



March 5, 2021

CITY EVENTS

UPCOMING CITY PUBLIC MEETINGS

- **Environmental Quality and Sustainability Commission Urban Heat Island/Trees and Shade Subcommittee Meeting** – 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 9. Please click on [Notice of Public Meeting](#) for more meeting information.
- **Rio Vista Village Planning Committee Meeting** – 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 9. Please click on [Notice of Public Meeting](#) for meeting information.
- **Public Safety and Justice Subcommittee Meeting** – 9 a.m. Wednesday, March 10. Please click on [City Council Meetings](#) for meeting information.
- **Zoning Adjustment Hearing** – 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11. 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 [PHXTV](#).

For meeting participation information and options, please visit [City Council Meetings](#).

Past City Council meetings are posted on [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

DEEM HILLS PARK

Ribbon Cut on New Amenities in Deem Hills Park

Vice Mayor Thelda Williams participated in a ceremonial ribbon cutting as part of the grand opening celebration for new amenities in North Phoenix's Deem Hills Park on Friday. She was joined by community members as well as staff from the city's Parks and Recreation Department.

The new amenities were constructed in line with phase 3 of the park's master plan, and include two pickleball courts, one tennis court, large and small ramadas with picnic tables and grills and additional benches. Also added was a 0.7-mile nature trail. The park's existing parking lot was also expanded by more than two dozen spaces. The project cost approximately \$3.2 million dollars and was funded by impact fees.



Deem Hills Park opened in 2008 and also features a playground, dog park, a basketball and volleyball court, restrooms, two lighted sports fields, a FitPHX WalkPHX path and a trailhead that connects to the [Deem Hills Recreation Area](#). To read about the event, please visit [newsroom/Parks and Recreation](#).

Detailed information about the city's outdoor recreational options, free and fee-based virtual recreation, fitness programs for all ages and ability levels and guidelines for how to responsibly use city parks and trails during the pandemic is available at [Phoenix.gov/Parks](#).

STREET TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Neighborhood Notice: Bicycle Improvements 35th Avenue from Loop 101 to Deer Valley Road

As part of the Street Transportation Department's core mission, they continually strive to improve the city's roadways to create a safe and efficient transportation network. The ongoing [pavement maintenance program](#) provides opportunities to change the current traffic lane striping to improve safety for people who walk, drive, ride bicycles and use transit.

Where: 35th Avenue from Loop 101 to Deer Valley Road.

What: Where there is enough space on the roadway, buffers will be added to the existing bicycle lanes. The number of travel lanes will remain the same. This project does not add or remove parking.

When: Pavement maintenance is scheduled for spring 2021 and traffic lane improvements will happen shortly after.

Why: Buffers add space between people driving and people walking or biking for increased protection from vehicles, improved safety and added comfort. Additionally, the slight narrowing of the lane widths to accommodate the buffers will help to guide cars and deter speeding.

Current Travel Lanes



Proposed Travel Lanes



Questions, Comments or Concerns?

The department values and welcomes your questions and input on this project. If you have any questions or concerns, or would like additional information, please reach out to the following contacts:

City of Phoenix Active Transportation Program

Phone: 602-534-0258

Email: bike@phoenix.gov

phoenix.gov/bicycling

City of Phoenix Pavement Maintenance Program

Phone: 623-825-3444

Email: pavement@phoenix.gov

phoenix.gov/pavement



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. **Submit alley requests by March 10.** Contact gatedalley@phoenix.gov with questions you have about the program or review the [FAQs](#).



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.

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



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 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: vincerescancer.com
Offers PCR test with results within 24 hours.



Saturday, March 6

Mobile Van #1

John F. Long Family Services Center: District 5
3454 N. 51st Ave., Phoenix 85031
Register at: vincerescancer.com



Mobile Van #2

Shadow Mountain Senior Center: District 3
3546 E. Sweetwater Ave., Phoenix 85032
Register at: premierlabsolutions.com/covid-19/phoenix



Walk-Up/Drive-Thru Site

Steele Indian School Park: District 4
300 E. Indian School Road, Phoenix 85012
Register at familytreehealthcare.com

Walk-Up Site

Sueno Park: District 4
4401 W. Encanto Blvd., Phoenix 85035
Register at: equalityhealthfoundation.org/equality/.



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

BUDGET AND RESEARCH



Virtual Community Budget Hearings

April 2-20

Community input is a valuable part of the annual budget process. In April, the city of Phoenix will be hosting several Virtual Community Budget Hearings online to gather feedback on the City Manager's Trial Budget which will be presented to City Council on March 16. You may either call in or video conference on a computer to participate in the virtual meetings.

How to Participate:

- Watch hearings on PHXTV (Cox Cable Channel 11) and online at the Phoenix.gov home page or on CityofPhoenixAZ.
- Call-in to listen to the meetings. Dial 602-666-0783 and Enter Meeting ID (will be posted). Press # again when prompted for attendee ID.
- Register to speak at a Virtual Community Budget Hearing. Register online or by phone. (Registration will open during the week of March 29.)
- Submit a comment through an online form.
- Email Budget.Research@Phoenix.gov.
- Call and leave a message at 602-262-4800.
- Provide your funding priorities using FundPHX.
- Follow #PhoenixBudget hashtag on social media.
- Watch videos of the meetings the next day online at CityofPhoenixAZ.

The District 1 virtual hearing will be held 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 5. Registration for the hearings will open during the week of March 29. Exact details will be posted as they become available. To view additional community meeting times and dates, please visit Virtual Budget Hearings.



An essential part of planning for the city of Phoenix is the development of its annual budget every year. In January 2020, the FundPHX tool was launched and is still available for residents who want to engage in the process of balancing the city budget.

Information from residents collected in the tool will be shared regularly with City Council so it can help guide development of the 2021-22 operating budget.

HUMAN SERVICES

Emergency Rental Assistance Program

The Mayor and City Council have approved the distribution of \$51 million in new federal Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) dollars to Phoenix residents who need help making their rent payments and covering the cost of home utilities.

Last year, the city distributed more than \$29 million in CARES Act assistance to more than 5,700 households. Yet, COVID-19 continues to stress public health and the local economy and the need for assistance persists.



The new [ERA Program](#) is structured differently than the prior CARES Act Program. Under the ERA, eligible residents may receive up to 15 months of help with past due rent. There is no cap on the dollar amount of assistance, but participants must be recertified every three months. Utility assistance includes help with current and past due amounts for residential water, gas and electricity.

Those who apply for the ERA funds must make less than \$62,250 for a family of four and must have sustained a reduction in household income due to COVID-19. While the program does not cover mortgage payments, it does place a priority on families whose income is lower than \$38,900 for a family of four and have been out of work for more than 90-days prior to applying for assistance.

The ERA program will be administered by the city’s Human Services Department and the non-profit Wildfire. **Applications can be submitted by phone or online, beginning March 8.**

There are two ways to apply.

- Call Phoenix's Human Services Department at 602-534-2433 on Mondays only, starting at 8 a.m., to schedule a telephone appointment for emergency financial assistance.
- Submit an application online through Wildfire (*the application link will be added after program launch on March 8*).

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	CAN PAY FOR	PAYMENT AMOUNTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be a Phoenix resident• Able to show financial impact due to the COVID-19 pandemic• Income at or below 80% of Area Median Income or \$62,250 for a family of 4• Unemployed and/or receiving unemployment benefits• Assistance for rent and utility obligations incurred after March 13, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rent (including late fees)• Utility bills (electric and gas)• City Services Bill (water and trash)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rental Arrears - Up to 12 months of assistance (<i>residents in subsidized housing must have a rental obligation to qualify for rental assistance</i>)• Forward Rent - Residents may qualify for 3 months forward rent once past due or arrears are paid in full, and if the household is unstable• Utility Bills (electric and gas) arrears and credits• City Services Bill (water and trash) arrears and credits

PHOENIX SKY HARBOR

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport Update – March 2021

Route Updates

American Airlines began nonstop flights to Culiacan in northwestern Mexico on March 4. Southwest will begin its Phoenix to Colorado Springs route March 11, as well as new international service to Cancun.

American also recently announced new, year-round daily service to Idaho Falls, Idaho and Eureka, Calif., beginning June 3. Service to Bozeman, Mont. will also begin in June and run through mid-August.



PHX Sky Train® Stage 2 Project



Final work continues in the 24th Street Station including station and site punch work and installation of signage. Construction of 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.

Additionally, expansion of the train system continues along the new guideway structure between Terminal 3 and the Rental Car Center. Work includes installation of power and ground rail, walkway and platform lighting.

Terminal 4 Eighth Concourse

Work continues with interior and exterior construction activities. Concrete work will consist of final foundation placements for passenger boarding bridges along with column concrete near current D Concourse apron loading dock.



Steel installation for baggage handling equipment is ongoing. The final portion of deck concrete was placed at the north / south transfer bridge. Fireproofing and spray foam insulation will continue on the exterior. Interior work will consist of overhead utility and duct work. A temporary construction wall has been installed down near Checkpoint D to facilitate the continuation of the transfer bridge and work in the area. The new, eight gate concourse for Southwest Airlines will open in 2022.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

New Phoenix Small Business Toolbox Helps Connect Small Business to Resources

Solid support helping small businesses and fledgling entrepreneurs transition from the COVID-19 economy to resurgent opportunities are now accessed through the Phoenix Small Business Toolbox. Companies with challenges, questions or needing help will find solutions at the site, [Phoenix.gov/SmallBusinessToolbox](https://phoenix.gov/SmallBusinessToolbox).

Several city departments have resources for small businesses which can now be reached directly from the Small Business Toolbox. Bolstering city resources, the site links dozens of partner organizations offering assistance. All of the city resources in the Toolbox are provided by Phoenix at no cost to a business, as are most partner programs.

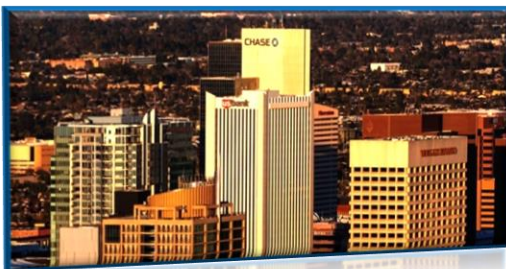
Phoenix routinely helps small businesses with human resource challenges, operational and marketing technical assistance, growth and expansion. TeamPHX, based in Community and Economic Development, serves as the single point of contact, direct business traffic to the responsible departments within City Hall. TeamPHX brings together the city's resources and all its partners and the challenge facing a business.

The [Phoenix Small Business Toolbox](https://phoenix.gov/SmallBusinessToolbox) gives small businesses access to everything in one place to start, manage or grow the business. Connect through the various links or call TeamPHX at 602-262-5040 or email TeamPHX@Phoenix.gov. To read the full article and learn more about small business resources and TeamPHX go to newsroom/ced.



New DTPHX Dollars \$5 Voucher Program Aims to Help Downtown Businesses

While some people have returned to the office, downtown residents are starting to come out more, and event life is trickling back in limited capacities – Downtown Phoenix small businesses are still struggling.



In an effort to spur business and incentivize spending, the Downtown Phoenix Partnership, of which city of Phoenix is a member, has launched DTPHX Dollars — a \$5 voucher program redeemable at a wide variety of downtown restaurants, shops, services and cultural destinations.

Through the sponsorship support of Valley Metro, Kattera, Arizona Center and Quarles and Brady LLP, at least \$20,000 will be directly infused into downtown businesses through the DTPHX Dollars program through April 30 — with the possibility to extend based on sponsorship.

DTPHX Dollars can be used at more than 40 participating businesses, and the first round of vouchers are good through March 31. Only one voucher can be used per customer per visit. To read the full article, please visit phoenix.gov/newsroom.

PUBLIC TRANSIT

NORTHWEST EXTENSION PHASE II CONSTRUCTION UPDATE Week of March 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

- **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.
- **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

- **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 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 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.

Services provided at our VITA sites are by appointment only at phoenix.gov/eitc. For Do-It-Yourself tax filing information please email vita.taxhelp@phoenix.gov or visit phoenix.gov/eitc.

WATER SERVICES

March 5 is the last day to provide feedback on the [proposed water rate increase](#). The Water Services Department is proposing a water rate increase spread out over a two-year period and wants to hear from Phoenix residents.

The rate increase would provide funding for resources needed to invest in rehabilitation and replacement of water pipes, treatment plants, pumps, reservoirs and wells that ensure reliable delivery of the city's drinking water. If you have a question or comment about the department's rate increase, please email watersmart@phoenix.gov. To complete the brief survey, click [here](#).



FREE VIRTUAL RECREATION




PHXPLAYS AT HOME: SPRING BREAK

Enjoy your spring break with PHXPlays at Home! Join us March 8-12 & March 15-19 for two weeks of fun activities for youth ages 6-13!

	MONDAY 3/8 & 3/15	TUESDAY 3/9 & 3/16	WEDNESDAY 3/10 & 3/17	THURSDAY 3/11 & 3/18	FRIDAY 3/12 & 3/19
1:00-2:00P	ARTS & CRAFTS Let's create! Join us for fun craft and painting projects using basic supplies. Each project will be guided step-by-step by our in house artists!	STEM [Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics.] Explore the exciting world of computer coding in this fun and interactive class! Discover how you can do STEM at home using household items.	SPORTS Experience classic sports and activities anywhere! This session blends instruction and entertainment providing a fun hour of PHXPlays sports!	GAMES & TRIVIA Join us for a fun and interactive twist on new and classic games and trivia!	MUSIC & MOVEMENT Let's have some fun and Just Dance! Make sure you have space to move and dress up or decorate your room for a Luau dance party!
2:00-3:00P	VIRTUAL HIKE 3/8 only: Explore the Occotillo trail with Ranger Washburn! He discovered a mysterious animal skull and needs YOUR help figuring out what animal it came from.	VIRTUAL DISNEY WORLD TOUR Be ready for fun adventures and trivia as we visit Disney World's rides and amenities including Animal Kingdom, EPCOT and Magic Kingdom!	NAME THAT SONG Listen to Top 40 music and take your best guess at which song it is! Name the song and win prizes!	MEDIEVAL TIMES ADVENTURE The history of knights, horsemanship and sword techniques come to life in this virtual adventure. This will include reading time with the Queen!	HIP HISTORY HOUR If you like stories of ghosts and hauntings in Peix and other AZ cities, then this is the hour to join us! Arizona's Hip Historian will amaze with interactive fun and AZ trivia.
	VIRTUAL ANCIENT TECHNOLOGY 3/15 only: Learn more about historic technology such as adobe brick making and shell jewelry production.				

- To register visit [PHXPLAYS Activity Search](#).
- Activity Code:
 - March 8-12: #36756
 - March 15-19: #36757
- Pre-registration is required for all free programs.
- For more info call 602-262-6862 or email receptionist.pks@phoenix.gov



JOIN US FOR OTHER FUN VIRTUAL PROGRAMS! LEARN MORE & REGISTER HERE: PHOENIX.GOV/PARKS

ADAPTIVE RECREATION

Inclusive activities designed for individuals with and without developmental or intellectual disabilities. For more information call: 602-262-4874.

FITPHX

Jump start or end your day with FREE virtual Fall into Fitness and Morning Yoga classes! Pre-register online at phoenix.gov/fitphx.

CODEPHX

Youth in grades K-12 can learn about computer coding, robotics and 3D modeling through self-guiding resources. Visit phoenix.gov/codephx.

SENIOR PROGRAMS




A variety of activities designed for seniors from the comfort of their own homes!

PHXTEENS

Activities created by teens, for teens. Enjoy a social hour with themed activities and events!

PHXPLAYS AT HOME

Let's have some fun! Join us for FREE live streamed virtual activities for youth, adults, and families held on weekday evenings.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

On March 2, Water Services staff distributed the entire \$2 million allocated by the City Council on Dec. 16. A total of 3,657 accounts received assistance through Project Assist.

Economic Development & Education

Arts and Culture staff met with Artlink's Catrina Kahler to discuss ways to support and highlight the arts, including the City of Phoenix's public art, as part of the annual Art Detour scheduled from Feb. 27 - March 31. Art Detour is Phoenix's original art walk event launched by artists in Downtown Phoenix in 1989. It grew into PHX Art Week, an all-inclusive celebration of art, creativity and culture that features studio tours and exhibitions throughout the valley. In light of the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions on events and gatherings, Artlink is expanding the duration and geographical boundaries of this Spring celebration of creativity in all of its forms in order to increase opportunities for both in-person and online art experiences, while taking into account the need to maintain social distancing. Several city departments sponsor Art Detour including Arts and Culture, Public Works and Water Services.

Equal Opportunity and Arts and Culture staff are partnering to create a process for updating the final panel of the timeline on the Civil Rights Memorial at Eastlake Park. A task force consisting of six members from the Human Relations Commission and three members from the Arts and Culture Commission will be formed to develop recommendations approved by both commissions. Equal Opportunity and the Arts and Culture staff will manage the process and taskforce. On Feb. 22, staff presented the project, process and timeline to the Human Relations Commission. The Human Relations Commission volunteered six members to join the task force. The Arts and Culture Commission will discuss this at their March 9 meeting.

Between Feb. 17 - 23, Aviation staff distributed 8,600 FEMA masks to the traveling public.

Beginning Feb. 28, all four Security Checkpoints located in Terminal 4 (T4) reopened. The following times will apply: T4 Alpha is open 24/7, T4 Bravo is open from 3:45 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. (exit lane closed), T4 Charlie is open from 3:45 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. (exit lane 24/7), T4 Delta will be open from 3:45 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. (exit lane closed).

On Feb. 24, Aviation staff virtually held the Aviation Business Summit. There were 300 registrants and 154 of those registrants joined the event. The Summit focused on doing business with the City of Phoenix and potential upcoming opportunities. Presentations have been posted on [Skyharbor.com](https://www.skyharbor.com) and surveys have been sent to attendees.

Starting next week, the hours of the information counter at the Rental Car Center will extend from five to seven days. This change is in anticipation of increased customer volume due to Spring training.

On March 2 and 4, Aviation staff held virtual presentations on employment at the Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport to students enrolled in Jobs for Arizona Graduates (JAG) Programs at Sierra Linda High School. These students learned about job positions at the airport and required job skills and qualifications. The JAG Program helps students acquire academic, personal, leadership and vocational skills necessary for success upon graduation. On March 3, Aviation staff gave two virtual presentations on the airport and aviation careers at Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport to students at East Valley Institute of Technology.

During the week of March 1, the Small Business Toolbox website was announced. Community and Economic Development staff completed the Small Business Toolbox, an updated reinvention of the small business website with available tools and resources for Phoenix businesses. The new website centralizes access to the City's small business services offered across different departments, including existing Community and Economic Development services such as Small Business COVID-19 support resources, Arizona@Work Phoenix, Business and Workforce Development Center, Phoenix Concierge Services, Neighborhood Services (Management and Technical Assistance), Library (the HIVE), Planning and Development's Office of Customer Advocacy, Procurement, Equal Opportunity, Aviation small business engagement and two new small business services: myBizPHX, powered by SizeUp, and PHXbizConnect by HUUB. MyBizPHX is a portal to give small businesses access to demographic data and PHXbizConnect is a social media platform which will provide access to on demand expertise, training resources and other collaborative solutions. The updated website can be found at phoenix.gov/smallbusinessstoolbox.

Water Services staff participated in virtual and in-person community meetings for Districts 3, 5 and 8. Staff continued to promote the proposed water rate increase. A survey in English and Spanish was posted on phoenix.gov/newsroom and has been added to all outgoing emails from customer service representatives. As of Feb. 26, 988 surveys have been completed, with 961 people completing the survey in English and 27 surveys completed in Spanish.

Communications staff installed a new digital display at the employee entrance of City Hall. To modernize and simplify communication with employees, this monitor will be a source of information about relevant news that is important to city staff. The monitor can display pictures, videos and graphics and will be managed by the Communications Office. Content will be provided by citywide Public Information Officers and their departments.

Communications staff launched an animated billboard campaign to promote the 2021 Emergency Rental Assistance program. The billboards promote the Rent Help website which provides details of the program and how to apply when the program launches on March 8. The billboards will run throughout the month of March. Additional program outreach and communication is scheduled for the month of March.

Public Safety

On Feb. 27, Phoenix firefighters and Arizona Burn Foundation conducted a Smoke Alarm Walk in the 43rd Avenue and Roosevelt Street neighborhood at the Catalina Village Mobile Home Park. Due to COVID-19, this event was done on a smaller scale than past annual smoke alarm events. Masks and personal protective equipment were worn by all while canvassing and installing the smoke alarms. The event was successful and 54 homes had a total of 178 alarms installed.

On Feb. 27, 51 applicants passed the Police Recruit written exam and were invited to complete the POPAT (Police Officer Physical Agility Assessment) immediately following the exam. The next Police Recruit written exams will be on March 13 and 27.

Neighborhoods and Livability

Office of Environmental Programs and Street Transportation staff are working with regulatory agencies on expediting and working through necessary permitting for the bridge repairs from the 7th Street bridge fire on Feb. 28.

Planning and Development staff held a fact-finding meeting to discuss infrastructure requirements needed to serve 114.5 acres of vacant land on the east side of Interstate 17, north of the Circle Mountain Road alignment. The subject property includes C-2, C-3 and S-1 zoning designations, along with a portion of land that will require annexation. The proposed development could include up to 200,000 square feet of commercial space and 1,500 multifamily units. The properties would need to be rezoned and/or require stipulation modification through the Planning Hearing Officer process once a more defined development plan is in place.

Planning and Development staff assisted two adaptive reuse projects with navigating the plan review and permitting process. The first project was a fast-food restaurant at 701 W. Dunlap Ave., and the other was a sushi restaurant at 4232 N. 7th Ave. At the fast-food restaurant, staff helped the plan review staff apply the correct site landscaping and traffic standards for an adaptive reuse project. For the sushi restaurant, staff helped the owner procure Adaptive Reuse Incentive funds to cover their third plan reviews.

On Feb. 25, Planning and Development staff held a live remote web event titled “Tour Phoenix’s African American Heritage.” Nearly 200 people signed in for the online event showcasing the department’s new ethnic heritage story maps highlighting the city’s African American heritage. Staff will be holding additional events for the Asian American and Hispanic Heritage story maps. All the Historic Preservation story maps can be viewed online at phoenix.gov/pdd/story-maps.

Planning and Development staff held a preliminary review meeting for a proposed 292-unit multifamily development on the east side of 19th Avenue, south of Happy Valley Road. The development will be three stories and 38 feet tall. The community will include coworking space, a fitness building for residents and interior courtyards provided as open space.

Planning and Development staff held a pre-application meeting for the last tower to be developed as part of the Optima Kierland center north of Kierland Boulevard on the west side of Scottsdale Road. An existing furniture retail store will be demolished and replaced with a ten-story residential tower including 270 one-, two- and three-bedroom units. The building proposed is about 100 feet tall and would include three levels of underground parking and connect to the existing underground garage for a seamless overall development.

On Feb. 23, Parks and Recreation staff completed the final punch list walk-through for the nature trail portion of the Deem Hills Phase III project. The remaining fence will be taken down by the end of the week and all amenities will be open and available to the public. Within the next two months, additional benches and interpretive signage will be fabricated and placed along the nature trail. A ribbon-cutting is scheduled for March 5.

Social Services Delivery

On Feb. 25, Housing staff along with Maricopa County Health and University of Arizona Mobile Health Clinic provided 60 vaccinations to residents living at Henson Village Senior Living. Residents living at City of Phoenix senior/disabled sites are among the most vulnerable due to lack of transportation and limited family members who can get them to the larger sites. Seniors feel this will allow them to be able to see family members once they receive their second dose on March 25.

On March 2, University of Arizona Mobile Health Clinic provided 70 vaccines to senior/disabled residents living at Fillmore Gardens. Residents at Fillmore Gardens will have their second dose scheduled on March 30. Many residents at this site do not have transportation to take them to the larger events.

To date, 525 of the 800 tablets have been distributed to senior public housing residents.

The Housing Department's Landlord Incentive Program was launched on Sept. 1, 2020. Landlords signing a new HAP (Housing Assistance Payment) contract with the City of Phoenix Section 8 receive an additional \$500 payment as an incentive. Between September 2020 and March 1, 2021, 470 incentive payments have been given out for a total of \$235,000. Of those incentive payments, 63 were given to first-time landlords with the City of Phoenix Section 8 program. The program is still active and will continue having incentives paid out until the allocated \$500,000 funds have been exhausted.

On Feb. 26, Housing staff hosted the quarterly Edison-Eastlake Community clean-up as part of the Head and Heart Health month activities. Residents were 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 picked up trash and were encouraged to leave behind painted rocks throughout the community with positive message of self-love. The rocks were painted by resident leaders during a day at the garden to also help practice wellness and positive mental health through painting. In total, 19 residents and volunteers participated in the community clean-up.

During the week of Feb. 22, Human Services staff conducted 2,114 wellness checks and delivered 2,865 meals for senior center members.

Human Services executed a temporary contract amendment with MV Public Transportation to transport registered Senior Center members to an Arizona State or Maricopa County authorized COVID-19 vaccination site. Senior Center members will pay a nominal fee unless qualified for free service.

On Feb. 25, Human Services staff coordinated a Sex Trafficking Outreach Project event in collaboration with the Arizona State University's Sex Trafficking Intervention and Research Office for individuals who have been victims of sex trafficking or prostitution. The outreach was held at the vacant lot referred to as Alhambra, across from the Phoenix Fire training facility. Community partner volunteers provided attendees with health screenings, food, clothing and resource information.

To date, City of Phoenix's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program assisted 24 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 542 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 247,000 customers, with approximately 2,300,000 physical library materials circulated by library cardholders.

Water Services and Library staff collaborated to distribute 3,200 Wayne Drop coloring booklets promoting water conservation. The booklets will be included in Mach1 STEAM learning bags for children at all Phoenix libraries in March.

Infrastructure

Public Transit staff submitted a grant application for Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities to sustain and improve the Alternative Transportation Programs (ATP). ATP serves qualified Phoenix residents with disabilities or age 65 and older by offering taxi subsidy programs to allow transportation when needed. Over 5,000 individuals are currently registered for the various programs which include medical and employment taxi voucher programs and ADA and Senior Cab discounted fare programs.

Public Transit staff in partnership with Complete Coach Works have completed barrier installations on 117 buses. Installation crews are alternating installation work at the various transit facilities based upon available hardware at each facility. Barrier installations are scheduled to be completed by May 2021.

On Feb. 26, Information Technology Services staff and Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport launched a new interactive digital mapping platform. The interactive map provides real-time updates to point of interests and provides step-by-step indoor navigation for passengers in an intuitive map view. Passengers can easily find information about restaurants, security check points, airport amenities, gate and airline information, PPE vending machines and more. The platform also allows the airport to be the true source for providing up-to-date accurate information to passengers as most of the airlines also use the same map service. Passengers accessing PHX map via airline apps would see the same map that the department publishes. The interactive map can be accessed on the airport's website or maps.skyharbor.com in any browser on any device. This new mapping platform replaces the legacy PDF maps of the airport which were frequently outdated and did not support a search feature.

NEWS & EVENTS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT: **DEER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

Kindergarten Events Now Underway!

Event details at [KinderEvents](#). Registration and program information at [Kindergarten](#).



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WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

More than Two Million Meals Served in WESD

The WESD would like to give a huge shout out to our Nutrition Services Department! They have been working tirelessly to provide healthy meals in a safe environment to ensure that students are fueled for success.

After this week's Grab and Go service, the department surpassed the two million meals mark serving 2,047,898 breakfasts, lunches and dinners since August. In addition, they have served 444,568 after-school snacks for a grand total of 2,492,466 meals!

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the health of our students! The [#WESDFamily](#) has millions of reasons to be thankful for you!



WESD Hiring Teachers for 2021-2022 School Year

The Washington Elementary School District (WESD) is hiring for the 2021-2022 school year. Current openings include elementary, middle school and special education teachers, as well as school psychologists and speech pathologists. The WESD will be conducting virtual interviews March 8-11. These interviews are open to certified teachers, student teachers and those with college degrees interested in becoming teachers through alternative pathways.

WESD offers competitive salaries starting at \$42,200 and great benefits including paid time off and Arizona State Retirement. Additionally, WESD employees with school-age children receive a 50 percent discount during the school year when they enroll their child in the WESD KidSpace before and after-school childcare program.

All teachers enjoy weekly professional development and the opportunity to be mentored by experienced staff, as well as on-going support for those looking to take their career to the next level through National Board Certification.

To learn more about teaching in the WESD, contact Lydia Garcia, Senior Recruiter, at Lydia.Garcia@wesdschools.org or by calling 602-347-2622. To schedule an interview, visit [WESDjobs](#).

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