



DISTRICT 3 NEWS

A Message from Phoenix City Councilwoman Debra Stark

Hello District 3,

In this newsletter you will find the latest news, announcements, and event details that I want to share with you.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office with questions, comments, or concerns at (602) 262-7441 or council.district.3@phoenix.gov.

Respectfully,

Councilwoman Debra Stark



City of Phoenix

The Phoenix City Council will have a Formal meeting on **Wednesday, February 7th at 2:30 p.m.**

Members of the public can attend and speak in-person, by phone, or virtually via Webex. Pre-registration is required to speak on an agenda item or during the Public Comment period. To find the agenda and information on how to register to speak and how to submit an e-comment, visit [Phoenix City Council Meetings](#).

District 3 February Community Coffee Chat

Please join us on February 20th at 8:30am •
Shadow Mountain Senior Center -
3546 E Sweetwater Ave, Phoenix, AZ

Our guest speaker will be Anamaria Ortega,
the Deputy Director of Preservation from
Neighborhood Services Department to present
on the Vacant Property Registry.

We will have District 3 and citywide updates.

Coffee and pastries will be provided.



Please let us know you are coming!
RSVP to council.district.3@phoenix.gov or call 602-262-7441

District 3 Community Coffee Chat

Please join us on **February 20th from 8:30 – 9:30am** for our District 3 Community Coffee Chat at **Shadow Mountain Senior Center – 3546 E Sweetwater Ave., Phoenix AZ 85032**. Our guest speakers will be from the Neighborhood Services Department to present on the Vacant Property Registry.

Coffee and pastries will be provided.

Please RSVP by Sunday, February 18th at 602-262-7441 or council.district.3@phoenix.gov!



Vacant Property Registry

In December 2023, the Phoenix City Council approved the Neighborhood Services Department's Vacant Property Registry (VPR). The VPR is an online portal that maintains contact information for owners of vacant properties that meet specific criteria outlined in the Phoenix City Code. The City of Phoenix uses the registry to notify property owners of code violations and property-related issues.

The VPR alleviates barriers by providing a free, online portal that is virtually available anytime and from anywhere. Owners can register, provide contact information, and gain access to educational resources at their convenience.

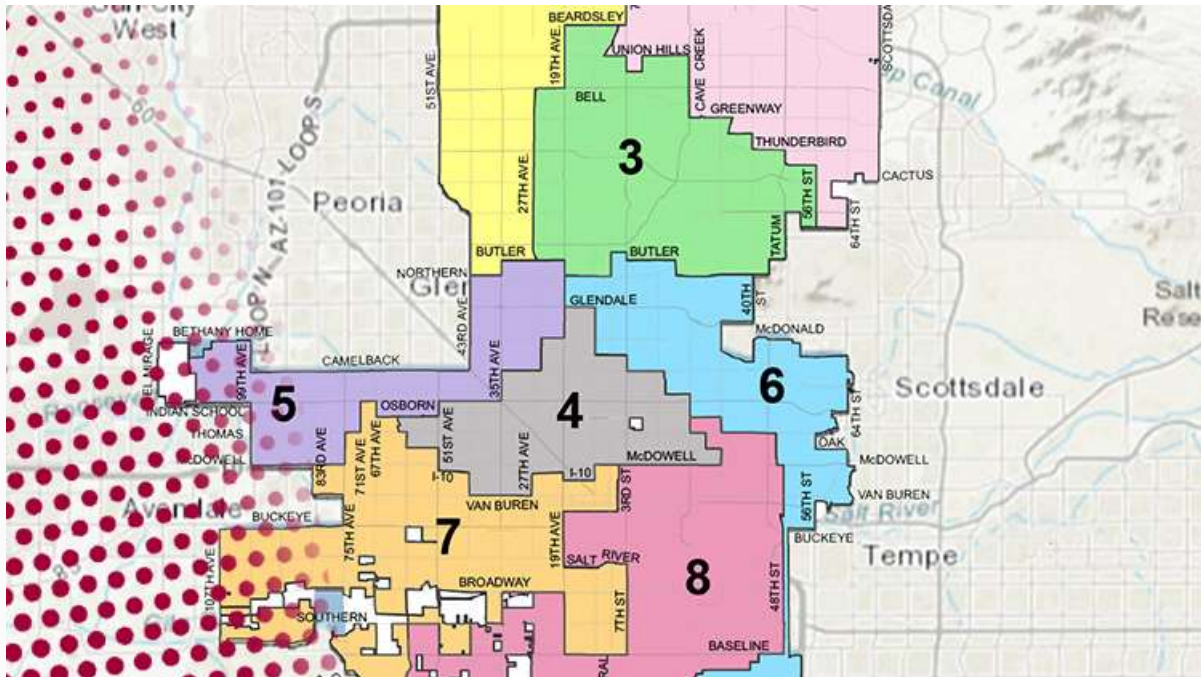
Proactive Education for Property Owners

- Owner responsibilities
- Available resources

The VPR also addresses the community's need for an efficient response to crime, blight, and other related code violations.

- Requires local point of contact
- Reduces notice time
- Increases penalties for non-compliance

For more information on the registry or to register a vacant property, please visit the [vacant property registry website](#).



New Phoenix City Council District Boundaries Now Effective

After a robust community engagement and public input process, the City of Phoenix has implemented new City Council District boundaries. The new boundaries were unanimously approved by Phoenix City Council on Sept. 26, 2023 and became effective Jan. 1, 2024.

Every ten years, the City of Phoenix is required by law to review and redraw City Council District boundaries based on the latest Census data. The district boundaries were adjusted to equalize the population.

Residents can view the new boundaries and find their Councilmember by using the [online search tool](#).

To learn more about the redistricting process, visit [Phoenix.gov/CityClerk](https://phoenix.gov/CityClerk).



Community Court

Phoenix Community Court, which launched January 9, is an opportunity for unsheltered individuals to receive services through a pre-adjudication court system rather than go through the traditional court system.

Eligible participants are identified as they are entering the court system for non-serious crimes such as trespassing, shoplifting, etc. Serious crimes such as assaults, domestic violence, driving under the influence, etc. will make a person ineligible for Community Court.

The program is voluntary. The participant will work with a navigator to develop unique goals and a timeline to meet their needs for services (detox, behavioral health, housing, etc.). The ultimate goal is to end their homelessness. The participant must meet certain milestones and graduate the program in order to have their charges dismissed.

In the first week of the program, Community Court had 72 cases and 25 cases in the second week.

For more information on the Community Court or other specialized courts, please visit the [Phoenix Municipal Court webpage](#).



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What Works Cities Certification sets the standard of excellence in city governance by evaluating how well cities are managed and whether they have the right people, practices and policies in place to put data and evidence at the center of decision-making. Phoenix has been recognized as silver and gold certified cities in the past. This is the first year that we have gone platinum.

You can see the official announcement here: [Results for America Awards 12 New Cities With Bloomberg Philanthropies What Works Cities Certification for Exceptional Use of Data | What Works Cities \[whatworkscities.bloomberg.org\]](#)



2024

FitLot Circuit Training

JOIN US FOR THIS FREE FULL-BODY CIRCUIT TRAINING CLASS DESIGNED FOR ALL AGES, LEVELS AND ABILITIES!

FEBRUARY 12 - APRIL 11

(NO CLASS MARCH 4 & MARCH 7)

MONDAYS & THURSDAYS | 6:00PM - 7:00PM

ROSE MOFFORD SPORTS COMPLEX, 9833 N 25TH AVE

FITLOT IS AN AARP SPONSORED OUTDOOR FITNESS PARK OPEN FOR PUBLIC USE DURING DAILY PARK HOURS.



PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER, VISIT:

PHOENIX.GOV/FITPHX

Questions? Please contact 602-262-6864 or fitphx@phoenix.gov



2024 FitLot Circuit Training

The City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department is launching the FitLot Circuit Training program on Mondays and Thursdays starting February 12th (6 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.). The program will be hosted at Rose Mofford Sports Complex (9833 N. 25th Ave). Registration is now live and available on the [FitPHX website](#).

[Spanish Flyer](#)



Opening Celebration!

Saturday, January 27, 2024

9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Thelda Williams Transit Center

Light Rail Extension Community Celebration

Join Phoenix Public Transit and Valley Metro at the Northwest Extension Phase II project opening celebration, and be one of the first to ride the new light rail extension! This project adds 1.6 miles of light rail beginning at 19th Ave/Dunlap, crossing the I-17 to the Metrocenter area, where passengers will be able to access the new transit center with bus connections and a park and ride garage.

Jan. 27, 2024 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Thelda Williams Transit Center | 9827 N. Metro Parkway East

THRIVE PHOENIX COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

1512 W. BELL ROAD
#3

SATURDAY
9AM - 11AM

FEBRUARY 03 2023

INFO@THRIVEPHOENIX.ORG



Volunteers Needed

Thrive Phoenix is hosting their next cleanup on Saturday, February 3rd. Please come out and support your community. If you have any questions, please contact Nina at info@thrivephoenix.org.



Volunteers Needed for Income Tax Assistance

Every year, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program prepares free tax returns for low-to-moderate-income individuals and families.

VITA volunteers receive free training and are certified by the IRS to prepare basic tax returns. Greeters, screeners, bilingual interpreters, and site coordinators are also needed.

Training is free and available online to complete at your own pace. You can become a volunteer with as little as 8 hours of training and get IRS certified with 24 hours of training. Ready to sign up and work as a VITA volunteer? Register for an Information Session [here \[eventbrite.com\]](https://www.eventbrite.com)!

Learn more about VITA at phoenix.gov/taxhelp.



Office of Homeless Solutions

The Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS) provides support for people experiencing homelessness and is committed to ending homelessness through a comprehensive, regional approach to shelter and heat relief, outreach, supportive and behavioral health services, homelessness prevention, and supportive housing.

This monthly report does not encompass the totality of the City's efforts to address homelessness but rather provides a review of the key highlights from the preceding month and an update on major upcoming projects.

[View the latest report.](#)

[View the Phoenix Homeless Solutions Data Dashboard. \[stories.opengov.com\]](#)



District 3 Street Transportation Department Updates

This report from the Street Transportation Department covers the period from December 1 through December 28 in District 3.

Traffic Signals

Street Transportation is installing new traffic signals at 25th Ave. and Mountain

View Rd.; 25th Ave. and Mission Ln.; and 25th Ave. and Arizona Canal (9300 N.) in D3 as part of the Light Rail Northwest Extension.

ADA Curb Ramp Retrofit

These projects include the removal and replacement of non-ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant curb ramps, damaged concrete curb, gutter, valley gutters, and aprons or sidewalks, and the installation of new ADA compliant curb ramps. Newly compliant ADA ramps were installed in the areas bounded by 19th Ave to 7th Ave., Sweetwater Ave. to Thunderbird Rd.; and 32nd St to 40th St., Shea Blvd. to Cactus Rd.

Street Right-of-Way Landscape Maintenance

Crews maintained the street right-of-way on 7th Ave. and Bell Rd.; 7th St. and Union Hills Dr.; Coral Gables Dr. and Thunderbird Rd.; 19th Ave. and Peoria Ave.; 40th St. and Thunderbird Rd. 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.

Intersection Improvements

Street Transportation is improving the following intersections to include full traffic signal upgrades and raised median modifications to improve the negative offsets at left-turn lanes: 7th Ave and Bell Rd.; 16th St and Greenway Pkwy.; and 29th St. Greenway Rd.

To view planned or completed street maintenance, visit the interactive pavement maintenance dashboard at phoenix.gov/pavement.

Healthy Giving



[\[givesmartaz.org\]](http://givesmartaz.org)
