



May 24, 2019

Greetings from Councilwoman Stark,

Below you will find the latest news, announcements and event details that I want to share with you, including details on our next Community Coffee Chat, Phoenix public pools opening, and where kids can receive free meals this summer.

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,

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June 26 – Community Coffee Chat at North Mountain Visitor Center

Mark your calendars! Please join us Wednesday, June 26 at the North Mountain Visitor Center (12950 N. 7th St.) from 8 – 9:30 a.m. We will be meeting in the Education Room.

Mayor Kate Gallego will be our guest speaker to share with us her vision for Phoenix, as well as information on two initiatives on the August ballot pertaining to pension reform and light rail.



It's also an opportunity to meet your community action officers and neighborhood specialists and ask questions.

The community coffee chat is free and open to everyone. Please kindly RSVP to council.district.3@phoenix.gov so we know how many people to expect.

We hope to see you there!



Kids Cafe – FREE Lunches for Kids During Summer

St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance is offering FREE lunch to kids during the summer. Through their Kids Cafe program, they are collaborating with schools, community centers, health clinics, etc. to fill a need for many kids.

Kids Cafe currently provides 6,000 meals daily at more than 130 sites throughout Arizona! Below is information on sites within District 3. Please check out their Facebook [page](#) for a full list of sites citywide.

- Acacia Library: 750 E. Townley Ave.
5/22-8/04, Tuesday - Saturday, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
- Crestview Prep: 2616 E. Greenway Rd.
6/03-6/28, Monday - Friday, 11:30 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.
- Juniper Library: 1825 W. Union Hills Dr.
5/24-8/06, Tuesday – Thursday, 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- Mountain View Community Center: 1104 E. Grovers Ave.
5/22-8/02, Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

- Native Community Health Center: 2423 W. Dunlap Ave. #140
5/28-8/02, Monday – Friday, 11:15 a.m. – 3 p.m.
 - Saratoga Ridge Apartments: 1450 E. Bell Rd. #1121
6/3-7/25, Monday - Friday, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
 - MIHS-Sunnyslope: 934 W. Hatcher Rd.
5/28-8/01, Monday – Friday, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
 - North17: 9601 N. 17th Ave.
5/28-8/02, Monday, Wednesday-Friday, 11am-1pm
 - Paradise Shadows Apartments: 16035 N. 27th St.
6/03-7/03, Monday – Thursday, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
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Phoenix Public Pools Open May 29

If you're looking to swim, exercise or just keep cool this summer, the City of Phoenix has 29 pools open to the public during the summer months.

The pools are open six days a week from June 1 to July 28 (closed Fridays). From August through Labor

Day (Sept. 2), 11 pools (Cortez, El Prado, Encanto, Falcon, Hermoso, Maryvale, Paradise Valley, Pecos, Perry, Sunnyslope and Washington) will be open only on weekends.

Splashpads are another option for the kids to cool down now through October 1. Phoenix splashpads are located in Altadena, Civic Space, Dust Devil, Edison, Francisco Highland, Mountain Vista, Nuestro, Pecos and Trailside Point parks.

The Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department partners with various organizations to provide safe and healthy alternatives to youth age 17 and younger. The Kool Kids program provides **FREE** open swim admission to youth at select city of Phoenix pools.

Registration for 2019 swimming lessons and aquatics programs is open. Visit phoenix.gov/parks/pools for more info.

Summer Recreation & Activities



This summer, keep your kids active and entertained while away from school on summer break. The City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department and Phoenix Public Library offer a variety of programs citywide for youths and adults.

Parks and Recreation Summer Programs

Whether you'd like to learn to dance ballet or hip hop, participate in a new sport like fencing or gymnastics, try a cooking class, or join a summer basketball or tennis league—there's something for everyone.

Registration is open for 2019 summer programs and swimming lessons. Sign up today by visiting <https://apm.activecommunities.com/phoenix/Home>.

codePHX

Keep your kids learning this summer while having fun. The codePHX initiative provides FREE interactive classes in coding, robotics and 3D modeling for youth ages 4 to 17. Classes are offered at locations citywide to introduce tomorrow's leaders to the fundamentals of computer coding. Through activities, apps and games, children will learn the fundamentals of coding while also building their confidence to problem solve and think creatively.



For more information, visit <https://www.phoenix.gov/parks/classes-and-programs/codephx>



June 1 - Phoenix Public Library Summer Reading Kicks Off

Sign Up, Read, & Win Prizes

Phoenix Public Library will kick off the Summer Reading program starting June 1 and running until August 1. Summer is a time for students to keep up and strengthen their reading skills before the next school year and for readers of all ages to read to improve skills or just for fun!

This year's theme is "A Universe of Stories", aligning with this summer's 50th anniversary of the moon landing.

How do I sign up?

You can sign up at <http://read20az.com> or at your local library.

How does it work?

There's something for everyone in our summer reading program—you can earn points, unlock badges, and win prizes. Get one point for every minute you add to your reading log.

Kids 11 and under can earn a free personal pan pizza from Peter Piper Pizza (while supplies last), and participants 12 and older will earn a free chips and guacamole from Rubio's when they reach 500 points. At 1,000 points, participants earn a free book of their choosing!

Challenge yourself to log 20 minutes of reading every day for a chance to win awesome weekly drawing prizes.

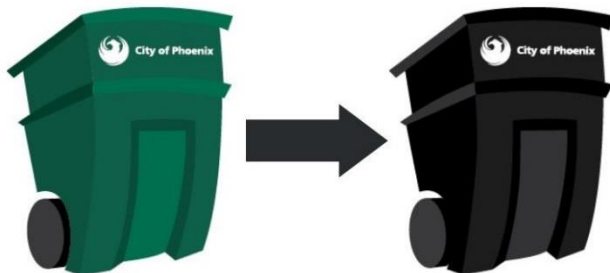
Grasshopper Bridge Maintenance Work Begins June 3

The Grasshopper Bridge located on 7th Ave./Coral Gables at the Cave Creek Wash in Moon Valley Park will be getting a paint refresh beginning June 3.

The Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture, with help from the Street Transportation Department, will be re-painting the Grasshopper Bridge (built in 1997). Maintenance work will also include sprucing up the landscape around the bridge.



Work hours will be from 5 a.m. – 1 p.m., and the work is expected to take several weeks to complete. During this time, the pedestrian overpass will be closed, but pedestrians can use the sidewalk to the west of the bridge along 7th Ave.



New Black Bins

The city of Phoenix is beginning to roll out new trash containers. As container bins break or reach the end of their lifecycle, the city will replace your old green trash container with a new black container.

The color change is happening for several reasons: Black is more commonly used in the industry for trash collection, the black bins are cost-effective, and they are easier to recycle when no longer in use. Please know that the bins will only be replaced when needed, so we appreciate your patience.

District 3 Resident Highlight – Winn Green

Winn Green has owned the Antique Outpost located at 10012 N. Cave Creek Road for 51 and a half years, making it one of the oldest mom and pop stores in the state. Stop by and check out this Aladdin's Cave of treasures!

