

August 5, 2020

Greetings,

In this newsletter you will find the latest news and announcements that I want to share with you, including **FREE COVID-19 testing at Paradise Valley Community College this Saturday**, upcoming virtual community meetings for the Strategies to Address Homelessness Plan, free public art workshops, and more.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office with questions, comments or concerns at (602) 262-7441 or council.district.3@phoenix.gov.

Respectfully,

Debra StarkCouncilwoman
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Council District 3









FREE COVID-19 Testing at Paradise Valley Community College

The City of Phoenix is facilitating COVID-19 testing for a second Saturday at Paradise Valley Community College. At last Saturday's event, 502 people were tested.

Saturday, August 8 6 - 11 a.m.

Paradise Valley Community College 18401 N. 32nd St. Phoenix, 85032

Community Partner: Family Tree Healthcare Clinic

Face coverings and appointments are required: <u>familytreehealthcare.com</u>

Phoenix Testing Blitz: Free COVID-19 Testing Events

Phoenix Community Partner COVID-19 Testing

Community partners are holding free COVID-19 testing sites on select dates. Pre-registration is required. Free to all community members.

El Reposo Park

Provided by: Equality Health 502 E. Alta Vista Road, Phoenix Saturday, Aug. 8: 6 - 11 a.m.

Drive-thru testing, Appointments required. <u>equalityhealthfoundation.org/phx</u> Free. No ID required.



Cesar Chavez Park

Provided by: HeroZona and Lab 24

7858 S. 35th Ave., Phoenix (enter through 35th Avenue) Tuesday Aug. 4 - Saturday, Aug. 8: 6 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Drive-thru testing. Please bring a valid ID. Info: https://www.herozona.org/

Walgreens

2650 W. Glendale Ave., Phoenix

7 days a week: Drive-thru testing from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Appointments at walgreens.com/COVID19Testing

Free. Valid ID required.

Walgreens

705 E. McDowell Road, Phoenix

7 days a week: Drive-thru testing from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Appointments at <u>walgreens.com/COVID19Testing</u>

Free. Valid ID required.

Keep checking this page for updates as new details are confirmed.

Additional information from the <u>Arizona Department of Health Services about</u> COVID-19.

Phoenix Seeks Feedback on Strategies to Address Homelessness Plan

The city of Phoenix is seeking feedback on the proposed Homelessness Strategies Plan (English) (Spanish) that focuses on service priorities and strategies for individuals experiencing homelessness and reducing impacts to surrounding communities and neighborhoods.

The city has scheduled four virtual public meetings, including one conducted in Spanish,



in early August for the community to learn more about the plan and provide input.

There is also a webpage that provides historical information on Phoenix's role in supporting other strategies to address homelessness, as well as a downloadable copy of the proposed strategic plan.

We want to hear your feedback on the plan as well as any ideas you may have for the city of Phoenix to consider. To register for an upcoming virtual meeting and to respond to a survey regarding this topic, visit <u>phoenix.gov/HomelessHelp.</u>

Virtual meetings:

- Tuesday, August 11, 5:30 p.m. Virtual Meeting, Event Link.
- Wednesday, August 12, 5:30 p.m. (Spanish) Virtual Meeting, Event Link.
- Monday, August 17, 5:30 p.m. <u>Virtual Meeting, Event Link.</u>
- Wednesday, August 19, 12:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting, Event Link.

Phoenix Announces First-Ever Plan to Address Housing Shortage

The Phoenix City Council recently approved the first-ever Housing Phoenix Plan, which establishes a goal of creating or preserving 50,000 homes by 2030 to address the housing shortage in Phoenix.

The <u>Housing Phoenix Plan</u> documents the findings of the city's Affordable Housing Initiative, which launched in 2019 with the goal of completing a housing needs assessment and establishing policy recommendations to address the city's current housing challenge. Through extensive research and community outreach, the plan identifies the community's housing needs, documents the housing gap, compiles nationwide best practices, and recommends the following nine policy initiatives to reach the goal of creating a stronger and more vibrant Phoenix through increased housing options for all:

- Prioritize New Housing in Areas of Opportunity
- 2. Amend Current Zoning Ordinance to Facilitate More Housing Options
- 3. Redevelop City-Owned Land with Mixed-Income Housing
- 4. Enhance Public-Private Partnerships and Increase Public, Private and Philanthropic Financing
- 5. Building Innovations and Cost-Saving Practices
- 6. Increase Affordable Housing Developer Representation
- 7. Expand Efforts to Preserve Existing Housing Stock
- 8. Support Affordable Housing Legislation
- 9. Education Campaign

Learn more: phoenix.gov/newsroom/housing/1409





Masks Required

Face coverings are required in Phoenix. Additionally, the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors also issued an order for the entire county.

For more information and details on exceptions, please visit:

City of Phoenix Impacted Services

Appointments continue to be required to access Phoenix City Hall, the Calvin C. Good Municipal Building, and the Public Transit Department administration building. You can also <u>download a contact list</u> to make appointments for city services.

Residents with questions about city services and programs affected by service changes can call **(602) 262-3111** or e-mail contactus@phoenix.gov.

Learn more: phoenix.gov/newsroom/em-and-hs/1054

Questions on city services during COVID-19? Email us at contactus@phoenix.gov or call (602)262-3111

Resources for Residents & Businesses



Looking for help? The City has compiled resources, grants and information for residents and businesses:

- Emergency rent and utility assistance for residents
- Commercial City services bill relief grant
- Food assistance, food pantries
- Information for job seekers and laid-off workers
- Information for non-profits and organizations
- Resources for seniors
- Volunteering
- Phoenix Small Business Hotline: 602-262-5040

Visit phoenix.gov/resources to learn about these resources and much more.

Funds to Feed Launched by LISC Phoenix

Applications open now through Aug. 14



The goals of the Funds to Feed Grant is to meet the federal and city of Phoenix guidelines of providing food to families in need, while simultaneously providing funding support for important programs that support thriving futures. Through this effort, the city of Phoenix has contracted with LISC Phoenix to offer grants that support community and grassroots organizations, nonprofits and health centers that

serve nutritious, culturally specific food to Phoenix residents heavily impacted by COVID-19.

The application process for community-serving organizations is open from August 3 until noon on August 14. Grant details and the application are available at lisc.org/phoenix/

A separate application will be available for school districts. Details to come.

Public Art 101 Online Workshops

The City of Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture is hosting four, free online workshops for artists wanting to learn how to apply for and create City of Phoenix public art projects. Geared toward artists who have never done a city public art project, the sessions will offer step-by-step overviews of the application, contracting, design and fabrication processes.

FREE ONLINE ARTIST WORKSHOPS!

PUBLIC ART 101

Digital Class room

AUGUST 6TH- LESSON 1: APPLICATIONS AND SELECTION PROCESS
AUGUST 20TH - LESSON 2: CONTRACTS
AUGUST 20TH - LESSON 4: CONSTRUCTION & FABRICATION

Each 50-minute online workshop includes a 20-minute presentation and 30 minutes for questions and answers. Public Art 101 is open to all on a first-come, first serve basis, but you must register.

Lesson 1 – Thursday August 6: Applications and Selection Process

Lesson 2 – Thursday August 13: Contracts

Lesson 3 - Thursday August 20: Design Phase

Lesson 4 – Thursday August 20: Fabrication/Construction

All workshops are at 10:00 a.m. Can't make all the sessions? Don't worry, the LIVE lessons will be recorded and posted permanently for continued viewing on the Office of Arts and Culture's website.

Register: eventbrite.com/e/public-art-101-digital-classro... More info: phoenix.gov/arts/public-art-program/workshops



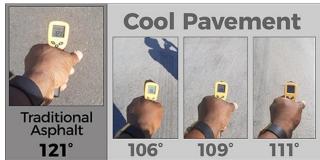
Cool Pavement Pilot Program

The City of Phoenix Street Transportation Department selected portions of eight neighborhoods and one city park to receive cool pavement treatment as part of a pilot project.

asphalt or other seal coatings. Cool pavement is lighter in color than traditional asphalt or other seal coatings. Cool pavement reflects the sunlight that hits it. Because the surface reflects rather than retains heat, cool pavement has the potential to offset rising nighttime temperatures in Phoenix.

Phoenix is one of several cities that experience the urban heat island effect where the materials used in the urban environment – concrete, stone, asphalt, metal and so on – collect and trap heat, releasing it slowly at night. Asphalt is a major source that traps heat and contributes to higher nighttime temperatures. Cool pavement may help counteract that effect.

The material is safe and non-toxic made of asphalt, water, an emulsifying agent (soap), recycled materials, polymers and mineral fillers. Cool pavement bonds to the asphalt underneath and acts to extend the life of existing pavement. The pilot program will allow us to study the



effectiveness and durability of the material. The first area to receive cool pavement was the parking lot of Esteban Park at 3345 E. Roeser Rd.

You can find out more at phoenix.gov/streets/coolpavement.

Proposed Cool Pavement Pilot Location in D3: Shea Blvd. to Cholla St., 40th St. to 44th St.

Tentative Schedule: Mid-September

Participate Virtually in City Council Meetings

The next City Council Formal Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, Aug. 26 at 2:30 p.m.** More info: phoenix.gov/cityclerk/publicmeetings/city-council-meetings



Efforts Continue for the 2020 Census

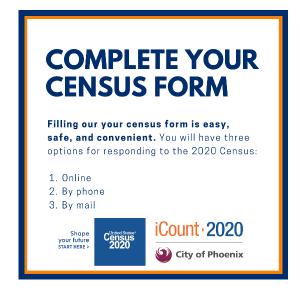
Have you completed your 2020 Census yet? It takes 10 minutes and can be completed three ways:

• Phone: 1-844-330-2020 (English) / 1-844-468-2020 (Spanish)

• Online: iCount2020.info (English) / iCount2020.info/es (Spanish)

• Mail: Complete and return the form that was mailed to your household

Responding to the 2020 Census is critical as it provides \$866 million for programs in Phoenix every year. These are critical resources that



families depend on including food assistance, childcare, housing support, Head Start, libraries, transportation, schools, etc. Make sure you are counted!