Vote in the August Special Election

On Tuesday, August 27, Phoenix residents will vote in a Special Election for two propositions related to light rail and city pensions. Voting is open to all voters in the city of Phoenix, who register by Monday, July 29. Please remember that early ballots will be mailed out and early voting will start on Wednesday, July 31, 2019. The last day to request an early ballot by mail is Friday, August 16. In-person early voting will be available weekdays from Wednesday, July 31 until Friday, August 23, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., on the 15th Floor of Phoenix City Hall.

In-person voting is available with valid ID at any of the voting centers during the following dates and times:
- Saturday, August 24: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Monday, August 26: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 27: 6 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Voting devices that allow voters with disabilities to vote independently will be available at all voting locations. A map and list of voting centers may be found in the sample ballot and publicity pamphlet, mailed in July, or by using the online voting center locator. Visit Phoenix.gov/Elections, call 602-261-8683 (VOTE) or use the 7-1-1 Relay System.

Which Streets Are Being Paved Next?

Check out the city’s new interactive dashboard to see which streets are included in the Council-approved pavement maintenance program for fiscal years 2019 through 2023. The dashboard can be sorted to display planned or completed pavement maintenance projects across the city or by Council district. To see the dashboard, visit Phoenix.gov/Pavement.

Pathways to Employment Workshops

Start or plan your path to a career! Meet representatives from apprenticeship programs, tech schools, colleges, and training providers to learn more about all the great career opportunities at this free workshop on Tuesday, July 23, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., in the 2nd Floor, College Depot Auditorium at Burton Barr Central Library, 1121 N. Central Ave., 85004. Secure your spot, register online at PhoenixPublicLibrary.org. For more information, contact College Depot at college.depot@phoenix.gov or call 602-261-8847.

Can I Recycle the Greasy Pizza Box?

What about paper coffee cups? Should I remove the lid from a glass jar? Sometimes it’s hard to know! However, you can get answers to these and other recycling questions by visiting the Zero Waste Assistant. This web page allows you to search for materials to learn what is, or is not, recyclable. Visit Phoenix.gov/Recycle. Answers: No, place greasy boxes & paper coffee cups in trash. Yes, remove lids from jars before recycling.

New Community Feedback Posted

Public feedback has been posted from the June 18 Community Listening Session concerning the May 27th incident involving the Phoenix Police. The meeting, held at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, was attended by 2,600 residents and the mayor, police chief, elected officials, and other city leadership listened to public comments for over three hours. At Phoenix.gov/PDTransparency you may now download the public comments and notes from the meeting, submit a comment yourself, watch a message from Police Chief Jeri Williams, or read a F.A.Q.
Family Services Centers Provide Help

The Human Services Department offers a variety of social services to low-income households experiencing crisis. Services are provided through three Family Services Centers and include urgent needs like utility, eviction prevention and/or move-in cost assistance. Caseworkers also provide case management services to assist families and adult individuals resolve problems and help to achieve self-sufficiency.

Phoenix residents can schedule an appointment by calling 602-534-2433 (AIDE), after 8 a.m. on Monday mornings. Residency and citizenship proof are required.

Households with a member age 60 or over can contact the Senior Services Intake Line at 602-262-6631, between 1–5 p.m., Monday – Friday.

For more information visit Phoenix.gov/HumanServices/Programs/Emergency.

SBE Program Gets Down to Business

The city’s Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Program can help local companies learn about new opportunities.

Businesses can learn about procurement, construction subcontracting, small business management, and other educational services. They can also learn about technical assistance and networking opportunities within the city of Phoenix.

To learn more about the SBE Program, visit Phoenix.gov/EOD/Programs/SBEservices.

Clean Water Starts with You

When it rains, stormwater flows over driveways and streets picking up pollutants such as trash, oil, pet waste, and lawn chemicals and carries them into the storm drain system.

Unlike water from our kitchens and bathrooms, stormwater goes untreated directly into washes and riverbeds. So please report illegal discharges into the storm drain system by calling the Stormwater Hotline at 602-256-3190.

Volunteers Wanted: Join the Phoenix & AARP Experience Corps

Phoenix, in partnership with the AARP Foundation, is recruiting volunteers 50 years and older to support a tutoring program designed to improve elementary school students reading skills.

Literacy tutors meet weekly with their assigned students within nine partnering Phoenix school districts. If you enjoy working and inspiring youth, then this opportunity is for you! For more details, email ecphx@phoenix.gov, call 602-256-4388, or visit Phoenix.gov/Education/Experience.

6 Simple Ways to Reduce Waste

A new school year is just around the corner, so consider these tips:

- Reuse backpacks, binders and other school supplies.
- If your school provides a list of recommended school supplies, follow the list to avoid purchasing unnecessary items.
- Consider local donation centers for gently used school supplies.
- Donate old school supplies that you don’t need.
- Need a textbook? Try a textbook rental service. Often you can save money and prevent waste.
- Finally, if you aren’t sure what to put in your recycle container, visit Phoenix.gov/Recycle and search for items using the new Zero Waste Assistant.