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## Calendar

- JAN 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day City offices closed\*
- FEB 01 PHX First Friday Across Downtown Area ArtlinkPHX.org
- FEB 8/9 Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection Event Paradise Valley Park 7 a.m. - noon 602-262-6251
- FEB 12 Tour of Sky Harbor 10 - 11:30 a.m. SkyHarbor.com/Tours
- FEB 18 Presidents' Day City offices closed\*

\*Trash/recycling services are not affected.



# Learn about the future of the city-owned Arena:

- Download public records
- Read economic data
- Browse the F.A.Q.
- Voice your opinion

#### Phoenix.gov/Arena

# **Hiking Season is Here!**

While people in many areas of the country are bundled up indoors this time of year, it is peak hiking season here in Phoenix. January is a busy month on Phoenix's 200-plus miles of trails. City park rangers want trail users to know lifesaving "Take a Hike. Do it Right." guidelines:

- Dress Appropriately wear proper shoes, clothing and hat
- Water hydrate before you go, take plenty of water with
- you and head back to the trailhead before you drink half of it
- Keep in Contact carry a mobile phone
- Don't Trailblaze please stay on designated trails
- Take Responsibility don't be "that person" be prepared, pay attention to safety guidelines and know your own health limits

Learn more about how to stay safe while enjoying the trails at **Phoenix.gov/Parks**.

# **Special Election Set for March 12**



On Tuesday, March 12, 2019, the city of Phoenix will conduct a Mayoral Runoff Election and a Special Vacancy Election for Council members in Council Districts 5 and 8. The voter registration deadline is Monday, Feb. 11.

Voters on the Permanent Early Voting List (PEVL) will automatically receive an early ballot by mail, unless they requested not to receive a

ballot by mail for this election. Voters not on the PEVL can request an early ballot by mail, no later than Friday, March 1, by visiting **Phoenix.gov/Elections** or calling *602-261-VOTE* (*8683*). Early ballots will be mailed on Feb. 13.

In-person early voting will be available on the 15th floor of Phoenix City Hall between Wednesday, Feb. 13 and Friday, March 8, during regular business hours. Accessible voting devices allowing voters with disabilities to vote independently will be available there.

Visit Phoenix.gov/Elections, call 602-261-VOTE (8683) or use the 7-1-1 Relay System.

# **Another Option for Your Bulk Trash**

As a city of Phoenix customer paying for monthly solid waste fees, did you know you can take one load, of up to one ton of materials each calendar month, to dispose at a city transfer station at no charge? You must bring a current copy of your city services bill or your account number, along with a matching photo ID. Loads can be taken to the transfer stations weekdays 5:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturdays 6 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Visit **Phoenix.gov/PublicWorks** and click on the *Transfer Station Hours* quick link. To learn when your regular bulk trash schedule pick-up dates are for 2019, visit **Phoenix.gov/PublicWorks** and click on the *Bulk Trash Pickup* quick link.

#### Celebrate the Amazing Voices

Join Phoenix Public Library in the city's ongoing commitment to enjoy and learn



from the many voices of our community meant to educate, entertain and inspire. In February, join everyone by celebrating Black voices during Black History Month. Visit **PhoenixPublicLibrary.org** for special events as well as books, films, music and recipes celebrating Black voices.

#### Water Reminders on Your Phone

As part of the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association, the city of Phoenix has teamed up with other AMWUA cities to make it easier to save money and water by providing a free monthly watering reminder text alert. The alerts link you to a chart that shows you how often to water everything in your yard, including grass, cactus and annuals.

Sign up by texting **WHENTOWATER** to **33222** to receive a link to the month's watering guidelines.





#### **Outstanding Youths**

The city of Phoenix Youth and Education Office is now accepting applications for the 2019 Outstanding Young Man/Young Woman of the Year awards. The program recognizes the amazing achievements of young people, enhances the perception of youth and raises awareness of their positive contributions.

This program is open to all high school students currently enrolled in Phoenix or who live within Phoenix's city limits. One young man and one young woman will be selected as winners from each City Council district and receive an award of \$500. In addition, each district-level winner will be eligible for an additional \$1,500 award if they are selected as the citywide winners. The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 28. Learn about the requirements to apply at **Phoenix.gov/Education**.

Pictured above are last year's overall winners: Eric Brock, Thunderbird High School and Isabelle Lukau, North High School.

#### **Phoenix City Council**

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# **Celebrate Phoenix Chinese Week**

Everyone is invited to celebrate the Chinese New Year 4717, the year of the Boar, during Phoenix Chinese Week. Come experience the sights, sounds and tastes at the Chinese Culture and Cuisine Festival, Feb. 8 - 10, at Margaret T. Hance Park, 1202 N. Third St. in downtown Phoenix.

The event will feature live entertainment, children's activities, martial arts, food, beer garden, Koi fish exhibit and craft and souvenir vendors. Admission is free.

Visit PhoenixChineseWeek.org or call

480-406-7470 for more details. This event is

hosted by Phoenix Sister Cities, Inc. and the Phoenix Chinese Week Committee.

## **Help Fight Graffiti with Action**



In February, Phoenix's Neighborhood Services Department will host its Annual Graffiti Free Phoenix program to encourage residents to join the city's effort to keep Phoenix graffiti free. The campaign combines information on how to report graffiti and provides residents with the tools they need to keep their neighborhoods graffiti free. Through February, as part of the Graffiti Free Phoenix Awareness Month, the city will provide

free paint and supplies to any group organizing a community cleanup to wipe out graffiti in Phoenix. Details on **Phoenix.gov/Graffiti**.

## Do You Live in a Flood Hazard Zone?

Is your home or business in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)? If so, you may want to consider purchasing flood insurance. You may also apply for flood insurance even if you are not in a SFHA to reduce the cost of damages caused by localized flooding.



To find out if there is an elevation certificate on file for your property, which calculates your flood insurance policy risk, or to see if your property is in a SFHA, call *602-262-4960* or visit Floodplain Management at Phoenix City Hall, 200 West Washington Street, 5th Floor, Phoenix, AZ, 85003.

In addition to flood insurance, you can make a list of personal property, take photos of your property to assist your insurance adjuster and keep all important information and electronics in a safe and dry place. For more help, contact the National Flood Insurance Program at **FloodSmart.gov** or call *1-800-427-4661*.

## **Are You Watching Us?**

The city of Phoenix has its own TV channel and it has programming for everyone with every type of interest. Watch City Council meetings as they happen and catch



up on city news and information through *City Updates*. You can also find out about unique hot spots in the city with the *Cool in Your ZIP* series and check out the brand new *Phoenix Pets* series which, yes, has gone to the dogs! Watch anytime on Cox Cable 11, Century Link 8005 or streaming 24/7 on **YouTube.com/CityofPhoenixAZ**.