



# CITYLINE

Summer Issue

July - Sept 2025

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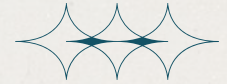
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Roundabout Project at Brinton & Litchfield

# A MESSAGE FROM

*Mayor Thomas L. Schoaf*



Even though summer is officially a few weeks away as I write this article, this weekend is predicted to be above 110. Summer has arrived. We go into survival mode, drinking bottles of water to make it through 18 holes or walking very early or very late. Many escape to northern climates, while others enjoy the less congested streets, restaurants, and hours in the pool.

Development of Litchfield Square continues. Grading and the foundation of our first building have begun, with its walls and roof to follow shortly. You will see it progress and grow this summer rising as our first Litchfield Square building. The second building has been approved, the land transferred and building plans are in progress. We expect construction to begin in the fall. The third building, with the first residential condominiums, has been approved by Design Review. It will come to Council shortly for the next step in the process. We hope to see this building begin before the year's end. The city center is taking shape after many years of planning and anticipation.

Development on the La Loma hilltop is also progressing. You will see the beginning of this transformative project this summer. The changes will be dramatic, so please wait for the various pieces to come together.

City staff will be busy throughout the summer. The City is working on the next part of the wall from Camelback to Dysart, new parking and park expansion for Camelback Park, relocation of Scout Lodge to Scout Park, construction of a new public works building, along with projects such as the addition of Bullard lighting at the Lake. The City will be a hot spot from all the activity, even without our normal summer heat.

Have a great summer, enjoy your family and friends, enjoy your vacations, and get ready to see many improvements in your city. All of us on the Council, as well as City staff, welcome your comments or questions. You can contact me at [tschoaf@litchfieldpark.gov](mailto:tschoaf@litchfieldpark.gov) or 623-935-5033.

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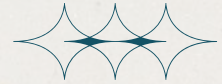
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# COUNCIL'S CORNER



*Lisa Brainard Watson*



**I was asked recently whether I plan on running for City Council again, and it got me thinking. How does being on the council impact my life?**

Initially, I thought my mind would go to the immediate time commitment challenges posed by meetings, community events, and my personal commitment to reading the long agenda package prior to meetings so I was prepared to participate in the discussions. These thoughts did cross my mind, but very quickly I found myself reflecting on what I will miss when term limitations preclude me from serving. There is so much I get from the opportunity to serve.

First of all, I have been given the opportunity to learn so much about our unique little city and how the Mayoral/City Manager form of city government works. Like so many people, I ran with no real knowledge of how the Council, Mayor, City Manager, administrative team, and city employees interact and work together. I have gained a deep understanding of and respect for the folks who work together like a well-oiled machine to ensure that we the citizens have the kind of city we want. I am amazed to see that so many of these people view their employment as more than just a job but truly feel a part of something important.

I've come to truly understand how the wisdom of those who came before us and the commitment they made to creating and maintaining the unique nature of the City of Litchfield Park have impacted each one of us. The core values of creating a city that offers a family-centered, active lifestyle in a unique aesthetically appealing environment, limiting and providing a thoughtfully planned commercial environment, and most importantly offering the small town connected feel that is such a critical part of the community, have guided the decisions made by the city council.

I've also learned so much about how our city interacts with the larger world around us. The city's relationships with other cities, the state, and the Federal Government are complex and interesting. We benefit from the experience of dealing with these stakeholders.

Serving on city council has allowed me to understand who we were and are as a city, and where we are going tomorrow. I have a deeper and clearer understanding of the unique core values that guide us and drive our decision-making today to create a future for our children.

Most importantly, serving on city council has given me the opportunity to meet you, to listen to your concerns, and to work with others to solve problems and plan for our future.

Thank you,

Councilwoman Lisa Brainard Watson

# A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Greetings citizens,

I hope you are all having a safe summer season. It is a busy time with the City as we add several city positions and create a Communications Department. City staff are very busy with recreation, maintenance of public grounds, and our many capital projects.

Over the next few months, citizens will see projects begin that will change our community. Soon we will begin construction of the new library and Hilltop School for the Arts. Parts of this project will include a new roundabout on Litchfield Road and an underpass (under Litchfield Road). This next year will also be the start of the restoration of the historic Litchfield house.

Residents will see continued development in Litchfield Square, new parking at Camelback Park, building and expansion of multiple community walls, and the restriping for multiple sports on the Recreation Center courts on Old Litchfield.

We ask for your patience as we work on these projects, and know that City staff and City Council are all working to improve this place we are blessed to call home. As always, I welcome any questions.



Sincerely,

Matthew C. Williams  
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City of Litchfield Park  
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**Meeting Dates**

**CITY COUNCIL**

July - Canceled  
Aug 20  
Sept 17

**DESIGN REVIEW**

July - Canceled  
Aug 07  
Sept 04

**PLANNING & ZONING**

July - Canceled  
Aug 12  
Sept 09

**RECREATION & PUBLIC GROUNDS**

July - Canceled  
Aug 14  
Sept 11

# FINANCE

Contributor: Paige Peterson, Assistant City Manager and Finance Director

## *FISCAL YEAR 2026 FINAL BUDGET ADOPTED*

The City Council adopted the final budget for Fiscal Year 2026 at the June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. The total budget is \$50.3 million; 27% is for the general fund, 65% is for the capital improvement plan, and the remaining 8% is for other special revenue funds.

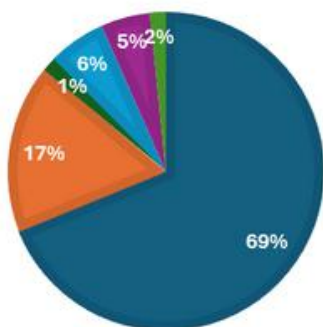
The capital improvement plan includes several exciting construction projects, such as the new Library, the Hilltop restoration, and the Litchfield Road and Brinton Roundabout. Capital project funding is a combination of one-time revenues, such as construction sales tax, fund balance, and pledged revenue bonds.

The general fund pays for all city services and programs, such as public safety and public works. Approximately 80% of general fund operations are paid for by local city sales tax revenues; local city sales tax accounts for 69% of general fund revenues. The graphs below show the general fund’s revenue sources and how the money is allocated by function.

The general fund budget includes some exciting additions, which include a full-time patrol officer (to begin in January 2026), a Planner/Engineer position, and a Director of Communications. The addition of these positions demonstrates the Council’s commitment to provide exceptional public safety, quality construction projects, and provide residents with timely and accurate information.

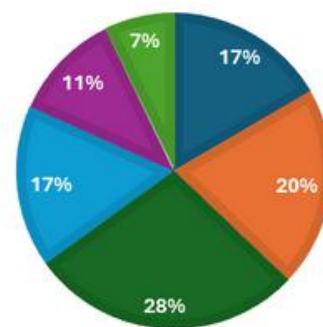
**GENERAL FUND REVENUES**

- City Sales Tax
- State Shared Revenues
- Permits and Fees
- Rec & Special Events
- Investment Earnings
- Other



**GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES**

- General Government
- Public Safety
- Public Works
- Debt Payment
- Rec & Special Events
- Community Services



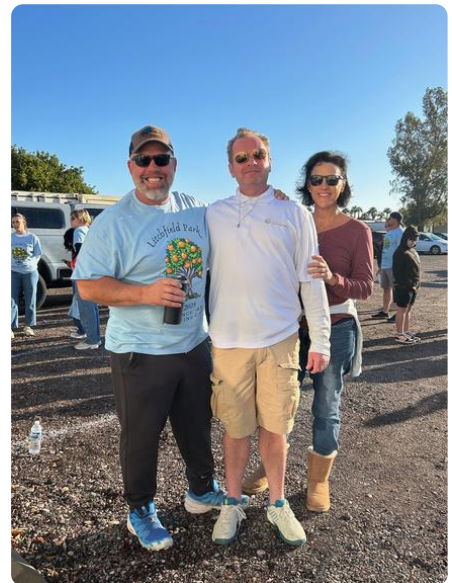
# Boards and COMMISSIONS

## RECREATION AND PUBLIC GROUNDS COMMISSION

Contributor: **Tricia Kramer, Community & Recreation Services Director**

Litchfield Park’s Recreation & Public Grounds (RPG) Commission is comprised of seven citizens who have been appointed by the City Council. The commissioners meet regularly on the second Thursday of each month, and they work closely with the directors of the Community and Recreation Services and Public Works Departments. They make recommendations to staff and to City Council regarding city parks, public facilities, recreational programs, and capital improvements impacting these spaces and services.

Over the past year, the RPG Commission has been hard at work helping staff and Council make decisions that add to the beauty of the city and quality of life of our residents. They are the driving force behind the Yard of the Quarter Program and the annual Orange Tree Painting event. They helped establish our current Memorial Bench Program, so residents could honor their loved ones with park benches for community use. The Commissioners have also weighed in on decisions on playground equipment, shade structures, and park amenities. Recently, they recommended the resurfacing of our Rec Center courts to accommodate the increasing number of pickleball users. They have also provided input on plans for a temporary art installation in Litchfield Square Park and suggestions to make our special events even better. Watch for a community survey from the RPG Commission in the near future seeking the residents’ input on possible future uses for the downtown library building once the new library opens at The Hilltop.



Top Row Standing (L to R): Christoph Gerz, Brian Culbreth, Adam Schwartz, Brian Faith  
 Bottom Row Seated (L to R): Andrea Phillips (Vice Chair), Anthony Taddei (Chair), Susan Fix (Past RPG Commissioner - served from 2015-2025)

Top Right Headshot: Krysten Giordano, newly appointed in March 2025  
 Bottom Right Headshot: Justin James, Council Liaison to RPG Commission

# City Court *UPDATE*

## LITCHFIELD PARK AND AVONDALE COURTS PARTNER TO SHARE SPACE

The Litchfield Park Magistrate Court is delighted to announce a creative new partnership with the City of Avondale Magistrate Court where the Courts will share space beginning July 1. Housing court and court administrative services for both cities at the same location will enhance efficiency, reduce costs, and increase convenience by streamlining services.

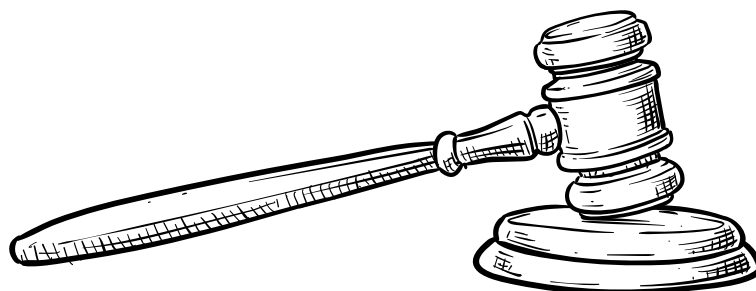
Both City Magistrate Courts and all court administrative services will be co-located under one roof at 11325 West Civic Center in Avondale.

For added convenience, the court administrative office hours will be extended to Monday – Thursday 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Staff will assist with a variety of in-person services, including records requests, paying court fines, posting bonds, and obtaining protective orders.

Payment options are also being expanded. In addition to payments online, in person, and by mail, there will be opportunities for secure drop-off payments in the lockbox outside the Avondale City Court. All details and complete payment instructions are available at [www.azcourtpay.com](http://www.azcourtpay.com).

There is no impact on already scheduled court appearances; they will proceed without interruption.

“This is a community-focused partnership that allows us to protect our budget and maintain quality services for our residents,” explains City Manager Matthew Williams. “We welcome this innovative opportunity to leverage resources and ensure our community thrives.”



# PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Contributor: Randy Proch, Planning Director

## NEW DEVELOPMENTS SHAPING OUR FUTURE



Litchfield Park is experiencing a period of exciting growth and transformation, with several significant new developments poised to enhance our community’s cultural, educational, and commercial landscape. These projects reflect the City’s commitment to thoughtful growth while preserving our unique charm.

A major catalyst for this progress is the La Loma Homestead, located at the intersection of Litchfield Road and Brinton Avenue. This historic site, envisioned for historical, social, and cultural use since 2003, is now seeing its potential realized. The Agua Fria Union High School District is leading the development of The Hilltop School for the Arts, a performing arts high school for 400 students, complete with a 700-seat theater and a 4,500 square foot restaurant. The school’s design harmonizes with the existing cottages, respecting the area's heritage while offering contemporary educational facilities. The theater will host events after school hours, ensuring ample parking and minimizing impact on the natural hillside.

Adjacent to the school, a new 10,000 square foot Maricopa County Library District branch library is also under way. Located at the northwest corner of Litchfield Road and Brinton Avenue, this library, a long-considered addition, will feature dedicated sections for adults, teens, and youth, a program room, and study spaces. Thanks to Maricopa County and former County Supervisor Clint Hickman, this valuable community resource is moving forward. Parking will accommodate 68 vehicles and 18 golf carts, serving the library, museum, and park.

Finally, Litchfield Square is set to welcome a new mixed-use building at the northwest corner of La Loma Avenue and Village Parkway. This approximately 24,000 square foot, three-story building will feature a 6,000 square foot third-floor outdoor patio for a restaurant, and a separate 275 square foot ice cream shop. The design utilizes a zero-lot line approach and a stepped-back third story, harmonizing with the existing Litchfield Square aesthetic. Offsite improvements, including sidewalks and Pathway connections, will further enhance this vibrant downtown area.

These developments underscore Litchfield Park’s dynamic future, promising enhanced amenities and opportunities for all residents.



# PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Contributor: Randy Proch, Planning Director

## ROUNDBOUT PROJECT UNDERWAY AT LITCHFIELD ROAD AND BRINTON AVENUE

The City has commenced design work on a significant infrastructure improvement project at the intersection of Litchfield Road and Brinton Avenue. This project will see the construction of a new roundabout, strategically positioned to serve as the primary entrance to the evolving La Loma Homestead restoration area.

This key intersection will provide seamless access to a host of exciting new amenities and destinations taking shape at La Loma. These include the future Hilltop School for the Arts and Theater, the new Maricopa County branch library, the P.W. Litchfield Heritage Center museum, and the expansive open park spaces planned for the area.

Construction of the roundabout is anticipated to begin in late summer. This timeline allows for thorough design and planning to ensure a smooth and efficient construction process.



In addition to the roundabout itself, the project will also include a vital pedestrian, cyclist, and cart connection. A Pathway extension will be constructed as an underpass beneath Litchfield Road. This underpass will provide a safe and convenient route for residents to travel to and from the new La Loma Homestead amenities, enhancing connectivity and accessibility for the entire community.

The roundabout and underpass represent a significant investment in the infrastructure surrounding the La Loma Homestead, supporting its transformation into a vibrant cultural and recreational hub. These improvements will not only enhance traffic flow and safety but also create better access to the exciting new opportunities emerging in this historic area of our city. Stay tuned for updates as the design progresses and construction approaches.

# ENGINEERING & DEVELOPMENT

Contributor: **Keith Drunasky, PE - City Engineer**

## THE HILLTOP UPDATE – MOVING DIRT



At long last, the first phase of construction for the new performing arts high school, a collaboration between the City of Litchfield Park and the Agua Fria Union High School District has begun. Heavy equipment began moving dirt in June. Within these first few months, the school's contractor will move up to 35,000 cubic yards of dirt from the site, hauling most of this to the north side of the hilltop to supplement the City's first phase of the Hilltop Park Project as well as the City's new library complex. Residents should expect to see construction fencing, trailers, vehicles, equipment and materials moving around on the south and east sides of the Hilltop property for the next 15 months. The City is working closely with Agua Fria School District, their design teams, the school's contractor, McCarthy Construction, as well as the City's own design consultants on 4 concurrent projects that include the high school, library complex, a new roundabout intersection located Litchfield Road & Brinton Avenue, and the first phase the future Hilltop Park project.

The project teams are actively engaging utility providers and adjacent landowners to finalize utility extensions and services, project access, drainage improvements, and other critical project elements that will have tremendous impact on the project schedule and future phasing. The current dirt-moving activities signify the start of the site work, which will move into building foundations, parking lots access roads, utilities, and the buildings themselves. The first phase focuses primarily on creating the infrastructure necessary for the overall Hillside development. As dirt is moved and the first phase unfolds, the vision for the Hilltop Property is becoming a reality, promising a bright future for Litchfield Park.

## LITCHFIELD SQUARE UPDATE – HERITAGE PLACE



The City of Litchfield Park is happy to announce that the first phase of construction for the Litchfield Square Development of Lots 3 & 4 is fully underway. This milestone marks a significant step forward in transforming the city's downtown core into a vibrant hub of commerce, culture, and community life. Located at the northwest corner of Village Parkway & Desert Avenue, the Heritage Place Development aims to blend modern urban living with the community's rich heritage.

LP Heritage Partners, LLC is developing a two-story, 40,000-square-foot building known as Heritage Place at Litchfield Square. This mixed-use structure will feature ground-floor retail shops, restaurants, and office spaces, contributing to the area's economic vitality and providing residents with convenient amenities. The development's architecture reflects the region's unique character while promoting walkability and community engagement.

The first phase of construction consisted of site clearing and grubbing, mass grading and other earthwork activities, excavations for footings and utilities and the installation of construction fencing. Soon, we will see utilities start to go underground, along with concrete building pads and footings, retaining walls, storm drain pipes and building walls. Once complete, Heritage Place will serve as a cornerstone for further commercial and civic development in the area. The project is expected to draw both visitors and new businesses, stimulating local economic growth and enhancing the appeal of downtown Litchfield Park as a premier West Valley destination.



# PUBLIC WORKS

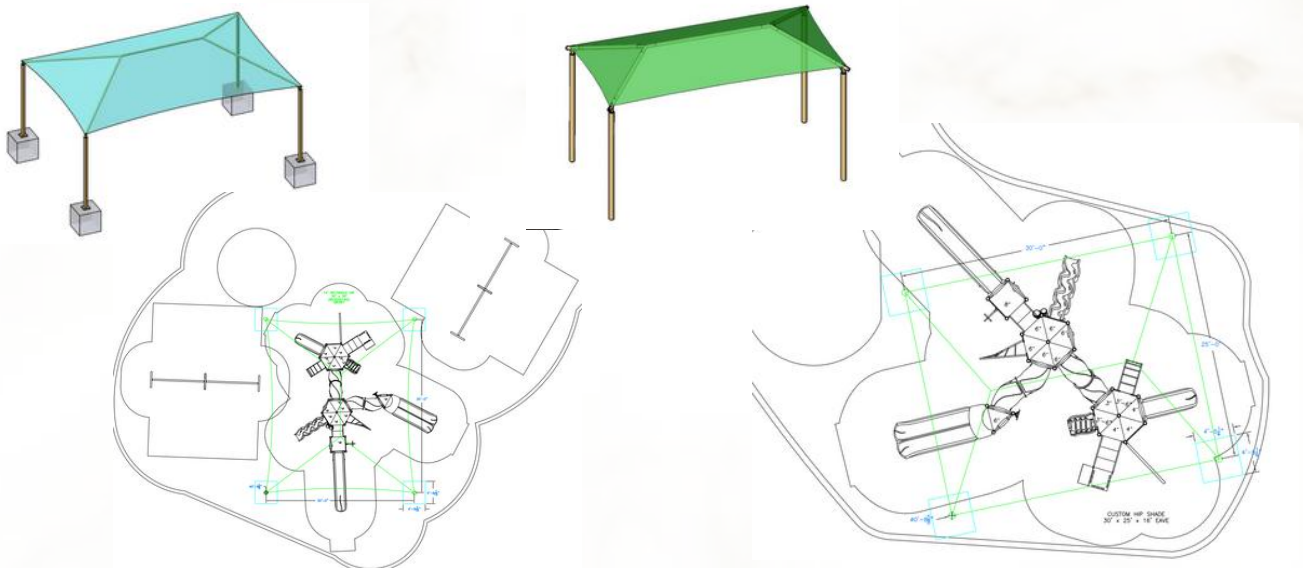
Contributor: **Kyle Ames - Director of Public Works**

## TIERRA VERDE LAKE BOLLARD LIGHTING

Tierra Verde Lake bollard lighting CIP project is complete. 30 bollard lights have been installed around the perimeter of the community lake to help ensure safe footing and security. One of the primary functions of bollard lighting is improved safety. By illuminating walkways and perimeters, these lights help prevent trips, falls, and other accidents, especially in low-light conditions. This is particularly important in parks, campuses, and urban settings where foot traffic is frequent during evening hours.

Security is another key reason for installing bollard lights. Well-lit areas deter criminal activity and help people feel safer when walking at night. The consistent, low-level lighting they provide ensures fewer shadows and better visibility without being harsh or intrusive. Bollard lighting is a vital element in outdoor lighting design. It ensures safety, boosts security, enhances aesthetics, and supports sustainable lighting solutions, making it a smart investment for any public outdoor space.

## VILLAGE PARK/ TURTLE PARK PLAYGROUND SHADE STRUCTURES



Park shade structures are increasingly becoming essential features in public recreational spaces here in Arizona. These structures not only provide relief from the sun's heat and harmful UV rays but also enhance the usability and comfort of parks throughout the year. Whether in playgrounds, picnic areas, or walking paths, strategically placed shade structures encourage longer visits and more frequent use by community residents. Beyond comfort, shade structures contribute to public health by reducing the risk of heatstroke and sunburn, especially important for children and the elderly. They also help preserve equipment and surfaces, like playgrounds and seating areas, by minimizing sun exposure, which can cause fading, cracking, and deterioration over time. Park shade structures are a smart investment for communities looking to enhance outdoor spaces. They promote health, extend the usability of parks, and improve the overall experience for visitors, making public parks more inclusive, inviting, and sustainable.

# Celebrate 4th of July in Litchfield Park

## SPARKLE IN THE SQUARE

**THURSDAY, JULY 3  
6PM-9PM**

**LITCHFIELD SQUARE PARK**

- Free kids activities
- Fun lawn games
- Pie eating contest
- Patriotic giveaways
- Food trucks

**Fireworks Show  
at 8:30pm**

# Summer Fun at the Pool

## SPLASH BASH ON JULY 4TH



Celebrate Independence Day at Litchfield Park's annual **4th of July Splash Bash**. The event will take place on Friday, July 4th from **10am until 5pm** at the Litchfield Park Recreation Center. Enjoy patriotic games, music, and activities on the pool deck. Uncle Sam and Lady Liberty are also expected to make an appearance!

4th of July Splash Bash is open to the public and has become an annual community gathering for a day of family fun and renewed appreciation for our nation's freedoms. Cost for the event is only \$6 per person or free entry with a valid Litchfield Park pool pass. \$2 for kids under 3 yrs. old. Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase. Questions? Call 623-935-9040.



## DIVE IN MOVIE ON AUGUST 23RD

The Rec Center's final "Dive In" movie of the summer takes place on Saturday, **August 23rd** from 7:30pm until 9:00pm. Bring your pool floats, swim rings & noodles and watch *Shark Tale* while you swim.\*



Doors open at 7pm and the movie starts at 7:30pm. Admission is \$6 per person, kids 3 & under are \$2, or free entry with a valid Rec Center membership or pass. Members must call the Rec Office to obtain a code for their free tickets. For more information, please call 623-935-9040.

\*Use of flotation devices is subject to approval by Aquatics Staff.

# COMMUNITY NEWS



## BLUE STAR MEMORIAL MARKER

On May 17, 2025, the Blue Star Moms of the Southwest Valley unveiled a new Memorial Marker in Litchfield Square Park. Located next to the flagpole in the center of the park, the marker is a tribute to the men and women who serve in the United States Armed Forces.

The moving ceremony was led by Chapter AZ4 President Luana Patterson. It included a posting of the colors by the Luke Honor Guard, and remarks by Mayor Schoaf, Col. Peter Abercrombie from Luke Air Force Base, and Rev. Kristopher McCoy from the Church at Litchfield Park. The marker was unveiled by two city residents - AZ4 Past President Theresa Koontz and Lt. Col. Ret. Air Force and Blue Star Mom Meredith Stucky.

The Blue Star became an icon in WWII for people serving in the United States Armed Forces. The Blue Star Memorial Program began in 1944. In 1945, the National Council of State Garden Clubs adopted the program and began a Blue Star Highway System across the Continental United States, which eventually included Alaska and Hawaii.

Visit Litchfield Square Park to admire this powerful tribute to our nation's heroes brought to us by the Blue Star Moms of the Southwest Valley.

2025  
8:15 A.M.  
CEREMONIES WILL BE CANCELED  
IN THE EVENT OF RAIN.

**FLAG RAISING CEREMONY DATES**

US COAST GUARD 235TH ANNIVERSARY | AUGUST 4  
FLAG RAISING CEREMONY: MONDAY, AUGUST 4

US AIR FORCE 78TH ANNIVERSARY | SEPTEMBER 18  
FLAG RAISING CEREMONY: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

US NAVY 250TH ANNIVERSARY | OCTOBER 13  
FLAG RAISING CEREMONY: MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

MARINE CORPS 250TH ANNIVERSARY  
& VETERAN'S DAY | NOVEMBER 10  
FLAG RAISING CEREMONY: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

US SPACE FORCE 6TH ANNIVERSARY | DECEMBER 20  
FLAG RAISING CEREMONY: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19  
FLAG RAISING CEREMONY: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

THE CITY OF Litchfield Park  
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**SAVE THE DATE**

**Litchfield Park  
State of the City**

Thursday  
February 26, 2026  
6:00pm  
The Church at Litchfield Park  
Souers Hall

# COMMUNITY NEWS

Contributor: **Tricia Kramer, Community & Recreation Services Director**

Did you know that the City of Litchfield Park appropriates funds annually to nonprofits whose services benefit city residents? Arizona Constitution allows for this as long as there is a public purpose. The funds cannot be used to foster or promote private or personal interests of any individual. There must also be sufficient public benefit received from the entity in order to justify the expenditure of public funds. Finally, each community organization is expected to show accountability for the expenditure of their funds.

Interested nonprofits applied and submitted materials for consideration by Litchfield Park's City Council in the spring. At the May 21 Regular Council Meeting, City Council voted to award a total of \$25,000 to the following organizations:

- Agua Fria Food & Clothing Bank - \$3,350
- Avondale Senior Services Program - \$2,800
- Blue Star Moms of SW Valley - \$2,650
- Catitude Arts - \$900
- Friends of the SW Valley Advocacy Center - \$550
- Homeless Youth Connection - \$1,325
- Litchfield Elementary PTSA - \$825
- Litchfield Park Little League - \$1,925
- Meals of Joy - \$2,175
- One Step Beyond, Inc. - \$900
- P.W. Litchfield Heritage Center - \$3,600
- Sounds of Autism - \$1,000
- Southwest Lending Closet - \$1,450
- Valley of the Sun YMCA - \$1,550

These nonprofits range in the type of community services they provide, including meal delivery to seniors, food and clothing for the needy, medical supplies, youth sports, the arts, school-related services, support for active duty military, veterans and their families. City residents were proved to be benefiting from their care and services. We will be highlighting each of these nonprofits throughout the year. We also encourage you to research and become familiar with their services and see the good work that they are doing in our community. If you or a loved one has a need that arises or feel called to volunteer, you will know where to go!



The Southwest Lending Closet ("Closet") lends home health equipment **free of charge** to anyone in need. The equipment consists of mobility aids such as wheelchairs, knee scooters, walkers, canes, and crutches, and home independence aids such as bath transfer benches, shower chairs, reachers, and sock aides. Clients are able to borrow the equipment for up to 90 days – in 90 days, most individuals are rehabilitated or have navigated their insurance processes to meet a long-term need. The Closet primarily serves the Southwest Valley, but **they do not turn anyone away**.

Borrowing equipment from the Closet lifts a huge burden from clients and their caregivers because they are able to drop in and get most, if not all, of the items they need at no cost and return the items many weeks later. The process is easy. Bring your state-issued ID (it doesn't even have to be AZ) to their location, and provide the name, address, and phone number of the person who will be using the equipment.

The Closet uses funds raised through grants, such as funding from the City of Litchfield Park, or appeals and donations to maintain operations. Maintaining operations includes purchasing new equipment and repair parts as well as paying for utilities, postage, printing, and insurance.

The Closet also accepts donations of gently-used equipment. The Closet is located at [218 N Central Ave, Avondale 85323](https://www.litchfieldpark.gov/1613/CityLine-Newsletters) and hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday 9 am - noon; and Tuesday and Thursday noon - 3 pm. For more information, visit their website at [swlendingcloset.org](http://swlendingcloset.org)

# PROGRAMS FOR HOMEOWNERS



## VACATION WATCH PROGRAM



Will you be going on vacation soon?  
Then consider participating in the City's Vacation Watch Program.

Whether you are headed out of town for a few days or a few months, the Avondale Police Department's Litchfield Park Team can check on your home to make sure it is safe and sound while you are out of town. Call your request into the Avondale Police Department's dedicated non-emergency line for Litchfield Park at 623-333-7070. The dispatcher will gather the appropriate information and a notification is sent to the police for follow-up. Questions may be directed to Litchfield Park City Hall at 623-935-5033.



## RESIDENTIAL LOCK BOX PROGRAM



The City of Litchfield Park is working with the Goodyear Fire Department to offer 80 lock boxes to homeowners on a first-come, first-served basis. The residential lock box program is designed to allow access to homes during medical or other types of emergencies where the occupant is unable to open the door. The residential lock box program also reduces the likelihood of property damage caused by first responders forcing entry into a home in response to an emergency call. The residential lock box program is a voluntary program. In this program, a residential lock box is installed on the home to secure a key(s) for use by first responders.

Applications can be picked up at City Hall or downloaded from [litchfieldpark.gov](http://litchfieldpark.gov). Once the application is filled out, please return it to the front desk at City Hall for address vetting. These will be shared with the Goodyear Fire Department for scheduling and installation. The product will be available in/around September for installation. For additional information, please contact Litchfield Park City Hall at 623-935-5033.

## YARD OF THE QUARTER PROGRAM



***Congratulations to the King family on N. Villa Nueva Dr. Their yard, pictured above was selected by the Recreation and Public Grounds Commission as the Yard of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2025.***

Yard of the Quarter is a recognition program for attractive homes and yards in our beautiful community. Litchfield Park residents may nominate themselves or a neighbor whose property stands out as being attractive and well-maintained. Nominations are evaluated quarterly by the RPG Commission.

Nominations for the third quarter of 2025 are now open and will be accepted through September 30, 2025. Residents may submit a Yard of the Quarter nomination [online](http://litchfieldpark.gov) at [litchfieldpark.gov](http://litchfieldpark.gov).

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July 25						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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2025 - 2026  
ACADEMIC YEAR CALENDAR



Litchfield Elementary  
School District #79

August 25						
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February 26						
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- Teacher In-Service
- First Day of School
- Teacher In Service No School

- No School
- Parent Teacher Early Release
- Last Day of School

Jul 25	Teachers first day back
Jul 31	First day of school
Aug. 23	Teacher In Service, No School
Sep. 1	Labor Day, No School
Oct. 1 - 3	Parent Teacher Conferences
Oct 6 - 10	No School, Fall Break
Nov. 11	No School, Veterans Day
Nov. 24 - 29	No School, Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 22 - Jan 2	No School, Winter Break
Jan. 16	No School Teacher In-Service
Jan. 19	No School, MLK Day
Jan. 28	Parent Teacher Conferences
Feb. 16	No School, Presidents' Day
Mar. 9 - 13	No School, Spring Break
Apr 17	No School, Spring Recess
May 22	Last Day of School

**Early Release every Wednesday**  
Student Instructional Days - 180  
Teacher Service Days - 186

**Last Day of School - May 22, 2026**  
Half Day Schedule

Quarters	
July 31 - Oct 3	45 Days
Oct 13 - Dec 19	44 Days
Jan 5 - March 6	42 Days
March 16 - May 22	49 Days

## 2025 WM Services

## Litchfield Park

### SERVICE SCHEDULE

- Both trash and recycling are collected weekly.
- To confirm your collection day login to My WM at [wm.com](http://wm.com) or visit [www.litchfieldpark.gov/20/Refuse-Recycling](http://www.litchfieldpark.gov/20/Refuse-Recycling).

### HOLIDAY WEEK REMINDER

The week prior to each holiday (i.e., blue squares) customers can confirm their holiday week schedule at [wm.com](http://wm.com). No login needed - open the **Schedule & ETA** link at the top and enter your home address to confirm.

If your service day falls on or after a holiday being observed by your local WM collection team, your service that week will be delayed by one day. Regular service resumes the following week.

### WEATHER ALERTS

Check [wm.com/us/en/mywm/notifications](http://wm.com/us/en/mywm/notifications).

### BULK WASTE COLLECTION

Bulk pickup can be scheduled for up to six times per year per residence with no additional fee.

Bulk collection is limited to three items per event. Additional items or more than six pickups can be arranged for a fee. To schedule a bulk pickup, create a My WM account at [wm.com](http://wm.com) and schedule pickups online.

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### SERVICE GUIDELINES

- Place your WM recycling and trash carts at the curb by 6 a.m. -- wheels facing the curb.
- Place carts at least 3 feet from other objects such as cars, mailboxes, trees and other carts.
- Ensure all material fits inside your carts with the lids fully closed. Be sure to break down cardboard boxes.
- Do not leave any materials next to or on top of your cart. Excess materials will not be collected.

## RECYCLE RIGHT

To learn more visit [wm.com/RecycleRight](http://wm.com/RecycleRight)

Always Recycle



Metal Food & Beverage Cans

Plastic Bottles & Containers



Glass Bottles & Containers



Paper



Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard

### RECYCLE RIGHT TIPS

- Do not bag your recyclables. Place materials loosely/directly into carts.
- Never put foods or liquids in recycling.
- Break down cardboard boxes to conserve space inside recycling carts and ensure the cart lid is firmly closed.
- Items not accepted in recycling include plastic bags or film, foam cups/containers/packaging, yard waste, electronics, carpeting, clothing, furniture, tires or hazardous materials in recycling carts.

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# HIGHLIGHTING LITCHFIELD PARK'S NEWEST DETECTIVE

Contributor: Chief Memo Espinoza, Avondale Police Department

To be a Detective, one needs the urgency and problem-solving ability of a Patrol Officer, while also possessing the patience and keen awareness of an investigator. Wide lensed in the big picture and laser focused on the details, a Detective transforms a file of circumstances (some flimsy and some solid) into a compelling and well-shaped story. For Avondale Police, the Detectives are the well-seasoned and energized Officers who best represent our investigatory abilities. That is why we are very proud to announce Officer John Kendall as the newly assigned Detective on our Litchfield Park team.



You may have already seen Officer Kendall patrolling in your neighborhood. He has spent his last 3 years as a Litchfield Park Patrol Officer. As a Detective, Officer Kendall will now be assigned cases to further investigate, act as a liaison between Avondale Police and Litchfield Park Elementary School, and enforce traffic laws at problem areas. When asked about the role, Officer Kendall said, "the Detective position is looked at as a solo position, but in all reality it is a partnership with Officers, the community and civilians, all built with neighboring agencies and departments." Officer Kendall is looking forward to "bringing closure to victims" and "taking the time to solve complex investigations."



For Officer Kendall, this Detective position is a step to his goal of becoming a Police Sergeant: "I would like to continue to promote through the ranks. Newer Police Officers will need mentorship and leadership." That's another distinct quality about Detectives – the desire to not only find the answers, but to pass those answers on to those who follow in their steps. Officer Kendall has been with Avondale Police for 7 years. His roles have included Field Training Officer, Senior Police Officer, and Police Cadet Advisor. One of his proudest accomplishments - Triple Crown Donut Champion... for a good cause of course!

# CAN YOU SEE YOUR ADDRESS FROM THE STREET?

Contributor: Tanja Tanner, Community Education Coordinator, Goodyear Fire Department

Can emergency crews see your house number from the street?

If not, it could delay help in a critical situation.

Emergencies happen—and when they do, every second counts. Whether it's a fire or a medical emergency, responders need to locate you quickly.

## Here's why it matters:

- **Fire doubles in size every minute.**
- **For every minute without CPR or defibrillation during a cardiac arrest, survival chances drop by 10%.**

That's why clearly visible address numbers are so important. Even a few seconds saved by not having to search for a house number can make a life-saving difference.

## Make sure your address is easy to spot:

- Use numbers that are at least **4 inches tall** and **½ inch wide**
- Place them in a **contrasting color** to your home's exterior
- Ensure they are **clearly visible from the street**, day or night

## PLEASE HELP US FIND YOU FAST!

### GREAT JOB

- ✓ Large, bold numbers in a contrasting color
- ✓ Clearly visible from the street

### NOT SO GREAT

- ✗ Small, faded, or hard-to-read numbers
- ✗ Obstructed by trees, decorations, or shadows
- ✗ Only posted on mailboxes (which may be far from your front door)



# P.W. LITCHFIELD HERITAGE CENTER

Contributor: Lisa Hegarty, Executive Director, P.W. Litchfield Heritage Center

Following the completion of a lease agreement with the City of Litchfield Park, the P.W. Litchfield Heritage Center is set to begin Phase 1 of a long-planned project to repurpose the Litchfield/Denny house on the historic Rancho La Loma estate of Paul Litchfield. Located on the hill at the northwest corner of Litchfield and Camelback roads, the building will be renovated to serve as the Heritage Center's new home. The project is scheduled to break ground in January of 2026.

The first phase will expand the Heritage Center to seven galleries, including a gift shop, programming and workspace, a catering kitchen, and a south-facing terrace with views of the Estrella Mountains. Serving as a regional cultural facility for both area residents and tourists, the center will explore the region's rich agricultural and aviation history and showcase the shared histories of Avondale, Goodyear, Litchfield Park, Tolleson, Cashion, Liberty, and Waddell through engaging exhibits and programs.

A million-dollar challenge grant from John and his wife Pamela Denny Blackford (granddaughter of P.W. Litchfield) helped The Heritage Center launch a capital campaign in 2019 for the renovations. The Center's name honors Paul Weeks Litchfield, a former President and CEO of Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. who was influential in 20th century American industry and in the development of the Southwest Valley.



Exhibits and programs continue at the Heritage Center's current location at 13912 W Camelback Rd. On exhibit now is the black-and-white photography of Crossroads of Change, featuring local photojournalist Jim Painter's artful images of the Southwest Valley from 1985-1995.



Monthly family Discovery Days programming also continues this summer.

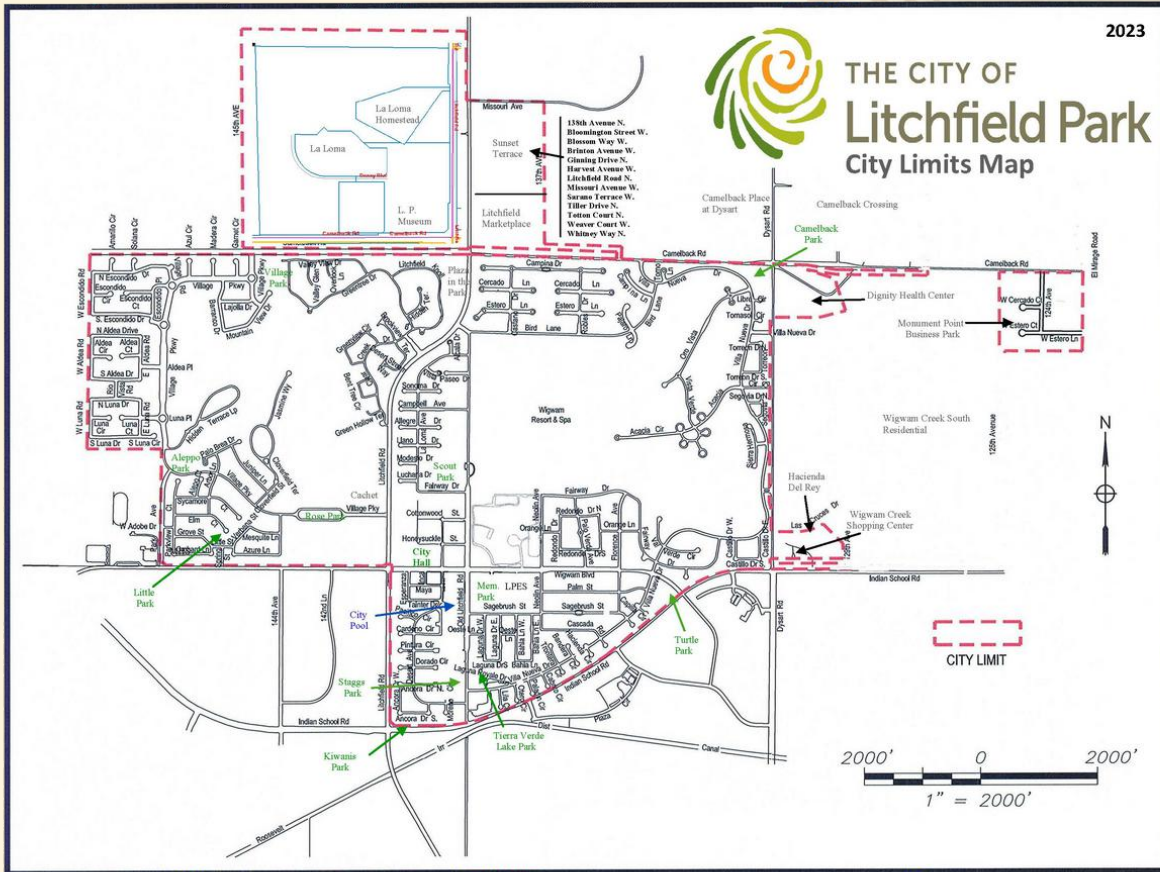
**Summer Hours:**  
 Wednesdays  
 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
 1st Saturday of the month  
 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**The P.W. Litchfield Heritage Center is located at  
 13912 W. Camelback Road in Litchfield Park  
 (northwest corner of Litchfield and Camelback Roads)**

**Admission is free. For hours of operation and other information visit [pwlhc.org/visit](http://pwlhc.org/visit).**



# CITY BOUNDARY MAP



## FREQUENTLY REQUESTED NUMBERS

City Clerk.....	(623) 935-5033
Code Enforcement.....	(623) 889-6212
Finance.....	(623) 935-4364
Rec Center.....	(623) 935-9040
Magistrate Court.....	(623) 935-7091
Human Resources.....	(623) 935-5041
Police Department (non emergency).....	(623) 333-7070
Goodyear Fire.....	(623) 932-2300
LP Post Office.....	(623) 935-2089
Animal Control.....	(602) 506-7387
APS.....	(602) 935-9367
Liberty Utilities.....	(623) 935-9367
Southwest Gas.....	(877) 860-6020
WM.....	(888) 964-9780
Rural Metro.....	(480) 627-6200
Parks & Sons Trash Service.....	(623) 974-4791
Republic Services (waste).....	(602) 237-2078
Epcor (water).....	(800) 383-0834
Valley Utilities.....	(623) 935-1100
AZ Corporation Commission (utilities division).....	(602) 542-4251
Blue Stake (800) STAKEIT.....	(800) 782-5348
MCSO (non emergency).....	(602) 876-1011
RideChoice .....	(602) 716-2111

