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### **Calendar**

**DEC 24 Christmas Eve\***City offices close at noon

DEC 25 Christmas Day
City offices closed
See article on pg. 2 for service
changes

JAN 01 New Year's Day
City offices closed
See article on pg. 2 for service
changes

JAN 4 | Recycle Phoenix Christown-Spectrum Mall 7 a.m. - noon PhoenixRecycles.org

JAN 10/11 Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection Cesar Chavez Park 7 a.m. - noon Phoenix.gov/PublicWorks

JAN 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day\* City offices closed

\*Garbage & recycling services are not affected on these days

City Calendar at **Phoenix.gov/Calendar** 



AND SIGN UP FOR FREE MONTHLY WATERING REMINDERS.

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## **Your Input Wanted on Future Rates**

You are invited to a series of public meetings to discuss options regarding the rates residents pay for their trash and recycling services. For ten years, the city has kept the rates unchanged at \$26.80 per month per single-family home. Rate changes are now being considered to maintain current trash and recycling services.



You can provide your input about the proposed rates at several public meetings or online. Meetings are scheduled for mid-December and then several more after the New Year in January 2020. Please join us



to learn about all services offered to residents, the current challenges the city faces and the options on how to go forward by early next year.

Visit **Phoenix.gov/TrashandRecycle** for the dates and locations of the public meetings, proposed rates & service changes, to take a survey and to get your questions answered. You can also share your thoughts by calling us at *602-262-6824* or email **TrashandRecycle@Phoenix.gov**.

# **Central Ave. Gets into Holiday Spirit**



Seasonal cheer is up and on display along Central Avenue. From Baseline to Camelback Roads, you will see light poles on both sides of the street adorned with 200 banners or illuminated decorations with a variety of holiday messages.

The decorative display was made possible through a collaboration between the city of Phoenix and Downtown Phoenix, Inc. Together, \$42,000 in corporate sponsorships and private donations were made to cover the costs. Thank you to Freeport McMoran, Visit Phoenix, APS, ACE Parking and Valley Metro for their generous donations.

The displays will be up until New Year's Day.

# **Apply Now for Summer Pool Jobs**

Recruitment for lifeguards and swim lesson instructors to work at city pools during summer 2020 is already underway. These are great jobs for teenagers and college students. City pools are open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.

Apply now at **Phoenix.gov/Lifeguard**. For all other job opportunities: **Phoenix.gov/Employment**.



## **Become a Reading Tutor for Kids**



If you enjoy working with and inspiring our youth, then this opportunity is for you! The city of Phoenix is working with the AARP Foundation to recruit volunteers 50 years and older to become tutors. The program is designed to improve the reading skills of elementary school students. Literacy Tutor volunteers will meet weekly with their assigned students throughout ten partnering Phoenix school districts. To sign up to volunteer or to get more information: **Phoenix.gov/Education/Experience**, e-mail **ecphx@phoenix.gov** or call **602-256-4388**.

# Reminder: Holiday Service Changes



As we enter the holiday season, please note the following changes to your trash and recycling pick-up schedule:

**Christmas Day**: On Wednesday, Dec. 25, there will be no pick-ups. Here's how pick-ups will adjust for the week:

- Wednesday  $\rightarrow$  Thursday
- Thursday  $\rightarrow$  Friday
- Friday → Saturday

**New Year's Day**: On Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020, there will be no pick-ups. Here's how pick-ups will adjust for the week:

- Wednesday → Thursday
- Thursday  $\rightarrow$  Friday
- Friday → Saturday

For information about all of Phoenix's holiday schedule changes, visit **Phoenix.gov/PublicWorks**.

\*Regular pick-ups will happen on both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

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#### **Chinese New Year Celebrations**

Admission is free to the 30th Annual Chinese Culture & Cuisine Festival. It's happening Friday, Feb. 7 - Sunday, Feb. 9, at Margaret T. Hance Park. The festival is the grand culmination of Phoenix Chinese Week, a local celebration of the Chinese New Year.

The Chinese Culture & Cuisine Festival features food vendors, a tea garden, beer garden, arts, martial arts demonstrations, rides, a culture



and history village, costume photo booth and a traditional dragon and lion dance.

The festival will be open from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Friday, and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The beer garden is open Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, visit **PhoenixChineseWeek.org**.



## **Pardon the Progress**

Your patience is appreciated as Valley Metro continues to expand its transit system. Due to construction work on the Tempe Streetcar system, all light rail trains will run on an adjusted schedule between Dec. 21, 2019 and Jan. 5, 2020. During this time, expect trains to arrive at stations every 24 minutes.

Visit ValleyMetro.org/PardonOurProgress to view the full schedule.

# Celebrate "Believe in the Dream"

Celebrate the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday at the MLK Awards & Scholarship Breakfast, 7 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020 at the Sheraton Phoenix Downtown, 340 N. Third St. The event will honor the winners of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Living the Dream Awards, Calvin C. Goode Lifetime Achievement Award and Phoenix Human Relations Community Award.

For details on purchasing tickets (\$100 per person or \$1,000 per table), visit **azmlk.org** or call 602-513-8311. For more information, visit **Phoenix.gov/EOD**.



# **Back by Popular Demand**

The 3rd Annual PHX2Zero Lecture Series is happening 5 p.m, Thursday, Jan. 23, 2020 at the Burton Barr Central Library. The featured speaker will again be Bea Johnson, whose family only produces one jar of waste each year. During this free lecture, hear how to live a zero waste lifestyle and see how minimizing waste is easy!

Reserve your free tickets: **Phoenix.gov/ZeroWaste**.

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