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Fabulous Phoenix 4th

Join the city of Phoenix and the Parks and Recreation Department for the 31st annual Fabulous Phoenix 4th on Monday, July 4, from 6 to 10 p.m. at Steele Indian School Park. This free family event features one of the largest fireworks displays in the southwest and attracts over 100,000 attendees each year. Besides fireworks, there will be local entertainers, vendors, festival-style food and drinks, arts and crafts, a classic car display and a "Kids World" with activities, rides, and a water spray zone. Festival info line: 602-534-3378 (FEST). Other Independence Day events hosted by the city of Phoenix:



After Dark in the Park

Saturday, June 25, 7 to 9 p.m.
Deer Valley Park, 19602 N. 19th Avenue
Bring your blanket to enjoy the free fireworks and a picnic basket or enjoy cuisine from local food vendors. There will also be live music and air jumps for kids. A spectacular fireworks display will happen at around 8:45 p.m. For more information, call 602-495-3735.

Light Up The Sky

Friday, July 1, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Maryvale Baseball Park, 3600 N. 51st Avenue
Festivities outside of the stadium begin at 6:30 p.m. and gates to the stadium open at 7 p.m. This is a free, family-oriented, non-alcoholic fireworks event. Enjoy a variety of food and refreshments available for sale. Only sealed water bottles will be allowed in the stadium. An outstanding fireworks display is scheduled for around 9:10 p.m. For more information, call 602-262-6575.

Red, White and Boom

Friday, July 1, 5 to 10 p.m.
Pecos Park, 17010 S. 48th Street
The Ahwatukee Foothills Chamber of Commerce event will be held at Pecos Park this year. All activities are free, including a pool playground, splash pad, dunk tank, zip line and carnival games. It all leads up to a fireworks display at 9 p.m. Local vendors will be selling food and drinks. For more information, call 602-495-5550.

For more information about all our annual Independence Day celebrations, please visit the special events section at Phoenix.gov/Parks.

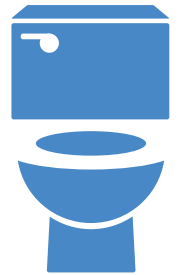
What Kinds of Glass Can I Recycle in My Blue Bin?

All glass is not created equal. For example, glass used in food packaging is generally soda-lime glass, but kitchenware glass can be made with borosilicate to withstand extreme temperature changes. Likewise, window glass is produced differently for durability. In Phoenix's recycling program, **only glass jars and bottles used for food and beverage storage are accepted**. Kitchenware, glassware and drinkware should be donated to resale stores. For more information about Phoenix's recycling program, visit Phoenix.gov/PublicWorks.



Check Your Toilet and Save \$

A few minutes of playing detective and a few dollars spent on toilet maintenance could save you money on your next water bill. A leaking toilet could be quietly wasting hundreds of gallons of water each week. A faulty flush valve is usually to blame. To check for valve leaks, place a small amount of food coloring in the toilet tank. Do not flush. If colored water appears in the bowl within a half-hour, you have a leak.



Consider using a replacement valve with a natural rubber flapper rather than one made of clay or plastic. It'll cost a dollar or two more, but last nearly twice as long. While examining the toilet, be sure to check the water level settings. If they are too high, the tank will constantly overflow down the drain. For more information, visit: phoenix.gov/waterservices/resourcesconservation.

What Can You Reimagine?

Reimagine Phoenix is the city's initiative to achieve a 40 percent waste diversion rate from the landfill by 2020.

The city plans to achieve this through expanded education and

community outreach, enhanced solid waste programs for residents and a robust partnership with private and other public organizations. Look for weekly updates on Phoenix.gov/ReimaginePhoenix.



Reimagine Phoenix
Transforming Trash Into Resources



Have you Signed Up?

There's a new and better way to do business with the city of Phoenix. Welcome to procurePHX! Instead of searching for projects to bid on, the city will come to you! The new system allows companies of all sizes, big or small, to be considered for city projects, and could even result in savings for the city. The city encourages all businesses to sign up by visiting Phoenix.gov/Procure. While there, watch a short video that explains how the system works.



Be Water Wise

Did you know your plants need more water in June than any other month of the year? That's because it's hot and not yet humid. Here's when to water:

- Desert-adapted trees and shrubs: every 7-21 days
- High-water-use trees: every 7-10 days
- High-water-use shrubs: every 5-7 days
- Bermuda grass: every 3 days

Make sure to water after sunset and before sunrise to avoid water wasting. For more information, head online to phoenix.gov/waterservices/resourcesconservation.

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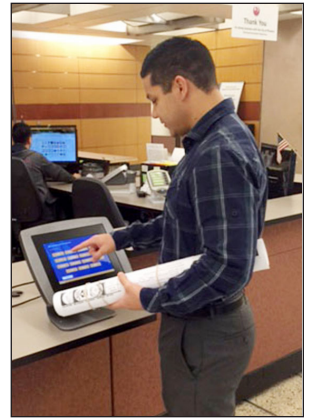


City of Phoenix

Improving Customer Service

There are now more ways to help you with your Planning & Development needs. The city has installed customer survey kiosks on the 2nd floor of city hall, where customers go to get permits, zoning information and other services. These kiosks also give customers an opportunity to provide feedback instantly and conveniently, without submitting a paper form. The touch-screen kiosks are easy to use and the survey takes only two minutes.

This is the latest new service from the Planning & Development Department (PDD), which now offers easier ways for customers to get what they need, including 32 types of online permits, a visual place-in-line display, online wait times and internal process improvements that have reduced wait times by nearly 50 percent. The department also offers a Self-Certification Program to speed up the construction process on a project. This eliminates plan review by allowing a registered professional to take responsibility for and certify a project's compliance with building code, standards and ordinances. As always, PDD's goal is to provide excellent customer service every day, for every customer.



Summer Staycation Destination

The summer means fun, free and fascinating things to do at all of the 17 Phoenix Public Library locations. Participate in the annual Summer Reading Program to earn prizes and avoid summer learning loss, download a favorite book or movie, and check out a Culture Pass to local attractions like the Arizona Science Center, Desert Botanical Gardens or Phoenix Art Museum. You can also learn to sew and write code. Plus, have fun with a "Wild Rumpus" to celebrate 50 years of *Maurice Sendak: Where the Wild Things Are*. For more information, visit PhoenixPublicLibrary.org or call 602-262-4636.



Help the Homeless Stay Cool This Summer

Many homeless individuals and families who live on the streets are in need of help to get through the hot summer. Phoenix residents can help by donating unopened water bottles, sunscreen, new underwear, white socks, white T-shirts, insect repellent and prepackaged items such as individually wrapped cookies and crackers. Financial donations are also welcome. Deliver your tax-deductible donations from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays to the city's three Family Services Centers:

- Travis L. Williams, 4732 S. Central Avenue (602) 534-4732
- John F. Long, 3454 N. 51st Avenue (602) 262-6510
- Sunnyslope, 914 W. Hatcher Road (602) 495-5229

For more information, visit Phoenix.gov/HumanServices or call (602) 534-2120.

