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PHX Renews lot hosts Earth Day Celebration

In partnership with Keep Phoenix Beautiful, Phoenix will celebrate Earth Day from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at the PHX Renews lot at Central Avenue and Indian School Road.

Enjoy vendor booths, educational booths, a beer garden and live music at the free event. The 15-acre PHX Renews lot boasts dozens of community gardens, a pet exercise



area, art installations of local artists and much more. It is part of an initiative by Mayor Greg Stanton to reduce the number of empty lots throughout the city by using them as community and educational spaces.

For more information about the Earth Day celebration, visit earthdayphoenix.org.

National Fair Housing Month observed in April

April is celebrated nationally as National Fair Housing Month.

The landmark Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental and financing of dwellings, and in other housing-related transactions, based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, familial status or sexual orientation.

As part of the observance, a Fair

Housing Month symposium will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 10 at the Disability Empowerment Center, 5025 E. Washington St. Registration for the event, which is open to the public, is \$30 at the door.

The city also offers a series of free fair housing workshops throughout the year. For more information, call the Equal Opportunity Department at 602-262-7486.

Residents invited to comment on 2015-16 budget

The city of Phoenix is preparing its 2015-16 budget. In late March, the 2015-16 City Manager's Trial Budget and a complete list of community budget hearings will be available at phoenix.gov/budget.

Residents are invited to attend community budget hearings in April to provide input on the city's budget before final decisions are made by the City Council. This public discussion is among the reasons the city's budget so closely matches the community's highest priorities each fiscal year.

For budget-related questions, email budget.research@phoenix.gov or call 602-262-4800.

Library sets 'Food for Fines'

Pay your library fines and help restock the pantries of Valley food banks during Phoenix Public Library's annual "Food for Fines" campaign, April 11 – 25.

Fifty cents will be deducted from your overdue fines for each nonperishable food item donated at any Phoenix Public Library location. A maximum of \$75 in overdue fines will be waived. Expired, beyond sell-by-date and homemade food items will not be accepted.

Donated food will be distributed to Phoenix-area food banks. Last year, the program collected nearly 70,000 pounds of food.

For more information, call 602-262-4636 or visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org.

Mayor to deliver State of the City Address

Phoenix residents are invited to join Mayor Greg Stanton at his State of the City Address.

The event will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, at the Sheraton Phoenix Downtown Hotel, 340 N. Third St.

At his annual address, Stanton will provide an update on the city's progress and outline his vision for the future.

For more information or to register for the event, visit phoenixchamber.com/mayors. The event also will be streamed live at azcentral.com.



New video highlights bicycling in Phoenix

The Street Transportation Department has released a video, "i cycle phoenix," that highlights the city's bicycling amenities and growing cycling culture.

A link to the video can be found at phoenix.gov/bicycling. For more information, call Bicycling Coordinator Joseph Perez at 602-534-9529 or email bike@phoenix.gov.

Airport dedicates website to flight-path information

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport now has a dedicated page on skyharbor.com that provides updates on new flight paths implemented Sept. 18 by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

The quick link to the page is skyharbor.com/flightpaths. On the page, community members will find communications between the FAA and the city of Phoenix, information about community outreach meetings, videos of public meetings and more. Sky Harbor is also providing updates through its Facebook and Twitter pages and nextdoor.com.

If you have questions about FAA changes in flight paths, call the Sky Harbor Noise Information Office at 602-683-2669. Residents also may contact the FAA at 202-267-3521 or email 9-AWA-NoiseOmbudsman@faa.gov.

Doing What Matters...

Ralph Rodriguez was sweeping the floor of a busy terminal at Sky Harbor International Airport when he noticed something that caused him to do a double-take: five \$100 bills beneath his feet.



Ralph Rodriguez

Rodriguez picked up the cash, and without hesitation, notified his supervisor who notified Airport police. Rodriguez and police reviewed footage from a nearby security camera and identified the young man who lost the money. The police were able to locate the traveler, a college student who was on his way to study abroad, and returned the cash to him.

Before his flight departed, the student had a chance to meet Rodriguez and thank him for his honesty. The money, he explained, was intended to buy food during his trip.

If you lose an item at a terminal or airport parking lot, call Sky Harbor's lost and found office at 602-273-3333 or email lostandfound@phoenix.gov.

For more information, visit skyharbor.com/customerservice/lostandfound.html.

Development Center customers can view wait times online

The city's Planning & Development Department is constantly looking for ways to improve customer service. Now, Development Center customers can visit phoenix.gov/pdd/waittimes to see real-time activity by counter.

Customers can see how many people are being served or waiting, the average wait time for the day, and the estimated wait time for service. Customers can either click their browser's refresh button to see real-time information, or the web page automatically will be refreshed every minute. This enhancement can be useful when planning a trip to City Hall.

As a reminder, for faster Development Center service, customers should avoid peak times from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Also, Mondays typically have lighter volume. Development Center service tickets are issued up to 4 p.m. and tickets issued by that time may continue their business transaction through close of business.

Customers who have questions may call 602-534-5934 or visit phoenix.gov/pdd.

Home ownership program accepting applications

The Housing Department's Scattered Sites Home Ownership Program is accepting applications for three-bedroom, single-family homes.



Families with three to six household members that earn \$22,350 or more may qualify. Scattered Sites residents pay no more than 30 percent of their income as rent. After meeting home ownership qualifications, they may be able to purchase a home for as little as 80 percent of the appraised value.

For more information about the program, call 602-495-0467 or visit phoenix.gov/housing.

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Household Hazardous Waste Event to be held April 10-11

The next Household Hazardous Waste Event (HHW) will be from 7 a.m. to noon Friday and Saturday, April 10 and 11, at Cesar Chavez Park, 7858 S. 35th Ave.

HHW events are only for city of Phoenix residential solid waste customers. Please bring your current city of Phoenix city services bill showing solid waste fees and a matching photo ID.

Non-hazardous materials brought to events will be sorted and disposed of as municipal solid waste. No commercial loads, large residential quantities, medical waste, explosives or radioactive waste will be accepted. A maximum of five over-the-road-tires per resident will be accepted; no tractor or oversize tires will be allowed.

For more information, call 602-262-7251 or visit phoenix.gov/publicworks.

