



July 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
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July 29 – Eastbound Thunderbird Road at I-17 Closure Begins

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) has a scheduled road closure on eastbound Thunderbird Road at I-17 beginning **July 29 through August 8** for road work.

Eastbound Thunderbird Road will be closed between Metro North Corporate Park and the signaled intersection to Home Depot from 9 p.m. Friday, July 29, to 5 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3, and narrowed to one lane from 5 a.m. Aug. 3, to 5 a.m. Monday, Aug. 8.

Detour: Drivers can use 35th or 19th avenues to Cactus or Greenway roads. Schedules are subject to change based on weather and other unforeseen factors.

The roadwork is related to the I-17 Frontage Road Drainage Improvement project. For more information, visit azdot.gov/projects/central-district-projects/i-17-frontage-road-drainage-improvement-greenway-road.

August 2 - Sky Harbor Airport Job Fair



Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport is hosting a job fair on **August 2 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. Additional Sky Harbor job fairs will take place September 13, October 4, November 1, and December 6.

More info: skyharbor.com/jobs/jobfair

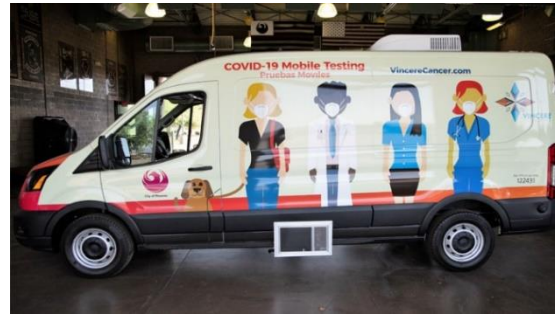
August 3 – Free COVID-19 Testing, At-Home Test Kits, Masks

The COVID-19 Mobile Testing Van #2 will be in District 3.

Wednesday, August 3

Roadrunner Park
3502 E Cactus Rd
1 – 7 p.m.

Register: premierlabsolutions.com/covid-19/phoenix



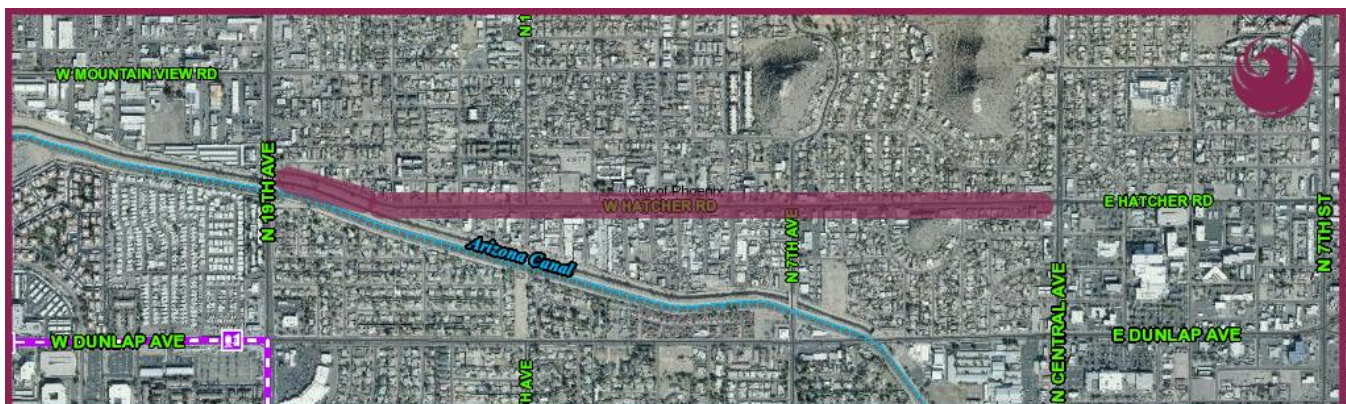
For all testing and vaccination events citywide, visit phoenix.gov/covidtesting.

September 1 – Hatcher Road Improvement Project Meeting

The Street Transportation Department is hosting a second public meeting on the Hatcher Road Improvement Project on **Thursday, September 1 at 6 p.m.** The project focuses on Hatcher Road from 19th Avenue to Central Avenue.

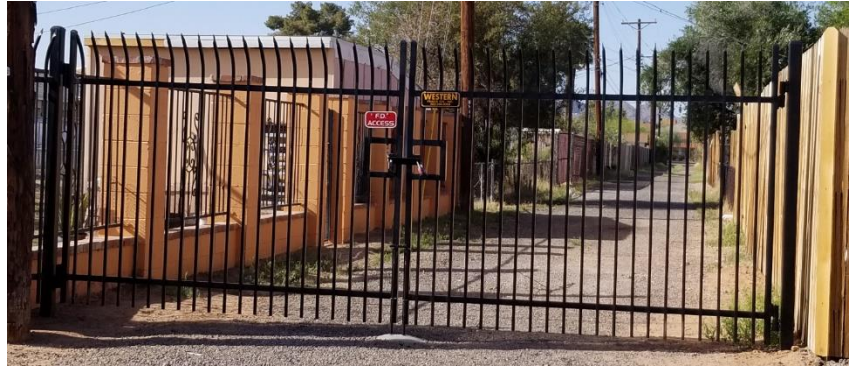
At the [last public meeting in November of 2021](#), the department presented two options, plus the option to make no changes, to the community. At the upcoming meeting, the department will share updates on the plans and outline the next steps.

Register for the upcoming meeting at <https://www.phoenix.gov/streets/hatcher>.



Gated Alley Program

The Gated Alley Program began as a pilot in two parts of the city (East Sunnyslope and Royal Palm) in 2017. Since then, the pilot had been expanded with additional funding with a limited number of alleys in each council district. Due to wide community interest



in the program, the City Council approved making the program permanent, allocating funding in the FY 22-23 Budget.

The program provides an opportunity to install a gate at the end of each residential alley to improve security, deter illegal dumping, decrease criminal activity, traffic, and other undesirable activities in your alley.

The permanent Gated Alley Program is expected to open in September citywide. In preparation, interested residents may obtain a request form to begin obtaining necessary signatures to gate their alleys. Applicants must provide a completed petition signed by 50% +1 or more of all property *owners (not renters)* abutting the alley, amongst other requirements. Funding is limited and available on a first-come first-serve basis.

To receive the request form, please email our office at council.district.3@phoenix.gov. For assistance completing the form, please email gatedalley@phoenix.gov or call 602-534-0742.



Phoenix Afterschool Center (PAC)

Registration is open for the Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department's Phoenix Afterschool Center (PAC). PAC is a fun, supportive and educational place for youth ages 6 to 13 to spend critical afterschool hours.

PAC is offered at school sites citywide afterschool until 6 p.m. Experienced recreation staff lead structured activities and supervised free-play. Program components consist of sports, games, education enrichment, arts and cultural activities, civic and community involvement, and most of all, having fun!

Registration is open on a first-come, first-served basis and a waitlist is available. Community members can register and learn more about the PAC program by visiting phoenix.gov/parks/pac. Contact the PAC team at 602-262-7370 or pac@phoenix.gov for more details.

Community Input Needed at General Obligation Bond Meetings

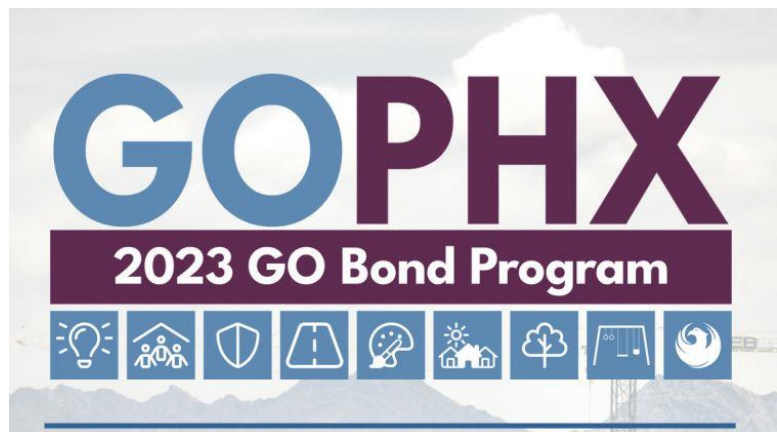
Meetings take place between August and December

Last month, the Mayor and City Council approved moving forward with a proposed General Obligation (GO) Bond Program of \$500 million. GO Bond programs help to fund critical infrastructure and rehabilitation needs of City facilities such as parks, libraries, fire and police stations, affordable housing, streets, and storm drains. GO Bond Programs require City Council and voter approval.

What is a General Obligation Bond Program?

General obligation (GO) bonds are municipal bonds which provide a way for local governments to finance large capital improvements. A bond program includes both the authority to issue bonds and a listing of the purposes for which the funds may be used. General Obligation Bond Programs, such as the City of Phoenix's Bond Program,

require voter approval. The City of Phoenix is the fifth-largest City in the country and has not had a GO Bond Program since 2006.



The City Council appointed a citizen's GO Bond Committee last month to evaluate and prioritize proposed projects identified in the Capital Needs Study, and to hear from residents about they would like to see in the next GO Bond Program. In addition to an Executive Committee, there are **eight subcommittees: Arts & Culture, Economic Development and Education, Environment & Sustainability, Housing, Human Services & Homelessness, Neighborhoods & City Services, Parks & Recreation, Public Safety, and Streets & Storm Drainage.**

Subcommittees will receive presentations about proposed projects from City departments, hear from the public, then rank the projects that will be recommended to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is charged with making recommendations to be considered by City Council. The City Council

will then decide if a GO Bond Program will go to the voters. If approved by Council, voters will ultimately choose whether to adopt the GO Bond Program in November 2023.

Committee meetings will take place **between August 2022 and December 2022** and will be open to the public for comment. The Executive Committee will meet for the first time on August 8 then the first subcommittee meeting will take place on August 12. More information on committee meetings and how residents can participate is available online at [Phoenix.gov/bond](https://phoenix.gov/bond).

What type of projects will be proposed?

General Obligation Bonds pay for major capital improvements that serve a public purpose, such as renovating and building new parks and libraries, investing in the Phoenix Housing Plan, the Climate Action Plan, street and storm drainage projects and even public safety infrastructure like a new fire station or police precinct.

Money from GO Bonds cannot be used for ongoing operating costs such as administrative expenses and employee salaries.

Does the proposed 2023 GO Bond Program anticipate an increase in secondary property tax rates?

No. The GO Bond Program does not include a planned increase in the City's secondary property tax rate, which is used to calculate secondary property tax revenues dedicated to paying the debt service on GO Bonds. This means that future property tax revenues at the existing secondary property tax rate are projected to be sufficient to repay the bonds, absent unanticipated legislative and/or economic changes.

How to share your input

Community input is encouraged at the City's GO Bond Committee meetings. Anyone interested in speaking can sign up online to speak, or attend in person, at one of our hybrid, in-person and virtual meetings.

Residents can also engage with the City on social media by using the #GOPHX2023, or by using the interactive GOPHXTOOL, an online tool that allows residents to tell the GO Bond Committee which projects they would like to see recommended to City Council. Residents may also call or submit comments electronically.

For more information, please visit phoenix.gov/bond or call (602) 262-3111

Sand Available Ahead of Monsoon Storms

Do you need sand ahead of the next storm? Bring your own shovel and bags to the following Phoenix park locations:

(District 1) Paseo Highlands Park: 3435 W. Pinnacle Peak Road

(District 2) Paradise Valley Park: 17642 N. 40th Street

(District 3) Moon Valley Park: 502 W. Coral Gables Drive



(District 4) Encanto Park: 2121 N. 15th Avenue

(District 5) El Oso Park: 3451 N. 75th Avenue

(District 6) Pecos Park: 17010 S. 48th Street

(District 7) Cesar Chavez Park: 7858 S. 35th Avenue

(District 8) Esteban Park: 3345 E. Roeser Road

More info: phoenix.gov/update.

Water Efficiency Program for HOAs

The City of Phoenix offers a Water Efficiency Program for HOAs. This free program can help HOAs come up with a budget and a plan to reduce water usage and increase efficiency.

According to the Water Services

Department, about half of outdoor water use is wasted due to inefficient watering systems, and most of customers' water is outdoors. If your HOA is interested, Water Services staff can provide a presentation to your HOA board, landscape contractor, and property manager.



For more information on how to participate, visit phoenix.gov/water/hoa, and contact conservation@pheonix.gov with any questions.

With the City of Phoenix recently declaring a Stage 1 water alert and activating the City's Drought Management Plan, we are asking all residents to do their part and voluntarily reduce their water use. Over the years, Phoenix has made wise investments to ensure a 100-year water supply. During a Stage 1 alert, the City of Phoenix is focusing on educating customers about our resources and water usage. To learn more about the recent Stage 1 alert, visit phoenix.gov/newsroom/water-services/2363.

To report water waste, please call 602-262-6251.

Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee Seeking Volunteers



The Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee is looking for 5,000 volunteers to help welcome visitors and residents during Super Bowl-related events around the Valley.

TEAM AZ is the official volunteer committee group for Super Bowl LVII.

Volunteers must be at least 18 years old at the time they apply. The application process includes a background check.

For more information and to apply, visit azsuperbowl.com/volunteer.

New Service Supports Sky Harbor Customers Who Are Blind or Have Low Vision

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport has added a new service to support customers who are blind or have low vision as they travel. This new service, called Aira, provides guidance through a mobile app to assist passengers with a variety of needs, including moving through crowds, avoiding obstacles, finding gates, using self-service kiosks, and navigating through Transportation Security Administration checkpoints.



To provide this assistance, the Aira mobile app connects users with professionally trained visual interpreters, who use live-streamed video to translate visual information into descriptive audio at the touch of a button, providing better efficiency, engagement, and independence.

"The addition of Aira service started with a constituent request to my office, asking to see how we could improve accessibility at Phoenix Sky Harbor," said Councilwoman Debra Stark, Chair of the city's Transportation, Infrastructure and Planning Subcommittee. "I'm proud that the Aviation team took this to heart, and

made it happen. It's really a success story for their commitment to customer service."

The Aira app is free to download and available in the Apple App and Google Play stores. While accessing the service for personal use can require a monthly subscription, Phoenix Sky Harbor will offer the service for free to users at the Airport.

In addition to Aira, Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport offers a variety of tools and programs for people with disabilities. More information about the Airport's accessibility and assistance programs is available at skyharbor.com/beforetraveling/Accessibility.

Read more: [New Service Supports Sky Harbor Customers Who Are Blind or Have Low Vision \(phoenix.gov\)](http://phoenix.gov)

District 3 Street Transportation Department Updates

This report from the Street Transportation Department covers the period from May 27 through June 30 in District 3.

Roadway Repair Work

Street maintenance crews completed significant roadway repairs at 32nd St. and Greenway 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 24th Ave. and Wood Dr., and in the wash area near 10th Ave. and Aire Libre Ave.



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 the areas bounded by Cave Creek Rd. to 32nd St., Thunderbird Rd. to Greenway Rd.; and 19th Ave. to 7th Ave., Northern Ave. to Dunlap Ave.

Phoenix Vision Zero Road Safety Action Plan Update

Street Transportation Department staff provided an update to the community about the comprehensive Road Safety Action Plan (RSAP) during the City Council Transportation, Infrastructure and Planning Subcommittee meeting on June 15, 2022.

Community members are encouraged to visit phoenix.gov/roadsafety to watch a video recording of the subcommittee meeting, read the subcommittee report and draft RSAP, and participate in the newest survey in English or Spanish. The survey will be open through **August 31**.

Paving

From July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2022, crews have completed the following work:

- 106.9 miles of mill and overlay work
- 143.1 miles of preservation treatments
- 180.9 miles of crack seal
- 2,698 ADA ramps

To view planned or completed street maintenance, visit the interactive pavement maintenance dashboard at phoenix.gov/pavement.

