



July 17, 2020

Greetings,

In this newsletter you will find the latest news and announcements that I want to share with you, including information on impacted city services, COVID-19 testing locations, COVID-19 resources, grants, and assistance, and much 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 Stark
Councilwoman
City of Phoenix
[Council District 3](#)





Face 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:

phoenix.gov/newsroom/em-and-hs/1353

Phoenix Testing Blitz: Free COVID-19 Testing Events

No ID required at these sites:

Saturday, July 18

7 a.m. to noon

Cesar Chavez Library, 3635 W. Baseline Road, Phoenix

Provider: Valle del Sol

Pre-registration/appointment required:

bit.ly/cesarchaveztesting

Saturday, July 18

6 – 11 a.m.

MetroCenter Mall, 9617 N Metro Pkwy W, Phoenix

Provider: Family Tree Healthcare

Pre-registration/appointment required: familytreehealthcare.com

Federal COVID-19 Free Testing Sites

Federal and State agencies, and the City of Phoenix, along with pharmacy and lab partners are hosting COVID-19 testing events. Pre-registration is required. Testing locations are drive-thru and by appointment only. You must pre-register on the website. Bring your voucher to your test appointment. If you cannot print, a voucher will be created for you at the site. Register online at

doineedacovid19test.com/

Keep checking [here](#) as additional times and locations WILL be added through July 27, 2020.

Photo ID is required at these sites:



Maryvale High School

3415 N. 59th Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85031

Saturday, July 18: 6 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sunday, July 19: 6 a.m. - 2 p.m.

South Mountain Park

10919 S. Central Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85042

Saturday, July 18: 6 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sunday, July 19: 6 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Metier Pharmacy

4214 E. Indian School Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85018

When you arrive at the testing location, please follow instructions on the signage and given to you by onsite personnel.

Monday, July 20: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. • 1 - 4 p.m.

Tuesday, July 21: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. • 1 - 4 p.m.

Wednesday, July 22: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. • 1 - 4 p.m.

Additional information from the [Arizona Department of Health Services about COVID-19](#).



City of Phoenix Impacted Services Update

In an effort to continue providing necessary city services while protecting the health and safety of customers and employees in our facilities, the city of Phoenix is taking measures to limit foot traffic at the city's downtown buildings.

Appointments are required to access Phoenix City Hall, the Calvin C. Good Municipal Building, and the Public Transit Department administration building. You can also [download a contact list](#) 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

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



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



Phoenix Small Business Hotline

The city of Phoenix Community and Economic Development Department (CED) has a hotline to help small businesses access resources.

Calls are being taken at **(602) 262-5040**, the main number for CED. The department does not have a call center; incoming calls will be answered by a team member to connect small businesses with an economic developer. Calls will be taken during business hours. The department intends to return any messages left on the department's phone within one business day. This service is available only to businesses located within the city of Phoenix.

Phoenix Public Library Update

The Phoenix Public Library has expanded Curbside Service hours for all locations:

- Mondays through Saturdays: 8 a.m. – noon
- Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays: 5 – 7 p.m.

More info: phoenixpubliclibrary.org



Street Renaming Process Kicks Off

On July 1, the Phoenix City Council unanimously approved starting the process to rename Robert E. Lee Street and Squaw Peak Drive. Following a community input process, the City Council will consider whether to rename the streets at their Sept. 16 Formal Meeting.

City staff has put together a comprehensive webpage on the renaming process at phoenix.gov/street-renaming. The webpage includes in-depth background information, a form to submit comments, and details on four community web forums. Residents also can submit comments via e-mail at streetrenaming@phoenix.gov or by phone at 602-534-3630. All community input will be included in a report to the City Council for their consideration.

Virtual Meetings

The web forums for **Squaw Peak Drive** are **July 30** and **Aug. 5**; the web forums for **Robert E. Lee Street** are **July 28** and **Aug. 3**. All meetings start at **6 p.m.** Registration is required and can be requested by e-mail or phone at the e-mail address and phone number listed above.

The meetings are open to anyone, but the first meeting for each street will focus primarily on input and questions from those residents. The second meeting will focus more broadly on input from the community at large.

More information: phoenix.gov/street-renaming.

Phoenix Bus Rapid Transit Program

Community Input Needed

In 2015, Phoenix voters approved Proposition 104, creating the 35-year street and transit plan known as [Transportation 2050 or T2050](#). **Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)** was identified as a key component of T2050 to continue expanding our city's high capacity transit network.

As a new transit option for Phoenix, BRT will transform and improve transit speed, reliability and overall rider experience. Phoenix BRT will be developed based on where current and future transit ridership shows the most need and lots of community input.



What's happening now?

At the direction of Phoenix's Citizens Transportation Commission

and City Council, the first effort of the BRT program is to reevaluate the corridors in the T2050 plan and identify other potential corridors for consideration.

Utilizing recent data, this evaluation considered many factors including demographic and socioeconomic data, transit performance and forecasted ridership. The outcome yielded the following six potential candidates for Phoenix BRT corridors:

- Camelback Road and 24th Street
- Indian School Road and 24th Street
- Thomas Road and 44th Street
- McDowell Road and 44th Street
- 19th Avenue and Van Buren Street
- 35th Avenue and Van Buren Street

[Phoenix BRT Potential Corridor Maps \(PDF\)](#)

The next step is public education and outreach along the six potential corridors with the goal of identifying a foundation network, consisting of three corridors.



BRT in Phoenix is being developed now, and we need your feedback on where it will go. Please attend the [BRT Online Meeting](#), take the [survey](#) and [provide your input today!](#)

Visit: phoenix.gov/publictransit/brt

T2050 Pavement Maintenance

Our Street Transportation crews remain hard at work! In District 3 alone, crews have completed 62.9 miles of mill and overlay work, 76.8 miles of preservation treatment, and 117.4 miles of crack seal (from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020).

Citywide, crews have completed 407 miles of mill and overlay work, 480 miles of preservation treatment, and 830 miles of crack seal (from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020).

To find out which streets are included in the five-year pavement maintenance program, visit the Pavement Maintenance Dashboard: phoenix.gov/pavement.





Online Medicare Class

Do you have questions about Medicare? The Phoenix Public Library is organizing a free, online Medicare class **Wednesday, July 22 from 5 – 6 p.m.**

Get answers to your questions from the experts. The Area Agency on Aging's SHIP Programs will help you navigate the complexities of Medicare.

Join the class to learn about how they provide local, in-depth, and objective insurance counseling and assistance to Medicare-eligible individuals, their families, and caregivers.

Attendance is limited, so register today:

<https://phoenixpubliclibrary.evanced.info/signup/List>

Phoenix Parks and Recreation Offering Free, Virtual Programs this Summer

FitPHX Virtual Workouts

FitPHX is offering 8 weeks of virtual fitness programming. Registration is required. Zoom is required to virtually participate. The fitness workouts include:

- Fitness bootcamp (Mondays at 6 p.m.)
- Fall into fitness series (Tuesdays at 6 p.m.)
- Morning yoga (Saturdays at 9 a.m.)

PHXPlays at Home

Starting last Wednesday and continuing through August 12, members of the department's recreation staff lead a 60-minute, live-streamed activity based on different themes. The activities are designed for youth and families to enjoy together. Registration is required for each of the six sessions. Participants will also need to download the free Webex app through the iTunes or Android store, or search for and download it through their internet service provider.

For more information, visit: phoenix.gov/parks.





Climate Action Plan Survey

Community Input Needed

The City of Phoenix has completed our most recent greenhouse gas emissions inventories for city operations and on a community-wide scale.

We are using this updated data to help us develop a new, focused Climate Action Plan (CAP) in line with the Paris Climate Accords. Our goal is to have a draft CAP

available for public comment in September with approval by the city council before the end of 2020.

The CAP will not be a stagnant document. We will be continually working on expanding the CAP. The City of Phoenix is already doing several things that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, like increasing energy efficiency, capturing biogas emissions from wastewater, and composting. We know we can do more.

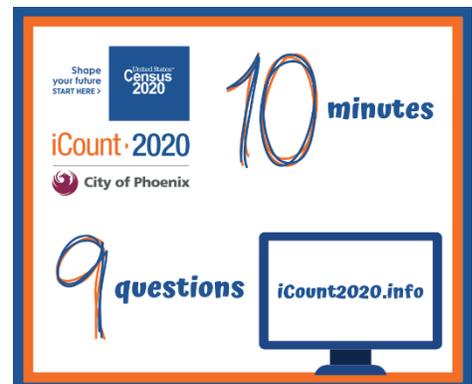
Right now, we are seeking the community's ideas and comments on potential actions to improve air quality and reduce its carbon footprint through an online survey. We would like to hear your thoughts on how to get there!

You can learn more about the work City of Phoenix is doing and find the survey at www.phoenix.gov/oep/climate. The survey is active through July 31, 2020.

The 2020 Census is Underway

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!

Cool Air Ordinance

Know your rights! As a renter in Phoenix, you are entitled to cool air in your apartment, condo, or home.

Landlords are required to maintain a maximum of 82 degrees if the unit is cooled by air conditioning and 86 degrees if the unit is using evaporative cooling. The City can help if you have a situation with your landlord.



phoenix.gov/humanservices/programs/landlord-tenant-counseling

Heat of the Day Respite Center at PHX Convention Center

The Heat of the Day Respite Center at the PHX Convention Center is open to provide shelter on excessive heat days to our most vulnerable residents. On these days, buses will begin picking up those experiencing homelessness near the Human Services Campus at 9 a.m. along Jefferson St., at 9th and 12th avenues. The buses will stop every hour to transport individuals with a valid Human Services Campus identification card to the PHX Convention Center to escape the heat.

The area at the PHX Convention Center has tables and chairs spaced for television viewing and meals. The city is partnering with St. Vincent de Paul to provide both lunch and dinner, while ensuring those seeking refuge have access to water. No personal belongings will be allowed inside the PHX Convention Center per CDC recommendations to prevent the spread COVID-19. All personal items will be left at the Human Services Campus or the Maricopa County COVID-19 lots where residents will be returned in the late evening hours. PHX Convention Center staff will be doing ongoing cleanings of the area and facilities being used for the respite to ensure the safety of both the residents and City staff. Each night when the respite area is closed, a deep cleaning of the facilities will occur, ensuring CDC guidelines are being met to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Additionally, several community partners are continuing to outreach and support those living on the streets during the excessive heat. The Salvation Army has opened 12 heat relief stations across metro Phoenix. St. Vincent de Paul, housed at the Human Services Campus, will open their doors during the heat of the day to clients of the campus. Their heat relief center will allow vaccinated pets. Finally, the Justa Center for senior citizens who are homeless, also located near the Human

Services Campus, is operating an air-conditioned tent respite and hydration center during the hot days in the parking lot of their facility for their clients.

phoenix.gov/newsroom/article/1287
