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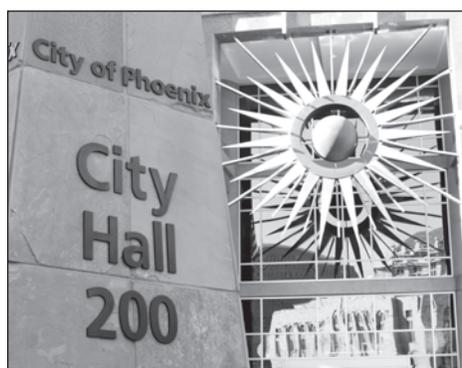


Spending Less and Creating a Smaller, More Efficient Government

To deal with the most difficult recession since the Great Depression, Phoenix is working every day to spend less and create a smaller, more efficient government. In January 2010, the city manager created an Innovation and Efficiency Task Force comprised of public members and city staff. The mayor also created the Finance, Innovation and Efficiency Subcommittee, chaired by Councilman Bill Gates, to review recommendations and provide policy direction. These groups are working together to explore and develop innovative ways to more efficiently deliver city services and maximize the use of limited taxpayer dollars.

Here are a few examples of what the city has achieved to date:

- The 2010-11 General Fund budget is \$79.2 million smaller, or 7.2 percent lower, than the 2006-07 budget of five years ago – even with an almost 6 percent increase in population and dozens of new facilities opening. The 2010-11 General Fund budget is \$185.5 million less, or 15.5 percent lower, than the peak budget in 2007-08.
- The city has 1,700 fewer employees today than it did two years ago. All employees agreed to take a number of furlough days without pay during the fiscal year that began July 1, and they also agreed to a 1 percent wage decrease that went into effect July 12. Thanks to strong partnerships with its seven labor organizations and employee sacrifices, the city will save more than \$100 million over the next two years.



- A Phoenix homeowner with a home valued at \$200,000 will see his or her property tax bill reduced by \$88 in 2010-11 and \$58 in 2011-12, for a total savings of \$146 (a 40 percent decrease) over the next two years.
- The City Council also has approved many other efficiencies, saving the city millions of dollars to date. Examples include consolidating some city departments and functions (\$1,425,000); streamlining the city's Reserve-A-Ride program (\$860,000); eliminating paper pay stubs (\$85,000); rebidding life insurance contracts (\$511,000); moving the Public Works Department from its current building to City Hall (\$250,000); and other process improvements (\$550,000).

The long-term trend has been an increase in productivity and customer service as we work hard to minimize service delivery reductions. To review all the task force recommendations implemented to date, as well as related reports regarding the city's efforts, visit phoenix.gov and click on "Innovation and Efficiency."

Paperless Billing Option for Municipal Services Bills Coming Soon

Starting Oct. 1, the city will offer customers the choice to view and pay their municipal services bill online instead of receiving a printed bill through the mail. This new service will provide an e-mail alert to customers when their current bill is available for online



viewing and payment. By suspending the printing and mailing of the paper bill, you will help the city reduce costs and help the environment. Watch the messages on your monthly bill or go to phoenix.gov/water for more information about how to sign up.

Save the Date: AIDS Walk Phoenix on Oct. 3

The offices of Mayor Phil Gordon and District 8 Councilman Michael Johnson are among the sponsors of the AIDS Walk Phoenix & 5K Run on Sunday, Oct. 3, at Phoenix City Hall, 200 W. Washington St. Visit aidswalkphoenix.org for more information or to register.



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The city's next Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection events take place from 7 a.m. to noon on these dates:

- Oct. 7, 8 and 9 at Paradise Valley Park, 17648 N. 40th St. (40th Street south of Union Hills Drive)
- Nov. 18, 19 and 20 at North Phoenix Baptist Church, 5757 N. Central Ave. (southeast corner of Central Ave. and Bethany Home Road)
- Dec. 16, 17 and 18 at Mountain Vista Park, 13647 S. 50th St. (48th Street and Ray Road)

HHW events are free for Phoenix residents. Please bring your current Phoenix water/municipal services bill (showing solid waste fees) and a matching photo ID with the same Phoenix address. No commercial or large residential quantities can be accepted at these events.

Acceptable materials:

- Antifreeze, paint, oil, car batteries and pool chemicals
- Residential appliances
- Plastic bags
- Computers and electronics
- Brake-transmission and power-steering fluid, degreasers, gasoline and diesel fuel/additives
- Varnish, turpentine, linseed oil, solvents and adhesives

- Pesticides and herbicides
- Fire extinguishers and compressed gas cylinders
- Freon-based refrigerators, freezers, water coolers, air conditioners, heat pumps and evaporative coolers
- Tires (a maximum of five over-the-road tires). No tractor or oversized tires allowed.

Unacceptable materials:

- Regular refuse and bulk trash
- Radioactive waste
- Business/commercial waste
- Biomedical waste, medications, sharps/syringes, ammunition or explosives.
- These items can be taken to the Police Property Management Facility. Call 602-262-6151 for more information.
- Large quantities of residential wastes (five gallons or more of each product) will not be accepted (exception: up to 20 gallons of paint will be accepted).

Follow directions once you reach the event site, drive carefully and watch for others. Event staff will unload the HHW materials from your vehicle. Please stay inside your vehicle. Visit phoenix.gov/publicworks or call 602-262-7251 for more information or if you need directions to the site nearest you.

Free Women's Economic Forum Oct. 13

"Women Talk: Money and More!" is the topic of a Women's Economic Forum from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, at Phoenix College, John Paul Theatre, 1202 W. Thomas Road.

This free event includes a panel discussion from 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. on women's education, personal safety and domestic violence awareness, debt management, budgeting and surviving in a down economy. The forum is presented by the Phoenix Women's Commission and the city of Phoenix Equal Opportunity Department in partnership with Phoenix College. Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited; to RSVP, call 602-495-0358 or 602-534-1557/TTY by Oct. 5.

Nominations for Human Rights Awards Due Oct. 15

The Phoenix Human Relations Commission is seeking human rights awards nominations for people of all ages, including youth, who have made an impact on the quality of life of Phoenix residents and contributed significantly to creating a compassionate and socially just community.

The Calvin C. Goode Lifetime Achievement and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Living the Dream awards will be presented mid-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, while the Living the Dream Award honors individuals who embody the ideas of Dr. King through a personal commitment to human relations and justice.

For applications, visit phoenix.gov/calendar/awardwin.html or call 602-495-0358 or 602-534-1557/TTY. The deadline to receive nominations is 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15.

Phoenix Fire Department Looking for Cadets

The Phoenix Fire Department's Cadet Program provides hands-on emergency medical training, work experience at fire stations, training in firefighter skills and the opportunity to volunteer for the community.

To be eligible for the Cadet Program, volunteers must:

- Be 16 to 25 years old
- Complete an application
- Go through a selection board interview
- Complete a background check
- Have a valid Arizona driver's license
- Have a good driving record

If you or someone you know would like to become a cadet for the Phoenix Fire Department and can volunteer a minimum of 32 hours per quarter,



contact 602-534-4488 or e-mail phoenixfirecadet@phoenix.gov. To fill out an application, visit phoenix.gov/FIRE/cadet.html.

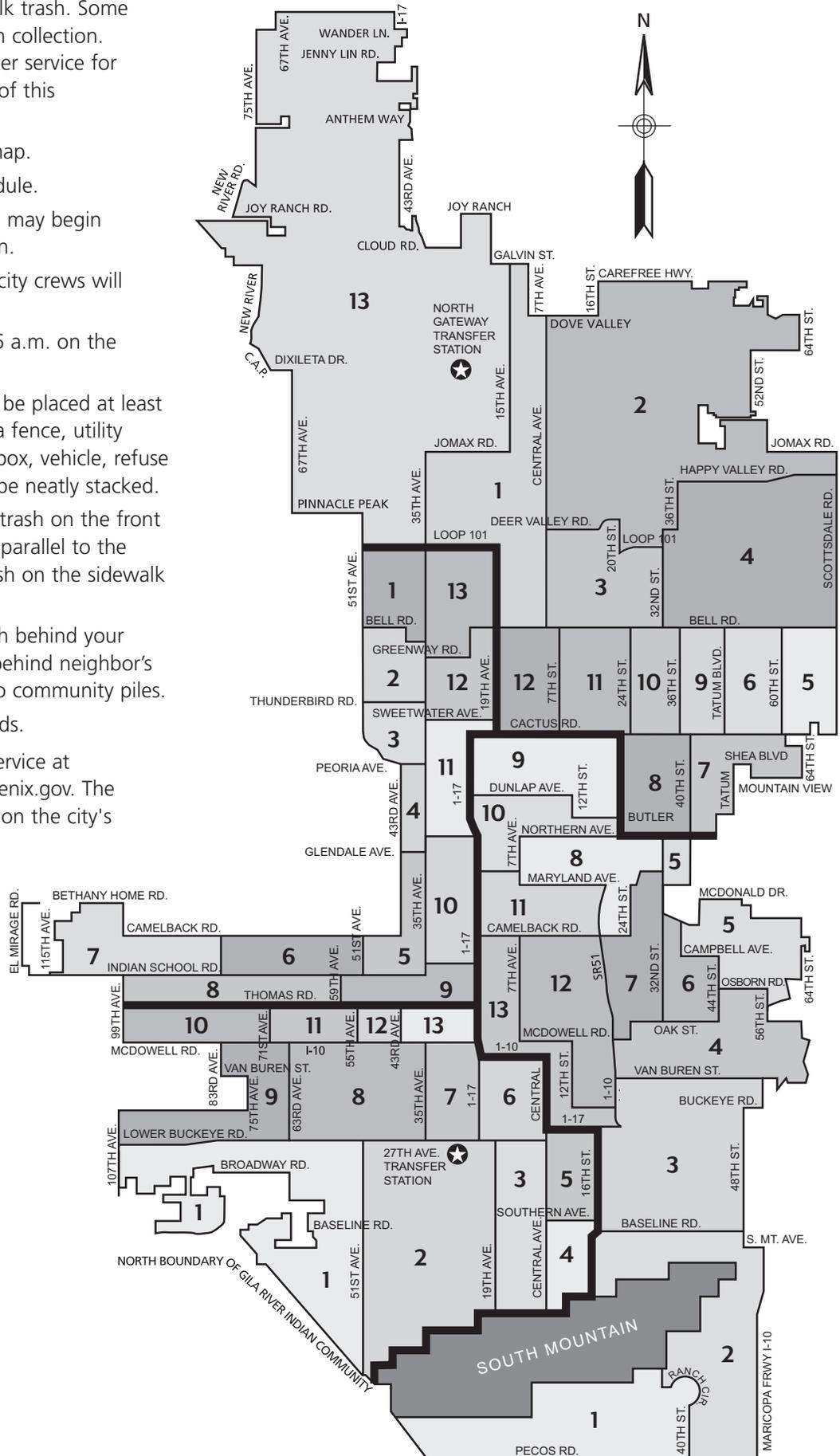
Oct. - Dec. 2010 Bulk Trash Pickup Schedule

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 a fence, utility pole, cable box, water meter, mailbox, vehicle, refuse container, etc. All material should be neatly stacked.
- ✔ 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.
- ✔ 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.
- ✔ Piles must not exceed 20 cubic yards.

For more information, call customer service at 602-262-7251 or e-mail pwserv@phoenix.gov. The collection schedule also can be found on the city's website at phoenix.gov/publicworks.

Area	Placement Begins On	Collection Begins On
6	Oct. 2	Oct. 11
7	Oct. 9	Oct. 18
8	Oct. 16	Oct. 25
9	Oct. 23	Nov. 1
10	Oct. 30	Nov. 8
11	Nov. 6	Nov. 15
12	Nov. 13	Nov. 22
13	Nov. 20	Nov. 29
1	Nov. 27	Dec. 6
2	Dec. 4	Dec. 13
3	Dec. 11	Dec. 20
4	Dec. 18	Dec. 27
5	Dec. 25	Jan. 3, 2011



You Can Recycle More Paper Products

Phoenix residents now can recycle more types of paper products! In addition to metal, plastics and glass, you can use your blue recycling container for beer/soda carriers, detergent boxes, frozen food boxes and shredded paper (in a clear plastic bag). As always, you can still use the blue container to recycle newspapers, magazines (including the staples), catalogs, junk mail, cards, envelopes, food boxes, milk cartons and juice boxes, pizza boxes (only if they are clean), paper bags and telephone books.

To keep the Phoenix Recycles program running smoothly, please DO NOT recycle photos, blue prints and paperback and hardcover books (donate these to your favorite charity).

Roughly 75 percent of recycled materials collected from the blue Phoenix Recycles containers are paper-related and are sold all over the world for processing into more paper or paperboard. Some materials are recycled at paper mills right here in Arizona.

For more information, visit phoenix.gov/publicworks.

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City of Phoenix

Integrated Pest Management = "Green" Pest Management



In continuing efforts to improve the environment and health and safety of its residents, the city of Phoenix supports an environmentally sensitive and green approach to the management of pests, called Integrated Pest Management (IPM). As an alternative to using pesticides, IPM allows households to effectively control or kill pests through three essential steps:

- **Keep Them Out** – Seal cracks and openings along baseboards, behind sinks and around pipes and windows; repair holes and clean up clutter
- **Starve Them Out** – Seal up boxes and bags of food, store open food in glass or hard plastic containers, and

immediately clean up spills and leftover crumbs

- **Dry Them Out** – Always drain dish water from a sink, wipe up water and other spilled liquids, and fix or report leaky faucets, radiators, dishwashers and washing machines

IPM is an option and does not necessarily mean you can or will never use pesticides again. If you must use pesticides, be sure to read the label for critical safety information on handling and use. To learn more about IPM, contact the city's Office of Environmental Programs at 602-256-3447.

HAWK Pedestrian Beacons Watch Over Six Phoenix Crosswalks

There's a new safety tool on Phoenix streets known as The HAWK, a high-intensity activated crosswalk beacon, created to make wide, busy streets easier for pedestrians to cross. The device uses traditional street traffic signals that look a little different than what you are used to seeing on Phoenix roads.

The device features two red lights, side-by-side, positioned above a single yellow light, with signs that direct motorists to "Stop on Red."

The signal lights remain dark until activated by a pedestrian pushing the HAWK button at the crosswalk. Once activated, the yellow light flashes for a few seconds and then switches to a solid yellow. The solid yellow is followed by the two solid red signals. At this point, all vehicles must stop before the crosswalk. After several seconds, the red lights will start flashing, which signals motorists to proceed if pedestrians have already crossed their half of the street. After enough time has passed for pedestrians to cross the street, the vehicle signal light returns to dark again, allowing all traffic to continue moving.

When used properly, the HAWK will result in less delay for both motorists and pedestrians, compared to a



traditional traffic signal, and is about half the cost.

HAWKS are working at six street crossings in Phoenix:

- Seventh and Glenrosa avenues
- 19th Avenue north of Thunderbird Road (Thunderbird High School)
- 59th and Clarendon avenues (Maryvale High School)
- 4400 W. Thomas Road
- 32nd Street and Liberty Lane (Desert Vista High School and Akimel Middle School)
- Dunlap Avenue and Second Drive (Sunnyslope High School)

For more information, contact Mike Cynecki with the Street Transportation Department at 602-262-6284.