



March 17, 2021

Greetings and thank you, District 3 Voters!

I am honored and humbled to be re-elected as your District 3 councilwoman! I hope I can continue to serve the district and City in a thoughtful manner. There is so much work to do to ensure Phoenix thrives into the future. I am committed to supporting our small businesses that make Phoenix special, continuing efforts to protect our water supply, improving safety on our streets for pedestrians and vehicles, encouraging economic development and job growth, addressing homelessness, ensuring good response times and protection for all, and helping our neighborhoods thrive.

I have spent my life in public service, and I am thrilled to be re-elected by the voters to continue to represent them. Let us continue the good work we started together!

Election Results: phoenix.gov/results

We are excited to be able to share a newsletter with you again, as our office was not able to distribute one during the election period. In this newsletter you will find the latest news, announcements and event details that I want to share with you:

- park amenities reopening
- Virtual Community Budget Hearings
- emergency rental and utility assistance
- city's investment toward comprehensive roadway safety
- and much more!

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,

Debra Stark
Councilwoman
City of Phoenix
[Council District 3](#)



Virtual Community Budget Hearings FY 2021-22

The city of Phoenix will host 14 virtual community Budget Hearings throughout April to gather valuable public input. It is an opportunity for the public to let the City Council know what is important to them and where funding should be allocated.



Questions or Comments?
Email: Budget.Research@Phoenix.gov
Phone: 602-262-4800
Social Media: Follow #PhoenixBudget

The City Manager’s Trial Budget is now available online: phoenix.gov/budgetsite/budget-books/2021-22_Trial_Budget.pdf. The public input process in April will help further shape the final budget that will be presented to the City Council on May 4.

Each meeting is open to any member of the public, regardless of district, and will have an interpreter available. Registration and links will be available March 29 at phoenix.gov/budget.



Date	Time	Type
April 2, 2021	8:30 a.m.	District 2
April 5, 2021	8:30 a.m.	District 6
April 5, 2021	5:30 p.m.	District 1
April 6, 2021	8:30 a.m.	Spanish, community-wide
April 6, 2021	5:30 p.m.	Youth
April 8, 2021	8:30 a.m.	District 3
April 8, 2021	5:30 p.m.	District 8
April 9, 2021	8:30 a.m.	Senior
April 10, 2021	10 a.m.	Spanish, community-wide
April 12, 2021	5:30 p.m.	District 5
April 14, 2021	5:30 p.m.	District 4
April 15, 2021	5:30 p.m.	District 5, bilingual
April 17, 2021	10 a.m.	Community-wide
April 20, 2021	5:30 p.m.	Community-wide

Registration will open during the week of March 29. Exact details will be posted online as they become available: <https://www.phoenix.gov/budget/hearings>.

Dive Deep into Phoenix's Annual Budget

Explore the interactive tool to see for yourself what each service costs



FundPHX

FundPHX is an online tool designed to educate and engage the public in the City's annual budget process. The tool is available with the 2020-21 adopted

budget in both English and Spanish and gives residents an opportunity to try their hand at balancing the City's \$1.4 billion General Fund operating budget. It will also allow residents to provide feedback on current funding levels and share community priorities with staff. Information collected in the tool from residents will be shared regularly with City Council so it can help guide development of the 2021-22 operating budget.

Looking to learn more? Visit phoenix.gov/fundphx, or watch this [short video](#).

Phoenix Park Amenities Reopening

The Phoenix City Council has voted to reopen park amenities. Basketball and volleyball courts, ramadas, picnic tables, and outdoor fitness equipment will reopen immediately. Beginning March 22, athletic field reservations (local tournaments) and sports complexes will also reopen. Parks will also be open for Easter weekend, but parking lots will be closed to discourage large gatherings. Twelve pools will also reopen on a limited basis, beginning May 29.

Being outdoors is important for health and wellness, and the Parks and Recreation Department encourages residents to get outside and exercise. Community members using the city's outdoor recreational amenities should continue to follow these guidelines:

- Do not use public recreational amenities if you are exhibiting symptoms of illness
- Wear a mask or face covering
- Bring your own wipes and hand sanitizer
- Keep a safe distance of six feet or more from others

Updated information will be posted at phoenix.gov/parks.



Emergency Rental and Utility Assistance

The Phoenix City Council recently approved the distribution of \$51 million in new federal Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) dollars to Phoenix residents who need help making their rent payments (including late fees) and covering the cost of home utilities (electric, gas, water and trash).

To apply and for more information, visit [Phoenix.gov/renthelp](https://phoenix.gov/renthelp).
For questions, please email RentHelp@phoenix.gov.



WE CAN HELP

THE CITY OF PHOENIX HAS
\$51 MILLION

TO HELP RESIDENTS IMPACTED BY COVID-19

LANDLORDS MAY APPLY ON BEHALF OF RENTERS WITH THEIR PERMISSION

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	CAN PAY FOR	PAYMENT AMOUNTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be a Phoenix resident• Able to show financial impact due to the COVID-19 pandemic• Income at or below 80% of Area Median Income or \$62,250 for a family of 4• Unemployed and/or receiving unemployment benefits• Assistance for rent and utility obligations incurred after March 13, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rent (including late fees)• Utility bills (electric and gas)• City Services Bill (water and trash)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rental Arrears - Up to 12 months of assistance (<i>residents in subsidized housing must have a rental obligation to qualify for rental assistance</i>)• Forward Rent - Residents may qualify for 3 months forward rent once past due or arrears are paid in full, and if the household is unstable• Utility Bills (electric and gas) arrears and credits• City Services Bill (water and trash) arrears and credits

LEARN MORE AT

PHOENIX.GOV/RENTHELP

TO APPLY BY PHONE

(602) 534-AIDE (2433)

Homelessness Solutions



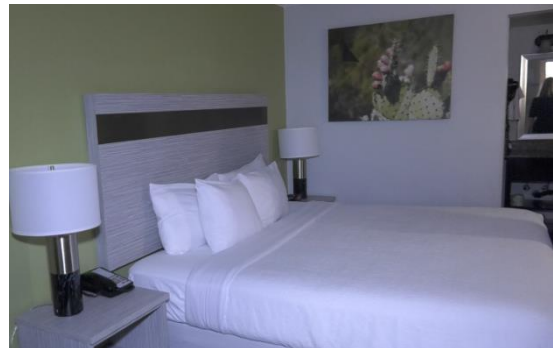
The City of Phoenix is investing millions of dollars to meet the needs of those in our community experiencing homelessness. This includes efforts to not only assist those currently lacking shelter, but also those struggling to stay in their homes as the city works to provide more affordable housing options.

The city has committed \$20 million from the 2020-2021 fiscal budget and more than \$150 million in federal grant funding

to these issues. The money is used to help thousands of Phoenicians find shelter, work and long-term solutions to the challenges of homelessness.

The City Council recently voted to add hundreds of additional beds to the Human Services Campus near 13th Ave. & Madison in downtown Phoenix. The newly approved expansion will provide an additional 275 beds, bringing the total to 1,788.

Additionally, the City has teamed up with Central Arizona Shelter Services (CASS) to provide safe housing for those who are most vulnerable during the pandemic. Using a hotel property, Project Haven has 95 separate units. CASS staff provides case management services and emergency shelter while more permanent housing opportunities are found.



Phoenix also recently closed on a vacant property that will be used to provide housing and services for homeless and at-risk veterans and their families. The \$10.5 million project will provide 174 rooms for those veterans, along with a commercial kitchen and conference room where those who served in the military will have access to more stable housing, food and other services.

Learn more about Phoenix's efforts to address homelessness:

phoenix.gov/homelesshelp

FREE COVID-19 Testing

The Mobile Testing Van #1 will be offering free rapid and antigen tests in Sunnyslope, North Phoenix, and North East Phoenix.

Thursday, March 18
7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Fry's Food Store
850 E. Hatcher Rd.

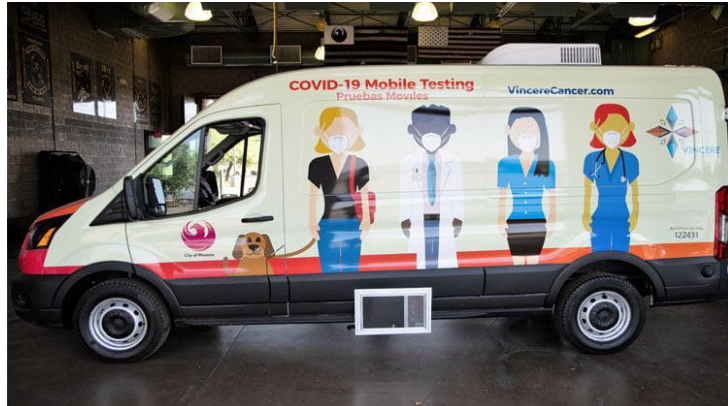
Friday, March 19
7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Deer Valley Community Center
2001 W. Wahalla Ln.

Saturday, March 20
7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Paradise Valley Park
17642 N. 40th St.

Monday, March 29
7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Sunnyslope Community Center
802 E. Vogel Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85020

Register at vincerecancer.com

For all citywide locations for Mobile Van #1 and #2, visit phoenix.gov/covidtesting.



Comprehensive Roadway Safety

To address comprehensive roadway safety, the Phoenix City Council recently unanimously approved an investment of \$6 million and 5 additional staff positions to manage the development of a Roadway Safety Action Plan and to implement high-priority Roadway Safety Projects with the goal of reducing the number of injury and fatality crashes.

"There are too many pedestrian fatalities and vehicular collisions occurring on Phoenix streets—and we are committed to finding ways to better protect pedestrians and drivers," said Councilwoman Debra Stark. "This new investment and comprehensive approach are important steps toward making our streets safer."

Read the full Council report: [3-2-21 Policy Agenda-FINAL.pdf \(phoenix.gov\)](#)

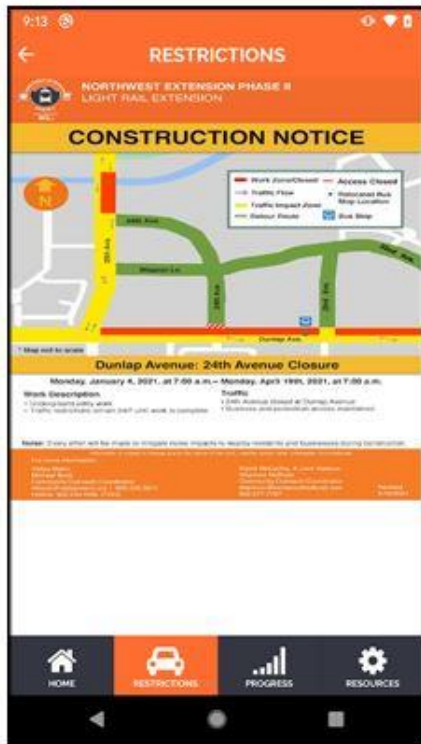
Reckless Driving and Racing Vehicle Impoundments

The Phoenix City Council approved a new city code to allow for impoundment of vehicles for up to 30 days for street racing and reckless driving. This code specifically addresses situations encountered by the Street Racing Task Force. This Ordinance is not intended to apply to single vehicle speeding, but instead instances involving competition or spectators.



The City Code provisions further provide for post-impoundment storage hearings and exceptions for early release of impounded vehicles. Vehicles may be released to owners showing proof of title who were not present or driving the impounded vehicle. Exceptions also include owners with proof of rented or stolen vehicles.

Thank you to the Public Safety and Justice Subcommittee, led by Councilman Michael Nowakowski, for bringing this item forward to the full City Council.



Northwest Extension II Project App Now Available

The Northwest Extension Phase II light rail project now has an app available for download that is available in English and Spanish.

The app contains information on current and upcoming construction, traffic restrictions, FAQs, contact information, etc.

To download the app, go to your phone's app store and search for "Construct VM."

For more information on the Northwest Extension Phase II project, visit valleymetro.org/project/northwest-extension-phase-ii

LOOP 101 PIMA FREEWAY

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Eastbound Loop 101 Frontage Road closed between 19th and 15th avenues, March 22 - April 9, 2021

The eastbound Loop 101 Frontage Road (Beardsley Road) will be closed between 19th and 15th avenues from 5 a.m. Monday, March 22, to 5 a.m. Friday, April 9.

Detour: Drivers may travel southbound on 19th Avenue, and then take eastbound Union Hills Drive to northbound Seventh Avenue to access eastbound Loop 101.

Flagging on eastbound Loop 101 Frontage Road between 15th and 13th avenues,

March 22 - April 9

A flagging operation will be in place to guide traffic between 15th and 13th avenues from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. beginning Monday, March 22, through the morning of Friday, April 9.

Detour: Local traffic only may use eastbound Behrend Drive to northbound 15th Avenue, to eastbound on the Frontage Road (Beardsley Road) to access southbound 13th Avenue.

The frontage road closure and flagging operation is needed for repaving work on the frontage road.



Sign up to receive traffic alerts and updates via email: azdot.gov/Loop101Improvements

For More Information

Bilingual Project Information Line:

855.712.8530

Online: Go to azdot.gov/contact and select *Projects* from the drop-down menu.

Website: azdot.gov/Loop101Improvements

The Loop 101 Improvement Project will add one new travel lane in each direction along a 13-mile segment of the freeway between I-17 and Pima Road in north Phoenix and Scottsdale.

Para recibir esta carta en Español, favor de contactar Albert Granillo a (520)784-1411.

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Speeding or Traffic Issues



For speeding or traffic concerns, call **534-SPEED** (602-534-7733). The City of Phoenix Police Department will assign an officer to handle the traffic issue. During normal business hours, an officer will receive your comments, complaints or questions. After normal business hours, you will reach a message recorder to voice your concerns. A Phoenix Police Officer will call you back. This is not an emergency phone number.

You can also email in your concerns: traffic.complaints@phoenix.gov.

Additionally, you may contact the Desert Horizon Precinct and Black Mountain Precinct for concerns in those respective areas:

deserthorizontraffic@phoenix.gov
blackmountaintraffic@phoenix.gov

New Trees

Street Transportation staff planted 50 new trees in the area of 7th Street and Acoma Dr. to replace trees that have been lost over the years due to storms or accidents. Tree plantings like this support the city's Tree and Shade Master Plan goal to achieve an average 25 percent shade canopy coverage for the entire city.

Learn more about the [Tree and Shade Master Plan](#).



Phoenix Launches New Website of Small Business Resources

The city of Phoenix has launched a new website featuring the Phoenix Small Business Toolbox, bringing together the city's small business resources into one site to connect business owners with the city, its partners and assistance programs. Small businesses with fewer than 100 employees comprise 94 percent of all businesses in the city of Phoenix. The continuing COVID-19 health emergency has forced businesses to adapt and reinvent operations to survive. Helping companies move from survival to resurgence is the mission of this new website.

Learn more: phoenix.gov/smallbusinessstoolbox



Phoenix Premieres New Website of
Small Business Resources



HEALTHY GIVING CAN CHANGE A LIFE

GiveSmartAZ.Org

Healthy Giving Starts Here, It Starts With You.

Support Organizations Working to End Homelessness

VOLUNTEERING	EMPOWERING	DONATING
		
<p>Volunteer to prepare and serve meals at a licensed community kitchen to encourage safe in-house dining versus street feeding.</p>	<p>Provide local food banks with donations of nonperishable food items, bottled water, as well as toiletries to aid organizations' efforts.</p>	<p>Make financial contributions to support professional outreach teams trained to work with individuals in crisis on the street.</p>

To learn more about healthy giving and search for healthy giving opportunities that can change a life. Visit www.GiveSmartAZ.org