



March 12, 2021

CITY EVENTS

UPCOMING CITY PUBLIC MEETINGS

- **City Council Policy Session** – 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 16. Please click on [City Council Meetings](#) for meeting information.
- **Land Use and Livability Subcommittee Meeting** – 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 17. Please click on [City Council Meetings](#) for meeting information.
- **City Council Formal Meeting** – 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 17. Please click on [City Council Meetings](#) for meeting information.
- **Zoning Adjustment Hearing** – 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18. 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
PARKS AND RECREATION



Phoenix Parks & Recreation
PARK PLAYS
Beuf Community Center Presents
Find the Luck
St. Patrick's Day
Clover Hunt
March 15-19, 2021
Come and enjoy hunting for clovers at our three park locations:
Deer Valley Park: 19602 N. 19th Avenue
Deem Hills Park: 5050 W. Andrea Lane
Pasco Highlands Park: 3435 W. Pinnacle Peak Road
Register at phoenix.gov/parks
Activity Code: 36799
For more information call: 602-534-4754

Join the Parks and Recreation Department in celebrating St. Patrick's Day! To register for the activities, go to phoenix.gov/parks. Call 602-534-4754 with any questions.



Clover Hunt Instructions
There's luck to be found!
We've dropped lucky clovers at three parks and need your help and a bit of luck to find them all!
Take the family to the park and embark on a grand adventure. Find 5 clovers at each park, write down the code words and unscramble to decode the St. Patrick's Day message.
Each park will have its own secret message.
Once you've visited all three parks, email us the three secret messages for an entry into a raffle to win prizes.
Send us a selfie for an extra entry!
Please remember to wear a mask and practice social distancing.

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



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

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



Saturday, March 13

Mobile Van #1: Devonshire Community Center – District 6
2802 E. Devonshire Ave., Phoenix 85016
7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Register at vincerecancer.com



Mobile Van #2: Emmanuel Church of God and Christ - District 8
1527 W. Buckeye Road, Phoenix 85007
7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Register at premierlabsolutions.com/covid-19/phoenix



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### **Saturday, March 13**

**Walk-Up Site.** Cortez Park - District 1  
3434 W. Dunlap Ave., Phoenix 85051  
7 a.m. to Noon  
Register at: [equalityhealthfoundation.org/equality/](http://equalityhealthfoundation.org/equality/)



**Walk-Up/Drive-Thru Site.** Steele Indian School Park - District 4  
300 E. Indian School Road., Phoenix 85012  
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Register at [familytreehealthcare.com](http://familytreehealthcare.com)



**Walk-Up/Drive-Thru Site.** Falcon Park - District 4  
3420 W. Roosevelt St., Phoenix 85009  
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Register at [familytreehealthcare.com](http://familytreehealthcare.com)

# AVIATION

## City of Phoenix Aviation Department Recognized for Its Commitment to Clean



The City of Phoenix Aviation Department is pleased to announce that it has been recognized in the GBAC STAR™ Facility Accreditation Program. Phoenix Sky Harbor, Phoenix Deer Valley and Phoenix Goodyear airports have all received this accreditation.

The Global Biorisk Advisory Council's GBAC STAR™ facility accreditation program is an outbreak prevention, response and recovery accreditation for facilities. It represents a high level of achievement within the cleaning industry, including 20 components that a facility must meet in order to achieve this accreditation. Facilities must also demonstrate that they have established and maintained a cleaning and disinfecting program to minimize risks of infectious diseases; have employed the proper protocols to clean and disinfect facilities; and have staff who are trained for outbreak and infectious disease preparation and response.

“Meeting the highest industry standards is a commitment that Phoenix's airports consistently work to achieve,” said Vice Mayor Thelda Williams, chair of the Transportation, Infrastructure and Innovation Subcommittee. “Earning the GBAC STAR™ accreditation is the gold standard in a performance-based program and it demonstrates our commitment to safety and preparedness as we build confidence with our passengers, customers and employees in our facilities and procedures.”



Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Phoenix Sky Harbor, Phoenix Deer Valley, and Phoenix Goodyear airports have employed a number of initiatives to ensure a safe, welcoming and healthy environment for those coming through the airports. This includes a robust cleaning program, the installation of plexiglass and UV-C LED sanitizing lights on escalator handrails and more.

For additional information on what Phoenix Sky Harbor is doing to keep travelers safe, visit [skyharbor.com/BeforeTraveling/health-information](https://skyharbor.com/BeforeTraveling/health-information). For information on the GBAC Star™ Program, visit [gbac.issa.com/issa-gbac-star-facility-accreditation/](https://gbac.issa.com/issa-gbac-star-facility-accreditation/). Visit [Phoenix newsroom](#) to read the entire article.



## PUBLIC TRANSIT

### Metro Phoenix Transit Workers to Get COVID-19 Vaccines

The Valley's essential transit workers are now prioritized to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

The Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) will give the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine during an event that occurs March 12-14. There are approximately 4,000 frontline transit workers who serve metro Phoenix communities.

The event is open only to public transit personnel including bus, light rail and paratransit workers and is being shared with another sector of essential workers, United States Postal Service employees. Special thanks to MCDPH and the other event hosts—Phoenix Union High School District and Albertson's/Safeway—for their commitment to frontline essential workers and protecting our community.

Transit workers are employed by Valley Metro, city of Phoenix and a dozen contracted firms, including First Transit, Transdev, Alternate Concepts, Inc., Allied Universal and DMS Facility Services, to name a few.

About a year ago, Valley Metro and the city of Phoenix began implementing more stringent cleaning protocols and safety measures to combat the spread of COVID-19 and protect frontline staff and passengers. Enhanced cleaning and boarding limitations were put in place, face coverings were mandated, and temporary barriers were installed in the driver area to create a safe distance between operators and passengers. Permanent barriers are being installed on the entire bus fleet now. For more information on how Valley Metro maintains a safe environment for transit workers and riders, visit [valleymetro.org/covid19](http://valleymetro.org/covid19). To read the full article, go to [newsroom release](#).



## FREE TAX PREPARATION



The City of Phoenix Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program has three alternatives for filing taxes for those meeting eligibility requirements. Residents can book a [phone appointment](#) with VITA, and a certified IRS tax volunteer will assist in preparing and e-filing taxes! To learn more visit [Free Tax Prep](#).

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, VITA has the following operations procedure:

- A phone call to confirm eligibility.
- Drop off of tax documents.
- Return and review: all taxpayers must be present to sign.

## BUDGET AND RESEARCH

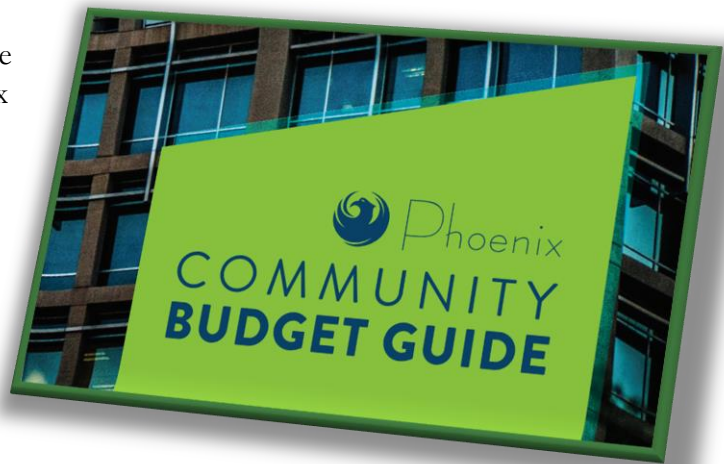


Community input is a valuable part of the annual budget process. In April, the city of Phoenix will be hosting several Virtual Community Budget Hearings online to gather feedback on the City Manager's Trial Budget which will be presented to City Council on March 16.

Registration for the hearings will open during the week of March 29 and exact details will be posted as they become available. To learn more about how to participate and to view additional community meeting times and dates, please visit [Virtual Budget Hearings](#). The District 1 virtual hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 5.

### Phoenix Community Budget Guide

The Budget and Research department has made available a community budget guide for Phoenix residents. The [Community Budget Guide](#) is an introduction to the City budget where residents can learn how city operations are funded and where the tax dollars go. The guide also explains how residents can participate in the budget process by utilizing the [FundPHX](#) tool.



## COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Phoenix Small Business Toolbox Helps Connect Small Business to Resources



Small businesses are the heart of the Phoenix community. They make cool products, offer unique services and provide jobs; all while running their business. The newly assembled TeamPHX, is a group of professionals ready to help or connect businesses with meaningful resources. All of this at no cost!

The [Phoenix Small Business Toolbox](#) gives small businesses access to everything in one place to start, manage or grow a business.

Business owners can connect through the various links or by calling TeamPHX at 602-262-5040 or email [TeamPHX@Phoenix.gov](mailto:TeamPHX@Phoenix.gov).

## PUBLIC TRANSIT

### NORTHWEST EXTENSION PHASE II CONSTRUCTION UPDATE Week of March 12



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 7 a.m. Monday, April 19, 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 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.



## NWEII Project App - Now Available!

The Northwest Extension Phase II light rail project now has an app available for download. Available in English and Spanish, Construct VM notifies users about current and upcoming construction and can be downloaded on [iOS](#) or [Android](#) devices. The App features include:

- Construction notices, plus an interactive map showing construction activity locations.
- Push notifications by location and to receive updates about construction work on some or all segments of the project.
- Photo and video library showing construction progress.
- Links to frequently asked questions, Valley Metro's social media and transit rider alerts.
- Information on local businesses near the project area (coming soon).
- Contact form to submit questions or comments.

To download the app, please go to your phone's app store and search for "Construct VM." Both the Construct VM-Northwest 2 and Construct VM-South Central apps will pull up. Just click on the Construct VM-Northwest 2 app and install. It's that easy!



## CITY CLERK



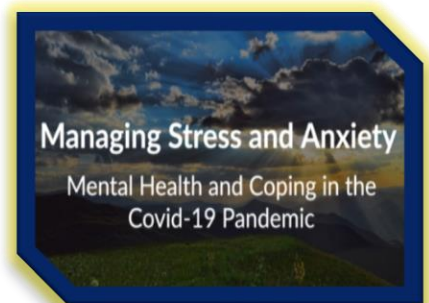
### Update: Unofficial Election Results for Districts 3 and 7

As of 4:43 p.m. Thursday, March 11, the unofficial election results have been updated and posted at [phoenix.gov/results](https://phoenix.gov/results). The results include races for city of Phoenix Council Districts 3 and 7.

For more information about the election, contact the Phoenix City Clerk Department at 602-261-8683, use the 7-1-1 Relay System, visit [phoenix.gov/elections](https://phoenix.gov/elections) or follow on Twitter [@PHXClerk](https://twitter.com/PHXClerk).

## PHOENIX WOMEN'S COMMISSION

The Phoenix Women's Commission invites residents to attend a free, virtual event to learn about ways to exercise mental health in order to increase positivity. Join guest speaker Traci Williams Marks, PhD from Noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, to discuss the mental health challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Attendees will learn coping skills, mental health tips, symptoms of concern and when to seek help. To register click [here](#).



## **I-17 AND HAPPY VALLEY ROAD RAMP CLOSURES AND RESTRICTIONS PLANNED FOR MARCH 13**

The Arizona Department of Transportation advises drivers to plan ahead for restrictions at the Interstate 17, Happy Valley Road interchange on Saturday, March 13, while crews make signal timing changes.

Drivers should slow down in the work zone and use caution while the following restrictions are in place:

### **I-17 at Happy Valley Road Ramp Closures**

- The northbound I-17 off-ramp will be closed from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 13.
  - **Detour:** Drivers may exit I-17 at Pinnacle Peak Road and use 19th or 43rd avenues to Happy Valley Road.
- The southbound I-17 off-ramp will be closed from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 13.
  - **Detour:** Drivers may exit I-17 at Pinnacle Peak Road and use 19th or 43rd avenues to Happy Valley Road.
- The northbound frontage road will be closed at Charlotte Drive from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 13.
  - **Detour:** Drivers may use 23rd Avenue to access Happy Valley Road. The frontage road north of Charlotte Drive will be open to local traffic only.

### **Happy Valley Road at Interstate 17**

East- and westbound Happy Valley Road will be restricted to two lanes between 23rd and 29th avenues from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 13.

*Schedules are subject to change based on weather and other unforeseen factors. For more information, please call the ADOT Bilingual Project Information Line at 855-712-8530 or go to [azdot.gov/contact](http://azdot.gov/contact) [lnks.gd] and select **Projects** from the drop-down menu.*

## **CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:**

Public Transit and Valley Metro staff are coordinating a vaccination event for transit workers from March 12-14 at Cesar Chavez High School. Public Transit staff are working with Maricopa County since the determination that transit personnel were eligible essential workers. Detailed information regarding the vaccination event was shared on March 5 with the region’s transit providers including an email template, posters with event details, an appointment registration website, and a QR code that can be easily scanned with smart phones. The registration website is active and transit personnel have been encouraged to sign up for appointments. The information has also been shared with transit union leadership.

## **Economic Development & Education**

Arts and Culture staff are sponsoring an ongoing series of free, online professional development workshops to assist artists and arts organizations in developing stronger business practices. Arts attorney Sarah Conley Odenkirk returned on March 4 to address legal and business issues for artists on contracts and negotiations. The next set of workshops include artist Bill Dambrova. On March 11, he will present pertinent information for artists interested in learning the use of software needed to develop digital documents, models and plans for public art projects. On March 17, Bob Swaney and Catherine Heitz New will finish the Successful Arts Fundraising in 2021 series for arts organizations. This last 90-minute webinar will focus on core fundraising practices adapted for the recovery environment. Information can be found at [phoenix.gov/arts/workshops](http://phoenix.gov/arts/workshops).

The Convention Center had two notable bookings, the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) 2025 Conference and the National Institute on Legal Issues of Educating Individuals with Disabilities. The ASHRAE is scheduled for June 2025 and estimates having 1,800 delegates equating to 4,490 total room nights. The National Institute on Legal Issues of Educating with Disabilities is scheduled for April 2025 with 2,000 estimated attendees and 4,611 total room nights.

Spirit Electronics, a value-added electronics distributor, was recently awarded the U.S. Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) certification for small businesses. This federal program fuels small business growth with a goal of awarding at least three percent of federal contract dollars to HUBZone-certified companies each year. Community and Economic Development staff collaborated with the U.S. Small Business Administration, Arizona Procurement Technical Assistance Center, and the Maricopa Small Business Development Center to assist with the company's HUBZone certification. In addition, Spirit Electronics is certified as a Woman-owned and Veteran-owned business. These federal certifications are highly regarded in the Aerospace and Defense Industry where the company competes. Community and Economic Development staff is currently working with Spirit Electronics to identify relevant workforce development and training programs.

Community and Economic Development and Neighborhood Services staff have partnered to issue a Request for Interest (RFI) for a Neighborhood Services owned site, comprised of 12.1 acres of vacant land located at the southwest corner of 24th Street and Broadway Road. The goal of the RFI is to collect information from developers on creative project ideas that are market viable and of benefit to the surrounding community and City. The RFI will close on April 15, and an informational webinar will be hosted on March 18 at 9:00 a.m. The RFI will be advertised in the Arizona Builder's Exchange, NAIOP (the Commercial Real Estate Development Association) and the national Urban Land Institute. The RFI notice was also sent to all interested parties who have signed up to receive solicitation email notifications from Community and Economic Development. The information on the RFI can be found at [solicitations.phoenix.gov/solicitations/details/923](http://solicitations.phoenix.gov/solicitations/details/923).

Between Feb 24 – March 2, Aviation staff distributed 7,370 FEMA masks to the traveling public.

Aviation staff will be contacting and following up with community partners to promote virtual aviation presentations and airport tours to Phoenix 99s, Arizona State University Summer Transportation Institute, South Mountain High School Aerospace Academy, Foundation for Blind Children and Civil Air Patrol.

Aviation staff is working with Kiewit Building Group INC, Aviation Operations and Aviation Design & Construction Services on the upcoming Terminal 2 mural relocation to the Rental Car Center. A field walk was completed on March 3 to determine the logistics behind the relocation of three large segments

of the mural to Level 3 of the garage. The mural will be installed on Level 3 near the base of the escalator by the Hertz Corporation. Staff will continue coordination efforts with the rental car stakeholders and contractor staff.

Aviation staff continues the final work for the PHX Sky Train in the 24th Street Station including signage installation, replacement of ceiling panels in the levels 1 and 2 lobbies and terrazzo flooring finishing work. Construction of the parking lot south of the 24th Street Station continues with rough grading, over excavation for wall footings and installation of storm drain. Construction of walls footings will begin in early March.

Communications and PHXTV staff celebrated International Women's Month by debuting 20 vignettes spotlighting women in the arts, education, politics and more. PHXTV and Communications staff are producing videos for the Outstanding Young Man & Young Woman of the Year as well as producing a series of Public Service Announcements for Kindergarten preparedness.

### **Public Safety**

The next Police Recruit written exam is scheduled for March 13 at the Police Regional Academy. To date, 45 applicants have been invited to take the exam. The next Police Recruit written exam is scheduled for March 27. A job announcement is now open for applicants to register for the Police Recruit written exam for April 10.

### **Neighborhoods and Livability**

On March 4, Neighborhood Services staff hosted the 2021- 2022 Annual Action Plan Public Hearing. In total, 35 residents attended the public hearing. During the meeting, Neighborhood Services staff provided an overview of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development required Consolidated and Annual Action Plans and reviewed the results of the Annual Action Plan survey. The intent of the 13-question survey was to allow residents and stakeholders the opportunity to identify priority areas within each of the six overarching city goals within the consolidated plan. The survey was open from Feb.18- 24 and over 200 responses were received.

During the week of March 1, Parks and Recreation staff continued construction on the new Cesar Chavez Community Center. This week, block work, electrical panel energization, pulling wire, light pole installation and electrical inspections were completed. The new community center is slated to open in Fall 2021.

On March 5, a ribbon cutting was held at Deem Hills Park to celebrate the opening of Phase III. Some of the new amenities in this phase included two pickleball courts, a tennis court, sand volleyball court and a 0.7-mile nature trail. The event was small and participants wore masks and physically distanced in adherence to the current COVID-19 pandemic protocols.

### **Social Services Delivery**

During the week of March 1, Housing staff in partnership with St. Mary's Food Bank distributed 465 lunches and 455 snacks to youth in the Edison Eastlake Community via the Kids Café program.

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.

On March 11, Housing staff in partnership with the University of Arizona Mobile Health Clinic will administer COVID-19 vaccines on-site at Pine Towers senior housing.

On March 2, Housing staff hosted a free community spay and neuter clinic at Aeroterra Community Center. Free sterilization and vaccine services were provided by Dr. Kelly's Mobile Unit and Fix, Adopt, Save. In total, 27 families and 42 companion animals were assisted with the free services.

On March 3, Housing staff and Gorman & Company hosted a virtual Housing Design community meeting for the Harmony at the Park Choice Neighborhoods housing development. The lead architect from Gorman & Company presented the final renderings and plans for Harmony at the Park. Residents were encouraged to submit feedback and questions to the architect. The presentation was recorded and will be shared with other residents and community members to view and complete follow-up surveys. In total, 21 people participated in the meeting including six residents and two community members.

During the week of March 1, Human Services staff conducted 2,102 wellness checks and delivered 2,810 meals for senior center members.

On March 1, the IRS reported the City of Phoenix's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program electronically filed 107 tax returns for a total refund amount of \$207,023. Additionally, 50 "Do It Yourself" tax returns were also filed and a total of 34 families have been assisted during the week of March 1.

Humans Services staff recruitment for the Head Start Birth to Five program begins March 8 for the next school year. Staff will conduct approximately 4,000 intakes between March and July to fill the 3,451 available slots.

Last week, in partnership with St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance, Library staff served 701 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 253,000 customers with approximately 2,352,000 physical library materials circulated by library cardholders.

Water Services and Library staff are collaborating to host two virtual water conservation workshops. Staff will host the first workshop, "Find and Fix Leaks" on March 18. On April 8, staff will host the "Water 101" workshop. Over 50 people are registered for the March workshop.

### **Infrastructure**

Public Transit staff assisted in creating informational rider content for the Phoenix bus Route 7 detour due to the fire and bridge closure on Feb. 28. Public Transit and Valley Metro staff have collaborated to create laminated signs and assist Communications staff on social media in getting the word out about the detour and how the event affected other City services.

A Public Transit contract amendment to the Senior Center Shuttle Program, one of five Alternative Transportation Programs, was finalized on Feb. 25. The amendment allows a temporary service provision of transportation for senior center members to COVID-19 vaccination appointments in lieu of transportation to/from senior centers. The Senior Center Shuttle program has not been used since mid-March 2020 due to senior center closures because of the COVID-19 pandemic. During the week of March 1, Human Services staff will notify senior center members of the available transportation. Transportation

providers have been notified of the temporary service and are prepared to schedule service when requested by program members.

Public Transit and Complete Coach Works staff have completed barrier installations on 132 buses. Installations have been backlogged due to part shortages caused by East Coast storms and awaiting a stanchion for New Flyer Excelsior buses.

Water Services' Water Production Well 301 was drilled in 2011 to supplement water supplies from the Northwest Water Aquifer 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 use an arsenic treatment system for treatment.

Water Services' existing pump station located along Baseline and 42nd Place is at the end of its useful life. The design by Wilson Engineers includes construction of a new Booster Pump Station (BPS) with seven pumps and a Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV) station with four PRVs to improve pumping capacity and provide improved expansion opportunities, along with a new by-pass system to provide additional system redundancy and a 48-hour back-up power system. The new BPS and PRV station will be built in front of Fire Station No. 32.

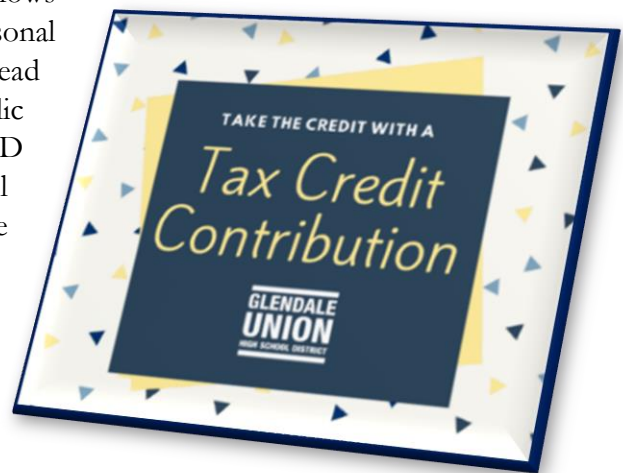
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NEWS & EVENTS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT: **GLENDALE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

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/.

To learn more GUHSD news, visit [@GUHSDAZ](https://twitter.com/GUHSDAZ).

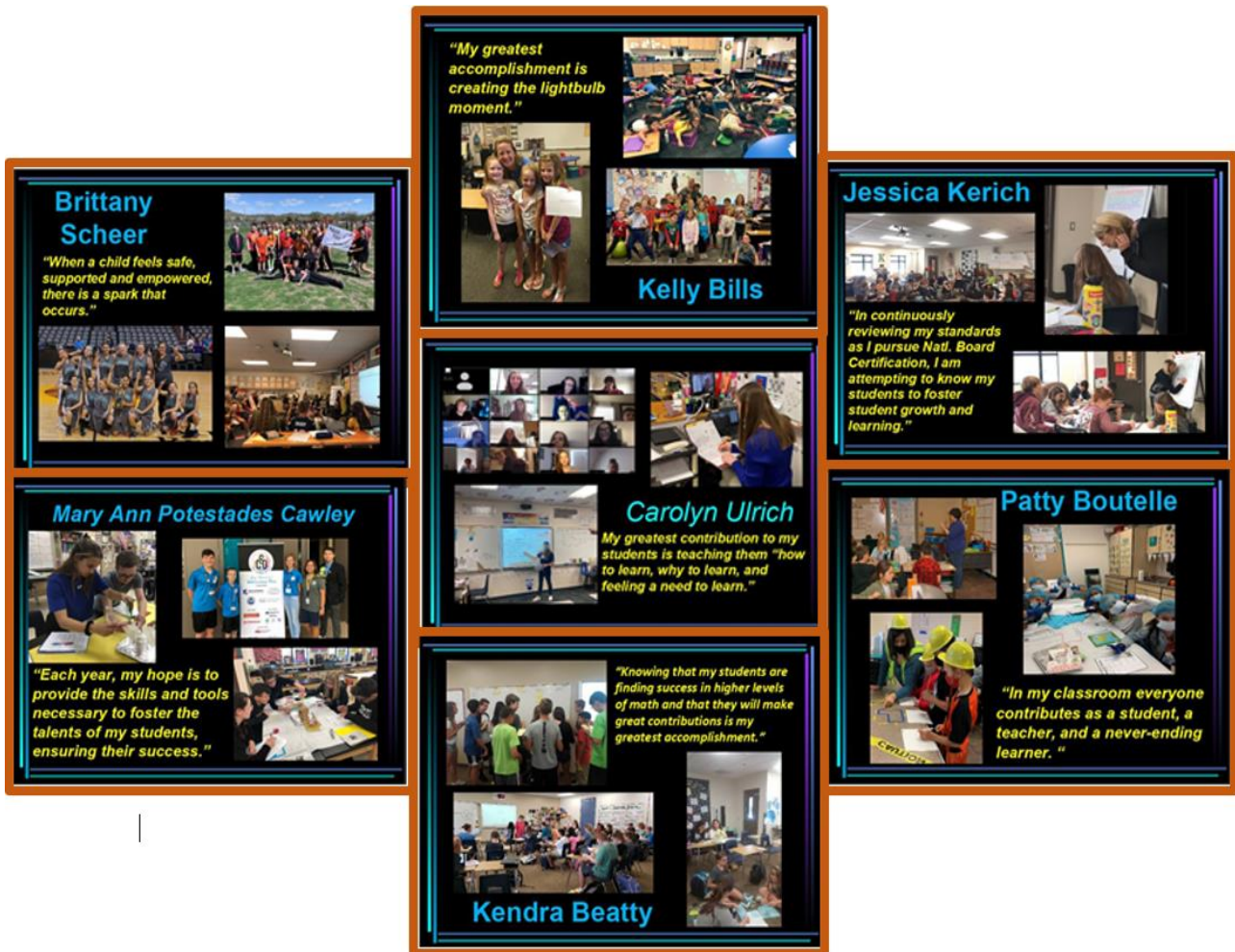


DEER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Congratulations Teachers of the Year!

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 recently honored the following extraordinary teachers:

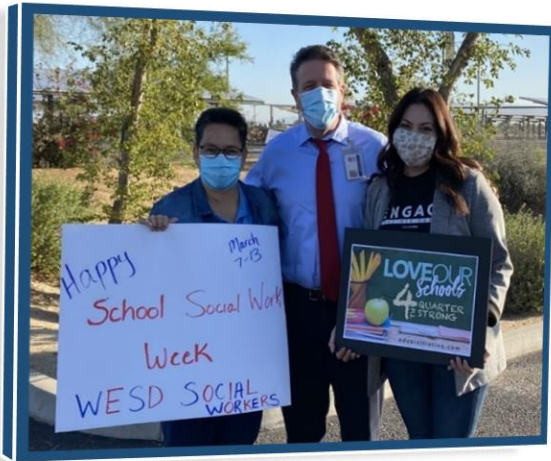


WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

WESD Celebrates School Social Work Week

This week was School Social Work Week. The WESD kicked off the celebration by recognizing Emma Sanchez, social worker at Washington Elementary, who was formally honored as the School Social Worker of the Year at a virtual conference hosted by the School Social Work Association of Arizona on March 5.

Additionally, Calvary Church showed all 37 WESD school social workers some love with muffins and coffee from PHX Grind Coffee during a special drive-thru celebration. The WESD is fortunate to have an amazing team of social workers who provide support, resources and love to its students and families!



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 and problem-solving skills. The 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 September 1, 2021 and you would like to learn more, virtual tours of all kindergarten programs are available at [WESD Kindergarten](#). WESD is currently enrolling kindergarten students for next year at [WESD KinderRegistration](#).

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