



July 28, 2021

Greetings,

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

- Masks required in city buildings
- FREE COVID-19 testing
- Monsoon safety
- Camelback and Piestewa trail restrictions
- Deadline extended for Draft Climate Action Plan community input
- Balancing programs for seniors
- Food truck entrepreneur panel discussion
- Street pavement maintenance
- Drought pipeline construction updates and new app
- Phoenix awarded grant for veteran services
- Sunnyslope High School teacher receives national recognition

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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Masks Required in City Buildings Regardless of Vaccination Status



On May 19, 2021, the Phoenix City Council updated the Face Coverings information to automatically adjust with CDC guidance. On July 27, 2021, the CDC updated that guidance to require masking indoors in communities with substantial or high virus transmission rates, regardless of vaccination status. **Masks are now required in city buildings.** As previously decided by the Council, private businesses may set their own policies regarding face coverings applicable to their employees and customers. (Note: The airport and public transit remain covered by the Federal mask mandate.)



FREE COVID-19 Testing

The Mobile Testing Van #1 will be in District 3 on **Thursday, August 12** at Fry's Food Stores – 850 E. Hatcher Rd. from 6:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Register at vincerecancer.com.

The City of Phoenix provides FREE COVID-19 testing through two mobile testing vans out in the community. For a list of citywide locations, visit phoenix.gov/covidtesting.

Monsoon Safety

Driving Tips

- Do not attempt to drive through a flooded road! The depth of water is not always obvious. The road bed may be washed out under the water, and you could be stranded or trapped.
- Six inches of water can cause most cars to lose control.
- Two feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles including sport utility vehicles (SUVs) and pick-up trucks.
- Don't drive around barricades. Barricades are there for your protection. Turn around and go the other way.



- Treat non-working or flashing traffic signals at intersections as a four-way stop. Proceed with caution.
- If floodwaters rise around your car but the water is not moving, abandon the car and move to higher ground. Do not leave the car and enter moving water.
- Avoid camping or parking along streams, rivers, and creeks during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly and with little warning. Flood Watch = "Be Aware." Conditions are right for flooding to occur in your area.

Sand Available


Sand is available at select City parks to pick up. Supplies are limited, and you must bring your own bags and shovels.

- (District 1) Paseo Highlands Park: 3435 W. Pinnacle Peak Road
- (District 2) Paradise Valley Park: 17642 N. 40th St.
- (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 St
- (District 7) Cesar Chavez Park: 7858 S. 35th Ave
- (District 8) Esteban Park: 3345 E. Roeser Road

Storm Clean Up

If your yard is damaged during a storm, take your branches and debris to a city Transfer Station to be composted. Residents can drop off up to one ton of waste for free each month. phoenix.gov/TransferStations

For more monsoon and summer safety info, visit phoenix.gov/summer.

 **HOTLINES**

Life-threatening emergencies: 911

Non-emergency police assistance: 602-262-6151

Report street issues: 602-262-6441

Report traffic signal outages: 602-262-6021

Storm debris information: 602-262-6251

Report power outage:

APS: 855-688-2437 **or SRP:** 602-236-8811

American Red Cross: 800-842-7349

Phoenix Parks and Recreation Board Approves Pilot Program to Restrict Select Trails During Extreme Heat



The Phoenix Parks and Recreation Board approved a pilot program through which select city hiking trails will be closed when the National Weather Service issues an Excessive Heat Watch. The decision was made due to concerns for the safety of the public and first responders.

The pilot program will run until September 30, 2021, and during that time Camelback Mountain's Echo Canyon Trail and Cholla Trail, and all trails associated with Piestewa Peak Trailhead in the Phoenix Mountains Preserve will be closed from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on days when an Excessive Heat Watch is in effect. Please note that Camelback Mountain's Cholla Trail is currently closed.

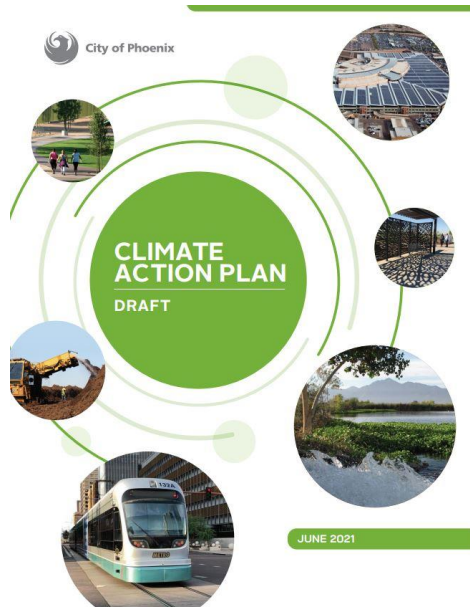
Those locations were chosen for the pilot program based on the number of mountain rescues that occur there annually, as well as the difficulty rating of those trails and how that impacts the complexity of the rescues.

During times when trail access will be restricted, parking lot gates will be closed, and signage will be posted. Closure information also will be communicated through the [Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department's](#) website and social media accounts, and to local resorts and hotels. Additionally, Phoenix Park Rangers will be visible at those locations to remind and educate trail users about the restrictions.

More info: phoenix.gov/newsroom/parks-and-recreation/1987

Deadline Extended for Community Input on Draft Climate Action Plan

The City of Phoenix is currently working to update its Climate Action Plan, which will serve as a long-term plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from local operations and community activities as well as prepare for the impacts of climate change.



The deadline for public input on the Draft Climate Action Plan has been extended through **August 13**.

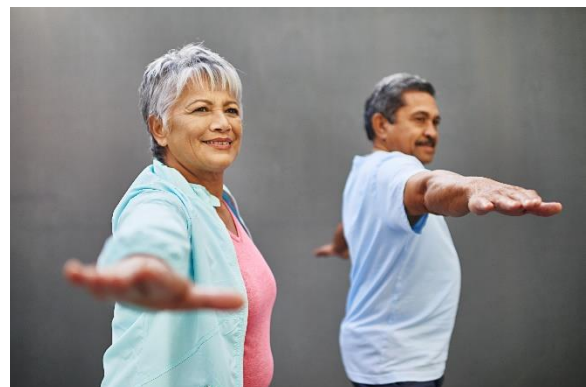
Additional workshops have also been [scheduled](#) for early August. The public may also provide feedback by completing an online [survey](#) or by emailing climate@phoenix.gov.

To view the draft and for more details, visit phoenix.gov/oep/cap.

Seniors - Learn How to Decrease the Risk of Falls and Increase Your Activity

Phoenix Public Library and The Area Agency on Aging present the Matter of Balance, a 9-week online program designed to invigorate and empower older adults at home. Matter of Balance will focus on multiple topics beginning with reducing fear and increasing control over falls at home. This program will encourage participants to set goals for increasing activity levels, make changes to reduce fall risks, and exercise to increase strength and balance.

The curriculum includes group discussions, mutual problem solving, role-play activities, exercise training, assertiveness training, and a few homework assignments. Additional topics Matter of Balance will cover includes home safety, positive strategies for change, planning personal action, and moving from self-defeating to self-motivating thought. The programs are for adults 60+ and family members or caretakers. The programs are free to attend, but registration is required.



Register [online](#).



Do You Want to Own a Food Truck?

“Do You Want to Own a.....?” is a new series being offered by the Phoenix Public Library that is designed for people interested in starting a business. Each month, leaders in specific industries and areas of interest will be highlighted. On Wednesday, **August 11** from 5- 6:30 p.m., the focus will be **Do You Want to Own a Food Truck?** Customers can join a virtual facilitated, panel discussion with local entrepreneurs. The goal of the program is to connect entrepreneurs with industry leaders from the Valley to provide guidance and networking opportunities. For more information and to register for the program, please visit the Phoenix Public Library [website](#).

Street Pavement Maintenance

Street Transportation crews continue working hard around District 3 and citywide!

In District 3 alone, crews have completed 88.1 miles of mill and overlay work, 120 miles of preservation treatments, 137.7 miles of crack seal, and 2,028 ADA ramps (from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021).

This month, Shea Blvd., east of Tatum Blvd. to east of 56th St. is scheduled to receive a mill and overlay treatment. A preservation treatment is scheduled for Union Hills Dr. west of 7th Ave. to east of Cave Creek Rd.

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



Drought Pipeline Project

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 this week. 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

Sign up to receive updates on phoenix.gov/droughtpipeline.

Phoenix Awarded Grant for Veteran Services



Recently, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) awarded the City of Phoenix Law Department a \$2 million grant for its Veterans Court. This grant provides the City of Phoenix Veterans Court, in partnership with EMPACT-Suicide Prevention Services, funding to expand and enhance its current program of providing mental health, substance abuse, and social

services to veterans not eligible for the Veterans Administration (VA) Services.

The goal of Veterans Court is to restore veterans to being successful, contributing members of the community by ensuring that veterans entering the criminal justice system make contact with specific programs to address the root causes of the behavior that resulted in the veteran becoming a defendant in the criminal justice system. The target population consists of defendants (veterans) who served in the United States Armed Forces, who are experiencing treatable behavioral issues such as post-traumatic stress (PTS), traumatic brain injury (TBI), anger management, domestic violence, or substance and alcohol abuse. More information about

Veterans Court services can be found on the City of Phoenix Law Department's website: phoenix.gov/law/specialty-courts/veterans-court

For more information on grants, please call 602-262-1833 or visit the City of Phoenix Government Relations Office's website: phoenix.gov/governmentrelations.

News from Glendale Union High School District:

Sunnyslope High School Coach Named 2021 National Coach of the Year

Sunnyslope High School's Boys Basketball Coach Ray Portela was just named 2021 National Coach of the Year. Coach Portela is the first coach from Arizona to achieve this award. Earlier this year, the Boys Basketball team brought home a 6A State Championship Title.



To learn more about Sunnyslope High School's accomplishments, visit [@SunnyslopeHighSchoolAZ](https://www.facebook.com/SunnyslopeHighSchoolAZ) on Facebook.