

Women's Day luncheon features basketball pioneer

Ann Meyers Drysdale, women's basketball pioneer, award-winning broadcaster and general manager for the Phoenix Mercury WNBA team, will deliver the keynote address at the 18th annual International Women's Day luncheon March 4.



Ann Meyers Drysdale

The theme for this year's event is "Women of Courage: Winning the Game."

Tickets for the luncheon, which will be at noon at the Phoenix Convention Center South Ballroom, Third and Jefferson streets, are \$75 for individuals and \$45 for students and senior citizens. Corporate and community organization sponsorship opportunities are available.

Since 1991, the event has raised more than \$800,000 in scholarships to help women in Phoenix realize their educational dreams.

For more information, visit phoenix.gov/phxwomen/luncheon.html or call 602-261-8242 or 602-534-1557/TTY.

Greening disease threatens citrus

Do you have citrus trees in your yard? If so, be on the watch for the deadly citrus greening disease.

Named for its green, distorted fruit, the disease has destroyed millions of acres of citrus plants around the world. It is spread by a disease-infected insect and puts the future of American's citrus at risk.



There is no cure for it, only prevention by not moving plants and plant material.

To learn more, visit saveourcitrus.org or call Kristen Wagner of the Maricopa County Extension Service at 602-470-8086.

MLK award winners named

Former city senior administrator and developer Travis L. Williams has been awarded the Calvin C. Goode Lifetime Achievement award posthumously for his lifelong work in promoting social and economic justice and defending the civil rights of all people.

The award was made during the annual MLK Awards Breakfast where six others also were honored as winners of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Living the Dream Awards.

The Goode award is named after the former city councilman who worked tirelessly for the rights of individuals during his 22-year tenure on the council.

Winners of the Dream Awards were: Brenda Combs, ambassador of inspiration and achievement at Grand Canyon University; Mary Davis, retired school teacher; Chris Fleischman, community activist; Marye Hutchings, pastor of Trinity Church of God in Christ; Leonard Knight, a city employee and former president of 100 Black Men, posthumously; and RJ Shannon, community activist.



Travis L. Williams

Catch BookBreath at the library

There's still time to participate in Phoenix Public Library's annual winter reading program, "Catch BookBreath @ your Phoenix Public Library," which runs through March 14 at all library locations.

Young people up to 18 years old who read or listen to books can win prizes, including a bonus of a plush toy animal for reading with a family member.

For more information, call 602-262-4636 or visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org.

Water bonds upgraded

The city's water and wastewater revenue bonds have been upgraded by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services to AAA from AA.

S&P said the improvement reflects the city's diverse economic base, sufficient water supply, ample treatment capacity, reasonable five-year capital improvement plan and low combined water and wastewater rates.

It also recognized the water system's low-cost water supply and recent downsizing of the capital improvement program.

Workshop addresses job eligibility

How can employers make sure that they are not discriminating against employees while verifying their eligibility to work?

This question and many others will be addressed at a free Equal Employment Opportunity workshop from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, March 12, in assembly room B at Phoenix City Hall, 200 W. Washington St.

Presented by the city of Phoenix Equal Opportunity Department, the workshop will give a basic overview of the I-9 and e-Verify processes used to ensure employment eligibility. Other topics include defining what constitutes discrimination, identifying the protected classes covered by the law, preventing sexual harassment and adhering to the Americans with Disabilities Act.

For more information, call 602-262-7486/voice or 602-534-1557/TTY.



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It's WorldFEST time

Phoenix's Sister Cities will be in the spotlight at this year's fourth annual WorldFEST celebration.

The event, which has been extended to three days, Feb. 27 to March 1, will give Valley residents an opportunity to experience and learn about the cultures of each of the sister cities.

Presented by Pro's Ranch Markets, the free event will be held at Margaret T. Hance Park, 1125 N. Central Ave.

Activities will include a World Stage with live music, international arts and crafts, food, educational exhibits,

activities for kids and shopping at the World Bazaar.

Opening day events on Friday, Feb. 27, will feature a new event, WorldLUNCH, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the World of Beers and WineDown and live entertainment from 4 to 10 p.m.

On Saturday, Feb. 28, there will be a variety of activities for kids and their families, including music and food, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and live entertainment and The World of Beers until 10 p.m.

Events on Sunday, March 1, include Family Fiesta, which is new this year, Hospitality Industry Day and a Waiter and Waitress Olympics from 1 to 8 p.m.

For more information, visit phoenixsistercities.org or call 602-534-3751.



WorldFEST highlights include international entertainment and ethnic foods

Be prepared for floods

Is your home in a flood hazard area? If so, there are some things you should do to protect your property.

One of the most important is to purchase flood insurance, according to government officials.

If you're not sure if your house is in a flood hazard area, you can check by calling the Street Transportation Department's flood plain management section at 602-262-4960 or you may visit or write the department at 200 W. Washington St., 5th floor, Phoenix, AZ 85003-1611.

In addition to buying flood insurance, the government suggests that you:

- Make an itemized list of personal property and take pictures of your home to assist your insurance adjuster in settling claims.
- Keep your insurance policies, list of personal property and pictures in a safe place.
- Know the name, phone number and location of your insurance agent.
- Identify the safest route from your home to high ground in case you have to evacuate in a hurry and keep a working portable radio and flashlight on hand.
- Have sandbags and other materials readily available to use for protection if you live in a frequently flooded area.

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Brown Bag features Asian health issues

Doug Hirano, executive director of the Asian Pacific Community in Action, will discuss health and cultural issues facing the Asian/Pacific Island community at the free Faces of Diversity Brown Bag series noon to 1 p.m. Friday, March 20, at the Phoenix City Council Chambers, 200 W. Jefferson St.

Hirano will share experiences and challenges he faced in addressing the health problems and needs of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the Phoenix area and how culture influences efforts toward improving the health of this population.

For more information, call 602-261-8242 or 602-534-1557/TTY or visit phoenix.gov/eod/bbag.html.

Workshops help businesses get certified

Minority, woman and small business owners in Maricopa County are invited to attend free educational workshops and learn about Phoenix's business certification programs.

The monthly sessions hosted by the Equal Opportunity Department offer in-depth information about the requirements, process and benefits of becoming certified with the city as a minority-, woman-owned or small or disadvantaged business enterprise.

Upcoming sessions are:

- March 24, 5:30 p.m., (in Spanish) Small Business Development Center, Suite 104, 2400 N. Central Ave.
- April 15, 10:30 a.m., Pecos Community Center, 17010 S. 48th St.
- May 12, 6 p.m., Paradise Valley Community Center, 17402 N. 40th St.
- June 20, 11 a.m., Deer Valley Community Center, 2001 W. Wahalla Lane.
- July 8, 2 p.m., Phoenix City Hall, assembly room A, 200 W. Washington St.

Call 602-262-6790 or 602/534-1557/TTY for more information or to reserve a space.

Simplot elected vice mayor

District 4 Councilman Tom Simplot is the city's new vice mayor.

He was selected for the post by the City Council and will serve in the position until the end of the year.

Simplot has been a member of the council since 2003 when he won a special election to fill a vacancy. He

was re-elected to a four-year term in 2005.

He currently serves on the council's Transportation and Infrastructure, Housing and Neighborhoods and Seniors, Families and

Youth subcommittees and also chairs the METRO Board of Directors. In addition to serving on the council, he is

Disposal facilities now accept credit cards

The city's two disposal transfer stations accept Visa, Mastercard, Discover, and American Express credit/debit cards in addition to cash payments.

Residents may dispose of household material at either location – 30205 N Black Canyon Highway, and 3060 S. 27th Ave. – between 5:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekends and holidays. The 27th Avenue location is closed on Sundays.

Use of either facility is free to residents on weekends, and once a month on a weekday with a current water bill and matching identification for proof of residency.



Tom Simplot

president of the Arizona Multihousing Association and is an attorney and licensed Realtor.

Prior to joining the council, he served as president of the Maricopa

County Board of Health and on the board of the Maricopa County Industrial Development Authority.

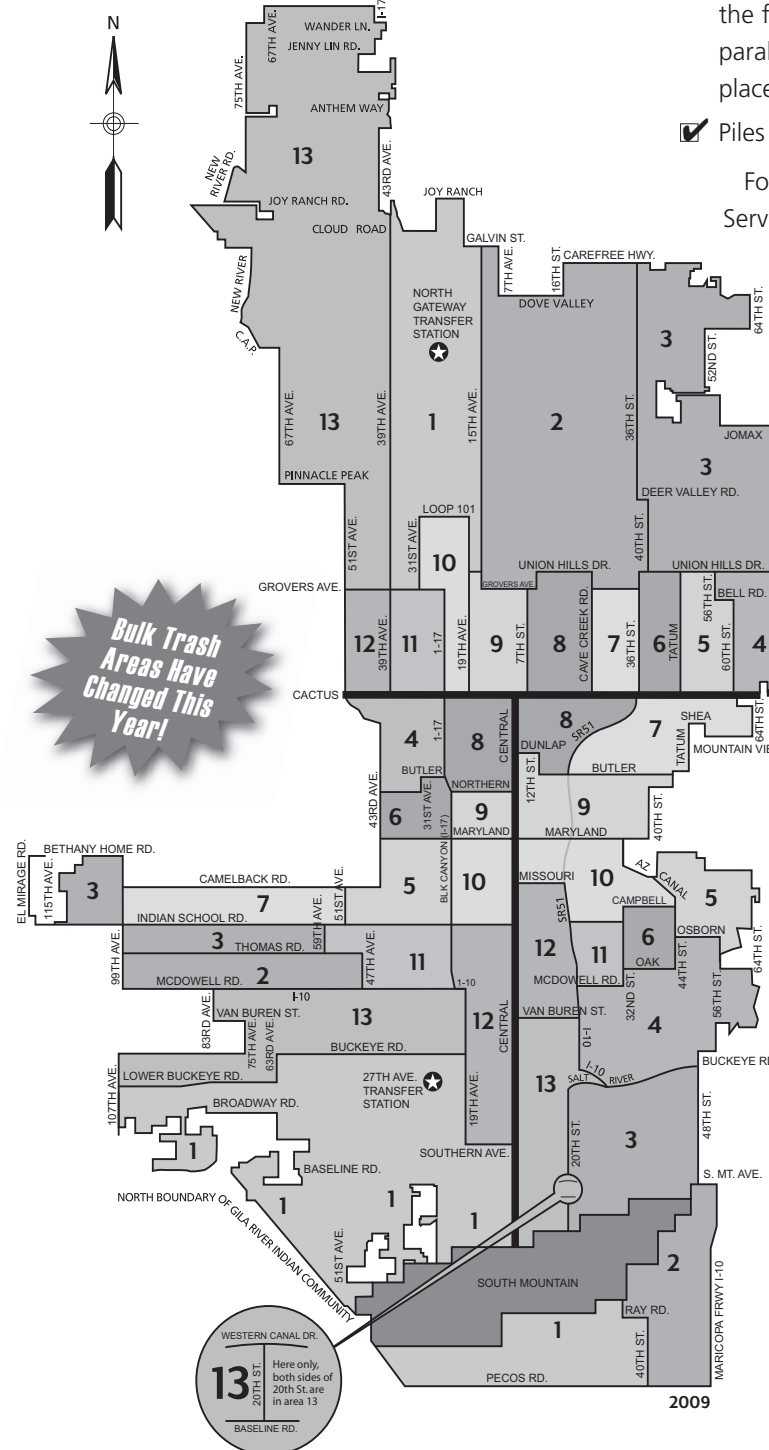
Quarterly bulk trash pickup schedule - spring 2009

Four times a year city crews collect bulk trash. Some items are not acceptable for bulk trash collection. Please visit phoenix.gov or call customer service for more information. To take advantage of this residential collection:

- ✓ Locate your area number on the map.
- ✓ Find the area number on the schedule.
- ✓ The first date listed is the date you may begin placing bulk trash out for collection.
- ✓ The second date listed is the date city crews will begin collection.

- ✓ Bulk trash must be placed out by 6 a.m. on the "collection begins on" date.
- ✓ For curbside collection, trash must be placed at least five feet from any object, such as fence, utility pole, cable box, water meter, mailbox, vehicle, refuse container, etc. All material should be neatly stacked.
- ✓ For alley collection, place bulk trash behind your property only. Do not place trash behind neighbor's property or in utility easements. No community piles.
- ✓ For curbside collection, place bulk trash on the front edge of your property behind and parallel to the sidewalk or curb. Do not place trash on the sidewalk or in the street.
- ✓ Piles must not exceed 20 cubic yards.

For more information, call Customer Service at 602-262-7251 or send e-mail to pwserve@phoenix.gov. The collection schedule appears quarterly in Notes and can be found on the city's Web site at phoenix.gov/publicworks.



Area	Placement Begins On	Collection Begins On
2	March 7	March 16
3	March 14	March 23
4	March 21	March 30
5	March 28	April 6
6	April 4	April 13
7	April 11	April 20
8	April 18	April 27
9	April 25	May 4
10	May 2	May 11
11	May 9	May 18
12	May 16	May 25
13	May 23	June 1
1	May 30	June 8
2	June 6	June 15
3	June 13	June 22
4	June 20	June 29

Hazardous waste collections set

Phoenix residents can dispose of common hazardous wastes and other items at collections 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 12, 13 and 14 at Paradise Valley Park, 17648 N. 40th St., and April 23, 24 and 25 at North Phoenix Baptist Church, 5757 N. Central Ave.

The events accept batteries, oil, up to five gallons of paint, antifreeze, pesticides, pool chemicals, computers, five road tires per household and household appliances that use refrigerants, including refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and heat pumps. Commercial loads will not be accepted.

The city also will pick up household appliances at your home for a fee. Call for a collection appointment. For information, send e-mail to pwserve@phoenix.gov, visit phoenix.gov/publicworks or call 602-262-7251.

Residents also are encouraged to donate or recycle televisions and other electronic equipment instead of throwing them out as garbage. A surge in the disposal of old televisions is expected this month and next month because of a nationwide transition to digital receivers.

Unwanted electronic items, including televisions, can be taken to one of the city's monthly household hazardous waste collection events or to the city's transfer stations. For additional electronic recycling information, check your phone book under "Recycling Computers" or "Second Hand Stores."

Free tax help available

The city has partnered with the Internal Revenue Service to help low-income individuals and families file their 2008 federal taxes so they can claim the Earned Income Tax Credit.

Nineteen sites are available where eligible residents can receive free tax preparation services and financial education information. Individuals who earned less than \$12,880 and couples who earned less than \$41,646 may be entitled to receive from \$438 to \$4,824 under the tax credit program.

For the locations and other information, call 602-263-8856.