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CITY OF PHOENIX

Quarterly Newsletter



**CAWD Dissolution and Expansion of Phoenix Water Service**

The Charlotte Ann Water District (CAWD) has been facing financial challenges brought on largely by a significant loss of customers from the Almeda Fire and costs associated with relocating infrastructure for the upcoming ODOT Oregon 99 project. The Charlotte Ann Water District is located north of the City of Phoenix on both sides of Hwy 99, west of I-5, north of Cheryl Lane in Phoenix and south of Charlotte Ann Road in Medford. The City of Phoenix, the Medford Water Commission (MWC) and CAWD entered into a dissolution and service area agreement in January of 2023 in anticipation of the need to transfer water service in the CAWD service area to the City of Phoenix and MWC. CAWD, through a measure on the May 16, 2023 special election, has successfully dissolved and its assets, easements, and infrastructure will be distributed to Medford Water and Phoenix per the agreement, with all portions of the CAWD within the City of Medford’s urban growth boundary going to Medford Water and all other portions going to Phoenix. The transfer from CAWD to Phoenix and MWC will be completed by July 1, 2023, however, there will be no disruption or change to the delivery of water or the operation of the system. MWC will continue to operate the entirety of the system, including maintenance, meter reading, billing, etc., as they have done for CAWD for many years. Phoenix and MWC will coordinate the transfer of operations for the portion coming to Phoenix over the next several months.

The Phoenix City Council adopted Resolution No. 1111 on June 19<sup>th</sup> establishing water fees for water service outside of the city limits of Phoenix. The City of Phoenix is under contract with Hansford Economics to evaluate and recommend the necessary water rates for the Outside of City limits customers to cover operations, maintenance, asset replacement and planned capital improvements. This evaluation will not be completed prior to the City of Phoenix beginning to provide water service to CAWD customers July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. For the interim time period between July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and when the evaluation is complete, the new outside city limit rate will be the same as in city limit customers pay. This rate will be recommended to be changed as soon as the actual cost impact is determined through the evaluation. This rate will cover the minimum operational costs during the transition period.



Join us for the Dog Days of Summer Event  
July 22, 2023 at Colver Park, 4042 Colver Rd.  
10:00 am—12:00 pm



*Please remember, dogs must be leashed at all times unless in the fenced dog park area.*

**PHOENIX RISING**  
BBQ COOL TREATS  
COMMUNITY FAMILY FUN  
CITY PROJECTS  
Phoenix Elementary School  
JACKSON COUNTY

**RENACER DE PHOENIX**  
ALMUERZO RASPADOS  
COMUNIDAD  
DIVERSIÓN FAMILIAR  
PROYECTOS DE CIUDAD  
9.16.2023  
11am - 3pm



## Phoenix Police Department

With the summer heat comes extreme fire danger. The Phoenix Police Department's Code Enforcement Division would like to remind everyone of the City Ordinance that covers noxious weeds and vegetation. Failure to keep the vegetation on your property within compliance of the code could result in a fine of up to \$250.00. The code is as follows:

### 8.04.100 Noxious vegetation.

A. The term "noxious vegetation" does not include vegetation that constitutes an agricultural crop, unless that vegetation is a health hazard of a fire or traffic hazard within the meaning of subsection B of this section.

B. The term noxious vegetation includes:

1. Weeds more than twelve inches high and/or that are going to seed;
2. Grass more than twelve inches high and not within the exception stated in subsection A of this section;
3. Poison oak;
4. Poison ivy;
5. Blackberry bushes that extend into a public thoroughfare or across a property line;
6. Vegetation that is:
  - a. A health hazard,
  - b. A traffic hazard because it impairs the view of a public thoroughfare or otherwise makes use of the thoroughfare hazardous.

C. No owner or person in charge of property shall allow noxious vegetation to be on the property or in the right-of-way of a public thoroughfare abutting on the property.

(Ord. 876 (part), 2007; Ord. 709 § 10, 1992)



## Welcome Pacific Wall Systems

The City of Phoenix would like to welcome Pacific Wall Systems, Inc. to our business community. In July, Pacific Wall Systems will be locating their Central Point operations, including approximately 40 employees to the former Boise Cascade site on Houston Road just west of Colver Road. Pacific Wall Systems was established in 2007 and combines over 100 years of framing experience and 25 years of wall panel manufacturing expertise.

During the City Council meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup>, Alex Knecht of Pacific Wall Systems, currently in charge of business development noted that when they get their current capacity met at this new campus, they intend to launch their Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) program, which can be found at [www.PacWallMini.com](http://www.PacWallMini.com). They estimate that this expansion will bring need for additional shop labor and office help, needing as many as 20 new employees.

Their ADU division, PACWALL MINI is a collaborative effort between Pacific Wall Systems, Inc. and local architect Carlos Delgado, whom both share a passion and a vision for solving the housing shortage locally and at the national level. Pacific Wall has developed ADU designs that can be easily assembled onsite and meet or exceed building code requirements. Development of these ADUs has been done with the goal to help communities off-set the financial burden of home ownership by adding residential units to their property.

Pacific Wall Systems and PACWALL MINI take a hybrid approach that they believe will be one of the ways modern building practices will start to take hold in an otherwise traditional industry. The City of Phoenix looks forward to working with Pacific Wall Systems to provide fast-track processes for the development and permitting of these ADU, further removing barriers to affordable housing.



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