



February 28, 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
Councilwoman
City of Phoenix
[Council District 3](#)



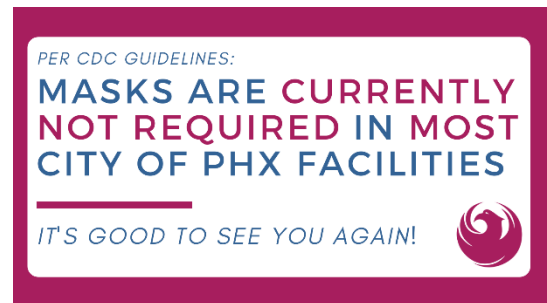
City Announces New Face Mask Requirements After CDC Eases Guidelines

The City of Phoenix updated its Face Mask Policy on Feb. 28. Members of the public who are visiting a city facility with an appointment, can do so without having to wear a mask when Maricopa County is at a low or medium community risk level. This decision follows an announcement by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) which activated a [new set of measures](#)

that will allow people who are healthy and living in counties where the coronavirus poses a low or medium [community risk level](#), to stop wearing a face mask in public settings.

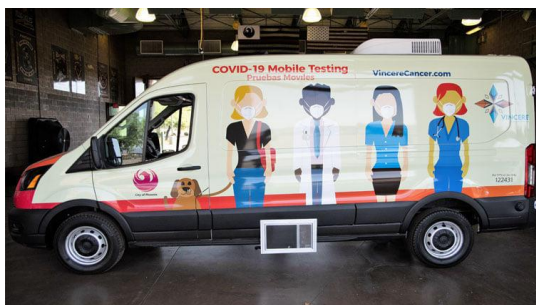
As of Feb. 28, Maricopa County is at a medium risk level, so effective immediately, a face mask will not be required for most people entering a city building. The exceptions to this change include locations that serve Aviation (Sky Harbor International Airport), Public Transit (ValleyMetro bus and light rail service), and the Municipal Court. The Aviation and Public Transit Departments must continue to adhere to other federal requirements and the Municipal Court must continue to adhere to requirements issued by the Arizona State Supreme and Maricopa County Superior Courts.

More: [City Announces New Face Mask Requirements After CDC Eases Guidelines \(phoenix.gov\)](https://www.phoenix.gov)



COVID-19 Testing & Vaccinations

Free COVID-19 testing and vaccinations will be available in District 3:



Monday, March 7
3:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Sunnyslope High School
35 W. Dunlap Ave. 85021

Saturday, March 19
7 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Shadow Mountain Senior Center
3546 E. Sweetwater Ave. 85032

For testing and vaccine opportunities citywide, visit [phoenix.gov/covidtesting](https://www.phoenix.gov/covidtesting).

March 9 - Take a Hike Do it Right! Safety Webinar

Going outdoors is one of the key highlights of our City of Phoenix urban areas. With over 41,000 acres managed that includes more than 200 trails, it is important to be prepared to navigate the land correctly and safely. The City of Phoenix continues to be concerned about the safety of hikers, whether they're locals or tourists, along with the safety of city staff from park rangers to first responders who manage emergency situations on the trails.



In this presentation we will learn about the specific areas available for a hike with difficulty ratings, mountain rescue performance, signage to follow to prevent getting lost, heat awareness during the year, keeping our furry friends safe on trails, and the implemented Take a Hike, Do it Right campaign with 8 steps to follow for your safety outdoors.

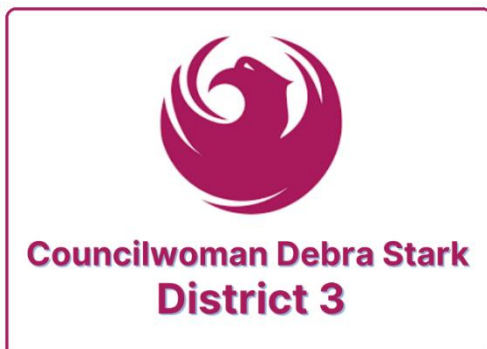
Wednesday, March 9
6 – 7 p.m.

Register: <https://calendar.phoenixpubliclibrary.org/event/8860867>

March 16 – District 3 Community Chat & PD Drone Policy Discussion

Mark your calendars! Join us **in-person or virtually** for our District 3 Community Chat Wednesday, March 16.

Police Chief Jerri Williams and Assistant Chief Michael Kurtenbach will join us to talk about the Police Department's Drone Policy that is being developed and seek community input. Councilwoman Stark will also share District 3 and city updates.



Wednesday, March 16
6 – 7:30 p.m.

Patina Mountain Preserve
1431 E. Dunlap Ave.

Webex Meeting Link:
<https://bit.ly/3piWrYd>

Join by Phone:
+1-415-655-0001 US Toll
Meeting number: 2459 675 1009

Pizza and refreshments will be provided. Let us know you're coming. RSVP to council.district.3@phoenix.gov or 602-262-7441.

Paradise Valley Mall Rezoning Case Virtual Meeting

Representatives for Paradise Valley Mall have submitted a Planned Unit Development (PUD) application on about 80 acres of property at Paradise Valley Mall at Tatum Blvd. and Cactus Rd., case no. Z-57-21. The proposed redevelopment is anticipated to contain a mix of retail shops, grocery stores, multi-family residences, office, hospitality, self-storage, and other uses. The applicant rezoned the site last year to C-2 H-R DNS/WVR SP PCD (Commercial, High-Rise, Density Waiver, Special Permit Planned Community District), which included Phase I. They have since acquired an additional 14 acres (JCPenney). The applicant seeks to rezone to PUD to guide the development of the remaining large-scale mixed-use development.

To read the entire PUD Development Narrative, visit: <https://www.phoenix.gov/pddsit/Documents/PZ/Z-57-21.pdf>.

Project website: <https://paradisevalleymall-zoning.com/>

Please note this meeting is being organized by the applicant's representative. We are sharing information that was sent to surrounding neighborhoods. The City's public hearing dates have not yet been scheduled.

Meeting Details:

- Wednesday, **March 16 at 6 p.m. via Zoom** (Register before March 16)
- Visit <https://bcattorneys.zoom.us/> (Don't use Safari for registration. Use Google Chrome or Internet Explorer.)
- Click Join
- Enter meeting ID: 986 0714 5802
- Continue with registration
- A password for the meeting will be sent after the registration

Hatcher Road Community Safety Plan

Earlier this month, the City Council approved a plan to improve the safety of residents, businesses, and patrons along Hatcher Road. The Plan adds weekly cleanings to Hatcher Road and funds one new civilian position in the Police Department. Several city departments (Neighborhood Services, Police, Prosecutor's Office, Public Transit, Streets, Human Services) are working together on this Plan. The Plan will also focus on efforts such as the following:

- Monitoring bus stop cleaning activities and signage
- Coordinating regular cleanups with area partners
- Adding more proactive PHX CARES outreach
- Conducting more Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) evaluations for properties
- Conducting proactive monthly common blight inspections
- Proactively removing graffiti and blight
- Utilizing portable technology solutions including temporarily installed fixed cameras

The full City Council report can be found online on page 121: [2-16-22 Formal Agenda - Final.pdf \(phoenix.gov\)](#).

New Shelter Coming to North Phoenix

Community Bridges In. (CBI) plans to open a new 100-bed transitional housing shelter at the former Black Canyon Conference Center at 25th Ave. and Mountain View Rd. in June of 2023. CBI plans to conduct outreach and accept clients who are currently unhoused in the surrounding area.

The city awarded CBI \$4 million in response to the city's Request For Proposals for emergency shelter services to address the need for shelter and housing for those experiencing homelessness.

CBI selected a site that has the proper zoning, A-1. A use permit will be required. The shelter will be a closed campus, have up to 100 beds, and house men, women, and couples for up to 90 days as CBI works to get clients into stable housing. The shelter will have supportive services, including mental, behavioral, and physical health, workforce development, counseling, peer support, etc. The shelter will also allow pets and will have space for storage.

CBI held their first virtual meeting in February to begin informing the community about their plans and to hear community concerns. Their March meeting has not yet been scheduled. To be added to their email list, or send questions or concerns, email info@cbridges.com.

News from the Phoenix Police Department

Police Shift Resources to Better Protect and Serve

Like many other law enforcement agencies nationwide, the Phoenix Police Department has been affected by staffing shortages. Over the past year, we have

done everything we can to maintain our minimum patrol staffing numbers to meet the needs of our community.

In order to provide the best service possible, we have come up with a plan to reallocate resources to support patrol while keeping investigations moving forward and allowing us to maintain our specialty details and programs.



The Phoenix Police Department's number one priority is to answer calls for service when our community needs us. Currently, our response time for emergency calls is longer than we would like and longer than our community expects. At the same time, this past year, saw an increase of nearly 10% in priority one, or emergency calls. This plan was not entered into lightly. We know it has an impact on our community and the lives of our officers.

Please see the [video message from Chief Jeri Williams](#) about the department's reallocation plan.

More specific details of the plan can be found in this [document](#). We have also prepared responses to some frequently asked questions that viewers may have about the staffing reallocation. You can view that document [here](#).

The Phoenix Police Department takes great pride in the partnership we have with our community. We thank them for their continued support.

Phoenix Fire Chief Michael Duran Sworn In



Michael Duran was sworn in as Phoenix's 31st Fire Chief on February 22. Chief Duran, a second-generation firefighter and Phoenix native, has served 27 years with the Phoenix Fire Department. Duran replaces Kara Kalkbrenner, who retired after being with the department since 1985. She was the first female fire chief in the city of Phoenix's history.

I look forward to working with Chief Duran as he leads the department. I also wish Chief Kara Kalkbrenner a

happy retirement and thank her for her many years of dedicated service to Phoenix!

Learn more: [City of Phoenix Swears In New Fire Chief Mike Duran](#)

Short Term Rentals Complaints

The City of Phoenix requires owners of short-term/vacation rentals to register with the City and provide emergency and complaint contact information. The ordinance outlines vacation rental violations and reaffirms prohibited types of uses and introduces an enhanced penalty structure.

Get Involved

Find or Form a Neighborhood Organization	>
Volunteer	>
Contact Your Neighborhood Specialist	>
Report a Property Violation	>
Report Graffiti	>
Short Term Rental Violations and Concerns	>

Residents can now submit complaints by visiting the Neighborhood Services home page and clicking "Short Term Rental Violations and Concerns": [Neighborhood Services Department \(phoenix.gov\)](#).

Search the Short-Term Rental registry to check if a home is registered with the city: [Welcome to the Short-Term](#)

[Vacation Rental Registration Page!](#) · [Customer Self-Service \(dynamics365portals.us\)](#)

Graffiti Busters

The city's Graffiti Busters work seven days a week to keep Phoenix graffiti-free, often responding to reports from citizens. The Graffiti Busters cover or remove up to 200 sites of graffiti every day, at no cost to residents or businesses. In 2021, crews used nearly 12,000 gallons of paint and cleaned up nearly 52,000 sites of graffiti around Phoenix.

There are 3 ways to tell the city about graffiti and have the Graffiti Busters respond:

App : myPHX311 (use the TELL THE CITY ABOUT tab)

Call : 602-534-4444

Email : blight@phoenix.gov



Residents can also wipe out graffiti themselves. The city of Phoenix will color match & provide paint, supplies, and training to community volunteers who want to organize a cleanup in their neighborhood.

Streets Projects Virtual Meetings Recap

Mountain View Rd. to Peoria Ave., 15th to 7th Ave. Project

The Street Transportation Department held a virtual meeting on February 23 regarding this Safe Routes to School program project. If you were not able to attend the meeting, a recording is available on the project webpage:

<https://www.phoenix.gov/streets/MountainViewtoPeoriaAve15thto7thAve>.



The project will enhance safety and accessibility for school children and other pedestrians near Mountain View School. The project will make sidewalk and other improvements in the project area bounded by Mountain View Road to Peoria Avenue and 15th to 7th avenues. The project survey is open until March 18: [Mountain View Road to Peoria Ave, 15th to 7th Ave Safe Routes to School \(office.com\)](https://www.phoenix.gov/streets/MountainViewtoPeoriaAve15thto7thAve)

32nd Street: E. Cheryl Dr. to E. Cholla Dr. Project

The Street Transportation Department held a public meeting on February 17 on the 32nd Street: E. Cheryl Dr. to E. Cholla Dr. project. If you were unable to attend, a recording is available on the project webpage:

<https://www.phoenix.gov/streets/north32ndstreet>.

The project will make pedestrian and other safety improvements to the North 32nd Street Corridor. The project is in the early stages, and staff is gathering input on proposed changes. The project survey is open until March 18: [North 32nd Street Survey #2 - East Cheryl Dr to East Cholla St \(office.com\)](https://www.phoenix.gov/streets/north32ndstreet).



Public Meetings

City Council Meetings

Online: [Phoenix City Council Meetings](https://www.phoenix.gov/city-council)

- [More Information about City Council Meetings](https://www.phoenix.gov/city-council)

- You can watch meetings on Phoenix Channel 11 and online at 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 \(phoenix.gov\)](#)
- [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.

News from Washington Elementary School District:



The graphic features a woman in a blue apron and a young boy with a backpack standing at a food service counter. The counter has a sign that says "HELP WANTED" and "WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT". A red starburst on the right says "Walk-ins Welcome! Apply on site." A red banner at the top says "Apply at jobs.wedschools.org". The background is dark blue with white text.

Apply at jobs.wedschools.org

HELP WANTED
WASHINGTON
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**Walk-ins
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Nutrition Services Job Fair

EVERY Tuesday from 9:00-10:00 a.m.
12641 N. 39th Ave. • Phoenix, AZ 85029

*We are looking for unit leaders, managers and helpers to fill full and part-time positions.

Call 602-896-5238 for more information.