearances — there's something for everyone! Hours:

- Friday, Mar. 31: ***Noon - 8 p.m.***
- Saturday, Apr. 1: ***10 a.m. - 8 p.m.***
- Sunday, Apr. 2: ***11 a.m. - 8 p.m.***
- Monday, Apr. 3: ***Noon - 6 p.m.***

For information about Fan Fest ticket prices, visit **NCAA.com/FinalFour.**

Free Three-Day Music Festival

Everyone is invited to experience **March Madness Music Festival**, a three-day FREE concert series happening at **Margaret T. Hance Park**. Besides the music, there will be activities, games and refreshments available. Some of the biggest names in music will appear! Musical acts will be announced in March at **NCAA.com/FinalFour**. Gates open:

- Friday, Mar. 31: ***4 - 10 p.m.***
- Saturday, Apr. 1: ***2 - 10:30 p.m.***
- Sunday, Apr. 2: ***3 - 10 p.m***

Clear Bag Policy at All Events

To ensure a safe time at all Final Four activities and events, the NCAA has implemented a **Clear Bag Policy** inside the Fan Fest, Music Festival, Final Four Dribble and at the games themselves. Plan ahead by knowing what's prohibited at **Phoenix.gov/FinalFour/Safety**.

Ride Light Rail to Fan Events

Fans are encouraged to use **Valley Metro Rail** to get in and out of downtown. Park and Ride locations are located along the 26.3-mile route. For Fan Fest, use the **3rd St./Washington Station** or **3rd St./Jefferson Station**. For the Music Festival, use the **Roosevelt/Central Ave. Station**.

If driving, use 7th Avenue to enter the downtown area. Avoid 7th Street as it is often congested. All events have a **Clear Bag Policy.**

Details at **Phoenix.gov/FinalFour/Transport**.

How to Get Around Downtown

If you choose to drive to Final Four fan events, 50 parking garages and lots in downtown Phoenix are available. Guests are advised to avoid parking near the Music Festival as several streets will be closed. To get around downtown there are many alternative forms of transportation to consider:

- Pedestrian friendly path along 1st Street
- Grid Bike Share & pedicabs (regular rates apply)
- Free bike valet at both Fan Fest and Music Festival
- **Free Trolley Loop** with stops at both Fan Fest and Music Festival

Visit the mobile-friendly interactive downtown map at **Bit.ly/PHXFinalFour**.

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