



Feb. 5, 2021

CITY EVENTS

UPCOMING CITY PUBLIC MEETINGS

- **City Council Policy Session** – 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9. Please click on [City Council Meetings](#) for more meeting information.
- **Environmental Quality and Sustainability Commission Urban Heat Island/Trees and Shade Subcommittee** – 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9. Please click on [Notice of Public Meeting](#) for information.
- **Rio Vista Village Planning Committee Meeting** – 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9. Please click on [Notice of Public Meeting](#) for meeting information.
- **Public Safety and Justice Subcommittee Meeting** – 9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10. Please click on [City Council Meetings](#) for meeting information.
- **Zoning Adjustment Hearing** – 9 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 11. Please click on the [Notice of Public Meeting](#) link for meeting information.
- **Environmental Quality and Sustainability Commission** – 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11. Please click on [Notice of Public Meeting](#) for meeting information.
- **Proposed Water Rate Increase Community Meeting** – 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11. Please click on [Notice of Public Meeting](#) to register.
- **North Gateway Village Planning Committee Meeting** – 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11. Please click on [Notice of Public Meeting](#) for meeting information.
- **Deer Valley Village Planning Committee Meeting** – 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11. Please click on [Notice of Public Meeting](#) for meeting information.

City Council meetings are live on Cox Cable Channel 11 and streamed live on <https://www.phoenix.gov/phxtv> and [facebook.com/cityofphoenix](https://www.facebook.com/cityofphoenix).

To view written or video instructions for meeting participation, please visit <https://www.phoenix.gov/cityclerk/publicmeetings/city-council-meetings>

Past City Council meetings are posted on <http://www.youtube.com/cityofphoenixaz>.

DISTRICT 1 EVENTS:

DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Please continue to check here for updates on future District 1 community events.

COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 NEWS AND INITIATIVES

RESIDENT REPORTING



What is PHX At Your Service?

The city program [PHX At Your Service](#) (PAYS) is an online reporting and request tool that can be used on desktop computers, tablets and smart phones and offers an easy-to-navigate button design to submit reports and requests. The system includes a ticket system with unique online user accounts. In May 2017, Phase 1 launched with 13 issues types to report through the Portal. Phase 2 launched in Jan. 2018 and added the most popular requests for the Water and Public Works Departments, including Start or Stop Water Service, and Trash and Recycling Containers. The entire project furthers the city's goal of creating a modern, centralized one-stop reporting system. To learn more about the program and installation of the app, click [here](#).

Below are common issues that can be reported through [PAYS](#), with more options available on the website.

- Litter and debris
- Graffiti removal
- Non-dust-proof parking
- Inoperable vehicles
- Fence in disrepair
- Outside storage
- Weeds or dead plants
- Street maintenance
- Illegal signs
- Property violations
- Unsecured structures
- Non-permitted construction

For additional reporting, please see below.

Bus Stop Conditions: [Valley Metro Customer Service](#). Call 602-253-5000 or email csr@valleymetro.org

Criminal Activity:

- Witnessing a crime – call 911
- Suspect a crime – call 602-262-6151

Illegal Dumping: The city is committed to cracking down on illegal dumping. The city works with law enforcement to stop criminal acts from happening, but if you witness dumping in action please call Crime Stop at 602-262-6151. If the dumping has already taken place, call 602-262-6251.

Homeless Encampments: Phoenix Community Action Response Engagement Services (PHX C.A.R.E.S.)

- [PHX C.A.R.E.S.](#) – 602-262-6251

Shopping Cart Retrieval program. The Shopping Cart Retrieval Program removes shopping carts found off of store premises citywide and charges retail owners a cart retrieval fee.

- [Report Abandoned Shopping Carts Online Form.](#)
- Phone: 602-534-4444 or shopping.carts.nsd@phoenix.gov

NORTHWEST EXTENSION PHASE II

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Week of Feb. 1



The Northwest Extension Phase II (NWEII) project will extend light rail west on Dunlap Avenue from 19th Avenue, then north on 25th Avenue and across I-17 on Mountain View Road with a terminus on the west side of the freeway near Metrocenter Mall. Northwest Extension Phase II light rail project construction is underway by the project contractor, Kiewit-McCarthy, A Joint Venture (KMJV) and third-party utility companies, such as Salt River Project (SRP).

Dunlap Avenue

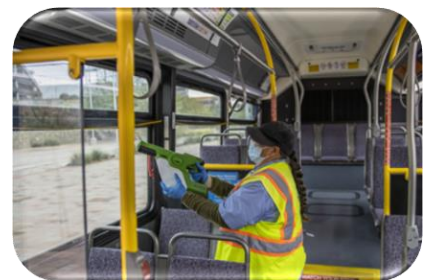
- **23rd Avenue: Townley to Dunlap Avenues:** KMJV is performing underground utility relocation just south of the 23rd and Dunlap avenues intersection, closing the street to northbound traffic. Traffic restrictions will be in place 24/7 through Mon., Feb. 8 at 5:00 p.m. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **Dunlap Avenue between 19th and 25th avenues:** KMJV and SRP are performing underground utility relocation and roadway construction on Dunlap Avenue between 19th and 25th avenues during day and nighttime hours. Traffic lanes will be located on the south side of Dunlap Avenue and restricted to one west- and one eastbound lane. Traffic restrictions will be in place 24/7 through Mon., May 31 at 5 a.m. Click [here](#) for more information.

25th Avenue

- **[UPDATE] 25th Avenue between Dunlap Avenue and Mountain View Road:** KMJV is performing underground utility relocation and roadway construction on 25th Avenue between Dunlap Avenue and Mountain View Road during day and nighttime hours. Traffic lanes will be located on the west side of 25th Avenue and restricted to one north- and one southbound lane. Traffic restrictions will be in place 24/7 through Fri., Feb. 22 at 5 a.m. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **Rose Mofford Sports Complex and Dog Park:** KMJV is replacing drainage infrastructure in and adjacent to Rose Mofford Sports Complex and Dog Park. The work will involve removing fencing on the southwest corner of the dog park. Temporary fencing will be placed, allowing continued use of the park during construction. In addition, available parking areas will change throughout the process. The Rose Mofford Sports Complex and Dog Park will remain open during this work. The work will be completed in late spring 2021. Click [here](#) for more information.

What is Valley Metro doing to address the COVID-19 pandemic for transit riders?

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, Valley Metro has enacted a number of policies and procedures to keep our riders and operators safe. Our new protocols include enhanced, daily cleaning of buses, trains, stops and stations, fogging of buses and light rail trains with high-grade disinfectant and HVAC cabin filters sanitized with high grade disinfectant.



Additionally, the agency Installed protective barriers for bus operators, and light rail operators are protected with seats nearest the cab blocked off to passengers. Finally, we implemented rear door boarding's on all local and express buses and limit bus boarding's to maintain social distancing. Face coverings are required on all Valley Metro vehicles, at stops and stations. To date, the agency has given out approximately 27,000 face coverings to transit riders.

CITY NEWS & EVENTS:

PHOENIX COVID-19 RESOURCES

Find information related to the COVID-19 pandemic on the [Resources](#) webpage. Residents with questions about city services and programs are encouraged to call 602-262-3111 or e-mail contactus@phoenix.gov.

PHOENIX COVID-19 TESTING BLITZ

Mobile Van #1 Testing

Saturday, Feb. 6

Cholla Library: District 1
10050 N. Metro Pkwy East, Phoenix 85051
7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Appointments required at: vincercancer.com

Sunnyslope Community Center: District 3
802 E. Vogel Ave., Phoenix 85021
7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Appointments required at: premierlabsolutions.com/covid-19/phoenix

Monday, Feb. 8

Devonshire Community Center: District 6
2802 E. Devonshire Ave., Phoenix 85016
7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Appointments required at: vincercancer.com

Adam Diaz Senior Center: District 4
4115 W. Thomas Road, Phoenix 85019
7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Appointments required at: premierlabsolutions.com/covid-19/phoenix

Tuesday, Feb. 9

Fry's Food Store: District 5
8325 W. Indian School Road, Phoenix 85037
7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Appointments required at: vincercancer.com

Wednesday, Feb. 10

Epworth United Methodist Church: District 5
4802 N. 59th Ave., Phoenix 85033
7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Appointments required at: premierlabsolutions.com/covid-19/phoenix

Saturday, Feb. 13

Cholla Library: District 1
10050 N. Metro Pkwy East, Phoenix 85051
7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Appointments required at: premierlabsolutions.com/covid-19/phoenix



For additional testing dates and locations, please visit [Phoenix Testing Blitz](#).

PUBLIC WORKS

Phoenix Launches Second Mobile Testing Van



The city of Phoenix launched its second COVID-19 mobile testing van (Van #2) Tuesday with an announcement from Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego, and the city's medical partner in this new endeavor, [Premier Labs Solutions](#). The announcement of Van #2 was held at Cielito Park, on N. 35th and W. Campbell avenues, the location of Van #2's first official day of operations.

Like Van #1, this new unit will offer COVID-19 antigen testing with rapid results, as well as Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) testing with results emailed to the individual in 1 to 2 days for added assurance.

There are no out-of-pocket-costs for individuals, with or without medical insurance. Van #2 will operate three days a week—Monday or Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday—from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

While Van #1's goal is to make COVID-19 testing accessible to Phoenix's underserved communities, Van #2 will focus on bringing accessible testing to areas in the city considered to be “hot spots,” or areas that are showing a higher incidence of reported COVID-19 cases.

[Premier Lab Solutions](#), a local Phoenix company that delivers convenient lab testing services to various businesses and organizations nationwide, will manage the daily operations of Van #2, administer COVID-19 tests to the community, as well as disseminate results to individuals. In determining locations for Van #2, Premier Lab Solutions will work closely with city of Phoenix staff and Mayor and Council Offices to determine where the “hot spots” are in the city.

Van #2 is a slightly larger van – a 2020 Ford T-350 Transit, customized by the Phoenix Public Works Department's Fleet Management division with an externally mounted generator, A/C unit, refrigerator, USB ports, a foldable work desk and service windows.

Other City-supported Accessible COVID-19 Tests

Additionally, a new, city-supported COVID-19 fixed site testing service will begin the week of Feb. 8. The static site will be at Maryvale Park, 4420 N. 51st Ave. and will operate three days a week – Monday, Wednesday and Thursday – from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. The tests will be administered by the city's existing medical partner, [Vincere Cancer Center](#), and will offer rapid PCR tests to community members at no out-of-pocket-cost.

Other testing services supported by the city include:

- [ExpresCheck](#) at Sky Harbor International Airport, which offers three types of COVID-19 tests to travelers-- a PCR test, a blood antibody test and a Rapid Abbott ID test with results while you wait.

- Drive-thru testing services, implemented in late May 2020, which are offered on the weekends at various locations in Phoenix. Testing is administered by city partners, [Equality Health Foundation](#) and [Family Tree Healthcare](#)
- Mobile Testing Van #1, launched in mid-August 2020, which offers antigen and antibody tests with rapid results. Testing is administered by Vincere Cancer Center.

Testing services are available to members of the community at no out-of-pocket-cost.

The best way to find a complete and updated list of COVID-19 testing services, locations and times is to visit phoenix.gov/COVIDtesting.

All testing services offered by the city are supplemented by the CARES Act Relief Funds and in part, by the city of Phoenix.

HUMAN SERVICES

City Adds Shelter Beds, Invests in Solutions for Homelessness

The city of Phoenix is investing millions of dollars to meet the needs of those in our community experiencing homelessness. This includes efforts to not only assist those currently lacking shelter, but also those struggling to stay in their homes as the city works to provide more affordable housing options.

The city has committed \$20 million from the 2020-2021 fiscal budget and more than \$150 million in federal grant funding to these issues. The money is used to help thousands of Phoenicians find shelter, work and long-term solutions to the challenges of homelessness.



Maricopa County is home to nearly 7,500 individuals experiencing homelessness. More than half of those people lack adequate shelter, and that number is growing steadily. While this is a problem throughout the county and state, homelessness is principally addressed in the city of Phoenix and with local non-profit partners. There are approximately 1,800 shelter beds available in Maricopa County. Eighty-three percent of those are in the city of Phoenix.

To read more about how the city budget and federal grants are being used in our community, click [here](#).

How you can help

We know our community wants to help, but Covid-19 has presented unique challenges for supporting those experiencing homelessness. Maricopa County Department of Public Health has established a [Give Smart website](#) to provide the best ways to provide support to people experiencing homelessness. Giving to those panhandling on the street may satisfy hunger for the moment, but it unintentionally withholds people from seeking assistance from organizations that not only can provide a hot meal in a safe environment, but who also provide supportive services that can help end homelessness. Street giving also creates crowds which puts an already vulnerable population's health at risk. It keeps people on the streets and negatively impacts communities. By giving smart, you can be part of creating real, long-lasting change.

HUMAN SERVICES

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month: Know Your Worth

In 2010, Congress declared February as National Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (TDVAM). Teen dating violence affects millions of teens in the U.S. each year. This form of intimate partner violence can include physical violence, sexual violence, mental abuse and stalking. The theme for TDVAM 2021 is *Know Your Worth* and focuses on advocacy and education to help stop abuse before it starts.

Learning about healthy relationships, boundaries and self-respect is key to helping to prevent dating violence. Show your support for this annual campaign by wearing orange on Feb. 9 and using #PaintPhxPurple #PhxTeenGoals on your social media throughout the month to raise awareness. If you or someone you know needs victim services, call the Family Advocacy Center at 602-534-2120.

For support, education and advocacy for teens, young adults and their family and friends can contact Love is Respect at 866-331-9474. Learn more about what City of Phoenix Human Services Strategic Initiatives is doing to prevent teen dating violence by visiting PaintPhoenixPurple.org.



FEB. 8-11: RESPECT WEEK

FEB. 9: WEAR ORANGE DAY



Human Trafficking Training Open to the Public



During this session, participants will learn about the dynamics of sex trafficking, victim identification indicators, and risk factors. During this Human Trafficking 101 session participants will learn about the dynamics of sex trafficking, victim identification indicators, and risk factors.

From 10 a.m. to Noon Tuesday, Feb. 9. Email sarah.way@phoenix.gov to register.

Provided by the Mayor's Human Trafficking Task Force.



NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

Phoenix Declares February Graffiti Free Awareness Month

Amid the COVID-19 health crisis, we are working together to safeguard our community by spending a lot more time at home and outside in our neighborhoods. We are witnessing changes in the ways we use our communities and the livability of neighborhoods has never been more important.

Every year, the Neighborhood Services Department (NSD) hosts #GraffitiFreePHX to encourage residents, neighborhoods and community volunteers to join the city in the effort to keep Phoenix graffiti free. Mayor Kate Gallego signed a proclamation marking the month of February the Annual Graffiti Free Phoenix Awareness Month.



Although it will look a little different this year, beginning Feb. 1, NSD will promote the "Graffiti Free Phoenix" program as they have done for the past six years.

Phoenix's NSD will color match and provide paint to neighbors wanting to responsibly practice 'distant socializing' that adhere to CDC recommendations of distance while helping to remove graffiti in their neighborhoods. In 2020, the city of Phoenix used 9,800 gallons of paint to cover over 47,988 graffiti sites across the entire city.

"Graffiti is a crime. Not only does graffiti damage the property that has been tagged, but it also lowers property values throughout the entire neighborhood. It has also been found that if graffiti isn't removed in a timely manner and allowed to stay visible, it will only attract more graffiti," explains Ginnie Ann Sumner, the co-chair of the Citizens Law Enforcement Anti-Graffiti Initiative, a group of Phoenix community leaders who partnered with police to combat graffiti.

However, studies show that if it's removed within 24 hours, its 90 percent less likely to return to the same area. If you see graffiti in progress, call 911 immediately, or if you would like to have it removed call NSD's Graffiti Busters at 602-534-4444.

Graffiti Busters will remove graffiti from properties with permission from property owners, but anyone can call in to report graffiti. NSD will verify that a permission slip is on file or obtain one from the owner. Each time graffiti is removed from the property, Graffiti Busters staff will provide the property owner with information on the program and offer free color-matched paint.

"We intend to remain strong and focused in our efforts of keeping our residents safe through COVID while making Phoenix a community of desirable neighborhoods," NSD Director Spencer Self said. "Our mission is to Preserve, Enhance, and Engage Phoenix Neighborhoods, but we need help from everyone. Report graffiti to us so we can keep Phoenix graffiti free."

NSD and its partners invites the community's help to spread the word about #GraffitiFreePHX by sharing on social media how you and your communities fight back against the vandalism and keep your neighborhood graffiti free.

“The #GraffitiFreePHX social media posts on Facebook and Twitter will continue to showcase the successes of our strong neighborhoods,” Self said. “We hope people follow along on the NSD Facebook page, @PhxNeighborhood and share the tips and messages so we can share the collective efforts of Phoenicians keeping our city desirable and graffiti free.”

WATER SERVICES

The public is invited to attend virtual public meetings to learn why the City of Phoenix Water Services Department is recommending a water rate increase. Join us for a presentation followed by a question and answer session to learn more about the rate setting process, including the capital improvement programs and financial plans of the city's water utility. To register for upcoming virtual meetings, please see below:

- 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11: [Register](#)
- 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18. [Register](#)
 - *Information will be provided in Spanish.*

Visit phoenix.gov/waterrates for additional information. All meetings will offer the same information. Email watersmart@phoenix.gov with any questions or comments.

To provide input on the proposed water rate increase, please take the [Phoenix Water Rate Increase Survey](#).



PUBLIC LIBRARY

Celebrate Black History Month with Phoenix Public Library

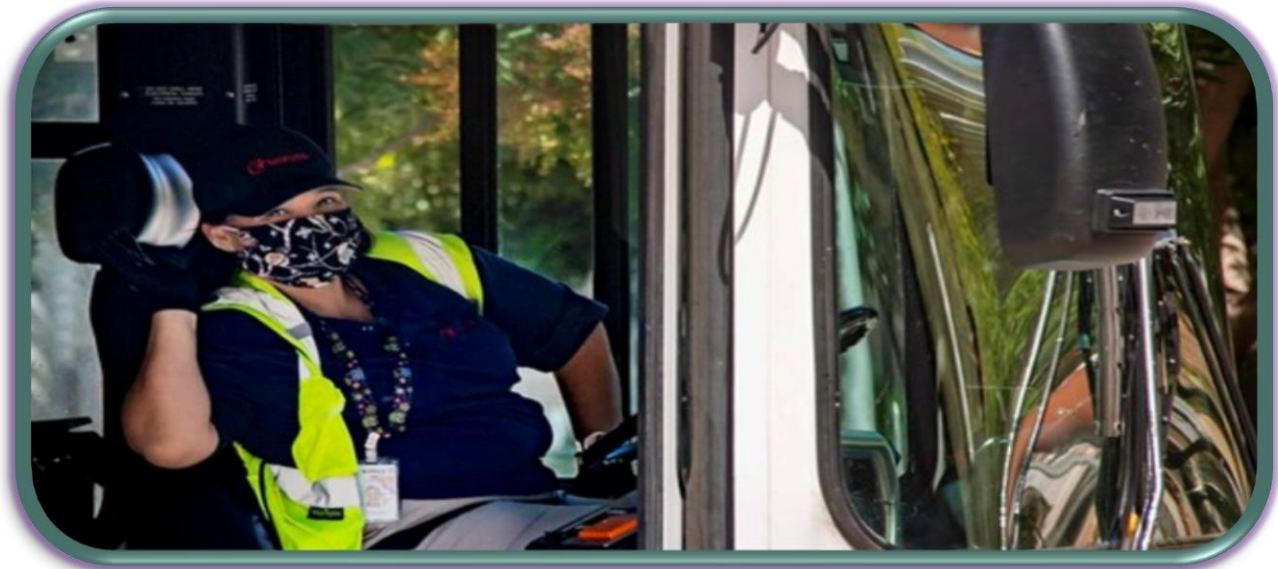


Keep up with Phoenix Public Library by subscribing to the monthly [newsletter](#). In February, the Library is celebrating Black History Month with a Black Voices Virtual Art Exhibit, book recommendations, movies, music and more. The Just Read theme is Read What You Love.

Join the Library for [The Big Read](#). At home or on the go, the [Public Library Phoenix](#) is available for readers of all ages.

PUBLIC TRANSIT

Face Coverings on Public Transit Now a Federal Mandate



On Jan. 21, 2021, President Biden issued an executive order requiring mask wearing on all modes of public transportation including intercity buses and trains. In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued an order which requires people to wear masks while on all public transportation and conveyances (trains, airplanes, ferries, etc.) and at transportation hubs.

On Jan. 31, the Transportation Security Administration released a [security directive](#) to implement President Biden's Executive Order and support enforcement of the CDC's Order with an effective start date of Feb. 1, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. EST.

Since June 20, 2020, Phoenix Public Transit passengers have been required to wear face coverings in conjunction with local and regional declarations to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. This federal mandate takes precedence over previously enacted local actions.

Riders are urged to plan ahead and bring their own face coverings before boarding any public transit. Riders also are required to properly wear the face covering according to [CDC guidelines](#) for their entire trip, including covering the face and nose.

To assist transit passengers that do not have a face mask, Phoenix Public Transit will continue to provide free face coverings (as supplies allow) for riders at the following transit centers and libraries:

- **Transit Centers:** Central Station, Ed Pastor, Metrocenter and Sunnyslope
- **Libraries:** Burton Barr, Cesar Chavez, Desert Sage, Harmon, Palo Verde, Saguaro, Yucca

The face-covering requirement applies to all people two years of age and older, on any public transit vehicle or at any public transit facility, including waiting areas and bus and light rail stops. Guidance from the CDC instructs public transit personnel to use best efforts to ensure that every person wears a mask when boarding, disembarking and for the duration of travel. Best efforts include:

- Boarding only those persons who wear masks.

- Instructing people that federal law requires wearing a mask on public transit and failure to comply constitutes a violation of federal law.
- Monitoring persons onboard for anyone who is not wearing a mask.
- At the earliest opportunity, disembarking any person who refuses to comply.
- Providing people with adequate notice to facilitate awareness and compliance of the requirement of the order to wear a mask.

Read the detailed information on the [President's Order](#) and the [CDC's Order](#), including definitions and instructions on wearing masks.

For the latest service information and COVID-19 public transit preventative measures, visit valleymetro.org and follow [@PhoenixMetroBus](#) [@valleymetro](#) on Twitter.

AVIATION

In-Flight Fashion Lands at Sky Harbor

Style in the Aisle: Mid-Century Airline Identity is Phoenix Airport Museum's new exhibition that highlights the golden age of air travel. From hot pants and go-go boots to disposable paper dresses, the 1960s and 1970s were known for breaking fashion norms and traditions – even in the airline industry.

Visitors to Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport can view eight vibrant flight attendant uniforms, historic photographs and airline amenity objects. Highlights include Hughes Airwest's 1977 "sundance yellow" dress with matching bucket-style hat, American Airlines plaid "Americana" uniform with racoon-fur cap, and Trans World Airlines' (TWA) single-use, gold paper dress – part of the "Foreign Accents" collection.



Mid-century air travel had progressed into a posh experience and airlines built unique "brand identities" to set themselves apart. Each airline found new ways to attract passengers with amenities like onboard movies, gourmet meals and glamorous flight attendants.

Discover what in-flight service was like through items on display including fine china, themed cocktail swizzle sticks, a first-class menu featuring caviar and lobster, and an ashtray with a lighter complete with airline logos. Stow your tray table and visit the museum exhibition, located in two display cases at Terminal 4, level 2 near ticketing through October 2021.

For more information, visit [Sky Harbor Museum Exhibitions Terminal 4](#).

PHX TV

To honor Black History Month, PHX TV is now featuring new programs that portray historical leaders, prominent individuals and historical narratives.

Go to [2021 Black History](#) to find the selection of videos and learn more about the legacies created and contributions made and to our culture and history.



PARKS AND RECREATION

A promotional graphic for a "Heart Hike Scavenger Hunt" set against a desert landscape with red rock formations. The text is arranged as follows: At the top left is the "PHX PLAYS" logo. The main title "Heart Hike Scavenger Hunt" is in white, flanked by two red hearts. Below the title are the dates "Saturday, Feb. 6 — Sunday, Feb. 14". A pink text block says "The hearts are red, there are only a few, find them on your path and enjoy the view!". On the left, a wooden signpost lists: "FREE to join!", "Admire the view", "Learn something new", "Win prizes!", and "Activity Code: #36730" with a red heart icon below it. On the right, a bulleted list of instructions is provided: "Register and receive a map with the 3 hiking locations", "Visit the trails, find the heart, learn something new and uncover a code word", and "Collect the code words and submit the message for an entry into a raffle for fun prizes". A final line says "For a bonus entry, submit a selfie from one location".

For more information visit phoenix.gov/parks and to register click [here](#).

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

To date, Water Services staff have assisted 2,069 accounts for a total of \$1,167,906.81 of \$2 million through Project Assist. Water Services staff are averaging 100 customer contacts per day.

On Jan. 25, Housing staff completed the purchase and took possession of the Holiday Inn North Phoenix, 12027 N. 28th Dr., for the future home of US Vets. The hotel has 174 rooms, a restaurant conference rooms, fitness center and pool. The Housing staff are working with contractors to service and repair all major systems in preparation for US Vets to take ownership and move their operations in March or April.

Legislative

On Jan. 28, Government Relations staff participated on a call with the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs regarding the President's American Rescue Plan to target federal resources for economic relief for people affected by the pandemic.

Government Relations staff have identified available grant funding opportunities and is reviewing funds to determine if the city is eligible to apply and will share with corresponding city departments.

Economic Development & Education

Communications staff are sharing content all month long to celebrate Black History Month on social media and PHXTV. PHXTV will feature 15 new programs profiling historical leaders, Gold Medal Award Winner Jesse Owens, archived Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. audio tapes, and a former Harlem Globe Trotter. Additionally, PHXTV Classroom will premiere two news pieces covering laptop distributions and Teen Dating Violence.

Communications and the Office of Environmental Programs staff are promoting the Climate Action Plan survey to gain insights from residents on climate actions. The survey is available at phoenix.gov/oep/climate and closes Feb. 28.

Arts and Culture and Parks and Recreation staff met to review and discuss the Parks Capital Improvement Projects and future public art projects as part of the annual Public Art Plan. Arts and Culture and Planning and Development staff will meet to discuss the coordination of art in private development proposals and requests from private developers.

During the week of Jan. 25, Youth and Education staff finalized the logistics of deploying 38 volunteers within four partnering schools in the Creighton and Fowler school districts. Volunteer tutors will provide virtual one-on-one reading tutoring to second- and third-grade students, who have been identified by their school's literacy coaches to participate and receive the literacy services.

This month, Aviation Museum staff will showcase the Arizona Watercolor Association exhibition at Terminal 4, level 3 near the food court area. In honor of Black History month, an Arizona Black Aviators exhibition is displayed in Terminal 3.

On Feb. 5, the PHX Sky Train construction will lead to a lane closure along the airport entrance ramp from the I-10 Freeway onto eastbound Sky Harbor Blvd.

Public Safety

On Jan. 26, the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management staff attended the four-hour virtual Cactus League 2021 Tabletop Exercise focusing on coordination between public and private sector

stakeholders, pre-incident and incident intelligence and information sharing protocols, and public and private sector emergency response plans.

On Jan. 26, the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management staff participated in the Urban Areas Security Initiative Area Working Group meeting. The 2021 Homeland Security Grant Program was discussed, and Maricopa County Emergency Management provided an update on the Securing the Cities grant and organizational changes, 2019 reallocation funds, and 2020 cybersecurity funds in the amount of \$221,000.

Neighborhoods and Livability

On Jan. 28, the Office of Environmental Programs and CHISPA AZ co-hosted their third English/Spanish workshop to discuss the climate action plan focusing on the heat sector. Over 50 participants attended the workshop which outlined the impacts that increasing heat from climate change will have on Phoenix residents. The workshop outlined city efforts to limit and adapt to heat related changes. Aviation, Public Works and the Office of Sustainability staff assisted and facilitated the breakout sessions.

On Feb. 10, the Office of Environmental Programs staff will present to the American Society of Civil Engineers on the City's Climate Action Plan. On Feb. 20, the Office of Environmental Programs staff will present the Climate Action Plan to a youth-oriented workshop.

Planning and Development staff have expedited plan reviews and inspections in preparation of vaccine storage facilities for Mayo Clinic Hospital and Langham Logistics. The plan review process, which is normally performed in-house, was accommodated in the field. Staff helped contractors work through issues and get the approval of plans immediately in order to get the vaccine freezers up and running and ready for shipments. Over the past year, staff have worked in similar capacities to help expedite a COVID-19 research lab at 5020 N. Black Canyon Road and an N95 mask manufacturing facility at 2145 S. 7th St.

Social Services

On Jan. 27, Housing staff distributed 70 tablets to seniors on the fifth of eight total distribution days at Maryvale Parkway Terrace.

On Feb. 2, Housing staff hosted a free community spay and neuter clinic at Aeroterra Community Center. Thirty-five companion animals were given free sterilization and vaccine services by Dr. Kelly's Mobile Unit and Fix, Adopt, Save.

On Feb. 2, Housing Supportive Services and Valle de Sol provided COVID-19 tests to residents of Deck Park Vista Apartments.

During the week of Jan. 25., Human Services staff conducted 1,897 wellness checks for senior center members and delivered 2,845 meals.

Human Services staff have distributed over 4,600 COVID-19 vaccine fact sheets via mail, email and meal delivery packages to senior center members. The fact sheets were created in collaboration with Human Services and the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management staff and are available in English, Spanish and Chinese and can be found on phoenix.gov/newsroom/em-and-hs/1561.

On Jan. 27, four couples and residents from Montebello Assisted Living participated in the virtual bi-weekly Memory Café. The Memory Café supports the City's Dementia Friendly Initiative for members with early signs of Dementia and their caregivers to engage interactively.

Last week, in partnership with St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance, library staff served 511 meals to children and teens ages 18 and under. The Kid's Café program is the result of a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture administered by the Arizona Department of Education. Meals are being provided Monday through Saturday during curbside pickup hours at select library branches.

To date, Library staff has provided curbside pickup services to more than 220,000 customers with approximately 2,090,000 physical library materials circulated by library cardholders.

Water Services partnered with the Northern Arizona Forest Foundation and the Nature Conservancy on efforts for forest restoration to improve the Salt and Verde rivers watersheds. One of the programs from the partnership "Wood for Life" was featured in an article discussing how wood products from forest restoration projects were delivered to indigenous communities who burn the wood for heat. The article is featured at slate.com.

Infrastructure

On Jan. 27, Water Services staff hosted the first of four Proposed Water Rate Increase virtual meetings. The newsroom featured a story about the water rate increase at phoenix.gov/newsroom.

On Jan. 22, Water Services staff at the 91st Ave. Wastewater Treatment Plant Tres Rios found an injured pelican. Liberty Wildlife, a non-profit organization, assisted in removing the fishing lure binding the pelican's feet and brought the pelican to their facility for rehabilitation.

Water Services staff have begun rehabilitation on the PVC lined concrete sewer at 39th and Glendale avenues. The rehabilitation includes 19 pipe segments, six manholes, and installation of eight new manholes.

From Feb. 13-26, and March 13-26, the light rail will run on temporary schedule changes and station closures. Public Transit staff have updated the PHXNewsroom page, social media and Phoenix at Your Service newsletter with the schedule changes.

The December 2020 Valley Metro Ridership Report indicates declining ridership in Phoenix. The local bus ridership has declined by 49 percent, Express/RAPID ridership has declined by 91 percent, and light rail has declined by 65 percent.

Street Transportation staff is expected to begin construction for the Oak St Bike project at the end of February. Street Transportation staff will implement bicycle and pedestrian improvements along Oak St. from 3rd St. to the State Route-51 and connect to the Grand Canal. Improvements include bike lanes, streetlights, sidewalk, ADA-compliant ramps, pavement resurfacing, curb and gutters and a new High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) signal at the intersection of 7th and Oak streets.

Street Transportation staff is working with the City of Tempe and the Arizona Department of Transportation to install 13 miles of fiberoptic infrastructure and associated Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) devices along Baseline Road from Loop 202 heading east to Interstate-10. The federally funded project will extend the city's real-time transportation management capability along the South Phoenix corridor to enable more consistent network routing for the City's ITS devices. The project's 60 percent design submittal is scheduled for the end of February.

NEWS & EVENTS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT:

DEER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

BCHS Boys State Swimming Champion

Senior Rick Popper brought home two Arizona State Championships for Boulder Creek High School. Rick is the Boys Swimming 50- and 100-Yard Freestyle State Champion.

For the first time in Boulder Creek High School history, Rick won two individual events at High School State. Rick had the Division 1's season best time of 21:15 in the 50 Free and it's second-highest time of 46:66 in the 100 Free. He also anchored Boulder Creek's 2nd place finish in the 200 and 400 Free relays, which led Boulder Creek to a 3rd place Division 1 finish overall.

Rick has been nominated to the All-Arizona Boys Team and is in consideration for Arizona High School Swimmer of the Year.



WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

WESD Social Worker Named Arizona School Social Worker of the Year



Washington Elementary School social worker Emma Sanchez has been named the 2021 School Social Worker of the Year by the School Social Work Association of Arizona.

“Emma Sanchez exemplifies what a school social worker should be. Caring, knowledgeable, understanding and flexible,” said Dorothy Watkins, director of WESD Social Services. “Students and parents feel safe with Emma. They are willing to share their issues and work with her to meet their needs. Her encouragement helps everyone she comes in contact with to understand and reach their potential. She has also found thousands of dollars in donations and has been a key part of keeping parent volunteers at her school.”

Watkins and Washington Elementary School Principal Jennifer Griggs nominated Emma for her many outstanding contributions to her school and the field of school social work as a whole. She will be formally recognized at a virtual awards ceremony on March 5. Emma is the second WESD social worker in three years to receive this honor. Donna Denial, lead social worker, received the award in 2018. The WESD is incredibly fortunate to have an amazing team of social workers and is truly proud of Emma’s contributions.

WESD Hiring Teachers for 2021-2022 School Year

WESD continues to hire teachers for the 2021 – 2022 school year. If you or anyone you know is a current teacher, student teacher or college graduate interested in becoming a teacher, we invite you to attend an information session on Feb. 10 to learn about our competitive salaries and great benefits.

Virtual interviews will take place Feb. 16-18. Visit [WESDjobs](https://www.wesdschools.org/jobs) to sign up for an info session or interview.



2021-2022 Kindergarten Registration

Register your kindergarten student for the 2021 – 2022 school year! Our free, full-day program offers a developmentally appropriate, research-based curriculum that addresses reading, writing, math, science, social studies, physical education and art with time for fun!

WESD provides a variety of opportunities to learn and practice essential social emotional & problem-solving skills. Our experienced and enthusiastic teachers encourage peer-to-peer relationships and collaboration while supporting each student’s unique needs and helping them to discover who they are as learners.

If you or someone you know has a child who will be five before Sept. 1, 2021 and you would like to learn more, virtual tours of all of our kindergarten programs are available at <https://www.wesdschools.org/Kindergarten>. WESD is currently enrolling kindergarten student for next year at <https://www.wesdschools.org/KinderRegistration>.

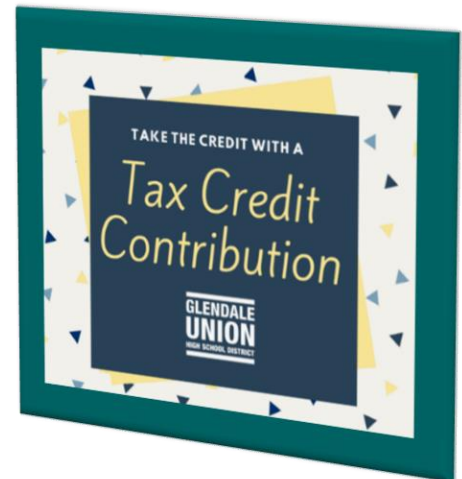


GLENDALE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Take the Credit with a Tax Credit Contribution

With a tax credit contribution, you can take the credit and reduce your Arizona state income taxes! The Arizona State Public School Tax Credit Law allows taxpayers of a tax credit up to \$400 for those filing personal taxes as “married filing jointly” or \$200 for those filing “head of the household” or “single,” if they contribute to a public school.

For those still wanting to give back to their local GUHSD high school, we courage you to do so by the deadline of April 15. For more information and to donate online, visit www.guhsdaz.org.



GREAT CHARITIES TO DONATE TO:

ARIZONA HUMANE SOCIETY

<http://www.azhumane.org/get-involved/give-now/>

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<https://www.childhelp.org/> 602- 271-4500.

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FETCH FOUNDATION: please go to the following site: www.fetchfoundation.com/Newsflash/the-fido-bag-program

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MINI MIGHTY MUTTS for more information, contact Angie Crouse at 480-304-5654 or info@minimightymutts.com. Also check out our website at www.minimightymutts.com Mini Mighty Mutts is a 501(c) 3 organization. We rescue the underdog!

OPERATION CARE FOOD BANK located in North Phoenix, a non-profit Christian organization committed to helping those in need with food and clothing. For additional information, please call 602-866-0135, or email info@operationcarefoodbank.org.

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