



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, December 7 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 Holiday Party



We hope you will join us for our District 3 Holiday Party on **Thursday, December 15 from 5 – 8 p.m.** at **North Mountain Brewing Company – 522 E. Dunlap Ave.** Small bites and refreshments will be provided. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to benefit a Valley charity. RSVP: council.district.3@phoenix.gov or 602-262-7441.



Volunteers Needed - Habitat for Humanity West Sunnyslope Home Repairs

In October, around 100 volunteers worked on home repair projects at three residences and cleaned up two alleyways in West Sunnyslope. These projects are part of a larger revitalization effort in Sunnyslope. The Sunnyslope Revitalization Coalition has now fundraised \$300,000 toward home repairs.

Please join us at the next project this **Saturday, December 3 from 7:30 a.m. – noon** in West Sunnyslope. Addresses will be provided upon registration. Volunteers are needed!

Register to volunteer: <https://habitatcaz.volunteerhub.com/lp/sunnyslope/>



Thrive Phoenix, Bell Road Clean Up

Volunteers needed on **Saturday, December 3** from **9 a.m. – 11 a.m.** to help cleanup Bell Road.

Please meet at **1512 W. Bell Rd. Ste. #3** if you would like to help!

Christmas cookies and hot chocolate will be served afterwards!



2023 Neighborhood Block Watch Grant Program Now Open!

Deadline: **Monday, December 5 at 4 p.m.**

The program funds offer neighborhood groups the resources to create new and innovative programs and activities designed to prevent and reduce crime in their community.

Staff will provide training on how to submit an application.

Workshop: **Thursday, December 1, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.**

More information: [Phoenix Neighborhood Block Watch Grant Program](#)

Please contact NBWGP staff at 602-534-2036 with questions.



North Mountain Park Renovation Master Plan

The City of Phoenix is seeking public input for the North Mountain Park Renovation Master Plan. The Parks and Recreation Department will be gathering public input over the next six months to help in the development of the future renovations of North Mountain Park.

To participate, visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/NMtnPark to complete a 5-minute survey. The first round for collecting public feedback will close on **Sunday, January 1, 2023.**

For questions or comments on the project, contact the following:

Project Hotline: 623-825-3444

Email: agranillo@gciaz.com

Website: phoenix.gov/parks/trails/projects



Lifeguard Certification

Get certified today; Have a summer job in May!

Registration will be open for the upcoming StarGuard Lifeguard Certification classes at **Paradise Valley Pool** (beginning on **Saturday, December 3**) and **Cortez Pool** (beginning on **Saturday, December 10**). Classes are \$20. Lifeguard salary is \$14.26/hr. Individuals must be 15 years old by the last day of the class.

Interested individuals can register online at phoenix.gov/lifeguard and select the "Get StarGuard Certified" link.



AZ Helping Hands Toy Drive

Arizona Helping Hands is throwing a holiday toy drive on **Tuesday, December 6 from 5 – 8 p.m.** at **3110 E. Thunderbird Rd.** Please bring new toys, puzzles, and games for foster children.

There will be a fun drive-thru event for the whole family with hot chocolate, music, lights, treats, and photos with Santa! For more information call 480-889-0604.



Shaw Butte Tower Road – Repairs

APS sub-contractors will be performing work on Shaw Butte Tower Road from December 5 to December 23, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily (weekdays only). The road/trail will be closed to the public during the weekdays throughout construction but will be open for hiking on the weekends when the contractor is not working. Staff is working to post signage about this work, notify trail users about the closure and provide information on nearby alternate hiking routes.

Shaw Butte Tower Road is part of Trail 306 in the Phoenix Mountains Preserve. APS is responsible for the maintenance of this road per their easement with the City, and their contractors will be working to address problematic segments of the road and plan to remove old steel culverts that are no longer usable. These improvements will address general road/trail maintenance concerns and allow service vehicles to the top of Shaw Butte to safely maintain the towers there.



Roadrunner Park – Repairs

The Roadrunner Park tennis courts will be closed from December 5 to December 23 for renovations and court conversions. As a part of this project, the 4 south tennis courts will be resurfaced and tennis nets, posts, and fencing on Cactus Road will be replaced. In addition, the 2 north tennis courts will be converted to pickleball courts with new pickleball nets and posts and fencing installed to separate the pickleball courts.



Overnight Park Security

The Phoenix City Council recently approved adding overnight security at selected parks in each district (based on data). Sunnyslope Park was selected for District 3.

The 6-month pilot will provide security services 7 days a week between 8 p.m. – 10 a.m.

Security will patrol the park, educate the public about park rules, address code of conduct violations, open and close restroom facilities and/or park gates, ensure park is clear of users upon park closure, relay info to PHX CARES, contact PD for assistance when needed.

Ranger patrol coverage is 7 days a week from 4 a.m. – 11 p.m., and most parks are closed between 10 p.m. – 6 a.m.

There are 88 full-time park rangers and 11 part-time park rangers throughout the park system for the city's 185 flatland parks. The city has vacancies we are trying to fill.



Bulk Trash Collection Delays & CDL Operator Pay Incentive

The City of Phoenix has announced another temporary incentive to attract more commercial driver's license (CDL) holders. City employees across all departments who are in a CDL position and have a valid CDL will receive an additional \$3/hour.

The extra \$3/hour is in addition to the current hiring incentive of \$2,500 for new solid waste equipment operators (SWEOs) and the retention incentive of \$3,000 for current SWEOs.

The 2022 quarterly bulk trash schedule is currently experiencing [collection delays](#) of up to several weeks in some areas due mainly to a nationwide shortage of CDL operators. All customers will receive their fourth quarter bulk trash service, but should note [updates to the schedule](#), with revised collection dates for areas 8 - 13 beginning on November 21.

In the meantime, there are other disposal options. Residential customers may dispose of one load of up to one ton (2,000 pounds) at a City Transfer Station each calendar month at no charge. Anyone making a drop-off will need to show their city services bill and a matching ID.

Phoenix also offers a solid waste equipment operator [apprenticeship program](#) — the first of its kind in the nation. The apprenticeship is an excellent opportunity for

those starting their careers to receive the on-the-job training and instruction needed to secure their CDL.

Learn more about the comprehensive benefits offered by the City of Phoenix and apply today at [Phoenix.gov/Jobs](https://phoenix.gov/jobs). Search 'solid waste equipment operator' and select either the 'current CDL holder' option or 'apprenticeship program.'



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.

Learn more and sign up at [Phoenix.gov/TaxHelp](https://phoenix.gov/TaxHelp).



Chief Plans New Training, Policy Review for Phoenix PD

Interim Phoenix Police Chief Michael Sullivan is taking steps to provide officers the necessary training and tools to carry out the mission of reducing and preventing crime in our city while ensuring the safety of all community members and employees.

The newly announced four-pronged approach comes after Chief Sullivan spent the first months of his tenure meeting with community members and listening to their input about the department. He has also attended precinct patrol briefings to

talk to the men and women directly serving the community.

As a result of his initial assessment, Chief Sullivan has outlined a plan to provide skills and options to officers aimed at successfully and safely defusing a range of critical incidents. His four-pronged plan includes reinforced patrol briefing training on time, distance, and cover; arranging for national best practice scenario-based training on de-escalation; reviewing the Department's Use of Force policy; and expanding the Department's less lethal program.

More info: [Chief Plans New Training, Policy Review for Phoenix PD](#)



Street's Department Active Transportation Plan Virtual Meeting

Phoenix is developing an Active Transportation Plan that will improve and expand pedestrian and bike infrastructure. This plan is intended to build from and support existing plans and initiatives, including the Vision Zero Road safety Action Plan, Climate Action Plan, Complete Streets Policy and the Phoenix General Plan.

The Street Transportation Department is hosting a live virtual meeting on Monday, December 5 at 6 p.m. to gather public input.

Register at: phoenix.gov/streets/atp



PLAN TIMELINE (shown above)



District 3 Street Transportation Department Updates

This report from the Street Transportation Department covers the period from September 30 through October 27 in District 3.

Traffic Signal Updates

Street Transportation installed, upgraded, or repaired the traffic signal at 56th St. and Shea Blvd. This signal was rebuilt to include left-turn arrows in all directions.

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 Cave Creek Rd. to 32nd St., Thunderbird Rd. to Greenway Rd.; and 19th Ave. to 7th Ave., Bell Rd. to Grovers Ave.

Street Right-of-Way Landscape Maintenance

Crews maintained the landscaped areas within the street right-of-way in the following locations: 12th St and Dunlap Ave, 40th St and Cactus Rd, 36th St and Cactus Rd, and 56th St and Cactus 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.

Roadway Repair Work

Street maintenance crews completed significant roadway repairs at the following locations: 17th Pl. and Grovers Ave., and on 38th St. south of Thunderbird Rd.

Drainage Maintenance

As part of routine maintenance, crews inspect for obstructions, clear vegetation, and make repairs to keep flow lines open. Crews performed maintenance, construction, or repair work at 52nd St. and Shea Blvd., and 12th St. and Cave Creek Rd.

Paving

From July 1, 2018, to October 31, 2022, crews have completed the following work:

106.9 miles of mill and overlay work

144.7 miles of preservation treatments

197.7 miles of crack seal

2,757 ADA ramps

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

Healthy Giving

