



Feb. 19, 2021

CITY EVENTS

UPCOMING CITY PUBLIC MEETINGS

- **Human Relations Commission** – 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22. Please click on [Notice of Public Meeting](#) for meeting information.
- **City Council Policy Session** – 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23. Please click on [City Council Meetings](#) for meeting information.
- **Zoning Adjustment Hearing** – 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25. Please click on the [Notice of Public Meeting](#) link 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>.

DISTRICT 1 EVENTS:

DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Please continue to check here for updates on future District 1 community events.

COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 NEWS AND INITIATIVES

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT



The [Gated Alley Program Pilot](#) is now accepting applications. If you are interested in the pilot program for your alley, submit your application by March 15.



GATED ALLEY PROGRAM PILOT

The Gated Alley Program Pilot provides homeowners adjacent to an alleyway, the opportunity to submit an application requesting both the relocation of solid waste services from the alley to curbside, and permission to install locked gates at the ends of the alley to promote safety.

PROGRAM CRITERIA

- Only eligible alleys selected by City Council may apply
- Primary applicant's neighborhood organization must be listed and updated with the city of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department. Verify your neighborhood organization information at Phoenix.gov/nsd/programs/neighborhood-coordination
- If an alley is not within an existing neighborhood organization, applicants may join an existing organization or create a new one Phoenix.gov/nsd/programs/neighborhood-coordination
- Applicants must provide a completed petition signed by 50%+1 or more of all property owners abutting the alley, agreeing to relocate solid waste services and install gates
- Residents with property adjacent to the alley must conduct alley cleanup. The Public Works Department will assist with resources for the clean-up
- Alley gates must remain locked when not in use
- All public utilities, residents and owners with properties that abut the alley will be provided 24-hour access. Emergency response vehicles will require access and therefore no structures or improvements are allowed that impede access except for the alley gates
- After gate installation and final cleanup, responsibility will fall on property owners/tenants to maintain the cleanliness of their respective section of the alley. This maintenance responsibility encompasses the length of your property to the center of alley.

For additional information on the Gated Alley Program Pilot, contact gatedalley@phoenix.gov

or visit

www.phoenix.gov/gatedalley



City of Phoenix

STREET TRANSPORTATION

The Street View report covers the period from Jan. 1-29.

New Trees

The Street Transportation Department planted 19 new trees to replace trees that have been lost over the years due to storms or accidents.

1. 51st and Grovers avenues

Tree planting efforts support the city’s Tree and Shade Master Plan goal to achieve an average 25 percent shade canopy coverage for the entire city.

Street Right-of-Way Landscape Maintenance

Crews maintained the landscaped areas within the street right-of-way listed below. 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.

2. 43rd Avenue and Greenway Road
3. 51st Avenue and Cactus Road

Roadway Repair Work

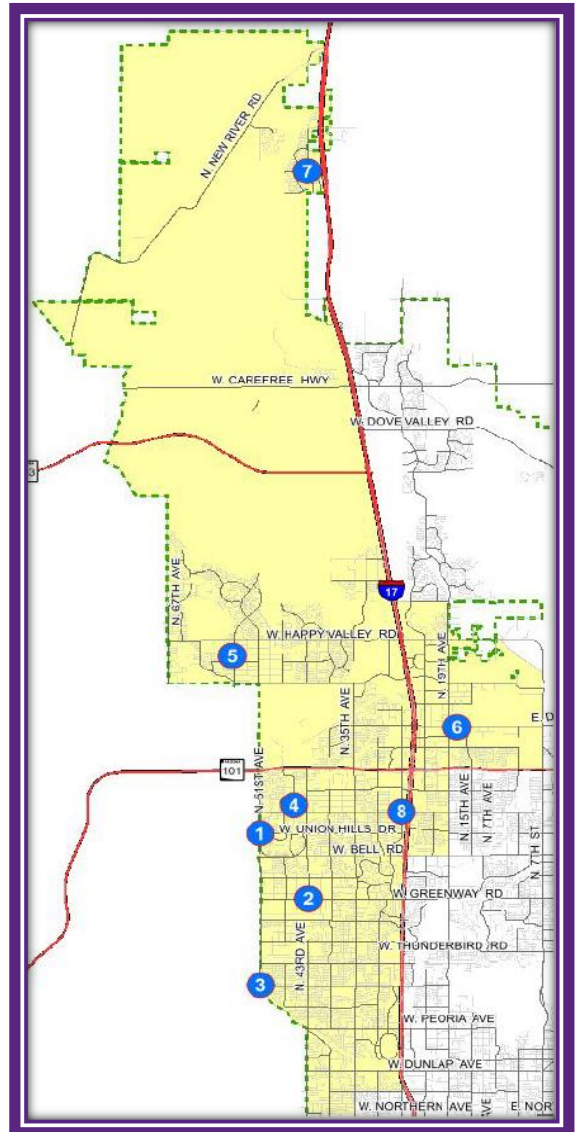
Street maintenance crews completed significant roadway repairs at the following locations in District 1:

4. 4456 W. Morrow Dr.
5. 5531 W. Saguaro Park Lane
6. 21650 N. 18th Ave.
7. 43rd Ave. and Anthem Way

ADA Curb Ramp Retrofit

This project has been designed for the removal and replacement of non-ADA compliant curb ramps, damaged concrete curb, gutter, valley gutters and aprons or sidewalks, and the installation of new ADA compliant curb ramps citywide. Newly compliant ADA ramps were installed along:

8. 27th to 19th avenues, Bell to Union Hills roads



CITY NEWS & EVENTS: STREET TRANSPORTATION UPDATES

Medal of Honor Row



The Street Transportation Signing and Striping team recently installed a series of signs on the northbound side of Pinnacle Peak Road adjacent to the 225-acre National Veterans' Memorial Cemetery of Arizona. The area will be known as Medal of Honor Row and it commemorates 37 Medal of Honor recipients with ties to Arizona.

First awarded around the time of the American Civil War, the Medal of Honor is the United States government's highest and most-prestigious military decoration that may be awarded to recognize those who risk their lives above and beyond the call of duty.

Shareable Safety Tips

Safety for all road users continues to be an important topic in Phoenix and across the U.S. The Street Transportation Department has a number of shareable safety messages as part of the Heads Up campaign. Spread the word using the following:

- [Scan the Street for Wheels & Feet](#)
- [How to Use a HAWK Signal](#)
- [HAWK Locator Map & Information](#)
- [Work Zone Safety](#)
- [Heads Up Safety Campaign & Youth Activity Book](#) (English and Spanish)



PUBLIC WORKS PSA



The Phoenix City Council recently approved the implementation of a 6-month pilot program that will allow Phoenix solid waste customers to schedule a home pickup of their household hazardous waste (HHW) materials. The [HHW Home Pickup Pilot Program](#) will be managed by the Public Works Department in partnership with Kary Environmental Services, a local company that offers professional collection and handling of hazardous waste materials.

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.

COVID-19 TESTING SERVICES

Community partners are holding COVID-19 testing sites on select dates. Please see below for information:

Stationary Site: Offers PCR test with results within 24 hours.

Maryvale Park: District 5

4420 N. 51st Ave., Phoenix 85031

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Appointments recommended at: vincerecancer.com



Mobile Van #1:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays

7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Offers Antigen and antibodies test.



Mobile Van #2:

Mondays or Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Saturdays

7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Offers antigen results in 15 minutes and PCR with results within 24 hours.



Walk-Up Sites:

Weekends (varies) from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Offers PCR test with results in 24 hours.



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**Mobile Van #1.** Falcon Park: District 4

3420 W. Roosevelt St., Phoenix 85009

Register at: [vincerecancer.com](http://vincerecancer.com)

**Mobile Van #2.** Paradise Valley Senior Center: District 2

17402 N. 40th St., Phoenix 85032

Register at: [premierlabsolutions.com/covid-19/phoenix](http://premierlabsolutions.com/covid-19/phoenix)

**Walk-Up Site.** Westwood Elementary School: District 3

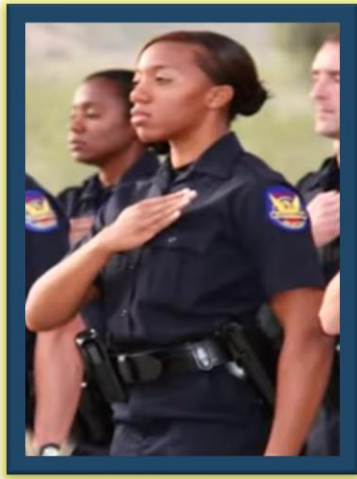
4711 N. 23rd Ave., Phoenix 85015

Register at [equalityhealthfoundation.org/covid19/](http://equalityhealthfoundation.org/covid19/)

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

## POLICE

### Before the Badge: Erika Johnson, Licensed Therapist



Phoenix Police officers come from many different backgrounds, including different careers. The department's new video series [Before the Badge](#) is profiling some of those careers, and the diversity they bring to the department today.

Detective Erika Johnson has long had a passion for helping people. That led her to a career in law enforcement. But before that, it put her on a path to become a licensed therapist.

She wasn't quite sure the route her career would take, but she started with an undergraduate degree in religious studies and a thematic minor in education. She then began a master's degree in counseling, but before she finished that master's, she turned to a career in law enforcement. Which was not exactly a surprise to those who knew her.

Det. Johnson's dad was a school resource officer with Phoenix, and she grew up seeing the positive impact he had on kids. So, after the academy and some time working patrol, she too found herself as a school resource officer. This is where she started really seeing the connection between her job as an officer and her passion to help people with their mental health.

She went back to school to finish her master's degree in counseling and became certified as a crisis intervention team officer. These are officers who have chosen to complete behavioral health training and are willing to be sent on calls for mental health issues. Which, Johnson said, is a high percentage of the calls police receive.

Once done with her master's degree, Johnson joined a private practice as a licensed therapist where she works with people primarily experiencing depression and anxiety. That is in addition to keeping up her full-time job as a crisis intervention detective. She said not a day goes by that she does not see how that passion and budding career before the badge now motivates and informs her as an officer today.

To watch the video and hear Det. Johnson's story, please visit [phoenix.gov/newsroom/police/1762](http://phoenix.gov/newsroom/police/1762).

## WATER SERVICES



Your feedback is needed! The Phoenix Water Services Department is proposing a water rate increase spread out over a two-year period and are seeking public input. To provide input on the proposed water rate increase, please take the [Phoenix Water Rate Increase Survey](#).

Visit [phoenix.gov/waterrates](http://phoenix.gov/waterrates) for additional information. All meetings will offer the same information. Email [watersmart@phoenix.gov](mailto:watersmart@phoenix.gov) with any questions or comments.

## PUBLIC TRANSIT

### NORTHWEST EXTENSION PHASE II CONSTRUCTION UPDATE Week of Feb. 15



The Northwest Extension Phase II (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).

#### Dunlap Avenue

- **Left turns for eastbound traffic restored at 25th Avenue.**
- **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 5 a.m. May 31. Click [here](#) for construction notice.
- **[NEW] Dunlap Avenue:** 22nd Avenue closure: KMJV is performing underground utility relocation and roadway construction on 22nd Avenue, just north of Dunlap Avenue. This work will require a closure at the location. In addition, left turns will not be available for eastbound traffic at Dunlap and 22nd avenues. Traffic restrictions will be in place 24/7 through 5:00 p.m. Monday, March 15. Click [here](#) for construction notice.

#### 25th Avenue

- **[UPDATE] 25th Avenue between Dunlap Avenue and Mountain View Road.** KMJV is reconstructing the Arizona Canal bridge 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 southbound lane; northbound traffic lane is closed between 24th Ave. and north of the Arizona Canal bridge. Traffic restrictions will be in place 24/7 from 7 a.m. Monday, Feb. 15 through 7 a.m. Monday, Mar. 29. Click [here](#) for construction notice.
- **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 construction notice.

Visit [valleymetro.org/northwest2](http://valleymetro.org/northwest2) to view the latest updates and learn more about the project.

Valley Metro, in partnership with city of Phoenix, offers business assistance services to businesses in the Northwest Extension Phase II corridor during light rail construction. All services are offered free of charge and no one on the project should ever be asking business owners for money. Should anyone claiming to be a project representative call or email you and ask for payment in exchange for a service, please notify Bree Boehlke, Valley Metro Business Assistance Coordinator, at [bboehlke@valleymetro.org](mailto:bboehlke@valleymetro.org) or 602-256-5822.



## NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

### Graffiti Free Awareness Month

Graffiti Free Phoenix is designed to encourage residents, neighborhoods and community volunteers to help us keep [Phoenix](#) graffiti free.

Read about how you can be a part of [#GraffitiFreePHX](#).

GRAFFITI IS A CRIME, REPORT IT!



### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

To date, Water Services Department staff have assisted 2,879 accounts for a total of \$ 1,581,945.92 of \$2 million through Project Assist. Water Services staff are averaging 100 customer contacts per day.

#### **Economic Development and Education**

Aviation staff received additional guidance and allocation amounts on the CRRSA (Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriation Act) grant, signed into law in late December. Sky Harbor is eligible to receive \$38.6 million in grant funds and \$4.8 million has been designated as potential reimbursement for rent relief extended to airport concessionaires. Aviation staff is programming funds for debt and rent relief reimbursements in fiscal year 2021-22.

Aviation's Here for You Crew continues to distribute FEMA masks to the traveling public. Between the dates of Feb. 2- 9, 7, 120 masks were distributed.

The Aviation Business Summit will be held virtually on Feb. 24. The summit showcases potential opportunities to do business with the airport. Registration is open, a press release was issued, and notices were sent to interested parties.

Arts and Culture staff continues to meet virtually with prospective community arts program applicants. Fiscal Year 2022 general and project support grant guidelines will be widely shared in mid-February. The online application will open on March 8 and close on April 1.

The Convention Center had one notable booking; the Women of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Triennial scheduled for September 2023. The ELCA is estimated to have 2,000 delegates equating to 3,613 total room nights, and 800 peak rooms.

On Feb. 11, Water Services staff hosted the third of four proposed water rate increase virtual meetings. The Water Services staff continued to promote the proposed water rate increase and the remaining virtual public meetings on social media in English and Spanish. A survey in English and Spanish was posted on phoenix.gov/newsroom and has been added to all outgoing emails from customer service representatives. As of Feb. 12, 513 people have completed the survey in English and six surveys have been completed in Spanish.



This week, Communications staff highlighted youth programming on Spanish media outlets. Enlace Radio interviewed staff on the Youth Climate Action Workshop taking place virtually on Feb. 20. Dialogo Comunitario conducted an interview to promote the Outstanding Young Man/Woman of the Year Awards as the application deadline is Feb. 26.

Communications and the Office of Environmental Programs staff are promoting the Climate Action Workshop for youth. Phoenix Union High School Sustainability Officers and the City are hosting an interactive workshop focused on climate action planning. The virtual event will take place on Feb. 20 at 1 p.m.

This week, Communications and PHXTV staff are producing a project for the Community and Economic Development Department's Small Business ToolKit to complement a series of reports with Director Christine Mackay. Additionally, Communications staff will produce and edit a video for the City Clerk on the election ballot information. Staff is in the final stages of editing the Employee Memorial program and a report on the Street Transportation Department's sign dedication project. Airing this week is a PHXTV Classroom News Brief highlighting Martin Luther King, Jr., the Monroe Gardens Apartments special report, and a story on the Public Works Department's Household Hazardous Waste Pilot program.

Public Safety

### **Public Safety**

The Police Department implemented a pilot project to expand the criteria used when detectives are called out for sexual violence crime scenes to provide victims with immediate detective response. The Adult Sex Crimes Unit will now refer all victims of sexual violence to the Victim Advocates at the Family Advocacy Center. They have received 48 referrals in the past week.

During the week of Feb. 9, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (OHSEM) staff attended the Disaster Management for Public Services training. The virtual training was the first of four courses as part of a Disaster Management Certificate program offered by the Texas Engineering Extension Service of Texas A&M University. This training is provided at no cost through the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium. The additional three classes will be coming in the next few months.

OHSEM, various city staff, and Maricopa County Department of Public Health attended a small workgroup meeting. The focus of the workgroup was to identify two Phoenix locations for "Pop-Up" PODS (Point of Dispensing Sites) for public COVID-19 vaccinations. The areas being targeted are South Phoenix and Maryvale. Planning continues with the next scheduled meeting on Feb. 18.

### **Neighborhoods and Livability**

On Feb. 10, Office of Environmental Programs staff presented the Climate Action Plan Framework to 46 members of the American Society of Civil Engineers Phoenix Branch during their "Lunch with the Branch." Staff provided background information on the work the city has done in the area of climate action and future climate action planning for the city of Phoenix. They discussed goals in the Climate Action Plan Framework and informed the members of how to contribute their ideas and comments for the draft plan coming in the summer. The presentation is available on the ASCE AZ Section [Website](#) and can also be found on the City of Phoenix Climate Action Plan [website](#).

On Feb. 11, the city of Phoenix and Local First Arizona Foundation won an award for the Feed Phoenix Initiative from the Arizona Recycling Coalition (AzRC). The AzRC recognized the contribution that the Feed Phoenix Initiative has made to feeding COVID-19 impacted individuals and families in our most

vulnerable communities. The initiative is providing food and helping to preserve small businesses and jobs. Produce from local farmers is purchased for use in healthy, culturally appropriate meals prepared by local restaurants and caterers and delivered to social service organizations serving people impacted by the pandemic and living in food deserts. To date, about 65,000 meals and nearly 3,000 CSA (community-supported agriculture) shares have been delivered by eight farms and 45 restaurants/caterers to 17 organizations in Phoenix.

Sustainability staff presented, along with other 2020 grant recipients of the Healthy Babies Initiative, to highlight the outcomes of ten successful grant projects, including the \$10,000 ASU/Phoenix grant to provide cooling and air quality improvement to Paideia Academies through planting of low Volatile Organic Compound trees and shrubs in the playground area.

Sustainability, Public Works and Planning and Development staff presented at the February Historic Preservation Commission about the future deconstruction program that could divert materials from demolition from the landfill. The Commission supported further research to develop this program concept.

Sustainability and ASU staff developed a cool roof fact sheet highlighting the merits of cool roofs including links to cool roof policies in other jurisdictions. The city is partnering with ASU to quantify the impact of a future Cool Roof program in Phoenix.

This week, Sustainability staff participated in the Statewide Transportation Electrification Plan review with utilities and other stakeholders to discuss the content of the 100-page plan and obtain stakeholder comments. Upon review, the plan will be finalized and submitted to the Arizona Corporation Commission.

Sustainability and Planning and Development staff met to discuss solutions to mitigate regulatory barriers for businesses to add shade to their storefronts through solutions such as revocable permits. Staff will continue to explore policy options to partner with the business community in expanding access to shade.

On Feb. 9, Neighborhood Services and Streets staff joined representatives from Keep Kids Alive Drive 25 (KKAD25) and residents to discuss implementing a traffic safety awareness campaign in their neighborhoods. KKAD25 is using funding from General Motors to fund the campaign in the Perry Park and Maryvale neighborhoods. The meeting focused on resident traffic safety concerns and provided campaign suggestions on how to change unsafe behaviors of drivers, such as cell phone use while driving and speeding through strategically placed signage on their neighborhood streets.

On Feb. 9, the City's Special Events Committee approved the Milwaukee Brewers COVID-19 safety plan to return fans into the stadium. Highlights of their safety plan include increased cleaning measures, reduced fan capacity at 25 percent, required masks, and restricted seating areas. The Milwaukee Brewers first game at American Family Fields of Phoenix (formerly Maryvale Baseball Park) is scheduled to take place on Feb. 28.

On Feb. 28, the regularly scheduled Silent Sunday event will be held at South Mountain Park. On the fourth Sunday of each month, the park's main roadway is closed to motor vehicle traffic at the one-mile mark into the park from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. and the park's roadways are reserved for non-motorized activities such as walking, cycling, jogging, hiking and more.

Planning and Development staff held a preliminary meeting for a 224-unit assisted living development on the site west of 48th Street on the south side of Carefree Highway. The facility will be broken up into two buildings equaling more than 291,000 square feet. Parking and onsite amenities are included. The project was placed on Time Extension to confirm Maricopa County Department of Transportation approves of the proposed roadway improvement design on Carefree Highway within their jurisdiction.

### **Social Services**

On Feb 10, Housing staff distributed 83 tablets to seniors on the sixth of eight total distribution days at Washington Manor. To date, 460 tables have been distributed to senior public housing residents.

During the week of Feb. 8, Human Services staff conducted 2,106 wellness checks for senior center members and delivered 5,163 meals.

On Feb. 9, Human Services staff, Community Bridges Inc. and Home Away Pet Shelter met for the Home Away Pet Shelter opening. The shelter will provide fostering services and free Veterinary care for pets belonging to individuals experiencing homelessness that have been impacted by COVID-19. The shelter intends to open in March.

On Feb. 10, two couples from the Montebello Assisted Living participated in the virtual bi-weekly Memory Café. The Memory Café supports the city's Dementia Friendly Initiative for members with early signs of dementia and their caregivers to engage interactively.

Last week, in partnership with St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance, Library staff served 642 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.

To date, Library staff has provided curbside pickup services to more than 235,000 customers, with approximately 2,188,000 physical library materials circulated by library cardholders.

This week, 470 children and adults shared books, literacy activities, songs and stories in live online story time sessions led by Library staff.

Since Feb. 8, the city of Phoenix has partnered with Vincere Cancer Center to make COVID-19 testing available to all residents. Residents can receive a COVID-19 test every Monday, Wednesday or Friday at Maryvale Park. Appointments can be reserved at [vincerecancer.com](http://vincerecancer.com), and a limited number of walkups can be accommodated. Medical insurance is accepted, but testing is available to all residents. The nasal swab tests using PCR technology will make results available to participants within 24 hours. Deployment of the stationary testing opportunity gives residents a consistent location where they can reliably receive COVID-19 testing services.

### **Infrastructure**

Arts and Culture staff coordinated completion of the repair of artist Stephen Farley's ceramic tile mural Arizona Handshake at the Convention Center. The repair included replacement of tiles damaged by the movement of underlying walls.

Housing staff and Arizona Public Service (APS) have partnered through the APS Solar Communities program at six affordable housing properties. The program provides solar carports at no cost to the owner and in exchange, the solar power generated goes back into the APS grid. In addition to the carports,

communities with individually metered units receive \$1,000 per year and the residents receive a \$15 monthly credit on their utility bill. For master metered properties, the property receives a monthly stipend based on the size of the solar system. At Fillmore Gardens, the installation of a 100 kW-ac system has been completed. This property is master metered and will receive a \$250 monthly incentive. The Sunnyslope Manor installation of a 90 kW-ac solar system has been completed. This property is master metered and will receive a \$225 monthly incentive. Construction at Monroe Gardens began on Feb. 2 on a 125 kW-ac solar system and is expected to be complete by mid-March. This property is individually metered. Summit Apartments will begin construction on Feb. 22 on a 216 kW-ac system and is expected to complete by the end of May. This property is individually metered. Marcos de Niza and Washington Manor are under review for construction start in the next 30 to 45 days.

On Feb. 5, Public Works staff facilitated the replacement of the remaining broken glass from the May 2020 protest at the Calvin Goode Building. Glass manufacturers no longer produce single pane glass in the necessary size so framing modifications were made to reduce the overall glass size.

Public Works staff has worked to enhance facilities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. To date, Public Works staff has installed power and data lines for new teleconferencing equipment in the 7th floor conference room, plexiglass protective barriers at the City Clerk Early Voting Room and 14th Floor call center, dedicated outlets for monitors were at Desert Broom and Ocotillo Libraries. Additionally, 23 Dutch Door systems were installed with added automation to five exterior doors at 10 Human Service Senior Centers.

Public Works call center began operations on Dec. 28, 2020, with six staff transferring from Water Services in December and an additional three transferring in February to assist with call volume. Call center operations continue to improve each week. During the week of Feb. 1, the call center handled an average of 450 calls per day, an average of 57 calls per agent, with 47 percent of the calls answered within two minutes. The goal is to achieve a high standard of 85 percent of calls answered within two minutes.

Public Works staff launched the new Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Home Pick-up pilot program on Jan. 18. Over 1,049 collections were scheduled in the month of February. The City's contractor, Kary Environmental Services, started HHW collections on Feb. 1. Of the total stops, 95.5 percent of HHW requests were collected by the contractor. Items such as paint, chemicals, batteries, TVs, etc. were collected and properly disposed. Thirteen collections did not take place; most of these customers did not have their HHW out or did not have it out by 7 a.m. Scheduling for the month of February is booked and staff will open scheduling on March 15 for April collections. This week, Public Works staff have sent out customer feedback surveys and are receiving positive feedback about the program.

As part of the 2021 Phoenix Mural Fest, residents along the Grand Canal near Central Avenue have begun installing murals along their back walls. The festival runs from Feb. 3 to March 6 between 15th Ave. and 7th St. along both sides of the Grand Canal.

On Feb. 9, Street Transportation staff met with representatives from Ethos Academy. The academy is interested in having a school zone crosswalk across 43rd Ave., south of Dunlap Avenue, installed. Street Transportation staff will work with Ethos Academy on securing the zone.

This week, Street Transportation staff and ADOT partnered to have Deer Valley Road, from 35th Ave. to 56th St., retimed for progression across all time-of-day plans. This retiming project consisted of a total of 21 intersections.

On Feb. 5, Street Transportation staff completed the public outreach period and survey for the 3rd Avenue, Osborn to Indian School Roads, proposed buffered bike lanes and lane reconfiguration project. The proposal will maintain two lanes of travel with one lane in each direction, while adding buffered bike lanes. Street Transportation staff will review and compile survey results in order to move forward with the design. If the proposal moves forward, the street will be repaved this spring and it would be striped to include buffered bike lanes.

Water Services staff is continuing the citywide sanitary sewer rehabilitation program to ensure reliable infrastructure performance and providing services for small diameter (8 inches to 15-inches) sewer pipe rehabilitation. Services include cleaning of the existing sewer pipe, CCTV of the existing sewer pipe, installation of Cured-in-Place-Pipe (CIPP) liner, reinstatement of home service connections, CCTV of the sewer pipe after CIPP liner installation, traffic control, point repairs, and flow management. The CIPP liner provides a new jointless structural pipe from manhole to manhole inside the existing sewer. Two Contractors installed approximately 6,000 linear feet of CIPP liner this week.

Water Services have begun meetings for the drought pipeline project 1 (66-inch) from 24th St. Water Treatment Plant (WTP) to 32nd St. and Bell Road. Achen-Gardner will be performing the construction for the portion of the 66-inch pipeline installation from 24th St. WTP to Orangewood and 20th St. Garney will be performing the construction for the portion of the 66-inch pipeline installation from Orangewood and 20th St. to 32nd St. and Bell Road, including through the Phoenix Mountains Preserve.

## **NEWS & EVENTS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT:** **WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

### **WESD's Top Spellers Advance to Regional Bee**

The WESDFamily could not BEE any more excited for our WESD Spelling Bee winners!

Congratulations to: Ze'Riyah C., fourth grade, Cactus Wren Elementary; Renad S., sixth grade, Maryland School; Mia T., sixth grade, Lakeview Elementary; Emily P., fifth grade, Cactus Wren Elementary; Delina A., fifth grade, Alta Vista Elementary; Ayomide O., eighth grade, Abraham Lincoln Traditional School; Amy G., eighth grade, Palo Verde Middle School; and Solisa S., eighth grade, Desert Foothills Junior High.

These eight students will be advancing to the Regional Spelling Bee, which will take place on Feb. 19.

Good luck, spellers!



## 2021-2022 Kindergarten Registration

Register your kindergarten student for the 2021 – 2022 school year!



WESDs free, full-day program offers a developmentally appropriate, research-based curriculum that addresses reading, writing, math, science, social studies, physical education and art with time for fun! WESD provides a variety of opportunities to learn and practice essential social emotional & problem-solving skills. The experienced and enthusiastic teachers encourage peer-to-peer relationships and collaboration while supporting each student’s unique needs and helping them to discover who they are as learners.

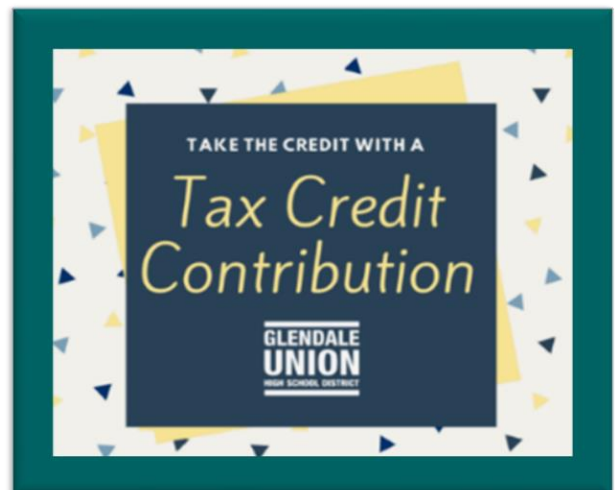
If you or someone you know has a child who will be five before Sept. 1, 2021 and you would like to learn more, virtual tours of all of the kindergarten programs are available at [wesdschools.org/Kindergarten](https://wesdschools.org/Kindergarten). WESD is currently enrolling kindergarten student for next year at [KinderRegistration](https://wesdschools.org/Kindergarten).



## GLENDALE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

### Reduce Your Taxes and Support GUHSD Students with a Tax Credit Contribution

Did you know you can reduce your Arizona state income taxes and support GUHSD students with a tax credit contribution? 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. Donations will also go toward supporting GUHSD students, extracurricular programs, community school meal programs and much more. Remember – the deadline to submit your contribution is April 15. For more information and to donate online, visit [guhsdaz.org/](https://guhsdaz.org/).



To learn more GUHSD news, visit [@GUHSDAZ](https://www.facebook.com/GUHSDAZ) on Facebook.

## GUHSD to Host Teacher Career Fair (Virtual Event)



The Glendale Union High School District is hiring for the 2021-2020 school year! Join us for GUHSD's Teacher Career Fair (Virtual Event) 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 20. GUHSD provides a nationally recognized teacher mentoring program, extensive professional development opportunities, and supportive and collaborative teacher teams. Educators can also enjoy competitive salaries, a generous benefits package, loan forgiveness opportunities and much more!

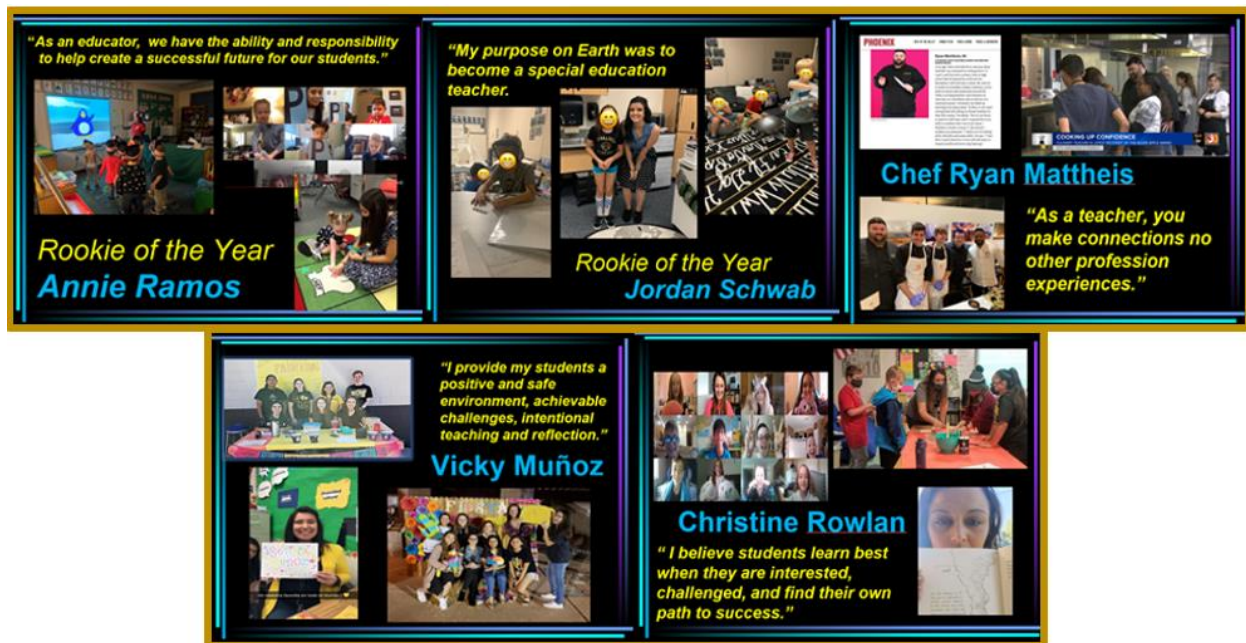
Reserve your interview today by calling the GUHSD Human Resources Department at 623-435-6017. Visit [guhsdaz.org](http://guhsdaz.org) for more information.

## DEER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS



Each year, the Deer Valley Education Foundation holds an extensive nomination, application, and interview process to identify the DVUSD Teachers of the Year. Over three Governing Board Meetings, DVUSD will recognize all of our Teachers and Rookies of the Year.

The five honorees include Rookies of the Year Annie Ramos and Jordan Schwab. Congrats to our DVEF Teachers and Rookies of the Year!



## GREAT CHARITIES TO DONATE TO:

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<http://www.azhumane.org/get-involved/give-now/>

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**PHOENIX CENTER FOR THE ARTS** Love the arts? Want to help ensure that the programming we offer here at the center continues for generations to come? Please visit:

<https://phoenixcenterforthearts.org/support/>

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**ARIZONA PAWS & CLAWS** [www.azpawsandclaws.com](http://www.azpawsandclaws.com)

**FETCH FOUNDATION:** please go to the following site: [www.fetchfoundation.com/Newsflash/the-fido-bag-program](http://www.fetchfoundation.com/Newsflash/the-fido-bag-program)

**M.A.I.N.** What We Do - M.A.I.N. - Medical Animals in Need, Dog Rescue in Phoenix. Kelly Ferreira 480-245-9203 President / Medical Animals In Need [www.medicalanimalsinneed.com](http://www.medicalanimalsinneed.com). Together we save lives!

**MINI MIGHTY MUTTS** for more information, contact Angie Crouse at 480-304-5654 or [info@minimightymutts.com](mailto:info@minimightymutts.com). Also check out our website at [www.minimightymutts.com](http://www.minimightymutts.com) Mini Mighty Mutts is a 501(c) 3 organization. We rescue the underdog!

**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](mailto:info@operationcarefoodbank.org).

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