

Youngtown Village Reporter

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In the *Heart* of the Northwest Valley

Southwest Gas Offers Flexible Payment Options

Payment Assistance Programs to Customers Impacted Financially by COVID-19

The COVID-19 outbreak has placed unexpected financial hardships on the people in the communities we serve. Southwest Gas understands that these are trying times for many individuals and wants to help our customers through it. Since March, Southwest Gas has temporarily ceased all service disconnections for non-payment, as well as late fees.

Although that moratorium is still in place, customers should be mindful that they will be responsible for the total amount of their bill accrued over these months, and payment will become due when the COVID-19 crisis improves. Southwest Gas urges customers to explore the various assistance programs it offers to avoid large payment.

Southwest Gas offers many programs, including flexible payment plans, payment assistance programs, and income qualified rate as-

sistance, for customers in Arizona.

Low Income Ratepayer Assistance (LIRA)

Customers who have recently lost their job, or are receiving unemployment benefits, may qualify for a reduced energy rate through our LIRA Program. This program helps customers save money by providing a yearly 30% reduction in the monthly basic service charge and a “per therm” rate discount. The “per therm” discount is applied each month from November 1 through April 30.

Energy Share Program

Southwest Gas has \$1 million available to customers experiencing unexpected financial difficulties, such as the loss of a job or medical emergency related to COVID-19. The Energy Share program allows customers facing financial hardship who qualify, to receive assistance

towards paying their Southwest Gas bill. Customers do not need to meet Federal Poverty Income Guidelines to qualify.

Deferred Payment Program

For customers who can demonstrate a hardship and have outstanding bills, our deferred payment plan allows them to pay their bill over an extended period of time. We also make referrals to government or local social service agencies

We are here to help and encourage customers to learn more about these programs by visiting our website at www.swgas.com or calling 1-877-860-6020.

Additionally, Southwest Gas may contact customers regarding their account but will never call or show up in person to demand payment with the threat of a disruption of service. If you receive a call from our representatives, they will simply verify your



identity to discuss your account. Any calls that ask you to make an immediate payment should be considered a scam, so please do not provide any personal informa-

tion and hang up. You can call 1-877-860-6020 to verify the legitimacy of any calls or visits that you receive.

Southwest Gas Corporation provides natural

gas service to more than two million customers in Arizona, California and Nevada. For more information about Southwest Gas, please visit swgas.com.

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From the Mayor... Less is Better; Least is Best

*This is a reprint of my column
from April, 2013*



Michael Lavault
Mayor



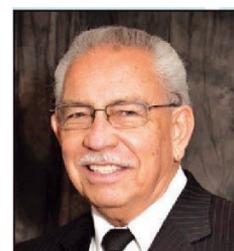
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Thomas Jefferson was the chief architect and author of the Declaration of Independence which declared "...that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.—That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed..."

In two of the most elegant and profound documents ever written—The

Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States—we, as a people, were given a blueprint for governing ourselves. Central to the theme of that blueprint was the notion that government was deserving of a natural and healthy suspicion and that its role was to be limited in our lives and applied sparingly.

Not long ago, government was looked at as the 'court' of last resort; problems were solved through human interaction, personal compromise and interpersonal mediation: people

talked **and** listened to each other---they worked things out.

Now, government is almost always looked at as the *only* venue for problem solving and innovation. While proclaiming 'protection of the people', state legislatures, the United States Congress and hundreds of municipalities pass thousands of new laws every year---incrementally extinguishing our God-given freedoms, one law at a time, in an Orwellian attempt to control everything in our lives from the quantity and quality of the

food we may eat and drink to the kinds of vehicles we may drive.

Government has twisted the right of 'pursuit of happiness' into the bizarre notion of guaranteed, predictable and equal outcomes. In other words, government now tries to guarantee not only the pursuit happiness but also its capture thus assuring an official imprimatur of mediocrity for all.

This notion of universal governmental control extends across party lines and transcends partisanship. It is embraced by many, if not most, elected

officials. It says that there is no problem which can't and shouldn't be solved with more and bigger government because the people can't be trusted to their own devices.

Really? Are you kidding me?

Perhaps these elected officials should pay attention to something else Thomas Jefferson said: "That Government is best which governs least."

Michael LeVault
Mayor

Save A Life – Save Yours!

I am so pleased that we have the Youngtown Village Reporter back in circulation! This allows me to reach out to everyone to discuss two recent situations that occurred during the first part of August.

A Negative Outcome

A neighbor on my street, a truck driver in his mid 50s, who was a private man, worked nights. Therefore, we didn't know much about him. He had to rest certain required hours and would be off work three to four days at a time, so it was not unusual to not see his vehicle move or mail picked up every day. He was also remodeling his home inside.

A week had gone by and there was no sign of him. I had called a couple of times, but his voicemail box would not take any more messages. Neighbors were becoming more concerned when his friend showed up the

following Saturday. He had called her the Sunday before and stated he was not feeling well and would she drop off some ice chips and juice. He was concerned he might have COVID but he refused to go to the hospital. He told his friend he would make a doctor's appointment the following morning. His friend had no house keys and no phone numbers for his relatives. What could she do? That Saturday we knocked and yelled his name. Sunday morning Sun City Fire & Medical District broke a window and entered the home. This gentleman was deceased. If he had a lock box or a vial of life bottle who knows if his life could have been saved. It took over a week for his friend to locate a family member. This is important for everyone to consider – we never know what life holds for us.

A Positive Outcome

A lock box saved a close friend of mine's life! A Sun City resident, age 91, who lived alone, had been doing very well on her own. However, one day she fell between the sink and the toilet when her scooter tipped over. By the "grace of God" a pharmacy delivery man rang the doorbell and called her on the phone. He happened to hear her call out for help. He called 911 and Sun City Fire & Medical District responded and due to the lock box on the outside of her home, they were able to enter her house and get to her. She was very dehydrated. Luckily, she was not injured. The Fire Department saw her "vial of life" sticker on the refrigerator. They were able to retrieve her medical information, doctor information and a daughter's contact information who lived back east. Being so dehydrated,

her daughter told me later that her mom may not have survived the night. This was a positive outcome to a very serious situation.

A few years ago, Fire Marshal, Jim Fox, had come to my church and have a talk on their smoke alarm program and the importance of lock boxes. Many in attendance decided to sign up – including this friend of mine from

Sun City.

Please take these experiences to heart! This is not only for those living alone, but couples as well. After November 1st, I will have the "Vial of Life" bottles available. If you are unable to come to one of the Sun Health Offices, please call Margaret Chittenden at 480-861-1576 to receive your "Vial of Life" bottle. Thank you!

The Vial of Life (VOL) is a key resource that serves as your personal health record.

This convenient pill bottle contains an easy-to-complete medical form that lists your recent medical history, and information that first responders and loved ones can use in the event of a medical emergency.

Clients are welcome to stop by at any of our 3 Sun Health locations to pick up the Vial of Life:

Sun Health (Corporate office)

14719 W. Grand Avenue, Building A, Surprise

Sun Health Resale Shops

14445 R.H. Johnson Blvd., Sun City West

Sun Health Resale Shops

9843 W. Bell Rd., Sun City (Campana Square)

Locations are open 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Mon. – Fri.



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Basic Fire Escape Planning



By: **Jim Fox**
Fire Marshal Sun City Fire
and Medical Department

The Fire Marshal's office ensures that fire drills are held on a frequent basis in specific commercial occupancies each year. As part of the Fire Marshal's annual inspections, emergency evacuation drills are verified that they are Performed, Recorded and Documented. Why don't we require emergency evacuation drills in our homes? The Fire Code only addresses fire drills in commercial and multi-family buildings.

Here are some basic procedures for formulating your own emergency escape plan in your home:

Your ability to get out depends on advance warning from smoke detectors and advance planning.

- Pull together everyone in your household and make a plan. Walk through your home and inspect all possible exits and escape routes. Households with children should consider drawing a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors. Also, mark the location of each smoke alarm. This is a great way to get children involved in fire safety in a non-threatening way.

- Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. New Construction codes require smoke alarms to be interconnected throughout the home, so when one sounds, they all sound.

- Everyone in the household must understand the escape plan. When you walk through your plan, check to make sure the escape routes are clear and doors and windows can be opened easily.

- Choose an outside meeting place (i.e. neighbor's house, a light post, mailbox, or stop sign) a safe distance in front of your home where everyone

can meet after they've escaped. Make sure to mark the location of the meeting place on your escape plan.

- Go outside to see if your street number is clearly visible from the road. If not, paint it on the curb or install house numbers to ensure that responding emergency personnel can find your home.

- Have everyone memorize the emergency phone number of the fire department - 911. That way any member of the household can call from a neighbor's home or a cellular phone once safely outside.

- If there are infants, older adults, or family members with mobility limitations, make sure that someone is assigned to assist them in the fire drill and in the event of an emergency. Assign a backup person too, in case the designee is not home during the emergency.

- If windows or doors in your home have security bars, make sure that the bars have emergency release devices inside the home so that they can be opened immediately in an emergency. Emergency release devices will not compromise your security - but they will increase

your chances of safely escaping a home fire.

- Tell guests or visitors in your home about your family's fire escape plan. When staying overnight at other people's homes, ask about their escape plan. If they don't have a plan in place, offer to help them make one. This is especially important when children are permitted to attend "sleepovers" at friends' homes.

See NFPA's "Sleepover fire safety for kids" fact sheet.

- Be fully prepared for a real fire: when a smoke alarm sounds, get out immediately.

- Once you're out, stay out! Under no circumstances should you ever go back into a burning building. If someone is missing, inform the fire department dispatcher when you call. Firefighters have the skills and equipment to perform rescues.

Put your plan to the test

- Practice your home fire escape plan twice a year, making the drill as realistic as possible.

- Make arrangements in your plan for anyone in your home who has a disability.

- Allow children to master fire escape planning and prac-

tice before holding a fire drill at night when they are sleeping. The objective is to practice, not to frighten, so telling children there will be a drill before they go to bed can be as effective as a surprise drill.

- It's important to determine during the drill whether children and others can readily waken to the sound of the smoke alarm. If they fail to awaken, make sure that someone is assigned to wake them up as part of the drill and in a real emergency situation.

- If your home has two floors, every family member (including children) must be able to escape from the second floor rooms. Escape ladders can be placed in or near windows to provide an additional escape route. Review the manufacturer's instructions carefully so you'll be able to use a safety ladder in an emergency. Practice setting up the ladder from a first floor window to make sure you can do it correctly and quickly. Children should only practice with a grown-up, and only from a first-story window. Store the ladder near the window, in an easily accessible location. You don't want to have to search for it during a fire.

- Always choose the escape route that is safest – the one with the least amount of smoke and heat – but be prepared to escape under toxic smoke if necessary. When you do your fire drill, everyone in the family should practice getting low and going under the smoke to your exit.

- Closing doors on your way out slows the spread of fire, giving you more time to safely escape.

- In some cases, smoke or fire may prevent you from exiting your home or apartment building. To prepare for an emergency like this, practice "sealing yourself in for safety" as part of your home fire escape plan. Close all doors between you and the fire. Use duct tape or towels to seal the door cracks and cover air vents to keep smoke from coming in. If possible, open your windows at the top and bottom so fresh air can get in. Call the fire department to report your exact location. Wave a flashlight or light-colored cloth at the window to let the fire department know where you are located.

Some Information provided by NFPA.



Youngtown Public Library

November 2020

Congratulations to Beverly Meers, who was the winner of our Summer Reading Program Grand Prize Drawing. She won two FREE passes to a Harkins movie, two tickets for FREE popcorn, two beverage cups and a Harkins tote bag! Thanks to all who participated in our Summer Reading Program!

Because of COVID-19, we are temporarily CLOSED to the public, however, we are doing CURBSIDE SERVICE to check out books and movies. You can put items on hold by accessing our Card Catalog using the link on the Youngtown website at www.youngtownaz.org, or on our Facebook page, or by calling us at (623) 974-3401. We also offer digital books through the "Libby" app. Just call us for instructions!

We carry all the latest books and movies! You can rent DVD's for a week, and check out books for two weeks for FREE!

The Youngtown Public Library still offers many services, including:

- FREE WI-FI outside from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
- FREE DVD rental – over 1,100 movies
- FREE Resume' Assistance
- FREE Tax Forms
- FREE Legal Forms
- FREE Career Information
- FREE Faxes
- Copies 15 cents each

Once the Library reopens, please join us for BOOK CLUB on the third Friday of every month.

Our hours for Curbside Service are 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Monday through Thursday.



LOCATION

Both the Library and Historical Museum are located in Town Square, between Alabama and Youngtown Avenue, just west of 112th Avenue. For additional information about the Library or the history of Youngtown, call (623) 974-3401.

Clubs and Organizations

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS ARE NOT MEETING AT THE MOMENT DUE TO COVID-19. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT THE BOARD MEMBERS.

AARP Board

MEET: 3rd Tuesday of the month 4:30 p.m.
Jay Lickus – 623-734-5438

AARP CHAPTER 1

MEET: 1st Friday of the month 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Jay Lickus – 623-734-5438

AGUA FRIA RANCH HOA

MEET: 2nd Wednesday of the month 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
OFF: August
Ogden & Company/Jackie Monty 623-628-4708

BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB

MEET: 3rd Friday of the month 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Meets in the Youngtown Library
Heidi Speed – 623-974-3401

CRAFT CORNER

MEET: Every Monday 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Betty Trolen – 623-974-9130

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

MEET: Every Other Month on the 3rd Friday 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
OFF: June, July and August Teresa Felton – 760-415-5446

OPEN PAINTING

ALL MEDIUMS WELCOME
MEET: every Monday 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Beverly Meers – 972-5145

WOOD CARVERS CLUB

MEET: every Tuesday of the month 8:00 a.m. - Noon
Terry Damato – 623-933-2426

YOUNGTOWN ART COMMISSION

MEET: 4th Wednesday of the month 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
OFF: June, July and August Val Wilson – 623-810-3137

YOUNGTOWN COMMUNITY FUND

MEET: 4th Wednesday of the month 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Madelon Jeffreys – 623-977-4661

YOUNGTOWN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

MEET: Every Wednesday of the month 10:30 a.m. - Noon
OFF: June, July, August Madelon Jeffreys – 623-583-8047
All clubs meet in the Clubhouse unless otherwise noted.

Youngtown Community Fund News Medical Lending Center

We are here to assist with your medical equipment needs after surgery or an accident. We loan durable medical equipment for up to four months at NO charge to you. We proudly serve Youngtown, El Mirage, Peoria, and Surprise. We are open Monday-Saturday from 9AM-12PM. Come on in when you need help. We are always happy to take donations of medical equipment or cash to purchase needed supplies or replacement parts for our equipment. We look



forward to serving you.
11215 A West Nevada Avenue, Youngtown. (623) 977-4661, 9AM to Noon, Monday through Saturday.



News You Can Use...

Canine Happenings at the Dog Park!

Greetings from the Citizens' Dog Park (woof)! We are all greatly relieved to have some cooler weather! Dog park attendance has increased, and the fur babies are looking more playful. The committee would like to extend a huge thank you to all dog families who visit. You have been wonderful cleaning up messes and taking care to keep our park well maintained. As the weather cools, the grounds should perk up as well.

PET STICKERS are available! Let the fire department know there are pets in your house by posting the sticker by your front door. For further information, please join us at our regular monthly meeting.

MEETINGS!

Any of your questions or comments are encouraged and welcome during our meetings. Due to Covid, we will be meeting telephonically. The number to call will be posted on the Dog Park Agenda at the park or Town Hall. We'll take care of all the forms needed, and truly hope for your input. Meetings are the third Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m., resuming in October, and are usually about an hour. Check the postings for the agenda. We have had the summer off and are ready to plan for the future!

Dog Park news is light this month, so this edition will include pet and animal information encompassing all of Youngtown. Whether or not you use the dog park, many of you walk the pond, the Agua Fria Ranch loop, and other parks with your pooches. Our maintenance workers keep us stocked with pet disposal bags and are always watching for work to be done. We thank them! Also, thanks to you, Youngtown, for cleaning up after your pets!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Loose and animals at large can be distressing for all parties concerned. Most dogs sneak through the open door or gate and know their way home. If they



are friendly and have tags, owners can be located by calling or online at Maricopa Animal Control at (602) 506-7387. We also have a pet scanner at Youngtown Town Hall office.

One reason male dogs especially like to wander brings us to the next item. **SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR PETS!!** There are low cost animal clinics who will give shots and low cost surgery. Visit Maricopa County Animal Control page for the many resources available.

If you continually see a stray or aggressive dog: **DO NOT APPROACH!** Call the County AT [602-506-7387](tel:602-506-7387).

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE UNKNOWN DOGS IN THE DOG PARK.

If you must surrender your animal, call (602) 506-2765

If you see or smell a deceased animal, please call Youngtown Town Office at

(623) 933-8286.

If you have a feral cat colony please consider the spay and release program. Information can be attained by emailing Councilmember Hout at shout@youngtownaz.org. She can put you in contact with the necessary people to obtain traps and locations for low cost surgery, as well as payment, depending on circumstances. Sometimes a colony needs have certain members relocated due to sheer numbers. Some can be relocated on ranches to become mousers. Please consider maintaining a low feral cat population.

And as always, if you have the means, donations are always gratefully accepted and appreciated. I've seen neighbors each donate a share of costs to help our furry friends. Donations are accepted at many pet shelters or the County or can be made out to the Town of Youngtown and reference the Citizens' Dog Park in

the memo line. Shelters are ALWAYS looking for unopened pet food as well.

One final thought on donations would be to consider donating items from your household to resell, or cat food to such places as our very own 4 Paws Cat Rescue. Take a cat home!

The fact is, there are many places worthy of your time and consideration.

We look forward to hearing you at our next meeting!

Thanks for reading!

CITIZENS' DOG PARK OF YOUNGTOWN

Hours of Operation
6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
NW Corner of Alabama
& 113th Avenues
For Information & Donations
623-974-9756

NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Email your article to Jeanne Blackman: jblackman@youngtownaz.org

The right to accept or reject rests with the publication editor.

Building Safety & Building Permit Requirements

Why are Building Permits and Inspections required?

- To protect you, your family, friends, neighbors, and neighborhood from work that does not meet minimum requirements to safeguard the public safety, health and general welfare and property values.
- To ensure that work performed on your property meets environmental standards, and complies with the Town's Zoning Ordinance, construction codes, and other development related laws and ordinances.
- To help protect your investment and minimize liability or problems on insurance settlements and during a future sale of your property.

When is a Residential Permit needed?

A building permit is required for:

- New homes and buildings
- Demolitions
- Carports
- Room additions
- Garage or carport conversions
- Porch enclosures
- Patio covers
- Detached storage structures larger than 120 square feet
- All detached buildings other than storage
- All fences and walls
- Retaining walls
- Manufactured homes
- Group care homes
- Roof replacement or roofline extensions

- Swimming pools and spas including pre-fabricated above ground pools 18" or more in depth
- New driveways or alteration of existing driveways if work is being done in the right-of-way
- Alteration of hillside topography and/or hillside vegetation
- Fill or change of drainage conditions on your lot

You also need a permit when remodeling or making repairs.

This may include:

- Air conditioners, evaporative coolers, or furnaces being added or relocated.
- Electrical circuits being added or relocated
- Gas line or gas-fired equipment installations or repairs
- Sewer and water line installations or repairs
- Sinks, toilets tubs, or showers to be added or relocated
- Wall removals or relocations
- Water softener installations or replacements
- Exterior doors in which sizes or locations are being changed
- Connecting irrigation systems to a water supply
- Window replacement or relocation
- Water heater replacement or relocation

When is a Residential Permit NOT needed?

A construction permit is not needed to:

- Build a detached structure without utili-



- ties less than 120 square feet. However, zoning setbacks for property lines must be maintained. Maximum 8 1/2' walls and maximum 15' height at ridge above grade level
- Uncovered patio slabs or decks not over 30 inches above ground
- Install insulation in existing buildings when the use is not changing
- Install low voltage landscape accent lighting
- Repair landscape irrigation piping
- Perform minor repairs or replacement of nonstructural items, such as glass, doors, hardware, kitchen cabinets, carpeting, flooring, or trim work (not affecting a pool enclosure or garage)
- Paint
- Repairing drywall, plasterboard, paneling, or stucco (insulated stucco systems require a permit)
- Repair or replace existing plumbing fixtures in the same location

What information is required for a permit?

A construction permit requires:

- Owner's name, legal address, and telephone number
- Property legal description-lot number, block number and subdivision name; Assessor's Parcel Number
- Contractor's name, state license number, and city and state tax license numbers, if a contractor is performing the work
- Two copies of plans are needed for most construction projects before a building permit can be issued. An Arizona architect's or engineer's seal on the plans may be required if the proposed structural work is not conventional construction
- Identification of any construction being done in the right of way
- Valuation of proposed work, which is the market value of the improvement
- A licensed contractor is required not the owner builder
- Any HOA approval is the responsibility of the owner builder
- The plans that are required for your project will depend upon the type of work being done. Listed below you will find a brief description of the most common plans that may be required.

Contact Building Safety at 623-933-8286 in order to determine the types of plans that will be needed.

PLOT PLAN (Drawn to scale)

The items that need to be shown include:

- Scale of drawing. For instance: 1" = 20"
- Address and legal description
- Property line dimensions
- Name and/or location of adjoining streets and alleys
- Location of all existing and proposed structures with distances from buildings and property lines
- Identification of all easements
- North arrow

If affected by proposed work:

- Location of existing water meter
- Location and size of existing sewer
- Location of gas, electric service

Building information to include:

- Zoning district

- Show existing and new sq. ft. separately
- Total square feet (existing and new under root)

FLOOR PLAN (Drawn to scale)

The items that need to be shown for new construction, alterations, additions and remodels include:

- Room sizes and uses
- Location of walls
- Dimensions

The following must be shown if they are being built, altered, or obstructing the proposed work.

Location and sizes of:

- Windows
- Doors and stairs
- Fixtures
- Outlets (electrical)
- Utility lines

- Heating ducts
- Built-in equipment or cabinets
- Smoke detectors

ELEVATION VIEW (Drawn to scale)

The items that need to be shown include:

- All sides of the building being constructed or remodeled
- Height of the structure on all elevations
- Exterior materials being used
- Finished grade
- Size and location of doors and windows
- Specify roof pitch on all roofs

DETAILS & CROSS-SECTION VIEW

The items that need to be shown include:

- Foundation and footing details (depth, thickness, and width)
- Wall details (frame, masonry, stucco, veneer)
- Roof details, connection of framing to walls, wall to foundation
- Dimensions

Other items that may need to be shown/include on plans, but are not limited to:

- Water calculations
- Plumbing systems-Isometric diagram of gas piping and waste & vent schematic
- Electrical systems-One line diagram. Panel schedule with number of circuits, size of current breakers, when panel size in excess of 200 amps

See Building Safety Office for specific handouts or questions for your project or call 623-933-8286.

In The Works

November 2020



Marty Mosbrucker
Public Works Manager

to a much weaker than usual summer monsoon. The average yearly rainfall for Phoenix is just a tad over 8 inches. When it does rain, we truly appreciate it. We love the rain but it does come with some challenges. While the rain is very appreciated to improve the drought conditions, an excessive amount in a short timeframe, which tends to happen in the Phoenix area, does have some challenges. As you know, the Phoenix area valley is largely comprised of flat terrain with vast amounts of ever-increasing asphalt,

concrete and roof-tops. The soil consists largely of hard caliche dirt; you know just how hard the soil is, if you've ever dug a hole in your yard. When a large volume of rain falls over a short time period on all this asphalt, concrete and hard soil, a great deal of run off occurs due to slow saturation, causing some street flooding.

Street flooding and Flash Floods

The rainfall from a storm can be of a large volume in a short time span, causing some road flooding. Driv-

ing around barricades is illegal and dangerous. Do not let children play near storm drains or washes after a heavy rain. Roadbeds may be washed out under floodwaters. Never drive through flooded roadways. As little as ten inches of water can float average-sized cars, mini-vans, SUVs and trucks. Strength of the flow is the critical force. When in doubt, wait it out, or find a safer route.

Sand bags available to residents

If the potential for flood-

ing is in the forecast, the Town will provide sand and sand bags for residents. As stated above, because of the dense material that makes up our ground, the rain water doesn't get absorbed into the ground and can create flooding problems.

The sand yard is located just west and adjacent to the Public Works Facility at 11117 W. Peoria Avenue and is stocked with sand and sand bags. The gate to the yard is unlocked. Please avoid driving into the yard, as you could get stuck. Park outside of the gate on the

hard gravel. Bring your own shovel to fill the sand bags provided. Only fill each bag a little over half full, as they work best that way. Please be considerate and only take what you need - your neighbors will appreciate it. Make sure to close the gate when you exit the sand yard. In the event you drive into the sand yard and get stuck, the driver of the vehicle will be responsible for having the vehicle removed from the sand yard.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Lead Safe Maricopa County

Homeowners and renters living in the communities of Gila Bend, Guadalupe, Tolleson, and Youngtown may be qualified to receive services from the Human Services Department's Lead Safe Maricopa County program. This no-cost program aims to reduce childhood lead poisoning by creating lead-safe housing for the County's most vulnerable families. Services available for eligible homeowners and renters will include lead-based paint home inspections and hazard reduction services.

For more information about lead poisoning, please visit the Arizona Department of Health Services' website.

If you live in Phoenix, please contact the City of Phoenix to learn about their Lead Safe Phoenix program.

To apply for the Lead Safe Maricopa County program, follow the step-by-step instructions below.

Check Eligibility

To qualify for the Lead Safe program, a homeowner or renter must meet the following criteria:

- Housing is in the communities of Gila Bend, Guadalupe, Tolleson, and Youngtown
- Housing was built before 1978

80% of Area Median Income

Household Size	Total Household Income
1	\$40,850
2	\$46,650
3	\$52,500
4	\$58,300
5	\$63,000
6	\$67,650
7	\$72,300
8	\$77,000

80% of the Area Median Income for 2019 as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Effective June 28, 2019.

- Housing is a single-family home or an apartment complex with less than 15 units
- A child under the age of six (6) or a pregnant woman lives in the home or a child under the age of six (6) visits at least three hours a day on two (2) separate days a week
- Household's total income is at or below 80% Area Median Income.

Complete Online Inquiry Form

To receive additional information about the Lead Safe Maricopa County program, please complete the confidential online inquiry form by clicking on the button below. After you have submitted the form, the Human Services Department will contact you within 10 business days to discuss your inquiry.

If you have questions, require assistance with the completion of the form, or would like to request the form in paper, please call 602-506-1258, TTY 711, or email LeadSafe@maricopa.gov.



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RENT



ELECTRIC



WATER



GAS

HAVE YOU FALLEN BEHIND ON YOUR RENT OR UTILITY PAYMENTS?

- **UP TO 3 MONTHS OF ASSISTANCE**
- **COVID-19 FINANCIAL HARDSHIP REQUIRED**
- **FAMILIES MUST INCOME QUALIFY (EXAMPLE: FAMILY OF 4 MUST EARN LESS THAN \$62,250/YR)**

ELIGIBLE LOCATIONS

- Buckeye
- El Mirage
- Fountain Hills
- Goodyear
- Guadalupe
- Litchfield Park
- Tolleson
- Wickenburg
- Youngtown
- Unincorporated areas within Maricopa County

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