

Council elects Nowakowski vice mayor

Phoenix has a new vice mayor.

District 7 Councilmember Michael Nowakowski has been selected for the position by the City Council and will serve until January.



Michael Nowakowski

Nowakowski, a member of the council since 2008, chairs the City Council Housing and Neighborhoods Subcommittee and serves on three other subcommittees, Downtown, Aviation and Economy; Public Safety and Veterans; and Seniors, Families and Youth.

He also was co-chairman of the Phoenix Historic Bond Committee, was a founding member of the Mayor's Anti-Graffiti Task Force and has served on the Police Chief's Advisory Board.

Nowakowski is the executive vice president of the Communications Fund for the National Farm Workers Service Center and previously was the general manager of Radio Campesina, a nonprofit radio station. He also worked at the Catholic Diocese of Phoenix where he served as assistant director of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry and Director of Hispanic Ministry.

He holds a bachelor of liberal arts in religious studies from Arizona State University and he and his wife, Delia, are the parents of five children.

Catch 'BookBreath' at your library

There's still time to participate in Phoenix Public Library's annual family winter reading program, "Catch BookBreath @ your Phoenix Public Library," which runs through March 13 at all library locations.

Children and teens up to 18 years old can earn prizes by reading or listening to books. Reading logs are available at all city libraries or at phoenixpubliclibrary.org/kids.

For more information about the program, which is supported by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, call 602-262-4636 or visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org.

Hazardous waste collections set

Phoenix residents can dispose of common household hazardous waste and other items at collections from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 18, 19 and 20 at Paradise Valley Park, 17648 N. 40th St., and April 15, 16 and 17 at North Phoenix Baptist Church, 5757 N. Central Ave.

A current municipal services bill showing solid waste fees and a matching photo I.D. with the same address are required.

The events accept batteries, oil, paint, antifreeze, pesticides, pool chemicals, computers, and household appliances, including refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and heat pumps. Commercial loads and large residential loads (more than five car or pickup tires per household, 20 gallons of paint or five gallons of other types of hazardous fluids) will not be accepted.

The city also will pick up household appliances at your home for a fee. Call for a collection appointment. Residents also may call for information about the availability and distribution of recycled paint.

For more information, call customer service at 602-262-7251 or visit phoenix.gov/publicworks.

Free tax aid available

Working families and individuals who need help filing their federal income taxes and obtaining the Earned Income Tax Credit can get free assistance through a program offered by the city in cooperation with several partners and the Internal Revenue Service.

The special tax preparation assistance, which last year helped more than 5,000 families receive EITC payments of \$7.39 million, is available at more than a dozen sites in the city.

Individuals who earned less than \$13,440 and married couples filing joint returns who earned less than \$48,279 may be eligible for credits of \$457 to \$5,657. Some also might be entitled to additional credits, including those for child care expenses and education costs.

Call 602-263-8856 for more information about the location of the more than 13 sites and their schedules.

Businesses learn certification process

Minority, woman and small business owners in Maricopa County are invited to attend free workshops and learn about the city of Phoenix business certification programs.

The city's Equal Opportunity Department offers a series of monthly sessions to help business owners become certified with the city as minority-owned, woman-owned or small or disadvantaged business enterprises.

Upcoming sessions are: 4:30 p.m. March 3 (in Spanish), Yucca Library, 5648 N. 15th Ave.; 6 p.m. March 15, Phoenix City Hall, first floor assembly rooms, 200 W. Washington St.; and 10:30 a.m. April 13, Pecos Community Center, 17010 S. 48th St.

Seating is limited so call 602-262-6790/voice or 602/534-1557/TTY to reserve a space or obtain more information.



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Celebrate Phoenix's Sister Cities at WorldFEST 2010

Phoenix will celebrate its nine sister cities next month at the fifth annual Phoenix Sister Cities WorldFEST.

The free three-day event – March 26, 27 and 28 – will give families from throughout the Valley an opportunity to experience and learn about the cultures and countries of each of the sister cities.

Hosted by Phoenix Sisters Cities in collaboration with Alliance Beverage Distributing Co., this year's celebration will be held at Historic Heritage Square on the northwest corner of Seventh and Washington streets.

International exhibits, ethnic food, live entertainment and special booths will highlight all three

days of the festival, which honors the Phoenix sister cities of Calgary, Canada; Catania, Italy; Chengdu, China; Ennis, Ireland; Grenoble, France; Hermosillo, Mexico; Himeji, Japan; Ramat-Gan, Israel; and Taipei, Taiwan.



The celebration opens on Friday, March 26, with the World Lunch, a popular global food feast, and the World of Beers Happy Hour, which will feature a collection of more than 50 beers from around the world. The World Lunch will be from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and the World of

Beers will run from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The fun continues from noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, March 27, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 28, with Kids World, Sister Cities Village and the continuation of the World of Beers. There also will be a parade at noon Saturday.

Children's activities include learning how to rope a steer, making Italian masks, calligraphy, play international games and crafting bracelets, paper flowers and bookmarks.

Admission is free except for the World Lunch, which costs \$10 in advance or \$12 at the gate.

For more information, call 602-534-7358 or visit phoenixsistercities.org.

Watch for 2010 Census form

Your 2010 Census form will be coming to your mailbox in March. Not only is completing and mailing the 10-question form required by law, but it's quick, confidential and important.

Each person counted in Phoenix in the 2010 Census means \$400 in federal and state funding to the city of Phoenix budget annually. That's money that funds community services such as job training programs, neighborhood fire stations, bus service, library operations,

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senior services and youth programs.

Reverse that thought, and each person living in Phoenix who is not counted in the 2010 Census means a loss of \$400 a year. And when multiplied by others who may be missed, that could add up to a potential loss of millions of dollars in these tough economic times.

So be sure to do your part and complete your Census form.
For more information, visit phoenix.gov/residents/census2010.

Seven honored for promoting justice

Seven individuals have been honored by the Arizona Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee and the Phoenix Human Relations Commission for their efforts to create a compassionate and socially just community.

Donald R. Logan, former director of the Scottsdale Office of Diversity and Dialogue, was the recipient of the Calvin C. Goode 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award. The award is named for former City Councilman Calvin C. Goode.



Donald R. Logan

Also honored with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Living the Dream awards were: Rhoshawndra Carnes, Arizona State University Division of Student Affairs; Deborah Kidd Chapman, Childhelp KEYS Community Center; Carlos Galindo-Elvira, Valle del Sol; Nicholas Love, Triple R Behavioral Health; Phil Pangrazio, executive director, Arizona Bridge to Independent Living; and Gloria Washington, senior adult probation officer for Maricopa County.

For more information, visit phoenix.gov/calendar/awardwin.html or call 602-495-3737 or 602-534-1557/TTY.

Homeowners responsible for tree maintenance

Did you know the city ordinance requires homeowners to maintain trees and shrubs on their property, including the right-of-way, which is typically the two-foot strip of land bordering the street and the alley behind the property?

As a courtesy to residents, the city has been providing assistance with tree maintenance in the right-of-way in some areas, including the pruning of palms and removal of fallen or dead materials.

However, recent budget cuts and staff reductions have led the city to refocus tree maintenance efforts on the areas that the city code makes the responsibility of city crews – main arterial streets, rather than residential areas.

Homeowners are required to maintain right-of-ways free of ordinance violations, including overgrown weeds, dead or dried bushes or trees and palm fronds within 10 feet of the ground. To report a violation, send an e-mail to blight@phoenix.gov or call 602-262-7844.

For more information, visit phoenix.gov/FORESTRY or call 602-534-9440.

Fees explained on new city services bills

Your newly designed Municipal Services Bill for water, wastewater and trash services includes many great features, including listing fees as separate line items.

These are not new fees, but simply displayed differently.

Two of the fees are listed as Environmental Mandates. They show what you pay for the city to comply with environmental laws and regulations for water and sewer services. These fees were implemented in 1992.

Two other itemized fees previously were listed together as State and Other Fees.

One of them – State Mandated Jail Costs – started in 1991 because Phoenix does not operate its own jail. The city collects the fee to pay Maricopa County to house people who are arrested in Phoenix and to pay the costs for state mandated jail sentences.

The other – State Landfill Disposal Fee – was implemented in 1992 to pay the state for solid waste disposal.

For a detailed explanation of the new bill, visit phoenix.gov.

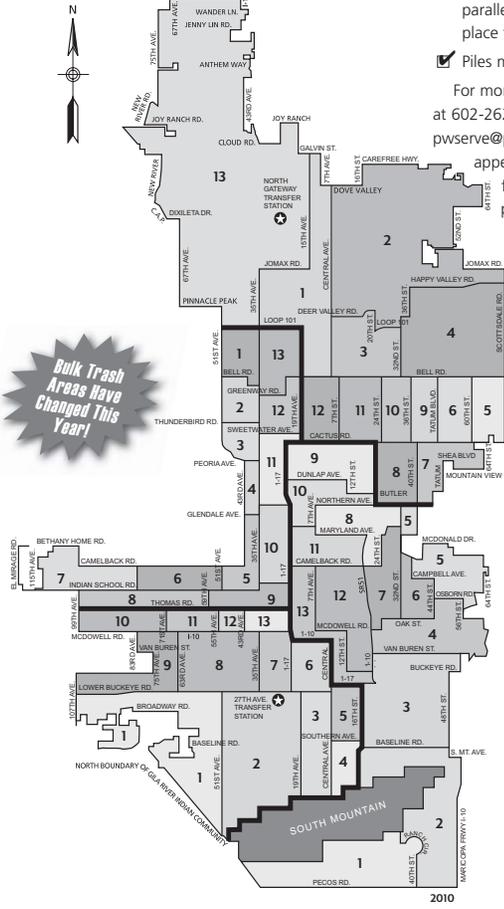
Quarterly bulk trash pickup schedule - Spring 2010

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 alley collection, place bulk trash behind your property only. Do not place trash behind a 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. The collection schedule appears quarterly in Notes and can be found on the city’s Web site at phoenix.gov/publicworks.



Area	Placement Begins On	Collection Begins On
1	Feb. 27	March 8
2	March 6	March 15
3	March 13	March 22
4	March 20	March 29
5	March 27	April 5
6	April 3	April 12
7	April 10	April 19
8	April 17	April 26
9	April 24	May 3
10	May 1	May 10
11	May 8	May 17
12	May 15	May 24
13	May 22	May 31
1	May 29	June 7
2	June 5	June 14
3	June 12	June 21
4	June 19	June 28

City offers seniors reduced taxi fares

Concerned about the heavy demand for the city’s Dial-A-Ride service, Phoenix Public Transit has initiated a pilot program that allows seniors to ride taxis at reduced rates.

Funded jointly by the city and the federal government, the Senior Cab voucher program is seen as alternative public transportation for persons 65 years and older.

About 400 seniors are being signed up to take part in the pilot program that is expected to last about 19 months, after which the city will decide if it should be made a permanent addition to its transportation offerings.

Senior Cab was developed at the request of the City Council, which asked the Transit Department to explore alternative modes of transporting seniors because Dial-A-Ride has increased demand for Americans with Disabilities Act-certified users, making it increasingly unavailable to seniors.

Participants each month can buy up to four \$10-voucher books for \$3 each, which is 30 percent of their value. The vouchers can be used for an entire trip, combined with cash fares to travel further or banked over several months for a longer trip. Riders are responsible for their own gratuity.

For more information, call 602-801-1164 or 602-801-1163.

Sign up for youth sports now

The Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department is now registering for outdoor youth sports programs at six city parks.

The programs – kickball, soccer and coach-pitch baseball – are designed to introduce children ages 5 to 10 to the basics of the sport through equal participation in a non-competitive environment.

The programs, which runs from March 20 to April 24, are available at Desert West Park, 67th Avenue and Encanto Boulevard; Mountain Vista, 50th Street and Ray Road; Encanto, 15th Avenue and Encanto Boulevard; Paradise Valley, 40th Street and Bell Road; Paseo Highlands, 35th Avenue and Pinnacle Peak Road; and Pierce, 46th Street and Oak Street.

Register online with any major credit card at phoenix.gov/parks. For more information, call 602-262-5065.