A Publication for the Residents of Phoenix
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notes
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Shop Phoenix all year!

If you are wrapping up your back to school shopping or getting started on your holiday gift list, remember to Shop Phoenix and give yourself the gift of community services.

Sales taxes on the merchandise you buy at businesses in Phoenix go directly to the city's General Fund, which pays for important city services such as police and fire protection, parks, libraries, senior centers, neighborhood preservation, neighborhood clean up and street maintenance.

The largest revenue source for funding our city's basic services is sales tax, which accounts for 39 percent of General Fund revenues. By shopping in Phoenix, residents have a direct impact to support the city services they enjoy.

We've made it easy for residents to find locations and businesses in Phoenix that offer specific items, such as automobiles, and services such as home repair.

For details, visit phoenix.gov/shopphoenix.

Holiday trash and recycling pickup

Since switching to same-day collection, there will be **no change in collection day** during upcoming city holidays: Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3, or Veterans' Day, Monday, Nov. 12. Trash and recycling will be collected as usual for those with Monday collection.

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:

Labor Day
Monday, Sept. 3
No collection change

Veterans' Day
Monday, Nov. 12
No collection change

Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, Nov. 22
Thursday's collection moves to Friday, Nov. 23
Friday's collection moves to Saturday, Nov. 24

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

Animal Cruelty Task Force formed

Earlier this year, a serious animal cruelty situation was discovered in southwest Phoenix, involving dead animals on private land near 15th and Southern avenues.

Mayor Greg Stanton approved a request by Councilman Michael Nowakowski and Councilwoman Thelda Williams to create the Animal Cruelty Task Force to confront the issue and institute changes to ensure it doesn't happen again in Phoenix.

The task force was charged with focusing on three areas: creating a public awareness campaign; providing first responder training and tool kits; and introducing legislative changes.

Seven members from the community were asked to serve on the task force, including business leaders, elected officials and community advocates.

For more information, contact council.district.7@phoenix.gov or council.district.1@phoenix.gov. Or, call 602-262-7444 or 602-262-7492.

Hours expanded at nine library locations

Hours of service at nine Phoenix Public Library locations were expanded during the 2012-13 budget process.

Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N. Central Ave., will open at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Eight other locations will be open until 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. These locations are:

Agave Library, 23550 N. 36th Ave.; Cesar Chavez, 3635 W. Baseline Road; Cholla Library, 10050 Metro Parkway East; Ironwood Library, 4333 E. Chandler Blvd.; Juniper Library, 1825 W. Union Hills Drive; Palo Verde Library, 4402 N. 51st Ave.; Saguaro Library, 2808 N. 46th St.; and Yucca Library, 5648 N. 15th Ave.

Meanwhile, teens from 12 to 18 can earn prizes and reduce their overdue fees by reading and attending fun programs during Teen Read Month in October. "Battle of the Fans," sponsored by the Phoenix Public Library Foundation, runs through the end of the month at all library locations.

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

Entries open for APS Electric Light Parade

It is not too early for organizations and businesses that are interested in participating in the 2012 APS Electric Light Parade to submit applications.

This year's theme is "Toys, Treasures and Traditions." Application information is available by visiting phoenix.gov/parks or calling 602-261-8069.

The parade will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, in central Phoenix.

If you can't attend the parade, you can still see illuminated floats from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, during the parade judging at North Phoenix Baptist Church's parking lot, Bethany Home Road and Central Avenue. Children can meet Santa and enjoy fun crafts at Santa's Village, which will be hosted by Arizona State University students.

Both events are free and will be held rain or shine.

Recycle hard plastics

The city of Phoenix's recycling program accepts all types of hard plastics such as buckets, plastic jugs and bottles with or without caps, toys and plastic chairs and laundry baskets. To keep the recycling program running smoothly, please do not place plastic bags in your blue recycling container. Take them to your local grocery store and they can be recycled into more plastic bags, playground equipment or decking. For more information on the Phoenix Recycles program, visit phoenix.gov/publicworks or call 602-262-7251.

Recycle-Bowl is back!

Keep America Beautiful's recycling competition is back for schools K-12! Through Recycle-Bowl, the organization and the city's Public Works Department hope to galvanize recycling in elementary, middle and high schools.

Schools compete against other schools in Phoenix, throughout the state and nationwide to see who recycles the most. There are lots of ways to get involved, tools and resources to get you started, and great prizes for top performers!

The registration deadline is Monday, Oct. 8. For more information and to register your school, visit recycle-bowl.org or call 602-262-4820.

Land-sale proceeds to benefit water customers

City-owned land in the McMullen Valley area of La Paz County, originally purchased in 1986 for harvesting groundwater to supplement Phoenix's water supply, has been sold to International Farming Corporation LLC/Arizona Farming LLC (IFC) for $30 million.

The city will use the proceeds to pay off remaining land debt and offset future water-rate increases. International Farming Corporation is an investment firm that specializes in agricultural properties.

For more information about the sale and other Water Services news, visit phoenix.gov/water.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Events

To drop off material at the event, you must bring a current city services bill showing solid waste fees and matching photo I.D. with the same address. Dates, hours and locations are subject to change. No commercial or business waste will be accepted.

Visit phoenix.gov/publicworks for the most current information on the 2012 collection event schedule.

For additional options for HHW disposal between events, visit earth911.org. Never place household hazardous waste in your blue recycle containers. Find out what is and isn't household hazardous waste at phoenix.gov/publicworks or call 602-262-7251.

Acceptable HHW Materials at Collection Events

- Automobile fluids – antifreeze; oil; gasoline; diesel fuel; additives; degreasers
- Oil-based paints and related materials (10 gallon maximum) – varnish; turpentine; linseed oil; adhesives
- Pesticides; herbicides; insecticides
- Pool chemicals
- Propane tanks – grill or camp size only
- Car – lead acid batteries
- Car tires – only five per household. No over sized tires. Rims OK
- Large appliances – refrigerators; freezers; stove; dishwasher; washer; dryer
- Air conditioner; heat pumps; water heaters; evaporative coolers
- Electronics – computers; printers; televisions; stereos; DVD players

Oct. 18 – 20
8 a.m. to noon
Paradise Valley Park
17642 N. 40th St.
South of Union Hills Drive,
west side of 40th Street

Nov. 15 – 17
8 a.m. to noon
North Phoenix Baptist Church
5757 N. Central Ave.
South of Bethany Home,
east side of Central Avenue

Join us for 'I Recycle Phoenix' and America Recycles Day

Recycle your old computers, electronics, cell phones, clothing, batteries and even golf balls at the "I Recycle Phoenix" Festival from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Desert Ridge Marketplace, Tatum and the 101 freeway near the theaters.

The event offers free document and computer hard-drive shredding and ideas on creative ways to live the "green" life. For more information, visit phoenixrecycles.org or call 602-262-4820.

Join the city of Phoenix and Keep Phoenix Beautiful (KPB) as we celebrate America Recycles Day on Thursday, Nov. 15. KPB is coordinating events for this year's observance. Visit americarecyclesday.org to learn more about how you can be "green."

GRAFFITI FREE PHOENIX
Wipe IT OUT!

The city's Neighborhood Services Department (NSD) will mobilize thousands of residents across Phoenix in an effort to wipe out graffiti in their communities on Saturday, Nov. 3.

Individuals, community and corporate groups are encouraged to join the city of Phoenix and the Anti-Graffiti Task Force to help make Phoenix graffiti free. Paint and supplies will be provided.

To sign up, visit myvolunteerphoenix.org and type "Graffiti Free Phoenix" in the search bar or for more information call 602-534-4444.

2012 Bulk Trash Pickup Schedule

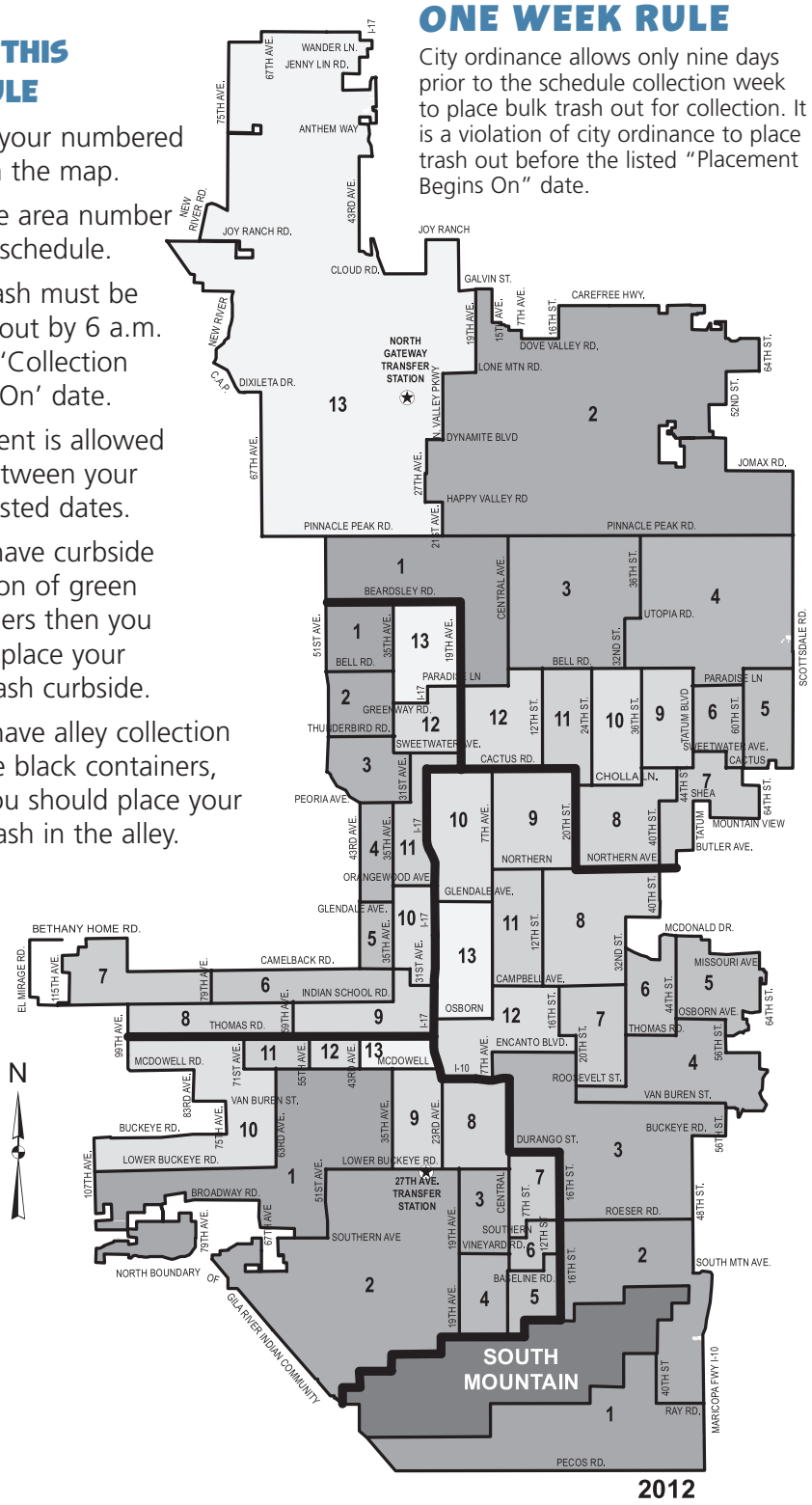
Area	Placement Begins On	Collection Begins On
1	Aug. 25, '12	Sept. 3, '12
2	Sept. 1, '12	Sept. 10, '12
3	Sept. 8, '12	Sept. 17, '12
4	Sept. 15, '12	Sept. 24, '12
5	Sept. 22, '12	Oct. 1, '12
6	Sept. 29, '12	Oct. 8, '12
7	Oct. 6, '12	Oct. 15, '12
8	Oct. 13, '12	Oct. 22, '12
9	Oct. 20, '12	Oct. 29, '12
10	Oct. 27, '12	Nov. 5, '12
11	Nov. 3, '12	Nov. 12, '12
12	Nov. 10, '12	Nov. 19, '12
13	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.



phoenix.gov/publicworks
Email: pwserve@phoenix.gov
602-262-7251 TTY 602-253-8796

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. These items 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.

Council subcommittee meetings air live on PHX11

As part of the city's transparency efforts, Phoenix residents have long been able to watch City Council formal and policy sessions live on PHX 11 and phoenix.gov.

Beginning in September, residents also can watch City Council subcommittee meetings live on PHX 11 and online. In addition, all city meetings can be seen on demand on phoenix.gov/11 and on the city's YouTube site at youtube.com/cityofphoenixaz.

Residents who prefer their city news in one sitting can watch "City Block," a new PHX 11 weekly program that replays the week's policy, formal, zoning and subcommittee meetings. "City Block" airs at 11 a.m. Saturdays on PHX11 beginning Sept. 1.

For more information, visit phoenix.gov/11.

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G.A.I.N. events highlight neighborhood safety

Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (G.A.I.N.), set for Saturday, Oct. 20, provides residents with the opportunity to celebrate their neighborhoods and interact with Phoenix police and city staff.

Block Watches, neighborhood groups, businesses, schools and other organizations throughout Phoenix will observe the event with block parties and other activities to show support for the efforts of those involved in the fight against crime and blight. G.A.I.N. also is a day for Phoenix Police and city departments to thank residents who support their day-to-day efforts to keep neighborhoods safe and vital.

For more information, call 602-495-0597 or email Officer Deb Iodice at deborah.iodice@phoenix.gov. Information also is available at phoenix.gov/police/gain.

Plug in your devices at Sky Harbor Airport

There are more places to plug in and charge your electrical devices at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport.

The airport has added new charging stations at all terminals, including 36 comfortable chair and table sets equipped with outlets and USB ports, as well as 28 charging kiosks.

Recognizable by the "Get Plugged In" signs, the ADA-accessible stations are equipped with six electrical outlets and six USB ports and more will be added in the next few months.

Travelers with mobile devices and tablets may visit skyharbor.com, the airport's award-winning mobile website that has information on flight status, parking, shops and restaurants, and much more.

City offers Domestic Partnership Registry

Did you know the city has a registry for domestic partnerships? The registry, which is open to same sex and opposite sex couples who share a Phoenix residence, grants partner visitation rights in all hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and other health-care facilities in the city. For more information, visit phoenix.gov/cityclerk/services or call 602-262-6811.

Nominations sought for MLK, Calvin C. Goode awards

The Calvin C. Goode Lifetime Achievement and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Living the Dream awards will be presented in January at the Arizona Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Breakfast.

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes an individual who has made Phoenix a better place to live by promoting social and economic justice and civil rights. The Living the Dream Award honors individuals who embody the ideas of Dr. King through a personal commitment to human relations and justice.

The Phoenix Human Relations Commission is accepting nominations for both awards. For applications, call 602-256-3597 (TTY 602-534-1557) or visit phoenix.gov/eod.

Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2.

City programs assist domestic violence victims

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Advocates from the Phoenix Family Advocacy Center can help victims - regardless of age or gender - with a safety plan, counseling and the help needed to leave an abusive relationship.

The center has a bilingual staff that is committed to providing assistance to all members of the community at no cost.

For more information, visit phoenix.gov/fac or call 602-534-2120.

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, Oct. 21
AIDS Walk & 5K Run, 9 a.m., Third Avenue and Washington St. Information: aidswalkphoenix.org "Every Step Counts"

Saturday, Nov. 10
Phoenix Sister Cities 5K Run & Family Walk for World Peace, 8 a.m., Arizona Falls (SRP Canal), 5630 E. Indian School Road. Information: phoenixsistercities.org Presented by Sister Cities' Ennis Committee