



Dec. 31, 2020

CITY EVENTS

UPCOMING PUBLIC CITY MEETINGS

- Transportation, Infrastructure and Innovation Subcommittee Meeting – 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6. Please click on [City Council Meetings](#) for more information.
- City Council Formal Meeting – 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6. Please click on [City Council Meetings](#) for more information.
- Zoning and Adjustment Hearing – 9:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7. 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

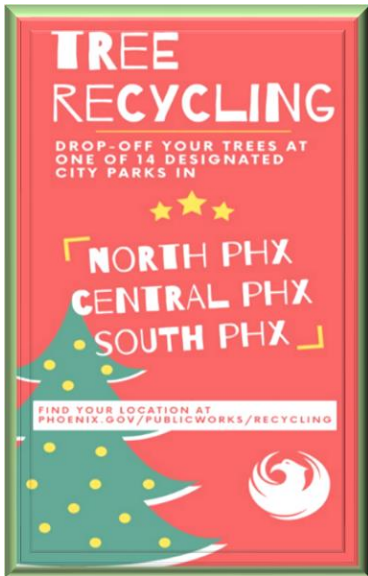
Please continue to check here for updates on future District 1 community events.

Wishing everyone a safe, healthy and Happy New Year!

happy new year

COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 NEWS AND INITIATIVES

RECYCLE YOUR TREE



Phoenix residents may drop off their live holiday/Christmas trees and wreaths for disposal anytime through Jan. 9, 2021.

Drop Off Locations: North Phoenix

- Deer Valley Park - 19th Ave. and Utopia Rd.
- Paradise Valley Park - 40th St. south of Union Hills Dr.
- Sereno Park - 56th St. and Sweetwater Ave.
- Cactus Park - 38th Ave. and Cactus Rd.
- Mountain View Park - Seventh Ave. south of Peoria Ave.

[North Gateway Transfer Station](#) - 30205 N. Black Canyon Hwy. (Dixie/exit)

For a list of all city-wide drop-off locations at Phoenix parks as well as designated private businesses, visit [Christmas Tree Composting](#).

Please remove all decorations, lights, tree stands and metal ornament hangers before dropping them off. They will then be delivered to the city's composting facility to be made into nutrient-rich compost by spring!

Tree & Wreath Disposal Requirements

- Bring the tree & wreath unbagged.
- Remove all decorations, lights, and tinsel.
- Remove the tree stand and all nails/metal stakes.
- Secure tree during transport. Tie it down with material that can be untied or cut easily.
- Only dispose of trees or wreaths in marked drop-off areas.
- Both transfer stations will accept up to two live trees from city of Phoenix residents. If residents wish to dispose of more than two, city of Phoenix customers with their city services bill and matching photo ID can use their one free load of up to 1 ton (2,000 pounds).

PHOENIX FIRE

A dry Christmas tree can go up in flames very quickly, potentially destroying a home due to rapid fire spread. The Phoenix Fire Department recently demonstrated how fast a burning tree can ignite and lead to destruction.

To watch the video, please click on the image.



CITY NEWS & EVENTS:

City Services Affected by the New Year's Holiday

Library: All Phoenix Public Library locations (with the exception of South Mountain Community Library) will be offering [Curbside Service](#) at the hours below :

- New Year's Eve: Thursday, Dec. 31
8:00 a.m. – noon.
- New Year's Day: Friday, Jan. 1, Closed

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

Public Transit: Valley Metro New Year's [holiday service schedule](#)

New Year's Eve: Thursday, Dec. 31

- Light rail and all bus routes operate on a weekday schedule
- Customer Service is open 6 a.m.–8 p.m.

New Year's Day: Friday, Jan. 1

- Light rail and all bus routes will operate on a Sunday schedule
- Customer Service is closed

Solid Waste: [Holiday Collection Schedule](#)

- New Year's Day: Friday, Jan. 1
 - Friday collection moves to Saturday, Jan. 2

Transfer Stations: The 27th Avenue and North Gateway [Transfer Stations](#) will be open regular hours on Thursday, Dec. 31 from 5:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and closed on Friday, Jan. 1.

HOLIDAY FIREWORKS

State Law regulates the use and sales of fireworks in Arizona

Arizona Revised Statutes section [36-1606](#) regulates when [permissible fireworks](#) can be bought, sold and used in Arizona. The law does not apply to novelty items: snappers, snap caps, glow worms, snakes, party poppers, toy smoke devices and sparklers. Information on the sale and use during the winter holiday found below.

The sale of permissible consumer fireworks is allowed:

- Dec. 10 – Jan. 3, and
- Five days before the first day of Diwali through the third day of Diwali of each year

The use of permissible consumer fireworks is allowed:

- Dec. 24 – Jan. 3, and
- The second and third days of Diwali of each year

For more information, please visit [Fireworks](#). To report illegal firework activity please call the Police at 602-262-6151.



PHOENIX COVID-19 RESOURCES

City of Phoenix COVID-19 resources and information can be found by visiting [Phoenix.gov/resources](https://phoenix.gov/resources) , [Testing, Resources and Impacts](#) and [Phoenix Impacted City Services](#). Phoenix small businesses needing help can call the Phoenix Community and Economic Development hotline 602-262-5040 to speak to the Small Business Support team. You can also find information at [Phoenix.gov/SmallBusiness](https://phoenix.gov/SmallBusiness), the new Small Business COVID Support website.

PHOENIX COVID-19 TESTING BLITZ

MOBILE VAN TESTING

Monday, Jan. 4

Maryvale Community Center
4420 N. 51st Ave. Phoenix 85031
District 5

7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Appointments required
at: <https://vincerecancer.com>

Tuesday, Jan. 5

Fry's Food Store
4230 W. McDowell Rd., Phoenix 85009
District 4

7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Appointments required
at: <https://vincerecancer.com>

Thursday, Jan. 7

Cortez Park
3434 W. Dunlap Ave., Phoenix 85051
District 1

7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Appointments required at: <https://vincerecancer.com>

Friday, Jan. 8

Cesar Chavez Park
7858 S. 35th Ave., Laveen Village 85339
District 7

7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Appointments required at: <https://vincerecancer.com>

DRIVE -THROUGH TESTING

Saturday, Jan. 9

Isaac Elementary
1001 N 31st Ave, Phoenix 85009
District 4

7:00 a.m. – Noon. Appointments encouraged at <https://www.equalityhealthfoundation.org/covid19>

Most Holy Trinity Church

8822 N 7th St., 85020

District 3

7:00 a.m. – Noon. Appointments encouraged at <https://www.equalityhealthfoundation.org/covid19>



For more information on testing please click [here](#).

NORTHWEST EXTENSION PHASE II

Light rail construction on the Northwest Extension Phase II project continues on the north side of Dunlap Avenue (between 19th and 25th avenues) and on 25th Avenue (between Dunlap Avenue and Mountain View Road) and begins soon along Mountain View Road.



In the first phase of construction in this area, community members may see some of the following traffic impacts:

- One lane maintained in each direction on Dunlap Avenue
- Business and pedestrian access maintained

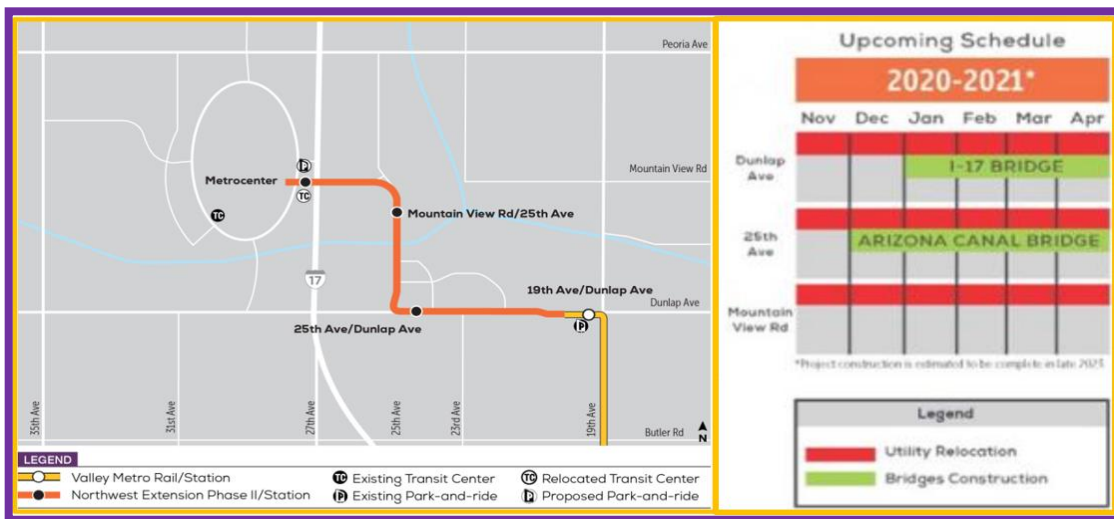
Safety – for motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, and construction workers – is a top priority. Please be extra careful when traveling in the construction zones.

- Plan your trip. The Construction Notices area on this page provides the latest information on construction activity and traffic restrictions.
- Remember to stay alert and follow the posted traffic signals and signs during construction.
- For everyone’s safety, please do not approach workers in a construction zone. If you have questions regarding the project, contact the Community Outreach or Business Assistance Coordinator.

To stay up to date on the latest news and information:

- Visit the project webpage: valleymetro.org/northwest2
- Call the Hotline: 602-254-7245
- Contact the project’s Valley Metro Community Outreach Coordinator:
 - Michael Book | mbook@valleymetro.org | 602-256-5811

Upcoming construction activities: a six-month construction outlook.



All information is subject to change due to the nature of work in different areas and/or unforeseen circumstances.

PHOENIX POLICE

Hands-Free AZ Enforcement Begins Jan. 1, 2021

Arizona's Hands-Free Law is covered under [A.R.S. 28-914](#) and generally applies to portable wireless communication devices and stand-alone electronic devices, defined as follows:

- Portable wireless communication device (PWCD) definition:
 - A cell phone, portable telephone, text messaging device, personal digital assistant, stand-alone computer, GPS receiver, or any similar device that is used to initiate or receive communication, information, or data.
 - It does not include:
 - Radio
 - CB
 - CB hybrid
 - Commercial 2-way radio communication device
 - In-vehicle security, navigation or remote diagnostics system
- Stand-alone electronic device (SAED):
 - A portable device other than a PWCD that stores audio or video data files to be retrieved on demand by a user (e.g., iPods).



Some specifics of A.R.S. 28-914. Unless stopped for a red light or at a train crossing, it is unlawful to use a PWCD while:

- Driving on a street or highway if the driver is physically holding or supporting a portable wireless communication device with any part of the person's body.
 - Unless used with an earpiece, headphone or worn on the wrist to conduct a voice-based communication.
- Driving on a street or highway if the driver is physically holding or supporting an SAED.
- Writes, sends, or reads any text-based communication, including a text message, instant message, email, or internet data, on a PWCD or SAED.

Exemptions to A.R.S. 28-914:

- Use of a PWCD or SAED while driving on a street or highway if such conduct is performed by using a voice-based communication system.
 - This includes, through use of a PWCD or SAED, to direct the writing, sending, reading or other communicating of any text-based communication.

- Use of a PWCD or SAED while driving on a street or highway if such conduct is performed when used in hands-free mode for.
 - Navigation
 - GPS
 - Obtaining motor vehicle information
 - Information related to driving a vehicle.

#HANDSFREEAZ
IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO:

- Hold or support a device with any part of your body
- Read, write or send a message via portable wireless device
- Scroll through social media, watch videos, record videos, or any other use of the device that causes distracted driving

#HANDSFREEAZ
IT IS OKAY TO:

- Call 911 to report an emergency
- Use when stopped at a traffic light
- Use hands-free settings and voice-to-text

ARS 28-914 does NOT apply to:

- Operators of authorized emergency vehicle.
- Law enforcement or probation vehicles while acting in an official capacity.
- FCC licensed operator of a radio frequency device other than a PWCD.
- Operator of two-way radio private land mobile radio system in the scope of operator's duties and who is operating a fleet vehicle or who has a CDL.
- Use of PWCD to report an emergency or illegal activity.
- Use of PWCD that is affixed to the vehicle to relay information as a part of the driver's duties to a dispatcher or a digital network or software service.

#HANDSFREEAZ
WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU VIOLATE THE LAW:

Primary Offense	Civil Penalty	Criminal Penalty
Texting is a primary offense, allowing officers to pull over drivers for texting and driving.	Up to \$150 fine for the first offense and up to \$250 fine for the second and subsequent offenses	Up to 6 months in jail, \$2,500 fine for causing a crash resulting in serious injury or death.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Valley Cities Invite the Public to Celebrate Diversity through Unity ArtWalk

Each January, residents from the cities and towns of Chandler, Gilbert, Guadalupe, Mesa, Phoenix, Tempe, and Scottsdale gather at Tempe Town Lake to celebrate diversity and culture during the annual Regional Unity Walk. While it's still not safe to gather in large groups, the need for unity is greater than ever.



In honor of the 18th year of the Regional Unity event, these Valley cities are coming together to host a "Unity ArtWalk: A Visual Journey of Diversity, Culture and Equity" from Jan. 5-31, 2021. Each city has compiled a list of signature art pieces, including murals, photos, performances and sculptures for the community to experience. The majority of the featured art is accessible without going indoors, so it's a safe activity to enjoy as a family outing, date night or even to escape your neighborhood to explore a nearby city.

In early January, a link will be available to view a map of the selected ArtWalk destinations. The map will feature information about each piece, including the artists.

While residents are out on the town enjoying the ArtWalk, each city's Diversity Office has compiled a list of recommended restaurants (with carryout services available) nearby that are owned by People of Color. During this time, it's important to support local businesses. Be sure to try a different eatery and explore a new experience for your taste buds, too.


To learn more about diversity initiatives in each of the participating cities and towns, or additional information on the upcoming Unity ArtWalk (including the link to the map), visit the following websites: chandleraz.gov/UnityArtWalk, gilbertaz.gov/communityresources, guadalupeaz.org, mesaaz.gov/UnityWalk, phoenix.gov/eod, tempe.gov/UnityWalk or tempe.gov/diversity and scottsdaleaz.gov/diversity.

For a list of Phoenix's cultural art destinations please visit: <https://www.phoenix.gov/newsroom/equal-opportunity/276>

To learn more about the city of Phoenix Public Art Program, visit phoenix.gov/arts/publicart.



PARKS AND RECREATION





Virtual PHX Classes

Virtual PHX classes are live instructor led activities run through WebEx.

We offer a variety of classes so there is something for everyone.

Space is limited and a device with internet capability is required to participate.

START	COURSE	CLASS	DAY OF WEEK	TIME	WKS	AGES	COST
1/04	36318	Zumba	Mon.	6:30 PM	6	12+	\$18
1/05	36165	Learning Adventure	Tues.	10:00 AM	4	3-4	\$15
1/05	36164	Learning Adventures	Tues.	11:00 AM	4	4-5	\$15
1/05	36170	Basketball Drills	Tues.	4:00 PM	4	5-6	\$15
1/05	36171	Basketball Drills	Tues.	5:00 PM	4	7-8	\$15
1/06	36314	Baby Sign Language	Wed.	11:00 AM	6	0-2	FREE
1/06	36317	Karate	Wed.	4:30 PM	6	6-12	\$30
1/06	36166	Itty Bitty Sports	Wed.	5:00 PM	4	4-6	\$15
1/06	36324	Karate Intermediate	Wed.	5:20 PM	6	6-12	\$30
1/06	36316	Gentle Yoga	Wed.	6:00 PM	6	12+	\$30
1/06	36311	Fitness Class	Wed	6:00 PM	6	8-15	FREE
1/08	36319	Mini Musicians	Fri.	9:00 AM	6	3-7	\$24
1/13	36157	Ballet	Wed.	3:00 PM	5	3-7	\$25
1/13	36158	Balance & Flexibility	Wed.	4:00 PM	5	ALL	\$25
1/13	36159	Zumba Toning	Wed.	7:00 PM	5	12+	\$30
1/19	36160	Painting for Kids	Tues.	6:00 PM	3	6-13	FREE

For more information or to register visit phoenix.gov/parks

NEWS & EVENTS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT:

DEER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS



Curbside Meal Service Begins in January

Meals for any child under 18 will begin January 4. Bus Stop meal service begins January 5. For both schedules, visit www.dvUSD.org/food.

CURBSIDE MEAL SERVICE VIRTUAL FOR ALL

- ALL sites with curbside service serving one lunch and one breakfast on Monday, 1/4/21.
- Multiday meals served at TUES. & THURS. locations include heat and eat items. Breakfast and lunch for 2 days on Tuesdays and 3 days on Thursdays.
- Fully prepared, ready-to-eat meals available at WEEKDAY meal service locations.
- Meals may be picked up from ANY location. Service is not limited to the school a student is enrolled in.
- Meals available for ANY child 18 yrs. and under.
- ALL meals continue to be **FREE** of charge through the 2020-2021 school year.
- FREE On-site meal services available for students attending Free Safe Learning Space.

BUS STOP MEAL DISTRIBUTION

January 2021

- Multiday, heat and eat meals distributed on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Breakfast and lunch for 2 days on Tuesdays. Breakfast and lunch for 3 days on Thursdays.
- One set of meals are available for ANY child 18 yrs. and under per distribution day.
- ALL meals continue to be **FREE** of charge through the end of the school year.

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS



WESD Hiring Teachers for 2021-2022

CONNECT WITH US!
Jan. 13
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Learn about WESD
• Teacher Support • Curriculum • Certification
• Salary • Health Benefits • Alternative Pathways

Join us for WESD Virtual Teacher Interviews
January 19-21, 2021

HIRING: Elementary, Middle School, Special Education and Music Teachers for the 2021-2022 school year.
Apply at jobs.wesdschools.org • Call 602-347-2622

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

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

WESD Enrolling for 2021-2022 School Year

Registration is now open for the 2021 -2022 school year. In-person registration services are available to families at our Welcome and Registration Center and we have taken the necessary precautions to ensure that we are serving families consistent with established health and safety guidelines.

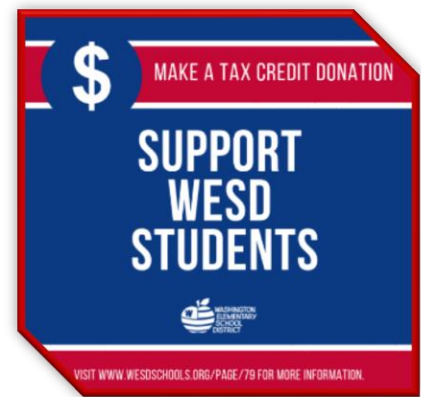
Remote registration services are also available through phone in and online options. To learn more or to begin the process visit bit.ly/WESDRegistration or call 602-896-6950.



WESD Accepting Tax Credits

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

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



GLENDALE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Save the Date for Future Freshman Night

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



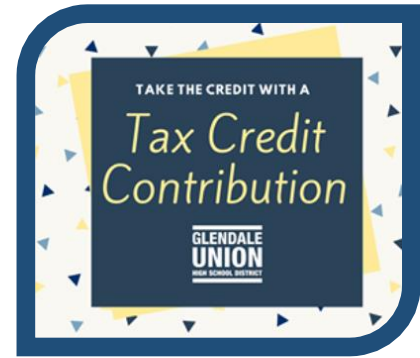
Join us to learn about our nationally recognized academics, championship athletics, fine and performing arts courses, resources for college and career opportunities, plus much more!

Please visit www.guhsdaz.org for more information about your local school's Future Freshman Night.

Take the Credit with a Tax Credit Contribution

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

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



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 email info@operationcarefoodbank.org.

Thelda is Tweeting! Follow her at @TheldaWilliams1



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