



March 29, 2022

Greetings,

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

- Free COVID-19 Testing, At-Home Test Kits, Masks
- 'Slope Fest and Tour de Sunnyslope
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- Phoenix Police Department Hiring Non-Sworn Positions
- District 3 Street Transportation Department Updates

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, At-Home Test Kits, Masks

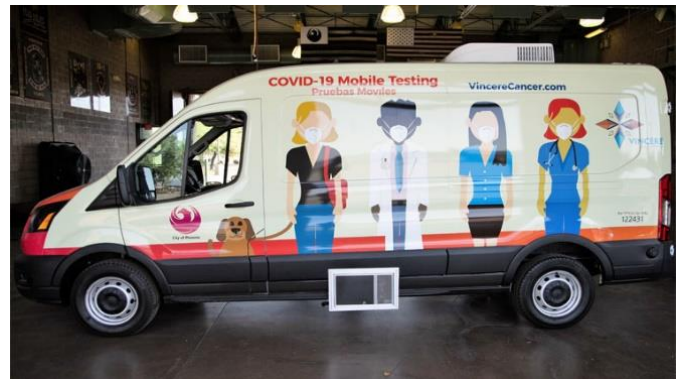
The COVID-19 Mobile Testing Vans will be in District 3 providing free testing. Free at-home COVID-19 test kits (limit two per person) and KN95 masks are also available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

## Monday, April 4

Mobile Van #2  
Roadrunner Park  
3502 E. Cactus Rd.  
7 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Register: [premierlabsolutions.com/covid-19/phoenix](https://premierlabsolutions.com/covid-19/phoenix)

## Thursday, April 14

Mobile Van #1  
Roadrunner Park  
3502 E. Cactus Rd.  
7:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.  
Register: [vinceracancer.com](https://vinceracancer.com)



## Wednesday, April 13

Mobile Van #2  
Shadow Mountain Senior Center  
3546 E. Sweetwater Ave.  
Noon - 7 p.m.  
Register: [premierlabsolutions.com/covid-19/phoenix](https://premierlabsolutions.com/covid-19/phoenix)

COVID-19 Vaccinations are also available at select events. For all testing and vaccination events, visit [phoenix.gov/covidtesting](https://phoenix.gov/covidtesting).

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## April 2 – 'Slope Fest and Tour de Sunnyslope

'Slope Fest is back! Come join the fun at Sunnyslope's largest annual signature event. All are invited to this free, family-friendly, community event. There will be live entertainment, food, information and resource booths, a blood drive, and demonstrations.

Tour de Sunnyslope is a 5k bike ride for all ages. Our Phoenix Police Bike Squad will be heading up the bike ride on a pre-designated route through Sunnyslope. The ride will be escorted by police



officers with patrol cars and flashing lights for the kids to see and follow.

Registration for the bike ride is required and starts at 8:30 a.m. Meet at Palma Park (12th St. and Dunlap Ave.) The ride starts promptly at 9 a.m. Dress appropriately with closed toe shoes, and please wear a helmet.

Saturday, April 2  
8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Palma Park  
1135 E. Dunlap Avenue

More information: [slopefestaz.org/](http://slopefestaz.org/)

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## April 5 - Sky Harbor Airport Job Fair



Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport is hosting a job fair on **April 5 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. Facial coverings are required.

Additional Sky Harbor job fairs will take place May 3, June 7, and August 2.

More info: [skyharbor.com/jobs/jobfair](http://skyharbor.com/jobs/jobfair)

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## April 27 – District 3 Community Coffee Chat

Mark your calendars! Join us for our District 3 Community Coffee Chat Wednesday, April 27 at North Mountain Park!

Our new **Fire Chief Michael Duran** will join us to talk about the Fire Department and his priorities. Chief Duran, a Phoenix native and a second-generation firefighter, has been with the department for 27 years. He is also leading the implementation



of the Community Assistance Program (CAP). The CAP, approved by Mayor and Council last year, sets aside \$15 million dollars for the first-of-its kind program to improve the crisis response for behavioral and mental health calls in the community.

**Wednesday, April 27**

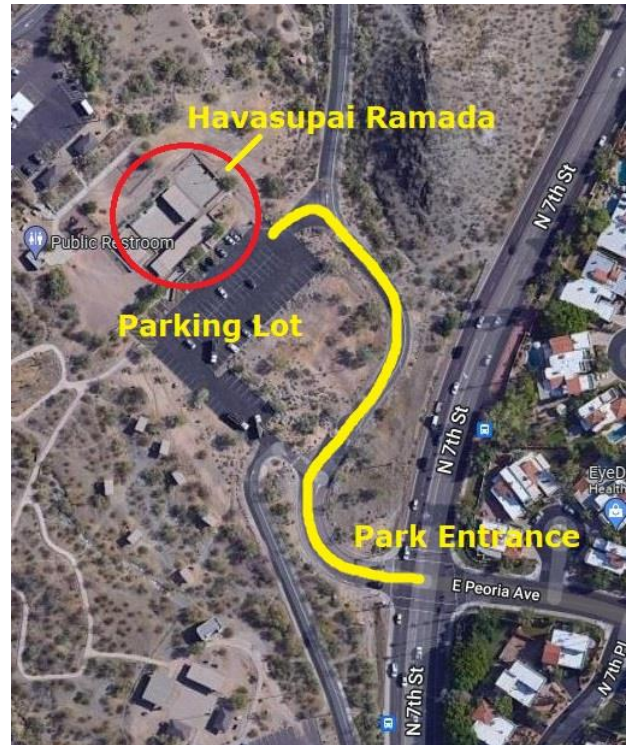
**8:30 – 9:30 a.m.**

North Mountain Park (Havasupai Ramada)  
- 10600 N. 7th St.

The Havasupai Ramada is the first ramada area once entering the park on the one-way park road coming from Peoria Ave. and 7<sup>th</sup> St. (Please see map)

Coffee and pastries will be provided!

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



## **FY 2022-23 Virtual Budget Hearings**

*City will Host 11 Hearings; District 3 Budget Hearing Scheduled for April 7 at 8:30 a.m.*

Every year, the City of Phoenix undergoes a budget process to allocate the City's budget toward the city services, functions, and departments that keep our city running. This includes our Police, Fire, Parks, Streets, Libraries, Senior Centers, PHX CARES and so much more. The Phoenix City Charter requires a balanced budget each year.

In April, the City of Phoenix will host 11 Virtual Community Budget Hearings to gather feedback on the proposed FY22-23 Trial Budget. Community feedback is a vital part of the budget process and will be considered in the development of the City Manager's budget. We want to

City of Phoenix  
**DISTRICT 3  
VIRTUAL  
BUDGET  
HEARING**

Thursday,  
April 7  
at 8:30 a.m.

Join virtually  
at [phoenix.gov/budget](https://phoenix.gov/budget)  
**EVERYONE INVITED TO ATTEND**

For more information: (602) 262-4800  
or [budget.research@phoenix.gov](mailto:budget.research@phoenix.gov)

hear from you! What are the services and functions that you enjoy, that are vital, and you want to keep? What are areas that need increased funding? What are new programs and services the City should consider? Now is the time to advocate for those needs. The time limit for residents to speak is 2 minutes (4 minutes if Spanish translation is needed).

The **District 3 Virtual Budget Hearing will be Thursday, April 7 at 8:30 a.m. via Webex.** Please know that while each councilmember was able to select a district-specific date, residents are encouraged to attend any meetings they would like.

The proposed trial budget for FY 2022-23 is projecting a General Fund surplus of \$76 million and includes proposed funds for the following focus areas: affordable housing (\$1.5 million), climate and sustainability (\$1.3 million), economic development, planning and innovation (\$1.6 million), historic preservation and arts (\$0.3 million), homelessness, immigrant/refugee support and fast track cities (\$3.0 million), parks and recreation and library (\$2.7 million), public safety and criminal justice (\$6.3 million), and roadway safety (\$0.6 million). More information on how the General Fund surplus is recommended to be allocated is included in the FY 2022-23 City Manager's Trial Budget report available at [phoenix.gov/budget](http://phoenix.gov/budget).

### **What is the General Fund?**

The General Fund is part of the City of Phoenix's total budget. The General Fund is made up of resources including general sales tax, property taxes, revenue distributed by the state from income tax, sales and vehicle taxes, and some fines and fees. The General Fund supports many of the services our residents, visitors, and businesses have come to expect in Phoenix such as libraries, parks, senior and youth programs and police and fire services.



**Questions or Comments?**  
**Email:** [Budget.Research@Phoenix.gov](mailto:Budget.Research@Phoenix.gov)  
**Phone:** 602-262-4800  
**Social Media:** Follow #PhoenixBudget

### **What's Next?**

After community review, City Manager Barton will present a revised proposed budget to the Phoenix City Council on May 3, 2022. The City Council is expected to decide on the budget on May 17, 2022. The approved budget will take effect July 1, 2022.

### **Community Input**

Residents are encouraged to participate in upcoming virtual budget hearings. The community is also encouraged to use the City's [FundPHX interactive tool](#) to provide input. The FundPHX tool allows residents to provide direct feedback on the proposed FY 2022-23 Trial Budget additions and submit it to the Budget and Research Department. All input received from the tool, at the budget hearings, or by contacting the Budget and Research Department directly at

[budget.research@phoenix.gov](mailto:budget.research@phoenix.gov) or by calling 602 262-4800 will be provided to the City Council, so they may consider your feedback prior to adopting the budget.

### **FY 2022-23 Virtual Budget Hearings**

Date	Time	Type
April 2, 2022	10 a.m.	Communitywide
April 4, 2022	8:30 a.m.	District 2
April 5, 2022	8:30 a.m.	District 4
April 5, 2022	5:30 p.m.	District 6
<b>April 7, 2022</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>District 3</b>
April 7, 2022	5:30 p.m.	District 5
April 9, 2022	10 a.m.	Bilingual communitywide
April 11, 2022	5:30 p.m.	District 7
April 13, 2022	5:30 p.m.	Bilingual communitywide
April 14, 2022	5:30 p.m.	District 8
April 15, 2022	8:30 a.m.	District 1

The hearings will broadcast on PHXTV (Cox cable channel 11) and on the City of Phoenix's [YouTube page](#). A schedule of all Budget Hearings, along with information on how to access the meeting and register to speak, is available at <https://www.phoenix.gov/budget/hearings>.

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## **Lifeguard Certification Classes & \$2,500 Hiring Incentive**

The Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department is offering **\$2,500 in incentive pay** for certified lifeguards. The City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department needs to hire hundreds of lifeguards ahead of the 2022 pool season to safely open as many of the city's 29 public pools as possible.

Eligible certified lifeguards will receive \$500 on the first paycheck, and the remaining \$2,000 as a one-time payment at the end of the 2022 pool season. The department will pay \$100 to existing employees who refer a person who completes

their lifeguard certification and signs up for employment. To receive the pay, a person must become certified as a lifeguard, work the entire summer and finish in good standing.

The \$2,500 incentive pay reimburses individuals for the cost and time spent obtaining the lifeguard certification. When combined with the base hourly rate of \$14.02/hour, the pay equates to an estimated hourly wage of \$21.00/hour.

StarGuard Training for lifeguard certification is required to become a lifeguard with the City of Phoenix. Those interested in becoming a lifeguard should register for April certification classes right away. Classes are \$20. Applicants must be at least 15-years-old.

Pecos Pool  
17010 S. 48th St.

- Friday, April 15 – 8 p.m.
- Saturday, April 29 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Sunday, April 30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Monday, April 4 – 7 p.m.

Register on-line at [phoenix.gov/lifeguard](https://phoenix.gov/lifeguard) by selecting the "Get StarGuard Certified" link.



## KINDERGARTEN BOOTCAMP



## Kindergarten Bootcamp

Is your child entering kindergarten in Fall 2022? If so, join a Kindergarten Bootcamp! This interactive series meets once a week for 7 weeks and gives families a taste of kindergarten. Parents and children learn together the social, academic, and classroom skills needed for school success. Receive free tools and activities each week leading up to Bootcamp graduation.

Registration is required, and by registering you agree to attend all 7 weeks. This series meets on the following dates: April 5, 12, 19, 26; and May 3, 10, 17.

Juniper Library  
1825 W. Union Hills Dr. 85027  
Tuesdays April 5 – May 17  
11 a.m. – Noon

This program is only for children entering kindergarten in Fall 2022. Not entering kindergarten in Fall 2022? Check out Tools for School, our school readiness program for children ages 3-5 years old and their grown-ups.

Register: [Kindergarten Bootcamp - Library Calendar - Phoenix Public Library](#)

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## College Depot's GRIT Program

College Depot's GRIT (Graduating Ready, Independent, and Tenacious) program provides students with personalized, consistent, and long-term support throughout their senior year to successfully start college after they graduate. Students and advisors will develop an individualized plan and meet (virtually or in-person) throughout the school year to ensure students are on track and are ready to begin their college journey.



To enroll or for more information, visit [phoenixpubliclibrary.org/collegedepot](http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org/collegedepot).

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## April is Sexual Violence Awareness Month



In 2019, the City of Phoenix launched a Sexual Violence Awareness campaign called "Let's Talk Teal." In addition to activities that directly impact survivors of sexual violence, the initiative also emphasizes having important conversations to prevent and end sexual violence.

The City of Phoenix's partnership with the [Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence](#) and the [Sexual Assault Kit Initiative](#) administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks to raise public awareness about sexual violence and to educate communities on how to prevent it.

According to the [Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence](#), "Sexual violence occurs whenever a person is forced, coerced, and/or manipulated into any



unwanted sexual activity, including when s/he is unable to consent due to age, illness, disability, or the influence of alcohol or others drugs.”

#### Resources:

- If case of an emergency, please dial 9-1-1
- Non-Emergency/Crime Stop: (602) 262-6151
- [Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence Helpline](#): (602) 279-2900 or (800) 782-6400 [acesdv.org/helpline](http://acesdv.org/helpline) This helpline can be called from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. An online chat option is also available. The Sexual and Domestic Violence Helpline and Chat provides support, information, and referrals about sexual and domestic violence as well as assistance navigating the legal system.
- [National Coalition Against Domestic Violence](#): (303) 839-1852 or (303) 839-1681 (TTY)
- [National Domestic Violence Hotline](#): Even with COVID-19, the National Domestic Violence Hotline is still available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week! In an emergency, please call 9-1-1 or check with DV programs and shelters in your area. For anyone affected by abuse and needing support please call (800) 799-7233, or if you're unable to speak safely, log into [thehotline.org](http://thehotline.org) or text LOVEIS to 22522. You are not alone. (800) 799-SAFE (7233)
- [National Network to End Domestic Violence](#): (202) 543-5566. A social change organization, that is dedicated to creating a social, political, and economic environment in which violence against women no longer exists
- [National Sexual Assault Hotline](#): (800) 656-HOPE (4673)
- [Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network \(RAINN\) Hotline](#): National Sexual Assault Hotline. Free. Confidential. 24/7. (800) 656-HOPE (4673)
- [StrongHearts Native Helpline](#): (844) 762-8483 (7NATIVE) is a safe domestic violence and dating violence helpline for American Indians and Alaska Natives, offering culturally-appropriate support and advocacy daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Anonymous and confidential.
- [City of Phoenix Family Advocacy Center](#): (602) 534-2120. Mobile Victim Advocates are available Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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## PhxbizConnect Technical Assistance Program

Need to update your website? Interested in reaching more customers with social media? Want to get help with your finances? Need a new marketing strategy? Is there another business operation you are looking to improve?



PHXbizConnect’s Technical Assistance Program provides up to 10 hours of **free** support from expert consultants. PHXbizConnect is brought to you by the City of Phoenix and is exclusively for businesses within Phoenix.

**Apply:** [Phoenix Technical Assistance - Phoenix HUUB \(myhuub.com\)](http://Phoenix Technical Assistance - Phoenix HUUB (myhuub.com))

# Phoenix Police Department Hiring Non-Sworn Positions

The Phoenix Police Department is hiring for several non-sworn positions including detention officer, police communications operator, police assistant, and police aide.

Learn More: [JoinPHXPD.com](http://JoinPHXPD.com).



**Now Hiring**  
**PHX PD**  
NON-SWORN POSITIONS

Detention Officer  
Police Communications Operator  
Police Assistant  
Police Aide

- Full-time employment
- Health & Retirement Benefits
- Education Incentives
- Bilingual/Linguistics Pay
- Shift Differential Pay

Learn More About All Non-sworn Positions Available at:  
**JoinPHXPD.com**

The advertisement features three photographs of police personnel: a woman in a dark uniform, a man in a dark uniform with a headset, and a woman in a light blue uniform. The background shows a city street with buildings.

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## District 3 Street Transportation Department Updates

This report from the Street Transportation Department covers the period from January 28 through February 24 in District 3.

### Roadway Repair Work

Street maintenance crews completed significant roadway repairs near 54<sup>th</sup> St. and E. Charter Oak 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 10th Pl. and Thunderbird Rd. and 10th St. and Acoma Dr.

### Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Alley Dust Proofing

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



### **Paving Season Resumes – Please be Careful in Work Zones!**

Paving season began in early March. It will be another busy season with crews working citywide to rehabilitate our streets and provide drivers a smooth path around the city. Please be extra cautious in work zones so everyone can safely return to their families each night. To view planned or completed street maintenance, visit the interactive pavement maintenance dashboard at [phoenix.gov/pavement](https://phoenix.gov/pavement). To view a helpful reminder on work zone safety, go to <https://youtu.be/8m1ERSbeTQQ>.

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