



September 27, 2021

Greetings,

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

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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,

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FREE COVID-19 Testing & Vaccinations

Select events now also offer COVID-19 vaccinations! For testing and vaccine opportunities citywide, visit phoenix.gov/covidtesting.

District 3 Locations:

Tuesday, Oct. 5

1 - 7 p.m.
Fry's Food Store
850 E. Hatcher Rd.

Thursday, Oct. 14

7:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Fountain Square Shopping Mal
350 - 630 E. Bell Rd. (7th St. & Bell Rd.)



Register at: <https://vincerecancer.com>

Mobile Van #1

Offers antigen and antibodies test. [Read More.](#)

Mobile Van #2

Offers antigen results in 15 minutes and PCR with results within 24 hours. [Read More.](#)

Walk-Up/Drive-Up Sites

Offers PCR test with results in 24 hours.



Emergency Rental Assistance Program Hours Expand

The city of Phoenix continues to disburse funds through the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program to help residents pay their rent and/or utilities. The city's three Family Services Centers

are now extending hours of operation for residents to apply for ERA funds. Hours are now Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Previously, hours were Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) These expanded hours will increase access to appointment opportunities for residents.

As part of an ongoing commitment to expedite getting ERA funding out the door, the city also began hiring 50 additional positions in August to assist the program. To date, the city has disbursed more than \$35 million of the \$51.1 million allocated in March of this year. The city is disbursing an average \$2 million per week through the program, which is up from \$1 million per week back in April and May.

Funds for this program come from the U.S. Department of Treasury—the entity responsible for deciding who is eligible for these funds. The ERA Program is available to households regardless of citizenship or immigration status and does not require a Social Security Number be provided. [Learn more about who qualifies.](#)

There are two methods for applying for ERA funds. The city’s Human Services Department offers a phone appointment system at 602-534-AIDE (2433). The second method of application is through an online portal with [Wildfire](#).

Learn more about the application process by watching these instruction videos in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).

OAT Community Forum

The City of Phoenix is hosting a community forum with the finalists for the position of Director for the new Office of Accountability and Transparency (OAT). The community forum will be held at **6 p.m. on Thursday, September 30**. This online forum will give community members an opportunity to hear directly from the finalists.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, in-person attendance at the forum will not be available, however it will be streamed via a public [WebEx link](#), and on the city’s [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) pages as well as carried live on PHXTV, Cox Cable 11.

G.A.I.N. - Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods

What is G.A.I.N.?

G.A.I.N. (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) is a day for Arizona to join forces and promote awareness, safety, and neighborhood unity. G.A.I.N. showcases the importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement in our fight for a safer Arizona. On G.A.I.N. day (third Saturday in October), we invite neighborhoods to come together and make their community a safer, better place to live.



G.A.I.N. Kickoff

September, October 2

10 a.m. - noon

Christown Spectrum Mall

1703 W. Bethany Home Rd.

G.A.I.N. Day

October 16, 2021 (National) and **October 23, 2021 (Phoenix)**

The Phoenix Police Department recognizes that the National G.A.I.N. event is scheduled for Saturday, October 16, 2021. However, this year due to COVID restrictions, October 16 was the re-scheduled date for the National Police Week Memorial in Washington, D.C. As a large contingent of police staff will be attending the national memorial event to honor two fallen Phoenix Police Officers - Officer Paul Rutherford and Commander Greg Carnicle, the Police Department and City of Phoenix will be moving G.A.I.N. to the following weekend, Saturday, October 23.

For more information call 602-534-9514, email Detective Justin Martin at Justin.Martin@phoenix.gov.

I-17 Corridor Outreach

The Phoenix Police Department is currently working an Outreach Program with the Transit Unit, Neighborhood Service Department, Community Bridges Inc. (CBI), and ADOT along the I-17 corridor and east on Bell Road to approximately 17th Avenue.

The program aids individuals in need of shelter, mental health, and addiction. This past week, over 40 people were given assistance and 14 agreed to meet with CBI teams for consultation. Additionally, 32 people were arrested. This effort gave much needed resources to many and had a positive impact on the community that is affected.

Similar outreach is planned for other areas along the I-17 corridor.

4th Annual Women in Blue Awards

The 4th Annual Women in Blue Awards recognized three amazing women this past Friday. Congratulations to our exemplary Women in Blue! We appreciate what you do every day.

Community Advocate Award – Phoenix Police Officer Katelin Carnahan has worked for the Phoenix Police Department for five and half years. Officer Carnahan is a Community Action Officer in the Cactus Park Precinct. As a Community Action



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Officer, Katelin works with community members and groups to find long-term solutions to issues or concerns within the community. From her time in the academy to her role as Community Action Officer, Katelin continues to go above and beyond the call of duty.

Elevating Women in

Law Enforcement Award – Crime Lab Administrator Jody Wolf has worked for the Phoenix Police Department for almost 21 years. Jody has served as the Phoenix Police Department Crime Lab Administrator for the last three years. Under Jody's leadership, the Phoenix Crime Lab has been recognized locally, nationally, and internationally. The lab is a 24/7 operation with 150 employees. The lab is internationally accredited and specializes in DNA, toxicology, evidence screening, latent prints, firearms and tool marks, controlled substances, fire debris, trace analysis, and crime scene response.

Lifetime Achievement Award – Phoenix Police Department Commander Christina Gonzales will be receiving this year's Lifetime Achievement Award. Christina will have been with the Phoenix Police Department for 30 years this December. She has held positions in Patrol, Public Affairs Bureau, Family Investigation Bureau, Community Action Squad, and Neighborhood Enforcement. Christina was promoted to Sergeant in 1998, Lieutenant in 2008, and Commander in 2018. Commander Gonzales is presently the Commander of the Community Engagement Bureau, where she will finish her career with the Phoenix Police Department. The Lifetime Achievement Award is intended to recognize a female in law enforcement who has had an exceptional career.

News from ADOT:

New Lane and Ramp Closures Planned for I-17 and Thunderbird Road Beginning Sept. 29

The Arizona Department of Transportation advises drivers who use Interstate 17 in the area of Thunderbird Road to plan for new lane and ramp closures beginning Sept. 29 through Oct. 11, to allow crews to construct storm drains.

ADOT urges drivers to slow down and use caution around construction personnel and equipment while the following restrictions are in place. Schedules are subject to change based on weather and other unforeseen factors.

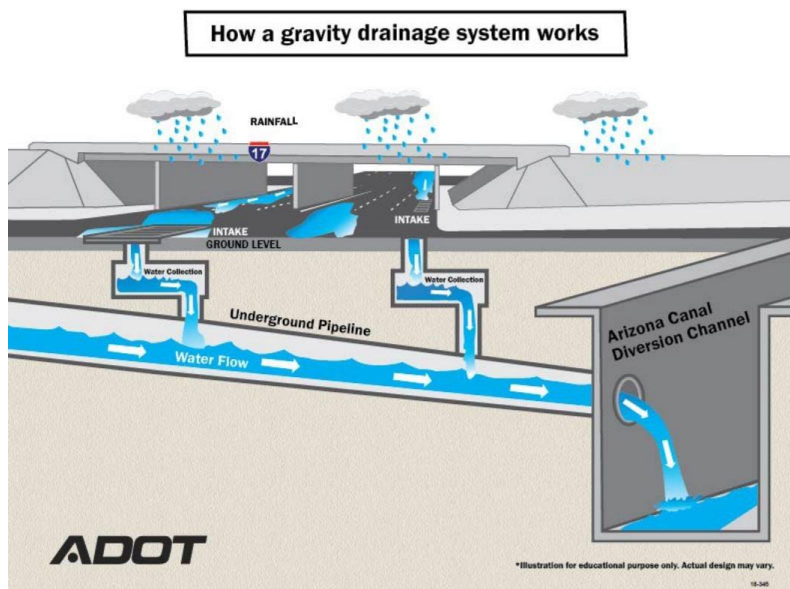
New Restrictions

- Eastbound Thunderbird Road between Metro North Corporate Park and the signaled intersection heading toward Home Depot will be closed from 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, to 5 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, and again from 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, to 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 11.
 - Detour: Drivers may use 19th or 35th avenues to Greenway or Cactus roads.
- Westbound Thunderbird Road will be closed in this same location from 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, to 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 4.
 - Detour: Drivers may use 19th or 35th avenues to Greenway or Cactus roads.



New Ramp Closures

- The north- and southbound I-17 off-ramp at Thunderbird Road will be closed from 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, to 5 a.m. Monday, Oct. 4.
 - Detour: Northbound drivers can use the I-17 off-ramp at Cactus or Greenway roads and southbound drivers can use the off-ramp at Peoria Avenue or Greenway Road as alternatives.
- The northbound I-17 on-ramp at westbound Thunderbird Road will also be closed.
 - Detour: Drivers can use 35th or 19th avenues to Greenway or Cactus roads to access northbound I-17.



Ongoing Closures

- The southbound I-17 off-ramp at Cactus Road is closed.
 - Detour: Drivers can exit I-17 at Greenway Road and use 35th or 19th avenues to access Cactus Road.
- The southbound I-17 on-ramp at Thunderbird Road is closed.
 - Detour: Drivers can use 35th or 19th avenues to Greenway or Cactus roads to access southbound I-17.
- The southbound I-17 frontage road between

Thunderbird and Cactus roads is closed.

- Detour: Drivers can use 35th and 19th avenues as alternate routes. Local business access will be available via 28th Drive from Cactus Road and Metro North Corporate Park from Thunderbird Road.

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. 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.](#)

Phoenix Shares Results from First Year of Cool Pavement Study

The City of Phoenix Street Transportation Department and Office of Sustainability announced during a virtual presentation and panel discussion the results of the first year of its Cool Pavement Pilot Program. The program and analysis of the cool pavement process is being conducted in partnership with Arizona State University (ASU).

Year one of the study done by scientists at ASU's Global Institute of Sustainability and Innovation, Healthy Urban Environments, and the Urban Climate Research Center revealed that reflective pavement surface temperatures are considerably lower than traditional roadway pavement.



Cool pavement coating reflects a higher portion of the sunlight that hits it, hence absorbing less heat. Because of this higher reflection, the coating has the potential to offset rising nighttime temperatures in the region.

In 2020, the city selected portions of eight neighborhoods, one in each City Council district and part of the parking lot in Esteban Park, to receive cool pavement treatment. The asphalt coating was applied to areas already in need of pavement preservation. The city then partnered with ASU researchers to conduct scientific tests of the cool paved areas, studying how it performed and how it might be used to mitigate the urban heat island effect.

Findings from year one of the study include:

- Cool pavement revealed lower surface temperatures at all times of the day versus traditional asphalt.
- Cool pavement had an average surface temperature 10.5 to 12 degrees Fahrenheit lower than traditional asphalt at noon and during the afternoon hours. Surface temperatures at sunrise averaged 2.4 degrees Fahrenheit lower.
- Sub-surface temperatures averaged 4.8 degrees Fahrenheit lower in areas treated with cool pavement.
- Nighttime air temperature at six feet of height was on average 0.5 degrees Fahrenheit lower over cool pavement than on the non-treated surfaces.
- The human experience of heat exposure at noon and the afternoon hours was 5.5 degrees Fahrenheit higher due to surface reflectivity, but similar to walking on a typical concrete sidewalk.
- Surface solar reflectivity declined over 10 months from a range of 33 to 38 percent to a range of 19 to 30 percent across all eight neighborhoods. Untreated asphalt has a reflectivity of only 12 percent.

Read more: [Phoenix Shares Results from First Year of Cool Pavement Study](#)

To learn more about cool pavement and the next phases of the program, visit Phoenix.gov/Streets/CoolPavement.

District 3 Street Transportation Department Updates

Street Transportation Department crews have been busy in District 3! Check out some of the work they have completed from July 31 through August 27 in District 3.

Traffic Signal Updates

Street Transportation installed, upgraded, or repaired the traffic signal at 15th Ave. and SR101 - This signal was rebuilt as part of the SR101 widening project.

Street Right-of-Way Landscape Maintenance

Crews maintained the landscaped areas within the street right-of-way listed below. 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.

- 19th Ave. and Peoria Ave.
- 7th Ave. and Bell Rd.
- Cave Creek Rd. and Bell Rd.



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 Cave Creek Rd. and Union Hills Dr.

Drainage Construction

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 the 41st Pl. and Thunderbird Rd. and at 13th Ave. and Tierra Buena Ln.

Automated Road Analyzer Collects Data on Street Conditions

The Street Transportation Department's Automated Road Analyzer (called ARAN for short) is out collecting data on road conditions of local and minor collector streets in residential areas to plan pavement preservation treatments to help keep Phoenix streets in good repair.



This high-tech vehicle is equipped with cameras and software to collect, categorize, and assess road quality. Using a high-speed profiler, it evaluates roughness, smoothness, cracking and rutting as it travels along with the flow of traffic.

ARAN delivers roadway information to city experts using video, still-photo images, GPS locations and precise measurements of pavement condition. All this information and more is used to schedule roadway repairs based on objective scientific data to ensure roads are proactively and equitably maintained based on need.

Visit phoenix.gov/streets/aran for more information.

News from Phoenix Center for the Arts:

Mayor's Arts Awards Artist & Judge Applications Are Open

The Mayor's Arts Awards serve to identify outstanding leaders in six areas: Performing Artist, Visual Artist, Multidisciplinary Artist, Literary Artist, Young Artist (age 12-17), and Community Innovator.

Nominate an artist or arts organization that you feel has made a positive impact to our community. Finalists are chosen based on the criteria of innovation, impact, and collaboration.

Nomination deadline is **October 4**.

More information: [Mayor's Arts Awards | Phoenix Center for the Arts](#).

Drought Pipeline Construction

Construction on the 66-inch pipeline is underway and schedule to be complete in early 2023. The pipeline project that will connect to the new pump station on 31st Street south of Bell Road also began last month. Construction for the rehabilitation/replacement 48-inch pipeline is complete. This pipeline was repaired/replaced to avoid failure of the pipe, which carries 35 million gallons of tap water a day to North Phoenix.

To help keep community members updated on construction updates and alerts, the city has launched the Pipeline Project mobile app. The free app is now available for download on your iPhone or Android's app store.

Project questions or comments?

Call: 602-235-2666

Email: WaterWorks@Phoenix.gov

Sign up to receive updates on phoenix.gov/droughtpipeline.

