



Jan. 8, 2021

CITY EVENTS

UPCOMING PUBLIC CITY MEETINGS

- **Virtual Funeral Service for Councilman Calvin C. Goode** – 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12. Please click on [Notice of Public Meeting](#) for meeting information.
- **Environmental Quality and Sustainability Commission Urban Heat Island/Trees and Shade Subcommittee** – 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12. Please click on [Notice of Public Meeting](#) for meeting information.
- **Rio Vista Village Planning Committee Meeting** – 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12. Please click on [Notice of Public Meeting](#) for meeting information.
- **Public Safety and Justice Subcommittee Meeting** – 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13. Please click [City Council Meetings](#) for meeting information.
- **Zoning and Adjustment Hearing** – 9:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14. Please click on the [Notice of Public Meeting](#) link for meeting information.
- **Environmental Quality and Sustainable Commission** – 3:00 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14. Please click on the [Notice of Public Meeting](#) link for meeting information.
- **Deer Valley Village Planning Committee Meeting** – 6:00 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14. Please click on [Notice of Public Meeting](#) for meeting information.
- **North Gateway Village Planning Committee Meeting** – 6:00 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14. Please click on [Notice of Public Meeting](#) for meeting information.

City Council meetings are live on Cox Cable Channel 11 and streamed live on <https://www.phoenix.gov/phxtv> and [facebook.com/cityofphoenix](https://www.facebook.com/cityofphoenix).

To view written or video instructions for meeting participation, please visit <https://www.phoenix.gov/cityclerk/publicmeetings/city-council-meetings>

Past City Council meetings are posted on <http://www.youtube.com/cityofphoenixaz>.

COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 NEWS AND INITIATIVES

WATER SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Water Use Calculator: A New Water Conservation Tool

Phoenix Water Services Department's new water usage calculator is a tool to help residents get a better understanding of day-to-day water consumption. Showers, dishwashing, laundry, toilet flushes, outdoor landscaping, and pools contribute to the resident's daily water use.



"Water conservation has always played a critical role in Phoenix's water resource planning. As we prepare for a hotter, drier future, water conservation will be even more important for our city's resiliency and sustainability. The water calculator is an excellent resource to add to our water conservation efforts," said Vice Mayor Thelda Williams, chair of the Transportation, Infrastructure and Innovation Subcommittee.

To get started, residents can visit [Phoenix.gov/WaterCloud](https://phoenix.gov/WaterCloud) and click on the Home Water Usage Calculator. That calculator makes it easy to enter information about the household, such as family size, type of landscaping, age of the home, length of the average shower, and more. The calculator compiles a resident's optimal monthly water usage into a detailed report tailored to the household.

In the report, residents can view monthly and annual water usage breakdown (in gallons), as well as graphs that highlight indoor versus outdoor water usage. Residents are encouraged to use a recent City Services bill to input actual usage for a more accurate comparison. The calculator produces an estimate, and actual usage may vary.

Phoenix Water's water usage calculator is one of the 14 water conservation measures recommended by the Water Conservation Ad Hoc Committee (Committee) and adopted by the Phoenix City Council to maintain Phoenix's legacy as a water conservation leader.

The Committee convened from May 2019 to December 2019 to identify water conservation measures around three focus areas, including landscape requirements and guidelines, codes and enforcement, and education and outreach. The Committee was co-chaired by Councilwoman Williams and Councilwoman Pastor and comprised of citizens from the community with water expertise in the non-profit, private, and public sectors.

Additional resources are available to help resident's conserve water and save on their City Services bill:

- [Request free water-saving resources](#)
- [Sudden water bill spike? Check for leaks](#)
- [Visit Phoenix Water's Water Cloud digital education page](#)
- [Get low water use plant ideas for the landscape](#)
- [Watering plants the right amount? Check out this handy guide](#)
- [Find over 100 water-saving tips and more](#)

CITY NEWS & EVENTS:

PHOENIX COVID-19 RESOURCES

Find information related to the COVID-19 pandemic on the [Resources](#) webpage. Residents with questions about city services and programs are encouraged to call 602-262-3111 or e-mail contactus@phoenix.gov. Phoenix small businesses needing help can call the Phoenix Community and Economic Development hotline at 602- 262-5040.

PHOENIX COVID-19 TESTING BLITZ

Mobile Van Testing

Sunday, Jan. 10

Cholla Library
10050 N. Metro Parkway East, Phoenix 85051
District 1
7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Appointments
required at: <https://vincerecancer.com>

Monday, Jan. 11

El Reposo Park
502 E. Alta Vista Road, Phoenix 85042
District 7 & 8
7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Appointments required at: <https://vincerecancer.com>

Tuesday, Jan. 12

Fry's Food Store
8325 W. Indian School Road, Phoenix 85037
District 5
7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Appointments required at: <https://vincerecancer.com>

Thursday, Jan. 14

El Oso Park
3451 N. 75th Ave., Phoenix 85033
District 5
7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Appointments required at: <https://vincerecancer.com>

Friday, Jan. 15

Deer Valley Community Center
2001 W. Wahalla Lane, Phoenix 85027
District 1
7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Appointments required at: <https://vincerecancer.com>

DRIVE -THRU/WALK-UP TESTING

Sunday, Jan. 10

Burton Barr Central Library
1221 N. Central Ave., Phoenix 85004
9.00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Appointments encouraged at <https://www.familytreehealthcare.com/>

For additional testing dates and locations, please visit [Phoenix Testing Blitz](#).



REMEMBERING COUNCILMAN CALVIN C. GOODE: PUBLIC VIEWING AND VIRTUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE INFORMATION

ABOUT CALVIN C. GOODE: Calvin Coolidge Goode passed away on Dec. 23, 2020. Mr. Goode served on the Phoenix City Council from Jan. 2, 1972 – Jan. 3, 1994. He was the longest tenured elected official in the history of the city of Phoenix, serving as Vice Mayor in 1974 and 1984. The former Phoenix City Hall was renamed the Calvin C. Goode Municipal Building in his honor.

Councilman Goode lived a life of community service, advocating for equal opportunity, affordable housing, education, and improving the quality of life in Phoenix, through a wide range of organizations and was a longtime active member of the Historic Tanner Chapel AME Church.

Mr. Goode leaves behind three sons—Vernon (Zina), Jerald, and Randolph (Natalie); six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



PUBLIC VIEWING:

WHAT: A public viewing honoring the memory of former Vice Mayor and Phoenix City Councilman Calvin C. Goode. Masks and social distancing are required.

WHEN: Noon to 4 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 9

WHERE: Calvin C. Goode Municipal Building, 251 W. Washington St., on the northside outside the entrance doors facing Washington Street.

Free parking will be available at the parking garage located at 305 W. Washington St. Attendees paying their respects will be required to wear face masks per city guidelines. Disposable masks and hand sanitizer stations will be available. Six feet social distancing markers will also be in place.

VIRTUAL VIEWING:

VIRTUAL MEMORIAL SERVICES: virtual services will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom and Facebook Live using the information below:

ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87426787724?pwd=cHpLbXdkcURIRFF5UIRYTVVtbHI0UT09>

CALL IN: 669-900-6833

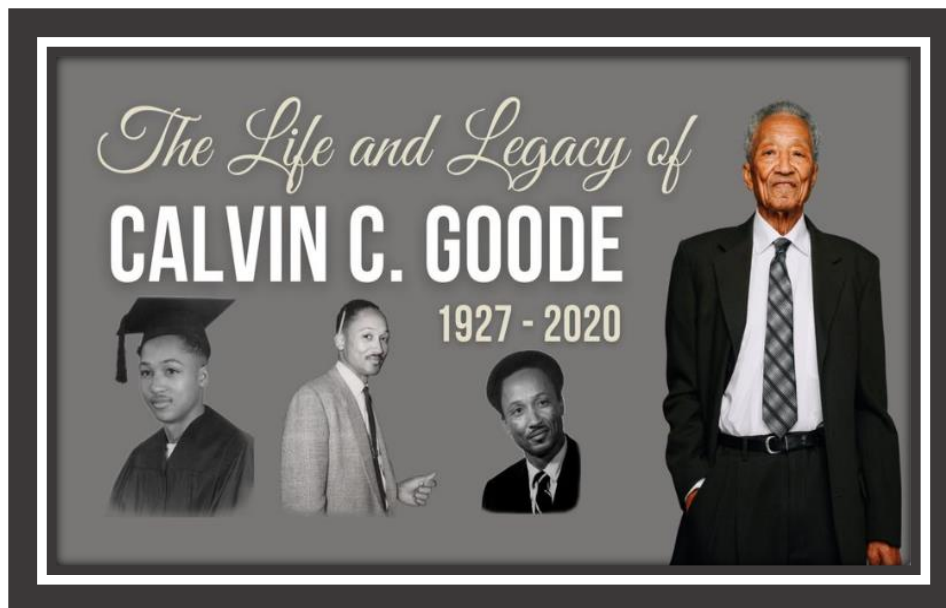
Meeting ID: 874 2678 7724

Passcode: 994517

FACEBOOK LIVE: <https://facebook.com/20South8thSt/live>

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the following:

- George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center: www.azfoundation.org/CalvinGoode
- Booker T. Washington Child Development Center: www.btwchild.org
- A.C.T. Goode Scholarship, NFBPA-Central Arizona Chapter: www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=GR6TFZHRDDGPG&Z3JncnB0=
- STARS Scholarship, South Mountain Community College: www.southmountaincc.edu/paying-college/scholarships/stars



AZ MLK AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIP CELEBRATION



This year, everyone is invited to the 35th Annual AZ MLK Awards & Scholarship Celebration virtually. Honoring residents for their lifelong commitment to creating a compassionate & socially just community, this year's 35th Annual AZ MLK Awards & Scholarship Celebration can be viewed on <http://YouTube.com/CityofPhoenixAZ>, Friday, Jan. 15 at 11 a.m.

Visit AZMLK.org for more information.

PUBLIC TRANSIT

Federal Transit Administration allocates \$49.5 million to Northwest Extension Phase II project



The Federal Transit Administration announced the second allocation of grant funding for the Northwest Extension Phase II (NWEII) rail project. In addition to its [first allocation](#), the project has now been allocated a total of \$100 million in federal Capital Investment Grant funds.

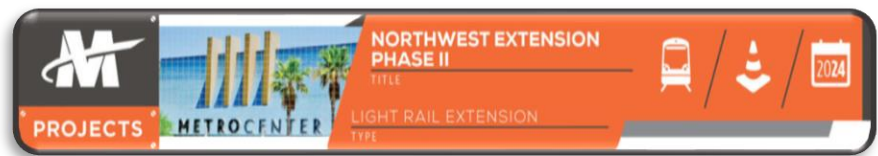
Construction on the extension, which will include the system's first elevated station, began in August 2020.

In addition to a new transit center for light rail and bus service at Metrocenter, the extension also includes a rail-only bridge over the I-17 and two new

stations. The community will also enjoy seven public art installations along the extension and updated landscaping, including more than 200 new trees. Find out more about the project and hear from local officials by [clicking here](#) (YouTube link).

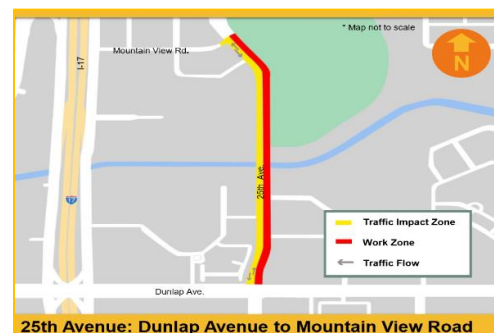
PUBLIC TRANSIT

Northwest Extension Phase II Construction Update: Week of Jan. 4



The NWEII project will extend light rail west on Dunlap Avenue from 19th Avenue, then north on 25th Avenue and across I-17 on Mountain View Road with a terminus on the west side of the freeway near Metrocenter Mall. Northwest Extension Phase II light rail project construction is underway by the project contractor, Kiewit-McCarthy, A Joint Venture (KMJV) and third-party utility companies, such as Salt River Project (SRP).

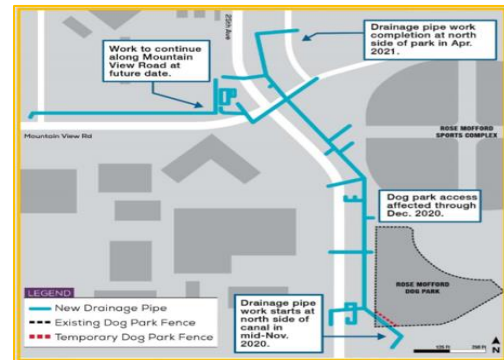
- **[NEW] 23rd and Dunlap Avenues: SRP relocation.** Expect closure at intersection on northbound 23rd Avenue. Please utilize Mission Lane/22nd Avenue when accessing businesses and residences starting the week of Jan. 4.
- **25th Avenue between Dunlap Avenue and Mountain View Road:** KJMV is performing underground utility relocation and roadway construction on 25th Avenue between Dunlap Avenue and Mountain View Road during day and nighttime hours. Traffic lanes will be located on the west side of 25th Avenue and restricted to one north- and one southbound lane. Traffic restrictions will be in place 24/7 through Fri., Jan. 29, 2021 at 5 a.m. Click [here](#) for more information.



- **Dunlap Avenue between 19th and 25th avenues:** KMJV and SRP are performing underground utility relocation and roadway construction on Dunlap Avenue between 19th and 25th avenues during day and nighttime hours. Traffic lanes will be located on the south side of Dunlap Avenue and restricted to one west- and one eastbound lane. Traffic restrictions will be in place 24/7 through Mon., May 31, 2021 at 5 a.m. Click [here](#) for more information.



- **Rose Mofford Sports Complex and Dog Park:** KMJV is replacing drainage infrastructure in and adjacent to Rose Mofford Sports Complex and Dog Park. The work will involve removing fencing on the southwest corner of the dog park. Temporary fencing will be placed, allowing continued use of the park during construction. In addition, available parking areas will change throughout the process. The Rose Mofford Sports Complex and Dog Park will remain open during this work. The work will be completed in late spring 2021. Click [here](#) for more information.



Visit valleymetro.org/northwest2 [t.e2ma.net] to view the latest updates and learn more about the project.

PUBLIC TRANSIT

South Central Light Rail Extension/Downtown Hub project receives \$530 million federal grant

This week Federal Transit Administration announced a \$529.8 million federal grant agreement for the South Central Extension/Downtown Hub project. These funds constitute nearly 40 percent of the total project cost and signify the federal government’s support of the extension.

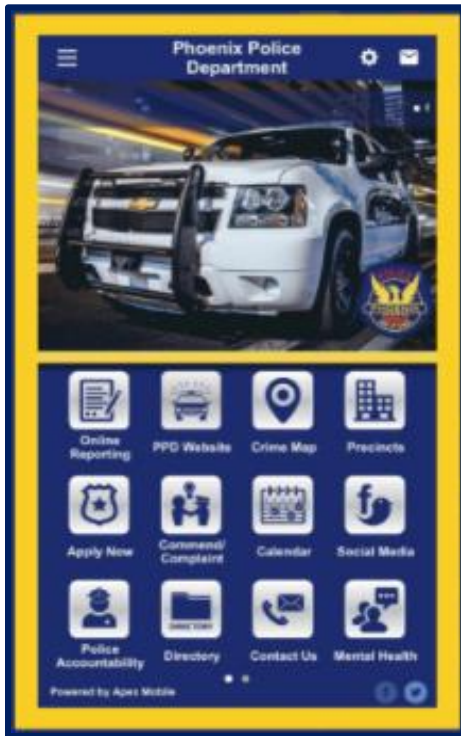


In addition to 5.5 miles of new track, this project also includes the construction of a Downtown Hub which will create a two-line light rail system and provide support for major events in the region, such as Super Bowl LVII in 2023. It also represents reinvestment in the entire corridor and community with upgraded utilities, sidewalks, landscaping, local art and mobility being enhanced as part of the project.

Learn more about the project and celebrate the virtual grant-signing by viewing the video [here](#):



PHOENIX POLICE



The Phoenix Police Department now has a mobile app, bringing a variety of resources and information to one place. Users can use the app to access online reporting, crime statistics, precinct locations, phone numbers, career opportunities, virtual block watch, victims' rights information, and more. Users can also turn on notifications from the precinct they live in to receive news updates and information on events in their area. To watch the video released, please click [here](#).



The App is now available both in the Apple Store for iOS and in the Google Play Store for Android

BANNER HOSPITALS HAVE A DIRE NEED FOR SOME SHORT-TERM VOLUNTEERS

Banner Hospitals have a dire need for some short-term volunteers to do screening, running, or housekeeping. The shifts are eight hours long. Volunteers can choose the day and location. All Banner hospitals across Maricopa County need volunteers. The need for volunteers will extend through about the middle of February.

To learn more about the volunteer opportunities, please visit [JustServe](#).



COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Phoenix Small Businesses Stabilizing as Pandemic Continues

Increased hiring in healthcare and technology sectors placed Greater Phoenix fourth in the nation in metro area job performance, according to the December Small Business Index from Paychex and IHS Markit. The metro area saw its workforce numbers land just 3.8 percent less than December 2019.

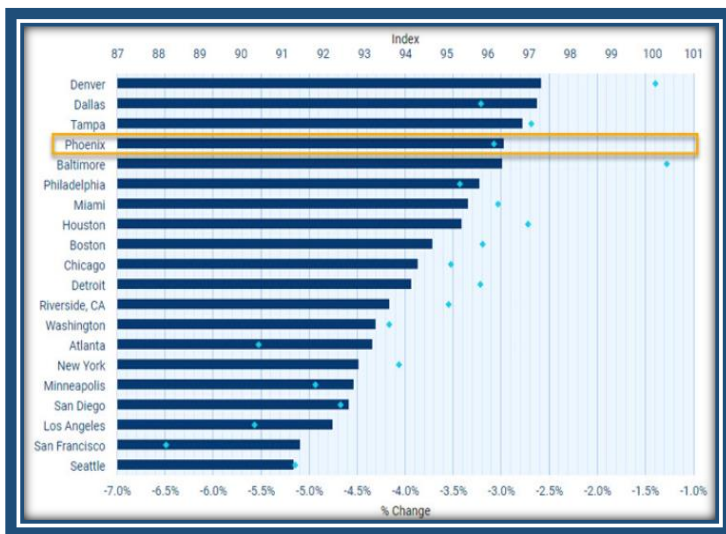


Statewide, small business Arizona indices were less than the metro area, but strong enough to place fifth in the nation. Both the state and Greater Phoenix outperformed the nation's small business economy for December, a remarkable showing considering the strong numbers in December 2019.

For small businesses, Greater Phoenix placed in the middle of the top 20 metro areas when it came to increasing wages. Weekly paychecks increased 2.47 percent over December 2019 to \$925.27. The leading metro area is Riverside, California, with a 6.83 percent increase over last year, but an average weekly wage of \$860.43. Washington D.C., San Francisco, and Los Angeles all posted smaller wage hikes than Greater Phoenix, but have average weekly small business paychecks over \$1,100, the highest in the U.S.

What this means for Greater Phoenix is that the worst effects of the pandemic economy may be in the past for small businesses. No one can accurately project when "normal" will return to small businesses but the current trend in the Phoenix area has companies scrabbling towards equaling last year's hiring and wage numbers.

Arizona also fell into the middle of the 20 largest states with small businesses boosting pay an average 2.76 percent to \$881.86 per week. The state's gains were less than the Western region and national averages.



Most important, both Greater Phoenix and Arizona have been showing steady increases in small business hiring and wages since the initial economic impact of the pandemic conditions in April 2020. Although neither market has hit the 100 index, meaning that the small business economy is showing positive growth, neither have fallen more than five percent below last year's monthly and year-over-year indices.

Paychex publishes the monthly Small Business Employment Watch drawing data from its client base and additional information from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and Bureau of Economic Analysis. All data are compiled by IHS Markit. Click [here](#) for the article.

Small Business Jobs Index, Paychex IHS Markit, December 2020


Art Exhibit! Celebrate Black VOICES

Phoenix Public Library is hosting a virtual art exhibit in February 2021 to celebrate Black History Month. Entries will be displayed in a virtual art gallery on Phoenix Public Library's website and featured on social media.

The details:

- Young artists in **grades K-12** are invited to draw an important person or event celebrating the African American experience.
- Each artist may enter one drawing.
- Illustrations can be in any medium: crayon, marker, colored pencil, watercolor, etc.
- Artwork should be no larger than 11" x 17" on white paper. No lined or colored paper.
- Each submission must be accompanied by a submission form (on back).
- Entries may be submitted in person during Curbside Service at Phoenix Public Library locations or by email to socialmedialibrary@phoenix.gov. Location information and printable submission forms are available at phoenixpubliclibrary.org/kids.

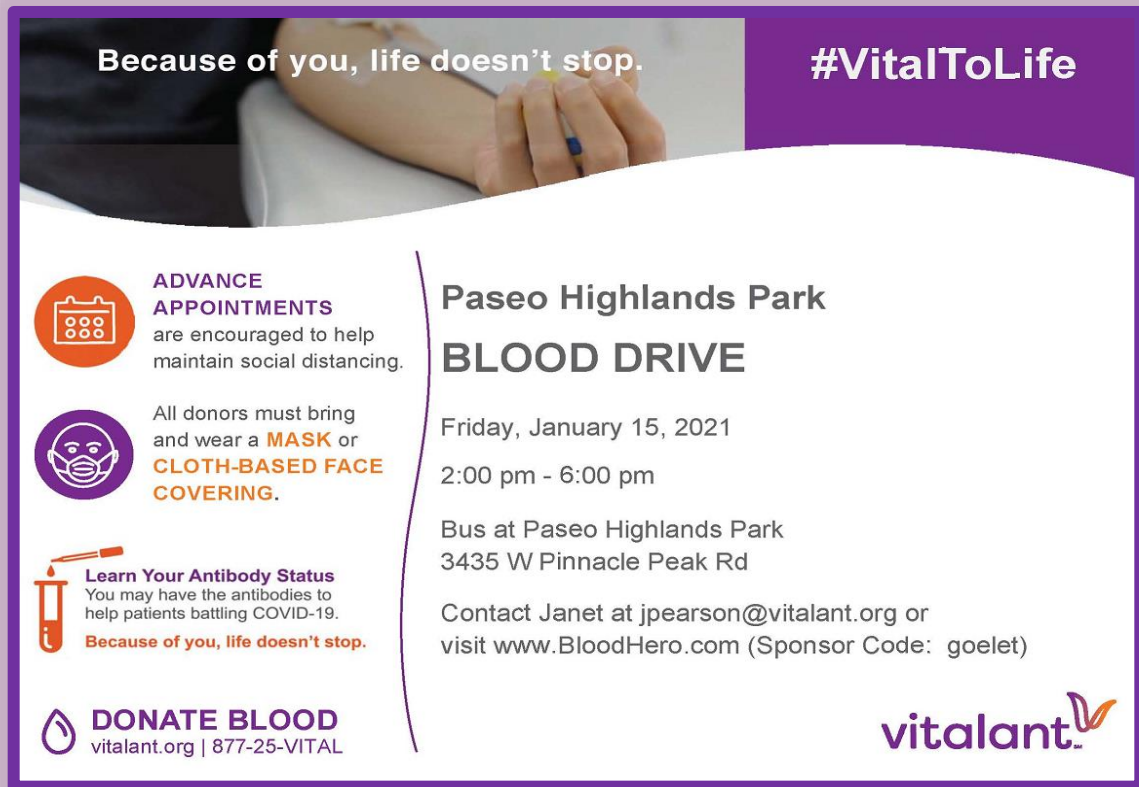
Entry deadline is 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 22, 2021
For more information, visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org/kids



<https://www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org/kids>

PARKS AND RECREATION

To make an appointment visit [Vitalant](#).



The flyer features a purple header with the slogan "Because of you, life doesn't stop." and the hashtag "#VitalToLife". The main content is on a white background with purple accents. It includes three icons: a calendar for "ADVANCE APPOINTMENTS", a face with a mask for "All donors must bring and wear a MASK or CLOTH-BASED FACE COVERING.", and a test tube for "Learn Your Antibody Status". The event details for "Paseo Highlands Park BLOOD DRIVE" are listed on the right, including the date (Friday, January 15, 2021), time (2:00 pm - 6:00 pm), location (3435 W Pinnacle Peak Rd), and contact information for Janet at jpearson@vitalant.org or www.BloodHero.com. The Vitalant logo is in the bottom right corner.

Because of you, life doesn't stop. **#VitalToLife**

ADVANCE APPOINTMENTS are encouraged to help maintain social distancing.

All donors must bring and wear a **MASK** or **CLOTH-BASED FACE COVERING**.

Learn Your Antibody Status
You may have the antibodies to help patients battling COVID-19.
Because of you, life doesn't stop.

DONATE BLOOD
vitalant.org | 877-25-VITAL

**Paseo Highlands Park
BLOOD DRIVE**

Friday, January 15, 2021
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Bus at Paseo Highlands Park
3435 W Pinnacle Peak Rd

Contact Janet at jpearson@vitalant.org or
visit www.BloodHero.com (Sponsor Code: goelet)

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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

As of Wednesday, Water Services staff distributed \$333,000 of \$2 million to Project Assist to over 550 needy households. The "Opt Out" approach was initiated on Tuesday, so we expect funds to flow more rapidly starting by Friday morning, when the 72-hour opt-out runs for those who were called that day.

The City of Phoenix is eligible for additional Emergency Rental Assistance that was provided in the most recent COVID relief package. Phoenix will receive an estimated \$51 million based on rough estimates from the Congressional Research Service. The Finance Department submitted the certification and request for funds on Jan. 6, 2021. The submission was received and is currently being reviewed by the U.S. Department of Treasury. Staff is awaiting detailed guidance from the Treasury on program specifics. Once that guidance is available, staff will develop a proposal to discuss with City Council on how the funds could be used to benefit the community. Guidance from the Treasury should be released in the coming weeks and staff expects to have a proposal soon after.

The Central Arizona Shelter Services (CASS) is developing a Charter for an action-oriented Alliance to address the growing homeless situation in Maricopa County region. Preliminarily, the Alliance is being formed to examine new homeless solutions throughout the region. Deputy City Manager Inger Erickson has been invited to participate. Once formed, the Alliance will include various partners throughout the region.

Economic Development & Education

Community and Economic Development staff and the Arizona Community Foundation have distributed the final \$1.1 million allocation of the C.A.R.E.S. Act funding. The \$1.1 million has been distributed to approximately 150 companies in Phoenix.

On Jan. 15, the 35th Annual Arizona Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) Awards & Scholarship Celebration will be held virtually. Communications staff is assisting the Equal Opportunity Department and promoting the event through social media, the city's website and newsletter articles. The celebration will honor Valley residents for their lifelong commitment to creating a compassionate and socially just community. Recipients of this year's Calvin C. Goode Lifetime Achievement and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Living the Dream awards will be honored at 11 a.m. online at [Youtube.com/CityofPhoenixAZ](https://www.youtube.com/CityofPhoenixAZ).

From Jan. 5 through 31, Valley cities are coming together to host the 18th annual walk a "Unity Art Walk: A Visual Journey of Diversity, Culture and Equity". Each January, residents from the cities and towns of Chandler, Gilbert, Guadalupe, Mesa, Phoenix, Tempe and Scottsdale gather at Tempe Town Lake to celebrate diversity and culture. Communications and Equal Opportunity staff are gathering a list to promote signature art pieces, including murals, photos, performances and sculptures for the community to experience. Phoenix's cultural art destinations can be viewed online at <https://www.phoenix.gov/newsroom/equal-opportunity/276>.

Aviation staff added new Phoenix City Council member announcements about wearing a mask and practicing physical distancing to Sky Harbor's overhead announcement rotation. Staff also added Mayor and Council videos to the CNN Airport Network. The 30 second Public Service Announcements which remind travelers to wear a mask and practice physical distancing are now playing during CNN programming in Sky Harbor's airline gate areas.

Recently, Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport received an honorable mention in the category of Special Events in the Airport Council International – North America's 2020 Excellence in Airport Marketing, Communications, and Customer Experience Awards. The event submitted was the Terminal 2 Farewell Event which involved an open house for the community, speeches by city leaders and a historical museum exhibition.

Neighborhoods and Livability

Recently, Environmental Programs staff participated in the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality's (ADEQ) stakeholder process for the proposed new state Protected Surface Waters program. ADEQ has drafted legislation to establish its authority and set up the framework for this proposed new program. The program would expand ADEQ's existing federal surface water quality program to identified state "protected surface waters." The city's comments on the proposed legislation and framework to date have focused on the need to allow for a case-by-case consideration of certain additional waterbodies as protected surface waters in the future. Staff will continue to work with ADEQ as this legislation moves forward.

Social Services Delivery

To date, Library staff has provided curbside pickup services to more than 199,000 customers, with approximately 1,882,000 physical library materials circulated by library cardholders.

Last week, in partnership with St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance, Library staff served 1,745 meals to children and teens, ages 18 and under. The Kid's Café program is the result of a grant from the U.S. Department

of Agriculture administered by the Arizona Department of Education. Meals are being provided, Monday through Saturday, during curbside pickup hours at select library branches.

During the week of Dec. 21, Human Services staff conducted 1,823 wellness checks for senior center members.

On Dec. 16, the second of eight senior tablet distribution days was held at Pine Tower senior housing. On this day, 111 tablets were distributed along with masks and hand sanitizer. To date, the total number of tablets distributed to senior public housing residents is 205.

Infrastructure

Due to staffing constraints, two pay station locations are temporarily closed: 610 E. Baseline Road, Ste C-5 and 6544 W. Thomas Road, Ste 19. The pay station located at 305 W. Washington St. is open for customers from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays and from noon - 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday – Thursday. Customers can also make a payment, 24 hours a day, using the online portal or over the phone, using the automated system. Staff posted signs at the facilities and updated the website to reflect the change.

Recently, Public Works staff implemented the use of 15 electrostatic roller cart sprayers and 18 hand-held sprayers to disinfect and sanitize city vehicles brought in for maintenance and repairs. The vehicle cleaning equipment will allow staff to quickly sanitize vehicles, work areas and breakrooms to help keep employees safe. These products are on the CDC-approved list and include Clorox disinfectants identified on the EPA product List N to kill COVID-19.

On Dec. 22, Street Transportation staff activated a new traffic signal, at 44th Street and the Arizona Canal to accommodate the many pedestrians and bicyclists who use both canal banks.

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) awarded the Full Funding Grant Agreement of \$530 million for the South Central/Downtown Hub Extension under the FTA's Capital Investment Grant program to the Transit Department. Additionally, the FTA awarded a \$1 million Transit Oriented Development grant for the Northwest Extension Phase II (NWEII) to Metrocenter and has allocated \$100 million so far for the NWEII project.

As part of several tree replacement initiatives, 150 trees were planted in various locations throughout the city. Nineteen trees were planted on 43rd Avenue and Encanto Boulevard, 83 trees were planted on Thomas Road and 43rd Avenue to 51st Avenue, 23 trees were planted on 59th Avenue and Campbell Avenue, 13 on Indian School Road and 79th Drive and 8 on Indian School Road and 49th Drive. Fifty-five trees were planted on Central Avenue from Bethany Home Road to Northern Avenue in a cooperative effort between North Central Homeowners Association, Parks Forestry Division and Street Landscaping.

On Dec. 21, City Clerk staff mailed the Permanent Early Voting List notice for the upcoming March 2021 Runoff Election to 158,580 voters in Districts 3 and 7. The notice informed the Permanent Early Voters of the upcoming election, provided an opportunity to have the early ballots mailed to an alternate address, and the option to opt out of receiving a ballot for this election.

Information Technology Services' GIS team developed a Wi-Fi mapping application to assist Phoenix residents when seeking free, public Wi-Fi outdoors. The app includes features to default to the nearest Wi-Fi location with directions and an option allowing users to include multiple addresses/locations in the search. Last fall, Phoenix expanded its public Wi-Fi coverage outside nearly 50 libraries and community,

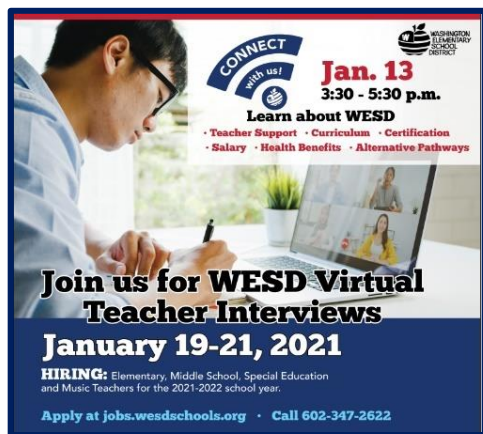
senior, and recreation centers to ensure all students have internet access. The city's focus on digital equity ensures students have 13 hours of internet access per day for distance learning. The new Wi-Fi mapping app is available at phoenix.gov/freewifi.

NEWS & EVENTS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT:

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS



WESD Hiring Teachers for 2021-2022



It's time to jump start your career! WESD is hiring teachers for the 2021-2022 school year and offers fantastic benefits such as paid time off, loan forgiveness and weekly professional development.

WESD will be hosting virtual teacher interviews Jan. 19 -21. To learn more or to register visit jobs.wesdschools.org.

WESD Kindergarten Registration



It's that time of year again! Kindergarten registration is open for the 2021-2022 school year! WESD offers a free, full-day program that includes numerous enrichment opportunities such as art, music and PE in addition to high academics and opportunities for gifted students. To learn take a virtual tour of your neighborhood school's kindergarten program and learn more about the upcoming Drive-Thru Kindergarten Event on Jan. 26 from 4 to 6 p.m., please visit www.wesdschools.org/kindergarten [wesdschools.org].

You can also begin the process online at www.wesdschools.org/registration [l.facebook.com]

WESD Accepting Tax Credits

Give back and get back when you make a tax credit donation to your local WESD school! This year, tax credits can help fund items such as risers, scoreboards, soccer goals, marquees, playground equipment, 3-D printers, library books, classroom furniture and more!

Tax credits also help fund extracurricular activities. The best part is that you will receive a dollar-for-dollar reduction on your state income taxes. www.wesdschools.org/taxcredit to make an online donation today.



GLENDALE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Save the Date for Future Freshman Night

Save the date for Glendale Union High School District's upcoming, signature event, Future Freshman Night, on Thursday, Jan. 14 at 6:30 p.m. During this virtual event, eighth-grade students and their families will discover why GUHSD is the top-performing high school district in the Metro-Phoenix area.



Join us to learn about our nationally recognized academics, championship athletics, fine and performing arts courses, resources for college and career opportunities, plus much more! Please visit www.guhsdaz.org for more information about your local school's Future Freshman Night.

Take the Credit with a Tax Credit Contribution

With a tax credit contribution, you can take the credit and reduce your Arizona state income taxes! The Arizona State Public School Tax Credit Law allows taxpayers of a tax credit up to \$400 for those filing personal taxes as "married filing jointly" or \$200 for those filing "head of the household" or "single," if they contribute to a public school.

For those still wanting to give back to their local GUHSD high school, we encourage you to do so by the deadline of April 15. For more information and to donate online, visit www.guhsdaz.org.



DEER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Coming soon to mailboxes in the Deer Valley Unified School District community: The 2020-2021 DVUSD Special Report to the Community. Inside you will find stories highlighting our #Extraordinary District! To view this publication online, visit <https://www.dvUSD.org/SpecialReport>.



DEER VALLEY
Unified School District

SPECIAL REPORT

TO THE COMMUNITY
SHOWING A RETURN
ON YOUR INVESTMENT
2020-2021

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear DVUSD Community Member,

This year has been unprecedented in so many ways. However, our commitment to continue providing an extraordinary educational experience for our students has remained unwavering.

As a District, we desire to remain transparent with our community. This award-winning publication serves to offer that transparency by showing you how funds are used within our District.

For more detailed information on any aspect of our District's finances, please visit www.dvUSD.org/budget411 or contact Jim Migliorino, Deputy Superintendent of Fiscal Services at (623) 445-4958 or jim.migliorino@dvUSD.org.



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DVUSD OPENS FIRST SPANISH IMMERSION SCHOOL

Deer Valley Unified School District opened its thirty-ninth school – **Union Park School** – in August in the new Union Park neighborhood near Happy Valley Road and 19th Avenue.

To provide the most innovative learning experiences:

- Each classroom is equipped with an 86-inch interactive smart TV, LED lighting and flexible furniture
- Learning spaces throughout the campus also include: multiple shade canopies for outdoor learning opportunities
- Specialty rooms for art, science, band, music and a computer lab
- A 3,000-square-foot media center with large windows
- Safety and security throughout the 83,000-square-foot school that allows travel from one building to another within a contained area

The certified, highly-qualified staff at Union Park offer a rigorous academic curriculum which includes the first-in-the-district **Spanish Immersion Program** providing an extraordinary language and culture opportunity for students to gain advanced Spanish language proficiency.

"We are excited to offer a program that provides a strong foundation in Spanish, giving students increased opportunities as they continue their academic and professional careers." — Tricia Graham, Union Park Principal



NEW Traditional Academy



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<https://www.childhelp.org/> 602- 271-4500

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OPERATION CARE FOOD BANK located in North Phoenix, a non-profit Christian organization committed to helping those in need with food and clothing. For additional information, please call 602-866-0135, or email info@operationcarefoodbank.org.

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