



Sept. 4, 2020

CITY EVENTS

UPCOMING PUBLIC CITY MEETINGS

- City Council Policy Session – 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8. Please click on the [City Council Meetings](#) link for meeting participation information.
- City Council Work Study Session – 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8. Please click on the [City Council Meetings](#) link for meeting participation information.
- Rio Vista Village Planning Committee – 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8. Please click on the [Notice of Public Meeting](#) link for meeting participation information.
- Zoning and Adjustment Hearing – 9:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10. Please click on the [Notice of Public Meeting](#) link for meeting participation information.
- North Gateway Village Planning Committee – 6:00 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10. Please click on the [Notice of Public Meeting](#) link for meeting participation information.
- Sept. 11 Memorial Ceremony – 9:00 a.m. To view the virtual memorial honoring 911 heroes and victims, please visit [PHXTV](#).

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 to YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/cityofphoenixaz>.

DISTRICT 1 EVENTS:

DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY MEETINGS

There will not be a September Community Breakfast Meeting. Please continue to check here for updates on future District 1 community events.

SEPT. 4 STATEMENT FROM COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS ON 2020 CENSUS



Just under one month left to get counted. The U.S. Census Bureau deadline to respond to the Census is Sept. 30. Get Counted!

In north west Phoenix we have several needs that will require federal funding over the next 10 years. Simply put, if we don't participate, we will be overlooked. We cannot afford to miss out on any federal dollars for essential services.

It just takes 10 minutes to respond, don't delay, do it now. You also can still respond online, by phone or by mail, simply visit iCount2020.info; or call 1-844-330-2020 English, 1-844-468- 2020 Spanish; or respond by mail. If you have any questions, call my office at 602-262-7444.

National self-response rate: 65.2%
Arizona self-response rate: 61.7%
Phoenix self-response rate: 63.1%

CITY OF PHOENIX LABOR DAY NOTICE

City of Phoenix offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 7 in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Here's how city services are affected:

Solid Waste: Trash and recycling will be collected as usual. There will be no change in collection day. Please place your trash and recycling containers 4 feet apart at the curb by 5:30 a.m.

Transfer Stations: The 27th Avenue and North Gateway Transfer Stations will be closed.

Public Transit: Bus and light rail are operating on a Sunday schedule. There is no RAPID or Express bus service. Customer Service is closed. Due to COVID-19 preventative measures, the following transit centers are closed to services other than free face coverings distribution: Central Station, Ed Pastor, Sunnyslope and Metrocenter. Visit valleymetro.org for more information.

Library: All Phoenix Public Library locations are closed. Phoenix Public Library book drops remain available with the exception of South Mountain Community Library. Customers may access library resources 24/7 by visiting phoenixpubliclibrary.org.

Parking Meters: All [parking meters](#) are enforced 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, including weekends and holidays.



CELEBRATING A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO VOTE

19th Amendment Phoenix Celebration – “Phoenix Herstories” A Photography Exhibit, Video Testimonials, Inspired Storytelling & Curricular Guides

The Phoenix Arts & Culture and Women’s Commissions, along with other community champions, is hosting a 2020 centennial celebration of a woman’s right to vote with an online photography exhibit, video testimonials, storytelling, and curricular guides for our schools.

The photography exhibit is accompanied with video testimonials on why voting and community engagement matters. *Claudia Johnstone* was selected to photograph the 31 female influencers who visually convey Phoenix’s unique cityscape of women making a difference in a variety of career settings. These 31 honorees were selected because of the civic engagement and leadership they have shown within our community.

On the new ‘Phoenix Herstories’ [website](#), visitors can read and listen to the extraordinary women describing their voting experiences and telling stories about other women who inspired them. Also available are links to the history of the 19th Amendment, events focused on the 19th Amendment, as well as curricular guides for teachers and students that highlight historical aspects and connect our shared history to today’s female leaders.

Please visit the site to hear [Councilwoman Thelda Williams’](#) story about the importance of the right to vote.

‘Phoenix Herstories’, will be displayed with community partner The FOUND:RE Hotel through a six-story video installation on the southeast-facing exterior hotel wall. The hotel will light up the city using an ever-changing canvas. The carousel of video-projected images will be prominently displayed from 8 pm until 1 am beginning on September 1 and running through the month.



**Celebrating
Women**

CITY NEWS & EVENTS:

PHOENIX COVID-19 TESTING BLITZ

Saturday, Sept. 5

Spaces of Opportunity

1200 W. Vineyard Road. Phoenix, AZ 85041

Council District 7

7:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. Appointments required

at: <https://vincerecancer.com/>



Tuesday, Sept. 8

Fry's Food & Drug Store

3511 W. Peoria Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85029

Council District 1

7:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. Appointments required

at: <https://vincerecancer.com/>

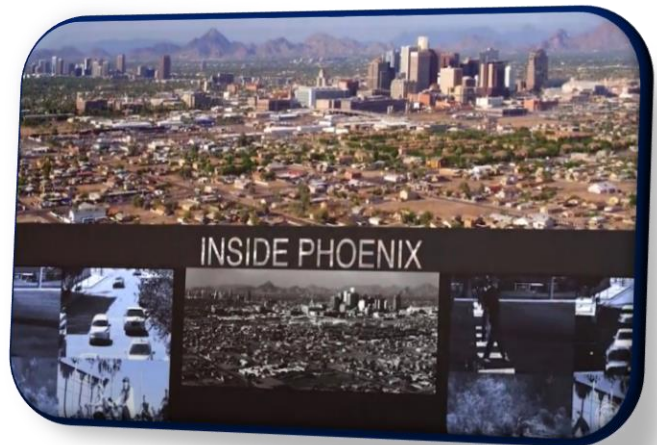
PHOENIX HUMAN SERVICES

City of Phoenix and CASS team up to provide safe housing for homeless seniors.

Project Haven, a partnership between the City of Phoenix and Central Arizona Shelter Services, is a temporary emergency homeless shelter for vulnerable populations.

The COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic has created extraordinary unplanned expenses and challenges. Among those challenges is the need to find safe and supportive emergency housing options for the elderly and those with chronic health conditions.

Project Haven will utilize a hotel property that will allow for separate units with private bathroom facilities. Meals, security, laundry, and other basic services will be provided on site. CASS staff will provide case management services to assist guests in finding long-term housing solutions. As an emergency shelter, the goal is to maintain short lengths-of-stay for each guest by focusing on expedited rapid rehousing or permanent supportive housing opportunities. To view the video click [here](http://cassaz.org/), and for more information: <http://cassaz.org/>



PHOENIX PARKS AND RECREATION



Reservable Athletic Fields in Phoenix Parks Reopen Sept. 10

Following a vote during Wednesday's Phoenix City Council meeting, reservable athletic fields in city parks will reopen for games and practices effective Sept. 10. Restrooms located within proximity to those fields will also reopen that day. To help manage the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, these fields have been closed since an April 2 order by the City Council.

Organizations and teams participating in activities on these fields will be required to follow various safety procedures; including having spectators, officials and coaches wear a mask or face covering; maintaining six feet between the field and spectators; and limiting the number of participants on a field to 48 youth or 24 adults. The schedule will account for time needed to clean between reservations and reduce potential crowding.

Organizations and teams will agree to self-monitor and have a designated on-site compliance person. Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department staff will also monitor activity at these sites as they provide roving oversight at various parks.

[Reserve an athletic field in a Phoenix park.](#)

Phoenix's public parks, trails and golf courses have remained open throughout the pandemic, but select outdoor recreational amenities are temporarily closed until further notice as city staff and City Council continues to monitor COVID-19 positive case metrics.

Park amenities that remain closed include:

- Restrooms (in a park that does not have a reservable athletic field)
- Playgrounds
- Basketball and volleyball courts
- Fitness equipment
- Ramadas
- Picnic tables
- Splashpads
- Encanto and Rose Mofford sports complexes

Detailed information about the city's outdoor recreational options and free virtual recreation programs is available at [Phoenix.gov/Parks](https://phoenix.gov/Parks).

PHOENIX SKY HARBOR

New UV-C Light Sterilizing Technology at Sky Harbor Airport

Health and safety are top priorities at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. As the Airport continues to keep sanitation top of mind, Phoenix Sky Harbor recently added seven UV-C LED light sterilizers to pre-security escalators in Terminals 3 and 4.

Operating around-the-clock, the new handrail sterilizer is known to kill up to 99.9 % of disease-causing microorganisms using a germ-destroying light. The light is mounted underneath the escalator handrails out of the passengers' view. It provides an excellent sanitizing solution for the high-touch handrails and operates 24/7.



PHOENIX HONORS 911 HEROES AND VICTIMS



At 9a.m. Friday, Sept. 11, the City of Phoenix will host a virtual ceremony to honor the victims and heroes of 9/11.

You can watch the event on [City of Phoenix YouTube](#) channel or

PHXTV: (Cox 11/CL 8005) [#NeverForget](#) [@PHXFire](#) [@PhoenixPolice](#)

PHOENIX WOMEN'S COMMISSION VIRTUAL EVENT SURVEY



The City of Phoenix Women's Commission and the Equal Opportunity Department are organizing free, virtual webinars. They would like to hear your ideas and comments on the topics that are most impactful to you. Your answers will help them determine what topics to present. Please provide your ideas at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YSMK7Y5>

The [Phoenix Women's Commission](#) provides advocacy, leadership and support on issues facing women of all ages to enhance their quality of life. The commission promotes the participation of women in civic and public affairs and advises the mayor and City Council on women's issues.

PHOENIX PUBLIC LIBRARY

Confused About Social Security?

Phoenix Public Library is offering an [online program](#) to help you sign up for Social Security.

Social Security 101: Will help you understand the Social Security system, the various options and how to register for benefits.

The class is scheduled from **5 to 6:30 p.m.**
Tuesday, Sept. 8.

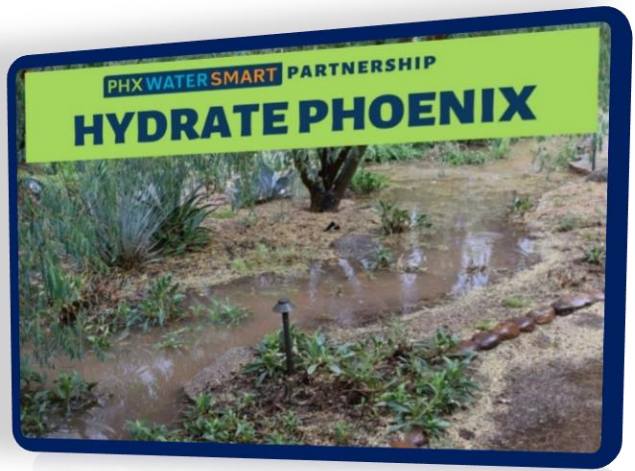


PHOENIX WATER SERVICES

Phoenix Water has partnered with [@watershedmg](https://www.watershedmg.com) to host a FREE virtual workshop series to learn about hydrating your neighborhood.

The virtual workshops are the next four Wednesdays at 5:30p.m. Sign up for the workshops and learn how to harvest the rain with only a shovel! Register for the following classes at <https://bit.ly/3hLDiII>

- Sept. 9 | Hydrate Your Plants – Create a beautiful landscape with native plants and trees
- Sept. 16 | Hydrate Your Food – Use rain tanks to support your vegetable garden
- Sept. 23 | Hydrate Your Soils – Turn waste into resources and build healthy soils
- Sept. 30 | Hydrate with Greywater – Harvest greywater to complete your backyard oasis



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Legislative

This week, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced an extension of its foreclosure and eviction moratorium through Dec. 31 for homeowners with Federal Housing Authority (FHA) insured single family mortgages covered under the Coronavirus Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The moratorium stops all evictions, instructs mortgage servicers to pause all new foreclosure actions and suspends any foreclosure actions currently in process for FHA insured single family homes.

This week, the United States Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has announced that the Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport has been awarded a \$6.6 million grant for apron reconstruction.

Census

This week, the Census response rate in Phoenix reached 62.9 percent. Last week, Census staff conducted outreach through partnerships with the Bashas' Family of Stores and the Arizona Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Complete Count Committee at grocery and restaurant locations throughout the city. Additionally, in collaboration the City's COVID-19 mobile testing vans, staff conducted outreach at the Maryvale Community Center, Falcon Park, Mountain Park Health, and Sunnyslope Family Services Center testing sites.

Major business outreach efforts continue. To date, 234 business across 79 census tracts in Districts 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 have been engaged. Staff provides census flyers and face masks for businesses to share with their customers.

Economic Development & Education

Communications staff is working with the Youth and Education Office on a news release that will announce the distribution of personal protective equipment (PPE) to Phoenix school districts. Approximately 1.3 million pieces of PPE have been ordered to help Phoenix schools reopen for the 2020-2021 school year. School districts will begin receiving the supplies next week to distribute to schools for the health and safety of the Phoenix community. As Phoenix school districts begin to transition to in-class instruction, the City understands the importance each school is placing on the health and safety of their students, staff, and educators.

Neighborhoods and Livability

Office of Arts and Culture staff finalized guidelines for the second round of the Coronavirus Relief Fund for Artists and Arts Professionals grant and the NEA CARES Act jobs preservation grant. Both programs opened Aug. 31 and the application deadline is Sept. 18.

Planning and Development staff are working with Equus Development Corporation to convert the old City of Phoenix Personnel building on 2nd Avenue and Monroe Street to a mixed-use project with dining options and a coworking space. Equus Development Corporation, the developer, purchased the building in 2019, and the building is currently undergoing major renovations including plumbing and mechanical overhauls. Staff, including mechanical and plumbing inspectors, are working closely with the contractor to ensure the appropriate permits are issued for each step of the project.

Social Services Delivery

To date, Library staff has provided curbside pickup services to more than 92,700 customers, with more than 914,600 physical library materials circulated by library cardholders.

This week, the Phoenix Families First Resource Centers provided 16 virtual workshops focused on early language, literacy, child development, early learning, parenting, and family stability. Families had the opportunity to participate in Kinder Prep, Grab and Go Bag, and Proper Dental Health. Participants included 27 families with children ages birth to five.

To date, Housing staff has distributed 711 tablets to public housing residents. The remaining tablets will be distributed through appointments and delivery.

On Aug. 28, Housing staff hosted the monthly St. Mary's Mobile Pantry at the Aeroterra Community Center. Adhering to no-contact guidelines and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) safety precautions, staff distributed food bags to 47 families and delivered to 151 seniors, residents with limited mobility, and those who are at risk for contracting COVID-19. Food bags included rice, beans, potatoes, bread, eggs, oranges, pinto beans, yellow dry split peas, fruit & nut mix, grapefruit juice, bread, ground beef, and catfish fillets.

On Aug. 27, public access computers were made available to guests at the Heat Respite Center in the Phoenix Convention Center. These computers allow guests to access the Phoenix Public Library Public Access system and schedule appointments with caseworkers and others. The computers now allow Human Services staff to print reservations and resource information for clients on-site. This was a collaborative effort between the Human Services, Convention Center, Library, and Information Technology Services Departments.

During the week of Aug. 24, Human Services staff conducted 2,233 wellness checks and delivered more than 3,000 meals to 600 Senior Center members.

This week, Human Services staff in the Victim Services Division received a Victims of Crime Act Grant Award of approximately \$2.7 million for fiscal years 2021 through 2023. The grant supports critical transportation services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, as well as funding for staff, training, and operational expenses.

On Aug. 24, Equal Opportunity Department staff worked with the Communications Office to open up the nomination process for the 2021 MLK Awards including the Calvin C. Goode Lifetime Achievement Award and the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Living the Dream Awards. Nominations will be accepted through Sept. 25. The Calvin C. Goode Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes one exceptional individual who has made Phoenix a better place to live by promoting social and economic justice, defending civil rights and enhancing the dignity of all people. The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Living the Dream Awards recognize individuals who exemplify the ideals of Dr. King through their personal commitment to human rights and social justice. The 2021 MLK Awards Program is scheduled to be a virtual event and will take place on Jan. 15.

Infrastructure

In October, construction will begin on the second part of the Drought Pipeline Project. This project will ensure residents have access to safe, reliable, clean drinking water during future times of shortage on the Colorado River. Water Services staff has contacted businesses in the area to ensure they are aware of any impacts and how staff is working to minimize them. In addition, staff is planning two virtual open houses for the end of October and continues to encourage those interested in the project to visit phoenix.gov/waterworks.

Public Transit staff is working closely with Valley Metro to promote the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) survey, which is available to the public until Dec. 18. Staff is developing a BRT poster to place aboard Phoenix buses, as well as additional social media boosted marketing, blog, newsletter, and light rail kiosk posters.

This week, in coordination with contractors Transdev and First Transit, Public Transit staff issued an operator bulletin to reflect changes to the regional policy for strollers on buses. The policy will allow for passengers to board the bus without first having to fold the stroller. Once on board, passengers will be asked to fold the stroller and store it where it does not block the aisle. Public Transit staff has met with Valley Metro and member cities over several months to prepare the policy, which should improve boarding times and provide for a more customer-friendly boarding process.

In July, Public Transit staff reported passenger boarding numbers consistent with the region at large. Compared to July 2019, July 2020 local bus ridership decreased by 50 percent, RAPID and Express ridership decreased by 92 percent, and Valley Metro Light Rail ridership decreased 54 percent.

Last week, the United States Department of Transportation announced that \$50.6 million has been allocated for the Light Rail Northwest Extension Phase II project. This is the first of several expected allocations for federal funding of this project. and confirms the Federal Transit Administration's commitment to the project moving forward for opening in 2024.



HAPPY VALLEY ROAD BRIDGE ART UPDATES

Progress continues on the north bridge installation after the rainfall.



COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 NEWS AND INITIATIVES



Remember to follow the heat safety tips found at <https://www.phoenix.gov/pio/summer>

HELP HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS BY GIVING YOUR CHANGE TO SHELTERS

To end panhandling, we must stop giving directly to individuals that panhandle.

Phoenix is full of compassionate and charitable citizens. They want to help those in need. However, giving money to people panhandling doesn't fix problems. To truly help those in need, stop giving money to panhandlers and instead support organizations and services that provide long-lasting care. <https://www.givesmartaz.org/>



PHOENIX INTERACTIVE STREET CLOSURE & RESTRICTIONS MAP – SEPT. 4.

To view a listing of current or planned street restrictions please visit this link: <https://www.phoenix.gov/streets/street-closures>.

For updated street closure alerts, follow the Phoenix Street Transportation Department on Twitter at [@StreetsPHX](https://twitter.com/StreetsPHX).

NEWS & EVENTS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT: DEER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS



Forbes Media and Statista Inc. recently announced that Deer Valley Unified School District has been named to the 2nd Annual list of **America's Best-in-State Employers!** This is the second year that DVUSD has received this title, which serves to reinforce DVUSD's reputation as a high-quality employer.

Forbes and Statista selected DVUSD and the other organizations based on an independent survey from a vast sample of more than 80,000 U.S. employees working for companies employing at least 500 people in their U.S. operations. Employees were asked to rate their willingness to recommend their own employer to friends and family; participants were also prompted to evaluate on a state-by-state basis.

DVUSD and Superintendent Dr. Finch are proud to be an #Extraordinary Employer! **"We credit a great base of positive people that keep attracting more and more staff who believe in the values and opportunities that DVUSD holds,"** said Dr. Finch.

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS



Thanks to the tremendous generosity of Desert Financial Credit Union, the entire teaching staff at Sunburst Elementary received \$100 Walmart e-gift cards. The gift cards afforded teachers the opportunity to purchase items needed to support students through distance learning.

To honor the efforts of Desert Financial, Sunburst Principal Jennifer Dial matched the donation amount of her own gift card to purchase items to recognize and celebrate staff and students. We're grateful for the kind hearts of our friends at Desert Financial Credit Union!



GREAT CHARITIES TO DONATE TO:

ARIZONA HUMANE SOCIETY

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

CHILDHELP: 2120 N. Central Ave #130, Phoenix, AZ 85004

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

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/>

ANTHEM PETS Animal Rescue: A Voice for the Voiceless

<http://anthempets.org/> 480-287-3542

ARIZONA PAWS & CLAWS www.azpawsandclaws.com

FETCH FOUNDATION: please go to the following site: 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 Arizona Kelly Ferreira 480-245-9203 President / Medical Animals In Need www.medicalanimalsinneed.com Together we save lives!

MINI MIGHTY MUTTS for more information, contact Angie Crouse at 480-304-5654 or info@minimightymutts.com Also check out our website at 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 visit: info@operationcarefoodbank.org.



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