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## Calendar

Details on [Phoenix.gov/Calendar](http://Phoenix.gov/Calendar)

- NOV 11 Veterans Day**  
*All city offices closed*
- NOV 17 Parks & Rec Winter Classes & Programs Registration**  
*Begins at 6:30 p.m.*  
[Phoenix.gov/Parks](http://Phoenix.gov/Parks)
- NOV 18-19 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event**  
*Deer Valley Park*  
*7 a.m. - noon*
- NOV 24-25 Thanksgiving Holiday**  
*All city offices closed*
- DEC 03 Landscape Watering Class**  
*2 p.m., Mesquite Library*
- Desert Lawn Care Class**  
*3:15 p.m., Mesquite Library*
- DEC 03 30th Annual APS Electric Light Parade**  
*Starts at 7 p.m.*  
[Phoenix.gov/Parks/ELP](http://Phoenix.gov/Parks/ELP)
- DEC 10-11 40th Annual Pueblo Grande Indian Market**  
[PuebloGrande.com](http://PuebloGrande.com)



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## Final Four Fun Coming to Downtown Phoenix

There's so much more to the 2017 Final Four than just basketball, and it's all happening in downtown Phoenix. From a three-day music extravaganza to a fan festival, most events are free and you are invited.



**Final Four Fan Fest:** Located at Phoenix Convention Center, this fun-filled event is jam-packed with youth basketball clinics, giveaways, special appearances and sports-related autograph signings. March 31 – April 3. \$10 adults, kids 12 and under free. Visit [NCAA.com/finalfour](http://NCAA.com/finalfour) and follow @FinalFour on social media for updates.

**March Madness Music Festival:** Three days of free concerts by popular recording artists will take place at Margaret T. Hance Park from March 31 – April 2. Free.

**Final Four Dribble:** Thousands of kids will be given their own basketballs to dribble along a route throughout downtown Phoenix. April 2. Free and includes one free ticket to Fan Fest.

## Sky Harbor to Begin Valet Service



America's Friendliest Airport® is pleased to offer travelers a new service to make the parking experience even easier. In mid-November, valet parking will be available at Sky Harbor's busiest terminal, Terminal 4. It's easy for travelers to take advantage of this frequently-requested service. In fact, travelers have the option of drive-up service in the Terminal 4 garage or a reservation-only valet with drop-off at the curb. For more information on the new valet service including prices, please visit [SkyHarbor.com/valet](http://SkyHarbor.com/valet).

## Expanded Bus Service Hours

The new Desert Sky Transit Center at 79th Avenue and Thomas Road celebrates its one-year anniversary on Dec. 5. The transit center's Phoenix local routes now have even more service for riders. Thanks to the voter-approved Transportation 2050 plan, all Phoenix local routes run from 4 a.m. to midnight Monday through Friday and from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. For details about expanding investment for bus service, light rail construction and street improvements, visit [Phoenix.gov/T2050](http://Phoenix.gov/T2050).

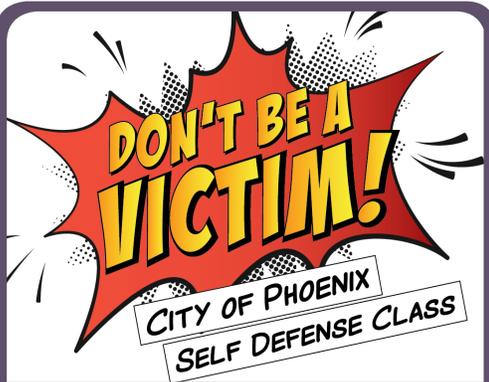


## Culture Pass at All PHX Libraries

Looking for a little inspiration this holiday season? Check out Phoenix Public Library's handy holiday guides. Be on the lookout for the "Best of 2016" lists. Check out holiday movies, music, cookbooks and get craft ideas.

Have company visiting or need a fun trip for the kids? Get a Culture Pass, which allows FREE admission for two people at participating arts and cultural institutions, including: the Arizona Science Center, Desert Botanical Garden, Heard Museum, Phoenix Art Museum, Superstition Mountain Museum, and more! Details and a calendar of family-friendly activities at [PhoenixPublicLibrary.org](http://PhoenixPublicLibrary.org).





## Take a Free Self Defense Class

When it comes to defending yourself, **Don't Be a Victim!** The city offers a free self-defense class for anyone 8 years or older. Learn how to be more aware and defend yourself with everyday items like a pen. Take control and escape a threat. It could save your life. Follow PHXDefense on Facebook and Twitter for safety tips.

### Upcoming Classes:

- Dec. 3, 1 - 3 p.m.: Century Library Branch, 1750 E. Highland Ave. (602) 261-8677
- Dec. 10, 1 - 3 p.m.: Burton Barr Library, Pulliam Auditorium, 1221 N. Central Ave. (602) 534-9670

Register at [Phoenix.gov/calendar](http://Phoenix.gov/calendar) (click on Emergency Management)

## Phoenix City Council

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## Cease the Grease for the Holidays

Did you know pouring leftover fats, oils and grease down your drain could result in serious damage to your plumbing and city sewer systems? To keep your plumbing clean this holiday season follow these two steps:

**Store It:** Once cooled, use a coffee filter, cheese cloth or fine metal strainer to filter oils and grease into a container. Store in the refrigerator or freezer for up to six months for later use.

**Trash It:** Pour into a small, sealable container and throw it in the trash. Make sure to only throw away small amounts of oil at a time. Big jugs can leak, making a mess of the city's collection trucks and disposal facilities.



The inside of a pipe shows how grease can build up over time.

## Help Wanted: Tax Preppers

The city of Phoenix is looking for volunteers to offer free tax preparation help for low to moderate income households. Tax professionals can also earn continuing education credits when volunteering. The city will hold free IRS process-based tax law training sessions from November to January at various locations.



The city of Phoenix Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) campaign is in partnership with the Internal Revenue Service VITA program. Nationally, the EITC helped an estimated 6.5 million people out of poverty, including more than three million children. Visit [Volunteer.Phoenix.gov](http://Volunteer.Phoenix.gov) and search VITA or call **602-534-0543**.

## Holiday Collections Schedule

Trash, recycling and green organics collections will not be affected on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. However, for Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 24, collection moves to Friday, Nov. 25, and Friday's collection moves to Saturday, Nov. 26. Christmas Day and New Year's Day collections will not be affected because they both fall on Sundays this year. For more information, call **602-262-7251**.

## Stay Informed

Phoenix residents can obtain information and take appropriate precautions to learn about sex offenders in their community. The Arizona Department of Public Safety website can be used to track individual offenders and locations (by ZIP code or address).

A user can sign up to receive email notifications about offenders, find out the definition of classifications, find the location of offenders, learn the requirements for offenders to register and see laws regarding offenders at [azdps.gov/Services/Sex\\_Offender](http://azdps.gov/Services/Sex_Offender).



## Cardboard Help

For many, the holidays mean opening presents packaged in recyclable cardboard. If you have just a few boxes, flatten and place them in your blue recycling container. If you have a large quantity of cardboard boxes, remove any packing materials and call Public Works customer service at **602-262-7251**.

They will work with you to figure out what kind of equipment is needed to pick up the load.

