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Hello District 5 Residents and Friends,

As we end the month of June, we look back at the vaccine events and the many new faces who turned up to help volunteer and protect their fellow neighbors. June has been a very warm and busy month as we continue to connect with the community in person and online.

In this edition, we will be highlighting pool safety with our new PHXTV video, new library hours, revitalization plans, new members to the District 5 team, and the light rail expansion.

Pool Season and Safety Tips



The pools are open to the public again! Check out our new [PHXTV Video](#) for pool safety and information featuring Fire Chief Kara Kalkbrenner and Parks & Recreation Director Cynthia Aguilar.

Also, 12 of our 29 total number of pools including the [Maryvale Pool](#) are open daily from 12-6 pm, with dates going into September. Free swimming lessons are still available, registration opens on July 8th at 4:30 pm for dates July 19th -July 29th

[Pool registration click here!](#)

Phoenix Public Library is Expanding Hours!



Come visit your favorite library location like the Palo Verde Branch next to the Maryvale Community Center, or the Yucca Branch near Christown Spectrum Mall, during our expanded summer schedule to browse the shelves, pick up a hold, check out a laptop or WiFi hotspot, use a computer or convert your eCard to a full-service library card.

As of Monday, June 21, Phoenix Public Library suspended curbside service and returned to all in-building service at 16 of its locations with new, [Expanded Hours](#) :

Mon, Fri, Sat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tue, Wed, Thur 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Masks are no longer required for fully vaccinated people.

Community Revitalization Making Progress



(Picture compliments of KJZZ)

As of last week, City Council was able to pass funding to rehabilitate the former Kmart along I-17 and Northern. This will open more opportunities for people to be gain skills and help bolster the workforce in the area. Some uses to be considered are K-12 and College education services, workforce development, and a skills training center. [See full article here](#)

District 5 Team IS Growing



Meet Danielle Duarte (aka Dani,) our new Constituent Services and Communications Director. She works to help streamline constituent concerns with the various departments in the City of Phoenix, as well as heading social media and newsletters.

"My favorite part of Constituent Services is helping the community and the feeling I get after a constituent's concern is taken care of, it is very rewarding."

Say hi to Elvira Zamora our new outreach intern. She is currently an Arizona State University student pursuing a Pharmacology and Toxicology degree along with a degree in Spanish.

"I was born and raised in Sinaloa, Mexico, but now I reside in Phoenix, Arizona. I volunteer because it is a great opportunity to grow as a person while making a difference. Knowing that I am not alone in trying to help out my community fills my heart with joy."



THANK YOU FOR GETTING YOUR VACCINE AND

We successfully organized two vaccination events this month. We couldn't have done it without our partners Councilwoman Pastor, Councilwoman Ansari, Vincere Cancer Center, Pendergrass Elementary School, and Dunlap High School District, and La Indiscreta FM for helping us get the information out to the community.

We were able to offer all three vaccines and some great prizes and benefits thanks to some community partners such as free car washes from East Lap Xpress Car Wash, free coffee from El Cafezito, and pizza vouchers from Peter Piper Pizza.

Thank you, to all our community partners, and all you do to give back. We are already looking forward to working with you in the future!



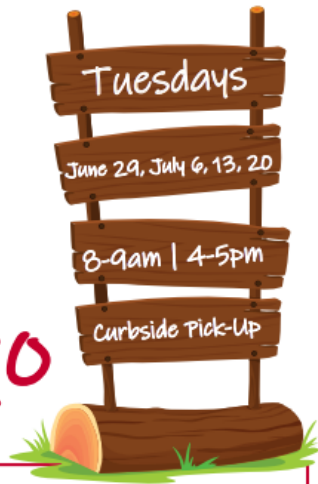
Progress on the Northwest Extension Phase II Project



See some construction near the Dunlap and 19th Avenue? That's because we are making progress on the Northwest Extension Phase II project. This will extend light rail west on Dunlap Avenue from 19th Avenue, then north on 25th Avenue and across I-17 at Mountain View Road, ending on the west side of the freeway near the former Metrocenter Mall. The construction began in August 2020 and will continue through late 2023.

Should you have any questions, please visit valleymetro.org/northwest2 or contact Michael Book, Valley Metro Community Outreach Coordinator at mbook@valleymetro.org or 602.256.5811.

Summer Meals for Students!



Sites:

Cholla Middle School
3120 W. Cholla Street, Phoenix, AZ 85029
602-896-5417

Desert Foothills Junior High School
3333 W. Banff Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85053
602-896-5517

Moon Mountain Elementary School
13425 N. 19th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85029
602-896-6017

Mountain View School
801 W. Peoria, Phoenix, AZ 85029
602-347-4117

Orangewood School
7337 N. 19th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85021
602-347-2917

Palo Verde Middle School
7502 N. 39th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85051
602-347-2517

Sunset Elementary School
4626 W. Mountain View Road, Glendale, AZ 85302
602-347-3317

Save time and money by picking up a free summer meal pack.
Weekly meal packs include breakfast and lunch items, milk and fresh summer produce.
NEW! Meal packs will now include bulk ingredients to make a new family friendly recipe each week.

Help us prepare by pre-ordering online for one or all four weeks: <http://bit.ly/WESDpreorder>.

For more information or special dietary needs, contact Nicole Augustine at 602-896-5240 or Nicole.Augustine@wesdschools.org.

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