

THE BUZZ

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The Cactus Wren Block Watch

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Upcoming Block Watch Meetings

CACTUS WREN BLOCK WATCH ZOOM MEETINGS

January 21, 2021 @ 6:30 pm

March 18, 2021 @ 6:30pm

JOIN ZOOM MEETING LINK
MEETING NUMBER – 372-983-5023
PASSCODE – CWBW2021

If you are having trouble connecting and need assistance call Stan Bates at 602-463-4711.



This and That

Next bulk trash pickup

You can start putting out trash on March 6th. Pick-up begins on March 15th.

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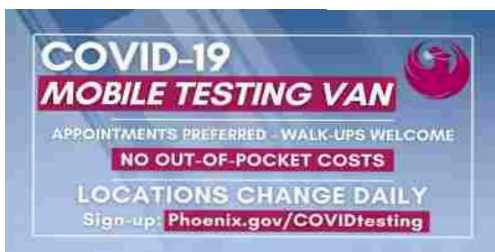
Your City of Phoenix water bill will increase \$3.25 starting January 1st. This is applied to the solid waste rate which is part of the bill.

Our Cactus Wren neighborhood is ever changing and new issues occur continuously. Whether you have lived here a while or are new to the neighborhood, this is **YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD**. Our future depends on you! **Become involved now!** Do you know your neighbors. Do you watch your street and report suspicious activity. Do you take notice of zoning violations and report them. Do you report graffiti issues. These are just a few things you can do to make our neighborhood better.

It's everyone's job to make our neighborhood a good place to live and grow.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Visit [Phoenix.gov/COVIDtesting](https://www.phoenix.gov/COVIDtesting) for details about upcoming dates, times and locations. Saturday, January 23rd the van will be at Cholla Library 10050 N. Metro Pkwy E.



Introducing our elected District 1 councilwoman, Ann O'Brien

It is my honor and privilege to be elected as the Phoenix City Councilwoman representing District 1. I look forward to my inauguration in April 2021.

Born and raised in Phoenix, I am a graduate of Greenway High School and Arizona State University. My husband, Terry, and I raised our two children in North Phoenix; Amanda, who is a high school math teacher, and Thomas, who is a mechanical engineering student at Northern Arizona University.



While raising Amanda and Thomas, I began to volunteer in my children's school and serve as President of the Stetson Hills PTSA which led me to substitute teaching and coaching junior high softball. In 2014 and 2018 I ran and won a seat on the Deer Valley USD school board. A focus on the school board was a crucial realignment of school boundaries to ensure every student in the district has the resources they need to succeed.

My community advocacy continued with Julie Read in the effort to keep homeless sex offenders from being housed in our neighborhoods and advocating for a new fire station in North Phoenix.

I decided to run for the Phoenix City Council because I passionately believe in the power of bringing people together to solve problems - to find common ground in service of our community. I am proud of my record, and look forward to continuing to tackle the serious issues facing our community.

My priorities on the City Council include:

- Protect public safety by ensuring our police officers and firefighters have every tool they need to do their jobs so that we can lower response times and save more lives. We must also invest in training, equipment, and comprehensive safety measures, as well as making sure our community centers and recreation programs serve as strong community hubs.
- Make our neighborhoods safer and healthier places to raise a family. Strengthening our neighborhoods was why I entered public service, and will focus on ensuring everyone can access great local schools and high-quality jobs, enjoy well-maintained parks and roads, and feel safe at home.
- Strengthen our economy by attracting more high-quality employers like State Farm and USAA to Phoenix, while seeking out new employers that offer the high-tech, high-wage careers of the future.

I look forward to meeting you and working with all residents to strengthen the future for our neighborhoods, our district and our city.

**Respectfully,
Ann O' Brien**

Alley Camera Signs

Dave Guzman with Public Works delivered 30 new camera signs that will be installed throughout the entire square mile area starting in late January or early February. Several signs were installed on December 12th by Frank Steinmetz, Dan Cronin and His father, Jim. Not pictured, Stan Bates.



REMINDER -

We still have several Alley House Number signs that were requested by residents at previous block watch meetings that need to be picked up. Please call Fred May at 623-931-9832 to make arrangements to get your sign. The following house numbers have not been claimed: **3735, 3808, 3811, 3819, 3931, 4007, 4114, 4203, 4219, 4237, 4249, 9640 and 10423.**



The Phoenix Police Department now has a mobile app, bringing a variety of resources and information to one place.

Users can use the app to access online reporting, crime statistics, precinct locations, phone numbers, career opportunities, virtual block watch, victims' rights information, and more. Users can also turn on notifications from the precinct they live in to receive news updates and information on events in their area.

The app is available on the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

Alley Maintenance -

Remember, we are responsible for the cleanliness of our alleys to keep them clear of weeds/trash.

The City code states that as homeowners/renters we are responsible for the area 10 feet from our fence. Failure to maintain could result in a fine by the City.

How do I dispose of old prescriptions?

Pills and patch opioids often come with disposal instructions. Additionally, twice a year, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and local law enforcement agencies partner to provide safe and convenient drop-off points for unwanted medications. You can locate an authorized collector in our area by visiting [takebackday.dea.gov](https://www.takebackday.dea.gov) or calling the agency's call center at **1-800-882-9539**.

Thanks to Joyce Steinmetz for this article

Luminarias Return to Carol Ave.

After an absence of 17 years, over 850 luminarias lined Carol Ave.(AKA The Carolers) from 39th to 43rd Aves on Christmas Eve. When the family that originally organized the event moved in 2003 nobody continued the tradition until Daniel Escobedo and his wife decided that it would be a good idea to do it again this year after all we have been thru and to do something to bring a little joy to the neighborhood. With help from some neighbors the tradition has returned. They join the neighbors that live on the 42nd block of Mountain View who spread the holiday spirit by lining over 300 luminarias.

Hopefully next year more streets will adopt this tradition and brighten up our neighborhood even more.



Update on alley gate installation

On Saturday January 9th, a group of volunteers met at 42nd Ave and Cinnabar to clean up the alley between Cinnabar Ave. and Ironwood Dr. as well as the alley behind Ironwood Dr., Mountain View Rd. and 41st Dr. This cleanup was a requirement by the City before the installation of the alley gates can be completed. Once installed only the residents, utilities and 1st responders will have access to these alleys. The gates should be installed sometime around the end of January or the first of February. These alleys have been selected to receive a Grant to cover the expenses to install the Gates as part of a pilot project conducted by the City of Phoenix. A special thanks to Stan Bates and Frank Steinmetz for all their hard work in making this happen. Anyone interested in learning more about this program to have your alley gated please contact Stan at cactuswrennews@hotmail.com or visit our website at www.CactusWrenBW.com. The program has a web site at www.gatedalley@phoenix.org



Thanks to the following volunteers for all their hard work. Stan Bates, Frank and Joyce Steinmetz, Judy Stout, Dan Ford, Bruce Pieper, Dan Cronin, Jim Cronin, Fred May, Mary Searle, Dana Spora, Larry Way, Mindy and Jason Henke, Bill and Diane Sullivan, Angel Marquez, Mario Medina, Stephen Wilkens, Mike Caldwell and Sal Gagliardi who brought his sons Jake and Antonio. Also lending a hand were CAO officers Austin Diaz and Eric Boardman.

Maricopa County sets sign-ups for next phase of vaccinations - Individuals who fall into the 1B group can go to maricopa.gov/5651/Phase-1B to setup an appointment to receive the vaccination. If you have questions or need further assistance call 602-506-6767.

PUBLIC TRANSIT

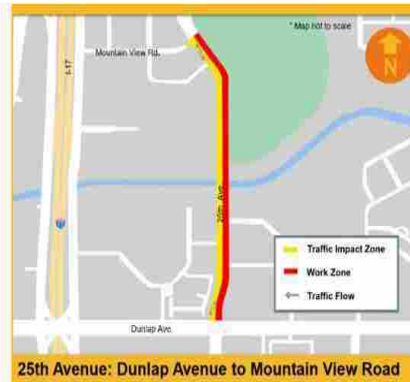
Northwest Extension Phase II Construction Update



The Northwest Extension Phase II (NWEII) project will extend light rail west on Dunlap Avenue from 19th Avenue, then north on 25th Avenue and across I-17 on Mountain View Road with a terminus on the west side of the freeway near Metrocenter Mall.

Northwest Extension Phase II light rail project construction is underway by the project contractor, Kiewit-McCarthy, A Joint Venture (KMJV) and third-party utility companies, such as Salt River Project (SRP).

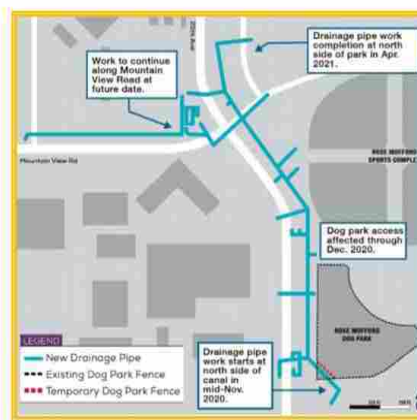
- **25th Avenue between Dunlap Avenue and Mountain View Road:** KJMJV is performing underground utility relocation and roadway construction on 25th Avenue between Dunlap Avenue and Mountain View Road during day and nighttime hours. Traffic lanes will be located on the west side of 25th Avenue and restricted to one north- and one southbound lane. Traffic restrictions will be in place 24/7 through Fri., Jan. 29, 2021 at 5 a.m. [Click here \[t.e2ma.net\]](#) for more information.



- **Dunlap Avenue between 19th and 25th avenues:** KJMJV and SRP are performing underground utility relocation and roadway construction on Dunlap Avenue between 19th and 25th avenues during day and nighttime hours. Traffic lanes will be located on the south side of Dunlap Avenue and restricted to one west- and one eastbound lane. Traffic restrictions will be in place 24/7 through Mon., May 31, 2021 at 5 a.m. [Click here \[t.e2ma.net\]](#) for more information.



- **Rose Mofford Sports Complex and Dog Park:** KJMJV is replacing drainage infrastructure in and adjacent to Rose Mofford Sports Complex and Dog Park. The work will involve removing fencing on the southwest corner of the dog park. Temporary fencing will be placed, allowing continued use of the park during construction. In addition, available parking areas will change throughout the process. **The Rose Mofford Sports Complex and Dog Park will remain open during this work.** The work will be completed in late spring 2021. [Click here \[t.e2ma.net\]](#) for more information.



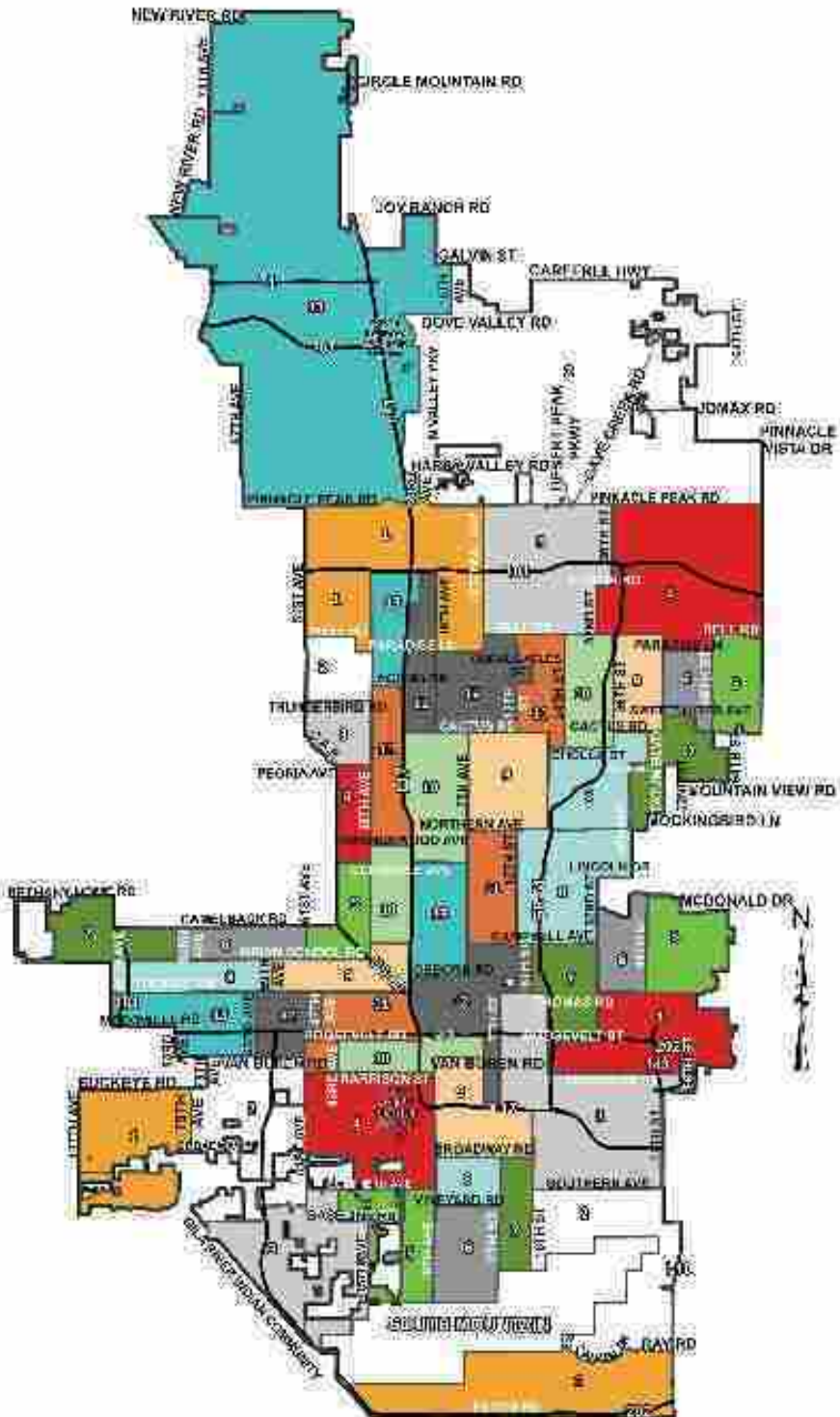
Visit valleymetro.org/northwest2 [\[t.e2ma.net\]](#) to view the latest updates and learn more about the project.

CACTUS WREN IS ZONE 4 (RED)

2020-21 BULK TRASH PICKUP SCHEDULE

Area	Placement Begins On	Collection Begins Week Of
1	Nov. 14, '20	Nov. 23, '20
	Feb. 13, '21	Feb. 22, '21
	May 15, '21	May 24, '21
	Aug. 14, '21	Aug. 23, '21
2	Nov. 21, '20	Nov. 30, '20
	Feb. 20, '21	Mar. 1, '21
	May 22, '21	May 31, '21
	Aug. 21, '21	Aug. 30, '21
3	Nov. 28, '20	Dec. 7, '20
	Feb. 27, '21	Mar. 8, '21
	May 29, '21	Jun. 7, '21
	Aug. 28, '21	Sep. 6, '21
4	Dec. 5, '20	Dec. 14, '20
	Mar. 6, '21	Mar. 15, '21
	Jun. 5, '21	Jun. 14, '21
	Sep. 4, '21	Sep. 13, '21
5	Dec. 12, '20	Dec. 21, '20
	Mar. 13, '21	Mar. 22, '21
	Jun. 12, '21	Jun. 21, '21
	Sep. 11, '21	Sep. 20, '21
6	Dec. 19, '20	Dec. 28, '20
	Mar. 20, '21	Mar. 29, '21
	Jun. 19, '21	Jun. 28, '21
	Sep. 18, '21	Sep. 27, '21
7	Dec. 26, '20	Jan. 4, '21
	Mar. 27, '21	Apr. 5, '21
	Jun. 25, '21	Jul. 3, '21
	Sep. 25, '21	Oct. 4, '21
8	Jan. 2, '21	Jan. 11, '21
	Apr. 3, '21	Apr. 12, '21
	Jul. 3, '21	Jul. 12, '21
	Oct. 2, '21	Oct. 11, '21
9	Jan. 9, '21	Jan. 18, '21
	Apr. 10, '21	Apr. 19, '21
	Jul. 10, '21	Jul. 19, '21
	Oct. 9, '21	Oct. 18, '21
10	Jan. 16, '21	Jan. 25, '21
	Apr. 17, '21	Apr. 26, '21
	Jul. 17, '21	Jul. 26, '21
	Oct. 16, '21	Oct. 25, '21
11	Jan. 23, '21	Feb. 1, '21
	Apr. 24, '21	May 3, '21
	Jul. 24, '21	Aug. 2, '21
	Oct. 23, '21	Nov. 1, '21
12	Jan. 30, '21	Feb. 8, '21
	May 1, '21	May 10, '21
	Jul. 31, '21	Aug. 9, '21
	Oct. 30, '21	Nov. 8, '21
13	Feb. 6, '21	Feb. 15, '21
	May 8, '21	May 17, '21
	Aug. 7, '21	Aug. 16, '21
	Nov. 6, '21	Nov. 15, '21

* Due to challenges brought about by the pandemic, you may experience delays on your bulk trash collection. We appreciate your patience during these times.



FOR A MORE DETAILED MAP AND SCHEDULE, VISIT: PHOENIX.GOV/PUBLICWORKS/BULKTRASH

Cactus Wren Block Watch

(Dunlap to Peoria and 35th Ave to 43rd Ave)

The neighborhood known as Cactus Wren was built in the late 1960's and early 1970's. There are over 1800 single family homes, two small condo areas and one apartment complex. We also have three schools which include the Cactus Wren Elementary School (K-6), The Abraham Lincoln Traditional School (K-8) and the North Point Preparatory Academy (7th-12th).

We have 4 scheduled meetings that begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Cactus Wren Elementary School located at 9650 N. 39th Ave. every year on the 3rd Thursday in January, March, May and October

We believe strongly that more involvement by our citizens in our community, will result in a safer neighborhood and enhance a bonding among us.

If you want more information about our Block Watch contact Stan Bates at www.cactuswrennews@hotmail.com.

Cactus Wren Neighborhood Leaders

Stan Bates	Chairman
Frank Steinmetz	Past Chairman
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