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### **Tutor PHX Kids**



Did you know that the literacy rate for Phoenix third graders is 35 percent? The City of Phoenix and the AARP Foundation Experience Corps

are looking for volunteers ages 50 and up to tutor elementary students for the upcoming school year. Last year, a 91 percent improvement rate was seen thanks to volunteers. Bi-monthly inperson and virtual information sessions are available through Aug. 23.

Learn more about being a volunteer and register for an information session: **Phoenix.gov/Education**.

### **Connect with Council**



Need to get in touch with a member of Phoenix City Council or the Phoenix Mayor? Residents can contact their district representative at

Phoenix.gov/MayorCouncil.

# Provide Input on Redistricting

The City of Phoenix is conducting its Redistricting process to revise the City Council District boundaries and equalize population based on the 2020 Census data as required by the U.S. Constitution and the City Code. Learn more, attend a community meeting and provide input at **PhoenixRedistricting.com.** 

# **Enjoy the Fireworks Show on July 4**



Fabulous PHX 4th is back! The annual fireworks show features one of the largest fireworks displays in the Southwest. Fabulous PHX 4th will take place Tuesday, July 4, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and will have activities for families and kids, with the fireworks show starting around 9 p.m. Learn more about parking, street restrictions and event information at **Phoenix.gov/Parks**.

### **Become a We're Cool Volunteer Today**



Want to help out during the summer heat? The City's Office of Heat Response and Mitigation and VolunteerPHX are looking for residents to join their "We're Cool" program. Volunteers provide heat relief supplies such as water, maps to cooling centers, hydration stations, and more! Volunteers also help connect residents to City services. Volunteers must be at least 18-years old to participate in the program. Apply to become a volunteer: Volunteer.Phoenix.gov.

# Resources for a Safe Healthy Home

June is National Healthy Homes Month! The awareness month is led by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes. This year's theme, "Connecting Health, Home and YOU" focuses on the relationship between healthy homes and healthy families.

Visit: **Phoenix.gov/NSD** for tips and resources that can help YOU and your family have a safe and healthy home.

### **Help PHX Reduce Ozone Pollution**

With high summer temps and fuel prices on the rise, you can save money and stress when you carpool, vanpool, use transit, bike or telework. Commit to cleaner, greener travel across the Valley at least once a week and feel good that you are helping reduce ground-level ozone pollution from tailpipe emissions. Find out more and get helpful tips at CleanAirMakeMore.com.



# **Proposed Rate and Tax Increases**



The Phoenix City Council is considering a proposed rate increase for Phoenix water, wastewater services, and the Stormwater Excise Tax. While the increase is necessary to address rising costs affecting utilities nationwide, Phoenix will still have some of the most affordable water services compared to other large cities. The Stormwater Excise Tax funds the City's compliance with permit requirements for preventing pollution from entering waterways. Visit **Phoenix.gov/ProposedRates** to learn more.



Para información en español, visite phoenix.gov/informacion

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#### Come Swim with PHX



Phoenix residents are invited to the following 18 City pools for open swim during the 2023 summer swim season: Cielito, Coronado,

Cortez, Deer Valley, El Prado, Encanto, Falcon, Harmon, Maryvale, Paradise Valley, Pecos, Perry, Pierce, Roosevelt, Starlight, Sunnyslope, University and Washington. Pools will be open daily (except Fridays) from June 3 to July 30. Several pools will stay open through Labor Day on weekends. Youth ages 17 and younger will receive FREE admission to swim at select Kool Kids pools. Adults can swim for \$3 and seniors for \$1 (age 60 and older). For a list of Kool Kids pools, plus the hours of all pool locations, visit **Phoenix.gov/Pools.** 

### Fireworks Safety



Leave jumbo fireworks to the pros! If you are going to use fireworks, have a bucket of water and a hose nearby in

case of accidents. Never throw or point fireworks at someone or hold them in your hand. Also, never relight a dud and please make sure children are properly supervised.

### **Drowning Zero**



Drownings are tragic and preventable. Over the last three years, the City of Phoenix has seen an increase in water safety incidents

and deaths among kids in our community. **This trend must stop.** In hopes of preventing these tragedies, the Phoenix Fire Department has its Drowning Zero campaign which works through education, supervision, and community action. That means zero children unsupervised, zero barriers to pool visibility, and zero access to unsafe bodies of water.

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#### Hazardous Waste



Not everything can go in your garbage or recycling can. To avoid fires in our garbage trucks, do not throw out items

like pool chemicals, fertilizers, pesticides, and batteries. Instead of putting them in your trash bin, schedule a home pick-up for these and other hazardous waste items. Get more details at

Phoenix.gov/HHW.

# **Hiking Safety**

# SELECT TRAILS TO CLOSE DURING EXTREME HEAT

On days when the National Weather Service issues an Excessive Heat Warning, Camelback Mountain's Echo and Cholla Trails and all trails associated with Piestewa Peak Trailhead in the Phoenix Mountains Preserve will close from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hike early before it heats up. Bring plenty of water and a cell phone, stay on designated trails, dress appropriately, and watch the weather.

Phoenix.gov/Parks/Trails #HikeRight

#### **DOGS ON TRAILS**

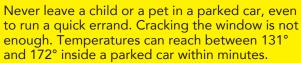
Keep pets hydrated and in the shade. If you notice heat stress (heavy panting, glazed eyes, rapid pulse, deep red or purple tongue) bring pets inside.

Note: Dogs are not allowed on Phoenix hiking trails when it's 100° or warmer.

#### **SHIELD YOURSELF**

Always carry sunscreen and apply it regularly to yourself and your kids. Also, wearing light-colored clothing and a wide-brimmed hat (or umbrella) will help protect your skin from harmful UV rays.

### **Kids & Pets & Cars**



#### **IMPORTANT WEATHER-RELATED CONTACTS**

Life-threatening emergencies	911
Non-emergency police assistance	602-262-6151
Report traffic signal outages	602-262-6021
Report storm debris in street or	602-262-6441

Report power outage APS	855-688-2437
Report power outage SRP	602-236-8811
American Red Cross	800-842-7349
Heat Relief Network	602-677-6055

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