



March 13, 2020

CITY EVENTS

UPCOMING PUBLIC CITY MEETINGS

Due to COVID-19 prevention, some meetings may be canceled or postponed. The format of city meetings is being evaluated, please check this link frequently for the most up-to-date information on city meetings:

<https://www.phoenix.gov/cityclerk/publicmeetings/notices>.

- City Council Formal Meeting – 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, City Council Chambers, 200 W. Jefferson St
- North Mountain Village Planning Committee – 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, Goelet A.C. Beuf Community Center, 3435 W. Pinnacle Peak Rd.
- Zoning Adjustment Hearing – 9:00 a.m. Thursday, March 19, Phoenix City Hall, 200 W. Washington St, Assembly Room C.

For more information on these and all other public City meetings visit:

<https://www.phoenix.gov/cityclerk/publicmeetings/notices>.

City Council meetings are live on Cox Cable Channel 11 and streamed live on www.phoenix.gov and [facebook.com/cityofphoenix](https://www.facebook.com/cityofphoenix). Past City Council meetings are posted to YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/cityofphoenixaz>.

CITY NEWS & EVENTS:

CITY OF PHOENIX ENACTS CHANGES TO CITY SERVICES AS RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS

In response to worldwide developments surrounding the Coronavirus, including the President of the United States declaring a national emergency, the city of Phoenix is taking action to ensure the safety and well-being of Phoenix's residents, businesses, visitors and its own employees.

These actions are the result of lengthy discussions with city leaders from all departments and at all levels. These decisions were also made based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Arizona Department of Health Services and the Maricopa County Public Health Department. The goal is to reduce the possibility of community spread of Coronavirus by reducing large group gatherings and encouraging the use of "social distancing."



EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

Temporary closures, suspensions and cancellations:

- Human Services:
 - All 15 city Senior Centers are closed: details on lunch service will be provided to each Senior Center member
 - VITA – Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program: Details on which locations are closed will be on the city website Phoenix.gov
 - Head Start home visits are suspended
- Parks & Recreation Youth, Adult and Senior Programs are suspended, although buildings remain open. This includes:
 - Youth and Adult Sports Leagues
 - Adaptive Recreation
 - PAC Afterschool programs located in school districts that have suspended school operations
- All Library in-branch programs are either suspended or cancelled during this time, although buildings remain open
- Office of Youth and Education's AARP literary programs are cancelled
- Community Meetings and Outreach Events in city buildings are temporarily suspended and city staff will not be attending community meetings during this time
- Large gatherings: It is recommended that all large gatherings on city property be postponed
- The Convention Center, Municipal Court and Aviation will make business decisions based on their contractual or other oversight governance

- In-person Service Offered at City Facilities: Recommendations are to use as much online services as possible where available
- Other than Senior Centers, all city facilities are currently open

The following areas are open, but being evaluated daily:

- City Hall and other city facility services
- Libraries
- Parks recreation centers
- City Services Customer Pay Stations
- Family Advocacy Center
- One Stop Career Services
- City Council meetings and Boards and Commission meetings including limitations on public attendance

City services currently continuing to operate:

- Online services
- Police, Fire and 911
- Trash and recycling services
- Water and wastewater
- Planning and Development services
- Public Transit including Dial-a-Ride
- Street Maintenance
- Finance and Procurement
- Human Resources
- Outdoor city parks

The following resources are available for the public to keep connected with essential city services:

- <https://www.phoenix.gov/newsroom>: The city's own news website where updates will be posted as they happen.
- Social Media: Information will be updated regularly on Facebook and Twitter
- <https://www.phoenix.gov/atyourservice>: The city's online portal to access and make requests for many city services.
- <https://www.phoenix.gov/>: The homepage for all Phoenix departments
- Phoenix.gov/PHXTV: The city's 24-hour streaming service broadcasting programming from PHXTV, the city's own TV channel.
- 311 Assistance: The city has activated a 311-system to answer questions. People should call 602-262-3111

In addition, the city's Human Resources Department is working with departments to encourage teleworking for city staff where applicable.

The City's Office of Emergency Management continues to monitor the Coronavirus health emergency around the clock and will provide updates to city customers as they become available.

VALLEY METRO: CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

PROJECTS

**SOUTH CENTRAL EXTENSION/
DOWNTOWN HUB**

TITLE
LIGHT RAIL EXTENSION

TYPE

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

Washington Street & 1st Avenue

Starting March 9 – May 29, 2020
 Excluding March 15 and May 2-4, 2020

Work Description:

- Underground utility installation

Daytime Restrictions:

- 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- March 16 – May 29, 2020

Traffic:

- Two lanes maintained on 1st Ave.
- Two lanes maintained on Washington St.
- Washington St. access to 1st Ave. maintained
- Business and pedestrian access maintained



Nighttime



Nighttime Restrictions:

- 7:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m., Sun. – Thurs.
 (Fridays and Saturdays as needed)
- March 9 – May 29, 2020

Traffic:

- Access to 1st Ave. south of Washington St. closed at night
- Washington St. access to 1st Ave. maintained
- During major events, daytime restrictions will apply

Traffic Impact Zone	Light Rail Track
Closed/Work Zone	Detour

For more information please visit <https://www.valleymetro.org/project/south-central-extensiondowntown-hub>.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES EXTENDS PUBLISHED FLIGHT SCHEDULE THROUGH OCT. 30, 2020

[Southwest Airlines Co.](#) (NYSE: LUV) today extended its bookable flight schedule through Oct. 30, 2020. As the carrier publishes its full schedule, it is adding new international service to and from Phoenix's Sky Harbor International Airport beginning in October.

Effective Oct. 8, 2020, Southwest will offer twice-daily nonstop service between **Phoenix** and **Cabo San Lucas/Los Cabos*** and once-daily nonstop service between **Phoenix** and **Puerto Vallarta***. Phoenix will become the carrier's 23rd city to serve as an international gateway for the airline.

**Both routes are subject to requisite government approvals.*

Long Beach Service Expands

Southwest also announced today an expansion of its service for Customers in the LA Basin who utilize Long Beach Airport. Effective Aug. 11, 2020, will add one additional nonstop flight on weekdays directionally between:

Long Beach, Calif. and Oakland (A total of five roundtrip flights Mondays-Fridays)

Long Beach, Calif. and San Jose, Calif. (A total of five roundtrip flights Mondays-Fridays)

With these new routes, Southwest will offer up to 14 departures on weekdays from Long Beach.

New Nonstop Service

Southwest recently began serving several new routes throughout North America. This past Saturday, the carrier launched new international service between:

Houston (Hobby) and Cozumel, Mexico (Twice-daily)

Baltimore/Washington and Providenciales, Turks and Caicos (Seasonal Service offered on Saturdays)

The carrier also began daily nonstop service between **Maui and Sacramento, Calif.**, between **Atlanta and Memphis** (two flights per day Sunday-Friday, one flight on Saturdays), and once-daily service between **Des Moines and Denver**.

The carrier also recently announced its intention to serve Steamboat Springs through the Yampa Valley Regional Airport (HDN) by the end of 2020. More details, including schedules, will be released in the coming months.

These flights, including the carrier's full schedule, are available for purchase at [Southwest.com](#).



ABOUT SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO.

In its 49th year of service, Dallas-based Southwest Airlines Co. (NYSE: LUV) continues to differentiate itself from other air carriers with exemplary Customer Service delivered by more than 60,000 Employees to a Customer base topping 130 million passengers annually. Southwest became the nation's largest domestic air carrier in 2003 and maintains that ranking based on the U.S. Department of Transportation's most recent reporting of domestic originating passengers boarded. In peak travel seasons, Southwest operates more than 4,000 weekday departures among a network of 103 destinations in the United States and 10 additional countries. Southwest has also announced its intention to serve Steamboat Springs, Colo. by the end of 2020.

Southwest coined Transfarency® to describe its purposed philosophy of treating Customers honestly and fairly, and low fares actually staying low. Southwest is the only major U.S. airline to offer bags fly free® to everyone (first and second checked pieces of luggage, size and weight limits apply, some carriers offer free checked bags on select routes or in qualified circumstances), and there are no change fees, though fare differences might apply.

Southwest is one of the most honored airlines in the world, known for a triple bottom line approach that contributes to the carrier's performance and productivity, the importance of its People and the communities they serve, and an overall commitment to efficiency and the planet. Learn more about how the carrier gives back to communities across the world by visiting Southwest.com/citizenship.

Book Southwest Airlines' low fares online at Southwest.com or by phone at 800-I-FLY-SWA.

CLEAN UP IN CACTUS WREN

Saturday, March 7 Cactus Wren and city staff coordinated a major alley clean up just north of Dunlap Avenue and south of Caron. Thank you for being part of the change within our community and supporting our District.

We would like to recognize Cactus Wren and city staff for their support: Community Action Officers Austin Diaz and Katelin Carnahan, Public Works employees Katrina Pym and David Guzman and our new NSD Specialist Ronnie McQuire.



COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 INITIATIVES

Street Modification

Street Transportation is completing a street modification project along 43rd Ave. between McDowell Rd. and Bell Rd. ADA curb ramps are being replaced, and sidewalk is being installed along the corridor to provide connectivity where there are gaps in the infrastructure.

1. 43rd Ave. between McDowell Rd. and Bell Rd.

Roadway Repair Work

Street maintenance crews completed significant roadway repairs at the following locations in D1:

2. 43rd Ave. to 47th Ave. between Union Hills Dr. and Grovers Ave.
3. Deer Valley Rd. between 7th Ave. and 19th Ave.
4. 51st Ave. between Cactus Rd. and Sweetwater Ave.

Alley Maintenance

Street maintenance crews graded the dirt surface at the following alleys in D1:

5. I-17 to 19th Ave. between Bell Rd. and Morningside Dr.

Drainage Construction

As part of routine maintenance, crews inspect for obstructions, clear vegetation and make repairs to keep flow lines open. Crews performed maintenance, construction or repair work at:

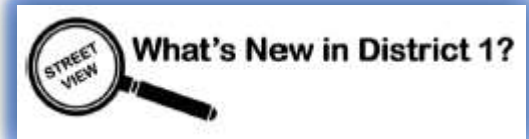
6. Joy Ranch Rd. and Pioneer Rd.
7. 64th Ave. and Pyramid Peak Pkwy.

Citywide Updates

LED Conversion

Mayor Gallego, Vice Mayor Guardado, City Management and several members of the Street Transportation Team gathered on a crisp January morning to mark the completion of the citywide LED street light conversion. The new LED street lights are anticipated to save the city approximately \$3.5

million in annual energy costs. By switching to more energy efficient LED fixtures, Phoenix reduced the amount of electricity needed to illuminate the streets by



approximately 53%. This reduction prevents emissions of up to 18,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide a year – the equivalent of taking 3,800 cars off the road.

LED street lights also have longer lifespans and produce better light quality than the previously used high pressure sodium street lights. In addition to substantial energy savings, the LED fixtures will reduce maintenance expenses over their service life.

LED technology can also improve roadway visibility and safety due to the improved distribution of light compared to the old high-pressure sodium street lights. Improved visibility is linked to a reduction in crime and increased pedestrian safety.

DON'T GIVE TO INDIVIDUALS, GIVE TO SHELTERS

To end panhandling, we must stop giving directly to individuals that panhandle.

Phoenix is full of compassionate and charitable citizens. They want to help those in need. However, giving money to people panhandling doesn't fix problems. To truly help those in need, stop giving money to panhandlers and instead support organizations and services that provide long-lasting care.

- Central Arizona Shelter Services
- Andre House
- Salvation Army
- St. Joseph the Worker
- UMOM New Day Centers
- The Phoenix Rescue Mission
- St. Mary's Food Bank



For more organizations and information on housing or other services, please visit the Homeless Shelter Directory webpage at: [Homeless Shelter Directory](https://www.homelesshelterdirectory.org/cgi-bin/id/city.cgi?city=Phoenix&state=AZ).

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PHOENIX INTERACTIVE STREET CLOSURE & RESTRICTIONS MAP – UPDATED MARCH 13.

To view a listing of current or planned street restrictions
please visit this link:

<https://www.phoenix.gov/streets/street-closures>.

The dashboard is a multi-agency effort to keep residents informed of street closures and restrictions due to planned construction activities or utility work, as well as unexpected events such as flooding, traffic collisions, fires, utility failures or other emergencies. For street closure alerts, follow the Phoenix Street Transportation Department on Twitter at [@StreetsPHX](https://twitter.com/StreetsPHX).



CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

Legislative

On Feb. 28, the House Financial Services Committee approved multiple pieces of legislation that would vastly increase government spending on housing programs that the City supports. The Committee voted to approve H.R. 5187, a bill that would authorize over \$100 billion in new housing spending and H.R. 149, a bill that would increase funding for the HUD’s Fair Housing Initiatives Program.

This week, the 2020 funding cycle for the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation officially opened. The priority funding areas include education, public safety, health, environment, economic and community development. Government Relations staff will accept applications for review and signature until April 13. The completed signed applications are due directly to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation by May 1.

Economic Development & Education

Phoenix Convention Center staff partnered with Visit Phoenix to produce an information kit in response to client inquiries about COVID-19 protocol. The kit includes information on health and safety protocols, a statement from Sky Harbor International Airport, and additional resources and contact information for concerned clients and attendees.

On Feb. 25, the Wall Street Journal published an article about the best metro areas for jobs in 2020 and ranked Phoenix 14, up from its previous of ranking 16 last year. Additionally, Community and Economic Development staff received updated data and when compared to the largest U.S. markets, Phoenix ranked third in number of new jobs created, 95,000, an increase of 4.1 percent over 2018. As a result, a LinkedIn article was published by staff and LinkedIn’s editors picked the posting as a national home page “Editor’s Choice.” As of Feb. 26, there were more than 46,000 views and two companies contacted staff for information about locating in Phoenix.

On March 4, Aviation staff welcomed the 73rd class of Navigator Volunteers to the PHX family. The 12 new volunteers received a half-day orientation, completed paperwork, were paired with a mentor and began an eight-week training program.

Neighborhoods and Livability

On Feb. 28, Neighborhood Services staff assisted with the 19North clean-up event held along 19th Avenue from Montebello Avenue to Dunlap Road. Over 350 volunteers from Washington High School, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Abrazo Hospital, Beatitudes and several other neighborhood and community organizations participated in the event.

On Feb. 27, Neighborhood Services staff attended the ribbon cutting for Laurel Tree Apartments, a new affordable housing project at 1825 W. Northern Ave. The complex was developed by Hope for Housing which is a part of Catholic Charities providing housing for low-income families and seniors.

Planning and Development staff held a fact-finding meeting this week with Spectrum Christown Mall at 1703 W. Bethany Home Road. The new owners are considering the site's future evolution as the retail industry shifts. The current conceptual plan has a mix of office, residential and open space added, and selective demolition of the existing building leaving major retail anchors, pads and the theater in place. The project will be rezoned to allow these changes and the exit of Costco will likely dictate where this phased redevelopment will begin.

Social Services Delivery

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HSS) is leading 'Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America Initiative (EHE)' with a focus on four strategies to accomplish ending the HIV epidemic within 10 years. Maricopa County is one of 57 jurisdictions identified as needing additional funding due to high rates of HIV infections. The Office of HIV/AIDS Housing (OHH) has been working with the City's Housing staff to integrate housing with the EHE initiative which has evolved into the need to partner with Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grantees.

On Feb. 28, a Police Recruit Written Exam was administered at Grand Canyon University (GCU) to 69 applicants. Results were provided immediately following the exam and the 56 applicants that passed were invited to submit their AZPOST background packet. The next written exam is scheduled for March 6 at GCU and 76 applicants have registered. The job recruitments remain open for exams on March 6, 21 and 27.

Infrastructure

This week, Public Transit staff finalized content to launch the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) web page at www.phoenix.gov/BRT. This page provides information about BRT including an overview, information on potential corridors and potential amenities.

This week, the Cesar Chavez Park lighting project was completed to bring new LED lighting and the replacement of light poles for 75 locations around Cesar Chavez Park at 7858 S. 35th Ave.

NEWS & EVENTS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT:



DEER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

EXTRAORDINARY Teachers



EXTRAORDINARY Results

Most DVUSD schools are rated A or B

Kindergarten Registration Now Underway!



www.dvUSD.org/kindergarten
www.facebook.com/dvUSD

SUCCESS STARTS EARLY.

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

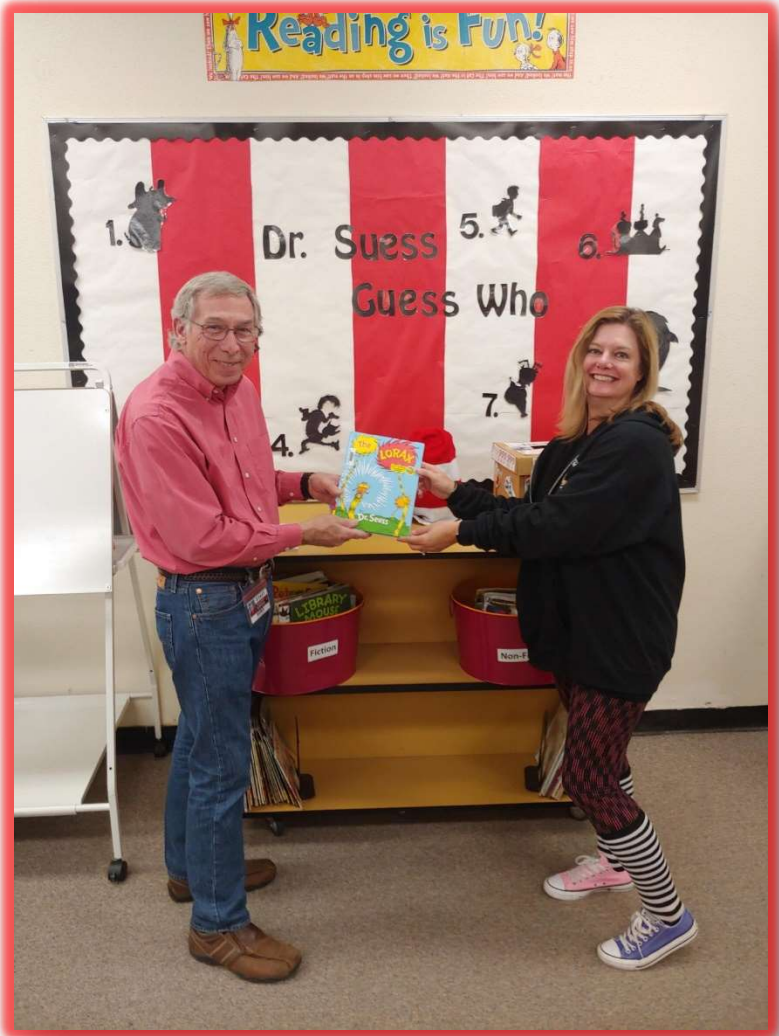


WESD Schools Receive Literacy Grants

The Barbara Park Memorial Literacy Grant is provided in partnership by Gardner's Book Service, courtesy of Barbara and Richard Park. Thanks to their generous support, seven WESD schools were awarded \$500 grants to promote literacy and the joy of reading in elementary schools. Congratulations to all of the

recipients listed below, and thank you to Gardner's Book Service and the Barbara and Richard Park Memorial Literacy Grant Program!

- Alexandra Alba of Desert Foothills Junior High
- Carol Bolze of Desert View Elementary
- Alex Castellanos of Maryland School
- Kyle Gray of Roadrunner Elementary
- Annie DiThomas-Castellanos of Sunset Elementary
- Nicole Gonzalez of Sweetwater School
- Maggie Linneer of Tumbleweed Elementary





Thelda is tweeting! Follow her @TheldaWilliams1

GREAT CHARITIES TO DONATE TO:

ARIZONA HUMANE SOCIETY

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

CHILDHHELP: 2120 N. Central Ave #130, Phoenix, AZ 85004

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

PHOENIX CENTER FOR THE ARTS Love the arts? Want to help ensure that the programming we offer here at the center continues for generations to come? Please visit:

<https://phoenixcenterforthearts.org/support/>

ANTHEM PETS Animal Rescue: A Voice for the Voiceless

<http://anthempets.org/> 480-287-3542

ARIZONA PAWS & CLAWS www.azpawsandclaws.com

FETCH FOUNDATION: please go to the following site:

www.fetchfoundation.com/Newsflash/the-fido-bag-program

M.A.I.N. What We Do - M.A.I.N. - Medical Animals In Need, Dog Rescue in

Phoenix Arizona Kelly Ferreira 480-245-9203 President / Medical Animals In Need

www.medicalanimalsinneed.com Together we save lives!

MINI MIGHTY MUTTS for more information, contact Angie Crouse at 480-304-5654 or

info@minimightymutts.com Also check out our website at www.minimightymutts.com Mini

Mighty Mutts is a 501(c) 3 organization. We rescue the underdog!

OPERATION CARE FOOD BANK located in North Phoenix, a non-profit Christian

organization committed to helping those in need with food and clothing. For additional

information, please call 602-866-0135, or visit: info@operationcarefoodbank.org.

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Report Animal Abuse

Phoenix Animal Cruelty Task Force
Crimestop - 602-262-6151
AZ Humane Society - 602-997-7585 ext. 2073
Maricopa County Sheriff's Office - 602-876-1681

A poster with a blue header and a yellow background. It features silhouettes of a horse, a dog, and a cat. Below the silhouettes, it lists contact information for the Phoenix Animal Cruelty Task Force.

It's never too early...
Call the
Spay Neuter Hotline
Before it's too late!

602-265-SPAY
602-265-7729
(Para Español: Oprimos 1)

Valley Wide Low-Cost Spay & Neuter Referrals
& Trap Neuter Return (TNR) Information

www.SpayNeuterHotline.org

The Spay Neuter Hotline is a program of the Animal Defense League of Arizona, PO Box 33093, Phoenix, AZ 85067
To find out how you can help ADLA, Call 602-273-7842, Email ADLA@adlaaz.org or www.ADLAZ.org

A rectangular advertisement with a blue border. It contains text about a spay/neuter hotline, phone numbers, and a website. There are small illustrations of a dog and a cat on either side of the phone numbers.