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Annual Ancient Technology Day



Ever wanted to throw an atlatl (spear), weave some cloth or sample roasted agave slow-cooked in an earthen oven? The Pueblo Grande Museum is holding the 16th Annual Ancient Technology Day where artists will demonstrate how the Hohokam people used technologies such as flintknapping (making or arrowheads), pottery, shell jewelry, weaving and more. Experts in historic technologies will demonstrate skills from the Pioneer Days of Arizona such as cotton spinning and adobe brick making.

In addition to hands-on demonstrations, families can:

- Enjoy free craft activities and games
- Tour the prehistoric platform mound
- Watch archaeology preservation demonstrations
- Walk through the Park of Four Waters, an area with the remains of prehistoric Hohokam canals not regularly open to the public.

Fry bread will also be available for purchase!

Details: Pueblo Grande Museum - Saturday, March 12, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Admission is free all day to all events, museum and tours. Visit pueblogrande.com or call (602) 495-0901 for more information.

Northwest Light Rail Extension Opens March 19



From left to right: Eric Yingling, Albert Santana, Eric Anderson, Maria Hyatt, Mayor Stanton, Vice Mayor Valenzuela, Adrian Ruiz

With the opening of the second Valley Metro light rail extension on 19th Avenue in Phoenix, more riders soon will have better access across destinations in the Valley. The project is in the testing phase which continues up until opening day, March 19, a few months earlier than expected.

The 3.2 mile extension adds to the existing 23 miles of light rail connectivity. The Northwest Extension connects six schools, places of worship, senior living facilities and 300 businesses. The light rail extension provides another economic boost and a critical connection for many in the Valley. To see all routes, visit valleymetro.org.

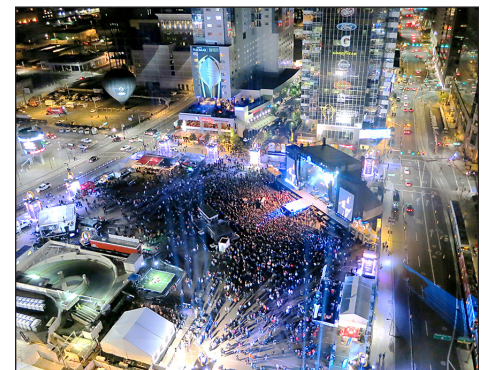
Phoenix: A Destination for Mega Events



Phoenix is the place to be for high-profile events! Last month, the city successfully hosted the College Football Playoff pregame party which brought thousands of visitors to downtown Phoenix. Last year, Super Bowl Central brought approximately one million people to the downtown core. And next year, the NCAA Men's Final Four Championship events also will come to Phoenix, drawing basketball fans from around the world.

The evolution of downtown Phoenix has been a big draw for these big events. Over the last five years, more than \$4 billion has been invested in office space, retail, restaurants, educational facilities, convention space and hotel rooms. Today's downtown Phoenix boasts the highest concentration of employment in Arizona.

Residents across the city benefit from these mega events in other ways. For example, the city's revenue during the Super Bowl period increased by nearly \$5 million compared to previous years at that time. That money goes into the city's General Fund which contributes to many city services including police and fire protection, libraries and parks. Additionally, the city has seen a more than 175% increase in job creation since the Super Bowl.



Downtown Phoenix, Jan. 9

Free Tax-Filing Services

The city of Phoenix Human Services Department has launched its Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) campaign to help working families who earned less than \$54,000 in 2015 with free tax preparation and filing services. Many individuals and families may be eligible for the EITC tax credit up to \$6,269. Individuals and families may also qualify and file for the child tax credit, dependent care credit and the education tax credit at the city's free tax preparation sites.

Twenty primary sites, located in Phoenix, offer free tax preparation and filing services. A list of Phoenix sites, including hours and days of operation, is available at phoenix.gov/eitc. It is important to note that hours and days of operation vary for different locations.

Free Landscaping Workshops

Did you know that the city's Water Department provides free landscape workshops to the public? Check out our conservation workshop schedule at phoenix.gov/wrc.

Details:

- Feb. 20, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Desert Broom Library
- March 1, 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., South Mountain Community Library.

E-mail tina.sleeper@phoenix.gov to register or call 602-261-8367.

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It's Not Too Late to Complete the We READ 30-Day Challenge

Families that read together, grow together! Shared reading time is one of the most important ways to prepare a child for success in school. Research shows that children who are read to from birth have larger vocabularies, higher IQs, stronger social connections, and better problem-solving skills.



There's still time for families to complete the annual We READ 30-day challenge at Phoenix Public Library. Read together for 30 days between now and April 1 to earn fun prizes including a We READ t-shirt for kids and library tote bag for adults. Take the challenge and make reading a habit! For more information, visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org or call 602-262-4636.

Do You Know... When to Throw?

Many home and garden products are considered hazardous. Items such as auto batteries, rechargeable batteries, pool chemicals, paint thinner, kerosene, gasoline and more are capable of catching fire or interacting with other chemicals that could be harmful and dangerous to your family and to city staff.

Before placing them in your solid waste containers, please take a moment to read the labels. Look for warning words: caution, toxic, corrosive, pesticide, combustible, poison, flammable, warning, danger.

Take flammable and combustible materials to the next Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection

event. Or, find someone who can use your leftover products. Don't place flammable and combustible materials in your solid waste containers.



Details:

- Friday & Saturday, March 18 & 19
- 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Desert West Park
- 6602 W. Encanto Blvd.

For information about what you must bring with you to the event and items that are prohibited, check out phoenix.gov/publicworks and click on "Household Hazardous Waste Events" or call 602-262-7251.

Save \$\$\$ When You Reduce and Recycle

"Save As You Reduce and Recycle" (SAY R&R) offers residents, who currently have curbside trash pick-up service, the option of downsizing to a medium green trash container for a savings of \$3 a month on their solid waste services bill. Additionally, residents



must be enrolled in the city's recycling program before they can sign up for the SAY R&R program.

For more information please visit phoenix.gov/publicworks and click on "Solid Waste Programs" or call 602-262-7251.

City Services Bill Pay Reminders

Did you know you can save money and time by paying for your City Services bill online? Visit phoenix.gov and click on "Pay Your City Services Bill" on the homepage. Residents can also sign up for paperless billing by clicking the link. If you mail in your monthly payment, please do not mail cash. Use the remittance slip found at the bottom of your bill and be sure to include your account number.

Day of Service

In honor of César Chávez Day (March 31), the Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department will hold a day of service clean-up event at César Chávez Park at 35th Ave. and Baseline Rd. on a to-be-announced date during the month of March. Updated details about the event and information about how to volunteer is available by visiting phoenix.gov/parks and clicking on the "César Chávez Day of Service" link or calling 602-262-6862.