



NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT



To Preserve, Enhance & Engage Phoenix Neighborhoods

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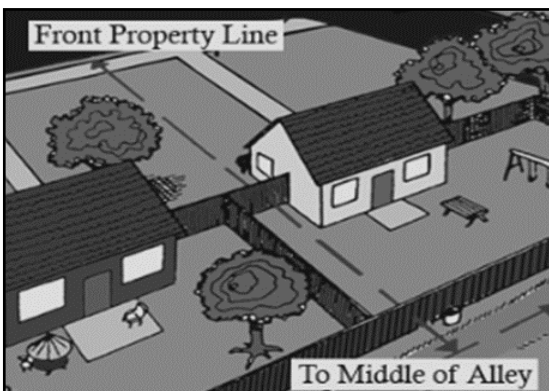


Spring is in the Air and Weeds Begin to Flare!

With our unseasonably warm winter this year, weeds are cropping up early in Phoenix. Weeds grow quickly in the springtime and are not only unsightly, but can aggravate allergies and harbor insects and rodents. When high weeds like tumbleweeds become dry, they can also create a fire hazard. Allowing the growth of weeds negatively impacts neighborhoods and if allowed to exceed six inches, they become a Phoenix city code violation.



Owners and occupants of properties in Phoenix are required to keep weeds cut to below six inches in height and remove dead and dry vegetation on all yards and along the adjacent right of ways. The area to keep free of high weeds includes from the property line to the curb and the midpoint of the alley where applicable.



Phoenix residents are encouraged to join efforts to fight blight and keep our neighborhoods free of excessive weed growth.

Preventative measures such as mechanical pulling of weeds when they first appear or applying pre- and post-emergent herbicides can significantly reduce weed issues on your property. It is also important to make arrangements to have someone maintain your yard if you plan to be out of town for an extended period of time.

Additionally, if you are aware of a neighbor who has difficulty maintaining their yard, offer to lend a helping hand. A small act of kindness can go a long way in preserving the environmental health of your neighborhood.

You can make a significant difference in maintaining a healthy and safe environment in your neighborhood. Keep Phoenix clean and beautiful for all to enjoy!

AROUND THE CITY



Each tax season, the city of Phoenix's Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) campaign helps working families with free tax preparation and filing services. Preparation and filing assistance for families who earned less than \$54,000 in 2017 is now available.

Seventeen primary sites, located in Phoenix, are offering free tax preparation and filing services from Monday, January 20 through Tuesday, April 17, including Saturdays. A list of Phoenix sites, with 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.

Individuals and families may qualify and file for the child tax credit, dependent care credit, education tax credit and EITC up to \$6,318 at the city's free tax preparation sites. For information about the city of Phoenix EITC program and what documents to bring, visit phoenix.gov/eitc.

For more information about Valley-wide EITC site locations and hours of operation, call the Internal Revenue Service at 1-800-906-9887 or visit irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep.



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

To learn more about the Fair Housing Act, visit hud.gov. To learn more about the city of Phoenix Housing Department programs and services, visit phoenix.gov/housing.



Love Your Block Supports Resident Projects

Love Your Block (LYB) is funding nine grassroots projects with \$1,000 grants in Phoenix.

LYB supports resident-led community revitalization projects that connect residents with city leaders and brings them together to bring about positive change in neighborhoods. AmeriCorps VISTA members, Talia Ramella and Lenny Gross manage the program, which has expanded citywide this year.

As a capacity building exercise, LYB mobilizes neighborhoods behind common goals and sets the stage for future community revitalization projects. Central to the program is the spirit of equipping residents with tools and resources to lead the change they wish to see in their communities.

This year's projects include an Alley Activation in South Phoenix. The Women's Support Group of South Phoenix, a newly formed neighborhood association, will become stewards of an alleyway adjacent to the community center in which they all meet. By taking ownership over the thoroughfare, they will create a safe walking space for the neighborhood



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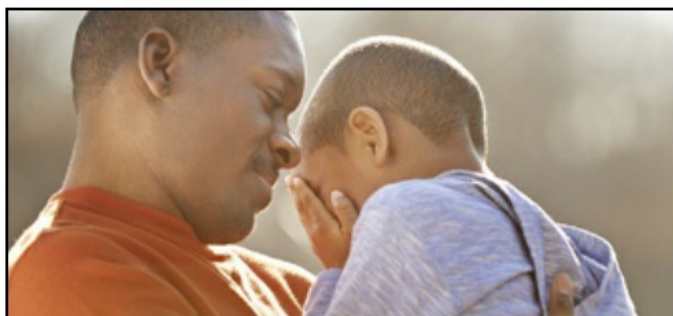
The Grant Park community garden, located in the Grant Park neighborhood just south of the Warehouse District, is another great LYB project. Neighborhood volunteers will create straw bale gardens. These unique raised garden beds are more environmentally sustainable than traditional raised beds, harbor

nutrients necessary to plant growth, and are easily movable. These garden beds will be adopted by Grant Park neighbors and used to grow seasonal vegetables.

Other LYB projects range from tree plantings, community murals, and lot activations. If you have a community revitalization idea of your own, keep an eye out on phoenix.gov/volunteer for the 2018-2019 grant cycle.

MANC 2018 FATHERHOOD SUMMIT

M.A.N. C.A.V.E.



A FREE two-day event for men, community agencies and organizations!

April 19-20, 2018

Phoenix Convention Center-West Building

REGISTER ONLINE AT:

2018mancavesummit.eventbrite.com

FIRST THINGS FIRST



UnitedHealthcare





Infill project breaks ground on two new builds in Garfield

The City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department (NSD) received approval to construct two quality and energy-efficient affordable single-family homes for homeownership in the Garfield community.

The two new home sites located at 702 North 11th Street are part of the Redevelopment Area adjacent to Downtown Phoenix.

NSD has teamed up with Trellis, a non-profit dedicated to making stable homes and communities possible by educating, building and lending, through a Request for Proposal and was awarded the contract to construct the new infill homes.

Trellis designed two, 3-Bedroom, 2-Bath homes that are Silver-rated, EnergyStar, Indoor Air Quality Plus-V3 with HERS index scores of 53-57. They are fully accessible and conserve water, reduce utility demand and maintenance costs and foster a healthy living environment.

Furthermore, the designs are compatible with historic building patterns of the neighborhood in scale, type and setback and include historical architectural features common to the Garfield neighborhood.

Interested buyers may qualify for up to \$15,000 down payment assistance. To learn more about the Community Development Block Grant buyer eligibility requirements to purchase these two homes in the Garfield Neighborhood, visit the website Trellisaz.org or call Trellis at (602) 258-1659.



From l to r: Shelly Chen, Project Manager, Trellis; Caroline Cancel, Director of Real Estate Development, Trellis; Arturo Perez, Chair of Trellis Board; Councilwoman Kate Gallego; Patricia Garcia Duarte, President and CEO, Trellis; Dana Johnson, President, Garfield Organization; and Chris Hallett, Director, NSD.

IN YOUR WORDS



I'm from southern California, born and raised. Coming from California, owning a home just didn't seem realistic. It just seemed like a dream.

Then I moved here to Arizona in 2010 and was ready to grow and expand and actually be a home buyer.

To be the first homebuyer in the South Phoenix Village, the feeling is amazing. It's a feeling that I've never felt before. I feel special, I feel lucky, I feel fortunate, and I think the neighborhood definitely has a bright future.

I can't say thank you enough. I'm living proof that dreams come true. I want to thank everybody involved who made it possible, who created affordable housing for someone like me and so I don't have to be a renter for the rest of my life.

The home is amazing. It's beautiful and the builders have thought of everything. The home is energy efficient, has zero gravity elevation from the driveway to the front door, has wider hallways and doors, lockable medicine cabinets, has window treatments and everything has come together. I'm in awe of the place.

I can't wait for the project to fully come to fruition. I can see myself in this home for many years to come.

Sha Wanda Brewer

First-time home buyer and South Phoenix Village resident



MARCH

LANDSCAPE WATERING.

Tuesday, 3/24 from 2 - 3 p.m.

Learn how to properly water your landscape to save time and increase the health and beauty of your plants. Cesar Chavez Library, 3635 W. Baseline Rd. To register, visit phoenix.gov/water or call (602) 261-8367.

FIND AND FIX LEAKS.

Learn how to find and fix leaks that could be draining your budget. Below is a list of dates and locations. To register, visit phoenix.gov/water or call (602) 261-8367.

- **Tuesday, 3/20 from 3 - 4 p.m., Century Library, 1750 E. Highland Ave.**
- **Wednesday, 3/21 from 3 - 4 p.m., Desert Sage Library, 7602 W. Encanto Blvd.**
- **Thursday, 3/22 from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., Yucca Library, 5648 N. 15th Ave.**
- **Saturday, 3/24 from 12 - 1 p.m., Mesquite Library, 4525 Paradise Village Pkwy.**

CODE COMPLIANCE 101 WORKSHOP.

Thursday, 3/29 from 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Learn how to report blight, the code compliance process, and about our volunteer programs. Join us in keeping our city neighborhoods clean and beautiful. South Mountain Community Center, 212 E. Alta Vista Road. To register, call 602-534-4444.

APRIL

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT 101 WORKSHOP.

Tuesday, 4/10 from 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Learn about the Planning and Development Department (PDD) services, the physical development of the city, how they preserve historic sites and plan what can be built where to ensure safe construction of building and infrastructures. This workshop will also provide an overview of the planning and zoning process and ways you can get involved in your community to learn more about future growth and development. Location To Be Determined. To register, call 602-534-4444

LANDLORD AND TENANT WORKSHOP.

Wednesday, 4/14 from 6 - 8 p.m.

This workshop will provide an overview of the rights and responsibilities for both tenants and landlords including the eviction process, rent and deposits, and the AZ Residential Landlord and Tenant Laws. Deer Valley Community Center, 2001 W. Wahalla Lane. To register, call 602-534-4444.

CODE COMPLIANCE 101 WORKSHOP.

Thursday, 4/26 from 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Learn how to report blight, the code compliance process, and about our volunteer programs. Join us in keeping our city neighborhoods clean and beautiful. Maryvale Community Center, 4420 N. 51st Avenue. To register, call 602-534-4444.



City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department

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Did you know that City of Phoenix offers graffiti removal paint and supplies to residents interested in abating graffiti on their own property and/or neighborhood? Simply contact the Graffiti Program and speak to a staff person about the needed paint and supplies. A field employee will assess the area(s) to identify the paint color and amount needed. Once this has been determined, the resident can either pick up the order or have it delivered to their home. #GraffitiFreePHX



Did you know that the Graffiti Busters Program uses a computerized color matching system to color match paint?

Graffiti crews already carry various colors of paint on their paint trucks. However, when they come across a different color, they can simply scan that color and make the paint. The paint is used to cover over the graffiti and the remainder left with the property owner to remove future tags on their property.

Simply contact the Graffiti Busters Program and speak to a staff person about the needed paint and supplies. A field employee will assess the area(s) to identify the paint color and amount needed. Once this has been determined, the resident can either pick up the order or have it delivered to their home. Learn more at phoenix.gov/graffiti or call 602-534-4444.

#GraffitiFreePHX



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