



**April 16, 2021**

**A Message from Vice Mayor Thelda Williams....**

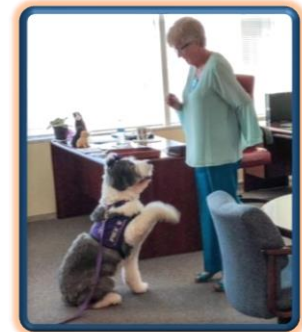
Phoenix voters gave me the great honor to serve them as their elected representative from 1989 to 1996 and again from 2008 to 2021. Following each election and service as interim Mayor, I swore an oath to faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the office according to the best of my ability; an oath I took seriously. I am proud to say that I have done my best to serve you well.



While in office I've had the opportunity to hear from residents through phone calls, emails, letters, Council meetings, budget hearings, community town halls, monthly breakfasts, meetings in my office, block watch meetings, in the grocery store, when I walked down street and knocked on doors, during ribbon cuttings, at community events and much more. During those countless contacts, I got to know our residents and came to appreciate the hopes and frustrations in our community. These personal contacts are treasured and one of the things I will miss most.

Representing our residents has been exciting, rewarding and sometimes even heartbreaking, but together we have been able to achieve great accomplishments:

- Strengthened animal cruelty laws to prevent animal abuse including animal hoarding, horse tipping, tethering and keeping dogs off hiking trails when it reaches 100 degrees.
- Ensured that our Police and Fire departments have the tools and resources they need to protect our neighborhoods including more Police Officers and public safety personnel, body cameras, ensured they received well-deserved pay raises and improved benefits.
- Along with my colleague Councilman Jim Waring, fought hard to find funding and remove barriers to build the much-needed new Fire Station 55 in north Phoenix.
- Created, attracted and retained more jobs; we've earned the nickname 'Wall Street West' due to high number of financial and insurance service jobs along the I-17 corridor. The Deer Valley business corridor is booming and soon, the world's second largest semiconductor manufacturing company will break ground on a multi-billion-dollar site in this Council District, creating thousands of jobs over the next five years.



- Transportation expanded with late-night bus and Dial-a-Ride service while we added bus routes and light rail tracks, we worked aggressively to pave over crumbling streets and improve maintenance. Light rail will soon cross over the I-17 into Metrocenter, pumping access and jobs into the heart of the city.
- We planned for Phoenix’s critical water needs including added resources for renovation and replacement of pipes, treatment plants, pumps, reservoirs and wells with a financing plan that moves water to needed areas in north Phoenix.
- Worked hard with Police and residents to bring crime down. As of today, in our district violent crimes are down 24 percent and property crimes are down 23.3 percent. This phenomenal accomplishment speaks directly to the outstanding work of our Phoenix Police Department.



This was all done in partnership with you, including (to name a few) our stalwart block watch groups, Cactus Park Community Alliance, Black Mountain Community Alliance, home owners associations, Violence Impact Project, North Phoenix Chamber, business leaders, Washington Elementary School District, Deer Valley Unified School District, Glendale Union High School District.

Over the years, I was blessed with an excellent staff. I appreciate their hard work and dedication and I look forward to hearing about how they will continue to grow and serve our community.

I’m grateful for a loving and supportive family who allowed me to dedicate my time to the great work that I was engaged in. Without their unwavering support, none of this would have been possible.

Everything that was difficult prior to the pandemic is magnified now and there will be new priorities and tasks ahead for our community. You are in excellent hands with great people at the city of Phoenix. City Manager Ed Zuercher is simply the best; he truly cares for our residents and city employees. Working together with Councilmember Elect Ann O’Brien and our talented city employees, this community can accomplish so much.

On Monday my term will end, and I will turn off the lights in my office at City Hall and close my office door for the last time. I’ll have more time to spend with my family and even though my elected time in office is complete, as a private citizen I will continue to find ways to serve residents in this great city.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

*Please enjoy the tribute video made in honor of Vice Mayor Williams by clicking [here](#).*



## **CITY EVENTS:**

### **UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS**

- **Community Budget Hearing** – 10 a.m. Saturday, April 17. Please click on [Notice of Public Event](#) for meeting information.
- **Inauguration Ceremony: Phoenix City Council** – 10 a.m. Monday, April 19. Please click on [Notice of Public Event](#) for information. The ceremony can be viewed at the city [YouTube channel](#) or [phoenix.gov](#).
- **Community Budget Hearing: New Council Members** – 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 20. Please click on [Notice of Public Event](#) for meeting information.
- **Land Use and Livability Subcommittee Meeting** – 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 21. Please click on [City Council Meetings](#) for meeting information.
- **City Council Formal Meeting** – 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 21. Please click on [City Council Meetings](#) for meeting information.
- **Zoning Adjustment Hearing** – 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22. 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](#).

### **Mayor and City Council Inauguration**

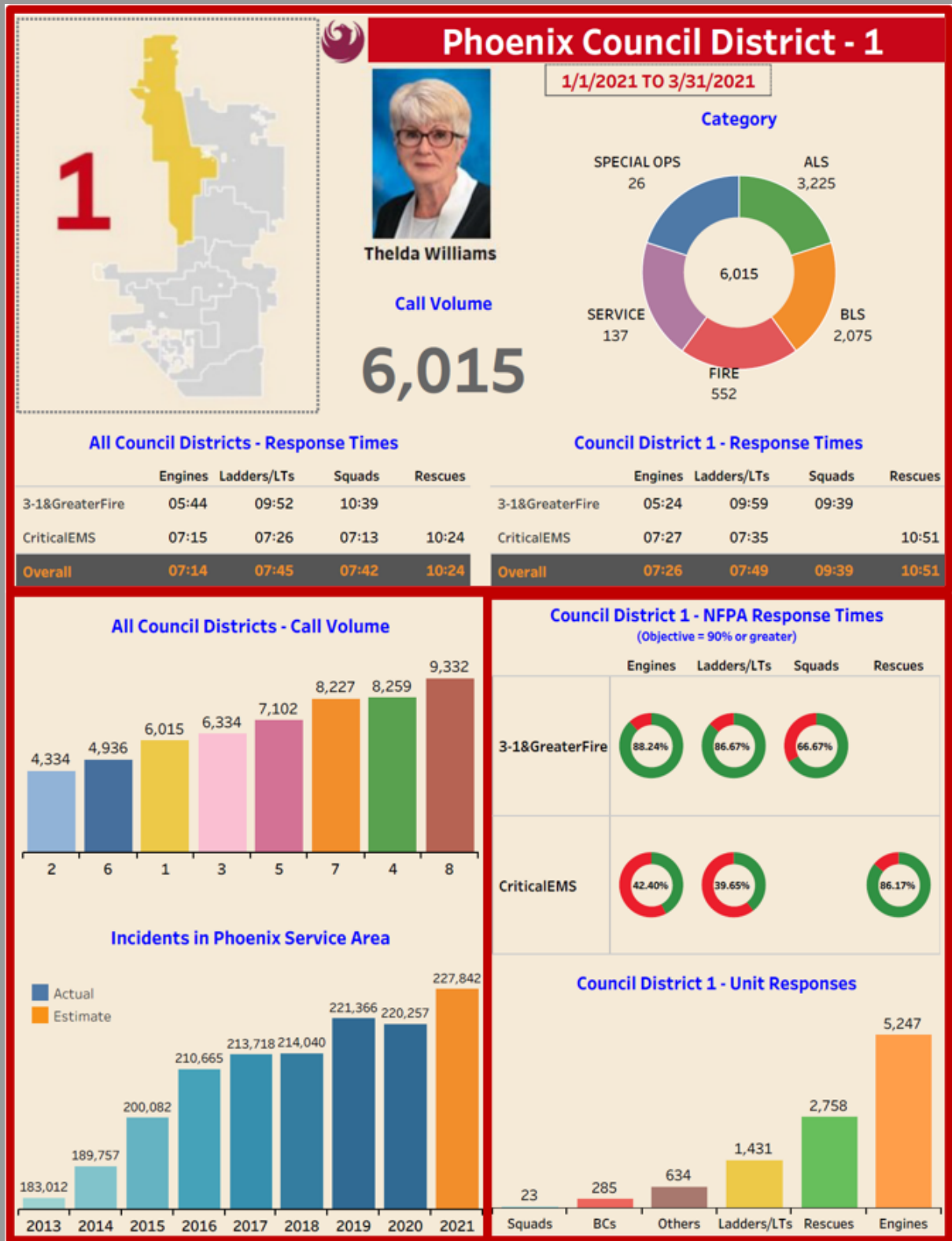
Residents are invited to virtually attend the swearing-in ceremony for newly elected Mayor Kate Gallego, and City Councilmembers Ann O'Brien, Debra Stark, Betty Guardado and Yassamin Ansari at 10 a.m., Monday, April 19 at Steele Indian School Park.

The Councilmembers will take their oaths of office and provide brief remarks following the swearing-in ceremony.

The ceremony will be streamed live via [phoenix.gov](#) and the city's [YouTube channel](#).



# COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 NEWS: FIRE DEPARTMENT



## **CITY NEWS & EVENTS:** **VIRTUAL COMMUNITY BUDGET HEARINGS**

The virtual [Community Budget Hearings](#) continue until April 20. Visit the webpage to see the remaining council meetings; listed below are the final two community-wide meetings.

- 10 a.m. Saturday, April 17.
- 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 20.

Residents are invited to participate in the virtual meetings or comment on the city's [2021-22 Trial Budget](#) by emailing [budget.research@phoenix.gov](mailto:budget.research@phoenix.gov), calling 602-262-4800, or social media using [#PhoenixBudget](#).



## **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 email [contactus@phoenix.gov](mailto:contactus@phoenix.gov) or call 602-262-3111. To read the most recent update on impacted city services, please click [here](#).

## **COVID-19 TESTING SERVICES**

Please see below for upcoming testing events. For additional information on walk-up testing locations and other available dates, please visit [Phoenix Testing Blitz](#).

### **Saturday, April 17**

**Drive-up Site:** St. Simon and Jude Catholic Church – District 1  
6351 N. 27th Ave., Phoenix 85053

7 a.m. to Noon

Register at [equalityhealthfoundation.org/covid19](https://equalityhealthfoundation.org/covid19)

**Drive-Up Site.** Sunnyslope Park – District 3  
802 E. Vogel Ave., Phoenix 85020

7 a.m. to Noon

Register at [equalityhealthfoundation.org/covid19](https://equalityhealthfoundation.org/covid19)



## **HUMAN SERVICES**

Residents seeking emergency rental assistance can visit [wildfireaz.org/phxera/](https://wildfireaz.org/phxera/) to begin the online application process through Wildfire's ERA Program. Landlords may also apply on behalf of renters with their permission.



## CITY MANAGER

After a national recruitment, Phoenix City Manager Ed Zuercher has named Ginger Spencer and Gina Montes deputy city managers, effective May 10, 2021. Spencer and Montes will oversee a variety of departments and functions in the fifth largest city in the nation, with more than 14,000 employees.

“Ginger and Gina bring to their new roles strategic expertise and experience that will enhance and complete our executive leadership team,” said Zuercher. “Both have vast experience leading some of the largest public-facing departments in their respective cities and have been on the frontline, navigating through the pandemic. This experience will be critical as we continue to rebound as a city.”



Montes has served in local government for 26 years, most recently as assistant city manager for Avondale, Arizona, overseeing a diverse range of city services including police, fire and finance. She began her local career at the city of Phoenix as an internal auditor and was promoted to a variety of positions including deputy city auditor and deputy director of the Human Services Department before being named founding director of Avondale's Neighborhood and Family Services Department. She is active statewide having served as president of the Arizona City/County Management Association.

Montes holds a Bachelor of Arts from Texas Christian University and a Master of Public Policy degree from the University of Texas at Austin. She has completed a certificate program at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

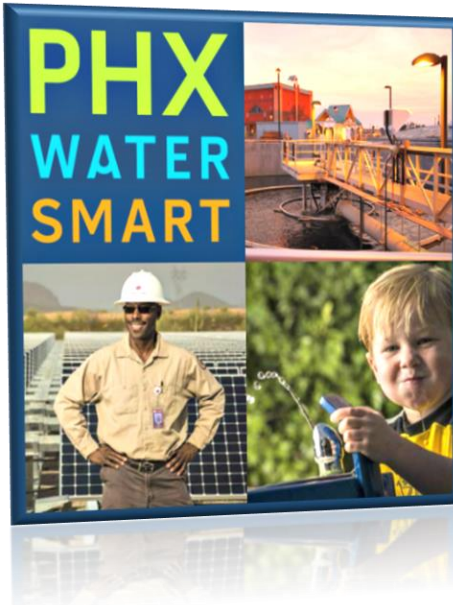
Spencer began her career in local government at the city of Phoenix in 1998, serving as a management assistant in a variety of departments. She served as director of the Family Advocacy Center, acting administrator of the Office of Arts & Culture, special assistant to the city manager and deputy and assistant Public Works director, before being named Public Works director in 2017. She is a recognized national leader in solid waste, recycling, and the circular economy and was recognized by Emerging Local Government Leaders in 2018 as one of the top 100 influencers in local government. Spencer also leads the city's COVID-testing efforts to ensure access and equity for the city's most vulnerable communities.

A native Phoenician, Spencer holds a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from Arizona State University and a Master of Science in Public Policy and Management from Carnegie Mellon University.

The city of Phoenix has a Council-Manager form of government. The city manager is appointed by the Mayor and City Council and is responsible for the city's day-to-day management and operations of the city. The city manager's executive team includes an assistant city manager and six deputy city managers overseeing more than 30 departments that provide critical city services, including public safety, water and trash collection, as well as managing the city's finances and budget.

# WATER SERVICES

## April is Water Awareness Month



Celebrate Water Awareness Month this April 2021 by becoming more water aware! Why is it important to know about your water? We live in a desert, and water is incredibly precious. Knowing about our water is part of living a desert lifestyle. It can also be fun!

Learn something new every day through special Phoenix editions of the Water Awareness Month Calendar. It's simple to use - just hover your mouse over every day to preview the tips and click on the day to learn more. Parents, teachers, and other educators can click "View Educational Calendar" to access a whole other calendar full of family-friendly adventures and kid-tested science activities.

To view calendars visit [Water Awareness Month Calendar](#).

### April 16 - A little green goes a long way.

Lawns that stretch from property line to property line just don't make much sense these days. Aside from chemicals, large lawns with conventional spray irrigation waste one of our most precious resources: drinking water.

Cutting back your grass doesn't mean giving up your lawn. Instead of thinking of grass as the focal point of your yard, think of it as having a function: a play area, for example, or a visual frame for a larger natural setting.

Start by [giving up turf areas](#) that don't get much use, such as those near foundations, along medians or on steep slopes. Replace these turf areas with groundcover, flower gardens, ornamental shrubs and shade trees that are water-wise and drought-resistant. Where you do have grass, [consider a water-conserving, warm-season turf grass species](#), such as centipede, zoysia or Bermuda. Of the three, Bermuda cultivars are by far the best at conserving water and are most drought resistant.

Keep in mind that Bermuda grass will turn brown in the winter, so including shrubs, evergreen trees and cool-season flowering plants will help enhance the appearance of your landscape year-round. By choosing a low water-use grass suited to your region, enhancing the soil, and mowing high, you can grow healthy grass with a strong root system that will:

1. Survive dry and drought conditions when they occur.
2. Resist disease, insects and weeds on its own.
3. Reduce or eliminate the need for chemical applications.
4. Use less water and be easier to maintain.



# PHOENIX PUBLIC LIBRARY

With a continued emphasis on maintaining customer, staff and community safety while offering access to library resources and services, our phased restoration of In-Building Visits beginning Monday, April 19, will include:



- An initial select group of eight library locations (library in-building visits will be rolled out in three separate groups; see below).
- Each facility offering In-Building Visits will be limited to 25 percent of the permitted public spaces occupancy level.
- All in-building visits will require a 45-minute reservation, face coverings and social distancing.
- Beginning Friday, April 16, advance reservations for Group 1 can be made up to three days prior via [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org) or through the Library's Call Center at 602-262-4636.
- Beginning Monday, April 19 drop-in customers for Group 1 may request a reservation at the door as available. Each facility's occupancy allowance will have a designated number dedicated to accommodating drop-in customers.
- Mondays through Saturdays, Curbside Service will continue every morning from 9:30 a.m. to noon.
- Mondays through Saturdays, in-building visits will be offered through 45-minute reservations, which will start on the half hour beginning at 12:30 p.m., with the final appointment at 4:30 p.m., and the library closing at 5:30 p.m.
- Customers making a reservation for an in-building visit will be able to access select services inside a library facility such as:
  - use a computer or the internet.
  - browse the library collection.
  - use a printer, scanner, or copier.
  - pick up holds.
  - check out materials.
  - check out a laptop and/or Wi-Fi hotspot.

Restoration of In-Building Visits will roll out in three separate location groupings:

**Group 1 – Monday, April 19**

Burton Barr Central Library  
Agave Library  
Cesar Chavez Library  
Cholla Library  
Desert Broom Library  
Ironwood Library  
Mesquite Library  
Palo Verde Library

**Group 2\* – Monday, May 3**

Desert Sage Library  
Harmon Library  
Juniper Library  
Saguaro Library

**Group 3\* – Monday, May 17**

Acacia Library  
Century Library  
Ocotillo Library  
Yucca Library

\* Library location groups 2 & 3 will continue with current Curbside Service hours until they transition.

For complete details, specific schedules and hours of operation, visit the [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org) or call 602-262-4636 (for TTY dial 7-1-1).



## PUBLIC TRANSIT

### NORTHWEST EXTENSION PHASE II CONSTRUCTION UPDATE Week of April 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). Visit [valleymetro.org/northwest2](http://valleymetro.org/northwest2) to view the latest updates and learn more about the project.

#### 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. Saturday, June 12, 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. Saturday, June 12, 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. Saturday, June 12, 2021. Click [here](#) for construction notice.

#### 25th Avenue:

- **[UPDATE] 25th Avenue: Road Closure at Arizona Canal:** KMJV is reconstructing the Arizona Canal bridge on 25th Avenue between Dunlap Avenue and Mountain View Road during day and nighttime hours. North and southbound traffic lanes will be closed on 25th Avenue at the Arizona Canal Bridge. Traffic restrictions will be in place 24/7 from 7 a.m. Monday, April 12 through 5 p.m. Friday, April 16. 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.

#### Mountain View Road:

- **[UPDATE] Northbound I-17 Frontage Road at Mountain View Road and Mountain View Road between I-17 Frontage Road and 25th Avenue:** KMJV is installing a retaining wall on the north side of Mountain View Road between the I-17 frontage road and 25th Avenue during daytime hours. Northbound traffic on the I-17 frontage road will be maintained. Mountain View Road traffic lanes will be located on the south side of Mountain View Road and restricted to one

east- and one westbound lane. Traffic restrictions will be in place 24/7 from 7 a.m. Monday, April 12 through 5 p.m. Monday, July 5. Click [here](#) for construction notice.

**Former Metrocenter Mall:**

- **[NEW] Southbound I-17 Frontage Road Closure at Cheryl Drive:** KMJV is constructing support columns and girders for the I-17 light rail bridge during daytime hours. Southbound I-17 frontage road closed at Cheryl Drive, as well as southbound I-17 frontage road access at Cheryl Drive. In addition, southbound Metro Parkway East closed at Cheryl Drive. Traffic restrictions will be in place 24/7 from 7 a.m. Monday, April 19 through 5 p.m. Monday, July 5. Click [here](#) for construction notice.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**CHILD CAR SEAT  
INSTALLATION & INSPECTION EVENT**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Paseo Highlands Park  
3435 W Pinnacle Peak Road  
Phoenix, Az 85027  
09:00 to 12:00 hrs**

**NOTICE  
FACE MASK  
REQUIRED  
THANK YOU**

**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY  
ARIZONA**

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FIRE DEPT**

## Public hearing April 16 for ADOT's Tentative Five-Year Construction Program

*Proposed 2022-2026 focus: improving major corridors, upgrading pavement conditions.*

The Arizona Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing Friday, April 16, on the agency's recommended plan for the next five years of construction projects statewide. The virtual hearing on the 2022-2026 Tentative Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program begins at 9 a.m. and can be accessed at [aztransportationboard.gov](http://aztransportationboard.gov).



The proposed annual update allocates funding for projects to expand, improve and preserve the state highway system. In addition to major expansion projects on Interstate 17, Interstate 10 and others, the tentative plan will invest more than \$1 billion in pavement preservation projects across Arizona over five years, upgrading 581 lane miles of pavement from fair and poor condition to good condition.

The I-17 and I-10 widening projects are able to advance through ADOT's partnership with the Maricopa Association of Governments, the regional planning agency that has committed some of the funds for those improvements.

The 2022-2026 Tentative Five-Year Program also reaches ADOT's goal of allocating \$320 million per year for preservation of bridges and roadways throughout the state highway system. Preservation projects include repaving and repairing highways, along with repairing or reconstructing bridges. The tentative plan includes \$407 million over five years for projects that improve highway safety, efficiency and functionality, such as smart technology or addition of shoulders.

The public comment period for the 2022-2026 Tentative Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program began March 18 and ends at 5 p.m. June 3. The State Transportation Board is expected to consider formal action on the program at its June 18 meeting.

To view the Tentative 2022-2026 Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program, visit the [Five-Year Program web page](#). ADOT welcomes feedback via the following methods:

- An online comment form available at [azdot.gov/tentative5year](http://azdot.gov/tentative5year).
- By email at [fiveyearconstructionprogram@azdot.gov](mailto:fiveyearconstructionprogram@azdot.gov).
- By phone at 855-712-8530.
- By mail Attn: Daina Mann, % ADOT Communications, 1655 W. Jackson St., Room 179, MD 126F, Phoenix, AZ 85007.
- At public hearings on April 16 and May 21, and a State Transportation Board study session on June 3. Meetings may be accessed through the State Board website at [aztransportationboard.gov](http://aztransportationboard.gov).

# **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

## **Economic Development & Education**

For the past several months, Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport (PHX) has consistently trended higher in passenger enplanements than the airport-wide projections. In February, PHX observed close to 900,000 passengers which is well above airport projections, but still less than half of the enplanements observed in February of 2020.

Currently, 46 percent of terminal outlets (62 locations) are temporarily closed in Terminal's 3 and 4 at Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport, and 54 percent of the terminal outlets (74 locations) are open.

Aviation staff and Frontier Airlines announced new service from Phoenix to Atlanta. Beginning June 10, flight services will be provided three times each week.

Work on PHX Sky Train Stage 2 at the 24th Street station continues with testing and commissioning of vertical transportation, replacement of ceiling tiles and punch work. Construction of the 24th Street parking lot continues with wall footings, installation of water line and laying of concrete masonry block on the east side.

On April 3, Aviation staff programmed the exterior roof lighting to blue for both the 24th Street and Rental Car Center Sky Train Stations in recognition of Autism Awareness month.

Communications and Community and Economic Development staff are working together to promote the annual Phoenix Youth RISE program, Reach and Invest in Summer Employment. Community and Economic Development staff will participate in a live interview on Enlace Radio this week to encourage youth and young adults ages 16 to 24 to apply for the employment program. RISE provides youth work experience and paid employment for up to 20 hours over four weeks for a total of 80 hours in the summer. Applications will be accepted until May.

Communications staff continue to assist citywide departments with bilingual social media messaging. Information has been shared on issues such as COVID-19 testing sites, virtual budget hearings/budget items, mask mandates, and many more. Last month staff posted 145 messages which resulted in more than 21,000 impressions.

This week, Communications and PHXTV staff continue to broadcast/live-stream the 2021 Virtual City Budget Hearings. PHXTV staff are busy preparing for the upcoming Mayoral and City Council Inauguration on April 19. Staff also recorded a virtual report on Fair Housing and PHXTV Classroom is working on final touches for the Outstanding Young Man/Young Woman of the Year event. Two new episodes of Phoenix Pets will premiere this week featuring "Smelly Dog", a local and unique pet store and "Robertson Ranch", a place where children with special needs can interact with horses. Also being filmed this week are best places in Phoenix for "selfies" and a quick zip on the infamous "Ocean Floor" aquarium store.

The Convention Center had one notable booking, the California School Employees Association 2024. The Association event is scheduled for July 2024 and estimates having 1,800 attendees, equating to 5,120 total room nights.

## **Public Safety**

On April 10, 34 applicants passed the Police Recruit written exam and were invited to complete the Police Officer Agility Assessment immediately following the exam. Police recruitment remains open for applicants to register for a written exam scheduled for April 24 and May 7, as well as the ongoing online option.

On April 17, the Phoenix Fire Department will complete a four-day Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST) certification course which combines classroom instruction, hands-on work with car seats in vehicles and a community safety seat checkup at Paseo Highland Park, 3435 W. Pinnacle Peak Road. In partnership with the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety this national standardized CPST certification course certifies the individual as a national CPST for two years. Fire staff routinely respond to car crashes and an increasing amount of these crashes involve children that have sustained preventable injuries. As a CPST, they will gain knowledge and expertise to provide parents and caregivers' hands-on assistance and education about the proper use of booster and child safety seats to insure their children are riding safely.

## **Neighborhoods and Livability**

On April 16, Office of Environmental Programs staff will host a virtual meeting to discuss the status of the Climate Action Plan with the Climate Liaisons from 28 city departments who have been instrumental throughout the climate action planning process. Topics will include an accelerated climate action plan timeline, discussion of community input on the Climate Action Plan Framework, preliminary results from C40 Pathways and a greenhouse gas reduction model. The Climate Liaisons will be asked to review the comments and model results to determine the best path forward to meeting the needs of residents and requirements of C40 Cities to be included in the draft climate action plan due out for public comment in June 2021.

On April 7, Office of Environmental Programs staff participated in a panel, hosted by Living Cities & Next City, that focused on the topic of "Procurement and the Pandemic: How to Support Minority-owned Businesses During the Recovery and Beyond" offered to a national audience. Staff discussed the innovative Feed Phoenix and Funds to Feed COVID-19 programs that provided funding directly to small businesses for food preparation and delivery.

During the week of April 5, Parks and Recreation staff removed buffelgrass around the trail corridor along Trail 302 in the Phoenix Mountains Preserve. Invasive plants outcompete the native flora and change the appearance of the Sonoran Desert. The Desert Defender group removed over 100 invasive plants.

Parks and Recreation staff have seen that golfing has remained strong for the month of April, with rounds up 40 percent and revenue up 50 percent, as compared to the same time last year.

## **Social Services Delivery**

On April 8, Housing staff in partnership with University of Arizona Mobile Prevention unit administered the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccines at Pine Tower. Sixty-nine individuals, including residents and on-site staff, received their second dose of the Moderna vaccine. Several residents thanked the staff for organizing the vaccine events and bringing the vaccine directly to their site.

On April 6, 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, 26 families and 38 companion animals were assisted with free services.

During the week of April 5, Human Services staff conducted 2,148 wellness checks and delivered 2,570 meals for senior center members.

This week, Human Services staff held virtual classes for seniors on the following topics: cultural music, food, nutrition, and art classes.

On April 5, the Internal Revenue Service reported the City of Phoenix's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program electronically filed 892 tax returns for a total refund amount of \$1,101,796. Nineteen families received assistance during the week of April 5.

This week, the Library College Depot staff hosted 10 individuals through several virtual events and programs. Additionally, staff assisted 36 individuals with one-on-one college planning and re-engagement appointments via phone or video conferencing.

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

To date, Library staff has provided curbside pickup services to more than 280,000 customers, with approximately 2,558,000 physical library materials circulated by library cardholders. Library staff assisted 1,024 customers over the phone as well as 2,185 customers who submitted online forms with various inquiries related to library card registration, customer accounts, online databases, research and resources.

### **Infrastructure**

Government Relations staff assisted Public Transit with their grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transportation Administration under the Low or No Emission Bus Program. It was a joint application with Valley Metro. The partnership requested funding for an initial investment to purchase battery electric buses, construct associated charging infrastructure, and fund workforce training on the new technology. The grant was submitted on April 9.

As part of the City's new contract with Blink, the electric vehicle chargers at Burton Barr Library were upgraded with new equipment, as well as equipment at 12 other locations. A total of 32 chargers will be updated or newly installed over the next month.

The first meeting of the Strategy Workgroup selected to advise Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) and Central Arizona Water Conservation District (CAWCD) in the renegotiation of the 2026 Colorado River operating guidelines took place virtually on April 14. The group is composed of 10 water stakeholders, including Phoenix, chosen by ADWR and CAWCD. The group includes representatives from Yuma and Pinal agricultural interests, the City of Tucson, Freeport-McMoRan, the Gila River Indian Community, the Colorado River Tribes, Salt River Project (SRP), the Mohave County Water Authority and the Governor's Office.

Hunter Contracting, with Ground Level demolition, is in the final week of demolishing the 7th Street and Salt River Bridge. They have finished all major demolition and are currently completing hand work around the diaphragm above the Pier Cap between the remaining portion of the bridge and the new construction. Ground Level also has removed the existing approach asphalt and have a clean edge to construct. Design plans for the new construction are well on the way and reviewed twice a week for clarity and modern revisions.

## **NEWS & EVENTS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT:** **WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

### **Ironwood Elementary Welcomes New Principal**

Ironwood Elementary is welcoming a new principal - Ms. Amilee Grant. Ms. Grant comes to WESD from the Deer Valley Unified School District where she has served as an assistant principal. Prior to that, she was the Teaching and Learning Specialist with the Dysart Unified School District. She is highly experienced with analyzing data to establish goals for student achievement, as well as planning and implementing professional development for staff.

Ms. Grant was recognized at the April 8 meeting of the Governing Board. She will begin her new role July 1, 2021.



### **Now Enrolling Families for the 2021 – 2022 School Year**



WESD is enrolling kindergarteners for the 2021-2022 school year. We offer some of the lowest teacher to student ratios in the area to ensure that your child receives personalized attention. Our free, full day program includes research-based curriculum that addresses reading, writing, math, science, social studies, physical education and art with plenty of time for exploration and play.

You can learn more about our program, meet our teachers and take virtual tours by visiting [wedschools.org/kindergarten](https://wedschools.org/kindergarten). Please share this information with your friends and neighbors who have children turning five before September 1.

### **WESD Lowering Class Sizes for 2021 – 2022**

Knowing students will have a variety of individual needs next year, the WESD will be lowering class sizes at all grade levels, with an emphasis in our K-2 grade levels. This is to ensure each child gets their individual needs met and to personalize our work with your child. Please share with your friends who may have an interest in what choices the WESD offers.

## DEER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

### Join the DVUSD Team!



Deer Valley Unified School District is looking for extraordinary new team members for teaching and non-teaching positions for this year and next school year.

Full-time staff members receive 24 paid holidays off. Teachers and staff benefits include Arizona State Retirement, dental, vision and life insurance.

To register text the keyword DEERVALLEY to 25000 or contact [Judi.Williams@DVUSD.org](mailto:Judi.Williams@DVUSD.org)

## GLENDALE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

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

Did you know you can reduce your Arizona state income 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. Your generous donation will also go toward supporting GUHSD students, extracurricular programs, community school meal programs and much more. Remember – the deadline to submit your contribution is May 17. For more information and to donate online visit [guhsdaz.org/](http://guhsdaz.org/). To learn more GUHSD news, visit [@GUHSDAZ](https://www.instagram.com/GUHSDAZ).

### Moon Valley High School Advanced Art Students Decorate Sidewalks at Annual Event

Moon Valley High School, a proud member of the Glendale Union High School District, recently held its Annual Sidewalk Art Event. Advanced Art students came to campus to paint the sidewalks in chalk. Moon Valley High School receptionist Tracey Valles says, “Our students and staff love admiring these works, and it's a staple on the Moon Valley campus each year.” Students painted various pieces from a parrot to Disney characters. To learn more Moon Valley High School news, visit [@MoonValleyHighSchoolAZ](https://www.facebook.com/MoonValleyHighSchoolAZ) on Facebook.

### Cortez High School Celebrate Students of the Month

Cortez High School, a proud member of the Glendale Union High School District, celebrated one student from each grade level for April. Freshman Mwashite Efunga, Sophomore Mason Tallman, Junior Luis Andrade, and Senior Ulises Cruz Castro were all chosen by the staff and teachers at Cortez High School. Students honored display academic excellence, strength of character, and service for others. To learn more Cortez High School news, visit [@CortezHighSchoolAZ](https://www.facebook.com/CortezHighSchoolAZ) on Facebook.



## GREAT CHARITIES TO DONATE TO:

### ARIZONA HUMANE SOCIETY

[azhumane.org/get-involved/give-now/](http://azhumane.org/get-involved/give-now/)

**CHILDHELP:** 2120 N. Central Ave. #130, Phoenix 85004

[childhelp.org/](http://childhelp.org/) or call 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:

[phoenixcenterforthearts.org/support/](http://phoenixcenterforthearts.org/support/)

**ANTHEM PETS** Animal Rescue: A Voice for the Voiceless!

[anthempets.org/](http://anthempets.org/) or 480-287-3542.

**ARIZONA PAWS & CLAWS:** [azpawsandclaws.com](http://azpawsandclaws.com)

**FETCH FOUNDATION:** please visit [fetchfoundation.com/Newsflash/the-fido-bag-program](http://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.

Medical Animals In Need [www.medicalanimalsinneed.com](http://www.medicalanimalsinneed.com).

Kelly Ferreira 480-245-9203 President. Together we save lives!

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

[info@minimightymutts.com](mailto:info@minimightymutts.com). Also check out our website at [minimightymutts.com](http://minimightymutts.com) Mini Mighty Mutts is a 501(c) 3 organization. We rescue the underdog!

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

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