



METRO BLOCK WATCH NEWSLETTER

"Neighbors Helping Neighbors"



Summer 2025

About Metro Block Watch



Where can you meet neighbors, get informative updates by Police on crime prevention efforts, be informed by special speakers, pick up safety and crime prevention items for your home and maybe win a door prize drawing or a 50/50 cash drawing--all in **just one hour**? At Metro Block Watch meetings, held at **Adelante Healthcare** near Peter Piper Pizza in the **Metro Pavilion Center, 9610 N. Metro Pkwy W.** "Upcoming Events" has dates.

Metro Block Watch includes residences and businesses from I-17 to 35th Avenue between Dunlap and Peoria Avenues. You can e-mail us at MetroBW@cox.net if you have questions, or our **mailing address** is:

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HEADLINES

- Phoenix Sales Tax increase to 9.1% is effective July 1, 2025. See pg. 2
- June 27th Combined Phoenix District 1 & 3 community meeting/breakfast (free) at 7:30 am at DoubleTree Hilton. RSVP: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D1CommunityMeeting>
- Police Updates highlights several success stories and the great work our men and women in blue have been doing to keep us safe and improve our quality of life. See pg. 3

How to Get Involved in Our Neighborhood

If you are wanting to make a difference in our neighborhood, here are some suggestions:

- * Attend monthly block watch 1-hr. meetings and get informed
 - * Deliver newsletters to a small area of the neighborhood
 - * Become a block watch captain and get neighbors involved
 - * Walk or bike the neighborhood regularly
 - * Get PNP Training, only 4 hrs. on July 26 (or online 9/17-18)
 - * Report to Police anything/anyone suspicious that you see
 - * Attend Phoenix Council Dist. 1 meetings and get informed
- Hear updates from Police precincts and other encouraging news. At a recent meeting, we learned that the application rate for our Police Academy has recently doubled, which is great news in view of our shortage of officers.

UPCOMING EVENTS - Mark Your Calendars

- Fri., June 27 (7:30am check-in)—City **Council Dist. 1 & Dist. 3 Community Meeting**, DoubleTree Hilton, 10220 N. Metro Pkwy. East. RSVP: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D1CommunityMeeting>
- Mon., July 14 (5:30pm) **Metro Block Watch**—Adelante Healthcare
- Wed., July 16 (8-Noon) **PNP (Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol) in-person training** at Mtn. View Precinct. Must pre-register. See details on pg. 5
- Wed., July 16 (10am-Noon) **Dementia Friendly Travel Workshop**, pg. 5
- Mon., Sept. 8 (5:30 pm) **Metro Block Watch**—Adelante Healthcare Speaker: Dist. 1 Councilwoman and Vice Mayor Ann O'Brien
- Mon., Oct. 6 (5:30 pm) **Metro Block Watch**—Adelante Healthcare Speaker: County Supervisor/Vice Chair Kate Brophy McGee. See pg. 2
- Thurs., Oct. 16 (10am-3pm) **MCAO Academy (FREE)**. See pg. 5

New Arizona Elder Abuse Registry

On June 16th Arizona Attorney General Kris Mayes announced a new Elder Abuse Registry, aimed at providing transparency and accountability to those who have been investigated for possible abuse of vulnerable adults.

According to state leaders, the registry includes all civil, criminal, and administrative actions reported to the AG's office. The list, maintained by the AG's office and updated monthly, contains both individuals and companies: <https://www.azag.gov/issues/elder-affairs/senior-abuse>.

How to Report Senior Abuse or Neglect

To report financial exploitation (frauds or scams), a tip can be submitted to the AG's TASA Helpline at (844) 894-4735 or (602) 542-2124.

The Arizona Attorney's Office says there are multiple ways to report abuse of any kind. In an emergency, it's always best to call 911, but for non-emergency instances of physical abuse, tips can be submitted to the state's Adult Protective Services. A 24/7 hotline is also available at (602) 264-HELP or (602) 264-4357.

The AG's office also says questions about this Elder Abuse Registry can be emailed to seniorabuse@azag.gov. Companies and individuals on the list are also welcome to add a written statement, as permitted by state law. More information about elder abuse and how to spot the warning signs can be found on the AG's website: <https://www.azag.gov/issues/elder-affairs/senior-abuse/training-guide>

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Kate Brophy McGee is Vice Chair of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, and represents District 3 (our area). She was elected to the Board of Supervisors in 2024, and she has served the public in many capacities, including four years as an Arizona State Senator, and almost a decade on the Washington Elementary School Board, among other positions.

HER PRIORITIES:

- 1) **Public Safety:** Safe communities are government's number one responsibility.
 - Support and fully fund our police and first responders
 - End the flood of deadly fentanyl into our communities
 - Prosecute misdemeanor and felony offenses that erode the safety and quality of life in our communities
- 2) **Election Integrity:** Elections must be conducted with maximum transparency and fully accommodate our many Election Day voters. She advocates for:
 - Working with our state legislature to enact Election Day improvements to end long lines, finalize results quickly and ensure open lines of communication between all county officials to solve unforeseen problems
 - Strengthening voter identification requirements
 - Protecting day of election voting
- 3) **Economic Development:** Maricopa County is one of the nation's fastest growing counties. In order to promote smart growth and enhance quality of life, we should:
 - Keep taxes low
 - Continue smart planning strategies to accommodate growth that preserves individual communities' unique characteristics
 - Streamline business permitting
 - Actively participate in water adequacy planning at the state and federal levels.

She will be speaking at our Oct. 6th Metro Block Watch Meeting. Plan to attend!

City of Phoenix Sales Tax Increase

REMINDER: Effective July 1, 2025 the City of Phoenix sales tax increases 0.5%, for a total of 9.1% when combined with current county and state sales taxes. It will increase on non-food items and at restaurants. City sales tax does not apply to things like groceries, gasoline or haircuts.

This half-percent sales tax increase is to help fill a \$39 million shortfall that City Manager Jeff Barton said was caused by the State Legislature eliminating rental taxes and lowering individuals' income taxes (through a flat tax) in 2022. The City has stated they plan to hire more firefighters and fund more homeless emergency services, among other things.

SHOP LOCAL

You can help the City of Phoenix with the current financial shortfall by **shopping local**. When you purchase items (vehicles, furniture/appliances, meals) in the City of Phoenix, rather than surrounding cities, the sales tax goes to help Phoenix and **us**, its residents!

Abandoned Grocery Carts

As a reminder, the City collects abandoned grocery carts that are not on private property and returns them to the retailer at their cost.

If you see a grocery cart in your neighborhood, please report it either by using PHX311, by visiting: <https://www.phoenix.gov/nsd/program/s/shopping-cart-retrieval> or by calling 602-534-4444.

Regulations for e-Bikes

Please see the enclosed flyer for the latest City of Phoenix regulations regarding e-Bikes, e-Scooters and motor-driven cycles. This information is intended to promote responsible use in legal areas while discouraging unsafe practices that pose risks to the public.

Parents, please take note. Stay informed so that your family won't be breaking any laws!

POLICE UPDATES



From Cactus Park Police: The officers of Cactus Park Police Precinct actively work to address criminal activity in our community. These are highlights of a small portion of the incredible work they do every day. Many times, these start from a call for service from an engaged community member like you.

On May 7, 2025, the Human Exploitation and Trafficking Unit and the 91X Squad conducted **concentrated street prostitution enforcement** in the area between 4100 and 8000 N. 27th Ave. The enforcement efforts yielded 11 arrests for prostitution.

Transit Unit personnel conducted follow-up on a community complaint of **illegal activity adversely impacting the public's access to public transportation** near **2800 W. Peoria Ave.** Investigators developed probable cause to arrest nine adults for a variety of offenses. Affected facilities were restored to useable condition for the community.

Transit Unit investigated several **bus stops in the Metrocenter area for drug use and sales.** A primary suspect was identified and located at a nearby hotel. Surveillance was conducted and an apprehension plan led to the arrest of the primary suspect and an additional subject without incident. Both subjects had multiple outstanding felony warrants, a large amount of cash and drugs for sale

On May 21, 2025 at 11:08 am, **Transit** worked **drug complaints between Peoria Ave. and Cactus Rd. on 28th Dr.** at bus stops and the QT at Cactus. Eleven subjects were arrested for possession of fentanyl, and felony and misdemeanor warrants. Cleanups were requested for the bus stops. One subject was identified for his gang affiliation. **To report any concerns related to bus stops, please email the Transit Dept. at: ppd.comm.eng@phoenix.gov** .

Real-Time Operations Center Success Story:

On April 10, 2025, officers responded to a **robbery attempt at a fast food location** near Thunderbird Rd. and 35th Ave. where the suspect attempted to rob the drive-thru window before fleeing the area in a vehicle. With limited vehicle information, Cactus Park Precinct's Real-Time Operations Center specialists located the suspect vehicle and identified a possible suspect. The information was relayed to investigators which resulted in the apprehension of the suspect by specialized tactical enforcement officers. The incredible investigative work by our Real-Time Operations Center personnel and responding officers resulted in the expeditious apprehension of the suspect. Bravo!

On May 20, 2025, the **Community Action Team** conducted follow-up on continuous **complaints regarding a closed business** with a valid ATA (Authority to Arrest). When officers arrived on scene, they observed 11 individuals on the property **seated below a No Trespassing sign!** All 11 subjects were arrested. Three subjects had multiple felony warrants and one had narcotic and dangerous drugs for sale.

On May 23, 2025 at 4:45 am the **Cactus Park Precinct Community Action Officers, Neighborhood Enforcement Team squad, Park Rangers and OHS** (Office of Human Services) responded to La Pradera Park and **Cortez Park** regarding continuing complaints of after-hours trespassing at the parks and at Walgreen's on Dunlap and 35th Ave. **One person accepted services from OHS.** Other results were as follows:

- * Arrests – 10
 - Felonies – 6
 - Misdemeanors – 4
- * Meth – 47 grams
- * Fentanyl powder – 4.7 grams
- * Guns - 1

We are so appreciative that we have a top-notch group of officers at Cactus Park Police Precinct who are dedicated to fighting crime and maintaining public safety to help improve our quality of life. They deserve our respect and our thanks as they put their lives on the line every day for us!

Police Recruiting Status: As of May 30th, there were 76 total police recruits in our police academy, broken up into three different classes that graduate on different dates. We are happy to report that police recruiting continues to increase!

Speeding/Traffic Complaint Hotline: 602-534-7733. Almost any traffic-related issue can be handled by calling this number: speeding, cut-thru traffic in neighborhoods, illegal parking, school zone enforcement. The **number of calls received (call volume) drives** where the motor units (motorcycle police) will be patrolling, so please call if you have concerns. See also related article on Red Light / Speed cameras to be installed in Phoenix during Fall 2025 on pg. 7.

News from Vice Mayor and District 1 Councilwoman Ann O'Brien



During the Public Safety Subcommittee meeting on June 4th, I learned the vacancy rate for Phoenix Park Rangers is about 33%. Because of that, I led the charge to hire private security to supplement our park patrols overnight in some of our worst parks. Both resources are critical, which is why I recommended boosting private security until our rangers are fully staffed. When we maintain a presence—whether through our rangers or private security—and enforce the code of conduct and city ordinances, our parks are safer and more welcoming for our residents.

On June 6th, I had the privilege of witnessing Holocaust survivors lead the groundbreaking for the Hilton Family Holocaust Education Center. Thanks to the efforts of Steve Hilton, whose father was a Holocaust survivor, along with investments from the city, county, and state, the center will be dedicated to education. When it opens in 2027, all Arizona school children will have access at no charge. The 30,000-square-foot center is being built downtown on the grounds of the Cutler Plotkin Jewish Heritage Center.

As of June 7th, we celebrated another light rail milestone by opening the South Central Extension/Downtown Hub! This will add 5.5 miles and 8 new stations from downtown to Baseline Road. The extension is expected to bring 8,000 new daily riders. We live in a multi-modal society and by offering different ways to get around, we provide opportunities for people to better connect with jobs, schools, and sporting and cultural events.

The week of May 12th, Governor Hobbs signed Senate Bill 1287 into law. It's a bill I pushed and it's a great example of bipartisanship that will help protect Arizona students and support our police officers. The **bill addressed two issues** that are critical to Phoenix schools and our Police Department, and I was pleased to work with State Senator David Gowan who sponsored the bill.

First, **we found a way to increase the pool of school resource officers**, often called SROs. In Phoenix, we have more requests for SROs than we can accommodate. That's why I advocated to allow retired police officers to return to work as SROs without losing their pension or creating an unfunded liability for the city. Thanks to State Senator David Gowan for sponsoring SB1287 and Governor Katie Hobbs for signing the bill into law, we can now welcome back retired officers who want to serve as SROs.

The **other part of SB1287 will help us retain officers**. For many years, we have been understaffed and while I'm proud that we have increased compensation to make Phoenix the highest paid law enforcement agency in the state, it's not always about money. Sometimes our officers need to reduce their hours to care for a child, spouse, or parent. Thanks to the new law, patrol officers will have the opportunity to work part-time to care for an immediate family member without losing access to their pension if they return to work full-time within three years. This flexibility will help us retain our critical patrol officers and attract new ones.

I can't thank our state leaders enough for helping the city implement creative ways to support our police department and our schools.

Our office has received many calls and emails related to fireworks. If you have concerns about fireworks, please contact your elected State Senators and State Representatives. In the City of Phoenix, we have ordinances and regulations prohibiting the sale and use of fireworks within city limits. However, in 2015, the State Legislature passed a law which supersedes our ordinances to allow for the sale and use of fireworks throughout the State during four permitted holidays. <https://www.phoenix.gov/fire/safety-information/fire-safety/fireworks>

Why am I telling you this? Because the **City Council has no authority over the sale and use of fireworks within our city limits due to the State Legislature**. If you prefer fireworks to be outlawed and not be allowed except for special events and by highly trained professionals, then please contact your State Legislators – they are the only ones with the authority to change the laws around firework usage. <https://www.azleg.gov/findmylegislator/>

Councilwoman/Vice Mayor Ann O'Brien will be speaking at our Sept. 8th Metro Block Watch meeting at 5:30 pm at Adelante Healthcare Community Room.



Phoenix Pools Are Open for Summer!

Beat the heat. Phoenix public pools are now officially open for the season! Dive into summer sun at a pool near you and enjoy a safe, refreshing and low-cost way to cool off with family and friends.

To find your nearest pool, check hours of operation and learn about swim lessons or recreation programs, visit phoenix.gov/pools. Our closest pool is Cortez Pool, 3434 W. Dunlap Rd. The pool is closed on Fridays, but is open every other day from Noon to 6 pm. The pool will also be open (on **weekends only**) after July 27th through Sept. 1st.

Summer Reading Program at Phoenix Libraries

Phoenix Public Library's 2025 Summer Reading Game, Color Our World, runs from June 1 to Aug. 1. This free program encourages readers of all ages to explore books and literacy-based activities while earning exciting prizes. Read 20 minutes a day and log your time or your completed activities online. When you reach 1,000 minutes/points, you can win a free book and more! There are also activities for ages 0-4 including listening, singing and reading.

Visit MaricopaCountyReads.org to sign up and get started.

Dementia-Friendly Air Travel Workshop at Sky Harbor July 16

This groundbreaking workshop is aimed at helping people who live with dementia and their care partners navigate the sometimes-stressful environment of an airport. Representatives from airlines, TSA and the City of Phoenix Aviation Department will present valuable information and an optional tour is conducted afterwards.

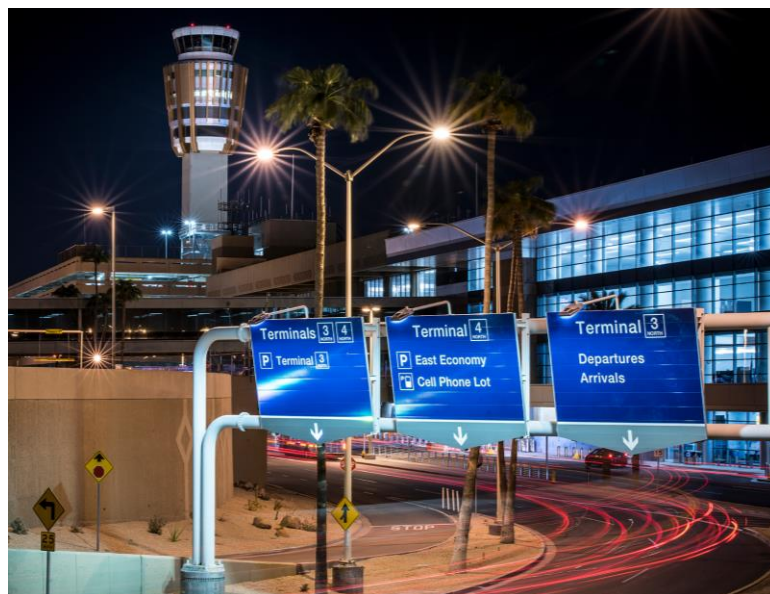
The **workshop takes place from 10 a.m.- Noon on Wednesday, July 16**. Seating is limited. To register or request a reasonable accommodation, please email skyharbor@phoenix.gov with the subject line: Dementia-Friendly Air Travel Workshop Registration. Please include your full name, phone number, address and if you would like to take the optional tour.

Block Watch and Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol TRAINING

Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol / Block Watch 4 hour Training

- Helps neighbors to be better eyes and ears for the Phoenix Police Department.
- Know when to call 911 or Crime Stop [602 262 6151](tel:6022626151)
- Understand the process of why the operator asks the questions and what information to be prepared with.
- Be an observer without being confrontational.

The **next scheduled PNP training** will be in person on July 26 (8 am to Noon, check-in @ 7:30) at Mountain View Precinct's Community Room, 2075 E. Maryland Ave. **Pre-registration is required** at: pnpcordinator@phoenix.gov.



Maricopa County Attorney's Office (MCAO) FREE Citizens Academy

MCAO hosts free Citizens Academy forums designed to educate members of the public about the role MCAO plays in the criminal justice system. Their next one is on **Thurs., Oct. 26, 2025** from 10 am to 3 pm and includes lunch. The **application deadline is 9/25/25**. Participants will hear from prosecutors and subject matter experts during a series of presentations that provide an insider's view of the nation's third-largest prosecutorial office. More details along with the registration form are available on their web page: <https://www.maricopacountyattorney.org/232/Citizens-Academy>. Classes fill up quickly, and this will likely be the last one for 2025. Location: Maricopa County Attorney's Office, 225 W. Madison St., Phoenix, AZ 85003

Important Phone Numbers

Police, Fire, Medical Emergency	9-1-1	Graffiti Busters Removal Hotline	602-495-7014
Police Non-Emergency (Crime Stop)	602-262-6151, #4	Graffiti in progress*	9-1-1
Neighborhood Drug Complaints	602-275-5886	*e-mail existing graffiti site locations:	
Speeding Vehicle Hotline	602-534-SPEED	graffiti.busters.nsd@phoenix.gov	
Police Information Desk (24 hours)	602-262-7626	Graffiti Reward Hotline	602-262-7327
Cactus Park Precinct Main Number	602-495-5009	Graffiti paint, tools, paint sprayers	602-495-0323
Community Action Officer (CAO)		Illegal Dumping	602-262-7251
Austin Diaz (Glendale to Cactus)	602-534-1249	Impounded Property	602-262-8371
Councilwoman Ann O'Brien--Dist. 1	602-262-7444	Neighborhood Services Dept.	602-534-4444
Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol (PNP)		Johnny Mendoza, Nghbrhood Specialist	602-262-1682
Brian Kornegay	602-256-4303	PHX C.A.R.E.S. (Homeless—Opt. 6)	602-262-6251
Abandoned Vehicle Hotline	602-495-0809	Poison Control	602-253-3334
Inoperable Vehicle Private Property	602-262-7844	Power Outages (APS)	602-371-7171
Abandoned Vehicle Streets, Alleys	602-262-6151	Property Maintenance Violations*	602-262-7844
Animal Control Maricopa County	602-506-7387	* www.blight@phoenix.gov	
Area Agency on Aging	602-264-2255	Shopping Cart Retrieval	602-278-7587
Barking Dogs	602-262-6466	http://afmaaz.org/report-a-stray-cart---arizona-cart-services.html	-800-843-2278
Block Watch Programs	602-495-0597	Street Transportation Dept.	602-262-6284
Building, Zoning Violations	602-262-7844	Streetslights – Power Tech Contract.	480-442-3783
C.E.R.T. (Emergency) Information	602-534-CERT	(APS subcontractor)	602-495-5125
Transit—Valley Metro Bus & Rail	602-253-5000	Trash Containers	602-262-7251
City Prosecutor	602-262-6461	Water Services	602-262-6251
Construction Permits	602-262-7884	Altered Tails (spay/neuter feral cats)	602-943-7729
Family Advocacy Center	602-534-3072	Arizona Humane Society	602-997-7586
Gang Hotline	602-534-4264	(Animal abuse or neglect)	Ext. 2073
Domestic Violence Hotline*	1-800-799-SAFE	Freeway Lighting (ADOT)	602-771-2440
*Free and confidential			
Child Abuse Hotline (AZ)	1-888-767-2445		
Elder Abuse Hotline (AZ)	1-877-767-2385		
Rape, Abuse & Incest Network*	1-800-656-4673		
*Nationwide Network			
Vice Hotline & e-mail:	602-426-1231		
Vice.complaints.ppd@phoenix.gov			
Liquor Complaints e-mail:			
Liquor.task.force.ppd@phoenix.gov			
Garbage Collection/Landfill	602-262-7251		
General Investigation (assaults, sex crimes, homicide, robbery, auto theft)	602-262-6141		
Green Pools (Vector Control)	602-506-6616		
National Weather Service Phoenix	602-275-7418		

METRO BLOCK WATCH CAPTAINS & OFFICERS

Elaine Adamczyk	(Purdue)	602-375-9650
Hal Brown	(Malapai)	602-863-6737
Karon/Ken Cada	Treasurer/Graffiti	602-942-0337
	(33 rd Dr. north of Cinnabar)	
Alex/Josie Ocegura		
	(Ironwood cul-de-sac east of 33 rd Ave.)	602-690-4744
Jo Ann Harte	(Ironwood/34 th Ln. c-d-s)	602-993-6111
Brenda Morgan	(Points West III)	602-931-9484
Gail/Clifford Morgan	Secretary/President	602-574-0346
	Newsletter/Comms. (Mtn. View & Malapai cul-de-sacs)	
Lou/Melissa Snow	(Brown St. cul-de-sac)	602-944-9400

Metro Business News



NEW BUSINESSES IN AREA

Blazin' Mongolian BBQ, which closed in 2022, has now **re-opened**. It is next to Adelante Healthcare in the Metro Power Center, 9620 N. Metro Pkwy. West. You get your choice of meat(s) and veggies which they cook for you on giant woks. The prices have increased, but they do include a drink, and they have a discount for Seniors.

A new **Angie's Prime Grill** recently opened in the old eegee's location at 3510 W. Peoria Ave. They have warm bowls and some great salads for very reasonable prices. They do not, however take cash--only credit, debit and phone-tap pay. They have a drive-thru along with interior seating with **self-order kiosks** or online ordering, so it is self-service most of the way!

As previous noted, our **Red Lobster on 28th Dr. is still open**, and they have no plans to close. We understand their sales are #2 in our area. We mention this because we keep hearing that people think they are closed. Other locations have closed, but not our Metrocenter location.

We are fortunate to have so many dining choices in our area. Please consider patronizing restaurants and other businesses in our Metrocenter area, when possible, to help our businesses thrive.

METROCENTER DEMOLITION

Once all the asbestos was removed from the interior of the old Metrocenter Mall, demolition of the actual buildings began. And demolition has been speeding along, with a gigantic pile (approaching 2 stories tall) of concrete rubble filling the parking lot across from Cholla Library and piles of other types of building materials (wood, metal, etc.) on the west side of the mall.

Thanks to Jim S. for providing us this edited overhead photo illustrating what has been demolished. The only remaining occupied buildings which will **not** be demolished are Walmart (lower left), and the CubeSmart Self Storage (top center).

The Sears building and Auto Center (top right) are also still standing. (We understand the developers and/or city are still in negotiations with Sears!). The rest of the mall is "just plain gone."

The developer's plan is for "The Metropolitan" (new name) to be primarily a "dining and entertainment venue" with ultimately 4,100 apartment units in all price ranges, including senior housing and a farmer's market.

Our area is starting to boom with new businesses, and this is only the beginning. We expect more to come in anticipation of the construction of "The Metropolitan" to replace Metrocenter Mall. The area is going to look completely different, but it's an exciting time!

HELPFUL LINK FOR MONSOON STORMS

Below is a URL for APS online where you can report power outages and streetlight issues. While this can be used any time, it may be especially helpful during monsoon storms:

<https://www.aps.com/outagecenter#msdyntrid=3vld-UBqXnVYRjBJ-k-AkvejiAWXoEfydMNQgEQ2lc>

RED LIGHT AND SPEED CAMERAS COMING IN FALL

The City of Phoenix is planning to have red light and speed cameras installed and activated by Fall 2025. This includes ten red light cameras and eight portable speed enforcement cameras. The city council voted to bring these cameras back to address safety concerns and make up for a shortage of police officers. A 30-day warning period will follow installation before citations are issued. The city will also use data-driven methods to determine camera placement at the most dangerous intersections.

Lost and Found Pets

If you **lose** or **find** a pet, notify metrobw@cox.net and post on NextDoor.com in the area found. Also use these resources:

- **Stray Animal map tool** allows residents to actively post a location where a dog/cat was seen loose or location where the animal was picked up: <https://gis.maricopa.gov/ACC/Stray/index.html>
- **Post on Pawboost.com** (<https://www.pawboost.com/>)
- Go to <https://www.maricopa.gov/162/Lost-Found-Pet> and click on "Lost a Pet" or "Found a Pet"
- **Straydar (Facebook)** also lists lost and found pets at <https://www.facebook.com/Straydar-of-Arizona-1920053554705908/>
- **H.A.R.T.T. (Humane Animal Rescue & Trapping Team)** has been quite successful with lost pets: <http://www.azhantt.org/> (Email: info@azhantt.org)

Bulk Trash Collection Individual Residence Appointments

Bulk Trash collection changed on Sept. 30th from a quarterly pick-up of materials too large for trash cans to an online **individual residence** appointment-based system. Appointments are subject to availability and will have black-out dates around holidays. They are also reducing the size of allowed piles by half, to a **10' x 4' x 4' pile that can be placed on the curb no earlier than 7 days before your appointment**. ***Please do not place piles near fixed or valuable objects (e.g., mailbox, vehicles, etc.)*** We will still be allowed to schedule **up to 4 pickups per year**.

Leaves must still be bagged/tied and branches cut to 4 ft. (except for palm fronds). ***NO construction/demo waste more than 25 lbs., tires, appliances with refrigerants, building materials, glass, car parts or hazardous waste (antifreeze, pool chemicals, oil, batteries, paint) are allowed in Bulk Trash.*** **Please do not** place your items on the sidewalk. Per Public Works, ***we are allowed to place our piles in the gutter as long as they don't impede sidewalk or street traffic.*** We need to leave the sidewalks clear for people with canes, walkers, wheel chairs, baby strollers, etc. For more information, see this URL:

<https://www.phoenix.gov/publicworks/garbage/bulktrash>

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Home Collection BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

To safely get rid of hazardous wastes, please schedule an **annual HHW home collection** for proper disposal and recycling of electronics and things like cleaning chemicals, weed killer, pesticides, automotive fluids, batteries. HHW should NOT be placed in the trash or recycling containers for safety reasons. Hazardous materials need to be properly disposed of to protect human health and the environment, as well as protect residents and employees from harm and hazards caused by these toxic materials.

Home Pick-Up Program--Schedule a home pick-up once a year. See this site for more detailed instructions, especially the handling/packaging of HHW: <https://www.phoenix.gov/publicworks/garbage/hazwaste>

- 1) Check accepted materials list online;
- 2) Schedule home collection (call or online), **but only once a year**;
- 3) Set out HHW box (labeled "HHW" and placed next to your garage or front door) on day of collection. Make sure that everything is in leakproof and sealed containers.

WHEN TO CALL POLICE

ALWAYS call Police when you see anything suspicious. If a crime is in progress, call 9-1-1. For less urgent issues, when you call CrimeStop (602-262-6151) there are newer menu options--**Option 4** is for Police.

P.D. suggests always requesting contact from Police after they have handled the incident. You can do that by having them call your cell phone if you don't want them showing up at your home. When you ask for contact, it shows that you ARE interested in the outcome.

Call Silent Witness (480-WITNESS) if you have information on an unsolved crime. You can remain anonymous.

TEXTING 9-1-1

It is now possible for you to TEXT 9-1-1 if you are unable to call. The rule is **"Call if you can; text if you can't."** After months of collaboration among numerous public agencies and advocates for the disabled community, if you are in imminent danger and are unable to talk to a 9-1-1 operator, for the first time in Phoenix history, you now have the ability to text to 9-1-1.

If you text, it must be in English, no abbreviations are allowed and the number of characters is limited. It is best to call if you can.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED to deliver newsletters to one or two cul-de-sacs off Vogel Ave. and on Ironwood Dr. between 33rd Ave. & Malapai. It takes very little time, but is a tremendous help in getting our newsletters out to residents. Please **text 602-574-0346** with your name/contact information if you can help.

Will the person who contacted us last Fall please text us again?

Sign Up for Email Alert Service

Send an email to MetroBW@cox.net including your name and address along with your email. We alert residents by sending out an email message when we are notified of any urgent or crime-related issue in our area. Our goal is to keep residents informed so they can be alert to safety issues and upcoming events and take advantage of learning opportunities.

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Thanks to all of our wonderful neighbors who work in many different ways to make this a better place to live! And we thank those who provide important updates that we can share via email from time to time so that our Metro Block Watch is well informed.

The deadline for submitting news items and photos for the next newsletter is **Sept. 1, 2025**

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