

## Don't post signs in right-of-way

Phoenix residents are reminded that posting signs on utility poles, sidewalks or anywhere else in the public right-of-way is not allowed by city ordinance.



The right-of-way varies widely throughout the city, but generally includes streets, curbs, medians, traffic lights, utility poles and unimproved shoulders of streets up to private property and generally 2 feet beyond sidewalks.

Illegal signs can be dangerous if they become loose and fall in the street or hit a pedestrian, or if they block the view of motorists or pedestrians. And, those responsible for them could be fined.

For more information about illegal signs or to report a violation, call 602-534-7100 or send e-mail to nsd@phoenix.gov.

## Attention shoppers: Save space for disabled

Don't let the heavy holiday traffic at malls tempt you into parking in a spot reserved for people with disabilities, even if it's just for a minute.

The Save Our Space campaign warns motorists that if they park in a spot designated for the disabled they could be taking away a space from someone who really needs it.

And, if they get caught, it will cost them between \$250 and \$500.

Police officers and volunteers patrol parking lots and issue tickets to violators. To report violations, obtain information or become a volunteer, call 602-534-SPACE (7722).

Additional information is available at phoenix.gov/mcdi/dispark.html.

## Keep tabs on state legislative activities

Phoenix neighborhood leaders and other residents have an easy way to keep informed of state legislative activities that might affect them.

The Phoenix Office of Government Relations offers them the P.L.A.N. – Phoenix Legislative Action Network.

People who sign up for the Internet-based program can use their personal computers to view the city's legislative agenda and receive regular e-mails on legislation and other activities that affect them and their neighborhoods.

You can join P.L.A.N. at phoenix.gov/plan.

## Holiday art show, sale Dec. 5 - 6

The Phoenix Center for the Arts will host its annual Holiday Fine Art Sale and Show from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 5 and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 6.

The sale and show will feature ceramics, jewelry, glass art, paintings, drawings and photographic prints created by center students and their instructors.

The center, which is operated by the Parks and Recreation Department, is located at 1202 N. Third St. For more information, call 602-262-4627.

## APS Electric Light Parade Dec. 6

Phoenix will usher in the holiday season with the annual APS Electric Light Parade Saturday, Dec. 6. The 22nd annual parade featuring illuminated floats, marching bands and helium balloons will begin on Central Avenue north of Montebello Avenue at 7 p.m., move south on Central to Camelback Road, turn east to Seventh Street and then south to Indian School Road. The event is produced by the Parks and Recreation Department and sponsored by APS, ABC15 and 99.9 KEZ. For more information, call 602-534-FEST (3378) or 602-261-8069.

## Desert preservation, fire guide available

A number of neighborhood residential developments in Phoenix are characterized by their proximity to the natural desert.

In fact, many of them were specifically designed to mix with the environment by preserving wash corridors or installing native landscaping in common areas and along streets. Most of the time, the connection between the homes and the desert is positive with residents caring for the undisturbed area that surrounds their development. However, during drought conditions when high winds and dry vegetation provide fuel for wildfires, residents become concerned over potential property damage and their own safety.

To help, the city has produced the Desert Preservation and Fire Protection Guide, which is designed to help achieve natural open space preservation and wild fire protection. To see a copy of the guide, visit phoenix.gov/planning/dpfguide.html.

## Ambassador program seeks students

The Phoenix Sister Cities Youth Ambassador Exchange Program is accepting applications from high school sophomores and juniors who are interested in traveling to another country next summer.

The program is open to Phoenix residents and offers students the opportunity to visit one of Phoenix's 10 sister cities to learn more about the city and its culture through a three-week home-hosted experience.

The students then reciprocate and house their host brother or sister when they visit Phoenix later in the summer.

Sister Cities pays half of each student's travel expenses. The remainder is the responsibility of the students and their families, and financial assistance is available for qualified students.

The deadline for applying is Dec. 5. For more information or an application, visit phoenixsistercities.org or call 602-534-3751.



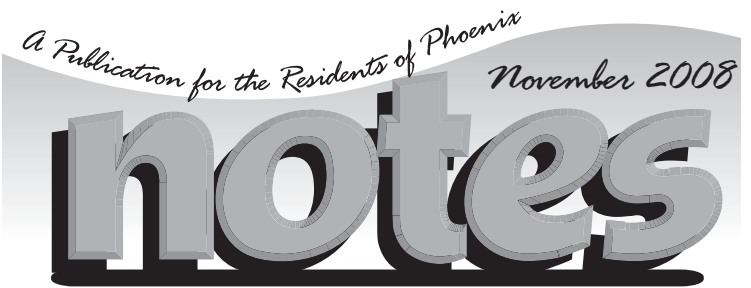
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## City to celebrate light rail, Convention Center openings

Phoenix is gearing up to celebrate two of its biggest events of the year – the opening of the METRO light rail and the Phoenix Convention Center North Building.

Both events will be in the spotlight Saturday, Dec. 27, with free METRO train rides between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. along the 20-mile route between Phoenix and Mesa, a series of parties at rail stations and a free celebration and open house at the downtown convention facility.

METRO also will offer free rides between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 28. Rides also will be free through Wednesday, Dec. 31.

The long-awaited start up of METRO and the opening of the Convention Center facility are seen as further boosts to the revitalization of the downtown, following shortly after the opening of the Sheraton Phoenix Downtown Hotel and new developments at Arizona State University's Downtown Phoenix Campus.

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In Phoenix, the ceremony will be held downtown at the train station at Third and Jefferson streets followed by a large party with live entertainment and vendors inside the nearby Convention Center.

That party, which will celebrate the opening of both the convention facility and the light rail, will feature the new North Building, the last of two major additions built as part of a \$600 million expansion. Visitors will be able to explore the more than 550,000 square feet of convention space it offers, including a food court with six eateries. The West Building, which also was part of the improvement project, opened in 2006.

Phoenix also will host a second large party with live entertainment, vendors and other activities at the METRO station at 19th and Montebello avenues where the light rail line begins.

Additionally, ceremonies and large parties will be held in Tempe at the Veteran's Way and College Avenue station and in Mesa at the Main Street and Sycamore station where the light rail line ends.

At the same time, medium-size celebrations sponsored by businesses and neighborhoods will be held at five other stations and smaller neighborhood parties will be held at other stops. All of the parties will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Sky Harbor International Airport will host the party at the station at 44th and Washington streets to introduce its new free shuttle bus service that will transport airport visitors between the train stop and the three airport terminals. The shuttles, which will have luggage space, will run every 10 minutes during the same hours that the light rail will be operating.

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Meanwhile, METRO will begin regular service Monday, Dec. 29, but will continue offering free rides through Wednesday, Dec. 31. Fares beginning Thursday, Jan. 1 will be \$1.25 one way and \$2.50 for all day, the same as regular bus fares.

Also on Dec. 29th, Phoenix Transit will make changes to a number of its schedules and routes to eliminate service overlap and to connect bus riders with METRO stations. Changes include the elimination of the Red Line, which follows much of the train route; elimination of the Blue Line south of Camelback Road, where the rail will travel; extension of Route 15 to Metrocenter to the north and Sky Harbor to the south; and additional Route 0 service on Central Avenue.

## Cleaners available for lead removal

If you are planning to renovate your home and are concerned about possible lead hazards, the city might be able to help.

The Neighborhood Services Department has available for loan portable vacuum cleaners with special filters designed to remove lead particles in dust, paint and other home surfaces.

The vacuums can be borrowed at no cost and may be kept for up one week depending on demand.

Many homes built before 1978 are at risk of containing lead-based paint, so residents are urged to conduct a thorough clean up after any remodeling or construction.

For more information on the program, call 602-495-0700 or visit phoenix.gov/nsd.

## City pay station moves

**The South Central Phoenix Water Services pay station has moved from 26 E. Baseline Road to 610 E. Baseline Road, Suite C5. You can pay your monthly water, wastewater and trash bill at the new location or, if you want to save a trip or a postage stamp, pay online at phoenix.gov/water.**

## Be sure to shop Phoenix

Whether you're planning a big holiday shopping spree or waiting for the after-holiday sales, Phoenix is the place to do your buying.

Sales taxes on the merchandise you buy at businesses located in the city go into the city's general fund, which helps pay for city services such as police, fire protection, parks, libraries, senior centers, neighborhood preservation and street maintenance.

The sales tax is the largest revenue component for funding these basic services so by shopping in Phoenix, you are helping to support the city services they enjoy. When you shop in other cities, the taxes support the budgets of those communities.

There are notable shopping opportunities in all parts of Phoenix. Among them are:

- Arcadia Crossing, 4535 E. Thomas Rd.
- Biltmore Fashion Park, 2470 E. Camelback Road
- Christown Spectrum Mall, 1703 W. Bethany Home Road
- Desert Ridge Marketplace, 21001 N. Tatum Blvd.
- Desert Sky Mall, 7611 W. Thomas Rd.
- Desert Sky Palms Center, 7502 W. Thomas Road
- Metrocenter, 9617 N. Metro Parkway West
- Outlets at Anthem, 4250 W. Anthem Way
- Paradise Valley Mall, 4568 E. Cactus Rd.

Many other Phoenix shopping venues can be found at phoenix.gov/shopphoenix.



High Street, the retail phase of the CityNorth mixed-use development, opens this month near Loop 101 and 56th Street in northeast Phoenix, joining an impressive lineup of major shopping venues located throughout the city.

# 2009 Bulk Trash Collection Schedule

Four times a year city crews collect bulk trash. Some items are not acceptable for bulk trash collection. Please visit the city's Web site or call customer service (see Web address and telephone number below) 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.
- 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 and next to your fence 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.

### ONE WEEK RULE

City ordinance allows one week prior to the scheduled collection week to place bulk trash out for collection. Please plan your clean-ups accordingly. It is a violation of city ordinance to place bulk trash out before the "placement can begin only on" date listed. Failure to comply may result in enforcement action.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information, call Customer Service at 602-262-7251 or e-mail to pwsrserve@phoenix.gov on the Internet. The collection schedule appears quarterly in Notes and can be found on the city's Web site at phoenix.gov/publicworks. This material is available in alternative format, TTY 602-253-8796 / Fax 602-534-9864.



## 2008-2009 Bulk Trash Collection Schedule

Area	Placement Begins On	Collection Begins On	Placement Begins On	Collection Begins On	Placement Begins On	Collection Begins On	Placement Begins On	Collection Begins On
1	Nov. 29	Dec. 8	Feb. 28	March 9	May 30	June 8	Aug. 29	Sept. 7
2	Dec. 6	Dec. 15	March 7	March 16	June 6	June 15	Sept. 5	Sept. 14
3	Dec. 13	Dec. 22	March 14	March 23	June 13	June 22	Sept. 12	Sept. 21
4	Dec. 20	Dec. 29	March 21	March 30	June 20	June 29	Sept. 19	Sept. 28
5	Dec. 27	Jan. 5	March 28	April 6	June 27	July 6	Sept. 26	Oct. 5
6	Jan. 3	Jan. 12	April 4	April 13	July 4	July 13	Oct. 3	Oct. 12
7	Jan. 10	Jan. 19	April 11	April 20	July 11	July 20	Oct. 10	Oct. 19
8	Jan. 17	Jan. 26	April 18	April 27	July 18	July 27	Oct. 17	Oct. 26
9	Jan. 24	Feb. 2	April 25	May 4	July 25	Aug. 3	Oct. 24	Nov. 2
10	Jan. 31	Feb. 9	May 2	May 11	Aug. 1	Aug. 10	Oct. 31	Nov. 9
11	Feb. 7	Feb. 16	May 9	May 18	Aug. 8	Aug. 17	Nov. 7	Nov. 16
12	Feb. 14	Feb. 23	May 16	May 25	Aug. 15	Aug. 24	Nov. 14	Nov. 23
13	Feb. 21	March 2	May 23	June 1	Aug. 22	Aug. 31	Nov. 21	Nov. 30



Crews have completed the renovation of Memorial Hall at Steele Indian School Park. The work included restoring the exterior of the building to its original look when it opened on the then-Phoenix Indian School campus in 1922 and modernizing the interior so that it again can be used for events. The facility, which seats 350, is available for plays, meetings and other public gatherings. The project was financed by city bond funds and grants. The 75-acre city park is located at Central Avenue and Indian School Road.

## Hazardous waste collection set

Phoenix residents can dispose of common hazardous wastes and other items at collections 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 11, 12 and 13 at Mountain Vista Park, 13647 S. 50th St., and Jan. 15, 16 and 17 at Palmcroft Baptist Church, 15825 N. 35th Ave.

The events accept batteries, oil, 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 pwsrserve@phoenix.gov, visit phoenix.gov/publicworks or call 602-262-7251.