

# notes

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## Zero deficit projected for 2012-13

After managing through a more than \$330 million deficit over the last two years, city officials recently announced that they are projecting no deficit for the upcoming fiscal year.

"Revenues are improving and the city is successfully managing its expenses," said Mayor Greg Stanton. "Our city is not projecting a deficit for 2012-13, and I am cautiously optimistic about this budget outlook."

Over the past two years, the city overcame a \$277 million deficit in fiscal year 2010-11 and a \$59 million deficit in 2011-12.

"It is quite incredible what we have been able to accomplish over the last couple of years," said City Manager David Cavazos. "By working with the Mayor and City Council, employees and the community, we have reduced the deficit to zero, while continuing to provide outstanding services to the public."

The city looks forward to seeing Phoenix residents at the community budget hearings in April. Residents can email budget comments and questions to [budget.research@phoenix.gov](mailto:budget.research@phoenix.gov). For more information, visit [phoenix.gov/budget](http://phoenix.gov/budget) or call 602-262-4800.

## Residents invited to comment during city redistricting process

In February, the city began its redistricting process through public meetings to gather input on council district boundaries that reflect the 2010 census, a requirement of state and federal law.

Based on this input, the city's consultant prepared alternative redistricting proposals. The proposed maps will then be presented for public feedback at a second round of meetings.

The dates and times of the public meetings are:

- 2:30 p.m. Monday, April 23, Devonshire Senior Center, 2802 E. Devonshire Ave.
- 6 p.m. Monday, April 23, Valley Garden Center, 1809 N. 15th Ave.
- 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, South Mountain Community Center, 212 E. Alta Vista Road
- 6 p.m. Thursday, April 26, Maryvale Community Center, 4420 N. 51st Ave.
- 6 p.m. Thursday, May 3, Deer Valley Community Center, 2001 W. Wahalla Lane
- 6 p.m. Monday, May 7, Sunnyslope Community Center, 802 E. Vogel Ave.

- 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, Paradise Valley Community Center, 17402 N. 40th St.
- 1 p.m. Thursday, May 10, Burton Barr Central Library Auditorium, 1221 N. Central Ave.
- 6 p.m. Monday, May 14, Cesar Chavez Branch Library, 3635 W. Baseline Road
- 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, Pecos Community Center, 17010 S. 48th St.

Simultaneous Spanish translation will be provided. Other alternative format/reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request with advance notice.

The City Council is tentatively scheduled to adopt a final redistricting plan in June. The new districts are expected to be in place by January 2013.

To share your feedback or for more information about redistricting, visit [phoenix.gov/redistricting](http://phoenix.gov/redistricting), email [redistricting@phoenix.gov](mailto:redistricting@phoenix.gov) or call 602-256-4357 (TTY 602-534-2737).

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## Holiday garbage/recycling pickup schedule

There's a special holiday collection schedule when a city holiday falls on a collection day. For example: Residents who normally have garbage or recyclables collection on Monday have collection on Tuesday. This moves Tuesday's collection to Wednesday. The city observes the holidays below on the dates listed.

### UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:

**Cesar Chavez Day – Friday, March 30**  
No collection change

**Memorial Day – Monday, May 28**  
Monday's collection moves to Tuesday, May 29  
Tuesday's collection moves to Wednesday, May 30

*The North Gateway and 27th Avenue transfer stations are closed on each holiday.*

## Same-day trash and recycle collection coming in July

The city of Phoenix is always looking for innovative ways to save money and provide the best possible customer service. Beginning this July, your trash and recycled items will be picked up on one day, instead of two separate days.

Separate trucks will continue to collect garbage and recycling, but you'll only need to roll the containers to the curb one time each week. This innovation will save the city an estimated \$1.3 million per year.

More information will be delivered to you soon through this publication, by mail, at [phoenix.gov](http://phoenix.gov) and [facebook.com/cityofphoenix](http://facebook.com/cityofphoenix).



## Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Events

- April 12 – 14, 8 a.m. to noon  
Paradise Valley Park  
17642 N. 40th St.  
(south of Union Hills Drive)
- May 3 – 5, 8 a.m. to noon  
Mountain Vista Park  
13647 S. 50th St. (north of Ray Road)

For more details about what can and cannot be brought to the events, call 602-262-7251 or visit [phoenix.gov/publicworks](http://phoenix.gov/publicworks).

## Energize Phoenix expands program boundaries

**E**nergize Phoenix recently announced the expansion of program boundaries. The new boundaries run along a 10-mile stretch of the light rail from Central and Missouri avenues to Washington and 44th streets.

The federally funded program offers cash incentives and financing to help pay for most energy efficiency improvement



project costs. Energize Phoenix-approved contractors are ready to help homeowners and businesses identify energy saving opportunities and assist them with applying for incentives from Energize Phoenix and APS.

For more information, and to see if you qualify, visit [energizephx.com](http://energizephx.com).

## Downtown event celebrates Earth Day

**C**elebrate the 42nd annual Earth Day from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 20, at Cesar Chavez Plaza, Second Avenue and Washington Street.

The event is sponsored by the city of Phoenix and Keep Phoenix Beautiful. Learn about sustainability from leaders in the community, including nonprofits, businesses and the city.

For more information, visit [earthdayphoenix.org](http://earthdayphoenix.org) and [phoenix.gov/publicworks](http://phoenix.gov/publicworks).

## April is Fair Housing Month

**P**hoenix will mark National Fair Housing Month in April with a special training session jointly hosted with the Arizona Fair Housing Partnership.

"The Faces of Housing Discrimination" will be at 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 11, at the Disability Empowerment Center, 5025 E. Washington St. Housing providers, including landlords and property managers, are encouraged to attend.

The cost is \$20 until the day of the event, and \$25 at the door.

To register or for more information, call 602-252-3423 or visit [phoenix.gov/eod/whatsnew](http://phoenix.gov/eod/whatsnew).

Fair Housing Month is designated to remind people that federal law prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental and financing of dwellings, and in other housing-related transactions, based on race, color, national origin, religion, gender, familial status and disability.



## Read Del Rio Brownfields report online at phoenix.gov

**R**esidents can learn about options recommended for the redevelopment of brownfields in the South Mountain/Del Rio area, in the Del Rio Brownfields Visioning Summary Report available at [phoenix.gov/environment/brownfields](http://phoenix.gov/environment/brownfields).

Residents developed the recommendations through several community workshops in 2011, as part of the Del Rio Area Brownfields Planning Project. An Environmental Protection Agency grant is funding the planning project, which is built on public participation.

The next phase of the project is to obtain community input through a series of monthly meetings to prepare the final brownfields plan. Meetings will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, and April 24, at the Rio Salado Audubon Center, 3131 S. Central Ave.

For more information, visit the website above or call 602-256-3452.

## Phoenix Public Transit wants your feedback

**P**hoenix residents and the general public can provide feedback on proposed bus service changes during the city's budget hearings in April.

Transit staff will be on hand to discuss the proposals, which include modifying several bus route turnarounds throughout the city; adjustments to the RAPID™ Friday service levels; potential modifications to Routes 16 and 80; and potential elimination of RAPID-to-Rail I-17, among other items.

More information is available at [phoenix.gov/publictransit](http://phoenix.gov/publictransit) or 602-262-7242. If you have comments, email them to [pubtrans@phoenix.gov](mailto:pubtrans@phoenix.gov).

## City offers free tax-preparation assistance

**L**ast year, thousands of Phoenix residents who were eligible to receive the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) failed to claim these refunds.

Residents who qualify for the program include families who earn less than \$49,078 and are married filing jointly with three or more qualifying children, as well as individuals with no qualifying children who earn less than \$13,660.

The city is teaming up with the Internal Revenue Service and other community partners to help working families and individuals claim the EITC refund and other tax credits by offering free tax preparation assistance at 17 sites.

For more information, call the Community and Information and Referral hotline at 2-1-1 or visit [211arizona.org](http://211arizona.org).

## Keep property free of debris

**T**he Fire, Public Works and Neighborhood Services departments are teaming up again this year in a campaign to reduce the number of weed, brush and debris fires in neighborhoods.

Firefighters next month will begin surveying neighborhoods for fire hazards stemming from brush and debris. They will forward the locations of possible violations to the Public Works and Neighborhood Services departments for city code compliance.

The city requires that property owners keep lots, properties, alleys and easements free from litter, garbage, overgrown vegetation, dead trees, brush, weeds and other conditions that present health, fire or safety hazards.

# 2012 Bulk Trash Pickup Schedule

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

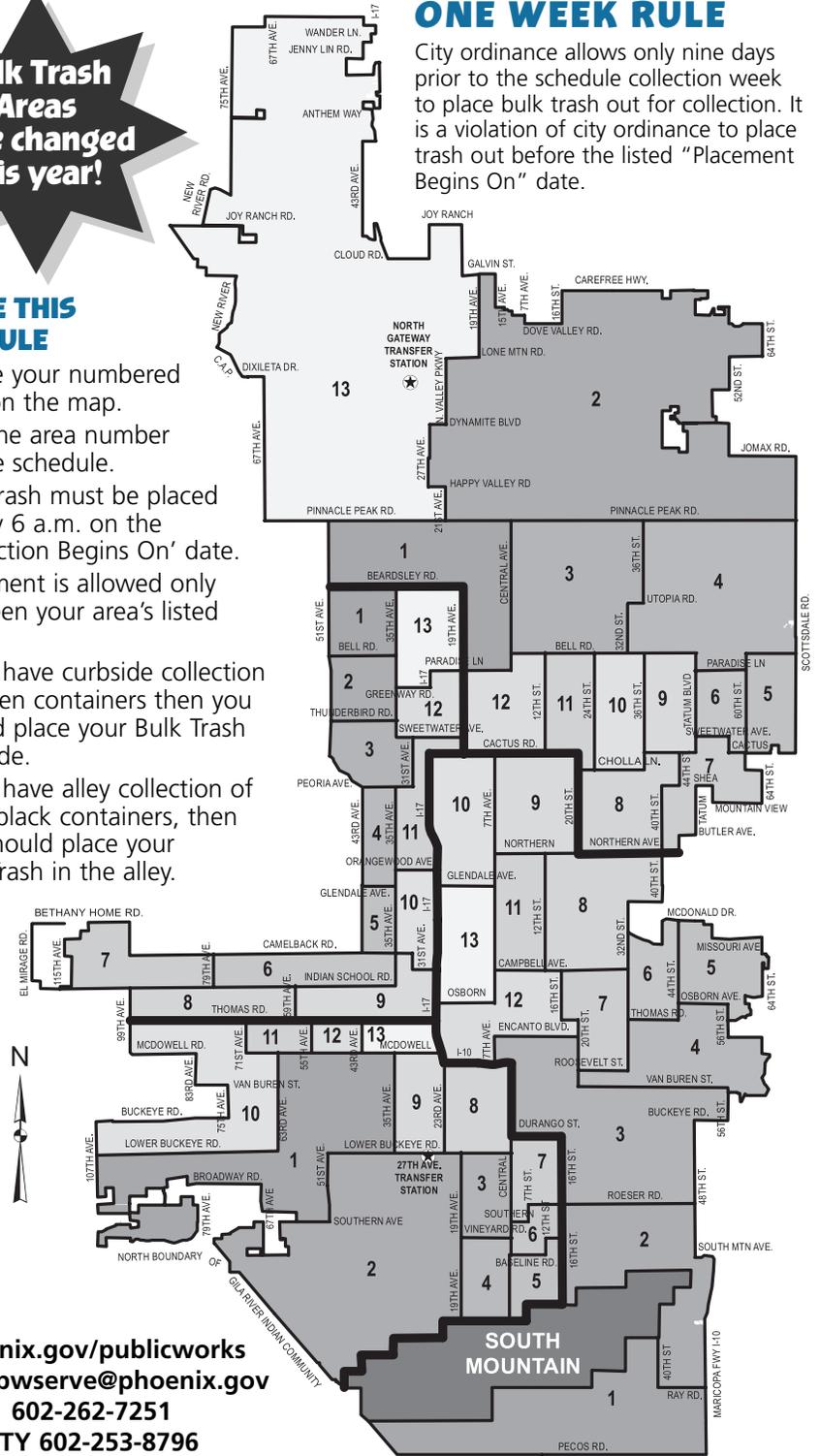


## TO USE THIS SCHEDULE

- Locate your numbered area on the map.
- Find the area number on the schedule.
- Bulk trash must be placed out by 6 a.m. on the 'Collection Begins On' date.
- Placement is allowed only between your area's listed dates.
- If you have curbside collection of green containers then you should place your Bulk Trash curbside.
- If you have alley collection of large black containers, then you should place your Bulk Trash in the alley.

## ONE WEEK RULE

City ordinance allows only nine days prior to the schedule collection week to place bulk trash out for collection. It is a violation of city ordinance to place trash out before the listed "Placement Begins On" date.



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## BULK TRASH CREWS DO NOT PICK UP...

- More than 20 cubic yards per residence, or a pile the size of a SUV.
- Loose debris and litter. Please sweep or rake after collection if necessary.
- Loose grass, leaves, weeds, twigs and hedge clippings. It must be bagged or boxed and securely tied to be collected.
- Household hazardous waste (HHW), such as antifreeze, pool chemicals, oil, batteries and paint. Call 602-262-7251 for more information.
- Community piles.
- Materials such as bricks, concrete, dirt, rocks, asphalt and roofing shingles/tiles.
- Construction materials in excess of 25 lbs. or over four feet long generated by a residence.
- Any construction material generated by a contractor.
- Metal or car parts in excess of 20 lbs. or over four feet long.
- Any type or size of tire.
- Glass such as windows, shower doors, patio doors, mirrors, fluorescent tubes, etc.
- Appliances that use refrigerants such as freezers, refrigerators, and air conditioners.



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## Free prescription discount card saves you money

The Phoenix Coast2CoastRx prescription drug discount card saved residents more than \$3 million.

Anyone can use the card at almost any pharmacy - it provides an average discount of 62 percent off retail. The card can even help with pet prescriptions, dental, vision, hearing and more.

Cut out the free card above to start saving.

To print out additional cards or for more information, visit [coast2coastrx.com/phoenix](http://coast2coastrx.com/phoenix).

The city is not spending any money on the program and it actually generates revenue for city services.

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## Phoenix Sky Harbor launches new mobile website

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport has launched a new mobile website where users can quickly access airport information from their smartphones or tablets.

The mobile website is a customer-friendly, mobile version of [skyharbor.com](http://skyharbor.com) and features an array of information about airlines, parking, services and much more. Users can even search for amenities and services near their departure or arrival gates.

To check out the new site, visit [skyharbor.com](http://skyharbor.com) from your smartphone or tablet.

## Help restock food banks during 'Food for Fines'

Pay your overdue fees and help restock the pantries of Valley food banks April 7 – 21 during Phoenix Public Library's annual "Food for Fines" campaign.

Fifty cents will be deducted from your overdue fees for each nonperishable food item donated at any Phoenix Public Library location. Homemade food items or food for fines related to lost or damaged books cannot be accepted.

For more information, call 602-262-4636 or visit [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org).

## Library hosts free vision screenings for children

Phoenix Public Library will host vision screenings for children, ages 5 to 16, at several library locations in April.

For dates, times and locations, visit [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org) or call 602-262-4636. Registration is not required, but space is limited. Screenings are free with a library card.

Children who require additional vision care will receive a voucher for a free comprehensive eye examination and eyewear (if needed) at any EyeMasters® location.

The program is provided by Davis Vision's Focus on America® - an outreach initiative to offer vision screenings free of charge to children.

## 'I Recycle Phoenix Festival' planned for Ahwatukee

Do you have important papers to shred? Electronics or phones to recycle? Old golf equipment to donate, including golf balls?

Take them to the next "I Recycle Phoenix Festival," sponsored by Keep Phoenix Beautiful. The event will be held in the Ahwatukee area in May (plans are still being finalized).

Visit [recyclephoenix.org](http://recyclephoenix.org) for more information or call 602-262-4820.