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Housing Vouchers Return after 11 Years



The city of Phoenix Housing Department will accept applications for the Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program beginning Monday, May 23 through Friday, May 27, OR until 10,000 applications are received.

The city's HCV program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and is available for low-income individuals and families to provide safe and decent affordable housing. Program participants pay at least 30 percent of their adjusted gross monthly income toward their rent to a private landlord of their choice and the program will pay the remaining balance. Once 10,000 applications have been received and the waiting list closes, the Housing Department will select families from the waiting list in accordance with HUD requirements and local preferences.

Residents need to complete their applications ONLINE ONLY at phoenix.gov/housing. Public facilities such as libraries may provide computer access at no cost. For more information, call 602-534-1974.

Celebrating Earth Day Every Day!

Since 1970, Earth Day has been globally recognized as a way to motivate progressive environmental initiatives. This year, Earth Day is celebrated on April 22, but every day is the perfect opportunity for residents to show their commitment to waste diversion through sustainable practices.



Reducing our consumption is the easiest way to be sustainable:

- Don't leave water running when not in use
- Buy food in bulk to encourage manufacturers to reduce the amount of packaging used
- Carpool or use public transit whenever possible

Reusing materials and items you already have decreases waste:

- Kids' hand-me-downs will save money
- Use your own reusable water bottle or coffee mug
- Take reusable shopping bags to the grocery store

Recycling reduces the amount of waste sent to landfills:

- Quickly rinse out food cans before placing in your blue recycling container
- Junk mail and magazines can go in your blue recycling container
- Plastic film and bags should be recycled at you nearest grocery store and NOT in your blue recycling container

Reconsider the items you use daily:

- Use energy-efficient and long-lasting LED bulbs in the home
- Buy recycled paper for your home and office
- Buy locally grown produce and foods for your family

These simple ways of reducing, reusing, recycling and reconsidering brings Phoenix closer to a 40 percent waste diversion rate and help all of us reimagine a more sustainable Phoenix.

To learn more about the Reimagine Phoenix initiative, please visit phoenix.gov/ReimaginePhoenix.

More Than Just Books at the Library

Today, libraries are helping to transform their communities with innovative programs and unique spaces. Burton Barr Central Library's **hive @ central**, a discovery and networking space for business entrepreneurs, is hosting the 2nd annual **hive Business Expo**. This is your opportunity to network with other small business entrepreneurs, learn more about **hive's Business Road Map** program, meet previous **hive @ central** success stories visit informational booths and learn about other free library resources. Keynote speaker will be Monica Villalobos, Vice President of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Details:

- Saturday, May 14
- 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N. Central Ave.
- For more information, visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org or call 602-262-4636

Cool In Your Zip Is Back!



What's old is very new again as the days of highlighting the great, unique and often unknown stories within the city of Phoenix are back. PHXTV/know99 Television has launched its second season of Cool In Your Zip (CIYZ). The show takes viewers to different zip codes within the city limits. Viewers can submit ideas for stories by emailing coolinyourzip@phoenix.gov. New episodes air Fridays at 7 p.m. on Cox Cable channels 11 & 99 and Century Link channels 8005 & 8006. You can also see all the stories on youtube.com/cityofphoenixaz.

Tour De Sunnyslope

The city of Phoenix's Neighborhood Services Department will join Phoenix Police and Councilman Bill Gates for the Tour de Sunnyslope on April 23rd. The community event begins with an open house and tours of the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Police Substation at 750 W. Peoria Ave., from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Following the tours, the Phoenix Police Desert Horizon Bike Squad will lead a slow-paced, family friendly 10 mile bike ride from the precinct. The ride will conclude with a social gathering at the North Mountain Brewery at 522 E. Dunlap.



Recycling is Easy!

The average American household throws away 13,000 separate pieces of paper each year. Most are packaging and junk mail. Additionally, Americans use 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour and most of those materials are thrown away, too! Public Works reminds residents that paper, carton, cardboard and plastic bottles are some of the easiest materials to recycle. To learn more about how to recycle right, visit phoenix.gov/publicworks/residential-recycling.



Looking For Good Connectors

Would you like to be a part of the exciting downtown Phoenix scene? If so, consider becoming a City Hall Connector!



City Hall Connectors are volunteers that provide excellent customer service while guiding people through Phoenix City Hall. We're seeking energetic, positive, customer-service oriented volunteers to welcome and assist guests at the main information desk on the first floor of Phoenix City Hall.

Service hours are available Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. You can choose a three or six-hour shift commitment. For more information, visit volunteer.phoenix.gov and enter the keyword: City Hall.

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Your Input Wanted on Floodplain Management Plan

The city of Phoenix has prepared and released for public comment an update of its floodplain management plan. A floodplain management plan is an overall strategy of programs, projects and measures aimed at reducing the adverse impacts of flood hazards on the community. This plan identifies flood risks, their impact on the community, and a prioritized action plan for reducing flood risks. To learn more about the plan, visit phoenix.gov/streets/FMP.

Several public meetings are scheduled to learn more about the plan and ask questions. Details can be found at Phoenix.gov/streets/FMP. Questions and comments may be submitted in writing by 5 p.m., April 28, 2016, to:

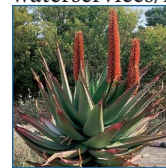
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Monthly Watering Tips for April

April in Phoenix brings beautiful weather that your plants thrive off of. Continue to water deeply and infrequently:

- Water desert-adapted trees and shrubs every 7-21 days.
- Your Bermuda grass lawn will thrive with light watering every seven days.
- Your winter rye only needs water every four days.

Think of watering as a stand-in for Mother Nature. If she decides to bring April showers (at least ½"), skip your next watering session. For more information, visit phoenix.gov/waterservices/resourcesconservation.



AutoPay Your City Services Bill



Did you know the city offers AutoPay? The payment program allows you to pay your monthly City Services Bill through an automatic monthly deduction from your checking or savings account. It saves you a postage stamp and having to remember to send in your payment each month. And as long as you have funds in your checking or savings account, your payment will never be late. Download and complete the AutoPay form at <https://www.phoenix.gov/waterservices/customerservices/>. After it is filled out, signed and dated, email it to water.customer.service@phoenix.gov. E-signatures will be not be accepted.

Worried About a Water Leak?

Knowing where your water meter is located can help you prevent leaks and track your water usage.



Water meters are usually located near the curb at the front of your home. Some water meters can also be found in the rear or sides of the home near the property line. Water meters are housed in a concrete box with either a metal or composite lid which may be marked "water." You can remove the lid by using a tool such as a large screwdriver. If the small blue dial on your water meter moves when water is not being used inside or outside your house, you could have a small leak. Check out the free Smart Home Water Guide for more information: www.smarthomewaterguide.org.