



Oct. 2, 2020

CITY EVENTS

UPCOMING PUBLIC CITY MEETINGS

- Transportation, Infrastructure, and Innovation Subcommittee Meeting – 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7. Please click on the [City Council Meetings](#) link for meeting participation information.
- City Council Formal Meeting – 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7. Please click on [City Council Meetings](#) for information on how to participate.
- Zoning and Adjustment Hearing – 9:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8. Please click on the [Notice of Public Meeting](#) link for meeting participation information.
- North Gateway Village Planning Committee – 6:00 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8. Please click on [Notice of Public Meeting](#) for more 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 to YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/cityofphoenixaz>.

DISTRICT 1 EVENTS:

DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY MEETINGS-Please continue to check here for updates on future community events.

OCT. 2 STATEMENT FROM COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS ON 2020 CENSUS

“Thank you for your participation in the 2020 Census. As counting wraps up for the 2020 Census, I want to thank our residents who fulfilled their civic duty and responded, doing so will help to shape resources for children and our community over the next decade. I appreciate all of the Census workers, volunteers, community partners, count committee members and government employees who worked so hard to help residents get counted.”

COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS STATEMENT ON PAINT PHOENIX PURPLE

Purple is the international awareness color for domestic violence. Since 2013, during the month of October, Phoenix and 50 community partners shine a light on domestic violence and bring awareness to the issue. The purple lights also represent a beacon of hope to current victims, letting them know that help is available.

Phoenix City Hall, Phoenix Convention Center, the State Capitol, and other locations around Arizona will be lit in purple throughout October. Purple Thursday is on Oct. 22 this year; a national day of action encouraging residents to wear purple and raise awareness about domestic violence.



In a normal year, the statistics are deeply concerning:

- 1 in 4 women and 1 in 9 men will experience domestic violence in their lifetime
- 85% of domestic violence victims are women
- In Arizona, every 44 minutes one or more children witness domestic violence
- Between 18% and 48% of domestic violence victims delay leaving a dangerous situation out of concern for their pet's safety
- Between 49% and 71% of domestic violence victims reported their pets had been threatened, harmed, or killed by their partner

Everything that was difficult before COVID-19 is greatly magnified during this pandemic. In recent weeks, domestic violence calls have been sharply on the rise. The Police Department did a four-month comparison from February to May 2019 vs. 2020 and what we found were alarming increases related to domestic violence:

Dispatched Calls 3.9% to 11.5%

Incident Reports 14% to 31.5%

Arrests -4.9% to 27%

Aggravated Assault -1% to 34.8%

Threatening & Intimidation 10.4% to 63.6%

Criminal Damage 6.3% to 20.7%

These increases can be attributed to the impact of COVID-19. During the four-month span, this was when a stay-at-home order went into effect and people were essentially shut in, schools closed abruptly, childcare arrangements changed, people lost jobs, wages were reduced, housing and food insecurities increased, and social amenities were taken away.

To mitigate the problem, in addition to CARES Act funding programs, the City of Phoenix developed a major awareness campaign and partnered with radio, TV and billboards to raise awareness about domestic violence. In addition, the city took steps to expand access to the Court. My colleagues and I approved funding to dedicate 10-15 computers in safe locations around the city that are connected directly to the Court system with a video link, allowing victims to file an order of protection without a requirement to travel downtown to Court.

We hope to be able to continue to raise awareness, provide support to victims and to expand the computer program to help more victims.

If you are a victim of domestic violence, you are not alone. Help is available! Call anytime 24/7 800-799-SAFE (7233) or visit phoenix.gov/domesticviolence.

If you have any questions, call my office at 602-262-7444.

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



Phoenix is lighting City Hall purple all month long to raise awareness about domestic violence. It impacts us all, and we can all help end it. Learn more at [Paint Phoenix Purple](http://PaintPhoenixPurple), or azcadv.org. [#PaintPHXPurple](https://twitter.com/PaintPHXPurple)

- Domestic Violence is one of the most widespread and dangerous health and safety challenges in our community today.
- In the last year, the city has made significant strides in the campaign:
 - Increasing the number of staff members to six Victim Advocates based at the Family Advocacy Center to better serve victims of domestic violence. Also implemented are two Mobile Victim Advocates to assist Phoenix Police with domestic violence calls.
- Engaging local businesses in training their employees on the signs of domestic violence and resources for help, along with a community item drive that benefits local shelters.
- Mark your calendar and wear purple on Fridays throughout the month of October and especially on Oct. 22nd, which is *National Wear Purple Day for Domestic Violence Awareness*.
- For more information about the Paint Phoenix Purple campaign and events around the community in support of domestic violence awareness visit, paintphoenixpurple.org or phoenix.gov/domesticviolence.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: PROTECTING OUR PETS

Join the Oct. 6 webinar and learn more about how Domestic Violence impacts the victims and their pets. Attendees will learn:

- Up-to-date statistics and prevalence information about pets and domestic violence.
- Information about the intersecting dynamics of pet abuse, child abuse, and domestic violence.
- Abuse tactics involving pets.
- Strategies to support survivors escaping abuse with their pet.
- Traumatic implications of pet abuse and domestic violence on adults and children.



To register for the Protecting Our Pets webinar, please visit

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UURK5tzkRE2lVAtGq8njAQ

For any questions please contact samantha@acesdv.org



CITY NEWS & EVENTS:

Phoenix COVID-19 Testing Blitz: Mobile Van Testing

Saturday, Oct. 3

Sunnyslope Family Services Center
914 W. Hatcher Road, Phoenix, AZ 85021
Council District 3
6:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Appointments required at vincerecancer.com

Tuesday, Oct. 6

Paradise Valley Community Center
17642 N. 40th St. Phoenix, AZ 85032
Council District 2
6:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Appointments required at: vincerecancer.com

Friday, Oct. 9

Cortez Park
3434 W. Dunlap Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85051
Council District 1
6:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Appointments required at vincerecancer.com



For more testing dates and locations please visit [Phoenix Testing Blitz](#)

PHOENIX AVIATION



Did you know there is a Museum at Sky Harbor International Airport?

The Phoenix Airport Museum is one of the best kept secrets at Sky Harbor International Airport. The goal of the Airport Art collection is to acquire contemporary art to enhance the airport environment and create a sense of warmth and community. The collection serves to welcome visitors and be a point of pride for residents. It does so by presenting the cultural diversity of Arizona communities and individuals through a variety of artistic styles, materials, and disciplines. To watch the video please click [here](#).

For more information on the museum visit: <http://skyharbor.com/museum>

PARKS AND RECREATION

Interested in learning sign language?

Come join us virtually to learn basic ASL! Who knows, you might even learn a song too. All programs are designed for individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities, but everyone is welcome!

Email Angelica Raya
Angelica.Raya@phoenix.gov
for any questions!

Thursday, Oct. 15

From: 6 to 7 p.m.

Where: Online Class

Course code: # 35887

Click [here](#) to register!



PHOENIX PUBLIC LIBRARY

Beginning Tuesday, Oct. 6, we will be adjusting evening curbside hours to 4 to 6 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Please visit our [Curbside Service](#) page for current hours and locations.



Now more than ever, a Phoenix Public Library card is a valuable link to books, entertainment, online classes and more. Visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org throughout October to register for your card!

Starting in October, library staff will be available for virtual visits to classrooms and community organizations. If you would like to schedule a visit, please fill out the [Virtual Outreach Program Request](#) form to customize the visit to your group's specific needs.

In support of students and families the Phoenix Public Library a new resource is available customers...[Scholastic Teachables](#) is now available on our website. Providing about 25,000 teacher created printable materials, Scholastic Teachables has everything from printable mini-books, seasonal focused materials, how-to's for writing book reports, to test preparation. Simply sign into your library account and access the database providing tens of thousands of searchable educational materials. It's as easy as: sign in...search...select...print...and learn.

PHOENIX STREET TRANSPORTATION

Micromobility is returning to downtown Phoenix with the return of shared electric scooters (e-scooters). As part of an effort to integrate multimodal and active transportation options into Phoenix's urban core, the city has extended its pilot program to allow the operation of e-scooters within a specific boundary of downtown Phoenix.

The initial six-month pilot program (September 2019 through March 2020) was unanimously approved by City Council. Another six-month evaluation period was also approved; however, the extension was postponed due to COVID-19. The extended pilot program begins Oct. 1, 2020 and will conclude March 31, 2021.

The extended pilot will allow further evaluation of e-scooters as a micromobility transportation option in Phoenix. The Street Transportation Department will continue to examine a variety of metrics including the number, duration and location of rides, user and vendor compliance, incidents, and community feedback.



Phoenix's e-scooter program requires all scooters to be deployed and parked in designated parking areas.

Nearly 400 designated parking areas can be found throughout the pilot boundary defined by white posts and reflective yellow scooter decals. Improperly parked scooters can be reported by calling the e-scooter hotline at 602-262-7474.

The city of Phoenix encourages drivers to stay alert and always yield to people walking and riding bicycles or scooters. Scooter riders are also encouraged to wear a helmet, only ride one person per scooter and ride in the street or in bicycle lanes and outside of construction zones and no-ride zones. E-scooter vendors are required to educate riders on the rules of the pilot and safe rider practices. Community input is an important part of the evaluation of the pilot program. To provide feedback about the pilot program, email scooters@phoenix.gov or call the city's e-scooter hotline at 602-262-7474. Visit phoenix.gov/scooters for more information.

PHOENIX POLICE

Missing in Arizona Day: Virtual Event on Saturday, Oct. 17

It has been called the nation's silent mass disaster. There are an estimated 40,000 unidentified bodies nationwide, and 84,000 missing persons. But there can be a link between some unidentified bodies and reported missing persons. And that link can be connected with a simple swab of DNA.

The Phoenix Police Department is hosting [Missing in Arizona Day](#)—a virtual event to help even more families missing loved ones connect the puzzle pieces. MIA day is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17. Investigators will be available to take reports and gather information at 602-534-2121 or email at missing.persons@phoenix.gov. To read more information and hear one family's personal experience, please visit <https://www.phoenix.gov/newsroom/police/1539>



PHOENIX FIRE DEPARTMENT

Oct. 4 through 10 is National Fire Prevention Week.

The [Phoenix Fire Department](#) has participated in this nationwide effort to educate the public on fire safety for decades. Since 1922, the [NFPA](#) has sponsored the public observance of Fire Prevention Week. In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance, making it the longest-running public health observance in our country. During Fire Prevention Week, children, adults, and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire. Firefighters provide lifesaving public education in an effort to drastically decrease casualties caused by fires.

In a fire, mere seconds can mean the difference between a safe escape and a tragedy. Fire safety education isn't just for school children. Teenagers, adults, and the elderly are also at risk in fires, making it important for every member of the community to take some time every October during Fire Prevention Week™ to make sure they understand how to stay safe in case of a fire.



Fire Prevention is the key to saving lives and property. Fire Prevention education is the first step in the Fire Department's commitment to protecting the lives and property of our citizens, guests, and neighboring communities.

The Phoenix Fire Prevention Division [webpage](#) provides contact information to answer questions on fire preventions and safety.

For tips and talks on how you can make your home and our city fire safe check out [@PHXFire](#)

PHOENIX ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY



To help reduce COVID-19 transmission through social distancing, this year's Phoenix Food Day and Healthfest event will combine drive-thru and virtual activities from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 10. The city of Phoenix and the Junior League of Phoenix will host the drive-thru event at the Cartwright School District Offices and Community Garden, 4208 N. 51st Ave.

Phoenix Food Day and Healthfest is a free, health and wellness event that focuses on healthy lifestyles for families. Goody bags for adults and school-aged children will be given away. Each bag will include fitness activities, gardening kits, food baskets, cooking recipes and special prizes!

The community will also be able to access educational health and wellness videos on the city of Phoenix Food Day and Healthfest website following the event. Videos will include cooking demonstrations from local chefs, gardening tutorials, and other health-related activities.

“Junior League of Phoenix is committed to fighting hunger in greater Phoenix and increasing awareness around living a healthy lifestyle and providing much needed resources to our community,” said Danielle Wilhelmsen, Healthfest Chair for the Junior League. “Not everyone in our community has access to these resources that many of us take for granted, so we’re excited to have found a way to continue this important work through the pandemic with a safe, drive-thru event.”

For more information and to participate in this free event, visit [Phoenix.gov/OEP/FoodDay](https://phoenix.gov/OEP/FoodDay).



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: PHOENIX HOME REPAIRS



Home repairs in Phoenix

CARES Act Shelter-in-Place Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program

Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona is excited to offer the City of Phoenix residents home repairs to help Arizona families shelter at home safely and comfortably during the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.

In partnership with the City of Phoenix, Habitat now provides qualifying families a variety of repairs to ensure they can continue learning and working from home safely.

Examples of eligible repairs

- Air conditioning / heating repair or replacement
- Plumbing or Electrical repairs
- Roof repairs or replacement
- Repairs that address the health and safety of the home
- Appliances including range, oven, and refrigerator

Note: The program does not provide service for landscaping, fencing, painting, or pools



Properties that do not qualify

- Rental properties
- Properties that are not the primary residence of the owner
- Repairs not related to staying safely at home

Eligibility Requirements

- The property must be located within Phoenix city limits
- Applicants must own and live in their home
- Total household income must not exceed income limits
- Household members must provide proof of lawful residence
- Repairs needed to make the home safer and healthier



To learn more about this program, please call 602-268-9022, Extension 224, or visit [habitatcaz.org/repairs](https://www.habitatcaz.org/repairs)

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Economic Development & Education

Recently, Information Technology staff at Sky Harbor International Airport published their first issue of PHX Check-In, an online monthly e-newsletter. This publication gives readers an overview of events and activities at the airport, including providing information on travel tips, parking discounts, construction updates, and more. Staff launched the September 2020 issue of the newsletter last week, which can be found at skyharbor.com/phxcheckin. The team received positive feedback from the Phoenix Business Journal for the format, content, and user experience.

This week, Sky Harbor International Airport received Level 3 Airport Carbon Accreditation. The airport joins an elite group of seven airports in the United States and 17 overall North American airports that have attained this level. The Airport Carbon Accreditation Program is an internationally recognized initiative for airports to demonstrate their commitment to reduce global warming and climate change. Reporting at this level for calendar year 2019 means the airport had a year-to-year reduction in airport-owned and operational emissions, 90 percent of emissions from electricity purchases and 10 percent from airport fleet vehicles, and required the airport to calculate all user and tenant activities. The report includes carbon emissions associated with aircraft emissions under 3,000 feet, emissions from vehicles coming to the airport and ground transportation, tenant electricity, and more. Aviation staff will develop a plan to engage with stakeholders to collectively reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

In October, the Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture's Public Art Digital Classroom continues with Public Art: Behind the Curtain. These five new online workshops, scheduled for Thursdays throughout the month, will feature artists and curators taking participants behind the scenes of public art projects, studio practices, and opportunities. Registration is open and more information can be found at www.phoenix.gov/arts/public-art-program/workshops.

During the week of Sept. 21, the Phoenix Families First Resource Centers hosted 12 virtual workshops focused on early language, literacy, child development, early learning, parenting, and family stability. A total of 23 families, with children up to five-years-old, participated in activities such as story time, which addressed safe and secure 2 relationships, the Grab and Go Bag activity on kindness, and the Home Safety workshop on injury prevention.

Social Services Delivery

To date, Library staff has provided curbside pickup services to more than 120,000 customers, with more than 1.1 million physical library materials circulated by library cardholders.

This week, in partnership with St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance, Library staff served 846 meals to children and teens, ages 18 and under. The Kid's Cafe program is the result of a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture administered by the Arizona Department of Education. Meals are provided Monday through Saturday during curbside pickup hours.

This week, Housing staff completed the distribution of 800 tablets with built-in wi-fi hotspots to public housing households with school aged children. Residents have reported they are using the devices for schoolwork, telemedicine appointments, and staying connected with friends and family.

On Sept. 25, Housing staff at the Aeroterra Community Center held an event offering residents food boxes, free flu shots, voter registration, Census 2020 assistance, and registration for early childhood services. A total

of 170 households received food boxes, 52 individuals received flu shots, four residents registered to vote and two completed their census forms. Partners for the event included St. Mary's Food Bank, Maricopa County Public Health, Valle Del Sol, and HeadCount

During the week of Sept. 21, staff conducted 2,186 wellness checks and delivered more than 3,070 meals to 614 Senior Center members.

Recently, Human Services staff working at the Phoenix Convention Center assisted a 57-year-old male who has been homeless for more than 20 years. Staff learned that his Social Security benefits had been suspended for months because he did not have a mailing address and assisted him with contacting Social Security to update his mailing address to the Central Arizona Shelter Services Campus. As a result, he will receive his benefits plus back pay and was also reconnected with his CBI Navigator.

Staff also assisted a woman in need of shelter who was eight-and-a-half months pregnant and had a 15-month-old child. The mother and daughter lived in her car due to a job loss and a dispute with her roommate, and staff assisted with placing them in a shelter.

On Sept. 23, Human Services staff partnered with the Mayor's Office to conduct the first virtual City of Phoenix Memory Café in support of the City's Dementia Friendly Initiative. This program serves Senior Center members with early to moderate dementia and their care partners. The goal is to provide members with an interactive activity to stimulate their cognition and develop a support system of individuals with similar experiences. Members participated by recalling their first job, listening, and reflecting on situational poetry, and enjoying a relaxation exercise.

This week, Head Start Preschool Enrollment reached 1571 students who will participate virtually and 57 who will attend in person.

This year, the 2020 Annual Paint Phoenix Purple Silent Auction and Art Gallery will be held online. Auction items will be on display at <https://paintphoenixpurple.org/> from Oct. 16 to Oct. 30. The funds collected from the silent auction will benefit the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence.

On Sept. 21, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management staff facilitated a workshop presentation called Resilient PHX at Aeroterra Community Center, presenting on emergency preparedness. Approximately 21 children, ages six to 13, participated in the event and prepared their own emergency kits from home.

Public Safety

On Sept. 25, a Police Recruit Written Exam was administered at the Police Regional Academy. The 24 applicants that passed the Written Exam were provided immediate results and invited to submit their AZPOST background packet. The job recruitment remains open for applicants to register for written exams scheduled Oct. 17 and Oct. 29, as well as the ongoing online option.

During the week of Oct. 4, Fire staff will host a week of fire prevention events to celebrate National Fire Prevention Week, which focuses on educating the community about the dangers of fire and the importance of fire prevention. The events will include staff cooking a meal to highlight kitchen safety on Good Morning Arizona, a smoke detector house walkthrough, instruction in how to create a Fire Escape Plan, "Close Before You Doze" instructions, a Halloween Safety video, a burn shed demonstration and a family "Trunk or Treat" event.

Neighborhoods and Livability

This week, Planning and Development staff held a virtual conference with the Arizona Restaurant Association, Valley Partnership and Downtown Phoenix, Inc. to present the new Temporary Outdoor Dining Program materials and website, <https://www.phoenix.gov/pdd/temp-outdoor-dining>. The program was approved by City Council on July 1.

Infrastructure

This week, Information Technology, Street Transportation, and Parks and Recreation staff were awarded a 2020 Best Projects Award from Engineering News for the North Mountain Tower Road project. The award was in the small project, under \$10 million, category for the Southwest Region. This project is also automatically entered for consideration in the national 'Best of the Best' awards and will be celebrated on Nov. 9. The project was a multi-year collaboration between the departments that ended this year. The project replaced Phoenix's North Mountain Road and Tower, while maintaining critical radio coverage and providing a safe and comfortable road for valley hikers. The tower on North Mountain is an important component of the region's public safety radio system and provides a key location for equipment for agencies such as the FBI and Department of Environmental Quality.

The Central Station Transit Center redevelopment project continues to move forward with construction tentatively scheduled to begin in Nov. 2020. On Oct. 26, Public Transit staff plans to close the Central Station Transit Center with the use of temporary fencing around the perimeter to align with regional bus service changes. As a result of the closure, all bus routes currently using the site will be rerouted to surrounding surface streets. The following locations along surface streets have been identified for bus stop use that will require installation of transit pads prior to Oct. 26:

- Northwest corner of Van Buren and 2nd streets – Transit Pads Completed
- Northeast corner of 7th Avenue and Jefferson Street – Transit Pads Completed
- Southwest corner of Adams Street and 3rd Avenue – Transit Pads Completed
- Southwest corner of Van Buren Street and 3rd Avenue – Pending
- Northwest corner of Van Buren Street and 1st Avenue – Pending

Additionally, starting Sept. 29, several light poles within the Central Station Transit Center will be removed and repurposed for Guide-a-Ride signs (GAR) for bus stops in the downtown area that will be servicing multiple routes. The GAR signs will provide route information and schedules for each location. Public Transit staff has submitted 37 locations to Street Transportation staff for bus sign installations and removals because of the 28 bus routes being detoured on a long-term basis.

For the second year in a row, Public Works staff was awarded the 2020 Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) grant. The \$1.09 million grant will fund the replacement of nine Class 8 diesel automated side loading refuse trucks to model year 2020 or newer Class 8 trucks powered by compressed natural gas (CNG) engines. These engines are certified to meet the California Air Resources Board's most stringent optional low NOx emission standard of 0.02 g/bhp-hr. With more than \$1.9 million in federal grants awarded in the last two years, the Solid Waste Field Services team has been able to stay on track with annual refuse truck replacements. Once the new units are received, approximately 70 percent of all refuse trucks in Phoenix's residential collection fleet will be powered by CNG engines.

On Sept. 23, Water Services staff hosted the inaugural Thank A Water Hero Day. Utilities from across the state joined in the effort to recognize workers who provide this essential service, even during a pandemic. Mayor Gallego issued a proclamation for the day and Executive-level staff visited several sites and thanked employees in person for their dedication to the community.

WEEKEND LANE RESTRICTIONS ON PEORIA AVENUE AT I-17 INTERCHANGE CONTINUE THROUGH OCTOBER

The Arizona Department of Transportation advises drivers who use Peoria Avenue at Interstate 17 to plan for lane restrictions during October at this interchange while crews construct drainage improvements.

ADOT urges you to slow down and use caution around construction personnel and equipment while the following restrictions are in place:

Cross-Street Restrictions

- Eastbound Peoria Avenue currently has 24-hour lane restrictions between 28th Drive to 25th Avenue through Friday, Oct. 30. The roadway is restricted to two lanes in each direction from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. and restricted to one lane overnight from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- Westbound Peoria Avenue currently has 24-hour restrictions between 25th Avenue and 28th Drive through Friday, Oct. 30. The roadway is restricted to two lanes in each direction from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. and restricted to one lane overnight from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Ongoing Closures

Continuing through early 2021, the following closures are in place for construction between Cactus Road and Peoria Avenue:

- The southbound I-17 on-ramp at Cactus Road will be closed.
 - **Detour:** Drivers can use 35th or 19th avenues to Thunderbird Road or Peoria Avenue to access southbound I-17.
- The southbound I-17 off-ramp at Peoria Avenue will be closed.
 - **Detour:** Drivers can exit I-17 at Cactus Road and use 35th or 19th avenues to access Peoria Avenue.
- The southbound I-17 frontage road between Cactus Road and Peoria Avenue will be closed.
 - **Detour:** Drivers can use 35th and 19th avenues as alternate routes. Local access will be available via 28th Drive.

ADOT is constructing improvements to the storm water drainage system along I-17 between Greenway Road and Dunlap Avenue to reduce the potential for flooding at the cross streets. The improvements include constructing a new storm drain system to direct storm water into the Arizona Canal Diversion Channel, new drainage basins at Thunderbird Road, and removing the existing pump stations at the cross streets.

Learn more about the project [here](#). Schedules are subject to change based on weather and other unforeseen factors. For more information, please call the ADOT Bilingual Project Information Line at 855.712.8530 or go to azdot.gov/contact [lnks.gd] and select **Projects** from the drop-down menu.

COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 NEWS AND INITIATIVES

PHOENIX PETS: ADOPTION DURING A PANDEMIC

PHXTV profiles how local pet adoption centers the Arizona Humane Society, and HALO Animal Rescue have put into place new protocols at their adoption centers including virtual adoption, appointment systems, and more to keep their employees and the community safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.



To view the video profile visit [PHXTV: Pet Adoption in a Pandemic](#). For more information on how to donate, volunteer, or adopt call Halo Rescue at 602-971-9222 or visit halorescue.org or call AZHS at 602-997-7585 or visit azhumane.org.

STREET TRANSPORTATION



The Heads Up! campaign encourages and reminds motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists to stay safe on Phoenix streets.

No matter how you travel on Phoenix's roadways, safety should always come first. People who drive, walk and ride bicycles all share equal responsibility to ensure roadway safety.

For more safety tips visit [Heads Up!](#)

PHOENIX INTERACTIVE STREET CLOSURE & RESTRICTIONS MAP – OCT. 2

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

For updated street closure alerts, follow the Phoenix Street Transportation Department on Twitter at [@StreetsPHX](#).



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



WESD Educator Honored by Local Nonprofit



We are proud to announce that Karen O'Keefe, ELL Tester at Mountain View School, was recently awarded the Founder's Community Partner Award by Arizona Humanities, a local nonprofit that supports public programming in the humanities. Karen was recognized as an outstanding educator who has a unique passion for connecting students to the community through her extensive outreach efforts. She seeks out people in the community to support literacy programs including retired and working individuals, illustrators, artists, authors, and even family members of the students. She also enlists the support of countless community-based, nonprofit and corporate organizations.

O'Keefe's community-based events both inside and outside the school, have recast the importance of literacy for Mountain View School. Karen is instrumental in numerous programs at Mountain View including PencilPALS, Multicultural Day, Young Authors' Day, Family Reading Nights and Read Across America. Karen was one of six honored during a virtual ceremony which annually honors individuals who have advanced the humanities in Arizona through their scholarship, leadership, support, and advocacy. Congratulations, Karen!

DEER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS



Governing Board Candidate Forum

DVUSD will hold a Governing Board Candidate Forum, as we have done in previously years. This year's event will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, in the DVUSD Governing Board Room (with limited seating) and broadcast live on livestream.dvusd.org. You will also be able to watch the forum later at the livestream link.

Five PTA/PTO organizations are sponsoring the forum, They are the parent organizations from the following schools: Arrowhead Elementary, Boulder Creek High School, Deer Valley High School, Hillcrest Middle School, and New River Elementary. These sponsors will select the questions for the forum from those previously submitted by parents, staff, and community members.

Doors of the DVUSD Governing Board Room will open at 5:30 pm. The Deer Valley Unified School District is enforcing the Governor's Executive Order 2020-43 to limit all public gatherings to fifty (50) people.

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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