



June 12, 2019

Greetings from Councilwoman Stark,

In this newsletter you will find the latest news, announcements and event details that I want to share with you, including details on our next Community Coffee Chat, important summer safety tips, and a local business highlight.

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
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June 14 - Itty Bitty Beach Party

This **FREE**, Hawaiian-themed poolside party is designed for youth ages 6 and under, and includes water safety instruction information for youth, parents and caretakers; games and contests; Hawaiian leis and sunglasses; refreshments and a chance to take a picture with Phoenix Aquatics mascot Buddy Bear.

Event Info:

Friday, June 14
Deer Valley Pool - 19400 N. 19th Ave.
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department, Aquatics Section at (602) 534-6587.



Phoenix Pools Open During the Summer



The City of Phoenix has 29 pools open to the public during the summer months. The Parks and Recreation Department partners with various organizations to provide safe and healthy alternatives to youth age 17 and younger. The Kool Kids program provides **FREE** open swim admission to youth at select City of Phoenix pools.

Registration for 2019 swimming lessons and aquatics is open. Visit phoenix.gov/parks/pools for more info.

June 26 – Community Coffee Chat at North Mountain Visitor Center

Mark your calendars! Please join us Wednesday, June 26 at the North Mountain Visitor Center (12950 N. 7th St.) from 8 – 9:30 a.m. We will be meeting in the Education Room.



Mayor Kate Gallego will be our guest speaker to share with us her vision for Phoenix, as well as information on two initiatives on the August ballot pertaining to pension reform and light rail.

It's also an opportunity to meet your community action officers and neighborhood specialists and ask questions.

The community coffee chat is free and open to everyone. Please kindly RSVP to council.district.3@phoenix.gov so we know how many people to expect. We hope to see you there!



June 27 – Black Mountain Precinct Coffee with a Cop

The Black Mountain Precinct will have their next Coffee with a Cop Thursday, June 27 at 8:30 a.m. at the Cambria Hotel and Suites – 4425 E. Irma Ln. See you there!

North Mountain Tower Road – Update

Update:

The project completion date has been updated to **late August 2019** as of 6/7/19 per Hunter Contracting. (Project start date: 2/5/18)

Type of Project:

Tower upgrades on the public safety communication facilities. Road improvements and resurfacing to allow construction equipment access to the tower site for improvements.

Location:

North Mountain Tower Road

Purpose:

To improve access to the public safety towers located at the summit of North Mountain to allow for tower IT upgrades.

Organizations Involved:

City of Phoenix IT, Streets, Parks and Recreation, Hunter Contracting



Public Impact:

Road closure for the duration of the project improvements. Permanent closure of small parking lot at the tower road entrance on 7th Street.

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Phoenix Activates 50th HAWK

Last week, the City of Phoenix activated the city's 50th HAWK—High Intensity Activated CrossWalk—at 20th Street and Grand Canal.

These beacon signals are designed to help make it easier and safer for people to cross busy streets without impeding traffic. Phoenix has been installing HAWK signals since 2007 after they were approved by the Federal Highway Administration.

How the HAWK Signal Works

Motorists

- The HAWK looks a bit like the flashing red lights at railway crossings; it consists of a RED-YELLOW-RED signal format for motorists.
- Unlike traffic signals, the HAWK only operates when a pedestrian pushes a button, allowing vehicles free to move when no one is crossing the street.
- Motorists should respond to yellow and solid red lights in the same manner as any other traffic signal. After stopping for the red light, motorists may proceed through the crossing area during the flashing red light interval only when safe to do so without risk to pedestrians.



Pedestrians

- For the pedestrian, the signal works similarly to other push-button-activated traffic signals in the city.
- The lights on the HAWK signal are activated when a pedestrian pushes the button at either end of the crossing.

To learn more about HAWKs, visit

<https://www.phoenix.gov/streets/safety-topics/hawk-pedestrian-beacon-information>.



Kids Cafe – FREE Lunches for Kids During Summer

St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance is offering **FREE** lunch to kids during the summer. Through their Kids Cafe program, they are collaborating with schools, community centers, health clinics, etc. to fill a need for many kids.

Kids Cafe currently provides 6,000 meals daily at more than 130 sites throughout Arizona! Please check out their Facebook [page](#) for a full list of sites citywide.

Scheduled Dog Park Closures

Rose Mofford Sports Complex Dog Park

Large and small dog areas will be closed for maintenance on June 13 and 27, July 11 and 25, August 8 and 22.

Grovers Basin Dog Park

Large and small dog areas will be closed for maintenance starting on May 20 and will reopen on July 1 at 7 a.m.

Paradise Valley Dog Park

The park will be closed for maintenance starting on July 1 and will reopen September 2 at 7 a.m.

For a citywide list of scheduled dog park closures, visit

<https://www.phoenix.gov/parks/parks/dog-parks>



Grasshopper Bridge Maintenance Work Underway



A paint refresh is currently underway at the Grasshopper Bridge located on 7th Ave./Coral Gables at the Cave Creek Wash in Moon Valley Park.

The Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture, with help from the Street Transportation Department, is managing the maintenance work at Grasshopper Bridge, which was built in 1997. Maintenance work will also include sprucing up the landscape around the bridge.

Work hours will be from 5 a.m. – 1 p.m., and the work is expected to take several weeks to complete. During this time, the pedestrian overpass will be closed, but pedestrians can use the sidewalk to the west of the bridge along 7th Ave.

District 3 Business Highlight – 3A Automotive & Diesel



[3A Automotive & Diesel](#) was founded 44 years ago in June 1975 by twin brothers Jim & Jon and their father Archie Alauria, hence "3A." Shortly after their first year in business, Jon moved on, and Jim and Archie continued to build the Sunnyslope area automotive repair shop into one of the busiest shops in Phoenix. In

1989, Jim purchased its current location at 1539 W. Hatcher Road.

In 2000, Jimmy Alauria was hired after graduating college and finishing a short professional hockey career. Jimmy's job was to take the business to the next level while transitioning his dad out of the day-to-day operations.

In 2016, Jimmy and his wife Nadine purchased the company from his parents and are now on mission to not only grow 3A Automotive & Diesel, but also to be leaders in the community and to help bring prosperity to Hatcher Road.

Nadine is the Co-Chair of the business alliance theHUB ~ Hatcher Urban Businesses. With theHUB, 3A has sponsored five neighborhood clean-ups in the last year. Jimmy and Nadine work with three of the



neighboring schools on neighborhood clean-ups and their school events. They also gave away a 2006 Jeep Grand Cherokee to a top-producing teacher at Sunnyslope Elementary School this past December.

"We've enjoyed working with our D3 Councilwoman Debra Stark and her staff on issues our area faces. The whole D3 team is easy to communicate with and regularly participates in our community events and meetings. We appreciate all of the support and look forward to working with Councilwoman Stark and her team to bring positive change to Sunnyslope and Hatcher Road!" –Nadine Alauria

Phoenix.gov/Summer Summer Safety



Be prepared and stay cool!
These tips will help you
enjoy our **#PHXSummer**

Summer Fun

Pool Safety

Keep children under active supervision at all times! **Never** swim alone and keep a cell phone handy. Maintain a self-closing, self-latching child-resistant gate. Stay close and be alert!



Learn about the city's 29 pools and swim lessons:
Phoenix.gov/Parks/Pool #SwimPHX



Fireworks Safety

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.

Check out Phoenix 4th of July fireworks events at:
Phoenix.gov/FabPHX4 #FabPHX4

Take a Hike. Do It Right.



Hike early before it heats up. Bring plenty of water and a cell phone, stay on designated trails, dress appropriately, and watch the weather. When it's hot, leave pets at home.

Phoenix.gov/Parks/Trails #HikeRight

Slow Down To Get Around

Be mindful of children out playing and riding bikes. Do not pass vehicles (like garbage trucks) on residential streets until you know it's safe to do so. #SlowDown



Safe + Smart = Summer Fun!



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#HikeRight #PHXSummer

Beat the Heat



WATER IS LIFE

To stay hydrated, drink water even when you don't feel thirsty! The "Heat Relief Network" offers free water and indoor places to cool off. To learn more (or to make a large cash or water donation) please call **602-571-0134**.



RENTERS' RIGHTS

Everyone has a right to cool air! Phoenix requires landlords to maintain 82° or cooler for units with air conditioning, or 86° or cooler for evaporative coolers. The city will investigate complaints. Call **602-534-4444**.



STREETS WITH SHADE

Phoenix is exploring innovative ways to stay cool. Up to 3,000 trees are being planted to increase shade. The city is also researching other ways to make streets and sidewalks cooler by using new construction materials.



KIDS & PETS & CARS

Never leave a child or a pet in a parked car, even to run a quick errand. Cracking the window is not enough. Temperatures can reach between 131° and 172° inside a parked car within minutes.



PET PROTECTION

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 city hiking trails when it's 100° or warmer.



TIE UP TRASH

Please bag and tie your trash before putting it in your container. This helps prevent odors and insects. Remember, don't overload your container and don't bag recyclables.

Phoenix.gov/PublicWorks



SHIELD YOURSELF

Always carry sunscreen and apply 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.

Monsoon Weather



HEAT WARNINGS

Issued by the National Weather Service, this warning means there is a high heat risk. During these times, it is best to remain indoors whenever possible. Additional tips at Phoenix.gov/Heat



SEVERE WEATHER

Phoenix experiences a variety of extreme weather conditions, including dust storms (Haboobs), high winds, severe downpours, flash floods, lightning storms, and brush fires. Be prepared. Phoenix.gov/Update



WEATHER ALERTS

Local news outlets and the National Weather Service @NWSPhoenix will post weather alerts. Follow them on social media for updates.



FLASH FLOODS

Pay attention to signs that warn of flood areas. **Never** cross a flooded wash or road. Just six inches of water can wash away most vehicles.



FLOOD BARRIERS

Instead of sand bags, residents should consider innovative, water barrier options like self-activating flood barriers. These products are reusable and can be found online or at local hardware stores.



STORM CLEANUP

If your yard is damaged during a storm, take your branches and debris to a city Transfer Station to be composted. Residents can drop off up to one ton of waste for free each month. Phoenix.gov/TransferStations



DRIVING TIPS

When driving in a severe storm, pull over if possible and wait it out. If it's a dust storm, park off the road shoulder and turn your vehicle **lights off**.



PREPARE A GO KIT

Prepare a portable pack that allows you to be self-sufficient for 72 hours. Include food, water, cash, flashlight, batteries, first aid supplies, and medicine.

Before the Storm

- Consider flood insurance
- Review emergency plans
- Know how to get to higher ground
- Clean out roof drains
- Repair landscaping
- Secure outdoor furniture
- Consider generators or battery systems
- Prepare a Go Kit
- Shelter pets
- Back up critical computer data
- Unplug appliances
- Consider buying reusable flood barriers
- Follow @CityofPhoenixAZ



After the Storm

- Be aware of water and debris
- Do not drive through flooded roads
- Call hotlines to report issues
- If evacuated, return home only after authorities say it's safe
- For insurance, photograph damage to your property
- Visit Phoenix.gov/Update for agencies that can help



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.

Take Photo & Save to Phone Clip & Save



Summer Safety

Weather Hotlines

Phoenix.gov/Summer

Life-threatening emergencies	911
Non-emergency police assistance	602-262-6151
Report traffic signal outages (24/7)	602-262-6021
Report storm debris in street or streets maintenance issues (24/7)	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	602-571-0134

Summer Fun

Phoenix pools and swim lessons	602-534-6587
Phoenix Parks and Recreation	602-262-6862
Phoenix Public Library (17 locations)	602-262-4636

Other Resources

Phoenix City Hall	602-262-6011
PHX C.A.R.E.S. (homelessness, option 6)	602-262-6251
Renters' rights (cooling issues)	602-534-4444



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