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### **Calendar**

MAR 12 City Special Election 6 a.m. – 7 p.m. Phoenix.gov/Elections

MAR 17 Silent Sunday 5 a.m. – 1 p.m. South Mountain Park

MAR 21 Find & Fix Leaks Workshop 3 – 4 p.m., Free Burton Barr Library

MAR 21 Fair Housing Workshop 9 a.m. – noon, Free Calvin C. Goode Building

MAR 22/23 Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection Event 7 a.m. – noon Rose Mofford Park

> APR 01 Cesar Chavez Day (observed) City offices closed\*

> APR 05 Food Truck Friday 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Civic Space Park

APR 05 First Fridays
Art, culture, and events at various downtown venues

APR 12/13 Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection Event 7 a.m. – noon, North Phoenix Baptist Church

> APR 18 Fair Housing Workshop 9 a.m. – noon, Free Calvin C. Goode Building

APR 22 Earth Day Phoenix 10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Cesar Chavez Plaza \*Trash/recycling services are not affected.

## **Mayor & Council Members Election**

On Tuesday, March 12, Phoenix residents will vote in a Special Election for Mayor and Council Members in Districts 5 and 8.

• Feb. 13 – March 8: In-person early voting available at Phoenix City Hall, 200 W. Washington St., weekdays from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

In-person voting is available with valid ID at any of the 28 voting centers during the following dates and times: Saturday, March 9 (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.), Monday, March 11 (9 a.m. – 6 p.m.) and Tuesday, March

12 (6 a.m. – 7 p.m.). Voting devices for voters with disabilities will be available at all voting locations. A map and list of voting centers may be found in the mailed Sample Ballot Pamphlet or online. Visit **Phoenix.gov/Elections** for details, call *602-261-VOTE* (8683) or use the 7-1-1 Relay System.

After March 12, visit **Phoenix.gov/Results** to see the results of the Special Election.

## **Voice Your Opinion about the Budget**



The City Manager's Trial Budget and Preliminary Capital Improvement Program (CIP) will be presented to City Council on March 19, 2019. Public safety, neighborhoods, street maintenance, infrastructure investment and long-term financial stability continue to be priorities for the city. In April, you can provide input on next year's budget by attending a community meeting. For meeting dates and locations, visit **Phoenix.gov/Budget**. You can also

share your thoughts by calling (602) 262-4800 or emailing budget.research@phoenix.gov. All community meetings will be rebroadcast on PHXTV and streamed online at YouTube.com/CityofPhoenixAZ.

#### 'Food for Fines' Restocks Food Banks

Once again, Phoenix Public Library is partnering with area food banks to pay your library fines and help restock the pantries of Valley food banks during Phoenix Public Library's annual "Food for Fines" campaign, April 6-20, 2019.



- \$1 will be deducted from your overdue fines for each can or box of food donated at any Phoenix Public Library location.
- A maximum of \$75 in overdue fines may be paid with food.
- Expired, perishable, homemade or refrigerated food will not be accepted.
   Items can be brought to any of the 17 Phoenix Public Library locations. For more information, and a list of most needed items, visit **PhoenixPublicLibrary.org**. or call *602-262-4636*. Donations benefit St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance and Desert Mission Food Bank.

## **Spring Watering**

Spring in Phoenix is beautiful, which allows plants and lawns to thrive. Remember to water deeply but infrequently. Water desert-adapted trees and shrubs (if needed) every seven



to 21 days. Bermuda lawn can thrive with watering every seven days, while winter rye needs water every four days. Sprinklers are a substitute for Mother Nature, so after ½" rain, skip your next watering session. Text **Whentowater** to 33222 to receive monthly watering guidelines straight to your phone.

## **Volunteer Today**

Phoenix has over 40 different types of volunteer positions available. Departments like Aviation, Library, Parks, Police, Fire and Neighborhood Services all offer fun opportunities. Or, volunteer a few hours aiding in park clean ups, tree plantings, or work with the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Read more at

**Phoenix.gov/Volunteer** to find a match and help make Phoenix shine. Children can





# April 6 is "I Recycle Phoenix" Event

Spring clean with Keep Phoenix
Beautiful and participate in the next "I
Recycle Phoenix" event at Desert Ridge
Marketplace (Tatum and 101, behind
AMC Theaters) on Sat., April 6, 7 a.m. –
noon. Papers for shredding, electronics
for recycling, bicycles, items for teachers,
food donations and rechargeable
batteries are all accepted. No CRT (curved
screen) televisions or hazardous waste
(oil, paint, antifreeze). No city services
bill is necessary for this free event! Visit
PhoenixRecycles.org to learn more.



Special anniversary celebration events at **PuebloGrande.org** 

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## **Kids Enjoy Mobile Recreation Vans**

Mobile Recreation provides free programming to youth of all ages in 16 parks citywide. The park locations are chosen to ensure opportunities for youth in areas of the city that do not have a nearby recreation or community center. Four themed vans — Sports, MAC (Music, Arts, Culture), Gaming, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) — present programming on a monthly schedule in each park. Review the calendar at **Phoenix.gov/Parks**. High school students also can apply to be teen volunteers and help lead the activities.



#### Let's Talk 'Teal'

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Through the "Let's Talk Teal" campaign, Phoenix is partnering with the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence to raise awareness by collecting donations of items needed for the Family Advocacy Center to help victims of sexual assault. Donations accepted starting April 1; see a list of needed items and drop-off donation locations at **PaintPhoenixPurple.org**.

## **Arts Grants Cycle**

Did you know that the Phoenix Office of Arts & Culture provides grants to arts and cultural organizations and youth-led arts and cultural groups to develop projects across Phoenix? Visit **Phoenix.gov/Arts** to learn about the kinds of grants available, the application requirements, and to review the 2019 Guide to Grants. Applications for the current grant cycle are due March 29.

## Skip the Drive: RAPID Bus is Easy



RAPID buses provide commuter service to downtown from ten park and rides around Phoenix. Beginning April 23, RAPID service changes include adding trips to certain routes and shifting others to balance the gaps between trips. Some routes will operate every 6 to 8 minutes — super convenient! Public outreach was done throughout November 2018 by sharing fliers about the proposed changes at park and rides and a hosting a webinar. Check out the revamped RAPID bus schedules at **Valleymetro.org/ServiceChanges**.

# **Next Compost Giveaway is April 27**



Celebrate Earth Day! Certified compost can make your gardens thrive and help the environment. Phoenix residents are invited to get free high-grade compost at the next Compost Giveaway event on Saturday, April 27, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Desert West Park (enter off Encanto Blvd, east of 67th Ave.). This certified compost is made at the city's facility from yard trimmings diverted from the landfill by Phoenix residents and landscapers supporting Reimagine Phoenix. Residents must *bring a copy of their City Services Bill* for entry and a shovel to load what they need into their personal vehicle (sorry, no trailers). This event is for residents only; no businesses allowed. Limited quantities. Questions? Call *602-262-6251* or visit **Phoenix.gov/PublicWorks**. Interested in home composting? A limited number of home composter kits will be available at the event for free; first come, first-served.