

May 28, 2021

Greetings,

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

- FREE NOAH Palomino vaccine event
- Mask mandate update
- FREE COVID-19 testing
- Pools opening
- Senior centers opening
- Community centers opening
- Scholarships Available for summer day camps
- Shaw Butte Central Trailhead temporary closure update
- Central Avenue proposed lane change survey
- Street Pavement Maintenance updates
- Grant award for Light Rail Northwest Extension
- Traffic safety numbers
- Graffiti removal

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







### **Palomino Vaccine Event**

The Council District 3 Office is partnering with the NOAH Palomino Health Center for a vaccine event on Friday, June 4 for anyone 12 years old and older. The vaccine is free—no insurance is required. Anyone, patient or not, can come to NOAH.

Friday, June 4
10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

NOAH Palomino Health Center
16251 N. Cave Creek Rd., Phoenix, 85032

### **REGISTER:**

Call NOAH at 480-882-4545 Visit <u>noahhelps.org/COVID-vaccine</u> Or stop into NOAH Palomino before June 4







## The changes took effect immediately.

## Mask Mandate **Eliminated for Those Fully Vaccinated**

The Phoenix City Council voted unanimously to amend its nearly year-long mask mandate to align with the new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines.

The change means those who are fully vaccinated are no longer required to wear masks when in both indoor and outdoor public places throughout the city of Phoenix. Masks will still be required at the airport and on public transportation.

The Council vote also aligns the city with future CDC guidelines without the need for an additional Council vote. Moving forward, the City's Declaration Regarding the Wearing of Face Coverings will automatically be adjusted in accordance with current CDC guidance, as it is issued, regarding the wearing of face coverings.

Business, government sites and workplaces are still free to decide if they want to implement their own mask requirements. Currently, the city manager requires masks inside any city facilities which includes City Hall, libraries and offices.

The CDC continues to recommend those experiencing COVID-19 symptom get tested and stay home and away from others.

## FREE COVID-19 Testing

### Mobile Van #1

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays. Offers antigen and antibodies test. Read More.

#### Mobile Van #2

Mondays or Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Saturdays. Offers antigen results in 15 minutes and PCR with results within 24 hours. Read More.

### Walk-Up/Drive-Up Sites

Weekends (varies) from 7 a.m. – 1 p.m. (varies) Offers PCR test with results in 24 hours.





For more testing opportunities citywide, visit phoenix.gov/covidtesting.

## **Several City Facilities Reopening**

### **Pools Open May 29 & FREE Swim Lessons**

Twelve pools will open May 29. Pools will operate on the normal seasonal schedule and be open six days a week from May 29 (Memorial Day weekend) to August 1 (closed Fridays), and on Saturdays and Sundays only from August 7 to September 26. Swim lessons will be offered free of charge. Reservations are required for lessons and open swim. Learn more.



### **Senior Centers Open June 7**

All 15 senior enters will reopen June 7. On-site meal and senior shuttle services will be included. The facilities will operate with reduced capacities in a tiered approach. Several COVID-19 protocols and mitigation efforts will be implemented. Learn more.



### **Community Centers Open June 7**

Beginning June 7, there will be 11 community and recreation centers open for annual summer youth camps and limited indoor recreation classes by registration only. These facilities will implement COVID-19 protocols and mitigation efforts. The City is also resuming special park permits and special activity requests for *private* events of more than 50 people held on park property. Learn more.





## Scholarships Available for Summer Day Camps at Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley

In May, the state of Arizona announced a \$5 million investment in Arizona Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs to support summer program scholarships. Thousands of youth will receive scholarships to make summer enrichment accessible and allow parents to continue to work. The goal of the State's support is to provide

summer learning programs, enhance student achievement and expand tutoring opportunities.

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley will have more than 20 Clubs open for summer programs. Clubs are open from 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. to help working parents. Youth will enjoy LEAP summer enrichment in the morning, and lots of summer recreation, arts

and more all afternoon. Breakfast and lunch are included in the Clubs' summer program.

Visit your local Club or sign up online to learn more about the Summer LEAP program! Learn more at <a href="https://doi.org/leap.">bqcaz.org/leap.</a>.

Shaw Butte Central Trailhead Temporary Closure Update

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Access to the Shaw Butte Central Trailhead and the initial portion of the trail will continue to be closed until **June 2** as construction work is completed. While access will be impacted, an alternate route is available for walk-in users.

Crews are installing a new containment berm along the north edge of the Shaw Butte Mountain



N. Central Ave.

The construction work is part of a flood control diversion project and containment berm designed to improve the flow of storm water and maintenance of the Tower Access Road. The project will also reduce the impact of stormwater runoff and deposited debris to the homes that back up to the mountain.

## Central Avenue Proposed Lane Changes Survey Open

The City of Phoenix Street Transportation Department is seeking your input on proposed changes to the travel lane striping on Central Avenue from Bethany Home Road to the Arizona Canal.

A survey is available <u>online</u> and open for resident, commuter and community input until **June 11**. The proposal is an opportunity to present alternatives to the current striping pattern and take community feedback. A decision has not been made.

Councilwoman Stark is neither in support nor against the project. A couple years ago, she helped facilitate a meeting between concerned residents and the Street Transportation Department for further conversations. Central Avenue had already been scheduled for a repavement. Any time a street is scheduled for repavement,

it's an opportunity to look at striping changes. Councilwoman Stark awaits the outcome of the community survey and welcome your thoughts.

Visit the website to learn more about the proposed lane changes and to watch the May 20 virtual public meeting: <a href="Street">Street</a>
<a href="Transportation Central Ave Bethany Home Northern">Transportation Central Ave</a>
<a href="Bethany Home Northern">Bethany Home Northern</a>
(phoenix.gov).



### **Street Pavement Maintenance**



Street Transportation crews continue working to improve our roads! The current paving season got underway in early March. In District 3 alone, crews have completed 86.3 miles of mill and overlay work, 119.5 miles of preservation treatments, 137.7 miles of crack seal, and 1,854 ADA ramps (from July 1, 2018 to April 30, 2021).

This month, many streets are scheduled for either a pavement maintenance treatment or other work, such as

concrete ramps, in preparation for pavement maintenance that will take place later. Check out the graphic to learn which streets are scheduled for treatment.

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

# Phoenix Awarded \$1,200,000 for the Northwest Extension Phase II Project

Recently, the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration awarded the city's Public Transit Department a \$1,200,000 grant to create a Transit-Oriented Development Policy Plan for the Light Rail Northwest Extension Phase II area. This plan will include an active transportation component to enhance and expand the city's bicycle and pedestrian network.

The Northwest Extension Phase II project will extend Valley Metro's light rail system 1.6 miles from 19th and Dunlap avenues to the former Metrocenter Mall area in Phoenix. The project also includes new stations, including the system's first elevated station, and public art. Currently, construction is taking place on the I-17 and Grand Canal bridges, and track is being installed at 25th and Dunlap avenues. The Northwest Extension Phase II project is scheduled to open in 2024.



More information on the Northwest Extension Phase II project can be found on Valley Metro's <u>website</u>.

### **Traffic Safety Numbers**

### **Traffic Complaint Hotline 602-534-SPEED (7733)**

Addresses speeding, cut-thru traffic in neighborhoods, illegal parking, school zone enforcement, and safety presentations to various groups. Traffic concerns can be emailed to <a href="mailto:traffic.complaints@phoenix.gov">traffic.complaints@phoenix.gov</a>.

### Occupant Protection 602-534-TOTS (8687)

Available for education and enforcement projects to increase proper use of seat belts and child restraints.

### **Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety 602-495-0939**

Educational programs on bike and pedestrian safety as well as crossing guard training are offered in schools.

## Accessibility Compliance Enforcement (ACE) Program 602-495-0964. Save Our Space Hotline: 602-534-SPACE (7722)

Uniformed civilian volunteers patrol private parking lots within the city of Phoenix issuing citations for any violation of the disabled (handicap) parking ordinances.

### Motorist Assist Program (MAP) 602-495-0964

Uniformed civilian volunteers assist stranded motorists and direct traffic at collision scenes and special events.

### Aggressive Driver Program 602-534-9056

Officers specially equipped with cameras to apprehend aggressive drivers.

### Traffic Education Safety Unit (TESU) Main: 602-495-0937

TESU personnel are available to assist you with any traffic safety related concern.

### **Graffiti Removal**

If you witness graffiti in progress, call 9-1-1.

### Report Graffiti:

- Download the Phoenix Police Department app: On Apple or Android, go to the 2nd page of the app, and select Report Graffiti. You can add a picture and contact info is optional.
- Call Crime Stop: 602-262-6151
- Log Online: phoenix.gov/atyourservice



### To Have Graffiti Removed:

• Call Graffiti Busters: 602-534-4444, option 1

• Email: <u>blight@phoenix.gov</u>

### Free Paint to Remove Graffiti:

• Call: 602-495-0323