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CITY OF PHOENIX

Quarterly Newsletter



Southern Oregon Regional Employment Center

The South Valley Regional Employment Center is an area located in Phoenix and Medford along North Phoenix Road. This area, known as PH-5 and MD-5 was identified by the Regional Problem Solving (RPS) efforts in early 2000 and is the product of a regional land use planning effort.

Due to its prime location near major regional transportation facilities, PH-5/MD-5 is designated as the Regional Employment Center for Southern Oregon. The 615+/- acre area is planned for a mix of uses, with a focus on campus-style developments that support employment. These include low/mid-tech manufacturing, transportation-related facilities (like fulfillment and distribution centers), research labs, corporate offices, and similar employment-driven uses.



PH-5/MD-5 has significant areas set aside for residential and commercial development, creating opportunities for living and working within walking or biking distance. A comprehensive internal road network and a multi-use pathway system will serve the area. The development will feature diverse neighborhoods with various housing options, including apartments, townhomes, and single-family homes. Small-scale retail and restaurants will be strategically placed to support a convenient live-work lifestyle. To round out the area, PH-5/MD-5 will also include multiple acres of open space and recreational areas.

Recently, the City completed one of the last legislative tasks necessary to provide urban zoning and zoning regulations to the area, through the adoption of new zoning regulations. With the adoption of these zones and zoning regulations, the city will begin the work of updating the Transportation System Plan to include the street networks for the area.

For more information about the future development of this area, please visit www.phoenixoregon.gov/economic-development or contact Zac Moody at zac.moody@phoenixoregon.gov.

Prevent Frozen Water Pipes

A trickle of hot and cold water might be all it takes to keep your pipes from freezing. Let warm water drip overnight when temperatures are cold, preferably from a faucet on an outside wall.



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Welcome New Mayor and Council



Congratulations to our new Mayor, Al Muelhoefer, and new City Council members, Virginia Camberos, Susan Chester and Nicole Suetos.

Please join us Monday, January 6, 2025 at 6:30PM at the Phoenix City Council meeting for their inauguration.

Heart of Phoenix Community & Economic Development Fair

NEW DATE

This event is designed to help showcase local businesses and provide an opportunity for our community to connect with our local agency partners in a relaxed social setting.

The Fair is open to Phoenix business owners at no cost, making it an accessible and valuable event for the entire business community. This event is designed to support local businesses and entrepreneurs by providing a dynamic platform to build networks, grow brands, and explore new business opportunities in the community.

In addition to showcasing our local businesses, the Fair will host a variety of local government agencies and Phoenix non-profit organizations where the community can learn about upcoming local agency projects and get information on how to get plugged in with volunteer opportunities. More information about the event will be available on the city's website soon!

If you're interested in being a part of this inaugural fair, please contact Community Development at planning@phoenixoregon.gov or by calling 541-535-2050. Space will be limited, so contact us today if you're interested in participating.



What's Going On In My Neighborhood?

Receive a notice about a pending land use application or want to know what's happening in your neighborhood? Find out more about residential and commercial projects under review in Community & Economic Development.

The City's interactive map and project planning list provides details on planning applications that are currently under review or have been recently approved.

Starting in January, watch for the city's new development notification signage that will be posted on all properties that are being considered by Planning staff or the Planning Commission.

Scan the QR code to the right or visit www.phoenixoregon.gov/

 **PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED LAND USE ACTION**

File Number:

Project Description:

Hearing/Decision Date:

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Prevent Localized Flooding

Obstructions in the storm sewer system increases risk of localized flooding. The City of Phoenix uses a street sweeper in large part to keep debris out of the storm sewer system, but this is not a perfect cure-all for leaf clean-up. Residents are encouraged to visually inspect storm drains near their homes and clear away nearby debris several times throughout the year. This simple step will reduce blockages and minimize flooding. If a storm drain appears damaged, or blocked by debris, please contact Phoenix Public Works at 541-535-2226.

To learn more about stormwater issues, and find ways you can be a great steward to our creeks, visit www.stream-smart.com. To learn more about flood preparation, visit www.floodsmart.gov/ flood. Residents can also contact Community Development at 541-535-2050 for questions relating to development in the floodplain.

Meet Our New Staff

Leticia & Brenda are new to our city staff and work in our Utility Billing Department. Both come to the city with a lot of administrative experience. Please stop by to welcome them.



City Population Recovery

The City of Phoenix is growing. Recovery from the 2020 Almeda Fire in Phoenix has been very successful. In fact, the city has seen nearly 300 new or replaced dwelling units since 2020. Prior to the fire, the city recorded 2,118 dwelling units with a household size of 2.21 people/unit. As of July 2024, the preliminary estimate from Portland State University has the city at 2,000 with a household size of 2.30 people/unit, a 3.1% increase over 2023. For more information, please visit www.pdx.edu/prc/population-estimate-reports.