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CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Avondale City Council meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of the month at 7 pm. City Council work sessions are held as needed on the second Monday of the month at 6 pm. Meetings and work sessions are held at the City Council Chambers.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm at City Hall.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

City Hall Main Number	(623) 333-1000
Animal Control	(623) 333-7012
Code Enforcement	(623) 333-2701
Employment Information	(623) 333-2200
Graffiti Hotline	(623) 333-2702
Sanitation/Recycling	(623) 333-4700
Traffic Hotline	(623) 333-7013
Water Billing	(623) 333-2005
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ONLINE

www.AvondaleAZ.gov

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MAILING ADDRESS:

Avondale City Hall, 11465 W. Civic Center Dr.
 Avondale, AZ 85323

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On the Cover

Welcome to the January – April 2017 issue of the RAVE Review, your Avondale Community Guide. This publication contains information regarding resources, activities, venue details and events for the season.

On the cover we feature the 6th Annual Tale of Two Cities Parade & Festival, hosted February 4th; a collaborative event between Cities of Avondale, Goodyear with Estrella Mountain Community College. This year's event honors our "Heroes in Blue," Law Enforcement. Front cover photo credit goes to "PT Design."

Find out more about all the events offered this season at www.AvondaleAZ.gov.

City Hall Customer Convenience Hours:

MONDAY - THURSDAY, 7 am - 6 pm

CLOSED FRIDAYS



City Offices and facilities will be **closed** in observance of the following holidays:

- ▶ **NEW YEAR'S DAY:** January 1
- ▶ **PRESIDENT'S DAY:** February 20
- ▶ **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY:** January 16

Your New & Improved www.AvondaleAZ.gov



We are re-designing the city website to better serve you.



A few highlights of the new www.AvondaleAZ.gov website:

- ▶ Creative **design** and **graphic** elements to reflect our community
- ▶ Highly **functional layout** featuring a homepage with the information our users said was most important to them
- ▶ **Section 508 compliant** making it accessible to persons with disabilities
- ▶ **Easy-to-use dropdown menus** to help users locate information with the least number of clicks
- ▶ **Consistent** look and feel throughout the site to make it easier for website visitors to navigate the site and find information they need

Avondale RAVE Review is an official publication of the City of Avondale, and is made available to Avondale residents as a public service.

Avondale offers a free Legislative program to keep residents informed of laws being proposed that may affect the city in which they live.

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2017 | 6 – 7 pm
Avondale Civic Center Library
 (11350 W. Civic Center Dr.)

This highly interactive and informative program will cover the following topics:

- ▶ Who represents Avondale at the State Legislature
- ▶ How a bill becomes a law
- ▶ How to track bills interesting to you through ALIS

Register in advance online at www.avondaleaz.gov/ALL or by calling (623) 333-1600.



Citizens who register for the program will receive timely e-mail updates and alerts from the city when local issues are being discussed at the State Capitol. Residents unable to attend the program, but interested in receiving the updates, can sign up for notifications at www.avondaleaz.gov/ALL.



2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Our Employees are...

Aspiring. Achieving. Accelerating.

- ★ #1 City in the Valley for Employee Charitable Contribution Participation – Valley of the Sun United Way
- ★ Chris Lopez, Youth and Community Engagement Supervisor - Leadership Award
AZ Center for After School Excellence
- ★ Det. W. Penny – Police Officer of the Year – Raceway Elks Club

Avondale is...

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Award of Merit, Environmental Excellence, Central Avenue Project – AZ Forward ★ Best Charity Event – Dia de Los Muertos
AZ Talent in Event Concepts ★ Best Kids Activity at an Event – Tres Rios, Recycle Fashion Show
AZ Talent in Event Concepts ★ Crescordia Award – El Rio Design Plan, Healthy Communities Policy/Plan
AZ Forward Environment Excellence Awards ★ Designated Arizona Veteran Supportive Employer – Arizona Coalition for Military Families | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Designated Playful City USA
KaBOOM and The Human Foundation ★ Designated Tree City USA
The Arbor Day Foundation ★ Gold Medal Community, "Let's Move!"
White House ★ MAG Livable Communities Award – Central Avenue Project – Valley Metro Clean Air Awards ★ National Savvy Award for Annual Report, Printed Publication – 3CMA ★ Outstanding Marketing – Trip Reduction Lunch
Valley Metro Clean Air Awards |
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www.AvondaleAZ.gov

GET CONNECTED!



The City website is a great resource for you. Visit often to learn what's going on in your City government. For your convenience you can access many e-services from pay for water bills, register for recreation classes, to apply for permits and so much more, 24/7.



Visit our website www.avondalelibrary.org for updated calendar programs, library account login, and access to our virtual library. Download free movies, books, music, audiobooks, and magazines, register for free online classes, and access free testing and research databases.

AVONDALE CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY

11350 W. Civic Center Dr. | (623) 333-2602
 Mon – Thu, 11 am – 7 pm | 10 - 11 am & 7 - 8 pm*
 Fri, 1 pm – 5 pm; Sat, 11 am - 5 pm; Sun, CLOSED

*Self-Service Hours: customer service desk & phone are unstaffed.

SAM GARCIA WESTERN AVENUE LIBRARY

495 E. Western Ave. | (623) 333-2601
 Mon – Thu, 11 am – 7 pm | 7 - 8 pm*
 Fri, 1 pm – 5 pm; Sat, 11 am – 5 pm; Sun, 1 pm – 5 pm

BOTH LIBRARIES WILL BE CLOSED THE FOLLOWING DATES IN 2017 (There will be no library programs on observed holidays.)
 January 1 (New Year's Day), January 16 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day), February 20 (Presidents Day), April 16 (Easter)

LIBRARY SPECIAL EVENTS

Like us at www.facebook.com/AvondaleLibrary



CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY

VALLEY OF THE SUN UNITED WAY SPONSORED STORY TIMES (AGES 0 - 5) FREE

Each program will have stories, songs and a craft; the first 25 children receive a FREE book of their own.



Tuesdays, 10:15 am and 11:15 am
 Jan 10th, Feb 14th, Mar 14th & Apr 11th

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER! (AGES 2 - 5)

Bring one of your stuffed animals for a special storytime! After the storytime, we will tuck in our stuffed animals for their very own sleepover at the library. Pick up your special friend the very next morning and see how much fun they had!



Tuesday, February 21st | 10:15 am and 11:15 am

GARBAGE TRUCK STORY TIME (AGES 2 - 6)

Join us for fun-filled stories, rhymes, finger plays and craft. Meet and greet our community garbage man and see a real garbage truck up close! (Courtesy of Avondale's Sanitation Department)

Tuesday, January 10th | 10:15 am and 11:15 am

SEUSSABRATION: LOVE OF READING PARTY! (AGES 2 - 12) FREE

Join us for our annual Seuss-abration where we celebrate our love of reading and Dr. Seuss in one fun-filled party!

Wednesday, March 1st | 3 pm

SOULFUL EXPRESSIONS OPEN MIC NIGHTS (AGES 13 & UP) FREE

Open mic night for poets, comedians, and musicians. Soulful Expressions is a space for performers to showcase their art in its truest form. Takes place the 2nd Saturday of every month. Performance sign-up and social time from 4:30 to 5 pm; performances begin at 5 pm. Hosted by Speak EZ Poetry & TeenKconnect.

Saturdays, 4:30 to 7 pm

Jan 14th, Feb 11th, Mar 11th & Apr 8th

TEEN & TWEEN MYSTERY NIGHT (AGES 10 & UP)

You're invited to an after-hours library mystery night for teens! Will you be the first in solving the clues and figuring out the puzzles to guess **whodunit?!!** We will have snacks, drinks, music, and loads of fun and mystery!! Registration is required. Contact the library at EmailLibrary@avondaleaz.gov or call (623) 333-2602 for details.



Friday, January 27th | 6 – 8 pm

LIBRARY CASINO NIGHT GALA (ADULTS 21 & UP)

Join us for an evening of food, drink and gaming fun! Sponsored by the Friends of Avondale Libraries and Recreation, this adult only after-hours fundraising event will include poker, Blackjack, and Bingo. \$25 admission per person includes: \$2,500 in "casino cash," one drink ticket, hors d'oeuvres and a chance to cash in for fantastic prizes at the end of the night! Additional drink tickets and raffle entries can be purchased at the event.



Registration is required. Registration is required. Contact the library at EmailLibrary@avondaleaz.gov or call (623) 333-2602 for details.

Saturday, February 25th | 6 – 9 pm

STEM FEST FAMILY EVENT (ALL AGES) FREE

Come and learn about science, technology, engineering and math through fun experiments, games, activities and demonstrations. Make it to all of the booths with your passport to receive your completion certificate! Participants include the Phoenix Zoo and many others. Come join us for this fun event for the whole family!

Wednesday, March 15th
 3:30 to 5:30 pm



SAM GARCIA WESTERN AVENUE LIBRARY

VALLEY OF THE SUN UNITED WAY SPONSORED STORY TIMES (AGES 0 - 5) FREE

Each program will have stories, songs and a craft; the first 25 children will receive a FREE book.

Thursdays, 11:15 am

Jan 5th & 19th, Feb 2nd & 16th, Mar 2nd & 16th and Apr 6th & 20th



GARBAGE TRUCK STORY TIME (AGES 2 - 6) FREE

Join us for fun filled stories, rhymes, finger plays and music! Meet and greet our community garbage man and see a real garbage truck up close! (Courtesy of Avondale's Sanitation Department)

Thursday, January 12th | 11:15 am



Do you have an Avondale Library card?

A free library card is available to all Maricopa County residents with a photo ID with current address or a photo ID with a separate proof of address (utility bill, post-marked mail, car registration, etc.). Non-Maricopa County residents may also obtain a card for \$40 per year with ID and proof of address.

Your Avondale Library card is valid at the Avondale Civic Center and Sam Garcia Western Avenue Libraries. Your library card allows home access to the Avondale Public Library catalog and research databases.

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC STORY TIME! (AGES 2 - 6) FREE

Join us for this very special story time @ Sernas Plaza* (next to Sam Garcia Library). We will have lots of teddy bear friends and a picnic right after story time! Don't forget to bring your favorite blanket and your special teddy bear! (Graham cracker snacks and water will be provided for story time participants, while supplies last.) *Weather permitting



Thursday, March 2nd | 11:15 am

FIRE TRUCK – FIRE STATION TOUR (AGES 2 - 6) FREE

Join us for our annual fire truck story time and fire station tour! We'll be reading and rhyming with some very special guests, then we'll walk to Fire Station #171 to get a tour of the fire truck and station. No registration necessary.

Thursday, March 23rd | 11:15 am

FIVE SENSES STORYTIME (AGES 2 - 6) FREE

We will read, explore and discover the wonders of our senses! Parents will be able to do multiple activities with their children that will stimulate their little one's curiosity.

Thursday, April 27th | 11:15 am

OPEN CRAFT! (AGES 3 - 12)

We're cleaning out our craft files to make room for more! Join us for an hour of creative crafting!

Tuesdays, 4 - 5 pm
February 14 & April 11th



Discover all that your
Virtual Avondale Library
has to offer, 24/7!
www.avondalelibrary.org



AudioBooks

- ▶ 38,000+ titles
- ▶ 10 per month
- ▶ 21 day rental



eBooks

- ▶ 100,000+ titles
- ▶ 10 per month
- ▶ 21 day rental



eMovies & TV

- ▶ 25,000+ titles
- ▶ 10 per month
- ▶ 3 day rental



eMusic

- ▶ 230,000+ titles
- ▶ 10 per month
- ▶ 7 day rental

Based on using *hoopla* service and available on these devices: Android, iOS, Kindle Fire HD (2015+)/HDX, Chromebook, Windows & Mac

Please visit our **Virtual Avondale Library website** for more details on these products and **MORE!**



For class descriptions and help with registration please visit www.avondaleaz.gov/classes or call (623) 333-2400.

All active military and seniors over 55+ receive the resident rate! Please provide a valid I.D. at registration.

CLASSES DO NOT MEET: January 1 (New Year's Day), January 16 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day), February 20 (Presidents Day), April 16 (Easter).

Any additional dates that classes do not meet are included in the course description. Only fee-based programs require pre-registration.

CLASS LOCATION CODE: Green = Civic Center Library, Blue = Sam Garcia Library, Purple = Various Locations (See class description for address.)

TODDLERS/PRESCHOOLERS

BABIES AND BOOKS (AGES 0 - 24 MONTHS) FREE

Help promote your baby's early development through books, music and finger play activities by joining us for the fun lap-sit program.

Mondays, 10:15 am | Civic Center Library

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME (AGES 3 - 5) FREE

This interactive program will feature longer books and a variety of activities such as songs, finger plays and skill building activities needed to get your child ready for Kindergarten.

Tuesdays, 10:15 am & 11:15 | Civic Center Library

DISCOVERY! STEAM FOR PRESCHOOLERS (AGES 3 - 5) FREE

Preschoolers will learn about the world around them through hands on science, technology, engineering, art or math activities.

Wednesdays at 11 am | Civic Center Library

January 4th, February 1st, March 1st, April 5th

PLAYGROUP (AGES 0 - 5) FREE

Join our weekly open-play group where children can build their social skills by playing and exploring together. A great opportunity for parents/caregivers to connect with one another! We provide toys and an indoor play space for you to enjoy.

Thursdays at 10 am | Civic Center Library

COME AND PLAY WITH ME (AGES 0 - 5) FREE

Join our open-play group where children can grow their social skills by playing & exploring together.

Wednesdays, 11 am | Sam Garcia Library

TODDLER TIME (AGES 2 - 3) FREE

Interactive story time packed with songs, rhymes, flannel stories and finger plays! We'll share stories with simple storylines and predictable plots that will support developing literacy.

Thursdays at 11:15 am | Sam Garcia Library

TINY TUMBLERS (AGES 2 - 4)

Fee \$53 (\$58NR) Fun open gym for parents and children to play and discover the world of gymnastics. Includes tumbling, balance beams, trampoline and more. Parent participation required.

Estrella Gymnastics Office

(14200 W. Van Buren, Suite C101, Goodyear)

Instructor: Estrella Gymnastics Staff

7797 Fri (8x) Jan 6 - Feb 24 4:45 - 5:30 pm

7798 Fri (8x) Mar 3 - Apr 21 4:45 - 5:30 pm



CHEER 'N-TUMBLE (AGES 4 - 6)

Fee \$65 (\$70NR) A fun-filled class for all that includes cheer, dance and tumbling.

Estrella Gymnastics Office

(14200 W. Van Buren, Suite C101, Goodyear)

Instructor: Estrella Gymnastics Staff

7803 Wed (8x) Jan 4 - Feb 22 4:30 - 5:30 pm

7804 Wed (8x) Mar 1 - Apr 19 4:30 - 5:30 pm

BALLET & TAP COMBO (AGES 3 - 5)

Fee \$40 (\$45NR) An exciting introduction to ballet, tap, creative movement, and tumbling basics. The focus is on having fun and giving your child a positive introduction to dance.

Steppin' Out Performing Arts Office

(13331 W. Indian School Road, Litchfield Park)

Instructor: Steppin' Out Staff

7807 Fri (6x) Jan 20 - Feb 24 9 - 9:45 am

7815 Sat (6x) Jan 21 - Feb 25 1 - 1:45 pm

7814 Fri (6x) Mar 10 - Apr 14 9 - 9:45 am

7808 Sat (6x) Mar 11 - Apr 15 1 - 1:45 pm



BALLET & JAZZ COMBO (AGES 3 - 5)

Fee \$40 (\$45NR) Children will receive a well-rounded introduction to dance. Using stories, props, and fun music your child will learn ballet, jazz and tumbling skills.

Steppin' Out Performing Arts Office

(13331 W. Indian School Road, Litchfield Park)

Instructor: Steppin' Out Staff

7811 Fri (6x) Jan 20 - Feb 24 10 - 10:45 am

7816 Fri (6x) Mar 10 - Apr 14 10 - 10:45 am



WE CAN DANCE TWO (AGES 2 - 3)

Fee \$40 (\$45NR) Children will be led through basic dance activities to help develop body coordination and rhythm. Parent participation required.

Steppin' Out Performing Arts Office

(13331 W. Indian School Road, Litchfield Park)

Instructor: Steppin' Out Staff

7809 Fri (6x) Jan 20 - Feb 24 11 - 11:45 am

7810 Fri (6x) Mar 10 - Apr 14 11 - 11:45 am



TINY KICKERS SOCCER CLASS (AGES 3 - 5)

Fee \$20 (\$25NR) Participants will learn to dribble and stop the ball, shoot and pass in a social setting.

Friendship Park (12325 W. McDowell Road, Avondale)
Instructor: Avondale Recreation Staff

7785	Tue (4x)	Jan 3 - 24	3 - 3:45 pm
7786	Tue (4x)	Jan 31 - Feb 21	3 - 3:45 pm



TINY DRIBBLERS BASKETBALL CLASS (AGES 3 - 5)

Fee \$20 (\$25NR) Learn the proper technique to dribble, pass and shoot while being encouraged to socialize and communicate within a group.

Friendship Park (12325 W. McDowell Road, Avondale)
Instructor: Avondale Recreation Staff

7782	Wed (4x)	Jan 4 - 25	3 - 3:45 pm
7784	Wed (4x)	Feb 1 - 22	3 - 3:45 pm



TINY HITTERS BASEBALL CLASS (AGES 3 - 5)

Fee \$20 (\$25NR) Basic fielding, throwing and hitting techniques will be taught while learning body coordination and teamwork.

Friendship Park (12325 W. McDowell Road, Avondale)
Instructor: Avondale Recreation Staff

7781	Thu (4x)	Jan 5 - 26	3 - 3:45 pm
7779	Thu (4x)	Feb 2 - 23	3 - 3:45 pm



TINY ATHLETES SAMPLER CLASS (AGES 3 - 5)

Fee \$20 (\$25NR) A fun, positive introduction to basic sport & movement skills in a social setting. Sports include soccer, t-ball, kickball, basketball or golf.

Friendship Park (12325 W. McDowell Road, Avondale)
Instructor: Avondale Recreation Staff

7794	Mon (4x)	Jan 9 - 30	3 - 3:45 pm
7795	Mon (4x)	Feb 6 - 27	3 - 3:45 pm

CHILDREN

MORE TO EXPLORE (AGES 6 - 12) FREE

Are you curious about how things work? Join this fun interactive STEAM program where we'll build structures, perform experiments, play games, make crafts, and ask great questions.

Wednesdays, 3 pm | Civic Center Library

STEAM SPOT (AGES 8 - 12) FREE

Interactive after school programs that explore the ideas behind STEAM - science, technology, engineering, arts, and math!

Wednesdays, 2 - 3 pm | Sam Garcia Library

DANCE 'N TUMBLE (AGES 4 - 6)

Fee \$65 (\$70NR) A fun-filled class for little dancers and tumblers that includes a combination of dance and tumbling exercises.

Estrella Gymnastics Office (14200 W. Van Buren, Ste. C101, Goodyear) Instructor: Estrella Gymnastics Staff

7801	Fri (8x)	Jan 6 - Feb 24	5:30 - 6:30 pm
7802	Fri (8x)	Mar 3 - Apr 21	5:30 - 6:30 pm

For class descriptions and help with registration please visit www.avondaleaz.gov/classes or call (623) 333-2400.

DANCE 'N TUMBLE (AGES 7 - 12)

Fee \$65 (\$70NR) A fun-filled class for dancers and tumblers that includes a combination of dance and tumbling.

Estrella Gymnastics Office (14200 W. Van Buren, Ste. C101, Goodyear) Instructor: Estrella Gymnastics Staff

7799	Fri (8x)	Jan 6 - Feb 24	6:30 - 7:30 pm
7800	Fri (8x)	Mar 3 - Apr 21	6:30 - 7:30 pm

CHEER 'N TUMBLE (AGES 7 - 12)

Fee \$65 (\$70NR) A fun-filled class for all that includes cheer, dance and tumbling.

Estrella Gymnastics Office (14200 W. Van Buren, Ste. C101, Goodyear) Instructor: Estrella Gymnastics Staff

7805	Wed (8x)	Jan 4 - Feb 22	5:30 - 6:30 pm
7806	Wed (8x)	Mar 1 - Apr 19	5:30 - 6:30 pm



MINI BALLET & TAP COMBO (AGES 5 - 8)

Fee \$40 (\$45NR) This class is an exciting introduction to ballet, tap, creative movement, and tumbling basics. The focus is on having fun and giving your child a positive introduction to dance.

Steppin' Out Performing Arts Office (13331 W. Indian School Road, Litchfield Park) Instructor: Steppin' Out Staff

7812	Sat (6x)	Jan 21 - Feb 25	2 - 2:45 pm
7817	Sat (6x)	Mar 11 - Apr 15	2 - 2:45 pm

CHEER & HIP HOP (AGES 7 - 12)

Fee \$40 (\$45NR) Students will learn cheer arms and jumps along with popular hip hop dance moves and tricks in this high energy class.

Steppin' Out Performing Arts Office (13331 W. Indian School Road, Litchfield Park)
Instructor: Steppin' Out Staff

7813	Sat (6x)	Jan 21 - Feb 25	3 - 3:55 pm
7818	Sat (6x)	Mar 11 - Apr 15	3 - 3:55 pm



BIG KICKERS SOCCER CLASS (AGES 6 - 10)

Fee \$20 (\$25NR) Participants will learn to dribble and stop the ball, shoot and pass in a social setting.

Friendship Park (12325 W. McDowell Road, Avondale)
Instructor: Avondale Recreation Staff

7778	Tue (4x)	Jan 3 - 24	4 - 5 pm
7780	Tue (4x)	Jan 31 - Feb 21	4 - 5 pm



BIG DRIBBLERS BASKETBALL CLASS (AGES 6 - 10)

Fee \$20 (\$25NR) Learn the proper technique to dribble, pass and shoot while being encouraged to socialize and communicate within a group.

Friendship Park (12325 W. McDowell Road, Avondale)
Instructor: Avondale Recreation Staff

7792	Wed (4x)	Jan 4 - 25	4 - 5 pm
7791	Wed (4x)	Feb 1 - 22	4 - 5 pm



BIG HITTERS BASEBALL CLASS (AGES 6 - 10)

Fee \$20 (\$25NR) Basic fielding, throwing and hitting techniques will be taught while learning body coordination and teamwork.

Friendship Park (12325 W. McDowell Road, Avondale)

Instructor: Avondale Recreation Staff

7783	Thu (4x)	Jan 5 - 26	4 - 5 pm
7788	Thu (4x)	Feb 2 - 23	4 - 5 pm



OLYMPIC TAE KWON DO (AGES 4 - 17)

Monthly Fee \$40 (\$45NR) Students learn how to kick, punch and the principles of modesty, courtesy, integrity, perseverance and self-control. \$35 optional fee for uniform purchase.

Avondale Community Center (1007 S. 3rd Street, Avondale)

Instructor: Oscar Castillo

Beginner: White Belt

7835	Tue/Thu (8x)	Jan 5 - 31	5:30 - 6:30 pm
7836	Tue/Thu (8x)	Feb 2 - 28	5:30 - 6:30 pm
7837	Tue/Thu (8x)	Mar 2 - 28	5:30 - 6:30 pm
7844	Tue/Thu (8x)	Apr 4 - 27	5:30 - 6:30 pm

Intermediate: White Belt - Black Belt

7841	Tue/Thu (8x)	Jan 5 - 31	6:30 - 7:30 pm
7842	Tue/Thu (8x)	Feb 2 - 28	6:30 - 7:30 pm
7843	Tue/Thu (8x)	Mar 2 - 28	6:30 - 7:30 pm
7846	Tue/Thu (8x)	Apr 4 - 27	6:30 - 7:30 pm

Advanced: White Belt - Black Belt

7838	Mon/Wed (8x)	Jan 4 - 30	6:30 - 7:30 pm
7839	Mon/Wed (8x)	Feb 1 - 27	6:30 - 7:30 pm
7840	Mon/Wed (8x)	Mar 1 - 27	6:30 - 7:30 pm
7845	Mon/Wed (8x)	Apr 3 - 26	6:30 - 7:30 pm

Sparring class is available for additional \$10 a month. Full details online at www.avondaleaz.gov/playnow



AVONDALE YOUTH SPORTS

WINTER YOUTH SOCCER

\$45 Residents, \$50 Non Residents

League activities held at Friendship Park

Registration Deadline January 5th

Coaches Meeting held January 12th

Practices Start January 16th

Games run from January 28th - March 18th

7769	5 & 6 Year Old Coed
7770	7 & 8 Year Old Coed
7771	9 & 10 Year Coed

City of Avondale is proud to offer its very own youth soccer league. **Leagues stress skill development, team work and good sportsmanship.**

- ★ Fee includes a 10 week season, with team jersey and end of season trophy included!
- ★ Practices held weeknights Monday through Thursday (coach's choice) and games played on Saturday mornings.
- ★ Register online or in person at our City Hall office.

Visit our website at www.avondaleaz.gov/sports or call (623) 333-2400 for more information.

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TEENS

TEEN VOLUNTEER WEDNESDAYS (AGES 12 - 18)

Teens volunteer at the library to meet new friends, help out their community, learn valuable work skills, learn about libraries, and earn volunteer hours for school!

Wednesdays, 3 to 5 pm (except holidays) | **Civic Center Library**

TEEN COMICON CLUB (AGES 12 - 18)

Do you love anime, comics, popular TV shows and movies?? Then join the Avondale Public Library ComiCon Club! You can earn volunteer hours for school while meeting new friends, participating in fun activities and helping to plan events, like the Library ComiCon! ComiCon Club meets twice a month.

2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month, 3 - 5 pm | **Civic Center Library**

CHILD & BABYSITTING SAFETY (AGES 10 - 17)

Fee \$45 (\$50NR) Course provides fundamental information on establishing your own babysitting business and safety and care techniques for infants and children. Workbook included and two year certification in child & babysitting safety. Bring a cold lunch.

Avondale City Hall

(11465 W. Civic Center Drive, Avondale)

Instructor: Cross Lifeline Training

7863	Sat (1x)	Feb 4	1 - 5 pm
7864	Sat (1x)	Apr 1	1 - 5 pm
7865	Sat (1x)	Jun 3	1 - 5 pm



ADULTS

COMPUTER CLASSES FREE

Learn basic computer skills, including mouse and keyboard use, internet searching, email, or Microsoft Word. Contact the library for registration information (623) 333-2602.

Thursdays, 11 am - 12 pm | **Civic Center Library**

NEEDLE AND THREAD FREE

Come to this needlework/knitting/crocheting group to work on your project, chat, and share tips with fellow crafters. Please bring your own materials and coffee mug. Instructional books available.

Wednesdays, 10:30 am - 12 pm | **Civic Center Library**

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION FREE

Join us on the **third Thursday of the month at 12 pm** for a lively book discussion. **Civic Center Library**

January 19 – *March Issue 1* by John Lewis

February 16 – *The Circle* by Dave Eggers

March 16 – *The Ocean at the End of the Lane* by Neil Gaiman

April 20 – *Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

KINDER PREP B WORKSHOP FREE

This pre-literacy workshop is an adult/child, interactive three-part workshop series for parents or caregivers with children ages 3 - 5 years old presented by New Directions Institute. Each of the sessions focus on the skills needed for entrance into kindergarten in language and literacy, social competence, social-emotional growth, and pre-math literacy. Please call (623) 333-2665 to register.

Wednesdays, 10:30 am - 12 pm | **Civic Center Library**

February 8th, 15th and 22nd

CRAFT IT UP! FREE

Work on your needlework/knitting/crochet or other projects, chat and share tips with fellow crafters. Please bring your own materials and coffee mug. Instructional books are available. New members are always welcome!



Mondays, 11 am | Sam Garcia Library

CLASES DE COMPUTACIÓN GRATIS

Venga y aprenda lo básico de computación en la biblioteca Sam García en Avondale! Las Clases de computación son en español, nivel básico y gratis! Estas incluyen el uso básico del teclado, ratón, internet, correo electrónico, Microsoft Word y redes sociales. Las clases son impartidas por una instructora bilingüe en un ambiente seguro y amigable. Por favor comuníquese a la biblioteca para registrarse. Para más información llame al (623) 333-2601.



ASHI CPR, AED & FIRST AID (AGES 16+)

Fee \$35 (\$40NR) American Safety & Health Institute class (national accreditation). Certification in Adult, Child, Infant CPR, AED & First Aid is awarded for two years upon successful completion of the written quiz and hands-on demonstrations.

Avondale City Hall (11465 W. Civic Center Dr., Avondale)

Instructor: Cross Lifeline Training

7866	Tue (1x)	Feb 7	1 - 4:30 pm
7871	Tue (1x)	Apr 4	1 - 4:30 pm
7867	Tue (1x)	Jun 6	1 - 4:30 pm



Register for Recreation Programs ONLINE!
www.AvondaleAZ.gov/PLAYnow

24 HRS A DAY ✨ 7 DAYS A WEEK
FAST, CONVENIENT AND SECURE

If you do not have an account with us yet,
 please phone us at (623) 333-2400 or
 drop by our Recreation Office at
 City Hall (11465 W. Civic Center Drive).

ADULT SPORTS LEAGUES

WINTER ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Captain's Meeting Held on January 10th

- 7766 Tuesday Night Men's League
Jan 17 - Mar 7
- 7768 Friday Night Coed League
Jan 20 - Mar 10
- 7764 Sunday Night Coed League
Jan 22 - Mar 12



Register now for City of Avondale's Adult Softball Season, with 14 regular season games guaranteed. "Upper" and "Lower" will be confirmed at the time of registration. League governed by ASA rules and officiated by certified ASA umpires. Fee for new teams is \$400 and for returning teams \$375.

Register online or in person at our City Hall office.

Call (623) 333-2400 or visit our website at www.avondaleaz.gov/sports for more information.



WINTER ADULT KICKBALL LEAGUE

Captain's Meeting Held on February 15th

- 7775 Thursday Night Coed League Feb 22 - Mar 22

Come be a part of the inaugural Adult Coed Kickball league on Thursday Nights. Kickball leagues are a fast growing trend across the country bringing adults back to the schoolyard days of just having fun and playing kickball. Four week double header league with an additional week for an end of the season tournament. Team fee: \$100

Register online or in person at our City Hall office.

Early Bird Registration: Now - September 15, \$75.

Regular registration: September 16 - 27, \$100.

Call (623) 333-2400 or visit our website at www.avondaleaz.gov/sports for more information.

For class descriptions and help with registration please visit www.avondaleaz.gov/classes or call (623-333-2400).

Avondale Parks & Facilities

Groups or organizations wishing to reserve a room in the community center, a park ramada, or athletic fields may do so by obtaining a permit from the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Libraries. **For more information visit www.avondaleaz.gov/PRLD, call (623) 333-2400, or visit the Parks & Recreation Counter at Avondale City Hall.**

	<p>1 Festival Fields 101 E. Lower Buckeye Rd.</p> <p>2 Friendship Park 12325 W. McDowell Rd.</p> <p>3 Donnie Hale Park 10857 W. Pima St.</p> <p>4 Las Ligas Park 12421 W. Lower Buckeye Rd.</p> <p>5 Mountain View Park 201 E. Mountain View Dr.</p>	<p>6 Sernas Plaza 521 E. Western Ave.</p> <p>7 Fred Campbell Park 602 N. 1st St.</p> <p>8 Dennis DeConcini Park 351 E. Western Ave.</p> <p>9 Dessie Lorenz Park 202 E. Main St.</p> <p>10 Doc Rhodes Park 104 W. Western Ave.</p>
	<p>LIBRARIES</p> <p>11 Avondale Civic Center Library 11350 W. Civic Center Dr.</p> <p>12 Sam Garcia Western Avenue Library 495 E. Western Ave.</p>	<p>COMMUNITY CENTER</p> <p>13 Avondale Community Center 1007 S. 3rd St.</p>
	<p>14 AVONDALE CIVIC CENTER City Hall & Amphitheater 11465 W. Civic Center Dr.</p> <p>15 Randall McDaniel Sports Complex/ASC 755 N. 114th Ave.</p>	<p>16 Care1st Avondale Resource Center 328 W. Western Ave.</p> <p>17 Avondale Transit Center 11395 W. Earnhardt Dr.</p>



Tennis Courts and NEW Pickleball Courts are ready for play at FRIENDSHIP PARK

Renovation to the Friendship Park tennis courts is now complete. The court surface was replaced and the new surfacing has been painted and the courts are ready for play. Changes to the courts include a pickleball court overlay to the existing courts and now two pickleball courts can be played at the same time as one tennis court. The nets and facilities have now been installed and are ready for both tennis and pickleball to be played.



AVONDALE IS A PLAYFUL CITY USA.

Playful City USA is a national recognition program that honors cities and towns for taking bold steps to create more play opportunities for all kids.

www.playfulcityusa.org



Field and Picnic Shelter Rentals

Avondale Parks and Recreation fields and picnic shelters are on a first come, first serve basis for our residents. Rent a field or picnic shelter in advance to ensure space is available for you.

FIELDS

- ✓ Reserve fields 14 days in advance
- ✓ \$10* per hour for day time use (7 am - 5 pm)
- ✓ \$15* per hour for prime time use (5 - 10 pm)

**Listed prices are resident rates.*

PICNIC SHELTERS

- ✓ Reserve picnic shelters 1 year in advance
- ✓ Picnic shelters are \$50* for a 4 hour block at Friendship Park
- ✓ Picnic shelters hold a maximum of 40
- ✓ Alcohol permits are available for purchase with a picnic shelter rental

Call the Parks and Recreation Office for availability. (623) 333-2400 | M - Th; 7 am - 6 pm

Registration

CLASSES DO NOT MEET ON THE FOLLOWING CITY OBSERVED 2017 HOLIDAYS:

January 1 (New Year's Day), January 16 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day), February 20 (President's Day)
Any additional dates that classes do not meet are included in course descriptions.



Only fee based recreation programs require pre-registration. **Deadline to register is one week prior to the start date of programs unless otherwise stated.** We recommend that you register early for programs and classes (at least two weeks prior). Insufficient registration may result in class cancellation. Registration forms will be processed by the date received.

🔗 **1. Online Registration:** www.avondaleaz.gov/playnow

👋 **2. In-Person Registration (check, money order, credit, cash):** Registrations at the Avondale Civic Center will be handled just like those that are mailed. Drop off may be made between the hours of 7 am – 6 pm, Mon - Thu (Closed on Fri). The Recreation Registration desk is located at City Hall, 11465 W. Civic Center Drive, Suite 100; Avondale, AZ 85323

★ **3. Special Registration:** Some programs have special registration procedures. Instructions for registration process are indicated in the program description.

Call (623) 333-2400 if you have questions, or visit the Recreation Department from 7 am – 6 pm, Mon - Thu (Closed on Fri), located at City Hall, 11465 W. Civic Center Drive, Suite 100, Avondale, AZ 85323

CANCELLATIONS/REFUND POLICY: 1) IF A CLASS/PROGRAM IS CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF ENROLLMENT, you will be notified and offered an alternative choice, if one is available. If no alternative is available, a full refund will be issued within 30 days. The Parks, Recreation and Libraries Department reserves the right to cancel, postpone, combine classes, change rooms, or change instructors as needed. 2) IF THE PARTICIPANT WISHES TO CANCEL ENROLLMENT OR FAILS TO PARTICIPATE IN A CLASS, the participant must notify the Parks, Recreation and Libraries Department before the closing date of registration to receive a refund. No credits or refunds will be issued after that period. Cancellations due to medical emergencies will be handled on a case-by-case basis. 3) JOINING A CLASS LATE IN THE SESSION MAY BE POSSIBLE, depending on the type of class and availability of space in the class. Class fees however will not be prorated based on missed sessions.

ADDITIONAL SUPPLY FEE: Some classes will require students to purchase supplies to participate in class. Cost of materials will vary depending on the class content. The supply fee should be given directly to the instructor on the first day of class, or participant will be given a list of what to purchase and where to purchase items.

ACTIVITY PARTICIPANTS: Enrollees must be of age limitation for the attending activity. Non-registered individuals are NOT ALLOWED in classrooms, either as an observer, family member or dependent, unless class description specifies otherwise.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS: The City of Avondale does not discriminate on the basis of disability. If you are in need of special accommodations for one of our programs, please notify us when you register.

MEDIA RELEASE: Program participation may allow for the opportunity for interview and/or photograph of participants and/or property. Program participation allows consent by the City to the use, reuse, sale, publication or republication of the Material in all communication mediums. The City may exercise its rights granted herein in any way it sees fit without limitation, reservation or payment of any fee. A.R.S. § 1-602.A.9: Notice is hereby given that pursuant to A.R.S. § 1-602.A.9, subject to certain specified statutory exceptions, parents have a right to consent before the State or any of its political subdivisions to make a video or audio recording of a minor child. Recreational activities and programs may be video recorded and, as a result, children present may be subject to such taping. Authorization by a parents or guardian gives the City written consent to videotaping and recording, and the City will assume that the rights afforded parents pursuant to A.R.S. § 1-602.A.9 have been waived.

PERMISSION AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT: By registering in the course, the participant, parent, or guardian, agree to participate and/or allow the individual(s) named herein to participate and further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the U.S. Government, City of Avondale, Maricopa County its agents and employees from harm, accidents, personal injury (including death) or property damage which may be suffered by the abovementioned individual(s) arising out of, or in any way connected with the participation of the activity.

JOBS

Copper State Rubber is a manufacturer of high-end products for the oil and gas industry
 On the SEC of Roosevelt and 105th Ave | *Anticipated opening in 2017 – Currently under construction*

Southwest Regional Courts – Avondale is now home to a new regional court complex that will house four (4) magistrates
 On the NEC of Van Buren and 105th Ave | *Anticipated opening in 2017 – Currently under construction*

RETAIL

Gateway Village – New shopping center anchored with Sportsman’s Warehouse and retail liner including:
Café Zupas, Potbelly, Habit Burger, Blaze Pizza, Sleep Number, Vision Works, Tokyo Joes, and stay tuned for more! | McDowell Road and 103rd Ave

Main Event – Indoor family entertainment including, restaurants, bowling, laser tag, ropes course and video games for the whole family. McDowell Road and 105th Ave

Carolina’s – This “Best of Phoenix” restaurant is a new location that is an expansion of the other valley locations, serving local Mexican food from a family owned establishment. On the NEC of Dysart Rd and Western Ave
Anticipated opening in 2017 – Currently under construction

Quick Trip (2 locations) – On the NWC of Avondale and Coldwater Rd, and the SEC of Thomas and Dysart Rd

We Olive and Wine Bar – Alameda Crossings | NEC of McDowell and Dysart

Bricks N’ Minifigs – Alameda Crossings | NEC of McDowell and Dysart

Crossfit Rave – At the American Sports Center on Avondale Blvd

Damri Muay Thai – At the American Sports Center on Avondale Blvd



Potbelly



Main Event



Copper Springs Hospital

HEALTHCARE

Copper Springs Hospital – On the NWC of McDowell Rd and Harbor Shores Blvd

Legacy Assisted Living – On the SEC of Thomas and Dysart Rd | *Anticipated opening in 2017 – Currently under construction*

Touchstone Behavioral Health – On the SWC of Indian School and El Mirage

AVONDALE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT | 11465 W Civic Center Drive | Avondale, AZ 85323 | (623) 333-1411 | www.avondalez.gov

TEENS SOUGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN “MAYOR MARIE HIGH SCHOOL ART CONTEST”

Further Your Education

Mayor Marie High School Art Contest

Scholarship awards:
 1st \$ 2,000
 2nd \$ 1,500
 3rd \$ 1,000

Categories:
 2D Art
 3D Art
 Photography

Open to all high school age graduating seniors in Avondale who are planning on enrolling in college.

The High School Art Contest originated in 2011 to provide an opportunity for the Avondale Municipal Art Committee to encourage & recognize the talents of our aspiring artists.

For more information call (623) 333-2787 or email publicart@avondalez.gov

Submitted artworks will be showcased at a special art show in April. Winning artwork may be featured on display in the Art Gallery area of the Avondale Civic Center Library.

Pack your bags & don't forget your passport!



AVONDALE CITY HALL IS AN AUTHORIZED **PASSPORT ACCEPTANCE FACILITY**

No Appointment Necessary

Monday – Thursday | 7 am to 2 pm
 11465 W. Civic Center Drive, Avondale, AZ 85323

Visit www.avondalez.gov/passport for passport information, fees, and forms.

Information is also available at www.travel.state.gov or call the National Passport Information Center toll-free at **1-877-487-2778**.

THANK YOU 2016 Advisory Board, Commission and Committee Members

As a resident of Avondale, you make a real difference in helping to share the future of our community.

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This list includes all citizens who were members of Avondale's Boards, Commissions and Committees at any time during 2016 and does not necessarily reflect current rosters.

Want to get involved?

Find out how by calling (623) 333-1200 or visiting www.avondaleaz.gov/boards.

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Thank you for your leadership on the Avondale City Council and years of public service to the Residents of Avondale.

STEPHANIE KARLIN, 2000 – 2003; 2008 – 2016

JIM MCDONALD, 2008 – 2016

DAVID IWANSKI, 2014 – 2016

Hard Hat Zone

Your tax dollars are supporting major capital projects around the city.

Watch out for construction zones and drive safely.

STAY INFORMED:

Log on to www.avondalez.gov for updates on projects in your neighborhood or call (623) 333-4200. For a complete list of highway and freeway restrictions in the Phoenix area and around the state, visit ADOT's Travel Information site at az511.gov or call 5-1-1.

FRIENDSHIP PARK REOPENS

12325 W. Mc Dowell Road

\$3M – Construction Complete, September 2016

Friendship Park, which was closed during the summer months, reopened with much fanfare and celebration. New enhancements include a splash pad with a shade canopy, six new picnic shelters, additional parking stalls, the replacement of two playgrounds, new trees and landscaping.



STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Central Avenue

\$3.2M – Construction Complete, September 2016

This major capital project provided improvements to Central Avenue from Van Buren Street to Western Avenue for all modes of transportation, including pedestrians and cyclists. The project was named as a finalist and received the Merit Award in the *Healthy Communities, Multimodal Transportation & Connectivity* category of Arizona Forward's 36th Annual Environmental Excellence Awards Program.



McDowell Road Street Improvements

\$2.75M – Construction Underway – Anticipated Completion, January 2017

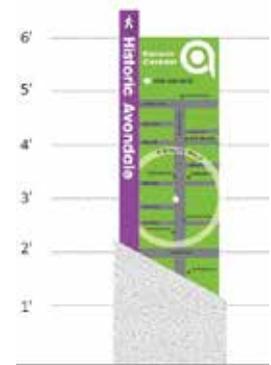
Construction for the roadway improvement project of McDowell Road began in late July. It extends from the Agua Fria River Bridge to Avondale Blvd, to include the complete removal and replacement of the asphalt pavement which is at the end of its life-cycle. The pavement condition of the remaining portion of McDowell between 119th Avenue and the Agua Fria Bridge will receive a mill and overlay. The section between 119th Avenue and the Agua Fria Bridge will include the addition of buffered bike lanes, median islands, LED street lighting and landscaping.



Wayfinding Signage – Phase II

\$150k – Fabrication Underway – Anticipated Completion January 2017

Phase 2 of the city's Wayfinding Signs installation is underway. New signs will be installed over the next few months. The first phase of signs were installed in February, 2016, which included a lighted monument sign on the west side of Avondale Boulevard south of I-10, plus four vehicular pedestrian signs at various locations. The current phase of signs includes three lighted monument signs (one of which will be solar powered), one lighted pedestrian map (to be located in front of the Sam Garcia Library) and thirteen vehicular pedestrian signs located throughout the City.



All signs will be installed in accordance with the Wayfinding Sign Master Plan, and will be assigned different sign themes depending on their location within the City. The three themes are cotton balls (denoting the rich, agricultural and farming history of our City), racing stripes (acknowledging Avondale as a racing destination), and graduation caps (recognizing our pride and commitment to our institutions of higher learning.)

MADISON HEIGHTS COMPLETED

Madison Heights, a partnership between the Maricopa County Housing Authority and Gorman & Company, is a new 143-unit apartment complex which provides affordable housing to residents of Historic Avondale. The new Madison Heights, which replaces the original county housing project on the site, consists of 11 residential buildings that accommodate a mix of 1, 2, and 3 bedroom units, along with a community clubhouse, all designed to market rate quality standards. Innovative open space amenities include professionally designed and maintained community garden plots, a splash pad, playgrounds, grill ramadas, and sport courts. The community clubhouse features a computer lab, gym, and meeting/party facilities designed for use by the residents. Significant care was taken to ensure the development furthered the goals of the City's Historic Avondale Design & Development Guidelines, through use of materials and site furnishings that allude to the 1940s and 50s, when the Dysart corridor was initially developed. This is another sign of continued progress in Historic Avondale.



OPENING SUMMER 2017

SanMar Corporation Expansion: SanMar, a national distributor of uniform supplies, located at 100 N 127th Avenue, is adding another 427,000 square feet for a total of more than 1.1 million square feet.

Copper State Rubber, Inc. is a manufacturer of high pressure hoses for the oil field and mining industries. They are building a 150,000 square foot facility at the corner of Roosevelt Street and 105th Avenue.

Legacy House Assisted Living: A 152,000 square foot, 170 Unit Assisted Living & Memory Care facility is under construction on 11 acres just south of the southeast corner of Dysart and Thomas roads.



Legacy House



Service runs weekdays 5:30 am - 8 pm
Saturdays 6 am - 5:30 pm



- 50¢ each ride
- Exact fare required

Places to go on the ZOOM

- ▶ Southwest Valley YMCA
- ▶ Estrella Mountain Community College
- ▶ Walmart
- ▶ Estrella High School/Rio Salado College
- ▶ Historic Avondale
- ▶ Avondale Community Center
- ▶ La Joya High School
- ▶ Avondale Civic Center
- ▶ Avondale Civic Center Library
- ▶ Universal Technical Institute
- ▶ Tolleson City Hall
- ▶ Tolleson City Crossings
- ▶ Gateway Pavilions
- ▶ Cashion Community
- ▶ West Valley Hospital
- ▶ Target

For more information, visit valleymetro.org or call (602) 253-5000, TTY (602) 251-2039

RIDE ON WITH AVONDALE TRANSIT

Park-and-Ride to Downtown Phoenix from Avondale Transit Center

Why fight traffic when Valley Metro can do the driving?

You can drive to the new park-and-ride in Avondale and catch Express Route 563 to downtown Phoenix. Leaves 4 times daily.

Avondale Transit Center is conveniently located off the I-10 and Avondale Blvd. (11395 W. Dale Earnhardt Dr.).



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ROUTE 563



AMERICAN SAFETY AND HEALTH INSTITUTE CHILD & BABYSITTING SAFETY TRAINING

- ▶ Date: January 21, 2017
- ▶ Time: 9 am - 1 pm
- ▶ Cost: FREE

CLASS LOCATION:
Fire Station 172
1825 N. 107th Ave
Avondale, AZ 85392



This course helps build confidence, self-esteem and skills necessary to care for infants and children on a daily basis and in emergency situations. Workbook is included and a two-year certification in child and babysitting. Training includes CPR/AED use, basic first aid techniques, safety, prevention, and conflict resolution.

To register, please call **(623) 333-6112** or email Sue at sanglin@avondaleaz.gov

BASIC CAR SEAT SAFETY

Don't put your child at risk – buckle up the right way on every ride!



- ✓ All children must use a car seat, booster seat or seat belt.
- ✓ My child always rides in a back seat and never in front of an airbag.
- ✓ Everyone in my car buckles up on every ride using the right car seat, booster seat or seat belt for each person's age and size.
- ✓ My child's car seat has all of its parts, labels and instructions and has never been in a crash.
- ✓ I follow the instructions for my car and my car seat so that my child is buckled in right.
- ✓ I never leave my child alone in a car.

BABIES UNDER 2 USE REAR-FACING CAR SEATS

- My child always rides in a back seat and never in front of an air bag.
- My child always rides in a car seat made for his or her size and age.
- My child sits facing the back of the car in his or her car seat.
- The harness straps are snug on my child, and I can't pinch the buckled strap at the shoulder.
- My child's car seat is buckled tightly in the car and doesn't move more than one inch when I pull it at the belt path.
- My child uses a bigger rear-facing car seat until he or she outgrows the harness. Many harnesses go to 35, 40 or 45 pounds.

TODDLERS AND BIG KIDS USE FORWARD-FACING CAR SEATS

If my child is over age 2 AND has outgrown the weight and height limits for the rear-facing seat:

- My child always rides in a back seat.
- My child always rides in a car seat made for his or her size and age.
- The harness straps are snug on my child, and I can't pinch the buckled strap at the shoulder.
- My child's car seat is buckled tightly in the car and doesn't move more than one inch when I pull it at the belt path. I use the top tether designed for the car seat.
- My child uses this car seat until he or she outgrows the harness. Many harnesses go to 50 pounds or more.

OLDER, BIGGER KIDS USE BOOSTER SEATS

If my child has outgrown the weight and height limit of the forward-facing car seat:

- My child always rides in a back seat.
- My child always rides on a booster seat using a lap and shoulder seat belt.
- The lap belt sits low on his or her hips, not the stomach.
- The shoulder belt is on my child's shoulder – not on the neck, under the arm or behind the back.
- The seat belt is snug, flat and comfortable on my child.
- My child may be between 8-12 years of age before the seat belt fits without a booster.

KIDS READY FOR SEAT BELTS

If my child has outgrown the booster seat:

- My child always rides in a back seat until age 13.
- My child always uses a lap and shoulder seat belt.
- The lap belt sits low on my child's hips, not the stomach.
- The shoulder belt is on my child's shoulder – not on the neck, under the arm or behind the back.
- My child's back is firmly against the vehicle seat back, his or her knees bend at the front edge of the vehicle seat, and he or she can sit this way for the whole ride.
- The seat belt is snug, flat and comfortable on my child. If the seat belt does not fit right, my child must use a booster seat.



Avondale Fire & Medical is partnering with Abrazo Health and SAFEKIDS for a **free car seat check event coming in February.**

Avondale Fire & Medical offers free car seat checks on Monday and Wednesday afternoons by appointment only.

Please visit www.avondaleaz.gov/fire or call **(623) 333-6112** for event details and to make an appointment for a car seat check.

MARCH 14-18, 2017 IS NATIONAL FLOOD SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

www.avondaleaz.gov/fire



BASIC SAFETY TIPS

- ▶ Turn Around, Don't Drown! ®
- ▶ Avoid walking or driving through flood waters.
- ▶ Just 6 inches of moving water can knock you down, and 2 feet of water can sweep your vehicle away.
- ▶ If there is a chance of flash flooding, move immediately to higher ground. Flash floods are the #1 cause of weather-related deaths in the US.
- ▶ If floodwaters rise around your car but the water is not moving, abandon the car and move to higher ground. Do not leave the car and enter moving water.
- ▶ Avoid camping or parking along streams, rivers, and creeks during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly and with little warning.
- ▶ When it's not flooding, make a flood plan!

KNOW YOUR FLOOD RISK

- ▶ Make a flood emergency plan.
- ▶ Build or restock your emergency preparedness kit, including a flashlight, batteries, cash, and first aid supplies.
- ▶ Consider buying flood insurance.
- ▶ Familiarize yourself with local emergency plans. Know where to go and how to get there should you need to get to higher ground, the highest level of a building, or to evacuate.
- ▶ Stay tuned to your phone alerts, TV, or radio for weather updates, emergency instructions, or evacuation orders.



**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
APRIL 23 – 27, 2017**

*Thank
you*

**Avondale
VIPS**
Volunteers in Police Service

For Your **OUTSTANDING
SERVICE** to the Avondale
Police Department
www.avondaleaz.gov/vips



Join the **Avondale Police Department's Pets in Police Service Kid's Academy** to learn about the responsibilities of owning a pet.

Experts in the field of dog obedience, veterinarian care, animal control and animal grooming will share their skills, experience and knowledge so that **kids ages 9 to 12 years** can become caring and responsible pet owners.

Each attendee will have their very own "Pet Owner Journal" that'll include valuable information.

Upon completion of four fun-filled packed sessions, kids will receive a Responsible Pet Ownership Diploma, special goodies for you and your pet companion and your very own PIPS t-shirt. **You must complete all four sessions to receive your Responsible Pet Ownership diploma!**

- ▶ **Session 1** It is a Privilege to Own a Pet
- ▶ **Session 2** Health & Safety for Pets
- ▶ **Session 3** My Pet as a Companion
- ▶ **Session 4** It's the Law & Graduation





Check the Avondale Police Department website for dates and registration information. www.avondaleaz.gov/vips



HOW TO ORGANIZE A BLOCK WATCH

By forming a Neighborhood Block Watch, you and your neighbors can work in partnership with the Police Department to prevent crime.



COMMUNITY BLOCK WATCH IS...

- ▶ Becoming acquainted with your neighbors.
- ▶ Working together to solve problems in your neighborhood.
- ▶ Helping the police by being aware of and reporting any unusual activities as they occur.
- ▶ Learning to prevent and detect crime in your neighborhood and taking the necessary steps to make it safer (i.e. utilizing locks, lighting, etc.)
- ▶ Reporting suspicious persons. Do NOT apprehend them – leave that for the police.
- ▶ Looking out for your neighbors.

STEP 1

Contact your neighbors from corner to corner and both sides of the street to see if they are interested in participating in a Neighborhood Block Watch.

STEP 2

Contact City of Avondale Crime Prevention Unit to obtain a "Block Watch Starter Packet" and to schedule your first Block Watch meeting. Topics include: Benefits of the Block Watch, Crime statistics in your area, Support programs and Burglary Prevention

STEP 3

Inform your neighbors, telling them of the Block Watch meeting date and time.

STEP 4

To begin the Block Watch meeting, a Crime Prevention Unit staff member arrives and conducts the presentation.

STEP 5

After the Crime Prevention Unit staff member leaves neighbors are encouraged to socialize and become better acquainted. The key is to keep the momentum going by scheduling multiple meetings/gatherings and socials throughout the year. It's easy AND effective!

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Schedule a Block Watch in your neighborhood by contacting us:

Avondale Police Department
Community Services Bureau

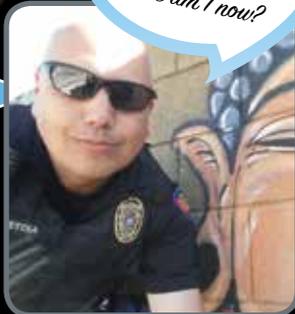
(623) 333-7342 | www.avondaleaz.gov/police



Get to know the AVONDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT THROUGH FACEBOOK!



Officer "Selfie Stick Sal" Where am I now?



Get Public Safety Crime Tips!



Get to know the PD!



/AvondalePD #PolicingTogether #APDCares

Neighborhood and Family Services
(623) 333-2700 | www.avondale.org/youth



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

*Helping youth aspire and achieve success
now and in the future*



AVONDALE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION (AYAC) (GRADES 9TH – 12TH)

Youth have a voice in Avondale!

Youth have a voice in Avondale! Join the AYAC to help promote positive change in Avondale through action and involvement! AYAC helps shape the future by providing input to city leaders, planning community service projects and attending leadership conferences.

AYAC meets at Avondale City Hall the **second** and **fourth Monday of every month at 6 pm.**

SPECIAL REGISTRATION: Call the Neighborhood and Family Services Department/Youth & Community Engagement Division at **(623) 333-2719** or visit www.avondaleaz.gov/youth



Avondale Youth Advisory Commission

ARIZONA @ WORK (AGES 14 - 24)

Offered through a partnership with Arizona @ Work, the Avondale Youth Workforce Hub is designed to assist youth in gaining the skills they need to become self-sufficient through education, employment, and leadership activities. If eligible, participants will work with a Youth Career Guidance Specialist to create a personalized plan for a successful future. If eligible, participants will work with a Youth Career Guidance Specialist to create a personalized plan for a successful future.

Located at: **124 S. 4th Street, Avondale.**

Call the Arizona @ Work Center for more info: **(623) 882-9106** or **(623) 882-9107.**



KIDS AT HOPE

Kids at Hope provides the City of Avondale with a framework for creating positive and supportive environments to assist youth in achieving their full potential as caring and productive citizens. Kids at Hope inspires, empowers and transforms schools, organizations serving youth and entire communities to create an environment and culture where all children can experience success, **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

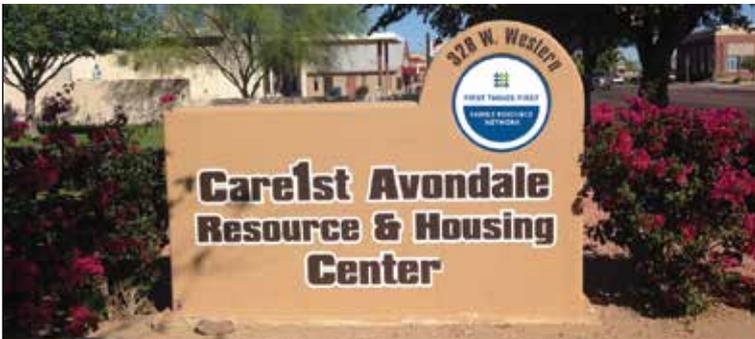
www.kidsathope.org | www.avondaleaz.gov/youth | **(623) 333-2719**



FREE! KIDS AT HOPE TRAINING

The City of Avondale Neighborhood & Family Service Department is sponsoring a series of training sessions as part of Avondale's designation as a KIDS AT HOPE City. These trainings are an exciting experience designed to explore the concept of KIDS AT HOPE; what it is, how it is learned, instilled, and reinforced in order to ensure that all children will have many opportunities to be successful.

Times and location to be announced. Call **(623) 333-2719** or visit www.avondaleaz.gov/youth for more information.



Care1st Avondale Resource Center

Southwest Valley residents seeking access to housing and human services now have a one-stop shop facility in Avondale.

Services Offered Include:

- ▶ Tutoring in English and literacy
- ▶ Teen pregnancy support
- ▶ Employment services
- ▶ Parent education
- ▶ AHCCCS, TANF, SNAP and Affordable Care Act Application and Enrollment
- ▶ WIC (Women, Infant and Children) Services
- ▶ Rental and utility assistance
- ▶ Citizenship classes
- ▶ Medicare benefits counseling
- ▶ Housing assistance, programs and referrals
- ▶ Legal aid services
- ▶ Domestic violence support groups
- ▶ Veteran Resources



The first of its kind in the Southwest Valley, this multifaceted hub for human services is made possible by the innovative public and private partnership between Care1st Health Plan of Arizona, Inc., First Things First and the City of Avondale. Contract services are funded in part under contract with the state of Arizona.

Hours of Operation

Mon. - Thur., 8 am to 7 pm; Friday, 9 am to 5 pm



Care1st Avondale Resource Center

Neighborhood & Family Services Department
 328 W. Western Ave. | Avondale, AZ 85323 | (623) 333-2703
 Email: ResourceCenter@avondaleaz.gov | www.avondaleaz.gov/nfs

2017 Care1st Avondale Resource Center HEALTH & RESOURCE FAIR

Saturday,
 January 28
 9 am - 1 pm

An annual event aimed at showcasing all the human services that are offered at the Care1st Avondale Resource Center and in the community. Services include: Assistance with AHCCCS, SNAP, cash assistance, and the Affordable Care Act; Parent Education programming, Employment services, Social Security services, English tutoring, Medicare counseling, health screenings and so much more. Food and prizes, too!

INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

(VITA) Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program



Individuals with an income less than \$52,000 are eligible to have their taxes prepared **FREE**.

Services begin **January 24, 2017** through **April 15, 2017**.

Saturdays, 9 am - 1 pm
Tuesdays, 5 - 7 pm

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

A Public Affairs Specialist from the Social Security Administration will be at the center on the first Friday of each month.



Staff will be available to assist and answer questions related to applying for benefits or a social security card, questions on disability or retirement benefits, Medicare and Medicaid benefits and general social security questions.

Fridays, Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 3, Apr 7 | 9 am - 12 pm

U.S. CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

International Rescue Committee (IRC)

A free class held twice a week, for folks interested in becoming a U.S. Citizen. The class helps students prepare for the civics exam that is part of the application for naturalization with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).



Twice a week: **Monday and Wednesday**

Starts January 9 | Ends March 22 | 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Care1st Avondale Resource Center

328 W. Western Ave, Avondale
 Call (623) 333-2703 for more information.

Teen Outreach Pregnancy Services (TOPS)

Parenting classes for expecting and parenting teens.



Thursdays, January 26 - March 16 5 - 7 pm

Thursdays, April 6 - 27 3 - 5 pm

Southwest Human Development Raising a Reader

FREE 7-week, early literacy program designed to educate parents about the importance of early literacy and how to build these skills in their young children in order to help them enter school ready to learn.



Tuesdays, Starting January 10 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Celebration of Reading Event

In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday, on March 2nd and National Reading Awareness Month, the Care1st Avondale Resource Center will be hosting this annual event designed to encourage young children and families to read at least 20 minutes every day.



Every child, age 0 to 5, will leave with a FREE book! Guest readers and crafts, too!

Friday, March 24 10 - 11:30 am

Wired for Success Parenting Workshop (Español)

Wired For Success® (Enlacé Del Cerebro) proporciona información importante sobre cómo el cerebro de un niño se 'conecta' así como métodos prácticos para estimular el saludable desarrollo temprano del cerebro para el futuro éxito en la escuela. Este taller aborda los avances en neurociencia y utiliza el currículo S.T.E.P.S. del Instituto Nueva Dirección para el desarrollo temprano cerebral (New Direction Institute for Early Childhood Brain Development®).



Martes, 4 de abril 10 - 11 am

Please call the Resource Center for details on the next English version of this program.

Southwest Nutrition and Physical Activity Program

This is a series of four, fun and interactive classes for parents and care providers of children, 0-5 years old. Each participant will learn exciting physical activities to do with their children and learn fun tips about healthy eating habits and nutrition. Each participant will receive a class certificate and free gifts. Children are encouraged to attend.



FIRST THINGS FIRST

Tuesdays, March 28; April 4, 11, 18

4:30 - 6:30 pm

Above classes, workshops, and events are FREE and hosted at Care1st Avondale Resource Center.

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Youth Services, Community Engagement, Housing and Community Development, Family Services, Code Enforcement and Neighborhood Revitalization/Preservation
328 W. Western Ave. | Avondale, AZ 85323 | To register call (623) 333-2703



FREE Developmental Screenings



(For families with children ages 0 - 5 years)

Screenings educate parents and caregivers on the milestones that their child should be mastering at their age. Activities and educational materials will be provided to parents to promote their children's development. Resources and referrals will be given to parents if a child is screened with a possible delay in their development.

The areas of development that will be screened are:

- ▶ Vision 
- ▶ Hearing
- ▶ Fine Motor
- ▶ Gross Motor
- ▶ Personal-social
- ▶ Communication
- ▶ Problem Solving
- ▶ Overall Development



Tuesdays from 1 to 3 pm:
Jan 17, Feb 21, Mar 21, Apr 18

Call (623) 333-2703 for more information.



Avondale Family Education & Resource Program Workshops & Events

For families with children ages 0 - 5 years

Arizona Science Center

(For families with children ages 3 - 5 years)



Constructioneering Wednesday, January 25 | 10 - 11 am

We've Lost Our Marbles Wednesday, February 15 | 10 - 11 am

Physics in Action

It's Slime Time! Wednesday, March 22 | 10 - 11 am

Bubble-ology Wednesday, April 12 | 10 - 11 am

CPR Training (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) Monday, February 6 | 1 - 4 pm

Wednesday, February 15 | 1 - 4 pm

First Aid Training Wednesday, February 22 | 1 - 4 pm

Monday, February 27 | 1 - 4 pm

Car Seat Education Class

Certified car seat technicians will be offering free car seat safety education classes to parents, caregivers, and providers. Parents/caregivers who participate in the class may be eligible to receive a free car seat.

Tuesday, January 10 1 - 3 pm

Registration opens December 20th



Unless otherwise noted, above classes/workshops are FREE and intended for parents and caregivers of children 0 to 5 years.



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To register call (623) 333-2703



Kinder Prep Workshops

Kinder Prep is an interactive, parent-child, pre-literacy workshop for parent/caregivers and children from 3 to 5 years old. Each of the three, weekly sessions focus on the skills needed for entrance into kindergarten in language and literacy, social competence, social-emotional growth and pre-math literacy. Sessions focus on inexpensive, at-home activities known to encourage brain development

Tuesdays, March 7, 14, 21

10 am - 11:30 am



ARIZONA'S CHILDREN ASSOCIATION | New Directions Institute
Early Childhood Brain Development



First Teeth First

Free dental screenings, fluoride varnishing, and dental education for children ages 0 - 5 and pregnant women.

Mondays 8:30 am - 3 pm



FIRST THINGS FIRST

Active Parenting: The First Five Years

Your child's first few years are so important! Learn how to make the most of them with Active Parenting: First Five Years, a four-week program for parents and caregivers of children from birth to 5 years old. Help your children start strong with skills that emphasize bonding, encouragement, and a "just right" combination of freedom and positive discipline.

Thursdays: Feb 23; Mar 2, 9, 16

4:30 - 6:30 pm

ACTIVE PARENTING
First Five Years

Play & Learn Play Groups

Play and Learn Play Groups are intended to give children 0 to 5 years of age the opportunity to socialize with other children and develop skills necessary for success in school and beyond, in a fun, safe and caring environment.

We will be partnering with staff and students from Estrella Mountain Community College to help facilitate this program.

Thursdays

9 - 10 am

ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
A Maricopa Community College



Taking Turns
Toybrary



Taking Turns Toybrary

Toybrary is similar to traditional, book-lending libraries, allowing families to borrow fun, functional and educational items for 2 weeks at a time.

Thursdays

9 am - 12 pm

Above classes, workshops, and events are FREE and hosted at Care1st Avondale Resource Center.

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ACTIVE ADULT PROGRAMS

Looking for a place to stay fit, enjoy activities, and socialize? The Avondale Community Center provides a variety of resources to help you. Enjoy exercise classes, special events, excursions, daily meal service, volunteer opportunities, supportive food assistance programs, and helpful information and resources to help you lead an active and full lifestyle!

Avondale Community Center
 1007 S. 3rd Street, Avondale
 Open Mon – Thu, 8 am – 2 pm,
 Fri, 8 am – 12 pm
(623) 333-2705



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www.AvondaleAZ.gov/activeadults

To qualify for these programs, participants must be at least 60 years of age or with a disability. Program registration packets are available online at www.AvondaleAZ.gov/activeadults or at the Avondale Community Center.



FREE! HEALTH & WELLNESS PRESENTATIONS

Several financial planning, financial aid, senior resource, insurance, and wellness presentations are scheduled each month along with opportunities for medical checks and screenings.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Fun activities such as baking club, sewing club, Wii bowling league, crochet club, Karaoke, crafts, card clubs, and walking club
- ▶ Weekly Excursions such as casino trips, grocery trips, lunch bunch outings, sporting events, outdoor events and activities, hiking, museums and more!
- ▶ Special events/parties
- ▶ Bingo – held after lunch Monday thru Thursday

SITE COUNCIL

The Avondale Active Adult program is home to the Avondale Site Council, where elected members vote on issues regarding the center, volunteer, help raise funds, and overall promote and help the program and the needs of seniors of the Southwest valley.

VOLUNTEER

Help the community around you! Participants are given the opportunity to assist with ongoing activities at the center and assist with community events.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to and from the center is provided to participants living within set boundaries in the Avondale, Goodyear, Cashion, and Litchfield Park area. Suggested donation is only 50¢ each way. Transportation is currently full and accepting a wait list. Call (623) 333-2705 to be added to the wait list.

FOOD RESOURCES

Meals at the Center:

Daily lunch offered Monday - Thursday at 12 pm, and Friday at 11:30 am, for the suggested donation of \$2.

Breakfast provided for \$2 every Tuesday & Thursday; snack bar items for sale daily for Site Council Fundraisers

Sample Menu: Meatloaf, brussel sprouts, mashed potatoes, wheat roll, oatmeal cookie, gelatin w/fruit and milk.

Home Delivered Meal Program:

Delivery of up to 7 meals per week right to your door! Provided in Avondale, Goodyear, and Litchfield Park. Includes daily participant welfare check. Call Area Agency on Aging (602) 264-4357 to proceed with intake process for supplemented meal costs or call Avondale Community Center at (623) 333-2705 to start services paying \$5 per meal. Dietary needs can be accommodated.

Sample Menu: Baked fish, herb roasted potatoes, acorn squash, wheat roll, pears, and milk.

SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAMS

In coordination with St. Mary's Food Bank, the City of Avondale provides a Food Commodity program the **1st Monday** of each month and a Mobile Pantry program the **3rd Wednesday & 4th Thursday (NEW)** of each month. This program is first come, first serve and is open to the public - no registration or verification required.

FREE Daily Exercise Programs: 9 am at the Center.
(Live instructors M - Th.) Now accepting Silver Sneakers!

WEEK DAY	PROGRAM
Monday	Zumba w/ Natalie Rivera
Tuesday	Dance, Stretch & Strengthen
Wednesday	Kickboxing w/Natalie Rivera
Thursday	Aerobic Dance
Friday	Video Work Out

EVENTS @ THE CENTER

Avondale Community Center | 1007 S. 3rd St.

www.AvondaleAZ.gov/activeadults | Questions? Call (623) 333-2705



Activities are free unless otherwise noted.
Requested donation for lunch service when applicable (\$2 for Seniors, \$5 for all other guests).

SNOWFLAKE DANCE



Friday, January 20th | 5 - 8 pm

Step into a Winter Wonderland. Music, dancing, full Italian dinner. All adults welcome. Formal attire encouraged. \$5 advance tickets, \$7 at the door

VALENTINE'S DAY WITH FRANK SINATRA



Tuesday, February 14th | 10 am - 1 pm

Enjoy a live performance by Frank Sinatra (celebrity impersonator) and lunch.

STAY & PLAY CASINO AFTERNOON



Thursday, March 9th | 1 - 3 pm

Join us for an afternoon of casino games and refreshments.

HEALTH & RESOURCE FAIR



Thursday, April 6th | 9 am - 12 pm

Learn more about health and resources available to seniors. Lots of vendors, free medical testing, giveaways and more!



In need of HOME REPAIRS?

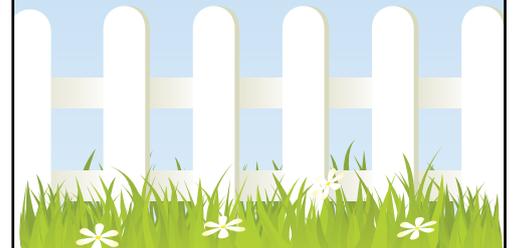


The City of Avondale offers a program to assist eligible homeowners with either emergency or substantial home repairs. Eligible activities include but not limited to:

- ▶ Roof repair
- ▶ Water heater replacement
- ▶ Cooler replacement
- ▶ Plumbing leaks
- ▶ Weatherization
- ▶ Electrical wiring problems
- ▶ Accessibility Conversions
 - Door widening
 - Grab bars
 - Ramps



For more information or to apply, please call (623) 333-2715.



BRING FRESH FOOD TO YOUR TABLE

1ST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH | 9 - 10 AM
Avondale Community Center | 1007 S. 3rd St.

An open-air gathering place offering fresh, locally-grown affordable produce.

- ◆ fresh food
- ◆ seasonal produce

- ◆ cooking demonstrations
- ◆ nutritional education

For more information contact the Department of Neighborhood and Family Services (623) 333-2725.



ATTENTION TEENS! (AGES 13 - 17)

Get involved in your community! Join other teens in Avondale for a fun-filled day of volunteerism and service on **Saturday, April 22, 2017**. Times and location to be announced.

Special Registration: Call the Neighborhood and Family Services Department/ Youth Services Division at (623) 333-2723

TOOL BOX NEIGHBORHOOD TOOL LOAN PROGRAM



The Avondale Tool Box Program fosters neighborhood pride and provides support to community groups wishing to conduct community clean-up projects or days of service. The Tool Box is outfitted with landscape tools, general home maintenance tools and water coolers.

A FREE PROGRAM, THE AVONDALE TOOL BOX IS AVAILABLE FOR:

- ▶ Multi-household clean-up projects
- ▶ Neighborhood clean-up projects
- ▶ Community group service projects



Call the Neighborhood and Family Services Department, Youth & Community Engagement Division at (623) 333-2723 for more information.

FAIR HOUSING



The City of Avondale is committed to affirmatively furthering fair housing and ensuring that all persons are given equal access to housing and housing services. All persons have the right to pursue the housing of their choice. If you would like to learn more about the Fair Housing Act or if you feel you have been discriminated against, please contact the Fair Housing Liaison for more information regarding upcoming workshops or for referral information by calling the Neighborhood and Family Services Department at **(623) 333-2706**.

SOUTHWEST VALLEY HOA SUMMIT

This training seminar is an opportunity for HOA board members, residents, and management companies to come together and discuss timely and relevant topics. Topics are presented by an HOA attorney and city staff are available for questions. All are welcome!

No cost to attend. Registration is not required.

Call (623) 333-2701 for more information.

Southwest Valley HOA Summits are offered through a partnership with the Cities of Avondale, Buckeye and Goodyear.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017 | 6 - 8 pm
Avondale City Hall | 11465 W. Civic Center Drive

SOUTHWEST VALLEY FALL HOA ACADEMY

Whether you are living in an HOA for the first time or you are a newly elected or experienced HOA board member, this academy is sure to benefit all who attend. These valuable training sessions include everything a resident or HOA board member needs to know about HOAs and provide community resources to help residents make the most of their HOA experience.

Registration is required and available online at www.avondaleaz.gov/playnow, **session barcode 7796**.

Cost \$5 per person. Lunch Included. All are welcome!

Call (623) 333-2701 for more information.

The Southwest Valley HOA Academy provides HOA instruction every Spring and Fall through a partnership with the Cities of Avondale, Buckeye and Goodyear.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2017 | 8 am - 2 pm
Buckeye City Hall | Council Conference Room
530 E. Monroe Avenue | Buckeye, AZ



Each year, the **City of Avondale recruits AmeriCorps members** to serve and build capacity across the community. The program offers AmeriCorps members the opportunity to **improve lives** while gaining **valuable job skills** and **earning money for college**.

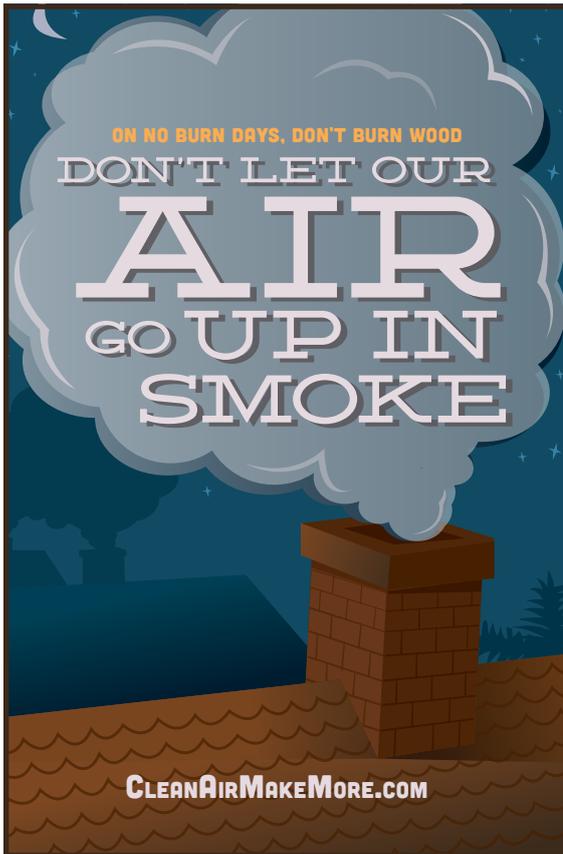
The city partners with the Corporation for National and Community Service to conduct several AmeriCorps programs and projects each year and place dedicated individuals in our community to address local needs. Visit our webpage to learn more about the various AmeriCorps opportunities and programs occurring in Avondale.

Call the Neighborhood and Family Services Department, Youth & Community Engagement Division at **(623) 333-2719** or visit www.AvondaleAZ.gov/youth for more information.

AVONDALE, A SUSTAINABLE CITY



Avondale is committed to growing a sustainable city for today and tomorrow, but we can't do it alone. You may have noticed a special Avondale Sustainability logo next to many initiatives and programs promoted in the RAVE. This logo designates the program as an Avondale Sustainable Action. Avondale strives to be a healthy and sustainable city that maximizes benefits for our connected community, environment, and economy. Take part in these programs to show your support. **Learn more at www.avondaleaz.gov/livinggreen.**



During the winter, Maricopa County has a problem with PM-2.5 (smoke). If the issue is not corrected this winter season and the PM-2.5 levels remain near the federal health standards, Maricopa County will fall out of attainment. This means more burdensome and costly federal regulations, possible fines and a substantial health risk for many of our residents.

Please help keep our air clean and our residents healthy by not burning wood or wax logs on "No Burn Days."

To find out if it is a no burn day, go to www.cleanairmakemore.com or call (602) 506-6400.

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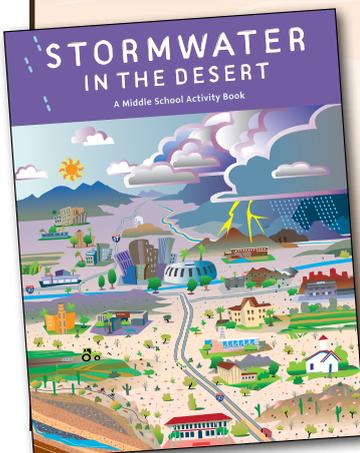
STORMWATER IN THE DESERT

If you live in Central Arizona, you live in the desert, specifically, the Sonoran Desert. Like most deserts, it receives very little rainfall. However, Central Arizona cities such as Avondale, receive around eight inches of rain each year, making the Sonoran Desert one of the wettest deserts in the world. Once rain hits the ground and begins to flow, it is called stormwater.

Managing stormwater in Central Arizona is important to reduce flooding, keep people safe, maintain clean water, and to reduce soil erosion. The cities have built a system of streets, washes, channels, dry basins and stormdrains to manage stormwater and direct it to major watercourses such as the Salt, Gila, or Agua Fria Rivers. It is imperative that we learn to keep stormwater clean. Learn more about stormwater at www.azstorm.org.

FREE and available for a limited time to anyone interested, is a new activity book about understanding the importance of stormwater on our ecosystem.

Call (623) 333-4220 or email dbryck@avondaleaz.gov to request print copies of the publication.



RECRUITING CLASS OF 2017 AVONDALE CITIZEN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



Want to find out what it takes to run a city?

This 10-week course offers a comprehensive, behind-the-scenes perspective of Avondale city government, with interactive and informative workshops on topics ranging from how the city runs to future development and building strong neighborhoods.

Participants will take a "quality of life" tour of city parks and facilities, and get a close up view of police and fire vehicles and apparatus during the public safety workshops and more.

The 2017 session kicks off in March.

Classes will be held on **Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8:30 pm**, with **three exciting Saturday field trips**.

Enrollment is free, and open to Avondale residents 18 years and older.

Space is limited to the first 20 participants.

For more information and to register, please visit www.avondaleaz.gov/citizenacademy or call (623) 333-1600.



PUBLIC WORKS...HERE TO SERVE YOU!

399 E. Lower Buckeye Road | www.avondaleaz.gov/publicworks

Hours of operation, M - Th 7 am – 6 pm; Closed Fridays

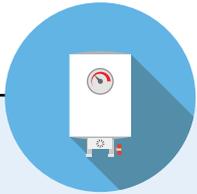


After Hours Water Quality or Main Breaks: (623) 333-4400

Report Water Waste: (623) 333-4422

Water Bill Customer Service: (623) 333-2005

Do you have questions about bulk trash pickup, recycling, water quality, concerns on clogged pipes, or how to save money on your water bill? Ask your public works staff. Accessible via email (emailpublicworks@avondaleaz.gov) or phone (623) 333-4400.



WATER CONSERVATION REBATES

The City offers rebates and incentives for customers who install certain low water use devices and to convert to a desert (xeriscape) landscape.

RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

- ◆ Irrigation Controller **\$50**
- ◆ Plumbing (toilet/showerhead) **\$75/\$5**
- ◆ Landscape Conversions- Xeriscape up to **\$400**
- ◆ Clothes Washer **\$100**

NON-RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS (HOAS, SCHOOLS, COMMERCIAL)

- ◆ "Smart" Irrigation Controllers **\$200**
- ◆ Landscape Conversion – Xeriscape up to **\$3,000**

To find out if you are eligible for rebates and incentives contact the Water Conservation Office at (623) 333-4422 prior to installing the device or converting your landscape.

3 TIPS FOR CONSERVING WATER INDOORS & OUTDOORS

1



Position **sprinklers** so they are not watering driveways & sidewalks.

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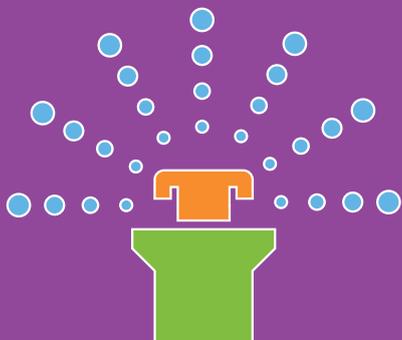
Xeriscape your yard – it uses **43% less** water than traditional landscapes.

3



Fixing toilet leaks and **dripping faucets** can save more than **600 gallons** of water a month!

ONE BROKEN
SPRINKLER HEAD
CAN WASTE
25,000 GALLONS
OF WATER IN JUST
6 MONTHS



amwua
ONE FOR WATER

Find & fix
LEAKS
that are
draining
your
BUDGET



An Easy Step-by-Step
Smart Home Water Guide

According to the EPA, the average household loses more than 10,000 gallons of water each year through leaks—the same amount of water needed to wash 280 loads of laundry, take 600 showers, or meet the average family's water needs for a month!

The smallest leaks can add up quickly and cost you money.

Most leaks are easy to find if you know where to look, and they're often simple to fix.

This new guide from AMWUA makes it easy to locate leaks both inside and outside your home, before they drain your budget.

NATIONAL FIX-A-LEAK WEEK
MARCH 20 - 27, 2017

Visit www.amwua.org to contact your AMWUA member conservation office for a free copy.

SEPARATE YOUR "GREEN WASTE"

City of Avondale accepts green waste for pick up that will be reused rather than landfilled. Green waste such as brush, tree limbs and yard trimmings, are collected separately during the routine monthly bulk trash pickup schedule.



The Incredible Bulk

Ways to help us divert green organics from our landfill:

- ✓ If you are placing material out for the monthly bulk trash service, separate your green organic material from your non-organic material
- ✓ Separate collection crews will be by to collect your bulk materials and your green organic materials
- ✓ Items not included with the green waste program: Cactus and Palm Fronds
- ✓ Cut tree trimmings to 4 feet in length. Stumps and tree trunks that exceed 6 inches in diameter will not be collected
- ✓ Place piles neatly for easy pick up by crews (4 foot length)
- ✓ All grass and leaves will still need to be bagged or boxed and will be part of regular bulk

Please Note: The 3 cubic yard limit per household is for both bulk/ green waste piles combined.

Contact the **Avondale Sanitation Division** with questions regarding your bulk or green waste pickup, (623) 333-4700.



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KNOW THE CLEANUP PLAYS → FOR YOUR GAMEDAY GRAZE

play #1 The sink should never be the end zone for **fats, oils or grease**.

Instead, make the right call to dispose of them properly:

CONTAIN → **FREEZE** → **TOSS**

FOR ALL THE PLAYBOOK STRATEGIES AND QUESTIONS ABOUT FATS, OILS, & GREASE DISPOSAL
PLEASE VISIT WWW.AVONDALE.ORG PRETREATMENT PROGRAM
OR CALL 623-333-4402

TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION ON CITY OBSERVED HOLIDAYS

During a holiday week, your trash and recycling cans will be picked up one day later.

City Observed Holidays:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 16 

President's Day
Monday, February 20 

Visit www.avondaleaz.gov/publicworks for your neighborhood holiday sanitation collection schedule, or call (623) 333-4700.

FREE Sustainable Landscape Classes

Learn how to create a healthy, vibrant landscape without the water waste by attending a sustainable FREE landscape class. All classes will be held at **Avondale City Hall** | 11465 W. Civic Center Drive



Advanced registration is required as space is limited and class can be canceled due to low registration.

Register at eavila@avondaleaz.gov or call (623) 333-4422 | More details available at www.avondaleaz.gov/water

DATE	TIME	CLASS NAME
Thursday, January 19	6 – 8:30 pm	Vegetable Gardening
Take advantage of this timely workshop to get your garden growing and learn strategies to overcome the challenges of our environment. Class will cover planting seasons and watering. <i>Speaker: Kirti Mathura, Horticulturist, Garden Author and Master Gardener</i>		
Thursday, January 26	6 – 8:30 pm	Butterfly Gardening
Residential landscapes can be a great wildlife habitat. If you are interested in beautiful blooms that attract hummingbirds and butterflies, this class is for you. We'll explore the numerous options for a colorful yard that is also water thrifty. The bonus is that you will attract nature's pollinators. Depending on the time of year and what you plant, you can attract different types of hummingbirds, moths, and butterflies. Arizona is lucky to have a diverse array of plants and wildlife. <i>Speaker: Kirti Mathura, Horticulturist, Garden Author and Master Gardener</i>		
Thursday, February 2	6 – 8:30 pm	Pruning Basics
This introductory class covers the basics of pruning to keep your green investments healthy, functional and looking great. Learn the art and science of good pruning, including how to prune young trees for good structure. After this class, you will be ready to prune your trees and shrubs with confidence. <i>Speaker: Cathy Rymer, Master Gardener, Horticulturist, Certified Irrigation Auditor</i>		
Thursday, February 16	6 – 8:30 pm	Growing Fruit Trees in the Desert
From exotic to native fruits this class describes over 20 different types of fruit in detail. Discussion will cover water, fertilizer, pollination, fruit thinning and planting tips. <i>Speaker: Jonathan Manning, Certified Arborist, Tree Farmer at Elgin Tree Farm</i>		
Thursday, February 23	6 – 8:30 pm	Landscape Watering by the Numbers
If you're mystified about landscape watering, you're not alone. Watering efficiently is the easiest way to reduce your water bill. You'll discover the importance and details of soil preparation and how to overcome the challenges of our environment. <i>Speaker: Cathy Rymer, Master Gardener, Horticulturist, Certified Irrigation Auditor</i>		
Thursday, March 9	6 – 8:30 pm	Irrigation Parts & Repair
A properly designed and installed irrigation system uses the least amount of water while keeping plants healthy. Unfortunately, most of us keep whatever system the builder or previous owner installed, and too often that means a system that performs poorly and uses too much water. Learn how to identify and correct problems and maximize the efficiency of your irrigation without having to replace your old system. <i>Speaker: Jonathan Manning, Certified Arborist, Tree farmer at Elgin Tree Farm</i>		
Thursday, March 16	10 am – 12:30 pm	The Nature of Design; creating water and energy efficient landscapes
Looking for advice on landscape design and/or small space renovations? This class will focus on landscape design that work for arid regions and will include easy and proper plant placement and water harvesting techniques. Each attendee will leave with a good start on their specific landscape design. <i>Speaker: Jo Miller, Master Gardener, Author and Certified Sustainable Building Advisor</i>		
Thursday, April 6	6 – 8:30 pm	Plant Survival 101
Learn how to maintain healthy plants, includes pruning tips and a pruning schedule specific to desert plants. <i>Speaker: Jo Miller, Master Gardener, Author and Certified Sustainable Building Advisor</i>		
Thursday, April 13	6 – 8:30 pm	Trees for Small Arid Yards
Learn the names of some trees you see all over town. See some selections that tolerate Arizona heat, are water efficient, and fit the spot you've picked out. <i>Speaker: Jonathan Manning, Certified Arborist, Tree Farmer at Elgin Tree Farm</i>		

Avondale hosts an exciting line-up of events for the upcoming season so **Save the Date** and **come out to celebrate!**

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Winter/Spring 2017

Events

FREE TO ATTEND!

www.AvondaleAZ.gov/events
(623) 333-2400

SATURDAY
JANUARY

28

6 - 8 PM

ART SHOWCASE RECEPTION EVENT

Join the City of Avondale and the West Valley Art Council to view an array of professional art from the local community. Wine and refreshments will be served, art will be available for purchase. Jazz musical performance by Trio Salado Quartet will complement the evening showcase.

Avondale City Hall | 11465 W Civic Center Drive



TRES RIOS NATURE FESTIVAL

This unique event focuses on the rich diversity of wildlife, habitat, history and culture of the Gila River corridor. Come enjoy the outdoors with kayaking, canoeing, fishing, bird watching, and hiking. The Festival also incorporates live entertainment, arts & crafts, food and much more. www.tresriosnaturefestival.org

Base & Meridian Wildlife Recreation Area | 7602 S Avondale Blvd, Avondale

SAT & SUN
MARCH

4 & 5

10 AM - 4 PM

SATURDAYS
7 PM

MARCH APRIL
25 & 29

NEIGHBORHOOD MOVIE NIGHTS

Bring a chair, invite the neighbors, as Avondale sets up an outdoor movie in your neighborhood.

MARCH | **Rancho Santa Fe Neighborhood, Avondale**

APRIL | **Donnie Hale Park** | 10857 W 4th St, Avondale



KIDFEST! A CELEBRATION OF THE YOUNG CHILD

Join us as we celebrate the Week of the Young Child – Families will enjoy bounce activities, entertainment, services and programming geared toward young children, food and lots of fun for the whole family.

www.avondalekidfest.com

Friendship Park | 12325 W McDowell Road, Avondale

SATURDAY
APRIL

8

10 AM - 1 PM

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www.taleof2cities.org

PARADE • 10:30 AM
FESTIVAL • NOON - 3 PM

**FREE
ADMISSION**



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Celebrating the **diversity of cultures** from around the world this event will incorporate **parade floats, food, arts & crafts, naturalization ceremony, and live entertainment.**

The parade will begin at 10:30 am down Thomas Road between Litchfield and Dysart. It will culminate with a festival on campus at **Estrella Mountain Community College.**

AN INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATION!

SATURDAY • **FEBRUARY 4, 2017**

10:30 AM TO 3 PM

3000 N DYSART RD, AVONDALE • **EMCC**

AVONDALE • GOODYEAR

A TALE OF

TWO CITIES



PARADE & FESTIVAL