



Feb. 26, 2021

CITY EVENTS

UPCOMING CITY PUBLIC MEETINGS

- **City Council Policy Session** – 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 2. Please click on [City Council Meetings](#) for more meeting information.
- **Transportation, Infrastructure and Innovation Subcommittee Meeting** – 9 a.m. Wednesday, March 3. Please click on [City Council Meetings](#) for meeting information.
- **City Council Formal Meeting** – 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 3. Please click on [City Council Meetings](#) for meeting information.
- **Zoning Adjustment Hearing** – 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4. Please click on the [Notice of Public Meeting](#) link 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

FRIENDS OF TRANSIT PRESENTS VICE MAYOR THELDA WILLIAMS WITH FRIEND OF TRANSIT AWARD

On Friday Feb. 26, at the Friends of Transit's 19th Annual (Virtual) Conference, Vice Mayor Thelda Williams was presented with the organization's Friend of Transit Award. A \$500 donation to the charity of Vice Mayor Williams' choice - The Arizona Humane Society - was also made as part of the award.

For 19 years, Friends of Transit has presented its Friend of Transit Award to a Champion of Public Transit. The list of the prior 21 recipients is prestigious - the first Friend of Transit award went to the late Congressman Ed Pastor. Other recipients include Neil Giuliano, former Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon, Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego, Congressman Greg Stanton, former Tempe Councilmember Shana Ellis, the Safe Place Program and 19 North to name just a few.

Like past honorees, Vice Mayor Williams has worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life in the region by working to plan and build the Greater Phoenix transportation systems we enjoy today. She has served on numerous boards and commissions, including acting chair of the Transportation, Infrastructure and Innovation Subcommittee and previously serving on the Phoenix Transit Commission.

Vice Mayor Williams has logged hundreds of hours, over many years, to ensure a transportation system that will continue to grow to support the future of the Phoenix Metro Area.

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Founded in 2001, Friends of Transit's mission is to educate the public on the benefits and importance to the Greater Phoenix community of a well-designed and accessible mass transit system. Read more about Friends of Transit at www.friendsoftransit.org.



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

The [Gated Alley Program Pilot](#) Round 2 is available for alley submissions. District 1 has eight remaining spots to be filled and the flyer below outlines the program criteria. Please submit alley requests by March 10. Contact gatedalley@phoenix.gov with questions you have about the program or review the [FAQs](#).



The Gated Alley Program Pilot provides homeowners adjacent to an alleyway, the opportunity to submit an application requesting both the relocation of solid waste services from the alley to curbside, and permission to install locked gates at the ends of the alley to promote safety.

For additional information
on the Gated Alley
Program Pilot, contact
gatedalley@phoenix.gov

or visit

www.phoenix.gov/gatedalley



City of Phoenix

GATED ALLEY PROGRAM PILOT

PROGRAM CRITERIA

- Only eligible alleys selected by City Council may apply
- Primary applicant's neighborhood organization must be listed and updated with the city of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department. Verify your neighborhood organization information at Phoenix.gov/nsd/programs/neighborhood-coordination
- If an alley is not within an existing neighborhood organization, applicants may join an existing organization or create a new one Phoenix.gov/nsd/programs/neighborhood-coordination
- Applicants must provide a completed petition signed by 50% +1 or more of all property owners abutting the alley, agreeing to relocate solid waste services and install gates
- Residents with property adjacent to the alley must conduct alley cleanup. The Public Works Department will assist with resources for the clean-up
- Alley gates must remain locked when not in use
- All public utilities, residents and owners with properties that abut the alley will be provided 24-hour access. Emergency response vehicles will require access and therefore no structures or improvements are allowed that impede access except for the alley gates
- After gate installation and final cleanup, responsibility will fall on property owners/tenants to maintain the cleanliness of their respective section of the alley. This maintenance responsibility encompasses the length of your property to the center of alley.

CITY NEWS & EVENTS:

2021 CITY OF PHOENIX EMPLOYEE MEMORIAL CEREMONY

Please join us for the City of Phoenix Employee Memorial Ceremony, honoring our colleagues who lost their lives in the course of performing their duties in 2020. This year's event looked a little different due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In order to adhere to physical distancing requirements, the ceremony was held as a virtual presentation, hosted from the Employee Memorial wall adjacent to City Hall. This element did not remove the honor or commemoration that the city dedicated to the departed employees and their families. Employees lost to COVID-19 were also be remembered. Mayor Kate Gallego, City Manager Ed Zuercher, Phoenix Police Chief Jeri Williams, Fire Chief Kara Kalkbrenner and representatives of the city's employee unions and associations all took part in the ceremony.

In addition, Phoenix Police and Fire honor guard, pipes and drums participated in the virtual memorial. To date, the memorial wall includes the names of 88 employees who lost their lives in the course of their duties. To view the virtual ceremony of honor, please visit [Phoenix Employee Memorial Ceremony](#).



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 email contactus@phoenix.gov.

COVID-19 TESTING SERVICES

Community partners are holding COVID-19 testing sites on select dates. Please see below for information:

Stationary Site:

Maryvale Park: District 5
4420 N. 51st Ave., Phoenix 85031
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Appointments recommended at: vinceracancer.com
Offers PCR test with results within 24 hours.



Saturday, Feb. 27

Mobile Van #1

Paradise Valley Community Center: District 2
17642 N. 40th St., Phoenix, AZ 85032
Register at: vinceracancer.com



Mobile Van #2

First Institutional Church: District 8
1141 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix 85034
Register at: premierlabsolutions.com/covid-19/phoenix

Monday, March 1

Mobile Van #1

Cortez Park: District 1
3434 W. Dunlap Ave., Phoenix 85051
Register at vinceracancer.com



Mobile Van #2

Deer Valley Community Center: District 1
2001 W. Wahalla Lane, Phoenix 85027
Register at premierlabsolutions.com/covid-19/phoenix

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

## PUBLIC TRANSIT

### NORTHWEST EXTENSION PHASE II CONSTRUCTION UPDATE Week of Feb. 22



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

- **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 5 a.m. Monday, May 31, 2021. Click [here](#) for construction notice.
- **[NEW] Dunlap Avenue: 24th Avenue closure:** KMJV is performing underground utility relocation and roadway construction on 24th Avenue, just north of Dunlap Avenue. This work will require a closure at the location. In addition, left turns will not be available for eastbound traffic at Dunlap and 24th avenues. Traffic restrictions will be in place 24/7 through 5 p.m. Saturday, April 3, 2021. Click [here](#) for construction notice.
- **Dunlap Avenue: 22nd Avenue closure:** KMJV is performing underground utility relocation and roadway construction on 22nd Avenue, just north of Dunlap Avenue. This work will require a closure at the location. In addition, left turns will not be available for eastbound traffic at Dunlap and 22nd avenues. Traffic restrictions will be in place 24/7 through 5 p.m. Monday, March 15, 2021. Click [here](#) for construction notice.

#### 25th Avenue

- **[UPDATE] 25th Avenue between Dunlap Avenue and Mountain View Road:** KMJV is reconstructing the Arizona Canal bridge 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 southbound lane; northbound traffic lane is closed between 24th Avenue and north of the Arizona Canal bridge. Traffic restrictions will be in place 24/7 from 7 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24 through 7 a.m. Monday, March 29, 2021. Click [here](#) for construction notice.
- **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 construction notice.

Visit [valleymetro.org/northwest2](http://valleymetro.org/northwest2) to view the latest updates and learn more about the project.

## FREE TAX PREPARATION



The Human Services Department is now offering free tax preparation services for low- and moderate-income individuals and households provided by IRS certified volunteers. To utilize these services, please:

- Visit the website [phoenix.gov/eitc](http://phoenix.gov/eitc) to schedule an appointment to see if you qualify for drop off services.
- Visit the website to download your intake packet.
- Fill out the forms and bring them to your appointment, including all required tax documents.
- A second appointment to pick up your completed tax return and documents will be scheduled the following week.

### WHAT TO BRING TO YOUR APPOINTMENT

- Government issued photo ID and if married, for both spouses.
- Social Security cards for you, your spouse and dependents or an ITIN (Individual Taxpayer Identification Number) letter.
- Proof of all income, including W-2, 1099-R and SSA-1099.
- Unemployment benefits statement form 1099-G.
- Interest and dividend statement forms 1099-INT and 1095-DIV.
- Information for all other income, including self-employment.
- Information for all deductions summarized.
- Form 1095-A for health insurance through Marketplace, if applicable.
- Bank routing and account number for direct deposit.
- A copy of last year's tax return, if available.
- To file taxes electronically on a married-filing-joint tax return, both spouses must sign the required forms.

Services provided at our VITA sites are BY APPOINTMENT ONLY at [phoenix.gov/eitc](http://phoenix.gov/eitc).



For Do-It-Yourself tax filing information please email [vita.taxhelp@phoenix.gov](mailto:vita.taxhelp@phoenix.gov) or visit [phoenix.gov/eitc](http://phoenix.gov/eitc).

## PUEBLO GRANDE MUSEUM

### “Hopi Harvey Project: Hopi Peoples’ Contributions to the American Railroad”

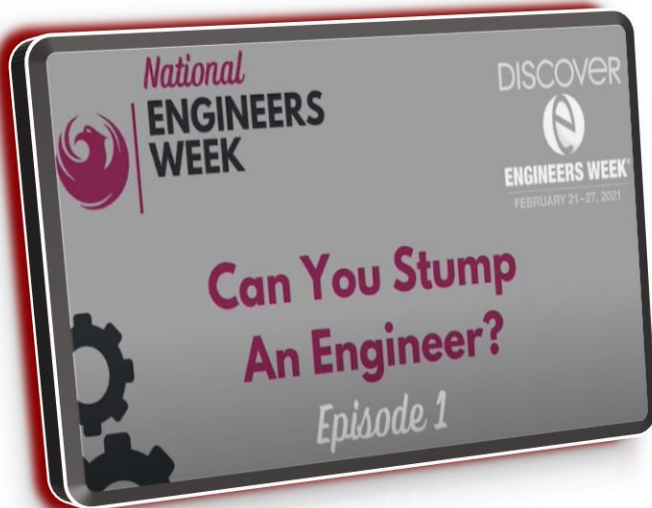
As part of the Annual Arizona SciTech Festival the SciTech Institute and Pueblo Grande Museum are hosting a virtual lecture entitled “Hopi Harvey Project: Hopi Peoples’ Contributions to the American Railroad.” The Hopi Harvey Project was created for the Hopi community to preserve and share the experiences of Hopi elders who worked for the Fred Harvey Company. Through research, educational awareness and outreach, the project is now a traveling exhibition titled When I Worked for Fred Harvey featuring documentation and oral history interviews.



The 60-minute recorded lecture is given by Colleen R. Lucero (Hopi-katsinwungwa) who has a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Museum Studies from the Institute of American Indian Arts. Lucero is the Curator/Project Manager for the Hopi Harvey Project and accompanying traveling exhibit. For the past three years, Lucero served as a Research Assistant for the Hopivewat Learning Center, providing support for the planning, fundraising and construction of developing a tribal museum. She resides on the Hopi reservation and is an active member of her community and believes in carrying the weight of her people in this tireless but rewarding endeavor to maintain Hopi culture, keep her children full in all capacities and remain humble for what she has.

To read the article in full visit [Pueblo Grande Museum/Newsroom](#). To watch Lucero’s lecture go to [Hopi Harvey Project](#).

## NATIONAL ENGINEERS WEEK



National Engineers Week began on Feb. 22 and [CityofPhoenixAz](#) has made available a series of videos profiling city engineers and have also included a virtual game show where department engineers are tested on knowledge of their own work, engineering and other questions pertaining to Phoenix.

Tune in to Episode 1 to watch a fun game where participating engineers from the Planning and Development, Street Transportation and Water departments are tested.

Watch [Can You Stump an Engineer?](#) now.



## WATER SERVICES

Your feedback is needed! The Phoenix Water Services Department is proposing a water rate increase spread out over a two-year period and are seeking public feedback. To provide input on the proposed water rate increase, please take the [Phoenix Water Rate Increase Survey](#). Visit [phoenix.gov/waterrates](http://phoenix.gov/waterrates) for additional information.

To watch a video on Phoenix's water system and the rate increase proposal, please click on the image.



## EDUCATION

The City of Phoenix Youth and Education Office is now accepting applications for the 2021 Outstanding Young Man/Young Woman (OYMYW) of the Year awards.

The OYMYW of the Year program recognizes and honors the outstanding achievements of young people, enhances the perception of youth and raises community awareness of the positive contributions of youth. This awards program is open to any students currently enrolled in high school in Phoenix or live within Phoenix city limits. Here's how it works:

- 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.

Students interested in applying will need to write an essay, submit a recommendation letter and proof of legal residence in the United States. Finalists will be interviewed by members of the community. District award winners will be invited to a luncheon or virtual program sponsored by Rotary 100, Arizona Public Service and Salt River Project where the citywide award winners will be announced.

Eligible students can apply through the online application form located at [phoenix.gov/education](http://phoenix.gov/education) before 5 p.m. Friday, March 12.



## Arizonans can now renew driver licenses online.

Renewing a standard Arizona driver license and a commercial driver license (CDL) can now be completed with a few clicks on a website. The contactless option will allow older adults to make healthy choices.

As Governor Doug Ducey's Executive Order on [deferring standard driver license expiration dates](#) ends on Feb. 28, the Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) is giving many Arizonans the ability to [renew their driver license](#) online. Previously, renewals could only be processed during an office visit.

An in-office visit will be required to renew a standard Arizona driver license if an individual's photo of record was taken more than 12 years prior to renewal, but most Arizonans will be able to renew their driver license without visiting an MVD office. Driver license-holders can log-in to their account at [AZMVDNow.gov](#) to see their eligibility for online renewal.

To renew a CDL online at [AZMVDNow.gov](#), an individual's address must remain the same, a [valid primary document](#) is on file with MVD and their current credential must be in good standing. CDL holders with a hazmat endorsement will not be able to renew their license online.

This new, streamlined renewal option was made possible, in large part, when MVD implemented a state-of-the-art computer operating system last spring. That change replaced an obsolete system that contained elements that were older than 35 years and no longer sustainable. The new system has made it possible for MVD to offer customers the ability to complete most services online at [AZMVDNow.gov](#), eliminating the need to visit an MVD office for many Arizonans.

When renewing online, an individual's official driver record will be updated with the new expiration date in the MVD system when the application and payment are submitted electronically.

When it comes time to renew a driver license, individuals can follow the below steps to renew online.

- Go to [AZMVDNow.gov](#) and sign-in to your account. If you need to activate your account – everyone with an Arizona driver license has an account – follow those steps.
- After logging in, select “Renew Now” in the “My Credential” section and follow the instructions.
- Allow about 15 days for processing and mail delivery of your new driver license.



## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

To date, Water Services staff have assisted 3,274 accounts for a total of \$1,823,369.41 of \$2 million through Project Assist.

### **Economic Development & Education**

Guidelines for Arts and Culture's annual Community Arts Grants program are now available. Applications open on March 8 and close on April 1. Grants enable artists, arts and culture organizations, schools and neighborhood groups to carry out high quality public arts programming for all residents. Guidelines can be found at [phoenix.gov/arts/grants](http://phoenix.gov/arts/grants)

Arts and Culture staff toured the new Xico art space on Roosevelt Row. The new space will offer lithography studio space for artists, classrooms, an exhibition gallery and event function areas for private or hosted events. Since 1975, Xico has provided opportunities for Latino and Indigenous artists to practice and grow.

Aviation staff continue final work on the PHX Sky Train 24th Street Station including station and site punch work and installation of signage. The green tag for the elevators was received the week of Feb. 15. Construction on the parking lot south of the 24th Street Station continues with rough grading, over excavation for wall footings, abandonment of existing utilities and installation of water line and storm drain. Polishing and sealing of the RCC De-boarding Platform will begin the week of Feb. 22 with completion anticipated to be mid-March.

Aviation staff completed modifications requested by Airports Council International-North America to the android application and a test version has been deployed to Play Store. The app allows passengers to know COVID-19 related pertinent information for approximately 300 global airports including Sky Harbor. The app was co-developed by Phoenix and Seattle Tacoma Airport.

Aviation staff received air service changes for new routes in 2021. On June 3, American Airlines will add flights to Eureka, Idaho Falls and Bozeman. Flights to Bozeman will run through Aug. 16. Southwest Airlines added a stop to O'Hare on Feb. 14.

The Convention Center had two notable bookings: Salesforce Education Summit and AE Ventures 2022 TechHome Builder. The Salesforce Summit is scheduled for April 2022 and estimated to have 3,000 attendees equating to 6,675 total room nights and 1,700 peak rooms. The AE Ventures event is scheduled for October 2022 and estimated to have 600 attendees equating to 1,176 total room nights and 400 peak rooms.

On Feb. 19, Water Services staff hosted the final proposed water rate increase virtual meeting. The Water Services staff continued to promote the proposed water rate increase and a survey in English and Spanish was posted on [phoenix.gov/newsroom](http://phoenix.gov/newsroom) and has been added to all outgoing emails from customer service representatives. As of Feb. 19, 712 people have completed the survey in English and seven surveys have been completed in Spanish.

Communications staff continue to market City information via monitors placed in more than 20 Phoenix Basha's and Food City locations. The main ads running share information on COVID-19 testing opportunities and the survey for the proposed water rates increase. To date, the bilingual ads have a combined 669,000 plays (number of times run) and 756,000 impressions (number of people who saw the ad).

Communications and City Clerk staff are partnering to inform residents about the quickly approaching Runoff Election. Feb. 26 is the last day for registered voters to request an early ballot by mail for the upcoming Runoff Election for Districts 3 and 7. In addition to a [PHXNewsroom story](#) and social media, this week's Spanish media outreach also focuses on the Runoff Election. Staff will conduct a live interview on Enlace Radio and will submit a newspaper article to La Voz newspaper.

Community and Economic Development staff and Hines Development Company celebrated the structural topping out of the Adeline, a residential high-rise being built at the northwest corner of 3rd and Jefferson streets. The 25-story building will occupy the remaining development pad at the Colliers Center and features 379 residential units, a junior Olympic-sized swimming pool and a large coworking space among other amenities. The project, which also includes 4,500 square feet of retail or restaurant space on the ground floor, is expected to be completed in Fall 2021.

### **Public Safety**

One hundred seventeen applicants have been invited to Police Recruit written exam and Police Officer Agility Assessment on Feb. 27. Police recruitment remains open for applicants to register for a written exam scheduled March 13, as well as the ongoing online option.

The Fire Department Regional Training Academy Recruit Class 21-1 began on Feb. 22. The class has 40 recruits from City of Phoenix, four recruits from Daisy Mountain Fire and Medical, three recruits from Surprise Fire and Medical Department and one recruit from Superstition Fire and Medical District.

### **Neighborhoods and Livability**

This week, the MarCo (Maricopa County Food Systems Coalition) Urban Agriculture Work Group will send a letter to all elected officials in Maricopa County regarding development of an urban agriculture census. According to the letter, the census will collect data on food production including land use and ownership, farm characteristics, production practices, marketing, income and expenditures in Maricopa County. Office of Environmental Programs and Community and Economic Development staff are aware of this potential project and anticipate being involved in the work. The data collected by this census will benefit Phoenix by providing information that contributes to the 2025 Phoenix Food Action Plan strategies to: (1) facilitate new opportunities for urban-scale farms and distribution systems, (2) develop infrastructure, (3) promote a local food network, (4) job training resources (or lack thereof), and (5) inform policies that result in a resilient local food system able to respond to current and future shocks such as changing climate, population or a pandemic.

Sustainability staff met with the City of Tempe on the potential to apply for a regional equity grant from P4P (Partners for Places) for a two-year Arizona Fellowship program for city governments across the State. College students could work in city government with the goal of highlighting opportunities for inclusive community engagement and public spaces for residents. The program concept is being developed further.

On Feb. 18 and 19, Sustainability staff conducted site inspections of twelve city properties to estimate the cost and complexity of installing 25 electric vehicle charging stations (50 stalls) as part of the Salt River Project's new incentive. The incentive will reimburse the City for the costs of installing electric vehicle charging stations up to a capped amount. A high-level proposal will be shared with departments for approval next week.

At 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4, Neighborhood Services staff will hold a public hearing for the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan and the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment Public Hearing will be held on March 11 at 1:30 p.m.

Maryvale Park and Ak-Chin Pavilion will serve as static COVID-19 testing sites. Maryvale Park hosts COVID-19 testing by Vincere Cancer Center every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Ak-Chin Pavilion hosts COVID-19 testing by Embry Women's Health every Monday through Sunday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Planning and Development staff conducted a pre-application meeting for Van Buren Apartments, a new five-story 305-unit multi-family development with 15,000 square feet of retail at the ground level and associated site improvements. The site, located at 2220 E. Van Buren St., will be rezoned to allow for the proposed density and height.

Planning and Development staff conducted a preliminary review for Moon Tower, a new 24-story mixed-use building with 326 dwelling units, integrated parking and ground-level retail/commercial space at 811 N. 3rd St. Staff granted preliminary approval and the applicant will be submitting construction documents in the next week.

Planning and Development staff assisted the developer of a project to transform a vacant office building into a coffee and tea house with a drive-thru at 13212 N. Cave Creek Road. The 1,411 square foot structure will have a kitchen, seating and office area in addition to a new drive-thru lane. The project will undergo a significant zoning use change from an office to a restaurant and will qualify for the Adaptive Reuse Incentive. The applicant has already been in contact with Planning and Development staff and was given site plan review requirements.

An applicant contacted Planning and Development staff regarding a potential Adaptive Reuse project at 10 E. Jackson St. The project will redevelop a dilapidated vacant warehouse on Central Avenue and Jackson Street into a new office and retail establishment. Staff coordinated the submittal for a Downtown Code pre-application and processed an adaptive reuse incentive application. Staff learned that the project will be resubmitted within the next few weeks.

### **Social Services Delivery**

Housing staff in partnership with the University of Arizona's Mobile Prevention unit will be offering COVID-19 vaccines at various senior public housing sites. Valle del Sol will host a COVID-19 vaccines event for residents of Henson Village Senior Living on Feb. 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On Feb. 26, Housing staff will host an Edison-Eastlake Community clean-up as part of the Head and Heart Health month activities. Residents will be invited out to a safe and socially distanced clean-up around Edison Park and surrounding community streets. As part of this community clean-up, residents will pick up trash and they are encouraged to leave behind painted rocks throughout the community with positive message of self-love and self-care. The rocks were painted by resident leaders during a day at the garden to also help practice wellness and positive mental health through painting.

On March 3, Housing staff and Gorman & Company will host the final Housing Design meeting for Harmony at the Park virtually on WebEx. Residents will be encouraged to ask questions and share feedback on the Harmony at the Park design, elevations, floor plans and proposed amenities after a presentation by the lead architect for Gorman & Company, Housing's co-development partner for Choice Neighborhoods redevelopment.

On Feb. 19, six Fillmore Gardens residents attended the Cyber Security zoom meeting provided by Phoenix Housing Connect Home and coordinated Housing staff. Residents learned how to keep themselves safe and things to avoid while using their tablets on the internet.

During the week of Feb. 15, Human Services staff conducted 2,148 wellness checks for senior center members.

To date, the City of Phoenix's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program assisted 20 working families who earned less than \$57,000 in 2020 with free tax preparation and filing services. Qualified taxpayers with pre-scheduled appointments met with VITA volunteers to drop off copies of their tax documents at Cesar Chavez, Desert Sage and Burton Barr Central Libraries.

Last week, in partnership with St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance, Library staff served 541 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 240,000 customers, with approximately 2,241,000 physical library materials circulated by library cardholders.

### **Infrastructure**

Citizens Clean Elections Commission in partnership with the city clerk created an election detail page on their website with information on the City's upcoming election on March 9. Information is available at [azcleanelections.gov/arizona-elections](http://azcleanelections.gov/arizona-elections).

Public Works Quick Lube Program that launched in July 2020 has increased service times as staff developed a shared calendar to provide better visibility of available appointment times. Public Works staff have created quick lube and small repairs outside vendor boards to demonstrate better visibility of the services provided and to assist with distribution of work assignments. The adjustments have made a huge impact on turnaround times, which includes police patrol units being serviced within an hour and a half.

Public Transit staff attended a transit industry session to learn about strategies for developing grant applications in response to the Federal Transit Administration's recent Low-No grant opportunity. The Low-No Emission competitive program provides funding to state and local governmental authorities for the purchase or lease of zero-emission and low-emission transit buses as well as acquisition, construction and leasing of required supporting facilities. Public Transit staff will develop a grant application for submission for the piloting of a small fleet of electric buses as part of Phoenix's fleet.

Street Transportation is kicking off a new project along Van Buren Street that will consider several items including landscaping, streetlights and pedestrian safety improvements. The limits are from 7th to 24th streets. Street Transportation staff has scheduled a virtual public meeting for April 14, 2021. The meeting goal is to develop design alternatives for streetscape upgrades and pedestrian safety modifications on Van Buren Street between 7th and 24th streets and to engage project stakeholders in the design development process.

Water Services staff continue work on water and sewer main relocation along the Light Rail South Central project. The contractor is relocating several water mains in the downtown area including along

Washington Street, 5th St. and 3rd and Central avenues. Installation work continues on the 10-inch sewer line relocation at Central Avenue near I-17.

Water Services staff continue work on the northwest extension bypass pumping and CIPP (Cured in Place Pipe) lining along 25th Avenue. The contractor is working along Dunlap Avenue for the 12-inch water line relocation.

The Water Services Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) well 303 construction was drilled in 2017 to supplement water supplies during times of high demand and drought. The well has been under construction since October 2019 and is anticipated to be substantially completed by March 2021. The well will be the first City of Phoenix ASR well placed into service with a downhole control valve (Baski Valve) which will allow complete control of the volume of water recharged to the aquifer.

Water Services water production well 301 was drilled in 2011 to supplement water supplies during times of high demand and drought. The well has been under construction since March 2020 and is anticipated to be substantially completed by April 2021. This well will utilize an arsenic treatment system for treatment.

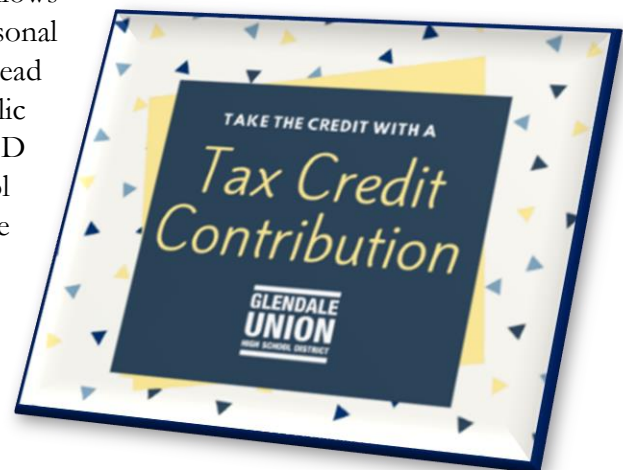
Water Services staff has begun construction of the Lift Station 46 redundant force main along Indian School Road between 105th and 107th avenues. The contractor is currently excavating the pipe trench and laying the pipe heading eastbound. Biweekly progress meetings for construction will be starting next week.

## **NEWS & EVENTS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT:** **GLENDALE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

### **Reduce Your Taxes and Support GUHSD Students with a Tax Credit Contribution**

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. Donations will also go toward supporting GUHSD students, extracurricular programs, community school meal programs and much more. Remember – the deadline to submit your contribution is April 15. For more information and to donate online, visit [guhsdaz.org/](http://guhsdaz.org/).

To learn more GUHSD news, visit [@GUHSDAZ](https://www.facebook.com/GUHSDAZ) on Facebook.



# WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

## WESD Hiring Teachers for 2021-2022 School Year

The Washington Elementary School District is looking for teachers, school psychologists and speech pathologists for the 2021 – 2022 school year! Interested applicants are invited to join WESD on March 3 for a virtual information session to learn more about our award-winning district, competitive salaries, great benefits and options for alternative teacher certification pathways. Virtual interviews will take place March 8-11.

Visit [WESDjobs](https://www.wesdschools.org/jobs) to sign up for an info session or interview.



**CONNECT with us!**

**March 3**  
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**Learn about WESD**

- Teacher Support
- Certification
- Salary
- Health Benefits
- Alternative Pathways

Session repeats every 30 minutes

**Join us for WESD Virtual Teacher Interviews**

**March 8-11, 2021**

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# DEER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

## Deer Valley Unified School District

The Deer Valley Education Foundation (DVEF) continues to celebrate the DVUSD Teachers of the Year. DVEF holds an extensive nomination, application and interview process to identify the honorees. Over three Governing Board Meetings, DVUSD will recognize all of our Teachers and Rookies of the Year.

The DVUSD Governing Board honored the following teachers in early February: Deer Valley High School's Katie Harkema, Gavilan Peak's Qin Li Verry, Hillcrest Middle School's Kimberly Christensen, and Sierra Verde's JoLynn Copenhaver and Dennis Foote.



**Katie Harkema**  
*"I believe that goals and grit equal greatness in education."*

**Qin Li Verry**  
*"My greatest accomplishments are helping every one of my students find their sparkling point."*



**Kimberly Christensen**  
*"I teach to the one, and each student entering my classroom is my favorite."*

**JoLynn Copenhaver**  
*"My greatest accomplishments... are helping students believe in themselves, developing responsible citizens, and creating a growth mindset to always give their all."*

**Dennis Foote**  
*"If I 'respect' the student and they 'respect' me... I can get the student to go further."*



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