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Getting a permit gets easier

Getting a permit with the city just got easier, and you may not even have to make a trip to Phoenix City Hall. The Planning & Development Department now offers 23 new online permits through the city website: phoenix.gov/pdd/onlineservices/online-permitting. The new expanded system includes residential, commercial and fire permits for minor work that is currently eligible for an over-the-counter permit with code compliance verified by the city inspector.

Five new residential permits will allow residents and contractors to do minor electrical and plumbing remodel work, including adding new circuits and pipes to a house. A residential field consultation permit also is being

added to allow residents to meet with an inspector on-site to ask technical questions about an upcoming project or get advice on how best to deal with non-permitted construction from a previous owner.

Eight new commercial permits are available online. The fire prevention permits include fire alarm and sprinkler system modifications, special egress control, fire alarm dialers and fire-line stub-outs.

The city's goal is to make the permitting process easier by providing online services 24/7, reducing wait times at the permit counter and facilitating private development.

For more information, visit phoenix.gov/pdd or call 602-262-7811.

Seeking City Hall volunteers to connect



In October, City Hall Connectors, a helpful group of volunteers will be committed to connecting City Hall visitors with all the services the city has to offer. They will be stationed at the first floor information desk facing Washington Street, and will be the welcoming faces as visitors enter the building Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The city is looking for eligible volunteers 18 years of age and above who can commit a minimum of two shifts per month. They will receive training, free parking during their assigned shifts and a chance to meet other friendly volunteers and city employees. To apply, visit volunteer.phoenix.gov or call 602-262-7177.

Household hazardous waste event

The next Household Hazardous Waste Event is coming up for city residential solid waste customers. 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.

Details: 7 a.m. to noon Friday and Saturday, Oct. 16 and 17 at Pecos Park, 17010 S. 48th St. Bring your current city services bill showing solid waste fees and a matching photo ID.

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

I Recycle Phoenix

Time to clean out the closet and recycle your used household items! The I Recycle Phoenix festival will accept: laptops, electronics, phone books, writing utensils, rechargeable and old batteries, ink jet cartridges, clothing, small appliances and holiday decor. Document shredding also will be offered (up to five boxes-full), along with hard drive shredding. The city is also seeking volunteers at this event.



Items not accepted: hazardous items (tires, oil-based paints, chemicals). A \$5 fee will be charged for bulky computer monitors, and \$10 for bulky TVs.

Details: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, Desert Ridge Marketplace, 21001 N. Tatum Blvd. (behind AMC Theatres).

For more information, visit phoenixrecycles.org.

Public Works hosts contest for young artists

The Public Works Department, in partnership with the Youth and Education Office, is calling on young K-8 artists to submit original artwork for a new picture book called "Jeremy Jackrabbit Builds a House," by Sasha and Rodney Glassman. Selected artwork will be published in spring of 2016 and distributed to every kindergarten student in Maricopa County. Entries will be accepted during the month of October, and can be mailed to the city of Phoenix Youth and Education Office, 200 W. Washington St., 12th floor, Phoenix, AZ 85003. They can also be dropped off at any of the 17 Phoenix libraries. For a list of libraries and more information about artwork submissions, visit phoenix.gov/publicworks/JeremyJackrabbit.



Free landscape workshops for Phoenix residents

Did you know the city's Water Department offers free landscape workshops? Come learn from gardening and conservation experts about how to properly water your lawn and create beautiful outdoor spaces by using plants that love the Phoenix weather. Visit phoenix.gov/water to sign-up and view the full list of upcoming classes.

Celebrate Phoenix Food Day

The city of Phoenix invites you to celebrate healthy eating at Phoenix Food Day, a free event. Phoenix Food Day will provide information on eating healthy, food samples, gardening tips and other activities. The event also will feature a Food Day Café with cooking demonstrations from expert chefs and nutritionists. Come visit the Kids Healthy Food Zone with games and activities, workshops and live music. Join in the "Apple Crunch" at noon and help set a record for the most participants in an apple-crunching event in downtown Phoenix. For more information, visit phoenix.gov/sustainability/foodday.

Details: Thursday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cesar Chavez Plaza, 251 W. Washington St.

Valuable Travel Tips from America's Friendliest Airport®

Traveling this Fall? Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport wants you to be aware of two helpful services. America's Friendliest Airport® has a handy parking tool where you can check parking availability as well as view recommendations on where to park based on convenience or affordability. Early Bag Check allows travelers flying American, Southwest or United to check their bags before arriving at the terminals at the following locations: East Economy Parking, 44th Street PHX Sky Train® Station or at the Rental Car Center. The service is free, though airline bag fees apply.

For more information, visit skyharbor.com or call the 24-hour parking hotline at 602-273-4545.

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City prosecutors recognized for persistence on Woodbridge case

City Prosecutors BeBe Parascandola and Bob Smith were recently recognized as Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys Advisory Council Prosecutors of the Year for their work on the Woodbridge Apartments case. The case resulted in a \$2.8 million judgement against the property owner who was found



City prosecutors receive award at the APAAC Annual Prosecutor Conference, Tucson, June, 2015. Pictured from left to right: BeBe Parascandola, Vicki Hill, Bob Smith, and Elizabeth Ortiz, APAAC Executive Director.

guilty on many counts after tenants were found living without air conditioning in the summer, among other deteriorating conditions. City staff was determined to bring residents relief and hold the owners accountable. The court ended up issuing a guilty verdict on 385 of the 406 criminal counts, imposing total fines of \$2.8 million.

Additionally, this is the first summer in which the city's new cooling and heating ordinance is in effect. It requires landlords to heat and cool rental properties to specific temperatures.

For more information on the new cooling and heating ordinance, visit codepublishing.com/az/phoenix. To learn more about tenant resources, visit phoenix.gov/nsd/programs/landlord-tenant-counseling.

Go purple in October in support of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Did you know that one in four women and one in seven men have experienced domestic violence in their lifetime? Please show support for the third annual Paint Phoenix Purple campaign throughout October with displays of purple, like installing a purple light bulb on your porch, wearing purple on Fridays, tying a purple ribbon on your car antenna, etc. Also, the city invites everyone to wear purple on Thursday, Oct. 15 and use the hashtag #AZWearPurpleDay on social media.



For more information, visit paintphoenixpurple.org. If you or someone you know needs help, call the Family Advocacy Center at 602-534-2120 or the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233.

Lets celebrate Phoenix Arts and Culture

Celebrate Phoenix Arts + Culture @ 30 is a festival to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Phoenix's Arts and Culture Commission. Nearly 100 arts and culture organizations will participate through music, dance and theatre performances, art making demonstrations, information booths, talks, and downtown public art tours. Food trucks and activities for all ages will be available.

Details: Saturday, October 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Phoenix Convention Center and Herberger Theatre in downtown Phoenix.

For more information, visit phoenix.gov/arts or call 602-262-4637.

May this card be with you... always

Phoenix Public Library will be holding a Star Wars-themed *Amazing Library Card* drive in October and November. Stop by one of our 17 locations to register for a card and gain access to a wealth of information! Cards are free to all Maricopa County residents; all you need is proof of identification.

Details: Cantina kickoff on Friday, Oct. 2, 6 to 8 p.m. at Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N. Central Ave. The galactic fun continues on Saturday, Oct. 10, with Star Wars Reads Day celebrations at a handful of locations.

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