

Jan. 29, 2021

CITY EVENTS

UPCOMING CITY PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Transportation, Infrastructure and Innovation Subcommittee Meeting 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3. Please click on <u>City Council Meetings</u> for more meeting information.
- City Council Formal Meeting 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3. Please click <u>City Council Meetings</u> for meeting information.
- Zoning Adjustment Hearing 9:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4. Please click on the <u>Notice of Public Meeting</u> link for meeting information.
- Proposed Water Rate Increase Community Meeting 12:00 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4. Please click on Notice of Public Meeting to register.

City Council meetings are live on Cox Cable Channel 11 and streamed live on https://www.phoenix.gov/phxtv and facebook.com/cityofphoenix.

To view written or video instructions for meeting participation, please visit https://www.phoenix.gov/cityclerk/publicmeetings/city-council-meetings

Past City Council meetings are posted on https://www.youtube.com/cityofphoenixaz.

DISTRICT 1 EVENTS:DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Please continue to check here for updates on future District 1 community events.

COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 NEWS AND INITIATIVES

PUBLIC TRANSIT

Small Businesses: Financial Assistance Coming!



With the selection of a program administrator, Valley Metro and the city of Phoenix has launched the Small Business Financial Assistance Program (SBFAP). This is a one-year pilot program to provide direct financial assistance to locally owned, small businesses immediately adjacent to construction along the Northwest Extension Phase II light rail corridor.

The SBFAP currently offers two tiers of financial assistance that can be applied for annually. In Tier I, businesses can receive \$3,000 during the pilot year or they can opt to apply for Tier II where they can receive up to \$9,000 depending on their demonstrated business impact. SBFAP funds are intended to support and help to sustain these small businesses and can be used to offset business operational expenses, such as rent/mortgage, utilities, insurance and/or payroll.

What's Next?

Valley Metro and the administrator are working quickly to develop the process for businesses to apply for the funds. We will keep you up to date on the latest progress; check the <u>project website</u> for updates and to sign up for email notifications.

Prepare Yourself

As the application process is developed, there are things you can do so that you are ready to submit your application.

For Tier I, prepare documentation that your business:

- Operates at an eligible location.
- Is in good standing with all taxing and licensing authorities.
- Is locally owned.
- Has 15 or fewer employees and \$500,000 or less in annual revenues.
- In operation since July 28, 2020 (the start of construction)

For Tier II, all of the above, plus documentation that your business:

- Experienced a loss in revenue equal to or greater than the assistance amount requested.
- Has been in operation at least one year prior to the start of construction.

We Can Help

Through Valley Metro's Business Assistance program, we can help you prepare so that you're ready when the application process opens. Contact your Business Assistance Coordinator:

Business Assistance Coordinator

Bree Boehlke 602-256-5822 bboehlke@valleymetro.org



NORTHWEST EXTENSION PHASE II

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE Week of Jan. 25



The Northwest Extension Phase II (NWEII) project will extend light rail west on Dunlap Avenue from 19th Avenue, then north on 25th Avenue and across I-17 on Mountain View Road with a terminus on the west side of the freeway near Metrocenter Mall. Northwest Extension Phase II light rail project construction is underway by the project contractor, Kiewit-McCarthy, A Joint Venture (KMJV) and third-party utility companies, such as Salt River Project (SRP).

Dunlap Avenue

- 23rd Avenue: Townley to Dunlap Avenues: KJMV is performing underground utility relocation just south of the 23rd and Dunlap avenues intersection, closing the street to northbound traffic. Traffic restrictions will be in place 24/7 through 5:00 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8. Click here for more information.
- Dunlap Avenue between 19th and 25th avenues: KMJV and SRP are performing underground utility relocation and roadway construction on Dunlap Avenue between 19th and 25th avenues during day and nighttime hours. Traffic lanes will be located on the south side of Dunlap Avenue and restricted to one west- and one eastbound lane. Traffic restrictions will be in place 24/7 through 5:00 a.m. Monday, May 31. Click here for more information.

25th Avenue

- 25th Avenue between Dunlap Avenue and Mountain View Road: KJMV is performing underground utility relocation and roadway construction on 25th Avenue between Dunlap Avenue and Mountain View Road during day and nighttime hours. Traffic lanes will be located on the west side of 25th Avenue and restricted to one north- and one southbound lane. Traffic restrictions will be in place 24/7 through 5:00 a.m. Friday, Jan. 29. Click here for more information.
- Rose Mofford Sports Complex and Dog Park: KMJV is replacing drainage infrastructure in and adjacent to Rose Mofford Sports Complex and Dog Park. The work will involve removing fencing on the southwest corner of the dog park. Temporary fencing will be placed, allowing continued use of the park during construction. In addition, available parking areas will change throughout the process. The Rose Mofford Sports Complex and Dog Park will remain open during this work. The work will be completed in late spring 2021. Click here for more information.

Social distance at Rose Mofford Dog Park with your furry friend!

This facility is open during light rail construction! It is 2.5 acres and is divided into separate, double-gated areas for large and small dogs. The park is open 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.



Each area features:

- Water fountains
- Benches
- Trees

- Mutt mitt stations
- Accessible to people with disabilities

In the event of heavy rain, staff may temporarily close the facility to allow the turf to dry. The park is located at 9833 N. 25th Ave. (north of Dunlap Avenue). If you have any questions, please call 602-261-8011.

CITY NEWS & EVENTS:

PHOENIX COVID-19 RESOURCES

Find information related to the COVID-19 pandemic on the <u>Resources</u> webpage. Residents with questions about city services and programs are encouraged to call 602-262-3111 or e-mail <u>contactus@phoenix.gov</u>.

PHOENIX COVID-19 TESTING BLITZ Mobile Van Testing

Saturday, Jan. 30

El Oso Park: District 5

3451 N. 75th Ave., Phoenix 85033

7:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Appointments required at: https://vincerecancer.com

Sunday, Jan. 31

El Prado Park: Districts 7 & 8 6428 S. 19th Ave., Phoenix 85041

7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Appointments required at: https://vincerecancer.com/

Monday, Feb. 1

El Reposo Park: Districts 7 & 8

502 E. Alta Vista Road, Phoenix 85042

7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Appointments required at: https://vincerecancer.com

Tuesday, Feb. 2

Paradise Valley Community Center: District 2

17642 N. 40th St., Phoenix 85032

7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Appointments required at: https://vincerecancer.com

Thursday, Feb. 4

Valley View Elementary School: District 8

8220 S. 7th Ave., Phoenix 85041

7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Appointments required at: https://vincerecancer.com

Friday, Feb. 5

Washington Park: District 5

6655 N. 23rd Ave., Phoenix 85015

7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Appointments required at: https://vincerecancer.com

Saturday, Feb. 6

Cholla Library: District 1

10050 N. Metro Pkwy East, Phoenix 85051

7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Appointments required at: https://vincerecancer.com

For additional testing dates and locations, please visit Phoenix Testing Blitz.



PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT



Planning and Development Staff Fast-Track Development Fighting COVID-19

The state of Arizona continues to receive hundreds of thousands of COVID vaccines, and as more are on the way the need for the proper storage is essential.

The city of Phoenix Planning and Development Department has been vital to getting the storage facilities up and running with very specific requirements. The Pfizer vaccine requires cold storage at minus 94 degrees F, far lower than the typical freezers in use at medical centers for other vaccines. Planning and Development staff expedited the reviews and inspections for both Mayo Clinic Hospital and Langham Logistics. Mayo had to make some significant electrical upgrades to add 10 new freezers to its vaccine storage system. The plan review process, which is normally performed in-house, was accommodated in the field. The city's Planning and Development staff helped contractors work through issues and get the approval of plans immediately to get the freezers up and running and ready for shipments.

Langham Logistics, located at 7200 W. Roosevelt St., is a 64,870-square-foot warehouse being converted for cold storage use. The large-scale project requires a fast turnaround for plans and for inspections and staff was able to get the facility running under a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy while other items are being finalized.

"It is not just the vaccine, it is everything related to the pandemic," said Phoenix Building Official Stephen Dudley. "The urgency and scale of the COVID-19 pandemic have required the city of Phoenix Planning and Development Department staff to respond quickly to projects at every phase of the pandemic, including setting up testing sites, building research labs, upgrades to hospital facilities and construction of vaccine cold storage facilities. Our staff has taken great pride in their work on these projects and the contributions they are making to fight this pandemic, knowing the work they do is aimed at saving lives."

Over the past several months, staff has also been working to expedite a COVID-19 research lab at 5020 N. Black Canyon Highway and an N95 mask manufacturing facility at 2145 S. 7th St.

WATER SERVICES

The public is invited to attend a Virtual Public Meeting to learn why the City of Phoenix Water Services Department is recommending a water rate increase. Join us for a presentation followed by a question and answer session to learn more about the rate setting process, including the capital improvement programs and financial plans of the city's water utility. To register for upcoming virtual meetings, please see below:

Noon Feb. 4: <u>Register</u>
3:00 p.m. Feb. 11: <u>Register</u>
6:00 p.m. Feb. 18: <u>Register</u>
Information will be provided in Spanish.

Visit <u>phoenix.gov/waterrates</u> for additional information. All meetings will offer the same information. Email <u>watersmart@phoenix.gov</u> with any questions/comments.



PUBLIC WORKS



Have you scheduled your HHW home pickup for February? Public Works launched a new pilot program making it convenient for solid waste residential customers to properly dispose household hazardous materials at no additional cost.

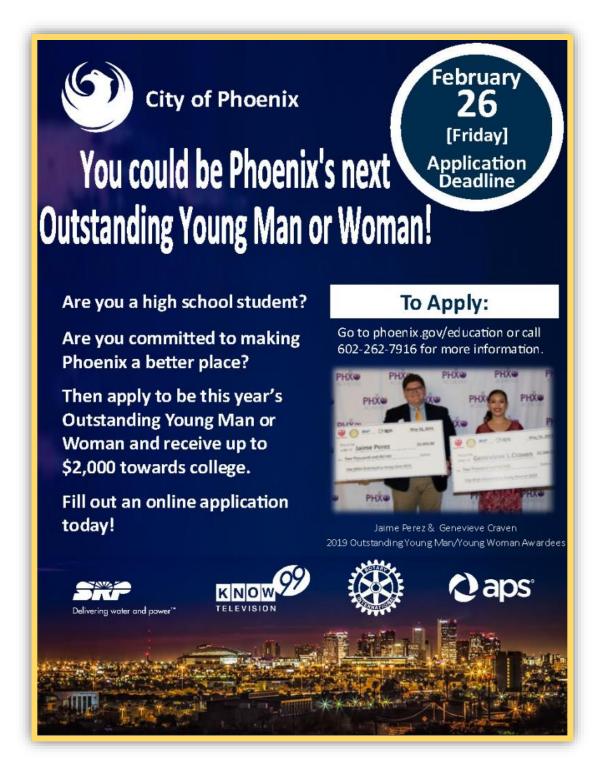
If you have aerosols, batteries, paints, pool chemicals, etc. lying around, DO NOT place them in your trash or recycling containers as they can be a hazard to your household and to the environment!

Learn more and make an appointment online at phoenix.gov/publicworks/HHW. For additional questions please call 602-262-6251.

HHW Home Pick-up Pilot Program is brought to Phoenix residents in partnership with Kary Environmental.



EDUCATION



The Outstanding Young Man and Young Woman of the Year program recognizes and honors the outstanding achievements of young people, enhances the perception of youth and raises community awareness of the positive contributions of youth. Please visit <u>Phoenix Education Outstanding Young Man/Woman</u> for more information.

POLICE

Phoenix Police K-9 Dennis is Back to Work After Being Shot in the Line of Duty



K-9 Dennis jumps around the obstacle course at the Phoenix Police Department's Regional K-9 Training Center. He's healthy, happy and a little yappy.

It's hard to believe that just last month this same police dog was shot in the line of duty—a single round that went through his lip and then down into his chest, where it fragmented into four pieces.

In the early morning hours of Dec. 3, 2020, <u>K-9 Dennis led officers into an apartment where witnesses said there may be an armed suspect.</u> The police dog searched the front rooms before moving toward the back of the apartment.

That's when the suspect fired. K-9 Dennis was hit, but officers were not.

The dog was rushed to the hospital by his handler. He received stitches, and eventually went home for rest and rehabilitation. His handler said after a couple days, the six-year-old Malinois was showing signs of recovery. After a few weeks, he was nearly back to himself.

Once K-9 Dennis was physically well enough, he went through some training with his handler—including gun fire training, building search training, and bite work—to make sure he was mentally fit to return to the job. He passed all those with flying colors, and is officially back to duty, protecting and serving the city of Phoenix.

To watch the story of K-9 and his recovery, please click here.

LEARNING

Need Help Completing A High School Diploma?

ReEngage Phoenix is a program that connects adults and youth who have not completed high school to educational opportunities and resources that will lead to a high school diploma or the equivalent (GED preparation).

These resources and opportunities are located throughout Phoenix and the Valley. For help connecting with the location that best meets your individual needs, please call College Depot at 602-261-8847, or email reengage.phoenix@phoenix.gov to request an appointment.



PUBLIC TRANSIT

Light Rail Temporary Schedule Change and Station Closures



Construction continues on the South Central Extension/Downtown Hub light rail project. Later this month, crews will build new track connections for the Downtown Hub. To complete the work safely, certain areas of the light rail system will not be available to riders.

Feb. 13-26, work occurs at the intersections of 5th and Washington Streets and Central Avenue and McKinley Street. Both eastbound and westbound trains will alternate travel on a single track in downtown Phoenix. For those residents using light rail downtown, learn more about the construction schedule and alternative routes by clicking here.

PARKS AND RECREATION

The <u>latest issue of the Hance Park Newsletter</u> reviews the significant and exciting progress made on the park's redevelopment effort during 2020. This edition also features a time-lapse video of phase 1A of construction, which was completed last month.

The newsletter is brought to you by the Hance Park Partner Coalition, a public-private partnership consisting of the <u>Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department</u>, <u>Phoenix Community Alliance</u> and Hance Park Conservancy. The Coalition encourages everyone to share it with family, friends and the organizations in which they are involved to help spread information and awareness about the project.

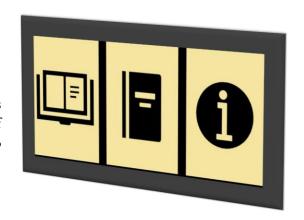
Additional information about the Hance Park Revitalization Project, and instructions for how to subscribe to the e-version of the newsletter, is available on the project website: Project, available on the project website: Project, available on the project website:



CITY CLERK

What's on My Ballot for the March 9, 2021 Runoff Election? Find Out in the Sample Ballot Pamphlet

For those residents living in Districts 3 and 7, the city has provided information on voting in the upcoming runoff election on March 9, 2021. Please visit <u>Runoff Election</u> to learn more about the sample ballot and voting.



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

To date, Water Services staff have assisted 1,911 accounts for a total of \$1,085,967.85 of \$2 million through Project Assist. Water Services staff are averaging 100 customer contacts per day.

Legislative

The 2021 Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) funding cycle is open and applications from city departments and local non-profits can be submitted to Government Relations by March 17 to meet the GRIC April 2 deadline.

On Jan 19, Government Relations and the Mayor's Office participated in a virtual meeting with Senator Sinema's office about transportation and infrastructure issues.

Economic Development & Education

The Employee Memorial Ceremony is scheduled to be presented on Feb. 25, and will honor two City employees who passed in 2020.

On Feb. 23, Budget and Research staff will present a General Fund 5-Year Forecast to Council.

During the week of Jan.18, Phoenix Families First Resource Centers (PFFRC) provided five virtual workshops to the community focusing on early language and learning, literacy, child development, parenting and family stability. Seventeen families attended the workshops.

On Jan. 20, over 25 organizations attended the Arts and Culture's first of several fundraising workshops made possible by the Coronavirus Relief Funds. The next workshop will be on March 17 at phoenix.gov/arts/workshops/fundraising.

Public Safety

Eighty-one applicants have been invited to Police Recruit written exam and Police Officer Agility Assessment on Jan. 30. Police recruitment remains open for applicants to register for a written exam scheduled Feb. 12 as well as the ongoing online option.

On Jan. 21, the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (OHSEM) attended the Southwest Border Communications Working Group along with California, New Mexico and Texas to increase communications and upgrades and detect intrusion for emergency communication initiatives.

Neighborhoods and Livability

On Jan. 28, the Office of Environmental Programs and Communications are coordinating a workshop on Phoenix's climate action plan to address extreme heat. Information about the Climate Action plan and the workshop are on phoenix.gov/oep/climate.

The Neighborhood Services Department is promoting Graffiti Free Phoenix Awareness Month during February. Four billboards and a Phoenix At Your Service (P.A.Y.S) article in the water bill will be used to encourage Phoenix residents and community stakeholders to maintain safe, clean and beautiful neighborhoods by combating graffiti.

Social Services Delivery

During the week of Jan. 25, the 14th class of Engaging Leaders was held. Twenty-nine supervisors from 15 departments partook in leadership sessions with a kick-off message by the City Manager. On Feb. 2, the 12th class of Emerging Leaders will begin with 28 employees from 15 different departments.

To date, Library staff has provided curbside pickup services to more than 216,000 customers, with approximately 2,031,061 physical library materials circulated by library cardholders.

Last week, in partnership with St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance, Library staff served 447 meals to children and teens, ages 18 and under. The Kid's Café program is the result of a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture administered by the Arizona Department of Education. Meals are being provided, Monday through Saturday, during curbside pickup hours at select library branches.

On Jan. 21, Housing staff taught five Fillmore Gardens residents how to use their new tablets. During the week of Jan. 18., Human Services staff conducted 1,710 wellness checks for senior center members.

Human Services and Transit staff met to develop temporary changes to the Senior Center Shuttle Program that will bring senior center members aged 65 years and older with a Senior Shuttle card to COVID-19 vaccination sites. The Transit Department is drafting a contract amendment to begin in February.

The Parks and Recreation staff tested FitPHX with new virtual studio equipment to live stream upcoming Fall into Fitness winter/spring sessions. Starting Feb. 2, FitPHX programs will be held every Tuesday at 6 p.m. until April 6. Morning Yoga will begin on Feb. 13 and will be held every second Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. for the duration of 2021.

Infrastructure

On Jan. 15, Street Transportation staff installed 39 "Medal of Honor Row" signs at Pinnacle Peak and Cave Creek Roads. The signs honor Arizona military personnel who received the Medal of Honor for their actions.

On Jan. 20, Street Transportation staff installed ceremonial signs for Dr. Louisa Stark at 10th and Pierce Streets. Dr. Stark is the founding member of the Phoenix Homeless Coalition and has been recognized locally and nationally as an expert on homeless issues.

On Jan. 22, Street Transportation staff installed a ceremonial sign for Bishop Henry Barnwell at 19th Avenue and Roeser Road. In 1996, Bishop Barnwell began his season as Senior Pastor of First New Life Missionary Baptist Church in Phoenix, growing the congregation from 30 to 1,000 members before

retiring. Bishop Barnwell championed the cause to declare Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's birthday a state holiday in Arizona. Bishop Barnwell received the Living Legends Award from the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Committee.

On Jan. 21, Street Transportation staff presented proposed lane changes to enhance existing bike lanes with buffers and vertical separation by removing two travel lanes to 3rd Avenue from Osborn to Indian School Roads during a virtual public meeting. The proposal will not impact car travel times.

On Feb. 24, Street Transportation staff will host a public meeting to present a bicycle and pedestrian improvement project along 3rd and 5th Avenues between McDowell and Thomas Roads and 3rd Avenue from Thomas Road to Cataline Drive. The improvements include sidewalk, drainage, striping, street lighting, pavement treatment, traffic signal upgrades at McDowell and Thomas and roundabout upgrades at Encanto Boulevard.

On Jan 11, Street Transportation staff held a pre-bid meeting for the 3rd Street Promenade Garfield Street to Indian School Road Modernization Project. The project will improve traffic circulation and increase safety and mobility for pedestrians and bicyclists. A new lane configuration will include one lane in each direction with a center turn lane and bicycle lanes on both sides of the street. Additionally, the work will include asphalt pavement replacement, micro surfacing and crack seal, concrete sidewalk and curb ramps, streetlighting, landscaping, irrigation and traffic signals. Construction is anticipated to begin in Spring 2021.

NEWS & EVENTS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT:

GLENDALE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Take the Credit with a Tax Credit Contribution

With a tax credit contribution, you can take the credit and reduce your Arizona state income taxes! The Arizona State Public School Tax Credit Law allows taxpayers of a tax credit up to \$400 for those filing personal taxes as "married filing jointly" or \$200 for those filing "head of the household" or "single," if they contribute to a public school.

For those still wanting to give back to their local GUHSD high school, we courage you to do so by the deadline of April 15. For more information and to donate online, visit www.guhsdaz.org.





WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

2021-2022 Kindergarten Registration

WESD teachers, principals and staff had a wonderful time meeting future kindergarteners at the Kindergarten Drive-thru event Jan. 26!

If you or someone you know has a child who will be 5 before Sept. 1, 2021, and you missed the Kindergarten Drive-Thru event at your neighborhood school, virtual tours of all of our kindergarten programs are available at Kindergarten at WESD. WESD is currently enrolling kindergarten student for next year at WESD Kinder Registration.



WESD Hiring Teachers for 2021-2022 School Year



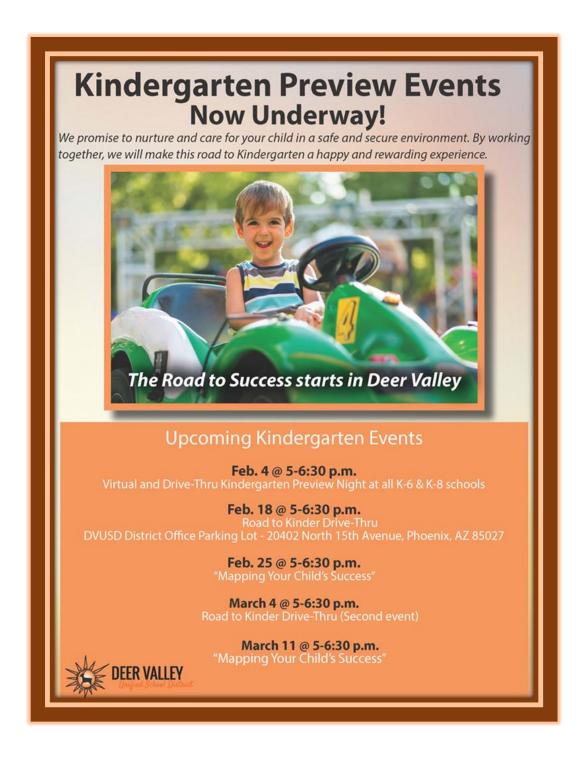
It's time to jump start your career! WESD is hiring teachers for the 2021-2022 school year and offers fantastic benefits such as paid time off, loan forgiveness and weekly professional development.

The school district will be hosting virtual teacher interviews Feb. 16th-18th.

To learn more or to register visit https://bit.ly/WESDjobs.



DEER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS



To learn more about the upcoming events and the extraordinary Kindergarten program, please go to <u>DVUSD Kindergarten.</u>

GREAT CHARITIES TO DONATE TO:

ARIZONA HUMANE SOCIETY

http://www.azhumane.org/get-involved/give-now/

CHILDHELP: 2120 N. Central Ave. #130, Phoenix, AZ 85004

https://www.childhelp.org/ 602- 271-4500.

PHOENIX CENTER FOR THE ARTS Love the arts? Want to help ensure that the programming we offer here at the center continues for generations to come? Please visit: https://phoenixcenterforthearts.org/support/

ANTHEM PETS Animal Rescue: A Voice for the Voiceless! http://anthempets.org/ 480-287-3542.

ARIZONA PAWS & CLAWS www.azpawsandclaws.com

FETCH FOUNDATION: please go to the following site: www.fetchfoundation.com/Newsflash/the-fido-bag-program

M.A.I.N. What We Do - M.A.I.N. - Medical Animals in Need, Dog Rescue in Phoenix. Kelly Ferreira 480-245-9203 President / Medical Animals In Need www.medicalanimalsinneed.com. Together we save lives!

MINI MIGHTY MUTTS for more information, contact Angie Crouse at 480-304-5654 or info@minimightymutts.com. Also check out our website at www.minimightymutts.com. Mini Mighty Mutts is a 501(c) 3 organization. We rescue the underdog!

OPERATION CARE FOOD BANK located in North Phoenix, a non-profit Christian organization committed to helping those in need with food and clothing. For additional information, please call 602-866-0135, or email info@operationcarefoodbank.org.

Thelda is Tweeting! Follow her at @TheldaWilliams1



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