

Recycle your Christmas tree

The city and A to Z Equipment Rentals & Sales will provide opportunities for residents to recycle their Christmas trees. Fourteen city parks will accept single trees from residents any time between Saturday, Dec. 26, and Sunday, Jan. 3, in designated areas where special collection bins are located.

The parks are:

North

- **Deer Valley**, 19th Ave. and Utopia Rd.
- **Sereno**, Sweetwater Ave. and 56th St.
- **Paradise Valley**, 40th St., south of Union Hills Dr.
- **Cactus**, 38th Ave. and Cactus Rd.
- **Mountain View**, Peoria and Seventh avenues

Central

- **Marivue**, Osborn Rd. and 59th Ave.
- **Washington**, Maryland and 23rd avenues
- **Madison**, Glenrosa Ave. and 16th St.
- **Los Olivos**, Devonshire Ave. and 28th St.
- **Desert West**, Encanto Blvd. and 67th Ave.

South

- **El Reposo**, Alta Vista Rd. and Seventh St.
- **Mountain Vista Park**, 50th St., north of Ray Rd.
- **Desert Foothills**, Desert Foothills Parkway and Chandler Blvd.
- **Cesar Chavez Park**, 35th Ave. and Baseline Rd.

A to Z Equipment will accept trees at no charge from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 26 through Jan. 4 except on Sundays and Dec. 30 and 31 when trees will be accepted from 9 a.m. to noon. The stores will be closed on New Year's Day. Phoenix stores are located at 4050 E. Indian School Road and 15634 N. 32nd St.

Trees may be left at the city's disposal facilities at 27th Avenue and Lower Buckeye Road and at the North Gateway Transfer Station, 30205 N. Black Canyon Freeway (exit I-17 at Happy Valley Road, exit roundabout at East Frontage Road, north three miles). Sites are open 5:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekends. The 27th Avenue site is closed Sundays and both facilities are closed New Year's Day. The service is free to Phoenix residents who drop off one tree.

To donate a live tree, call 602-262-6386.

For more information, call 602-262-7251, e-mail pwserve@phoenix.gov or visit phoenix.gov/publicworks.

Teachers sought for Japan

How does a one-year teaching stint in Japan sound?

Phoenix Sister Cities is looking for teachers to teach English to Japanese junior and high school students in Himeji, Japan, next year.

College graduates qualify for assistant language teacher positions and certified teachers can teach junior and high school students.

Recent college graduates or those with limited teaching experience qualify for the junior high position, while the high school position requires someone with some classroom teaching experience and an Arizona teaching certificate.

The application deadline is Feb. 10 and employment would be from Sept. 1, 2010, to Aug. 31, 2011, with the possibility of the contract being extended for a second year.

For more information, call 602-534-3751, send e-mail to misty.cisneros@phoenix.gov or visit phoenixsistercities.org.



Betty McCarty (center) is joined by her family for the grand opening of McCarty on Monroe, a 69-unit senior apartment complex. The apartments are on the property where Mrs. McCarty's late husband, Leon, originally built affordable housing for low-income families, particularly families of color, in 1963.

Rock 'n' Roll race to close streets

The P.F. Chang's Rock 'n' Roll Arizona Marathon and 1/2 Marathon returns to Phoenix on Sunday, Jan. 17.

And again, it will require the closure of a number of streets.

The two races will start at the State Capitol near 17th Avenue and Washington and Jefferson streets and run through central and east Phoenix to Tempe.

Streets surrounding the routes will be closed between 5 a.m. and 3 p.m., so plan ahead and expect delays. Visit the marathon's link on phoenix.gov or call 480-518-3742 for road closures, course maps and alternate travel routes.

Surplus goods auction Feb. 13

Surplus materials ranging from furniture to cars will be sold by the city at an auction Saturday, Feb. 13.

Gates to the auction yard at 2820 S. 22nd Ave., south of Lower Buckeye Road, will open at 7:30 a.m. and the sale will begin at 9 a.m. The cashier will remain open until 2:30 p.m. and the gates will close at 3 p.m.

People planning to attend may register online two weeks before the auction and receive a bidder card when they arrive at the sale. Just go to phoenix.gov/invmgt, click on "online registration" and follow the instructions. Registration also is available at the auction.

Inspection of the auction items will be allowed at the yard from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, and Friday, Feb. 12.

For more information, call 602-534-0828.

notes

Phoenix City Council

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Landfill/Disposal Information	602-262-7251
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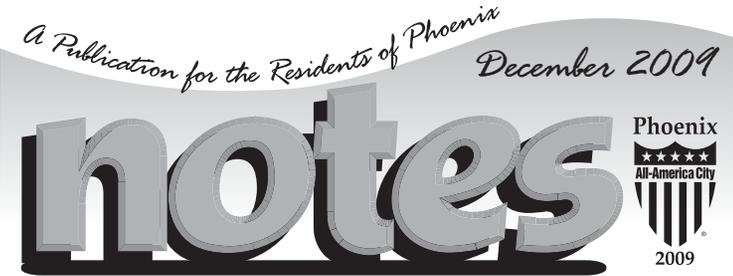
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City of Phoenix



Block Watch grant applications available Jan. 1

Block Watch groups and other neighborhood organizations are eligible again this year for grants of up to \$10,000 to help fund programs that fight crime and improve the safety and quality of life in their areas.

Applications for the 2010 Neighborhood Block Watch Grant Program will be available online at phoenix.gov/police/nbwgrant.html beginning Friday, Jan. 1.

Here's some important information to keep in mind for the application process:

- Applications will be available only online.
- A short-form application will be available for groups applying for \$1,000 or less.
- Groups in existence for six months or less can only apply for \$1,000.
- The applications must include a budget narrative for the items that would be funded with the grant.
- Completed applications will be accepted only by e-mail to nbwgrant@phoenix.gov.

and they must be received no later than Friday, Feb. 5.

Applicants must submit by U.S. mail a copy of four meeting agendas showing that a crime prevention or safety topic was discussed at each meeting. The number of people attending the meeting also must be included with the agenda.

More information, including a video presentation about the 2010 application, can be found on the Web site.



Random gunfire can kill

Firing a gun into the air to celebrate New Year's Eve is not only foolish and illegal, but it can be deadly, too.

Stray bullets from random gunfire have seriously injured and even killed innocent people.

Please help us make sure such senseless tragedies don't happen again. Don't use a gun to celebrate the New Year and if you hear or witness someone doing it, call 911.

- New look to city services bill
- Surplus goods auction
- Hazardous waste collections

Companions needed for seniors

If you're on a limited income, age 55 or older and looking for a way to give back to the community, consider volunteering for the city's Senior Companion Program.

Volunteers provide companionship and help seniors with daily necessities such as accompanying them to appointments, shopping and community events.

They must pass a background check and be able to devote a minimum of 20 hours a week. Qualified volunteers receive a non-taxable stipend, mileage reimbursement and supplemental accident and liability insurance. Training is provided.

For more information, call 602-256-3353.

Census workers sought

The Phoenix Paper Data Capture Center, where millions of 2010 census forms will be processed, is looking for part-time and full-time temporary employees.

Vangent Inc., a private company hired by the federal government to help with the census, plans to hire about 3,000 people through March to work at the center at 43rd Avenue and Buckeye Road.

The jobs, most of which will last through July, include

data entry operators, document preparation clerks, sorter and scanner operators, check-in clerks and mail handlers. Applicants must be at least 18, have a high school diploma or equivalent, be legally able to work in the United States and be able to pass a suitability clearance that includes fingerprinting.

The Phoenix center will receive and process about 40 percent of the census forms that are filed in the country,

mostly from states west of the Mississippi River.

For more information or to apply, visit phoenix.gov/census2010 and click on "census jobs" on the left-hand side of the screen.

**United States
Census
2010**
IT'S IN OUR HANDS
phoenix.gov/census2010

Hazardous waste collections set

Phoenix residents can dispose of common hazardous wastes and other items at collections at 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 14, 15 and 16 at Palmcroft Baptist Church, 15825 N. 35th Ave., and Feb. 18, 19 and 20 at Pecos Park, 17010 S. 48th St.

A current municipal services bill that includes solid waste fees and a photo ID with a matching address are required.

The events accept batteries, oil, paint, antifreeze, pesticides, pool chemicals, computers and household appliances that use refrigerants, 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.

Also, residents will be able to obtain up to 15 gallons of recycled paint with a photo ID and corresponding municipal services bill during normal business hours Jan. 13 and Jan 27 at the 27th Avenue. Solid Waste Management Facility, 3060 S 27th Avenue. The paint will be available while supplies last.

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

City wins environmental awards

Phoenix won six first-place Crescordia awards at the 2009 Valley Forward Environmental Excellence Awards ceremony, the most of any Valley community and underscoring the city's commitment to environmental excellence and sustainability.

Departments worked in teams on several of the award-winning projects to produce outstanding results for the community.

The award-winning projects and the city departments that developed them are:

"Habitat," the living wall and garden at the Phoenix Convention Center, the Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture; Civic Space Park, Parks and Recreation Department; "Her Secret is Patience," Civic Space Park sculpture, Office of Arts and Culture; and "Bag Central Station: Where Plastic Bags Belong," plastic bag recycling campaign, Public Works Department.

Also, Environmentally Preferable Purchasing, a program that promotes product purchases that are better for the environment, Office of Environmental Programs; and Adaptive Reuse Program, which redevelops older or historical buildings to ensure future sustainability, Development Services Department.

For information about city sustainability programs, visit phoenix.gov/greenphoenix.

New municipal services bill coming soon

A new and improved, detailed municipal services bill is coming soon for all Phoenix customers. The changes will make the bill easier to read, less expensive to produce and will provide more information to help you manage your water usage. Over the next year, other new features such as e-billing, paperless billing and consolidated bills for multiple accounts also will be provided.

Please refer to the bill example below and the explanation key to the right to better understand the new bill features. You also can see it online at phoenix.gov/water.

City of Phoenix
To Pay Online: www.phoenix.gov
Water/Sewer Service: (602) 262-6251
Solid Waste: (602) 262-7251
TDD: (602) 534-1113

WILLIAM SAMPLE
Account Number: 1234567890
Billing Date: 9/24/2009
Due Date: 10/15/2009
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Municipal Account Statement as of 9/24/2009

Previous Balance	\$218.89
Payments Received - Thank You	-218.89
Balance Forward	0.00
Current Charges	105.57
Total Amount Due	\$105.57

Service Address: 1234 E. ANYSTREET AVE, PHOENIX, AZ 85003

Meter Number	Previous Meter Read Date	Reading	Current Meter Read Date	Reading	Water Used in Billing Cycle
7283280	8/27/2009	338	9/24/2009	359	21 Units / 15708 Gallons

1 unit = 748 gallons

Your Monthly Water Usage (gallons)

Month	Usage (gallons)
JAN	~5000
FEB	~6000
MAR	~7000
APR	~8000
MAY	~9000
JUN	~10000
JUL	~11000
AUG	~12000
SEP	~13000

Water/Sewer Service from 8/28/2009 to 9/24/2009

Water Base Fee	\$5.21
Water Usage Fee	34.76
Environmental Mandates - Water	7.77
Sewer Fee	19.36
Environmental Mandates - Sewer	4.38
State Mandated Jail Costs	2.00
City Tax	1.93
State and Other Taxes	3.31
Subtotal	\$78.72

Solid Waste Service from 8/28/2009 to 9/24/2009

Refuse	\$26.80
State Landfill Disposal Fee	0.05
Subtotal	\$26.85

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Please make checks payable to City of Phoenix.
Do not send cash through the mail.
Please write account number on check.
A Late Fee will be applied if payment is received after the Due Date.

Due Date	Total Due	Project Assist Donation	Amount Paid
10/15/2009	\$105.57	\$ 10	

Account Number: 1234567890

SEND PAYMENTS TO:
City of Phoenix
P.O. Box 78663
Phoenix, AZ 85062-8663

SAMPLE,WILLIAM
1234 E. ANYSTREET AVE
PHOENIX, AZ 85003-0000

0091234567890780000000000105577009241

- NEW Account Number:** This is your NEW account number. If you pay using Internet banking you will need to advise your bank of the change in your account number. If you have automatic monthly payments through the Phoenix Water Services Department, it will automatically transfer to your new account. No action on your part is necessary.
- Billing Date:** This is the date we prepared your bill.
- Due Date:** Your payment is due on or before this date.
- Customer Messages:** Messages of interest to all our customers will be provided here each month.
- Account Statement:** This is a summary view of your bill including your previous balance, payments we've received, new charges from the current billing period and the total amount you owe.
- Account Message:** Important messages about your account will be shown here.
- Meter Read:** This is the information we use to calculate your water charges for the service address shown.
- Water Usage Graph:** This bar graph will display 24 months of water consumption history to show at-a-glance comparisons of monthly usage. The graph will begin with your first full month's bill. New customers with a partial month of consumption will have a graph the following month.
- Details of Current Charges:** This gives a breakdown of your water, sewer, solid waste fees and other charges.
- Project Assist Donation Box:** Help your neighbors. Enter a voluntary contribution of any amount to provide utility bill assistance to persons in need. If you wish to donate the same amount each month, call Water Customer Services at 602-262-6251 and your donation will be added to your monthly bill.
- Pay Stub Information:** Please indicate payment amount, detach and use the return envelope. If you participate in the City's automatic payment program, a message stating your bill is scheduled for electronic payment will be printed below the payment box.

Still have questions? Please call the city of Phoenix Water Customer Services at 602-262-6251, or visit phoenix.gov/water.