



**Sept. 18, 2020**

## **CITY EVENTS**

### **UPCOMING PUBLIC CITY MEETINGS**

- City Council Policy Session – 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22. Please click on the [City Council Meetings](#) link for meeting participation information.
- Workforce and Economic Development Subcommittee – 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23. Please click on the [City Council Meetings](#) link for meeting participation information.
- Zoning and Adjustment Hearing – 9:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24. Please click on the [Notice of Public Meeting](#) link for meeting participation information.

City Council meetings are live on Cox Cable Channel 11 and streamed live on <https://www.phoenix.gov/phxtv> and [facebook.com/cityofphoenix](https://www.facebook.com/cityofphoenix).

To view written or video instructions for meeting participation, please visit <https://www.phoenix.gov/cityclerk/publicmeetings/city-council-meetings>

Past City Council meetings are posted to YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/cityofphoenixaz>.

## **DISTRICT 1 EVENTS:**

### **DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

**There will not be a September Community Breakfast Meeting. Please continue to check here for updates on future District 1 community events.**

## SEPT. 18 STATEMENT FROM COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS ON 2020 CENSUS



We have just 12 days left to respond to the 2020 Census. Arizona currently ranks 45th among states and territories with a total enumeration rate (self-response plus nonresponse follow up) of 88.9%. This means we have just under two weeks to get counted.

A complete count is critical to determining how taxpayer dollars will be returned to communities for the next decade. Undercounts literally translate to lost revenue for much needed programs in our community. Programs such as public safety planning, including police and fire stations; hospitals and healthcare; food assistance programs, help for the homeless; highway planning; construction; public transit; emergency management; education and Head Start; school lunches; disaster response; housing assistance are all funded through census counts.

You also can still respond online, by phone or by mail, simply visit [iCount2020.info](https://iCount2020.info); or call 1-844-330-2020 English, 1-844-468- 2020 Spanish; or respond by mail.

If you have any questions, call my office at 602-262-7444.

National self-response rate: 66.0%  
Arizona self-response rate: 62.9%  
Phoenix self-response rate: 64.5%

### **CITY NEWS & EVENTS:**

#### **PHOENIX COVID-19 TESTING BLITZ: MOBILE VAN TESTING**

**Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020**

Acacia Library  
750 E. Townley Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85020  
Council District 3  
6:45 a.m.– 12:15 p.m.  
Appointments required at: <https://vinceracancer.com>

**Sunday, Sept. 20, 2020**

John F. Long Family Services Center  
3454 N. 51st Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85031  
Council District 5  
6:45 a.m.– 12:15 p.m.  
Appointments required at: <https://vinceracancer.com>



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

# PHOENIX HUMAN SERVICES

## STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

The Strategic Initiatives section's mission is to combat Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Youth Violence, Sex Trafficking and HIV/AIDS through prevention, training, service provision improvement and community awareness. A vast variety of partnerships including advocacy groups, businesses, law enforcement agencies, schools, and medical professionals are utilized to achieve this mission. Please visit [Strategic Initiatives](#) for more information.

## OCTOBER IS NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH PAINT PHOENIX PURPLE

Join us in October as we [Paint Phoenix Purple](#) for Domestic Violence Awareness!

The Paint Phoenix Purple Virtual Run or Walk gives you the chance to join virtually with family, friends, and fellow community members to honor domestic violence survivors, those who have lost their lives due to domestic violence, or, to take a stand against domestic violence.

This virtual event will be held over a 7-day period from Sunday, Oct. 18th through Saturday, Oct. 24th. You choose the location, distance, and the day to participate.

For more information, call 602-292-3415 or email [tammy.rivera@phoenix.gov](mailto:tammy.rivera@phoenix.gov).

**1 in 4 women and  
1 in 9 men in the United  
States will experience  
domestic violence in  
their lifetime**

**Domestic Violence Awareness  
Virtual Run/Walk**

**Sunday, October 18 through Saturday, October 24, 2020**



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AFFECTS ANIMALS

“ My pet gave me a purpose to live on everyday because she needed me. Animals are the only ones to ever show me unconditional love. She saved me from myself.  
-Domestic Violence Survivor ”



## WEBINAR: PROTECTING OUR PETS: ANIMALS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The vast majority of survivors have companion animals who are **critical sources of healing and support**. Survivors who cannot access services that allow for pets may remain in violent situations. As victim service providers, it is **important** to provide a **continuum of services** that support survivors in all aspects of healing, including preserving relationships with pets. This training will provide attendees with information on the intersection between domestic violence, child abuse, and pet abuse.

**OCTOBER 6, 2020 | 10-11AM**

**REGISTER HERE:**

[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/WEBINAR/REGISTER/WN\\_UURK5TZKRE2LVATGQ8NJAO](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UURK5TZKRE2LVATGQ8NJAO)

Questions? Contact [samantha@acesdv.org](mailto:samantha@acesdv.org)



### ATTENDEES WILL LEARN:

Up-to-date statistics and prevalence information about pets and domestic violence

Information about the intersecting dynamics of pet abuse, child abuse, and domestic violence

Abuse tactics involving pets

Strategies to support survivors escaping abuse with their pet

Traumatic implications of pet abuse and domestic violence on adults and children



To register for the Protecting Our Pets webinar, please visit [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_UURK5tzkRE2IVAtGq8njAQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UURK5tzkRE2IVAtGq8njAQ)

For any questions please contact [samantha@acesdv.org](mailto:samantha@acesdv.org)



# PHOENIX STREET TRANSPORTATION

## Street Transportation Pavement Dashboard Earns International Award

The Street Transportation Department's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Team this month earned international recognition by the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA) which annually reviews nominations from organizations using geospatial information systems to improve service delivery. Street Transportation's [Interactive Pavement Maintenance Dashboard](#) was recognized as the Exemplary Systems in Government winner.



To improve the way information about major paving projects is shared with the public, Street Transportation GIS engineers created an interactive pavement maintenance dashboard. This tool, officially launched in July 2019, allows anyone to view near real-time paving and resurfacing treatment information from anywhere with an internet connection, with versions in English and Spanish, desktop and mobile.

The system has proven useful for residents, neighborhood leaders, civic organizations, businesses, and public officials who want to know when or where road rehabilitation work will be taking place. The Street Transportation Department created the system as part of its Accelerated Pavement Maintenance Program which triples the number of streets receiving rehabilitation and maintenance annually through 2023.

URISA described the interactive dashboard saying: “In summary, this is considered to be an outstanding application. It has a very focused purpose and has demonstrated significant ROI ranging from the engagement it has fostered through to the internal government efficiency it has created, as well as spreading the awareness of the power and value of GIS throughout the organization. The application was well thought out and planned, using the right technology and embracing the end-user community and crowd sourcing. It is a great example of GIS not only leading but also changing how municipal business gets done.”

Prior to the launch of the [Interactive Pavement Maintenance Dashboard](#), the Street Transportation Department created a GIS ‘pin drop’ map to crowdsource information on street pavement in need of maintenance. People were able to add points to the map in three categories: potholes, rough roads, and other pavement issues. There was no limit on the number of pins an individual could place and personal information was not required. Nearly 7,300 pin drops were captured through this application.

This community input was then overlaid with objective, scientific data obtained from a van that uses sophisticated instruments to detect pavement condition on the city's nearly 5,000 miles of roads. Street Transportation staff used the combined data to develop the plans for each specific road and treatment type shown on the Interactive Pavement Maintenance Dashboard.

## PHOENIX BUS RAPID TRANSIT

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) development continues and feedback from residents is welcome. [BRT](#) was identified as a key component of T2050 to continue expanding our city's high capacity transit network. Please attend the [BRT Online Meeting](#) to learn more and take the [survey](#) and provide your input today!



## PHOENIX COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Phoenix still accepting applications for Small Business Grants and Microbusiness Resiliency Grants



**[Phoenix Small Business Relief Grants \(Round Two\)](#):** The City of Phoenix, in coordination with the Phoenix IDA, is offering grants up to \$10,000\* to local small businesses experiencing economic distress and sudden loss of revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**[Phoenix Microbusiness Resiliency Grants](#):** The City of Phoenix is offering grants of up to \$5,000\* to local microbusinesses, solo practitioners, and entrepreneurs experiencing economic distress and sudden loss of revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

\*While funding is available; applying for a grant does not guarantee funds will be awarded.

Programs administered by the Arizona Community Foundation.

## KEEP PHOENIX BEAUTIFUL

Keep Phoenix Beautiful in partnership with Phoenix Community Toolbank, Lowe's and the Keep America Beautiful "Trash Dash" is excited to celebrate National CleanUp Day! KPB's program My Beautiful PHX, will be out in full force offering cleanup kits for people to clean and green their communities.

National CleanUp Day is Saturday, Sept. 19th, a day set aside for individuals and organizations to unite for the purpose of reducing litter in their communities. The day is held in conjunction with the Arizona Department of Transportation and Keep America Beautiful.

Each cleanup kit consists of:

- Lowe's bucket
- Trash Grabbers
- Trash Bag
- Gloves
- Face Mask (courtesy of Phoenix Community ToolBank)

The supplies will all be sanitized and available for pickup on Saturday, Sept. 19th from 7:00 a.m. to Noon at Steele Indian School Park just outside of Memorial Hall at 300 E Indian School Road, Phoenix, AZ 85012.

We will have 100 kits available on a first-come, first-serve basis; bags, gloves and masks are available for cleanup organizers to keep. However, any participants that would like to keep their entire cleanup kit may do so with a small donation to KPB. A variety of My Beautiful PHX prizes will be offered too!

For all the details and to sign up, please email [cindy@keepphxbeautiful.org](mailto:cindy@keepphxbeautiful.org).

## EQUAL OPPORTUNITY



The Living the Dream Award recognizes individuals who embody the ideas of Dr. King through their continued personal commitment to human relations and social justice.

If you know someone, including youth, who has made an impact on the quality of life of Phoenix residents, we urge you to nominate them for an award.

The deadline to submit a [nomination form](#) online is 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25. For more information visit [phoenix.gov/eod](http://phoenix.gov/eod) or call 602-534-1279.





# PHOENIX PARKS AND RECREATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation and Human Services Departments are partnering to offer a **FREE** virtual speaker series. For more information or to register visit: [www.phoenix.gov/parks](http://www.phoenix.gov/parks)

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TOPIC	DATE	TIME
Strategies for Optimizing Your Immune Health	Sep 16	6:30p
Child Development: Socio-emotional Development	Sep 21	12:00p
Human Trafficking 101	Sep 28	5:00p
Basic Auto Care and Maintenance	Oct 7	12:00p
Sexual Assault Awareness	Oct 12	5:00p
Sound Relationships	Oct 19	5:00p
Home Gardening 101	Oct 28	6:00p
Balancing Your Blood Sugar	Nov 4	6:30p
Nurturing Fathers	Nov 9	5:00p
Trauma Informed Care	Nov 18	6:00p
NO SESSION: THANKSGIVING WEEK	-	-
Child Development: Helping Boys and Girls Thrive	Nov 30	5:00p



**City of Phoenix**  
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Building healthy communities through parks, programs, and partnerships



**City of Phoenix**  
Human Services Department



## PARKS AND RECREATION VIRTUAL ADVENTURES

The Parks and Recreation Department has shared information about a virtual adventure on Sept. 22 at 11:00 a.m., hosted by partner Daring Adventures.

Join Daring Adventures as they interview Paralympic Athlete and Recreational Therapist, Calahan Young! Calahan is a Goalball player for Team USA will be competing in his first ever Paralympic Games. Calahan will be on talking about how he got into Goalball, his Goalball experiences, Paralympic training, and an inside scoop of how Covid-19 has impacted the Paralympics.

Goalball is the most popular team sport for the blind and visually impaired. The sport originated in 1946 when Austrian Hanz Lorrenzen and German Sett Reindle developed the game as a way to keep blinded WWII veterans physically active. Goalball has since become the premier team sport for blind athletes and is played competitively in 112 countries.

To learn more: <https://www.usaba.org/sports/goalball/>  
Event Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89791674120>

Visit [Parks and Recreation](#) for more information on upcoming [virtual adventures](#).



## HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Each year, National Hispanic Heritage Month is observed from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of our community members from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover the current 30-day period starting on Sept. 15.

The day of Sept. 15 is significant because it is the independence day of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on Sept. 16 and Sept. 18, respectively.



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

This week, City Clerk staff finalized the November 2020 Publicity Pamphlet, which provides information about the candidate races, the Alternative Expenditure Limitation (AEL) ballot measure, and voting options. The pamphlet will be mailed to Phoenix households with a registered voter the week of Sept. 28, 2020.

Phoenix voter registration counts have increased from 764,653 in the August 2019 election to 820,293 to date in 2020. The voter registration deadline for the November Election is Oct. 5.

### **Legislative**

This week, the third and final allocation was announced for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The City of Phoenix is expected to receive \$14,096,369. These funds can be used to provide temporary financial assistance to meet rental obligations for up to six months. The funds are focused toward places with households facing higher risk of eviction, specifically communities with high rates of individuals and businesses in industries with high job loss in states with high unemployment as well as states most at risk for transmission and risk of eviction with higher rates of coronavirus.

Street Transportation staff was awarded a \$17.422 million Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation that will be applied towards the 35th Avenue Safety Corridor Project.

### **Census**

This week, the Census response rate in Phoenix reached 64.2 percent. Last week, Census staff conducted outreach through partnerships with Bashas' Family of Stores, Radio Campesina, First Samoan Congregation Christian Church, Park Lee Apartments, the Salvation Army Food Bank, and neighborhood associations and block watches. Additionally, in collaboration with the City's COVID-19 mobile testing vans, staff conducted outreach at Cartwright School District, Maryvale Community Center, and Perry Park testing sites.

Major business outreach continued this week. To date, 334 businesses across 89 census tracts in all City Council districts have been engaged. Staff provides census flyers and face masks for businesses to share with their customers.

### **Economic Development & Education**

This week, Convention Center staff booked the 2024 National Association of Insurance Commissioners Spring Meeting for March 2024, as well as the 2021 DoDIIS Worldwide Conference in December 2021.

### **Neighborhoods and Livability**

On Sept. 9, Neighborhood Services staff participated in a virtual meeting with Representative Kelli Butler, District 3 staff, and community and business leaders from Sunnyslope and the surrounding area. The meeting was organized to introduce the operators of New Freedom AZ to the community leaders in the area. New Freedom AZ, along with their non-profit partner Gold Canyon Heart & Home, will be opening a behavioral health facility for formerly incarcerated individuals at the former Sheraton Four Points Hotel located east of the I-17 Freeway on Peoria Ave. The former hotel will house a maximum of 370 individuals exiting the prison system and provide them with job training, skills development, mental and behavioral health treatment for 30,

60 or 90 days. Leaders of several neighborhood organizations participated in the meeting to ensure ongoing communication between the operators and the community.

On Sept. 8, Neighborhood Services staff conducted outreach on the "Temporary Halt in Residential Evictions to Prevent the Further Spread of COVID-19" order from the Department of Health and Human Services and the Center for Disease Control. Informational tip sheets and tenant forms created by Community Legal Services were sent to 118 neighborhood organizations.

On Sept. 7, the Arizona Science Center and Heritage Square Foundation's Rosson House Museum reopened to the public. Both organizations have precautionary measures in place, open with limited capacity with additional safety and health guidelines.

Arts and Culture staff published guidelines for the second round of the Coronavirus Relief Fund for Artists and Arts Professionals grant and the NEA CARES Act jobs preservation grant. Both programs opened on Aug. 31 and will accept applications until Sept. 18.

Last week, Arts and Culture staff held three online grant orientations, in English and Spanish, via Webex for the Coronavirus Relief Grant opportunities available. The recordings of the grant orientations have been published on the grant's website.

### **Social Services Delivery**

As of Sept. 10, Human Services staff distributed 349,128 bottles of water to heat relief community partners.

During the week of Sept. 7, staff conducted 2,159 wellness checks and delivered more than 3,025 meals to 605 Senior Center members.

Recently, as part of the Fast Track Cities HIV/AIDS Initiative, Human Services staff coordinated with CAN Community Health to conduct on-site HIV screenings for guests at the Heat Respite Center. Testing will take place Sept. 17 and Sept. 28.

On Sept. 8, Human Services staff hosted a virtual socialization hour for 11 South Mountain Senior Center members. The Mix and Mingle Hour event provided members an opportunity to socialize with friends from the center and discuss various topics to reduce social isolation and uplift the senior center members.

On Sept. 9, Human Services staff coordinated a drive-by birthday parade for a Paradise Valley Senior Center member who celebrated her 100th birthday. More than 50 visitors drove by for the parade, including staff from the Phoenix Police Department.

To date, Library staff has provided curbside pickup services to more than 105,000 customers, with more than 1 million physical library materials circulated by library cardholders.

This week, 92 children and adults shared books, literacy activities, songs and stories, in live online classes led by Library staff.

This week, 131 children and adults attended Kindergarten Bootcamp Online. This interactive seven-session series focuses on the skills needed to help children and their parents prepare for a successful kindergarten

experience. Participants learned about listening skills, following directions, letter and number recognition, and rhyming.

This week, Library staff treated 143 children, ages 3-5 years old, and their caregivers, to stories, games and activities designed to nourish the skills that lead to success in school. By teaching them how to focus, take turns, and think creatively, they will be prepared for school. The program includes basic concept knowledge of colors, numbers, and letters, as well as structured activities.

This week, in partnership with St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance, Library staff served 616 meals to children and teens, ages 18 and under. The Kids Café program is the result of a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture administered by the Arizona Department of Education. Meals are provided Monday through Saturday during curbside pickup hours.

Youth and Education staff have partnered with Housing staff to purchase 150 tablets for the Experience Corps Phoenix (ECPhx) tutoring program. To mitigate the potential for COVID-19 exposure to senior volunteers, ECPhx is pivoting to a virtual format to continue assisting Phoenix schools with providing reading interventions for students who are not reading at grade level. The program's primary goal is to increase academic achievement in 3rd grade reading through one-to-one tutoring sessions by matching students with adult volunteers who are 50 years of age and older.

### **Public Safety**

On Sept. 11, a Police Recruit Written Exam was administered at the Police Regional Academy. The 20 applicants that passed the Written Exam were provided immediate results and invited to submit their AZPOST background packet. The job recruitment remains open for applicants to register for written exams scheduled Sept. 25 and Oct. 17, as well as the ongoing online option.

### **Infrastructure**

This week, Information Technology (IT) staff installed Wi-Fi antennas at 45 sites. Recently, staff produced a GIS-based marketing map showing locations of the installed Wi-Fi and will soon provide metrics and analytics for the connected Wi-Fi devices. IT staff has worked to provide free, public Wi-Fi network coverage outside of 50 total City-owned public facilities daily from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. This project ensures students will have reliable Wi-Fi access for 13 hours a day at libraries, community centers, senior centers, and recreation centers.





## **WEEKEND ALERT: I-17 SOUTH TO CLOSE BETWEEN JOMAX AND DEER VALLEY ROADS**

### **Drivers should avoid area if possible due to closure for paving**

Heavy traffic and delays can be expected this weekend (Sept. 19-21) along southbound Interstate 17 in north Phoenix when the freeway is closed for paving, according to the Arizona Department of Transportation.

Drivers should avoid:

- **Southbound I-17 between Jomax and Deer Valley roads.**
- If possible, consider using alternate routes when the freeway is **closed from 2 a.m. Saturday to 3 a.m. Monday** (Sept. 21).

Consider alternate routes via westbound State Route 74 or eastbound Carefree Highway. Another alternate route for drivers heading to the West Valley is southbound Loop 303, which connects with Interstate 10 west of Sarival Avenue in Goodyear.

Southbound I-17 traffic exiting at Jomax Road will detour east and use southbound 19th Avenue and westbound Deer Valley Road.

Crews are nearing completion of the \$50 million project to reconstruct the I-17 interchanges at Happy Valley and Pinnacle Peak roads. A new top layer of smooth rubberized asphalt will be added along southbound I-17 this weekend. The freeway has been widened in both directions as part of the improvement project.

Northbound I-17 is scheduled to be closed between Deer Valley and Jomax roads the weekend of Sept. 26-28.

The I-17 project has included construction of a diverging diamond interchange at Happy Valley Road, which is scheduled for completion in mid-October.

Real-time highway conditions are available on ADOT's Arizona Traveler Information site at [az511.gov](http://az511.gov) [\[lnks.gd\]](#), by calling 511 and through ADOT's Twitter feed, [@ArizonaDOT](https://twitter.com/ArizonaDOT) [\[lnks.gd\]](#)

### **Happy Valley Road Aesthetic Fence**



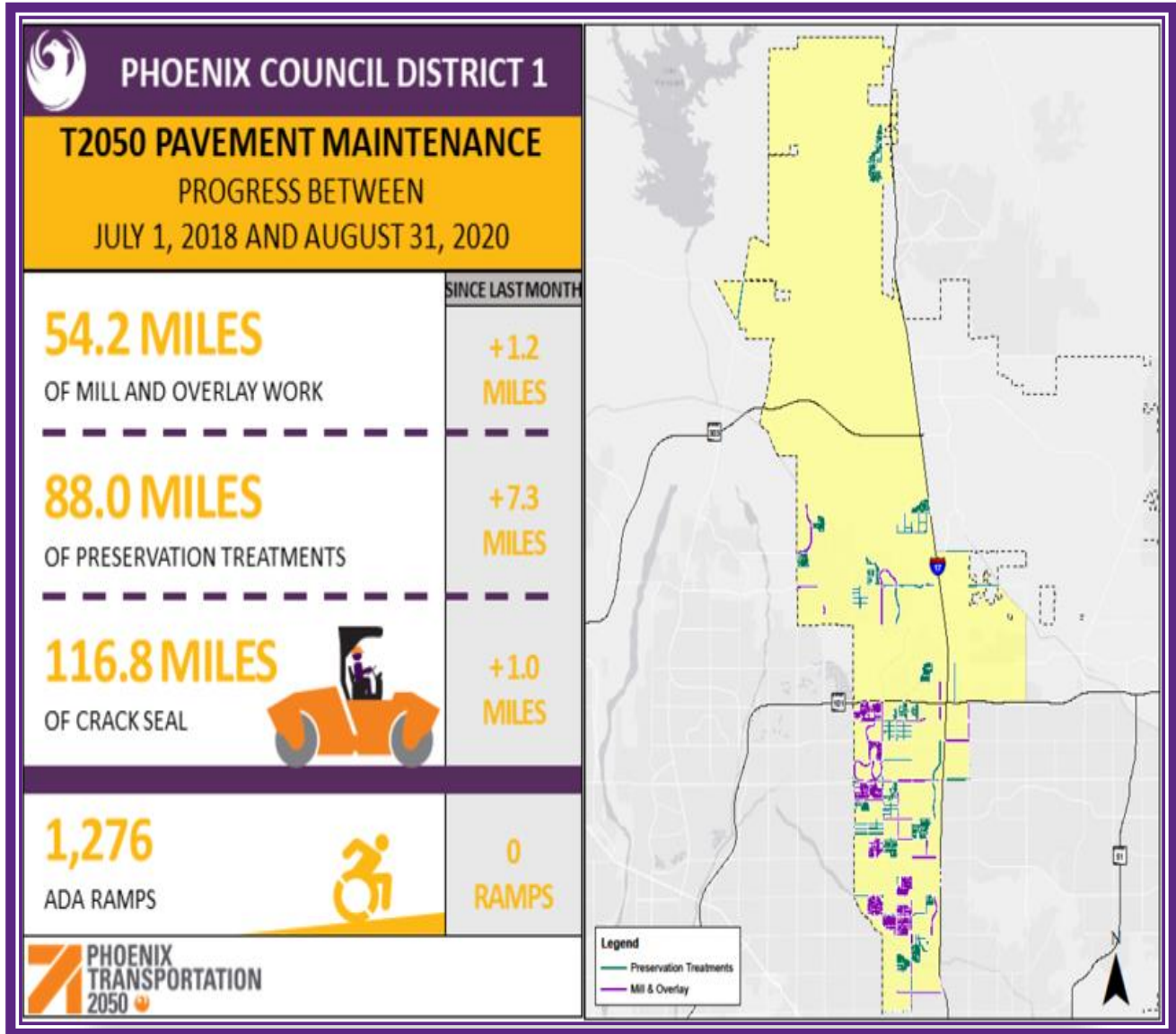
# COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 NEWS AND INITIATIVES

## PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM: JULY 2018 - AUGUST 2020



### D1 PROGRESS REPORT

### D1 PAVEMENT COMPLETED



To view a map of the streets included in the five-year pavement maintenance program approved by City Council, please see the [Pavement Maintenance Dashboard](#).

## UPCOMING PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE

In September, the following streets are scheduled for either a pavement maintenance treatment or work such as crack seal or concrete ramps in preparation for pavement maintenance that will take place later this year.

*Note: Planned street repair locations and work schedules are subject to change.*

TREATMENT TYPE	LOCATION
Mill and Overlay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ROSE GARDEN LN, W/O 27 AVE to E/O 19 AVE</li> <li>• DUNLAP AVE, W/O 35 AVE to BLACK CANYON FRWY</li> <li>• 51 AVE, N/O PINNACLE PEAK RD to S/O HAPPY VALLEY RD</li> </ul>
Preservation Treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ALAMEDA RD / HAPPY VALLEY RD to 51 AVE / 47 AVE</li> <li>• 43 AVE, N/O NORTHERN AVE to S/O DUNLAP AVE</li> <li>• 35 AVE, S/O ALAMEDA RD to 750' N/O HACKAMORE DR</li> <li>• 35 AVE, S/O DEER VALLEY RD to S/O PINNACLE PEAK RD</li> <li>• 43 AVE, N/O ANTHEM WY to END OF ROAD</li> <li>• NEW RIVER RD, MILE MARKER 9 to PHX SIGN / CATTLE GUARD</li> <li>• NEW RIVER RD, MILE MARKER 4 to MILE MARKER 5</li> <li>• PINNACLE VISTA DR, W/O INSPIRATION MOUNTAIN PKWY to E/O PYRAMID PEAK PKWY</li> </ul>
Crack Seal Prep Miles for Future Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PEORIA AVE / CHOLLA ST to 35 AVE / 31 AVE</li> </ul>
ADA Ramp Installations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (n/a)</li> </ul>

### EXAMPLE OF A RECENT PROJECT





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

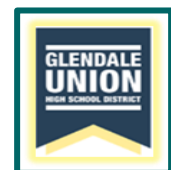
Phoenix Magazine selected *The Great 48 Class of 2020*. The inductees include Valley residents who are "crushing it" in the realms of business, professional sports, the arts, media, philanthropy, etc. **Included in the Great 48: DVUSD's Teacher and Chef, Ryan Mattheis from Barry Goldwater High School!** That is #Extraordinary!



The Teacher: Ryan Mattheis, 30: Culinary Arts Teacher, Barry Goldwater High School

At an age when most kids favor cartoons, Ryan Mattheis was interested in cooking shows. It wasn't until he took a culinary class in high school that he learned he could turn his fascination with food into a career. He went on to study at Scottsdale Culinary Institute, cut his teeth at resorts and restaurants around the Valley, including Binkley's and Elements at Sanctuary on Camelback, and owned his own catering business. Ultimately, he ended up teaching at his alma mater. "At first, it was weird coming back and calling my former teachers by their first names," he admits. "But it's an honor to teach at Goldwater, and I've passed down my skills to students that were in my shoes." Mattheis oversees Avenue 27, the school's student-run restaurant. "I teach a lot of cooking skills, life skills, and career skills," he says. "I also like to teach them how to be a self-advocate, to remain humble, and never stop learning."

## **GLENDALE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**



### **GUHSD Governing Board Virtually Celebrates 2021 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists**

The Glendale Union High School District is proud to recognize two student semifinalists in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program. The semifinalists include Thunderbird High School seniors Keegan Halvorsen and Elliott St. Clair. To celebrate this prestigious milestone in their academic careers, the semifinalists participated in a virtual celebration during the GUHSD Governing Board's regular meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 16. The virtual meeting provided the governing board with the opportunity to learn more about the semifinalists and commend them for this amazing achievement.

Every September, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation selects semifinalists from 1.6 million entrants across the country. Out of the 50,000 students with the highest PSAT/NMSQT Selection Index scores, approximately 16,000 high school students qualify as semifinalists. From the semifinalist's group, some 15,000 students meet the very high academic standards and other requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition. By the conclusion of the 2021 program, about half of the finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the prestigious Merit Scholar title. Winners may receive one of three different types of National Merit Scholarships including the \$2,500 National Merit Scholarship, corporate-sponsored scholarships, and college-sponsored scholarships. Congratulations to GUHSD's 2021 National Merit Semifinalists!



# WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS



## WESD is Hiring!

Are you ready to make a difference by supporting WESD students? Apply now to join the [#WESDFamily](https://www.facebook.com/WESDFamily) as an instructional assistant. We also have openings for crossing guards, custodians, health services technicians, playground/cafeteria monitors.

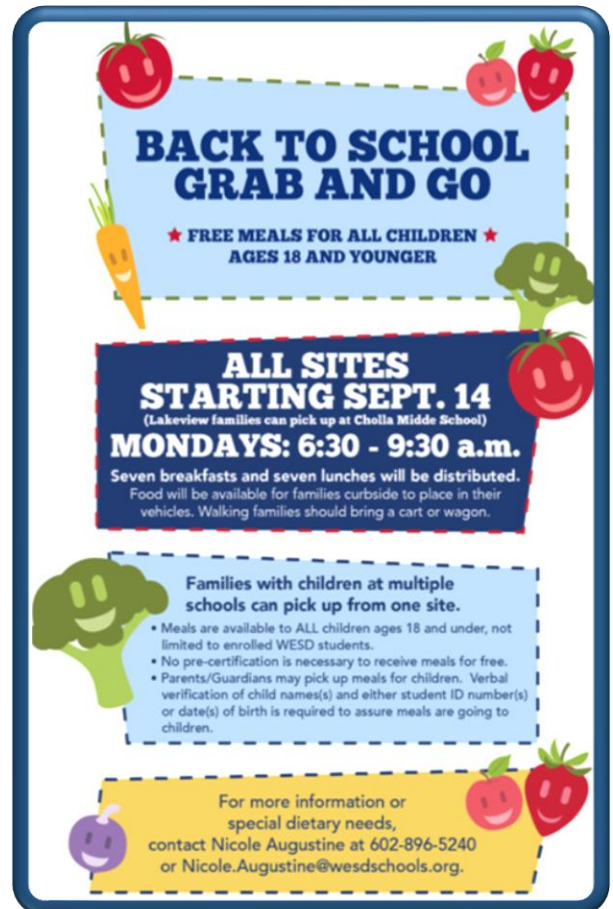
Visit [jobs.wesdschools.org](https://jobs.wesdschools.org) to apply online.

## The USDA selects WESD for Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program



The Washington Elementary School District has been selected to participate in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) for School Year 2020-2021. The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) will work with the WESD to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to students. The goals of the FFVP are to encourage healthier school environments by promoting nutrition education.

Introduce children to fresh fruits and vegetables, to include new and different varieties. Increase overall acceptance and consumption of fresh, unprocessed produce among children and make a difference in children's diets to positively impact their present and future health. The grant will support 19 schools throughout the district including Alta Vista, Arroyo, Cactus Wren, Desert View, Manzanita, Maryland, Moon Mountain, Mountain View, Ocotillo, Orangewood, Richard E. Miller, Roadrunner, Royal Palm Middle, Sahuaro, Shaw Butte, Sunnyslope, Sunset, Tumbleweed, and Washington Elementary.



## GREAT CHARITIES TO DONATE TO:

### ARIZONA HUMANE SOCIETY

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

**CHILDHELP:** 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](http://www.azpawsandclaws.com)

**FETCH FOUNDATION:** please go to the following site: [www.fetchfoundation.com/Newsflash/the-fido-bag-program](http://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](http://www.medicalanimalsinneed.com) 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 [www.minimightymutts.com](http://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](mailto:info@operationcarefoodbank.org).



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