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National Human Trafficking Awareness Month



This issue of Phoenix @ Your Service has been printed in blue to raise awareness about human trafficking. January 11 is Human Trafficking Awareness Day and is dedicated to raising awareness of human trafficking worldwide.

- In Arizona, the average age of a person forced into sex trade is 14 years old.
- Each year, 100,000 American kids are victims of human trafficking.
- 78,000 men in Phoenix are online sex ad customers.

Details: Visit phoenix.gov/stophumantrafficking or call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-3737-888.

Spring Travel Tips



PHOENIX SKY HARBOR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Spring break and other events make March one of the busiest times at Phoenix Sky Harbor. America's Friendliest Airport® is offering the following travel tips to make your journey easier:

- **Give yourself enough time.** Arrive at least two hours early if you are flying domestically, and three if you are flying internationally.
- **What's in your bag?** Be sure to look through your carry-on bag or purse before coming to the airport. Remember, a forgotten weapon can cause you delays, hassles, and even fines. Visit tsa.gov for information about what can be placed in your carry-on.
- **Picking up or dropping off?** Save time when picking up or dropping off your party by using the 44th Street and Washington PHX Sky Train® Station rather than driving into the airport. Once at the station, hop aboard the PHX Sky Train® for a short ride to the terminals. The station also offers a free cell phone lot where you can wait for your party.
- **Parking at the Airport.** For real-time availability and pricing, visit skyharbor.com/FindASpot or call our 24-hour parking hotline at 602-273-4545. For more travel tips, visit skyharbor.com.

Take the Pledge

The city of Phoenix needs your help to make our roadways a safer place to bike. Whether you are a bicyclist, motorist, or pedestrian, everyone contributes to the safety of our city streets. The Phoenix Street Transportation Department invites you to make a personal commitment to help make Phoenix's streets safer for all users of the roadway by taking the Bike Safe Phoenix pledge.

Make your pledge today at Phoenix.gov/bicycling

Those that make the pledge are eligible to receive a 20-percent discount on a single Grid Bikeshare annual membership purchase.



Bike Safe Phoenix

FitPHX Meet Me Downtown



Each week, you are invited to downtown Phoenix for a social walking/running event. The 3.2 mile route takes you through three parks, numerous businesses, restaurants and city landmarks. There is even live music along the way. Thanks to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona for being the title sponsor along with the help of Downtown Phoenix Inc. and several others.

Details: Mondays, 5:15 – 7:15 p.m. Meet at The Corner restaurant in CityScape, 50 W. Jefferson St. More information at meetmedowntownphx.com.



Add Variety to Your New Year's Resolutions

Did you know that walking is the top activity people use city parks for nationwide? There are 21 parks throughout Phoenix that feature a FitPHX WalkPHX path, which includes signage with a map and mileage markers to help you track your progress. Six new paths were unveiled recently and more are on the way. These loops are a great option for walking your leashed dog as well.

Details: phoenix.gov/parks/fitphx/walkphx for a list and map of locations.

Shop Local

Where you choose to shop makes a difference! For every dollar you spend in Phoenix, 73 cents is put back into the Phoenix economy and supports essential services such as fire and police, parks, libraries and so much more. Shopping locally supports programs and services that make Phoenix a great place to live, work and play! Visit phoenix.gov/shopphx for a list of shopping destinations.



Time to Dump the Old Stuff

Did you get some new electronics or appliances over the holidays? If you need to get rid of the old ones, come to the next Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and electronics collection event. You must be a city of Phoenix residential waste customer and bring your city services bill showing solid waste fees and a matching photo ID.

OK to Bring:

- Toasters
- TVs
- Computers
- VCRs

Not OK to bring:

- Commercial loads
- Large residential quantities
- Medical waste
- Explosives
- Radioactive waste

Details:

- Friday and Saturday, Feb. 19 and 20 from 7 a.m. to noon at Cesar Chavez Park, 7858 S. 35th Ave.
- For more information, call 602-262-7251 or go to phoenix.gov/publicworks, click on Household Hazardous Waste Events.

Take the We READ 30-Day Challenge

Families are invited to take the annual "We READ" 30-day challenge at Phoenix Public Library. Read together for 30 days between Feb. 1 and April 1 to earn fun prizes including a "We READ" t-shirt for kids and library tote bag for adults. Pick up a game board at any of our 17 locations. For more information, visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org or call 602-262-4636.

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Think Green in 2016!

If your property has lush vegetation or if you find yourself doing yard maintenance every week, the Green Organics Curbside Collection could be the service for you. For an additional \$5/month per container requested, customers receive a large tan container to place yard waste. The tan containers will be collected on the same day as your trash and recycling containers. The green organics waste will be processed into mulch.

Acceptable items:

- Tree branches
- Leaves
- Grass clippings
- Untreated wood

Unacceptable items:

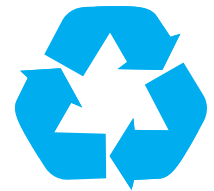
- Palm fronds
- Oleanders
- Creosote
- Treated wood
- Trash
- Food waste

For eligibility, visit: phoenix.gov/publicworks and click on "Solid Waste Programs" or call 602-262-7251.



Sgt. Jonathan Howard loves the Green Organics Curbside Collection program

Recycle Right and Know the Top 10 in the Bin!



If you have room for one more resolution for the new year, the Public Works Department wants you to recycle right!

Top 10 recyclable items:

- Cardboard
- Paper
- Food boxes
- Mail
- Food cans
- Beverage glass bottles
- Food jars
- Beverage cans
- Plastic jugs
- Plastic bottles with caps on

Plastic bags, old electronics and textiles should not be placed in your blue recycling bins. Take plastic bags to Bag Central Stations in grocery stores; take old electronics to the city's quarterly Household Hazardous Waste events; and donate textiles or old clothing to resale shops.

Make it your 2016 resolution to recycle right! For more information, email: ReimaginePhoenix@phoenix.gov.

The year of the Monkey

There's a lot of monkeying around this year! Please join Phoenix Sister Cities and the Phoenix Chinese Week Committee for the Chinese New Year 4714 Celebration during Phoenix Chinese Week. A special Chinese Culture and Cuisine Festival will take place with live entertainment, children's activities, martial arts, food and beer garden along with craft and souvenir vendors.

Details: • Feb. 12 – 14

- Margaret T. Hance Park (East), 1202 N. Third St.
- Free Admission
- For more information, visit phoenixchineseweek.org or call 480-352-3467.



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