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I Got My COVID-19 Vaccine

NEW: VACCINE INCENTIVES

The city of Phoenix continues to use two mobile vans to offer COVID-19 testing and vaccines. Now, if any adult is fully vaccinated using our vans, they will receive a \$100 grocery gift card to be used at the grocery store or gas station. Offer good while supplies last.

Visit [Phoenix.gov/COVIDTesting](https://phoenix.gov/COVIDTesting) for a current list of times and locations. COVID-19 testing and vaccine services are provided using approved resources from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

MASKS AND GUIDELINES

The city of Phoenix continues to follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. To see the latest regarding city policies on mask usage and requirements to make appointments to visit most city buildings, visit the PHXNewsroom: [Phoenix.gov/Newsroom](https://phoenix.gov/Newsroom).

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City of Phoenix AZ

Electric Light Parade Returns!

The lights and sounds of the APS Electric Light Parade are returning this holiday season! APS and the city of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department would like to invite you to join us for a night of community and celebration. This year, parade entrants will interpret the theme of "Peace on Earth," and are sure to light up the streets of central Phoenix on Saturday, Dec. 4, with their visually stunning displays!



To ensure the health and safety of all attendees, multiple COVID-19 mitigation strategies have been implemented this year which include reduced parade entries and participants, and the elimination of the pre-parade viewing event traditionally held the



evening before the parade. We are asking that attendees wear masks and social distance when possible. If you are feeling sick, please stay home and enjoy the ABC15 telecast.

The parade starts at 7 p.m. on Central & Montebello Aves. (just south of Bethany Home Road), south to Camelback Road, east to Seventh Street, and then south to Indian School Road. An interactive parade route map and event information are available at [Phoenix.gov/ELP](https://phoenix.gov/ELP). We hope to see you, your family and your friends along the parade route!

Simple Ways to Avoid Holiday Danger

'Tis the season for holiday fun and potential trouble. Here are some quick tips from the Phoenix Fire Department:

Frying a Turkey: Never leave the fryer unattended, defrost and completely dry your turkey before immersing it in hot oil and keep a fire extinguisher handy.

Christmas Trees: A dried out Christmas tree can be totally consumed by fire in less than 30 seconds.

Most trees sold in the Valley have been cut out of the state and have been drying out since they were harvested. If the tree looks green and fresh, take a long needle and bend it between your thumb and forefinger. If it snaps, the tree is too dry.

Candles: While a traditional part of the holidays, candles are a direct source of fire in your home. A flickering flame is also a thing of fascination to little children. Keep candles out of their reach.

Lights: Use only lights that have been tested for safety. Check each set of lights for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires or loose connections. Use no more than three sets of lights per single extension.

There are literally dozens more safety tips to be found at [Phoenix.gov/Newsroom](https://phoenix.gov/Newsroom).



Rental Assistance Still Available

The city of Phoenix continues to help residents impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic with rent and utilities. The funding can be used to help people struggling to pay rent, electric, gas, and water bills in Phoenix city limits. Those interested can apply for assistance over the phone at **602-534-AIDE(2433)**, or through an online portal at [Wildfireaz.org/PHXERA](https://wildfireaz.org/PHXERA). Details on the application process and the qualification guidelines are available at [Phoenix.gov/RentHelp](https://phoenix.gov/RentHelp).

Low Flow Program Resumes

Customers with delinquent City Services bills are encouraged to make a payment to their account to place the account in good standing. Customers in delinquent status will now be placed in the *Low Flow Program*. The low flow device will be installed for no more than three months while customers work to get back on track before water service is turned off. Make a payment here: [PayOnline.Phoenix.gov](https://payonline.phoenix.gov).



Holiday Pick-Up Schedule

The city of Phoenix Public Works Department is committed to always being there for you when it comes to collecting your trash, recyclables and bulk trash. In an effort to ensure our employees also have the opportunity to be with their families for the holidays, please see the following changes in pick-ups:

Thanksgiving: Collection on Thursday, Nov. 25 moves to Friday, Nov. 26, and Friday's collection moves to Saturday, Nov. 27.

Christmas Day and New Year's Day: Because these holidays fall on days where the city does not normally pick up collections, service is not impacted.

Included in this month's mailing envelope you will see a bulk trash schedule for the remainder of 2021 and all of 2022. It's perfect to keep on the fridge for easy reference.

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Be a Lifeguard Next Summer

The time is now to start figuring out what your teenagers will be doing next Summer. Why not have them join our team as a lifeguard and earn \$14 per hour! Teens 15 and older are invited to sign up.

The first step is to take our certification course to learn and use lifesaving skills – first aid, CPR and water rescues. Teens can also sign up to be a swim lesson instructor to teach water safety and reducing drownings. They will gain leadership and team work skills, cultivate long-lasting friendships and create memories to last a lifetime! **Phoenix.gov/Lifeguard.**



Stop the Grease for the Holidays



The Environmental Protection Agency says almost half of all sewage overflows are caused by "Fats, Oils and Grease" (FOG). FOG comes from meats, butters and margarine, food scraps, sauces, salad dressings and cooking oil. When FOG goes down the drain it hardens, catches other debris like flushable wipes (*not as flushable as you might think*)

and causes sewer pipes to clog and potentially send raw sewage into your home. Visit **Phoenix.gov/FOG** for these and other tips to keep FOG out of your home:

- Pour cool grease into a sealed container, then place in the trash.
- Discard food scraps/sauces from plates, pots, and pans into the trash.
- Use sink strainers to collect solids. Do not use the garbage disposal.

Phoenix Ambassador Program

Do you know a Phoenix high school sophomore or junior who wants to see the world? By serving as a Phoenix Youth Ambassador, they can participate in a life-changing experience engaging with Phoenix's 10 sister cities. They will have the opportunity to learn about different cultures and make friends around the world. Applications due Jan. 9, 2022.

Pandemic-permitting, students would travel abroad in the summer of 2022! More details and an online application are available at **phoenixsistercities.org/youth-ambassador.**



Burn Cleaner, Burn Better

While a fireplace can be comforting on cool winter nights, the smoke emitted may pose a substantial health risk to some residents across Maricopa County. On No Burn Days, please do not burn wood or you could face a fine. Consider converting your wood-burning fireplace to natural gas.

Visit **CleanAirMakeMore.Com** to learn about the Maricopa County Fireplace Retrofit Program and to sign up for air pollution alerts.



Adjusting Your Watering Habits



As the cool season is upon us, please remember to dial back your landscape watering and adjust your irrigation controller. This time of year, your summer lawn can be dormant, and your desert landscape requires less water. Check out a water frequency guide and water-saving tips: **Phoenix.gov/WaterCloud.**