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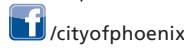
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NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF PHOENIX



Shop Phoenix this holiday season to support city services

When you shop this holiday season, remember to Shop Phoenix and give yourself the gift of community services.

Sales taxes on the merchandise you buy at businesses in Phoenix pays for city services, such as police and fire protection, maintenance of parks, keeping libraries open, operating senior centers, preserving clean and blight-free neighborhoods, and maintaining streets. Because



sales tax revenue is so important to funding basic city services, making purchases within Phoenix helps ensure adequate funding for those services.

The largest revenue component for funding basic city services is sales tax, which accounts for 41 percent of General Fund revenues.

By shopping in Phoenix, residents have a direct impact to support the city services they enjoy. For more information, visit phoenix.gov/shopphoenix.

Downtown festival celebrates arts

Celebrate the city's vibrant arts and culture scene at the second annual Phoenix Festival of the Arts, Dec. 13-15 at Margaret T. Hance Park, 1202 N. Third St.

Festival hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The event will feature more than 80 performances and presentations. Activities include a community mural,



“flash mob” performances, a family fun zone, food trucks, and a beer and wine garden.

The event is sponsored and produced by the

Phoenix Center for the Arts and Arizona Humanities.

For more information, please visit phoenixfestivalofthearts.org or call 602-254-3100.

Tax-preparation volunteers needed

The city's Earned Income Tax Credit campaign is seeking individuals to become Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers.

VITA volunteers help low-income working individuals and families by preparing their taxes and claiming the federal Earned Income Tax Credit. Free volunteer training sessions will be held from November to January at multiple locations.

For more information about volunteering, visit phoenix.gov/eitc, email eitc@phoenix.gov or call 602-534-0543.

Beginning in January, call 1-877-211-8661 or visit 211arizona.org for free tax-preparation locations.

Holiday Trash and Recycling Collection

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 28

- Thursday's collection moves to Friday, Nov. 29
- Friday's collection moves to Saturday, Nov. 30

Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec. 25

- Wednesday's collection moves to Thursday, Dec. 26
- Thursday's collection moves to Friday, Dec. 27
- Friday's collection moves to Saturday, Dec. 28

New Year's Day, Wednesday, Jan. 1

- Wednesday's collection moves to Thursday, Jan. 2
- Thursday's collection moves to Friday, Jan. 3
- Friday's collection moves to Saturday, Jan. 4

The North Gateway and 27th Avenue Transfer Stations are closed on all holidays.

To better serve you, always place your containers at least four feet apart and clear of obstructions, such as light poles, parked cars, and mail boxes.

For more information about the holiday collection schedule, visit phoenix.gov/publicworks.

Electric Light Parade delivers magic

One of the biggest free holiday celebrations in the state returns to Phoenix with the APS Electric Light Parade on Saturday, Dec. 7.

The theme for the 2013 parade is “Wild West Holiday Roundup.” The event features more than 60 illuminated entries, including custom floats, marching bands, performance groups and more.

The parade gets underway at 7 p.m. on Central Avenue at Montebello (just south of Bethany Home Road). It then heads south on Central to Camelback Road, where it will turn east to Seventh Street then turn south and end at Indian School Road.

For more information, visit phoenix.gov/parks or call 602-534-FEST.

New feature makes airport parking even easier

Now there is an easier and faster alternative for parking and paying at Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport - Credit Card Express. The new service allows travelers to use their credit or debit card to enter and exit airport parking facilities.

To use Credit Card Express, travelers insert their credit or debit card into a machine upon entry and reinsert it when exiting. The system will bill the card based upon the time at the parking facility and print a receipt, eliminating the need to take a parking ticket.

Credit Card Express accepts American Express, Discover, Mastercard and Visa.

For more information about airport parking options and amenities, visit skyharbor.com/parking.

'Save Our Space' campaign gets underway

The holidays are hectic, but that is no excuse to park in a spot reserved for people with disabilities – even if it's just for a minute.

Motorists who illegally park in a spot designated for people with disabilities could be taking away a space from someone who really needs it. Violators face fines ranging from \$288 to \$480.

Police officers and volunteers will be patrolling parking lots and issuing tickets to illegally parked motorists this holiday season. To report violations, obtain information or become an enforcement volunteer, call 602-534-SPACE (7722).

For more information, visit phoenix.gov/eod, phoenix.gov/police or call 602-534-1951.

Ring in the New Year with Phoenix Public Library and take the family reading challenge

Three Phoenix Public Library locations will host First Night celebrations from 5 – 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31. Families can "Ring in the New Year" with musical performances, crafts and other interactive fun at Burton Barr Central, Mesquite and Palo Verde libraries.

Families also are invited to take the "We Read 30 Day Challenge," Feb. 1 through March 31, 2014. Read every day for 30 consecutive days to earn prizes, including a We Read T-shirt for kids and book bag for parents. Book logs will be available beginning Jan. 20 at all Library locations.

Reminder: nine library locations have changed their mid-week service hours. Agave, Cesar Chavez, Cholla, Ironwood, Juniper, Mesquite, Palo Verde, Saguaro and Yucca libraries are now open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

For more library news and information, visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org.

Homeless need help staying warm

During the winter, many homeless families and individuals end up on the streets without blankets, clothing and other necessities to keep warm.



Once again this year, the city is asking for donations to the Winter Respite Program. Blankets, new or used (but clean and freshly laundered), are the highest priority. The program also will accept clean warm clothing, such as jackets and coats, long pants, sweatshirts, sweatpants, winter hats and gloves. Underwear and socks (new only), shoes and hygiene items also are needed.

The tax-deductible donated items may be delivered to any of the city's three Family Services Centers.

For more information, visit phoenix.gov/humanservices/programs/volunteer/index.html. Residents also may contact Anissa Blair at the Family Advocacy Center at 602-534-3071 or email anissa.blair@phoenix.gov.

Students invited to apply for Youth Ambassador Program

The Phoenix Sister Cities Youth Ambassador Exchange Program is accepting applications from high school sophomores and juniors who are interested in an international experience and learning about another country.

The program offers students the opportunity to visit one of Phoenix's ten sister cities during the summer to learn more about the city and its culture through a three-week, home-hosted experience. The students reciprocate by housing their host brother or sister when they visit Phoenix later that same summer.

Youth Ambassadors are selected based on maturity, flexibility, self-confidence, leadership and communications skills. The deadline for applying is 5 p.m. Dec. 20.

For more information or an application, visit phoenixsistercities.org or call 602-534-7351.

2013-2014 Bulk Trash Pickup Schedule

Area	Placement Begins On	Collection Begins Week Of
1	Nov. 23, '13	Dec. 2, '13
	Feb. 22, '14	March 3, '14
	May 24, '14	June 2, '14
	Aug. 23, '14	Sept. 1, '14
2	Nov. 30, '13	Dec. 9, '13
	March 1, '14	March 10, '14
	May 31, '14	June 9, '14
3	Aug. 30, '14	Sept. 8, '14
	Dec. 7, '13	Dec. 16, '13
	March 8, '14	March 17, '14
4	June 7, '14	June 16, '14
	Sept. 6, '14	Sept. 15, '14
	Dec. 14, '13	Dec. 23, '13
5	March 15, '14	March 24, '14
	June 14, '14	June 23, '14
	Sept. 13, '14	Sept. 22, '14
6	Dec. 21, '13	Dec. 30, '13
	March 22, '14	March 31, '14
	June 21, '14	June 30, '14
7	Sept. 20, '14	Sept. 29, '14
	Dec. 28, '13	Jan. 6, '14
	March 29, '14	April 7, '14
8	June 28, '14	July 7, '14
	Sept. 27, '14	Oct. 6, '14
	Jan. 4, '14	Jan. 13, '14
	April 5, '14	April 14, '14
9	July 5, '14	July 14, '14
	Oct. 4, '14	Oct. 13, '14
	Jan. 11, '14	Jan. 20, '14
	April 12, '14	April 21, '14
10	July 12, '14	July 21, '14
	Oct. 11, '14	Oct. 20, '14
	Jan. 18, '14	Jan. 27, '14
	April 19, '14	April 28, '14
11	July 19, '14	July 28, '14
	Oct. 18, '14	Oct. 27, '14
	Jan. 25, '14	Feb. 3, '14
	April 26, '14	May 5, '14
12	July 26, '14	Aug. 4, '14
	Oct. 25, '14	Nov. 3, '14
	Feb. 1, '14	Feb. 10, '14
	May 3, '14	May 12, '14
13	Aug. 2, '14	Aug. 11, '14
	Nov. 1, '14	Nov. 10, '14
	Feb. 8, '14	Feb. 17, '14
	May 10, '14	May 19, '14
13	Aug. 9, '14	Aug. 18, '14
	Nov. 8, '14	Nov. 17, '14
	Feb. 15, '14	Feb. 24, '14
	May 17, '14	May 26, '14
13	Aug. 16, '14	Aug. 25, '14
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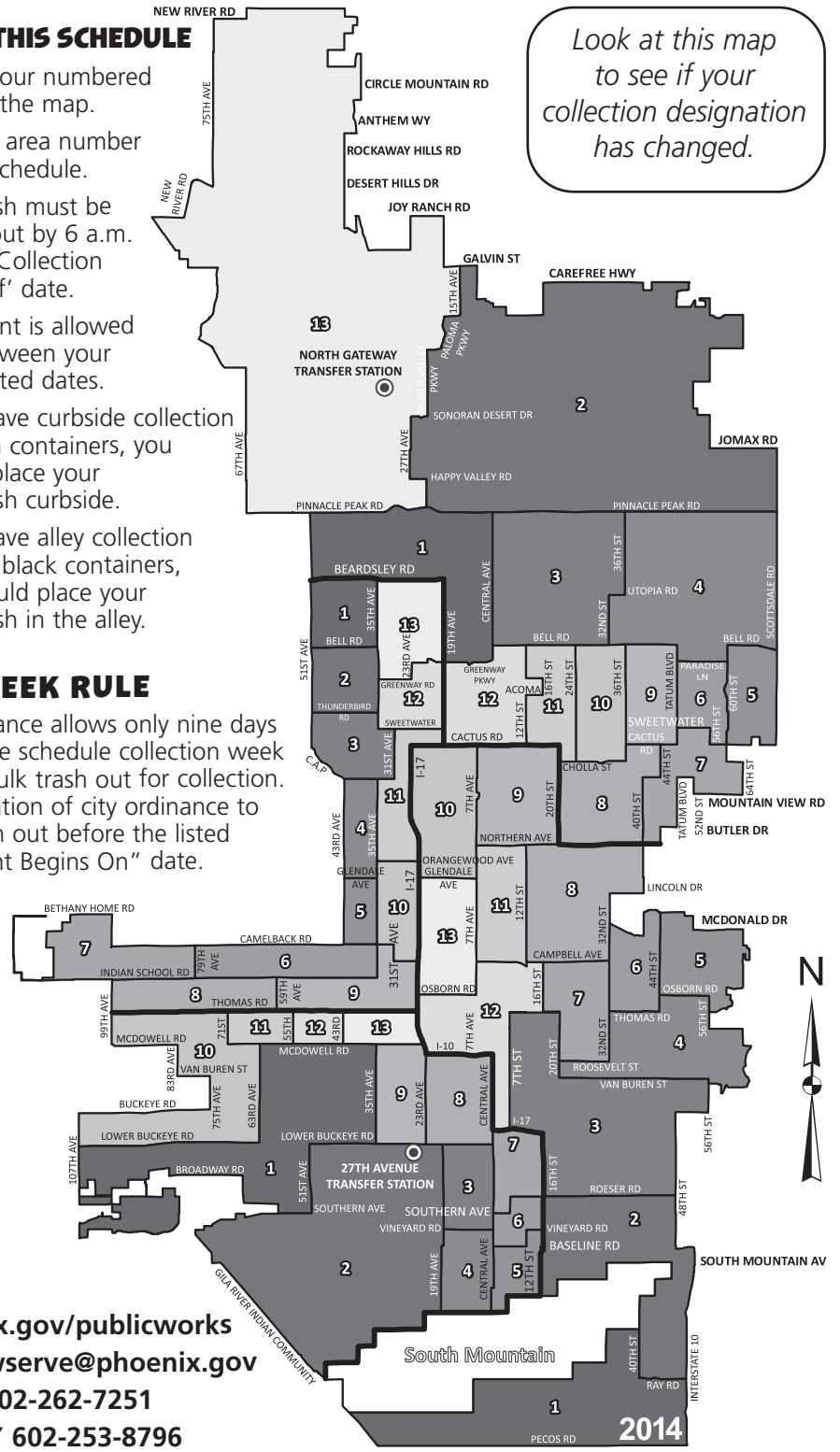
TO USE THIS SCHEDULE

- Locate your numbered area on the map.
- Find the area number on the schedule.
- Bulk trash must be placed out by 6 a.m. on the 'Collection Week Of' date.
- Placement is allowed only between your area's listed dates.
- If you have curbside collection of green containers, you should place your bulk trash curbside.
- If you have alley collection of large black containers, you should place your bulk trash in the alley.

ONE WEEK RULE

City ordinance allows only nine days prior to the schedule collection week to place bulk trash out for collection. It is a violation of city ordinance to place trash out before the listed "Placement Begins On" date.

Look at this map to see if your collection designation has changed.



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 602-262-7251
 TTY 602-253-8796

BULK TRASH CREWS DO NOT PICK UP...

- More than 20 cubic yards per residence, or a pile the size of a SUV.
- Loose debris and litter. Please sweep or rake after collection if necessary.
- Loose grass, leaves, weeds, twigs and hedge clippings. These items must be bagged or boxed and securely tied to be collected.
- Household hazardous waste (HHW), such as antifreeze, pool chemicals, oil, batteries and paint.
- Community piles.
- Materials such as bricks, concrete, dirt, rocks, asphalt and roofing shingles/tiles.
- Construction materials in excess of 25 lbs. or over four feet long generated by a residence.
- Any construction material generated by a contractor.
- Metal or car parts in excess of 20 lbs. or over four feet long.
- Any type or size of tire.
- Glass such as windows, shower doors, patio doors, mirrors, fluorescent tubes, etc.
- Appliances that use refrigerants such as freezers, refrigerators, and air conditioners.

Celebrate the Year of the Horse during Chinese Week



Celebrate Chinese New Year 4712, the Year of the Horse, during Phoenix Chinese Week, Feb. 3 to 9.

A variety of cultural and educational events will be held throughout the Valley during the week, including the Chinese Week Cultural and Food Festival. The free festival, Feb. 7-9 at the Chinese Cultural Center, 668 N. 44th St., will feature live entertainment, children's activities, food and vendors.

For more information, visit phoenixchineseweek.org or call 480-406-7470.

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City of Phoenix

Residents can recycle Christmas trees

Phoenix residents may drop off Christmas trees and wreaths the day after Christmas until early January.

When bringing in your tree, remember to:

- Bring the tree unbagged.
- Remove all decorations, lights and tinsel.
- Remove the tree stand and all nails and metal stakes.
- Secure tree during transport. Tie it down with material that can be untied or cut easily.
- Only dispose of trees in marked drop-off areas.
- Sites accept single trees from city of Phoenix residents. For multiple tree loads, contact 602-262-7251.

Some of the locations for the live Christmas Tree drop-off are:

- Deer Valley Park, 19th Avenue and Utopia Road
- Paradise Valley Park, 40th Street south of Union Hills Drive
- Desert West Park, 67th Avenue and Encanto Boulevard
- Madison Park, 16th Street and Glenrosa Avenue
- Mountain Vista Park, 50th Street just north of Ray Road
- Cesar Chavez Park, 35th Avenue and Baseline Road
- Phoenix Transfer Stations also accept Christmas trees.

For a complete list of tree recycling locations in various Phoenix areas, visit phoenix.gov/publicworks/recycling/christmastreecycling.html or call 602-534-9440.

Wrapping paper and gift bags: What can be recycled?

Holiday wrapping papers soon will be strewn all over living room floors. And with that scenario comes the question, "Which should be thrown and which should be recycled?"

Most holiday wrappers and greeting cards can be placed in your blue recycling containers, but there are exceptions. The following cards and wrapping materials should not be placed in you recycling bins:

- Foil-embossed papers
- Plastic wrap (from gift baskets)
- Ribbons or bows
- Materials with glitter

Gift-givers are encouraged to reuse gift bags and wrappers or use craft paper, newspapers and comics pages to wrap presents.

Mark your calendar for another 'I Recycle Phoenix'

Recycle your old computers, electronics, cell phones, TVs, clothing, golf balls - even artificial Christmas trees, ornaments and holiday lights - at the "I Recycle Phoenix" Festival, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, at Christown Spectrum Mall, 1703 W Bethany Home Road.

The event also offers free document and computer hard-drive shredding.

"I Recycle Phoenix" is presented by Keep Phoenix Beautiful, the city of Phoenix and a dozen other businesses and nonprofit organizations.

For more information, visit phoenixrecycles.org or call 602-262-4820.



Neighborhood Block Watch grant applications available online

Block Watch groups and other neighborhood organizations are eligible for grants of up to \$10,000 to help fund programs that fight crime and improve the safety and quality of life in their areas.

Applications for the 2014 Neighborhood Block Watch Grant Program are available online at phoenix.gov/police/nbwgrant.html. Completed applications must be submitted by e-mail to nbwgrants.ppd@phoenix.gov no later than 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, 2014.

For more information, visit phoenix.gov/police/nbwgrant.html or call 602-262-6131.