



DISTRICT 3 NEWS

A Message from Phoenix City Councilwoman Debra Stark

Hello District 3, and Happy Halloween!

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

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,

Councilwoman Debra Stark



City of Phoenix

The Phoenix City Council will have a Formal meeting on Wednesday, November 2 at 2:30 p.m.

Members of the public can attend and speak in-person, by phone, or virtually via Webex. Pre-registration is required to speak on an agenda item or during the Public Comment period. To find the agenda and information on how to register to speak and how to submit an e-comment, visit [Phoenix City Council Meetings](#).

District 3 November Community Coffee Chat



Join us **Thursday, November 17 at 6 p.m.** for our District 3 Community Coffee Chat to be held at Native American Connections' Patina Mountain Preserve Wellness Center (Community Room) located at **1431 E. Dunlap Ave.**

Interim Police Chief Michael Sullivan will be our guest speaker to introduce himself to the community and talk about his vision for the department. We will also have District 3 and citywide updates.

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



Water Alert & Town Halls

In November, the City of Phoenix Water Services Department will be hosting Water Town Halls in-person citywide and virtually to keep the public informed about drought conditions and the reduced allocations of the Colorado River.

The speakers will present about Phoenix's diverse water supplies, investments, and strategies to manage current conditions. There will be a Q&A portion for attendees to ask questions.

The virtual town hall is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 15 at 6 p.m. via Webex**. To register and find a list of all in-person town halls across Phoenix, visit phoenix.gov/newsroom/water-services/2527.



Bulk Trash Delays & Public Works Hiring Incentives

Bulk trash pickup is offered to Phoenix residents four times a year. Due to staffing challenges, scheduled pickups are currently delayed. The Public Works Department is working hard to catch up and return service levels to what Phoenix customers rely on.

Phoenix is actively recruiting to hire commercial driver's license (CDL) holders, required for trash and recycling truck drivers. The city is offering a \$2,500 hiring incentive for new drivers and a \$3,000 retention incentive for current drivers.

Additionally, the Public Works Department is borrowing CDL holders from other city departments, such as Water Services and Street Transportation to get back to normal service levels as quickly as possible. Thank you to all our drivers who are working diligently and working overtime to help the City during this time.

To find the updated bulk trash schedule, please visit [Phoenix.gov/PublicWorks](https://phoenix.gov/PublicWorks).

Phoenix also offers a solid waste equipment operator apprenticeship program—the first of its kind in the nation. The apprenticeship is an excellent opportunity for those starting their careers to receive the on-the-job training and instruction needed to secure their CDL. To learn more, visit [Public Works SWEO Apprenticeship \(phoenix.gov\)phoenix.gov/publicworks/SWEOapprenticeship](https://phoenix.gov/publicworks/SWEOapprenticeship).

The City of Phoenix is also offering a \$5,000 hiring incentive for two critical positions in the Public Works Department – Heavy Equipment Mechanics and Equipment Service Worker II.

Apply at [Current Job Opportunities \(phoenix.gov\)Phoenix.gov/Jobs](https://phoenix.gov/Jobs).



Operation Turkey Drive

The Desert Horizon Precinct is hosting a turkey drive to benefit St. Mary's Food Bank.

Drop-off:

November 10 – 21 from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
at the Desert Horizon Precinct located at
6030 N. 56th St.

Contact:

Sgt. Jon Scott at
Jonathan.Scott@phoenix.gov or Jeff
Tobey at Jeffrey.Tobey@phoenix.gov

Free COVID Resources

The COVID-19 Mobile Testing Vans will be at sites citywide in November and December offering free COVID-19 tests, at-home test kits, and masks.

**NO-COST
COVID
RESOURCES**

AT HOME TEST KITS

KN95 MASKS

MOBILE TESTING

VACCINE EVENTS

UP-TO-DATE INFO:
[Phoenix.gov/COVID](https://phoenix.gov/COVID)

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



Lifeguard Certification Class at Cortez Pool

Registration is now open for the upcoming StarGuard Lifeguard Certification class at Cortez Pool (3434 W. Dunlap Ave.) that begins on **Saturday, November 12**. Pay for lifeguards is \$14.26 per hour, and \$14.97 for swim lesson instructors. Applicants must be 15 years old by the last day of the class.

Interested individuals can register online at phoenix.gov/lifeguard and select the "Get StarGuard Certified" link.

Get financial help for fast, reliable internet!

Your family may qualify for free or \$30 per month off internet service through the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP).

Learn more and enroll at:

getmyinternet.org



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Affordable Connectivity Program

Families can get fast internet for less through the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). The ACP is a government benefit that helps ensure families can afford the broadband they need for school, work, healthcare, and more. The ACP was established by Congress to help lower-income families afford reliable, high-speed internet. It's part of the Federal Communications Commission's mission to ensure that all people, regardless of their income, can access the internet services and computer technology that are essential to our modern world. The ACP used to be a temporary program called the Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB). In 2022, Congress made it permanent and renamed it the Affordable Connectivity Program.

If your household is struggling to afford internet service, you may be eligible for the ACP. Through the ACP, families can get \$30 off their monthly internet bill. Check if you qualify today: getmyinternet.org



Phoenix Fire Department Awarded SAFER Grant to Hire New Firefighters

The Phoenix Fire Department has been awarded \$10,984,800 by the 2022 SAFER Grant Program to hire 32 new firefighters. That funding covers 100% of the salary and benefit costs for the new positions over the next three years.

The SAFER Grant Program provides funding directly to fire departments and national, state, local, or tribal organizations to assist them with increasing the number of firefighters. This helps fire departments meet industry minimum standards. It also helps attain 24-hour staffing to protect communities from fire and fire related hazards, and to fulfill traditional missions of fire departments.

The goal of the SAFER Grant Program is to assist local fire departments with staffing and deployment capabilities to respond to emergencies and assure that communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards.

SAFER intends to improve or restore local fire departments staffing and deployment capabilities so they may more effectively and safely respond to emergencies. With enhanced or restored staffing levels, grantees should see a reduction in response times and an increase in the number of trained personnel assembled at the incident scene which results in a safer community.



District 3 Street Transportation Department Updates

This report from the Street Transportation Department covers the period from September 1 through September 29 in District 3.

Traffic Signal Updates

Street Transportation installed a new traffic signal at 19th Ave. and Sunnyside Ave.

Pedestrian Signals

Street Transportation crews activated a new High Intensity Activated CrossWalk (HAWK) pedestrian signal at 13th Ave. and Hatcher Rd. It is the 80th HAWK installed in the City of Phoenix. For more information about the HAWK signals, visit phoenix.gov/streets/hawk.

Street Right-of-Way Landscape Maintenance

Crews maintained the landscaped areas within the street right-of-way in the following locations: 15th Ave. and Dunlap Rd.; 7th Ave. and Northern Ave.; and 19th Ave. and Peoria Ave.

This work typically includes weed and trash removal and landscape pruning. This helps provide a safe environment for the public and enhances the image of the city's streets. For more information about the street right-of-way landscape maintenance program, visit phoenix.gov/streets/ROWlandscape.

Roadway Repair Work

Street maintenance crews completed significant roadway repairs at the following locations: Central Ave. and Grovers Ave.; 16th Ave. and Cochise Dr.; near Acoma Dr. and 23rd Pl.; and near 15th St. and Cheryl Dr.

Drainage Maintenance

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 7th St. and Greenway Pkwy., and at 36th St. and Sweetwater Ave.

Paving

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

106.9 miles of mill and overlay work

143.7 miles of preservation treatments

197.2 miles of crack seal

2,757 ADA ramps

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

Healthy Giving



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