



July 2, 2020

CITY EVENTS

UPCOMING PUBLIC CITY MEETINGS

- Zoning Adjustment Hearing – 9:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Thursday, July 9. Please access the link for meeting participation. <https://www.phoenix.gov/cityclerk/site/PublicMeetings/200604001.pdf>
- North Gateway Village Planning Committee – 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 9. Please access the link for meeting instructions <https://www.phoenix.gov/cityclerk/site/PublicMeetings/200709002.pdf>

City Council meetings are live on Cox Cable Channel 11 and streamed live on <https://www.phoenix.gov/phxtv> and [facebook.com/cityofphoenix](https://www.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 to YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/cityofphoenixaz>.

DISTRICT 1 EVENTS:

DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY MEETINGS

There will not be a July and August Community Breakfast Meeting. Please continue to check here for updates on future District 1 community events.

JULY 2 STATEMENT FROM COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS ON 2020 CENSUS

Postcards Encouraging Households to Respond to 2020 Census Sent to P.O. Boxes

As of July 1, 59.7 percent of households in Phoenix responded to the census, statewide 58.4 percent, and nationally 61.9 percent of households have responded.



The Census Bureau is sending [postcards](#) to about 1.3 million post office boxes in communities that are required to use P.O. boxes for mail delivery. The postcards alert households that a census taker may drop off census invitations or visit later to interview them.

The Census Bureau does not mail census invitations to P.O. boxes because each census response must be associated with the physical location where people live, not where they receive mail. The COVID-19 pandemic delayed delivery of census invitation packets to some communities, but census takers have [dropped off 96 percent of the packets as of June 18, 2020](#). Households

are encouraged to respond to the 2020 Census as soon as they receive their invitation packet. When responding, these households are also encouraged to use the Census ID provided in the packet or their street address – not their P.O. box number.

There are three ways to respond: [iCount2020.info](#); 1-844-330-2020 English, 1-844-468-2020 Spanish; or by mail. If you have any questions, call my office at 602-262-7444.

COVID-19 RESOURCES

For the most updated news and information related to COVID-19 or Coronavirus, please frequently check [phoenix.gov/newsroom](https://www.phoenix.gov/newsroom).

City of Phoenix

Business & Resident Resources

Please visit <https://www.phoenix.gov/Resources> for information on the resources available to residents and local businesses.



SMALL BUSINESSES RESOURCES

Commercial City Services Bill Relief Grant

The City of Phoenix has opened up the Commercial City Services Bill Relief Grant. Phoenix businesses affected by COVID 19 that have a commercial City Services account may be eligible for financial assistance with water and sewer expenses.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Operating in Phoenix since January 1, 2019
- Gross sales declined as a result of COVID-19 in March and April 2020 compared to March and April of 2019
- Must have a commercial City Services account that was current prior to March 1, 2020
- Provide financial data verifying the economic hardship suffered as a result of COVID-19

For assistance with this grant, please contact the Water Services Department at [602-262-6251](tel:602-262-6251).



SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS

Phoenix Still Accepting Grant Applications to Help Small Businesses!

There are grants still available for Phoenix businesses financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. See below for details. [Apply now](#).

- Small Business Relief Grant awards up to \$10k to small businesses experiencing economic distress and sudden loss of revenue.
- Microbusiness Resiliency Grant awards up to \$5k for solo practitioners, entrepreneurs and microbusiness of fewer than 5 employees.

CITY NEWS & EVENTS:

Independence Day Holiday Notice

City of Phoenix offices will be closed Friday, July 3 in observance of the Independence Day holiday. Here's how city services are affected:

Solid Waste: Trash and recycling will be collected as usual. There will be no change in collection day. Please place your trash and recycling containers 4 feet apart at the curb by 5:30 a.m.

Transfer Stations: The 27th Avenue and North Gateway Transfer Stations will be closed to the public on Friday, July 3.

Library: All Phoenix Public Library locations (except South Mountain Community Library) will be providing curbside services on Friday, July 3, from 8 a.m. to noon, and will be closed in observance of the Independence Day holiday on Saturday, July 4. Phoenix Public Library book drops (with the exception of South Mountain Community Library) and library resources on phoenixpubliblibrary.org remain available 24/7.

Parking Meters: All [parking meters](#) are enforced 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, including weekends and holidays.



PHOENIX PUBLIC TRANSIT



Valley Metro Holiday Transit Schedule

In honor of Independence Day, Valley Metro will be operating on the following schedule for the holiday weekend. Visit valleymetro.org for more information.

- Friday, July 3 – Sunday schedule: No RAPID or Express bus service. Customer Service is open 5 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Saturday, July 4 – Saturday schedule. Customer Service is closed.
- Sunday, July 5 – Sunday schedule. Customer Service is open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Phoenix Public Transit has partnered with the Phoenix Public Library to provide additional face coverings for community members at libraries near public transit. As of June 20, all riders are expected to wear face coverings on bus, light rail and Dial-a-Ride. Individuals can pick up a face covering when they're picking up library items during curbside service hours at the following library locations: Burton Barr, Cesar Chavez, Desert Sage, Harmon, Palo Verde, Saguaro and Yucca. For library locations and hours visit the [Phoenix Library website](#).

PHOENIX FIREWORKS

The Phoenix Fire Code prohibits the use and sale of consumer fireworks in the City of Phoenix. However, Arizona Revised Statute (A.R.S. or state law) prohibits the City of Phoenix from enforcing the ordinance relating to permissible consumer fireworks during the following dates:

- A.R.S. allows consumer fireworks sales between:
 - April 25 through May 6
 - May 20 through July 6
 - December 10 through January 3
- A.R.S. allows consumer fireworks use between:
 - May 4 through May 6
 - June 24 through July 6
 - December 24 through January 3

Illegal fireworks are dangerous and can cause bodily harm and devastating fires. Illegal fireworks are anything that is designed to rise in the air and/or explode. To report the use of illegal fireworks, contact the Phoenix Police Department at 602-262-6151.

Fireworks Injuries

240 people on average go to the emergency room every day with fireworks-related injuries in the month around the July 4th holiday.

Injuries by Fireworks Type*

31% Sparklers	6% Reloadable Shells	11% Firecrackers
6% Roman Candles	4% Bottle Rockets	2% Novelties
3% Multiple Tubes	3% Fountains	24% Unspecified
2% Public Display		

*These percentages do not account for how many products are used.

Injuries by Age

14% 0-4	13% 5-9	11% 10-14	8% 15-19	33% 20-24	3% 25-44	5% 45-64	3% 65+
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Fireworks Safety Tips

- ★ Never allow **children** to play with or ignite fireworks.
- ★ **Never** try to **re-light** or **pick up** fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- ★ Keep a **bucket of water** or a **garden hose** handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- ★ Make sure fireworks are **legal** in your area before buying or using them.
- ★ Light fireworks **one at a time**, then **move back** quickly.
- ★ More Fireworks Safety Tips – www.cpsc.gov/fireworks

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission 2013 Fireworks Annual Report

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE SAFE USE OF PERMISSIBLE FIREWORKS



1. Observe all laws concerning use of fireworks.
2. Young children should not be allowed to play with fireworks under any circumstances.
3. Older children should only be permitted to handle fireworks under close adult supervision.
4. Light fireworks outdoors in a clear area away from houses, dry leaves or grass, and flammable materials.
5. Keep a bucket of water nearby for emergencies and to douse fireworks that do not properly ignite.
6. Keep a hose with a shut-off nozzle nearby. The water should be on and the hose should be ready to instantly douse any wayward fires.
7. Do not attempt to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks. Soak them with water and throw them away.
8. Be sure people are out of range before lighting fireworks.
9. Never have any portion of your body directly over a firework while lighting. Be sure to wear protective eyewear. An errant ember could cause permanent eye damage or, in extreme cases, blindness.
10. Do not experiment with homemade fireworks.
11. Sparklers should only be handled by kids older than 12.
12. Make sure that people with lit sparklers stay at least 10 feet apart.
13. Put all used sparklers in the water bucket.



FIREWORKS SAFETY FOR KIDS



Children should be supervised around fireworks. Have a bucket of water and a hose nearby in case of accidents or fires. Never throw or point fireworks at someone or hold them in your hand. Never try to relight a dud! Leave jumbo fireworks to the professionals. For more information on permissible fireworks and safety please visit phoenix.gov/fire/safety-information/fire-safety/fireworks

PHOENIX PARKS AND RECREATION

July 4th restrictions planned for Phoenix Trailheads

To reduce fire danger, the Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department will restrict access to trailheads located in the city's desert parks and mountain preserves on July 4 starting at 3 p.m. [The annual ban of open fires in those areas that started on May 1 remains in effect.](#)

City of Phoenix Park Rangers will close entrance gates at 3 p.m. to Camelback Mountain, Deem Hills Recreation Area, Papago Park, Phoenix Mountains Park and Recreation Area, Phoenix Mountains Preserve, Phoenix Sonoran Preserve, North Mountain Park, Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area, and South Mountain Park/Preserve. Additionally, the upper lookouts in South Mountain Park/Preserve will be emptied and closed at 1 p.m.



The following list of regulations will apply on July 4 in those areas:

- Fireworks are prohibited
- Open wood and charcoal fires are prohibited (part of annual fire ban already in effect)
- Propane or gas grills may be used, but only in established picnic areas
- Smoking outside enclosed vehicles is prohibited (part of annual fire ban already in effect)
- Alcoholic beverages prohibited
- Glass beverage containers prohibited

PHOENIX HEAT SAFETY



Prevent Fires: Maintain Your Yard

A wet winter can bring vegetation that dries out by summer. Remove dead plants, grass, and weeds to create a buffer between your house and any trees or shrubs. Defensible space can also help firefighters protect your home. Prevention is key.

HOLIDAY TRAVELERS: NORTHBOUND SR 87 RESTRICTED DUE TO FIRE DAMAGE

Drivers should plan for delays and consider alternate routes

Drivers heading north to Payson, Mogollon Rim and White Mountains for the holiday weekend should budget extra time and consider alternate routes with 13 miles of State Route 87 still limited to one lane while crews repair guardrail and fencing damaged by the Bush Fire.

ADOT is working to secure federal emergency relief funds to cover the \$3.9 million cost of repairing guardrail and the right-of-way fence along northbound SR 87, as well as damage along State Route 188. The damaged SR 87 stretch with the right lane closed is between mileposts 223 and 236, approaching SR 188.



Drivers planning on heading to Payson and mountain areas to the east should plan extra travel time and consider Interstate 17 to State Route 260 as an alternate route to Payson and US 60 as an alternate route to the White Mountains.

The lane restriction has been in place for use by firefighters and repair crews since SR 87 reopened on June 23 after an extended closure.

FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND DUST DETECTION AND WARNING SYSTEM SET FOR MONSOON ARRAY WILL WARN DRIVERS TO SLOW DOWN FOR SAFETY

Visibility detectors. A weather radar system. Variable speed limit signs. Closed-circuit cameras. Overhead message boards.

These technologies clustered along 10 miles of Interstate 10 between Phoenix and Tucson are now operating as an innovative dust detection and warning system that's ready to quickly tell drivers to slow down for safety when windblown dust reduces visibility.

This first-of-its-kind dust system developed by the Arizona Department of Transportation is deployed between Eloy and Picacho Peak, an area prone to sudden blowing dust. After completing a 30-day test period, it is operational for the official June 15 start of monsoon season, the peak time for severe storms that create hazardous driving conditions.



While drivers should be familiar with dust storms and warnings to Pull Aside, Stay Alive, those passing through the detection and warning zone between mileposts 209 and 219 should be ready for the new possibility of reduced speed limits and other warnings

Drivers will first notice signs saying “Caution: Variable Speed Limit Corridor.” Soon after, a series of programmable

speed limit signs every 1,000 feet can change the legal speed limit from 75 mph to as low as 35 mph. Additional variable speed limit signs are placed every 2 miles.

Overhead electronic message boards in and near the corridor will alert drivers to blowing dust and warn them to slow down. Speed feedback signs will inform drivers of their actual speeds. Those highly visible elements of the dust detection system are supported by mostly invisible technologies that work automatically.

Thirteen visibility sensors mounted on posts along the freeway use light beams to determine the density of dust particles in the air. Once visibility drops to certain levels, the system activates overhead message boards and the variable speed limit signs.

The sensors are complemented by a weather radar on a 20-foot tower at I-10 and State Route 87. It can detect storms more than 40 miles away, providing additional warning of incoming storms to ADOT and forecasters at the National Weather Service.

All this technology is monitored by ADOT’s Traffic Operations Center in Phoenix, where staff can see real-time information on conditions such as the speed and flow of traffic. Closed-circuit cameras provide visual confirmation of conditions along the roadway and in the distance.

The roughly \$6.5 million system was funded in part by a \$54 million federal FASTLANE grant ADOT received for I-10 projects that widened sections between Eloy and Picacho, and between Earley Road and Interstate 8, to three lanes in each direction. As a pilot project, the system will advance ADOT’s knowledge of whether similar technologies would be effective along other Arizona highways.

None of the technology can replace common sense when it comes to driving in dust storms. While drivers will get almost instant warnings about hazardous driving conditions within the 10-mile corridor, the safest decision drivers can make is to delay travel if a severe storm is on the move. If drivers are caught in a dust storm, drivers should take the next exit if possible. When no exits are nearby, drivers should pull off the roadway, turn off lights and take their foot off the brake. For additional information on dust storms and safety, please visit PullAsideStayAlive.org



COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 NEWS AND INITIATIVES

UPCOMING COVID-19 TESTING:

- July 11 and 18
- Metrocenter Mall Parking Lot
- Conducted by Family Tree Healthcare

*Details including appointment instructions and testing times are being finalized and will be shared as soon as the information is available.



PHOENIX WATER SERVICES

YOUNG TREES
Younger trees have roots that are less established & need easier access to water to establish deep root systems.

MATURE TREES
Trees require more water when growing near areas that trap heat such as driveways & foundations.

EXPOSED TREES
Overpruning trees leaves them exposed to hot afternoon sun & strong monsoon winds.

DECIDUOUS TREES
The critical time for water is during later winter/early spring when new buds and leaves are forming.

CONSERVE & RECYCLE WATER
Inside: Place buckets in the shower to collect warm up water.
Outside: Install drip irrigation systems & fix any leaks. Collect water from your roof by installing gutters and downspouts to direct runoff to plants and trees.

THE RIGHT TIME & RIGHT CHOICE
Water early in the morning or after the sun has set, as this is when trees replace the water they've lost during the day. Less water is lost to evaporation at these times. Mulching your tree will also keep soils warmer in winter & cooler in summer. Plant native or desert adapted trees that require less water. Choose trees instead of large areas of turf, as trees are a long-term investment.

*Adapted based on information provided by California Urban Forest Council



For an interactive plant guide, visit amwua.org/plants

For more information visit Phoenix.gov/water

NEWS & EVENTS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT:



GLENDALE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

GUHSD Students Earn More Than \$83 Million in Scholarships

Glendale Union High School District students had a successful 2019-2020 school year, which included earning an accumulated amount of more than \$83 million in scholarships. Students received various scholarships from in-state and out-of-state colleges and/or universities to pursue their postsecondary education goals. In addition, GUHSD is thrilled to report that select students were recipients of the prestigious National Merit and Flinn Scholarships. Congratulations to all our scholarship recipients! We wish them the best as they continue to strive and fulfill their academic goals and careers.

GUHSD STUDENTS EARN MORE THAN **\$83 MILLION** IN SCHOLARSHIPS

The infographic features a dark blue background with white and yellow text. At the top, it reads 'GUHSD STUDENTS EARN MORE THAN \$83 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS'. Below the text are five yellow graduation caps, each with a white dollar sign inside. At the bottom, there are five white question marks on a dark blue background.



GUHSD Grab-and-Go Meal Service

As a reminder, Glendale Union High School District's Grab-and-Go Meal Service is still available Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at each school including Apollo, Cortez, Glendale, Greenway, Independence, Moon Valley, Sunnyslope, Thunderbird and Washington.

Breakfast and lunch meals are provided at the same time, and double meals are given out on Thursdays to last the remainder of the week. Teens and children must be present to receive their meals. No paperwork is required to participate.

Now Accepting Online, Open Enrollment Applications

Consider joining the top-performing high school district in the Metro-Phoenix area! GUHSD is proud to offer open enrollment opportunities to families and students who would like to attend one of our nationally recognized high schools including Apollo, Cortez, Glendale, Greenway, Independence, Moon Valley, Sunnyslope, Thunderbird and Washington. Open enrollment is now available online. To begin the online enrollment process today, visit the following link: <https://bit.ly/30Ols29>

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS



WESD Extends Summer Feeding Program Through July

The WESD is excited to announce that our Summer Grab and Go Feeding program will be extended through July! The Nutrition Services team worked diligently to provide 81,604 healthy meals during the month of June, in addition to the 667,336 meals distributed during the school building closures. We are proud to continue free daily and weekly meal service for all children ages 18 and younger.

The three locations hosting our WESD KidSpace summer program will continue offering a daily Grab and Go meal pick up 11 a.m. to noon.

WESD SUMMER GRAB AND GO

The Washington Elementary School District is proud to announce the sponsorship of the 2020 Summer Food Service Program for Children. The program is available at multiple school sites. Breakfast and lunch are available free to all children 18 years of age and under. For more information, contact the WESD Nutrition Services Department at 602-896-5240.

SUMMER SITES: July 7, 14, 21

★ 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. ★

Acacia Elementary	3021 W. Evans Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85053
Mountain View School	801 W. Peoria, Phoenix, AZ 85029
Ocotillo Elementary	3225 W. Ocotillo, Phoenix, AZ 85017
Shaw Butte Elementary	12202 N. 21st Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85029
Sunset Elementary	4626 W. Mountain View Road, Glendale, AZ 85302

Five breakfasts and five lunches will be distributed.

KIDSPACE SITES:

Throughout July • MONDAY - FRIDAY

★ 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ★

Ironwood Elementary School	14850 N. 39th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85053
Lookout Mountain Elementary	15 W. Coral Gables, Phoenix, AZ 85023
Orangewood School	7337 N. 19th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85021

Families will pick up a lunch and a breakfast for the next day.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



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WESD
GRAB & GO
FEEDING
PROGRAM

4650 W. Sweetwater Ave., Glendale, AZ 85304
602-347-2600 • wesdschools.org

PLEASE NOTE: We have time and site changes for our weekly meal service. Beginning July 7, weekly Grab and Go meals will be served 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Acacia Elementary, Mountain View School, Ocotillo Elementary, Shaw Butte Elementary and Sunset Elementary. All locations and serving times can also be found on this flyer. If you have any additional questions, please contact WESD Nutrition Services at 602-896-5240.

School Registration

Happening Now!



In-person | June 22 - July 9*
 Online | DVUSD.org/Enroll

SUNSET RIDGE | June 22 - July 9

Mon-Thurs 7:30 am - 5:00 pm
 Call 623-445-7800 starting on June 22 to schedule an appointment

Date	Day	Time
6/22	Monday	7:30 am - 5:00 pm
6/23	Tuesday	7:30 am - 5:00 pm
6/24	Wednesday	7:30 am - 5:00 pm
6/25	Thursday	7:30 am - 5:00 pm
6/29	Monday	7:30 am - 5:00 pm
6/30	Tuesday	7:30 am - 5:00 pm
7/1	Wednesday	7:30 am - 5:00 pm
7/6	Monday	7:30 am - 5:00 pm
7/7	Tuesday	7:30 am - 5:00 pm
7/8	Wednesday	7:30 am - 5:00 pm
7/9	Thursday	7:30 am - 5:00 pm

PARK MEADOWS | June 22 - July 9

Mon-Thurs 7:30 am - 5:00 pm
 Call 623-445-4100 starting on June 22 to schedule an appointment

Date	Day	Time
6/22	Monday	7:30 am - 5:00 pm
6/23	Tuesday	7:30 am - 5:00 pm
6/24	Wednesday	7:30 am - 7:00 pm
6/25	Thursday	7:30 am - 5:00 pm
6/29	Monday	7:30 am - 5:00 pm
6/30	Tuesday	7:30 am - 5:00 pm
7/1	Wednesday	7:30 am - 5:00 pm
7/6	Monday	7:30 am - 5:00 pm
7/7	Tuesday	7:30 am - 7:00 pm
7/8	Wednesday	7:30 am - 5:00 pm
7/9	Thursday	7:30 am - 5:00 pm

Extended Hours

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*More info at DVUSD.org/Enroll
 Social Distancing Guidelines in place



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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

<http://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 Arizona 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 visit: info@operationcarefoodbank.org.



Thelda is tweeting! Follow her @TheldaWilliams1

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