

## Police can quiet loud parties

**A**re those loud parties in your neighborhood getting to you? If so, Phoenix Police can help.

Just give Crime Stop a call at 602-262-6151 if you are being disturbed by a party and police will investigate. Or, call 911 if things seem to be getting out of hand and someone's safety may be at risk.

In either case, if police find that the party is a threat to the peace, health, safety and general welfare of the public, the responsible party can be assessed a police service fee of up to \$1,000 under the city's "loud party" ordinance.

The fee is based on the salaries of the police officers who respond to the call and how much time they spend at the scene. Charges for medical expenses and damages to police equipment can be included in the assessment as well.

## Celebrate the 4th in Phoenix

**T**he Freedom Wireless Fabulous Phoenix 4th celebration returns to Steele Indian School Park July 4.

The Independence Day celebration gets under way at the park at Third Street and Indian School Road at 6 p.m. and will run to about 10 p.m., with the fireworks display set for about 9:20 p.m.

The community also is invited to the Light up the Sky holiday celebration July 3 at Maryvale Baseball Stadium, 51st Avenue south of Indian School Road, and the After Dark in the Park Independence Day celebration June 27 at Deer Valley Park, 19th Avenue and Utopia Road. Activities for both events begin at 7 p.m. with fireworks displays at 8:45 p.m.

There also will be fireworks at the Firecracker Softball Tournament June 26 at the Rose Mofford softball complex, 9833 N. 25th Ave., starting at 9 p.m.

The free community celebrations are made possible by financial support from multiple sponsors, including the Freedom Wireless Foundation, Milwaukee Brewers, Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport and Arizona Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge dealers.

Other funds come from tournament participant fees.

## Kids read and win prizes

**Y**oungsters can earn a ticket to a baseball game this summer by taking part in the Phoenix Public Library's summer reading program.

"Extra! Extra! Read Your Way to the Ballpark" is a reading game featuring prizes and special events for toddlers to teens. By reading or listening to books, participants earn prizes, including Arizona Diamondbacks tickets. Visit any city library to sign up.

Also, young people between the ages of 12 and 18 can take part in the "Express Yourself" reading program by registering online or picking up a book log at any city library. Participants can win instant prizes as well as enter weekly drawings and a grand prize drawing for an Xbox 360 or iPod Touch.

Both programs continue through July 25. For more information, visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org or call 602-262-4636.

## Vacationers can guard against burglaries

**I**f you're going on a vacation this summer, don't forget that an empty house can be a tempting target for burglars.

Here are some tips to help keep your house safe while you are away:

- Have good locks on all doors and windows.
- Ask a neighbor to watch the house while you're away.
- Never leave your house key hidden outside your home.
- Stop all deliveries or arrange for someone to pick up your mail, newspapers and packages.
- Have someone care for your lawn to give the home a lived-in look.
- Use timers to turn lights on and off at appropriate times.
- Don't announce your absence on answering machine messages.
- Leave your blinds, shades and curtains in a normal position.
- Ask a neighbor to occasionally park in your driveway. If you leave your car at home, park it as you normally would.
- Call your local police precinct and let them know you plan to be away so that patrol officers can periodically check your home.

## Homeless need help keeping cool

**M**any homeless individuals and families who live on the city streets are in need of help to get through the hot summer.

You can help by donating unopened water bottles, sunscreen, new underwear, white socks, white T-shirts, insect repellent and prepackaged items such as individually wrapped cookies and crackers. Financial donations also are welcomed.

The tax-deductible donations may be delivered weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Sept. 30 to the city's Family Services Centers: Travis L. Williams, 4732 S. Central Ave., 602-534-4732; John F. Long, 3454 N. 51st Ave., 602-262-6510; and Sunnyslope, 914 W. Hatcher Road, 602-495-5229.

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## Downtown welcomes new park

**A**lthough open for just a few weeks, the city's newest downtown park already is becoming a popular gathering spot for office workers, college students and visitors.

Nestled on 2.77 acres on Central Avenue between Van Buren and Fillmore streets, the Downtown Civic Space Park features a unique urban design with special water and light features, permanent chess and checkers tables, a public sculpture by artist Janet Echelman and shaded areas suitable for small concerts and exhibits.

The park, which was built primarily with bond funds, also includes a variety of sustainable construction



Children enjoy the park's water feature.



A metal mesh sculpture by artist Janet Echelman hangs nearly 100 feet above the new Downtown Civic Space Park.

and operational features, including solar panels that generate power that offsets the park's electrical needs and trees and vegetation that will help shade more than 70 percent of the grounds when they reach maturity.

In addition to some grass areas, the grounds also include concrete and pavers that reduce heat reflection and allow rainfall to seep through to an underground collection system that helps feed the plants and avoid runoff.

The site also contains the historic 1926 A.E. England building, which is undergoing renovation and will be available later this year for meetings, presentations, banquets, art shows and other activities. It also could house retail and food outlets.

The park contains no parking spaces, which encourages pedestrian traffic and the use of public transportation. The central bus station and a METRO light rail stop are just steps away.

## Sky Harbor parking available

**W**ith the busy summer travel season already getting started, don't forget you can park at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport to catch your flight.

The airport has a number of conveniently located lots and garages with charges as low as \$8 a day.

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For up-to-the-minute parking availability, call the Sky Harbor 24-hour parking hotline, 602-273-4545. For more information on parking rates, visit [www.phxskyharbor.com](http://www.phxskyharbor.com).

## Workshops help certify businesses

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

Hosted by the Equal Opportunity Department, the two-hour sessions 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.

For more information or to reserve a space, call 602-262-6790 or 602/534-1557/TTY.

Upcoming sessions are: July 8, 2 p.m., Phoenix City Hall, assembly room A, 200 W. Washington St.; Aug. 11, 9 a.m., Sunnyslope Community Center, 802 E. Vogel Ave.; Sept. 9, 10:30 a.m., Goelet A.C. Beuf Community Center, 3435 W. Pinnacle Peak Road; Sept. 22, 1:30 p.m., Pecos Community Center, 17010 S. 48th St.; Oct. 17, 11 a.m., Mesquite Branch Library, 4525 E. Paradise Village Parkway; Oct. 27, 2 p.m., (in Spanish) Maryvale Community Center, 4420 N. 51st Ave.; Nov. 17, 2 p.m., Washington Activity Center, 2240 W. Citrus Way; and Dec. 9, 11 a.m., South Mountain Environmental Education Center, 10409 S. Central Ave.

## Head Start opens enrollment

The Phoenix Head Start program is recruiting preschoolers for the 2009-2010 school year.



Families must meet federal income guidelines and children must be 3 or 4 years old before Sept. 1 in order to participate. Parents of children with special needs are encouraged to apply.

Head Start offers children learning activities, nutritious meals and snacks, health screenings and disabilities and mental health services. Also parents may participate in their child's school readiness program and receive social services assistance.

The 70 Head Start sites within the city's service area have varied hours and schedules.

For more information, call 602-262-4040.

## Quarterly bulk trash pickup schedule - summer 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](mailto:pwserve@phoenix.gov). The collection schedule appears quarterly in Notes and can be found on the city's Web site at [phoenix.gov/publicworks](http://phoenix.gov/publicworks).



Area	Placement Begins On	Collection Begins On
6	July 4	July 13
7	July 11	July 20
8	July 18	July 27
9	July 25	Aug. 3
10	Aug. 1	Aug. 10
11	Aug. 8	Aug. 17
12	Aug. 15	Aug. 24
13	Aug. 22	Aug. 31
1	Aug. 29	Sept. 7
2	Sept. 5	Sept. 14
3	Sept. 12	Sept. 21
4	Sept. 19	Sept. 28
5	Sept. 26	Oct. 5

## Early voting set for City Council election

Phoenix voters who live in Council Districts 2, 4, 6 and 8 can vote by mail in the Sept. 1 City Council election. There are no elections in Districts 1, 3, 5 and 7 because council terms are staggered and there is no mayoral election this year.

Voters in Districts 2, 4, 6 and 8 who are on the permanent early voting list were mailed an election notice in May and will receive a ballot later unless they sign and return the postcard by July 18.

Those not on the permanent list also may vote early by submitting a request for a ballot by mail. Request forms, which are available at phoenix.gov and at city public service counters and city libraries, must be returned to the City Clerk by Aug. 21.

The early ballots will be mailed beginning Aug. 3.

In addition to voting by mail, voters may cast early ballots weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. from Aug. 3 to Aug. 28 at the City Clerk Department on the 15th floor of City Hall, 200 W. Washington St.

Other early voting locations also will be available. For locations and hours of operation, refer to the Sample Ballot Pamphlet that will be mailed to voters in late July, visit phoenix.gov or call 602-261-VOTE (8683) or TTY/ 602-534-2737.

Accessible voting devices that allow voters with disabilities to vote independently will be available at early voting sites.

The election is open to registered voters residing in Districts 2, 4, 6 or 8 at least 29 days prior to the election.

For more information, visit phoenix.gov or call 602-261-VOTE (8683) or TTY/ 602-534-2737.

## Public transit fares going up

Bus and light rail fares will increase beginning Wednesday, July 1.

Riders will pay \$1.75 for one ride on local bus and rail, up from \$1.25.

An all-day pass will increase from \$2.50 to \$5.25 for those who buy it on-board buses and to \$3.50 for passengers who purchase them in advance at light rail stations, transit centers, online or other outlets. Buying them in advance will quicken the boarding process and help maintain bus schedules.

Reduced-fare passengers – youth, seniors and persons with disabilities – also will pay more: one ride will be 85 cents instead of 65 cents, an on-board all-day pass will increase to \$2.60 from \$1.25 and an all-day pass bought off board will be \$1.75.

Fares for Express/RAPID buses and for Phoenix Dial-a-Ride also will be higher.

The increases were approved by the Valley Metro Board of Directors and the Phoenix City Council following a series of public hearings. Falling sales tax revenues and rising operating costs have made the higher fares necessary.

For a list of locations to buy transit passes or to purchase online, visit ValleyMetro.org. For more information, call 602-253-5000 or 602-261-8208/TTY.

## Pools feature water safety programs

Free CIGNA summer fun and water safety programs will be offered at all city pools this summer.

Children 6 years and under and their parents will be able to attend Itty Bitty Beach Parties that will feature dance and swimsuit contests, a puppet show, refreshments and prizes.



Also, children between the ages of 7 and 10 will learn basic water safety, while those 11 to 13 will learn boating safety and water safety leadership. Older youngsters will be taught junior lifeguard skills, including CPR.

For more information, call 602-262-6541 or visit phoenix.gov/SPORTS/pools.html.