



April 29, 2022

Greetings,

In this newsletter you will find the latest news, announcements, and event details that I want to share with you:

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As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office with questions, comments, or concerns at (602) 262-7441 or council.district.3@phoenix.gov.

Respectfully,

Debra Stark
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City of Phoenix
[Council District 3](#)





City Council Chambers Reopen to Public for In-Person Attendance

Virtual Attendance Options Still Available

Phoenix City Council Meetings will become even more accessible as Council Chambers reopen to in-person, public attendance. Starting on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, members of the public will have three attendance and public comment options to choose from:

- Attending and speaking in person
- Attending and speaking by phone
- Attending and speaking virtually via Webex

Meeting agendas are generally posted the Thursday before each meeting. Finding the appropriate agenda and item number ahead of time will simplify the process of registering to speak at City Council Meetings. Each method of attending has a deadline for registering to speak, as explained in the [PHX Newsroom](#).

The City of Phoenix remains committed to making all Council meetings easily accessible for everyone. For more information on speaking at a City Council meeting or attending virtually or by phone, [watch the how-to videos](#) listed on the public meetings page of phoenix.gov.

Free COVID-19 Testing, At-Home Test Kits, Masks

The COVID-19 Mobile Testing Vans will be in District 3 providing free testing. Free at-home COVID-19 test kits (limit two per person) and KN95 masks are also available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

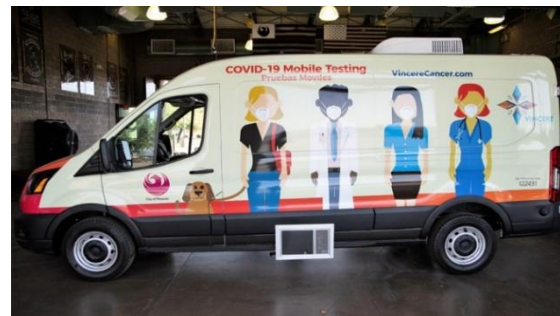
Wednesday, May 4

Mobile Van #2. Roadrunner Park
3502 E Cactus Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85032
1 - 7 p.m.

Register: premierlabsolutions.com/covid-19/phoenix

Friday, May 13

Mobile Van #1. Roadrunner Park
3502 E Cactus Road, Phoenix, AZ 85032



7:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Register: vinceracancer.com

Saturday, May 14

Mobile Van #2. Shadow Mountain Senior Center
3546 E. Sweetwater Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85032
7 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Register: premierabsolutions.com/covid-19/phoenix

Friday, May 27

Mobile Van #1. Shadow Mountain Senior Center
3546 E. Sweetwater Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85032
7:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Register: vinceracancer.com

COVID-19 Vaccinations are also available at select events. For all testing and vaccination events, visit phoenix.gov/covidtesting.

May 1 – Fire Ban in Desert Parks and Preserves Begins

The Parks and Recreation Department is putting into effect their annual ban of open fires in the city’s desert parks and mountain preserves starting May 1.

Smoking and charcoal fires are included in the ban due to the extreme fire danger. The ban applies to Camelback Mountain, Deem Hills Recreation Area, Lookout Mountain, Papago Park, Phoenix Mountains Park and Recreation Area, Phoenix Mountains Preserve, Phoenix Sonoran Preserve, North Mountain Park, Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area, and South Mountain Park/Preserve.

The ban does not apply to the city’s flatland parks.

For those using city’s desert parks and preserve land, the fire ban stipulates:

- Open wood and charcoal fires are prohibited
- Propane or gas grills may be used, but only in established picnic areas
- Smoking outside enclosed vehicles is always prohibited
- Fireworks are always prohibited.



More info: phoenix.gov/parks

May 3 - Sky Harbor Airport Job Fair



Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport is hosting a job fair on **May 3 from noon to 4 p.m.** to fill hundreds of

available positions. Available jobs include customer service agents, drivers, sales associates, and security. Benefits vary by each company, but may include health, insurance and retirement options, retention bonuses, employee assistance programs and sign-on bonuses.

The event will take place at the 44th Street PHX Sky Train® Station located at 44th and Washington streets. The station is easily accessible by bus and Valley Metro Rail and transit pass will be offered to attendees. Parking is also available. No preregistration is required to attend the event. Facial coverings are required.

Additional Sky Harbor job fairs will take place June 7, July 12, and August 2.

More info: skyharbor.com/jobs/jobfair

May 12 - Free Fitness Series Begins at Rose Mofford Park

The Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department is offering a new full-body 1-hour circuit training class for all ages and abilities!

Classes May 12 - June 27 (no class on June 2 and June 6)
Mondays and Thursdays
6 – 7 p.m.
Rose Mofford Sports Complex (outdoors)
9833 N. 25th Ave.

Pre-registration is required for each of the free classes.

For more information and to register, visit phoenix.gov/fitphx.

Questions: Please contact 602-262-6864 or fitphx@phoenix.gov.



May 19 – District 3 Community Coffee Chat

Mark your calendars! Join us for our District 3 Community Coffee Chat on Thursday, May 19 at the Shadow Mountain Senior Center:

Staff from the Human Services Department will join us to give an overview of the city's Strategic Initiatives. These strategic initiatives include awareness and prevention campaigns on Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, Teen Dating Violence, and HIV/AIDS.



Thursday, May 19
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
Shadow Mountain Senior Center
3546 E. Sweetwater Ave.

Coffee and pastries will be provided!

Let us know you're coming. RSVP to council.district.3@phoenix.gov or 602-262-7441.

Pool Openings, Swim Lesson Schedule Announced

The City of Phoenix announced it will open 14 pools and offer swim lessons for the 2022 pool season.

This year, the Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department will open the following 14 pools: **Coronado, Cortez, Deer Valley, El Prado, Encanto, Harmon, Hermoso, Maryvale, Paradise Valley, Pecos, Perry, Roosevelt, Starlight, and Sunnyslope Pools.**



Opening day for the City's 14 pools is **May 28**, and will be open during the following 2022 dates:

- May 28-30 (Memorial Day weekend)
- June 4 - July 31
- August 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, and 28*

- September 3, 4, and 5*

***Select Pools to Stay Open on Weekends through Labor Day**

Additionally, Cortez, El Prado, Encanto, Harmon, Maryvale, Paradise Valley, Perry and Sunnyslope pools will be open on weekends from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. through Labor Day. All other pools close on July 31.

In March 2022, the Parks and Recreation Department announced a \$2,500 hiring incentive for all certified aquatics staff who work the entire summer and finish in good standing. Eligible lifeguards and management staff will receive \$500 in incentive pay on the first paycheck, and a one-time payment of \$2,000 at the end of the season. After closing pools in the 2020 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in 2021, only 12 of the City's 29 pools were able to open due to significant decline in lifeguard retention.

Swim Lessons

Additionally, registration for swim lessons will begin **at noon on Thursday, May 12**. Thanks to a \$10,000 donation from the Arizona Diamondbacks, a select number of swim lessons will be provided at a discounted rate. [Register online for swim lessons](#).

Find more information about specific pool and office hours, call 602-534-6587 or email aquatics.pks@phoenix.gov.

Drowning Zero Campaign

Drowning Zero is the City of Phoenix vision to reduce the number of both adult and pediatric drownings in our city to zero. We can achieve this through community education, rapid emergency response, and preventative action.

If you find someone in trouble in the water, follow these steps:

- Yell for help and pull the person out of the water.
- Call 9-1-1 immediately! Stay on the line.
- Begin CPR.

If you are not trained, follow the instructions from the 9-1-1 operator until help arrives.

How to prevent drowning:

- Use an approved barrier to separate the pool from the house.
- NEVER allow children to be alone near a pool or any water source. This includes bathtubs, buckets, toilets, ponds, and canals.
- Have life-saving devices near the pool, such as a hook, pole, or flotation device.
- Keep large objects such as tables, chairs, tricycles, or ladders away from pool fences.

- NEVER leave children unattended in or around a pool. ALWAYS have a designated child watcher.
- Do not allow children to play in the pool area. Store all toys outside of the pool area.
- If you leave the pool area, take the child or children with you.

Pool Safety Tips:

- Learn to swim.
- Never swim alone.
- Never swim under the influence of alcohol or medications.
- Never swim when you hear thunder or see lightning.
- Never dive into an unfamiliar body of water.
- Learn CPR.



More info: phoenix.gov/fire/safety-information/home/water

FY 2022-23 Budget Process

Each year, the City is required to pass a balanced budget. The City held 11 virtual budget hearings in April to gather public input.

On May 17, the City Manager will present his budget and the City Council will

provide policy guidance. Residents can still submit e-comments and register to speak for the item.

In June, the Tentative and Final budgets are presented to the Council, and the 5-year Capital Improvement Program is adopted.

In July, the City Council adopts the property tax rates and property tax levies specified in the budget.

Heat Relief Volunteer Opportunities



The City of Phoenix is gearing up for another warm summer, filled with heat relief outreach. Volunteer and help be an advocate spreading awareness on heat-related issues.

We're Cool volunteers engage community members in public spaces. Volunteers provide maps to cooling and hydration stations and health-related summer safety information. Outreach will be focused on our underserved communities, transit locations, and parks and trailheads throughout Phoenix.

Cool Callers volunteers call community members who opt into the program at regular intervals during the summer, with a focus on days with National Weather Service Excessive Heat Warnings in effect. Volunteers conduct short questionnaires to assess residents' health and safety and their ability to access sufficient cooling at home and in their neighborhood. Where necessary, volunteers can help guide residents to City and regional resources related to home cooling and heat safety.

More info: volunteer.phoenix.gov

Juneteenth Oral History and Documentary Project

Call for stories, memories, photographs and more by May 15

Following the establishment of Juneteenth as a federal holiday in 2021 and reaffirming the city's ongoing commitment to honoring African American history in our own community, the City of Phoenix Commissions of Arts and Culture and Human Relations are producing an oral history documentary project celebrating Juneteenth in Phoenix.

As a community project, your input is a valuable part of the process, and we need your help finding residents to share stories, memories, photos or memorabilia for this project. The Phoenix Juneteenth oral history project is open to any resident of Phoenix. You can nominate friends, family members, elders, community leaders—even yourself.

To nominate yourself or someone else for this project, you can submit a nomination through an online form. You can also call (602) 262-4637, email arts.culture@phoenix.gov, or send a letter to the Juneteenth Project courtesy of the City of Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture, 10th Floor, 200 W. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85013.

By having residents share their memories of Juneteenth celebrations around the city and what the holiday means to them, we'll continue to grow this national day of pride in Phoenix. The deadline is **May 15, 2022**.

District 3 Street Transportation Department Updates

This report from the Street Transportation Department covers the period from February 25 through March 31 in District 3.

Street Right-of-Way Landscape Maintenance

Crews maintained the landscaped areas within the street right-of-way listed below. This work typically includes weed and trash removal and landscape pruning. This



helps provide a safe environment for the public and enhances the image of the city's streets. For more information about the street right-of-way landscape maintenance program, visit phoenix.gov/streets/ROWlandscape.

- 40th St. and Shea Blvd.
- Tatum Blvd. and Shea Blvd.
- 36th St. and Cactus Rd.
- 40th St. and Thunderbird Rd.

Roadway Repair Work

Street maintenance crews completed significant roadway repairs at 28th St. and Thunderbird Rd.

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 these locations:

- Tatum Blvd. and Cholla St.
- 9th Ave., Cochise Dr. to North Ln.
- 23rd Dr. and Greenway Rd.

ADA Curb Ramp Retrofit

These projects include the removal and replacement of non-ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant curb ramps, damaged concrete curb, gutter, valley gutters, and aprons or sidewalks, and the installation of new ADA compliant curb ramps citywide. Newly compliant ADA ramps were installed in these areas:

- Cave Creek Rd. to 32nd St., Thunderbird Rd. to Greenway Rd.
- 19th Ave. to 7th Ave., Northern Ave. to Dunlap Ave.





Paving Season in Full Swing

Paving season began at the beginning of March with the first mill and overlay project in the area bounded by Butler Dr. to Dunlap Ave. and 7th Ave. to Central Ave.

From July 1, 2018, to March 31, 2022, crews have completed the following work:

- 102.3 miles of mill and overlay work
- 129.2 miles of preservation treatments
- 173.8 miles of crack seal
- 2,610 ADA ramps

To view planned or completed street maintenance, visit the interactive

pavement maintenance dashboard at phoenix.gov/pavement.

2023 General Obligation Bond Program - Subcommittee Members Needed

The City of Phoenix is working on identifying unfunded capital needs in preparation for a potential 2023 General Obligation Bond Program. The City of Phoenix will assemble a committee to evaluate and prioritize proposed projects for Council consideration tentatively scheduled for December 2022.

The City is looking for interested members of the public to join subcommittees to evaluate and prioritize projects and ask staff questions or for information to ultimately recommend projects for an Executive Committee to review. The Executive Committee will then evaluate those recommended projects to develop a final list of prioritized projects that are within the total scope of the bond program to recommend to the City Council for approval.

Committee meetings and activity are anticipated from August through December 2022, with approximately four to six meetings required for each member, dependent upon the committee assignment. Prospective members must be prepared to prioritize attendance at scheduled meetings to ensure quorum.

There will be an Executive Committee consisting of a Chair, Vice Chair, At-Large Members, and the Chairpersons of each subcommittee for a total of 15 members. There will be eight subcommittees with nine members each.

Subcommittees:

1. Public Safety
2. Streets & Storm Drainage

3. Parks & Recreation
4. Neighborhood & City Services
5. Housing & Human Services
6. Environment & Sustainability
7. Arts & Culture
8. Economic Development & Education

Any residents and stakeholders who are interested in serving on these committees should send an email to bond.committee.app@phoenix.gov with the following:

- Name
- Phone Number
- Email Address
- Resume (No more than one page)
- Brief statement explaining the interest in the committee (maximum 50 words)
- List of Subcommittees of interest

Members will be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council at the June 1, 2022, Formal Council meeting. Completed applications will be accepted through **May 20, 2022**.

HUD Awards Phoenix Millions to Identify and Control Lead-Based Hazards in Homes

The Office of Government Relations is proud to announce that the Neighborhood Services Department was awarded a \$4.7 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes program. This is the largest grant amount the City of Phoenix has been awarded for this competitive program. These funds provide state and local governments the ability to develop cost effective ways to reduce lead-based paint hazards.



With these grant funds, Neighborhood Services will inspect homes across the City of Phoenix for lead, conduct health and safety assessments, and address hazards from the home, such as lead paint. These funds are valuable tools in the fight to remove lead-based paint hazards from low- and moderate-income homes built prior to 1978, with children under six years of age and pregnant women. While there is no cost to participate in the program, there are eligibility requirements that must be met:

- The home must be constructed prior to 1978.

- A child less than 6 years of age or a pregnant woman must live in the home, or there must be a child less than 6 years of age who spends a significant amount of time in the home (as defined by HUD).
- The home must be in one of the zip codes identified as being at high-risk for lead poisoning.

To learn more about the program and to enroll, please call 602-534-4444 or email leadsafephoenix@phoenix.gov.

Healthy Giving Council

The Healthy Giving Council was formed by a coalition of concerned citizens, faith leaders, social service providers, neighborhood stakeholders, businesses, local government, and individuals with lived experience of homelessness to promote healthy and sustainable giving. They serve as a resource to help connect people to healthy ways to give and to encourage year-round giving.

Healthy Giving Council meetings are held every third Thursday at 12 p.m. virtually. If you would like to join, please email GiveSmartAZ@gmail.com for the link.

Learn more: [Healthy Giving Council \(givesmartaz.org\)](http://givesmartaz.org).

HEALTHY GIVING CAN CHANGE A LIFE

GiveSmartAZ.Org

More Than A Meal

Healthy Giving Starts Here, It Starts With You.

Support Organizations Working to End Homelessness

VOLUNTEERING



Volunteer to prepare and serve meals at a licensed community kitchen to encourage safe in-house dining versus street feeding.

EMPOWERING



Provide local food banks with donations of nonperishable food items, bottled water, as well as toiletries to aid organizations' efforts.

DONATING



Make financial contributions to support professional outreach teams trained to work with individuals in crisis on the street.

To learn more about healthy giving and search for healthy giving opportunities that can change a life. Visit www.GiveSmartAZ.org