



June 22, 2021

Greetings,

In this newsletter you will find the latest news, announcements and event details that I want to share with you:

- Mask mandate update
- FREE COVID-19 testing
- District 3 Virtual Coffee Chat
- Phoenix Public Library expanding hours
- Summer reading prizes
- Draft Climate Action Plan
- Cool Air Ordinance
- Dreamy Draw Park closure
- Hiking Safety
- Hatcher Road Improvement Study
- Central Avenue proposed lane change update
- Street Pavement Maintenance updates

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,

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Mask Mandate Eliminated in City Facilities for Those Fully Vaccinated

Face coverings and physical distancing protocols are no longer required **in city facilities for those who are fully vaccinated**. Those who are not fully vaccinated are still asked to follow these mitigation protocols.

This move is in accordance with [CDC guidance](#) and applies to both indoor and outdoor work spaces. This policy change applies to employees, contractors and customers or visitors to city facilities.

Note: The airport and public transit are still covered by the Federal mask mandate.

FREE COVID-19 Testing

The Mobile Testing Van #1 will be in District 3 on **Friday, June 25** at Fry's Food Stores – 850 E. Hatcher Rd. from 7:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Register at vincerecancer.com.



The City of Phoenix provides FREE COVID-19 testing through two mobile testing vans out in the community. For a list of citywide locations, visit phoenix.gov/covidtesting.



District 3 Virtual Community Coffee Chat

Join us! The next District 3 Virtual Community Coffee Chat is **Tuesday, June 29 at 8:30 a.m. on WebEx**. Our guest speaker will be City of Phoenix Chief Sustainability Officer Mark Hartman, giving us an overview of the city's sustainability initiatives.

Grab your coffee and join us from the comfort of your home.

Register: <https://bit.ly/3csIzUT>

Password: sustainability

Questions: council.district.3@phoenix.gov or 602-262-7441



Phoenix Public Library Expanding Hours

The Phoenix Public Library has suspended curbside service and has returned to all in-building service at 16 of its locations with new, expanded hours (South Mountain

Community Library remains closed at this time). Visit your favorite library location during the 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. Masks are no longer required for fully vaccinated people.

District 3 locations expanded in-building service hours:

Juniper & Mesquite

Monday, Friday, and Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Acacia

Monday, Friday, and Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

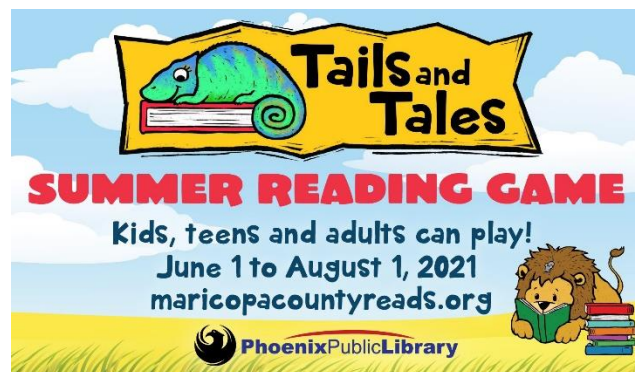
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For all locations and hours, visit: phoenixpubliclibrary.org/

Earn Prizes through Summer Reading

Get the whole family reading this summer while having fun by participating in the Tails and Tales, Summer Reading Program! The program runs until August 1. Participants log their minutes read and enter secret codes for points to earn free food coupons, free books, and more.

Sign up: maricopacountyreads.org/.



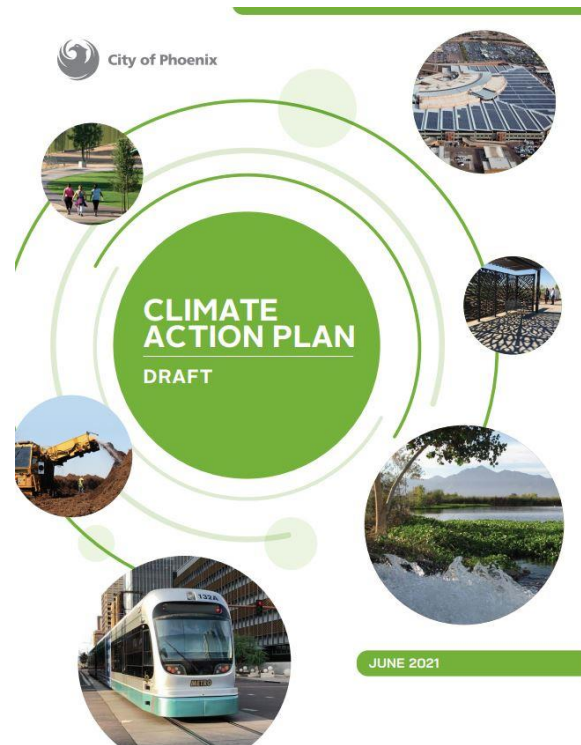
Community Input Needed on Draft Climate Action Plan

The City of Phoenix is currently working to update its Climate Action Plan, which will serve as a long-term plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from local operations and community activities as well as prepare for the impacts of climate change.

The Draft Climate Action Plan is available for public comment now through **July 16**. Find the draft [online](#).

Several Climate Workshops are [scheduled](#) in the next few weeks. The public may also provide feedback by completing an online [survey](#) or by emailing climate@phoenix.gov.

For more details, visit phoenix.gov/oep/cap.



Renters Have Rights to Cool Air



With Phoenix experiencing temperatures upwards of 115 degrees, you should know Phoenix renters have a right to cool air!

Phoenix City Code Sec. 39-5 mandates cooling requirements for rental housing units:

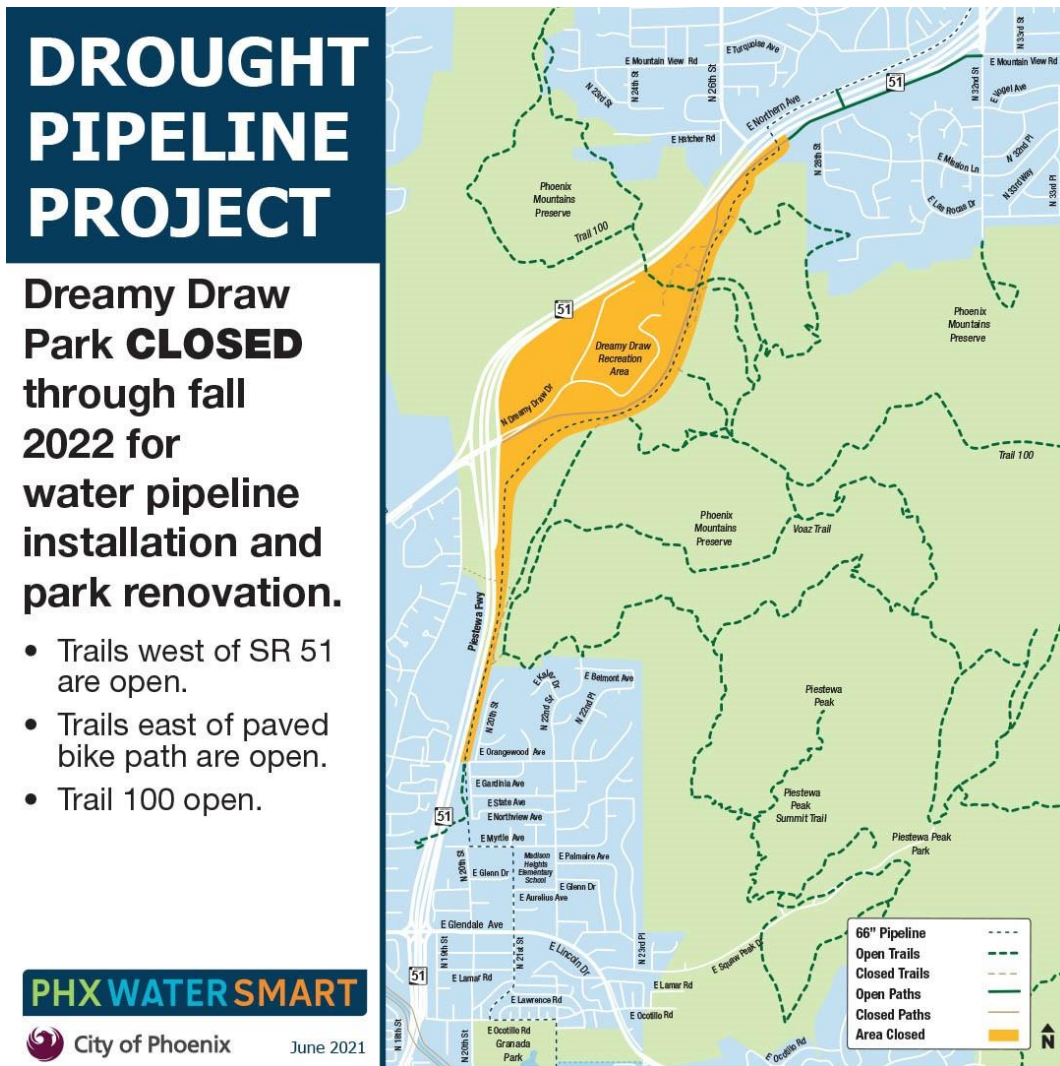
“Every rental housing unit where such systems are installed shall have cooling capable of safely cooling all habitable rooms, bathrooms and flushing toilet rooms to a temperature **no greater than 86 degrees Fahrenheit, if cooled by evaporative cooling, or 82 degrees Fahrenheit, if cooled by air conditioning**. Temperature measurements shall be taken at a distance three feet above the floor in the center of the room. Required cooling shall be provided by permanently installed cooling facilities.”

Additionally, the city's ordinance also states that heating, cooling and ventilation systems in any building are to be maintained hazard-free, operational and in a state of good repair.

If you need assistance with this matter, contact the Human Services Landlord and Tenant Program at 602-262-7210 or landlord.tenant.hsd@phoenix.gov. Find more information [online](#).

Dreamy Draw Park Closure

Dreamy Draw Park is closed through Fall 2022 for water pipeline installation and park renovation. Trails west of SR 51 are open, trails east of paved bike path are open, and trail 100 is open. Please use the 22nd St. trailhead for Phoenix Mountains Preserve access. Water services will not be available at the Dreamy Draw Park facilities. Learn more: [Water Services Drought Pipeline \(phoenix.gov\)](https://www.phoenix.gov/water-services/drought-pipeline)



"Take a Hike. Do it Right." Hiking Safety

City of Phoenix Park Rangers educate trail users to follow important ["Take a Hike. Do it Right."](#) safety guidelines. Regardless of the weather or time of year, always hydrate before, during and after a hike.



During Arizona's warm weather months, Phoenix Park Rangers and the Phoenix Fire Department recommend hiking during the early morning or evening hours when it is cooler and there is more shade.

Monitor the local forecast and understand that all [trail difficulty ratings](#) are raised one level when the temperature is 100 degrees or warmer.

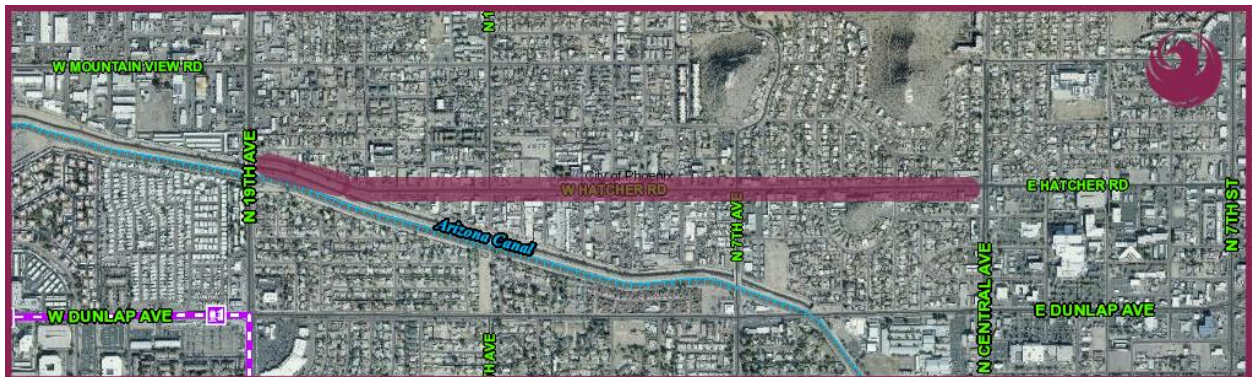
Dogs are prohibited on all City of Phoenix hiking trails when the temperature is 100 degrees or warmer. [Learn how to keep pets safe during warm weather months.](#)

The [annual ban of open fires in Phoenix's desert parks and mountain preserves](#) went into effect May 1, 2021.

Hatcher Road Improvement Study

The Street Transportation Department is conducting a survey to gather community input and hear priorities for Hatcher Road. The survey is the first step in a project to propose streetscape improvements along Hatcher Road between 19th and Central avenues.

The survey is open now and closes at 11:59 p.m. on **Friday, June 25**. Provide your input at phoenix.gov/streets/hatcher.



Update - Central Avenue Proposed Lane Changes Not Moving Forward



The City of Phoenix had proposed to adjust the motor vehicle travel lanes from two motor vehicle lanes in each direction to one motor vehicle lane in each direction with a center turn lane and buffered bicycle lanes in each direction. When a street is scheduled for pavement maintenance, it provides the opportunity to change the lane configuration (i.e., striping) to improve safety and add bicycle connectivity. Any time a proposal will adjust the number of motor vehicle travel lanes or restrict on-street parking, the city goes through a robust public input process.

Hundreds of residents attended a live virtual meeting, called the project hotline, emailed the project team, and thousands of residents took the online survey. As a result of the valuable public feedback, the Street Transportation Department is **no longer pursuing the proposed lane changes on Central Avenue, between Bethany Home Road and the Arizona Canal.**

Street Pavement Maintenance



Street Transportation crews continue working hard around District 3 and citywide!

In District 3 alone, crews have completed 86.3 miles of mill and overlay work, 120 miles of preservation treatments, 137.7 miles of crack seal, and 2,028 ADA ramps (from July 1, 2018 to May 31, 2021).

This month, 23rd Ave. from Cactus Rd. to Dahlia Dr., and Dunlap Ave. from 7th

St. to 15th St. are scheduled for a mill and overlay treatment.

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