



December 28, 2021

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](mailto:council.district.3@phoenix.gov).

Respectfully,

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



# FREE COVID-19 Testing & Vaccinations

Select events now also offer COVID-19 vaccinations! For testing and vaccine opportunities citywide, visit [phoenix.gov/covidtesting](https://phoenix.gov/covidtesting).

## Mobile Van #1

Offers antigen and antibodies test. [Read More](#).

## Mobile Van #2

Offers antigen results in 15 minutes and PCR with results within 24 hours. [Read More](#).

## Walk-Up/Drive-Up Sites

Offers PCR test with results in 24 hours.



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## January 20 – District 3 Virtual Community Coffee Chat

Mark your calendars! Our District 3 Virtual Community Coffee Chat is **January 20**. Staff from the Police Department will join us to provide information about the [Department of Justice conducting a Civil Pattern or Practice inquiry](#) into the Phoenix Police Department and will discuss how the community can provide feedback.



**Thursday, January 20**  
**6 p.m.**

Meeting link:

<https://cityofphoenix.webex.com/cityofphoenix/j.php?MTID=ma41f52699a0a811ba97a21a685a00973>

Join by phone:

+1-415-655-0001 US Toll

Access code: 2455 711 2795

Let us know you're joining. RSVP to [council.district.3@phoenix.gov](mailto:council.district.3@phoenix.gov) or 602-262-7441.

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# Outstanding Phoenix Youth Leader of the Year Program Accepting Applications

The city of Phoenix Youth and Education Office is now accepting applications for the 2022 Outstanding Phoenix Youth Leader of the Year awards.

The awards recognize and honor the outstanding achievements of young people, enhance the perception of youth, and raise community awareness of their positive contributions.

This awards program is open to any students currently enrolled in high school in Phoenix or who live within Phoenix city limits. Two students will be selected as winners from each city council district and receive an award of \$500. In addition, each district-level winner will be eligible for an additional \$1,500 award if they are selected as the citywide winners.

Students interested in applying will need to write an essay, submit a recommendation letter, and submit proof of legal residence in the United States. Finalists will be interviewed by members of the community. District award winners will be invited to a luncheon sponsored by Rotary 100 and Salt River Project (SRP) where the citywide award winners will be announced.

Eligible students can apply [online](#) before **5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, 2022.**



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## Youth Ambassador Exchange Program Accepting Applications

After a two-year program suspension due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Phoenix Sister Cities is accepting applications for the Youth Ambassador Exchange Program in 2022. The Youth Ambassador Exchange Program is a life-changing opportunity for students to become part of a global community, learn about different cultures, and make great friends from around the world!

Phoenix 10th and 11th graders selected to take part in Youth Ambassador Exchange Program 2022 will, pandemic permitting, travel to one of Phoenix's 11 sister cities where they will live with host families for three weeks in June. In July, they return to Phoenix with a "brother" or "sister" from their host family for a full three weeks of activities focused on American culture and customs.

In 2019, five District 3 residents traveled to Phoenix sister cities as Youth Ambassadors. Alina Boorse, a graduate of North Phoenix Prep Academy, represented Phoenix in Ennis, Ireland. Monica Brody, a graduate of Thunderbird High School and a recipient of Phoenix's Outstanding Young Woman of the Year Award, traveled to Himeji, Japan. Chenoa Covington graduated from Shadow Mountain High School and served as a Youth Ambassador to Hermosillo, Mexico. Margret Fitzsimons represented Sunnyslope High School in Grenoble, France. Talia Sugden traveled to Taipei, Taiwan.

Do you know a Phoenix sophomore or junior who would like to represent Phoenix next summer? Applications are open through **January 9, 2022**. Scholarships are available! Students and parents can learn more about the program at [phoenixsistercities.org/youth-ambassador](http://phoenixsistercities.org/youth-ambassador).



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## District 3 Street Transportation Department Updates

### 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](http://phoenix.gov/streets/ROWlandscape).

- 32nd St. and Greenway Rd.
- Tatum Blvd. and Cactus Rd.
- 7th St. and Greenway Pkwy.
- 36th 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 the following locations:



- Greenway Pkwy., 3rd Ave. to Cave Creek Rd.
- 822 E. Joan de Arc Ave.
- 36th St. and Sweetwater Ave.
- 14th Pl. and Pointe Golf Club Dr.



### **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 along 33rd St. to 36th St. from Cochise Rd. to Shea Blvd.

### **Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Alley Dust Proofing**

This ongoing project from Peoria Ave. to Deer Valley Rd. and 39th Ave. to 44th St. will provide dust proofing measures to 26 miles of alleys within the city limits. The work will include spraying pre-herbicide, grubbing, grading, installing binder and pre-coated aggregates, adjusting existing sanitary sewer manholes and minor drainage improvements.



### **End of the 2021 Paving Season**

Paving season began back in March and ended in November. Citywide, 518 miles received paving treatments in 2021 (including all pavement treatments completed as part of the Accelerated Pavement Maintenance Program). Additionally, 3,724 pedestrian ramps were upgraded to current ADA standards to meet federal requirements. This could not be accomplished without the skillful work of contractors and staff from multiple sections within this department. Paving will resume in spring 2022.

To find out which streets are included in the five-year pavement maintenance program, visit the Pavement Maintenance Dashboard: [phoenix.gov/pavement](https://phoenix.gov/pavement).

## **Phoenix Road Safety Action Plan**

To improve safety for all users of Phoenix's roadways, the City of Phoenix is investing in a comprehensive Road Safety Action Plan that will further the city's current efforts and provide a framework and key strategies for safety enhancements citywide.

To develop the plan, staff will conduct a comprehensive evaluation of data and current conditions. The plan will consider the 4 E's: Evaluation, Engineering, Education, and Enforcement.

The Street Transportation Department is currently facilitating the public engagement phase of the process. Community members are encouraged to provide input that will help shape the plan by taking an [online interactive survey](#) that is available in English and Spanish.



More information:  
[phoenix.gov/streets/roadsafety](http://phoenix.gov/streets/roadsafety).



**District 3 will be hosting a virtual meeting on Tuesday, February 1 at 6 p.m. Virtual information to follow.**

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## SHAPE PHX to Launch Early 2022

*Planning and Development Department replacing applications system for more seamless, efficient service*



The city of Phoenix Planning & Development Department (PDD) will be replacing its primary business applications including the Electronic Plan Review (EPR) system and PDD Online services with a new system called SHAPE PHX.

SHAPE PHX will give internal and external users the opportunity to communicate more seamlessly and efficiently regarding all planning, plan review, permitting and inspections related matters as it brings all PDD's business processes into one integrated system.

As part of PDD's continued efforts to improve the online experience, some of the challenges that will be addressed with the new system include the following:

- Use of multiple systems
- Lack of communication between multiple applications
- Excess time it takes to submit a project

The new SHAPE PHX Customer Portal will be available 24/7 and will allow users to perform the following functions from any location:

- Submit applications
- Check plan review status
- Send messages to staff
- Request meetings with staff

- Upload documents
- Use a modernized, integrated Electronic Plan Review via Bluebeam®
- Request inspections
- Pay fees online

PDD's goal is to continue expanding its online community by providing users with the latest technology to assist them with the city of Phoenix development process.

For more information about the SHAPE PHX project, watch this [video](#) and visit [Planning and Development SHAPE PHX](#). If you have any questions, email the SHAPE PHX Operational Change Management team at [shapephx@phoenix.gov](mailto:shapephx@phoenix.gov).

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## Gila River Indian Community Awards over \$1 Million to City Departments



The Office of Government Relations is proud to announce that several City of Phoenix departments and local nonprofits were awarded tribal gaming grants from the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC). The Office of Government Relations coordinates the 12% tribal gaming grant application process on behalf of city departments and nonprofits. GRIC awarded \$1,166,950 to six different city programs and \$1,349,523 to 19 local nonprofits, totaling \$2,516,473 in funds to the community.

Grant awards from GRIC to city departments include the following:

- \$203,601 to the Neighborhood Services Department for the Love Your Block Project. The project will heighten neighborhood, business, and community engagement.
- \$289,356 to the Office of Environmental Programs for the Seed Abundance and Growing Our Future program. The program will provide equipment and training for consumers located in food deserts to grow their own food and develop new urban farmers resulting in improved health, reduced food insecurity and increased economic opportunities.
- \$20,100 to the Parks and Recreation Department for the Pueblo Grande Museum Outdoor Exhibit Renovations. Funding will renovate two outdoor exhibit areas, reconstructed pit houses and the demonstration archeological dig site.
- \$299,850 to the Public Transit Department for the Bus Shelter Safety Lighting Project. Funding will expedite and improve lighting systems for transit bus shelters to provide and improve customer experience and increased public safety for the transit-dependent populations in Phoenix.
- \$85,000 to the Public Transit Department for the Electric Vehicle Charging Stations. Funding will be used to purchase and install six electric vehicle charging stations in a city-owned parking garage.

- \$269,043 to the Phoenix Police Department for the Officer Safety Package program. Funding will provide additional night vision goggles and protective equipment needed to effectively protect officers and residents.

This is the first time GRIC has selected several city departments for funding. For more information on grants, please call 602-262-1833 or visit the Phoenix Government Relations Office website: [phoenix.gov/governmentrelations](http://phoenix.gov/governmentrelations).

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## Micro and Small Business Grants Available for Phoenix Businesses

Micro and Small Businesses in the City of Phoenix may be eligible to receive grants for up to \$15,000. The grant funds can be used for any business expense categorized by the Internal Revenue Service as a “deductible expense.” Past grant recipients have used funds for payroll, company rent or mortgage payments, insurance, inventory, and utilities.



Applications will be accepted until **April 15, 2022**, unless all grant funds are awarded prior to this deadline.

To learn about grant eligibility requirements and free application assistance, visit [www.phoenix.gov/PhxBizGrants](http://www.phoenix.gov/PhxBizGrants).

Free application assistance is available to eligible applicants from our partner, Local First Arizona. Please contact their office at 602-777-7636 and [phoenixgrants@localfirst.com](mailto:phoenixgrants@localfirst.com).

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## Drought Pipeline Construction

Construction on the 66-inch pipeline is underway and schedule to be complete in early 2023. The pipeline project that will connect to the new pump station on 31st Street south of Bell Road also began last fall. Construction for the rehabilitation/replacement 48-inch pipeline is complete. This pipeline was repaired/replaced to avoid failure of the pipe, which carries 35 million gallons of tap water a day to North Phoenix.



To help keep community members updated on construction updates and alerts, the city has launched the Pipeline Project mobile app. The free app is now available for download on your iPhone or Android's app store.

Project questions or comments?

Call: 602-235-2666

Email: [WaterWorks@Phoenix.gov](mailto:WaterWorks@Phoenix.gov)

Sign up to receive updates on [phoenix.gov/droughtpipeline](http://phoenix.gov/droughtpipeline).



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*News from Glendale Union High School District:*

## Thunderbird High School Club Cleans Up Joe Clements Trail

Service in excellence continues at Thunderbird High School as the Outdoors Club conducted its quarterly service project of cleaning up trash along the Joe Clements Trail. The Joe Clements Trail is named after one of the founders of the Outdoors Club. The trail leads to the "T" Butte summit trail immediately north of the school.

To learn more about Thunderbird High School, visit [@ThunderbirdHighSchoolAZ](https://www.facebook.com/ThunderbirdHighSchoolAZ) on Facebook.



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## Public Meetings

### City Council Meetings

Online: [Phoenix City Council Meetings](http://phoenix.gov/council)

- [More Information about City Council Meetings](#)
- You can watch meetings on Phoenix Channel 11 and online at [phoenix.gov/phxtv](http://phoenix.gov/phxtv)
- Please visit our [Public Records Search](#) page for an official copy of the minutes
- Subscribe to the [City Council Meeting Materials](#) List Serve
- 2022 Council Meeting Schedule: [2022 City Council Meetings Calendar.pdf](#) ([phoenix.gov](http://phoenix.gov))
- [Map - City of Phoenix Council Members and District Boundaries](#)

## **Public Meeting Notices**

Online: [Public Meeting Notices](#)

This webpage includes notices of meetings of the City of Phoenix City Council, Council subcommittees, all city boards, commissions, and committees.