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# Phoenix

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## Head Start Program Recruiting Children

The city of Phoenix Head Start Birth to Five Program is now recruiting children for the 2016-17 school year. This is a school readiness program serving low-income families living within the city of Phoenix. The program is made up of two parts:



1. Early Head Start is looking for parents or guardians with children from birth to 3 years old and at-risk pregnant women to participate in either:
  - Home-based program: provides services in the home environment for pregnant women and families with children under the age of 3.
  - Center-based program: provides full-day / full-year childcare services for parents or guardians working or attending school full time.
2. Head Start is designed for parents or guardians of children ages 3 or 4 who have special needs or concerns about their child's development. They could qualify for the center-based preschool program. It offers children from diverse backgrounds active learning activities, nutritious meals and snacks, health screenings and mental health services. Service options vary by site and community, but include a full school day, childcare extended days, and half-day options. Families must meet federal income guidelines for family size to be eligible to enroll in these educational programs. For more information, call Early Head Start at 602-495-7050 or Head Start at 602-262-4040 or visit [Phoenix.gov/headstart](http://Phoenix.gov/headstart).

## Ready for the Monsoon

The monsoon officially starts on June 15, but the city is already preparing. Citywide departments are teaming up to ensure that crews are ready to respond, 24/7, to severe weather. Remember to keep these tips in mind during a storm:



- Driving:** Don't enter dust storms or flooded washes, turn on your headlights, and if you pull off the road, turn off your car lights and keep your foot off the brake.
  - Indoors:** Stay away from windows, use surge protectors, and don't use the telephone except for emergencies.
  - Outdoors:** Stay away from metal, water, open spaces and tall objects during lightning storms and always seek low ground. Stay inside your car if a power line has fallen and stay at least 100 feet away from downed power lines.
- For more information and resources, visit [Phoenix.gov/update](http://Phoenix.gov/update).

## Volunteer to Teach Children to Read

Only 30-percent of Arizona's fourth grade students were reading proficiently in 2015. AARP Experience Corps, a nationally recognized and award-winning volunteer tutoring effort, is in need of adult volunteers to help children learn to read. AARP Foundation is partnering with Read On Phoenix, Mayor Greg Stanton's initiative to get local students reading at grade level by third grade. For information on how to become a tutor, click [SurveyMonkey.com/s/ECPHX](http://SurveyMonkey.com/s/ECPHX) or call 602-256-3248.

## Phoenix's Water Meets & Surpasses Federal Standards

Phoenix's 2015 Water Quality Report, which contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water, is available to view online at [Phoenix.gov/WaterQualityReport](http://Phoenix.gov/WaterQualityReport). In 2015, Phoenix's tap water met or surpassed all Environmental Protection Agency and state drinking water quality regulations.

- Customers who receive Phoenix tap water in west Anthem can see their specific report at: [Phoenix.gov/WestAnthemWaterQualityReport](http://Phoenix.gov/WestAnthemWaterQualityReport).
- Both Phoenix and Anthem printed reports can be requested by email, [watersmart@phoenix.gov](mailto:watersmart@phoenix.gov) or call 602-534-1209.
- To acquire the publication in Spanish or an alternate format, call 602-262-6251 or 602-534-1113/TTY.

## Bag and Tie Your Trash



During these hot, summer months, please bag and tie your trash before placing it in your green trash container to prevent odors and the growth of insects. In addition, do not overload your containers to ensure that the lids can be closed securely. For more information, call 602-262-7251.

## Helpful Tips to #RecycleRight



Items like polystyrene foam (styrofoam), textiles and electronics should not be placed in your blue recycle bin. Reuse foam as often as you can to avoid having it sent to a landfill, donate old textiles to your local donation center, and bring electronics to one of our Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) events. For the HHW schedule, please visit [Phoenix.gov/publicworks](http://Phoenix.gov/publicworks) and click on "Household Hazardous Waste Events."

## Take the Plunge!

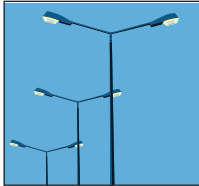
City of Phoenix pools will open for the summer season beginning Memorial Day weekend. The city's 29 pools are not only a fun place to beat the heat, but also lead the way in water safety by offering thousands of swim lesson classes starting at \$15 for a 2-week session (8-lessons). To get registered today visit [Phoenix.gov/parks/pools](http://Phoenix.gov/parks/pools) or call 602-534-6587.

## Change of Service

**D**id you know that you can start, stop, or transfer city services online? Visit [Phoenix.gov/water](http://Phoenix.gov/water) and click on the "Start, Stop or Transfer City Services" tab on the right side of the page. You can also call 602-262-6251.

## Share Your Input on LED Lighting

**P**hoenix is preparing to upgrade its street and park lights with energy-efficient LEDs and wants your input. The upgrade to LED will help the city save millions of dollars in electricity and maintenance costs and reduce carbon emissions. In addition to energy and cost saving benefits, LED lighting can also help enhance the safety and quality of life for residents. Compared to the city's non-LED street and park lighting, LEDs distribute light more consistently, with fewer dark spots, and create a more even illumination with less misdirected light.



Please complete the online survey available at [Phoenix.gov/LED](http://Phoenix.gov/LED) to share your thoughts on the use and appearance of LED lights. The survey, available in English and Spanish, closes June 30. For more information:

**Street Lights:** 602-262-4970 or [stlights@phoenix.gov](mailto:stlights@phoenix.gov)

**Park Lights:** 602-262-6862 or [receptionist.pks@phoenix.gov](mailto:receptionist.pks@phoenix.gov)

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## Summer Heat Reminder for Landlords

**W**ith the thermometer continuing to climb, Phoenix's Neighborhood Services Department (NSD) wants to remind landlords that they must supply reasonable cooling to rental housing units as stated in the city's Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance.

Phoenix City Code was amended last spring to include minimum temperature requirements for heating, cooling and ventilation systems in rental housing units. In summary, the ordinance states every rental housing unit shall have cooling capable of safely cooling all habitable rooms to a temperature of no greater than 86 degrees fahrenheit if cooled by evaporative cooling; and no greater than 82 degrees fahrenheit if cooled by air conditioning.

City of Phoenix Landlord Tenant staff remind tenants to bring any problems with their housing unit's cooling or heating systems to the landlord's attention first. However, if the issue isn't fixed in a timely manner, reporting the issue to the NSD Landlord Tenant Office will allow the city to begin investigating and enforcing the code requirements if the ordinance has been violated.

## Get Your Tickets Now

**I**f you haven't heard, the biggest tournament in college basketball will soon be headed to Phoenix! The 2017 NCAA Men's Final Four will be held at University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, but the fan activities are taking place in downtown Phoenix. The Fan Fest, filled with all kinds of family-friendly basketball events, will be centered at the Phoenix Convention Center. And don't forget about the amazing March Madness Music Festival (more to come on that soon). For now, you have a chance to get your hands on game tickets by applying at [ncaa.com/mbbtickets](http://ncaa.com/mbbtickets) until May 31, 2016. Good luck!



## Summertime Storytelling & Crafts

**C**ome and enjoy fun, hands-on children's storytelling and crafts throughout the summer at



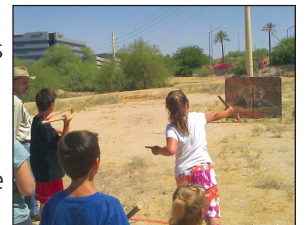
Pueblo Grande Museum. The programs are perfect for children in pre-kindergarten through fourth grade, with stories being read by local Arizona authors.

### Details:

- Saturdays in June & July
- 10 a.m. – noon
- Pueblo Grande Museum, 4619 E. Washington St.
- \$5 fee includes snack & museum admission
- Pre-registration is encouraged at [PuebloGrande.com](http://PuebloGrande.com)

## 5th Annual World Atlatl Day Competition

**U**sed for thousands of years, the Atlatl has been proven as an effective weapon



predating the bow and arrow. It's a stick with a hook on the end to hold a dart or spear and helps increase the distance, speed and force of the weapon. Local primitive skills group SALT will put on an Atlatl demonstration and accuracy contest. The museum will be offering free admissions and visitors can try throwing darts.

### Details:

- Saturday, June 4, 2016
- 9 a.m. - noon
- Pueblo Grande Museum, 4619 E. Washington St.
- No experience needed