



Hello District 5 Residents and Friends!

Fall is finally here, and the event season is in full effect! In this October edition, learn about a neighborhood victory, the Halloween and G.A.I.N. events, the Park Ranger 24/7 call center, the neighborhood park enhancement program, District 5's new Policy and Research Director, and voting information.

Neighborhood Victory: Royal Inn Closure



(photo credit: [Zach Buchanan of Phoenix New Times](#))

On September 24, the community won a huge victory: the Royal Inn was permanently closed! For over two years, we've been advocating for the rights of our local residents to enjoy their front yards and for our children to walk to school safely. The presence of drugs, prostitution, and crime at the Royal Inn has long stripped our community of these basic rights. This is a step forward in reclaiming the safety of our neighborhood streets, especially along the 27th Ave. Corridor.

Special thanks to everyone who played a part in making this happen:

- City of Phoenix Police Department and Human Exploitation And Trafficking Unit
- City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department
- Berkley Square Neighborhood Association
- Rancho Solano Block Watch
- Violence Impact Project Coalition

Their consistent support and commitment to the neighborhood's well-being were critical. It's important for our residents to feel empowered and to send a strong message that crime is unacceptable in their neighborhoods. We appreciate their trust and their patience. We celebrate this big achievement and acknowledge there is still a lot of work to be done throughout district 5 and the City of Phoenix.



When neighbors work together and collaborate with the City of Phoenix, they can have a positive impact on our neighborhoods. Pictured above is the first meeting of concerned neighbors on February 1, 2022 in a neighborhood parking lot where they discussed their complaints of criminal activity related to the Royal Inn. During this meeting, I asked the residents to get involved and to support the City Council vote to approve funds for the 27th Ave. Community Safety Plan. Then, my office supported

them in establishing their own neighborhood group, now known as the Berkeley Square Neighborhood Association, which documented and reported their complaints, leading to this long-awaited action.

Halloween and G.A.I.N. Events

The poster features a purple background with a green central section. At the top left is a black spider, and at the top right is a white spiderweb. The 'Parks & Recreation' logo is in the top center. The main title 'TRUNK or TREAT' is in large, bold letters, with 'or' in a yellow box. Below it, the location 'JOHN F & MARY P LONG HOMESTEAD PARK' and address '2602 W GLENDALE AVE, PHOENIX, AZ 85051' are listed. The date and time 'FRI OCTOBER 18, 2024 6PM' are in yellow boxes. A large yellow banner says 'BRAND NEW PLAYGROUND'. A green box lists 'CANDY INFLATABLES COOL CARS MUSIC'. The bottom left has contact info for Chris Ayoc. The bottom right features the Betty Guardado logo and the Violent Impact Project Coalition logo, along with an illustration of a vintage car with a jack-o'-lantern on the front and people in costumes inside.

TRUNK or TREAT

JOHN F & MARY P LONG
HOMESTEAD PARK
2602 W GLENDALE AVE, PHOENIX, AZ 85051

FRI OCTOBER 18, 2024 6PM

BRAND NEW PLAYGROUND

CANDY
INFLATABLES
COOL CARS
MUSIC

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
CHRIS.AYOC@PHOENIX.GOV
602 262 6575

Betty Guardado
COUNCILWOMAN | DISTRICT 5

VIOLENT
IMPACT
PROJECT
COALITION

This month, check out the many G.A.I.N. (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) events throughout the City, which my office is proud to host in partnership with the Parks & Recreation Department. Join us this Friday, October 18 at 6 p.m. for a Trunk or Treat event at Homestead Park (2602 W. Glendale Ave.) This family-friendly event will include candy, inflatables, cool cars, music, and the ribbon cutting of a brand-new playground!

FREE GAIN EVENT!

PHX PLAYS

COSTUME CONTESTS
PRIZES - GAMES - FOOD TRUCKS
SCARES & TREATS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024 4:00-9:00p

FAMILY FRIGHT NIGHT
MOVIE IN THE PARK

Washington Activity Center
 2240 W. Citrus Way, Phoenix, AZ 85015
 602-262-6971

FEATURED
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Join us for a neighborhood GAIN Event with friends, community partners and local businesses! Enjoy a variety of activities for the family & cap off the night with a movie in the park!

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GAMES - FOOD	CONTESTS
COMMUNITY PARTNERS	MOVIE
4:00-6:00PM	5:30PM STARTS

For more information or to get involved, contact kristian.riess@phoenix.gov 602-534-7937

The Washington Park Neighborhood Association will co-host the annual Family Fright Night this Saturday, October 19 from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. Neighbors, local businesses, and community resources join together for a fun family-friendly evening at the Washington Activity Center (2240 W. Citrus Way) with games, candy, food trucks, arts and crafts and a costume contest. The movie in the park starts after 6 p.m.

PHX PLAYS PRESENT

SCARYVALE AT MARYVALE

FREE FAMILY EVENT

OCTOBER 19, 2024 6:00PM - 9:00PM

FOOD TRUCKS - TRUNK OR TREAT - CANDY
SPOOKY ESCAPE ROOM - COSTUME CONTEST

4420 N 51ST AVE PHOENIX, AZ 85033

CRISCO KIDD
 BLACK PARTY

Phoenix Public Library

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FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT
MARYVALE COMMUNITY CENTER AT (602) 262-5030 OR
PKS.MARYVALE.CC@PHOENIX.GOV

Get ready for a spooktacular evening at our free annual family event, SCARYVALE at MARYVALE hosted by the Maryvale Community Center! Bring the whole family for a night full of fun and frights with food trucks, trunk or treat with show cars, spooky escape rooms, and a costume contest this Saturday, October 19 from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. at Maryvale Park (4420 N 51st Ave.).

Park Rangers 24/7 Call Center



**Report Park
Code of Conduct
Violations**



602-534-9919

Phoenix Parks and Recreation

24/7

**CODE OF CONDUCT
ANSWERING SERVICE**

The Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department launched the new 24/7 Parks Code of Conduct Answering Service, available at 602-534-9919. This initiative aims to empower residents to report concerns about code of conduct violations in Phoenix parks 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. My office received requests from residents for years for a way to contact the Park Rangers, and I am proud to have supported the creation of this new method to keep our parks safe and clean.

When residents call the hotline, they will connect with an operator who will log their concerns and forward them to the Park Ranger team. Rangers will review each report, prioritize each based on urgency and location, and respond, ensuring that park safety remains a top priority. Callers can provide their name, phone number and email address. Park Rangers will only reach out if further information about the reported issue is needed. In case of a life-threatening emergency or crime, please call 911 immediately.

To learn more about the Parks Code of Conduct and trespassing policies, residents can visit the Parks and Recreation Department's website at www.phoenix.gov/parks/code-of-conduct. The new 24/7 Parks Code of Conduct

Answering Service demonstrates the City’s commitment to maintaining safe, clean, and accessible parks to be enjoyed by all. For any questions or concerns, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department’s Natural Resources Division at 602-495-5458 or natural.resources@phoenix.gov.

Neighborhood Parks Enhancement



the power of parks
PHOENIX PARKS AND RECREATION

**NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS
ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM**

 <p>Park Grill \$900 (grill, shipping, install)</p>	 <p>ADA Table 3-seats \$7,700 (ADA table, shipping, concrete pad, install)</p>	 <p>Bench 6' \$2,600 (bench, shipping, install)</p>
 <p>Chilled Water Fountain \$8K - \$10K (drinking fountain, shipping, prep-work, install)</p>	 <p>WALK PHX Maryvale Park Walking Path \$5,000 (mapping, mile markers, install)</p>	 <p>Little Free Library \$760 (library, post, topper, shipping, install)</p>
 <p>Freestanding shade \$50K - \$150K (shade, shipping, install)</p>	 <p>Freestanding Play structures \$35K - \$40K (play equipment and install)</p>	

To request a project in your park, please submit an application online at:
www.phoenix.gov/parks.

If you have questions, please contact us at:
Parks and Recreation Department: 602-262-6862
GOBONDPAKRS@PHOENIX.GOV

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GO PHX
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WWW.PHOENIX.GOV/PARKS
WWW.PHOENIX.GOV/BOND

The City of Phoenix has announced the Neighborhood Parks Enhancement Program, made possible by the recently approved General Obligation (GO) Bond Program. With \$1.5 million allocated for minor capital improvements, this initiative will ensure that each council district receives dedicated funds to enhance local parks.

From September 27 to November 8, 2024, eligible neighborhood organizations can submit project proposals at www.phoenix.gov/neighborhood-parks-enhancement-program. Selected projects will be announced in early 2025, with completion scheduled within the GO Bond Program timeframe from 2024 to 2029. Let's work together to enhance our community spaces!

Amy Ramirez: New Policy & Research Director



I am excited to officially announce that Amy Ramirez is our new Council District 5 Policy and Research Director. She was born in Phoenix and raised in the District 5 Maryvale community. She received a Bachelor of Science in Public Service and Public Policy: Law in Policy from Arizona State University. One of her favorite things to do is dance salsa and travel with family.

Amy is the co-founder of the Camelback Community Neighborhood Association alongside her family and continues to foster relationships with her neighbors to improve the community. She brings her passion, experience, and knowledge to continue the work she already started and is excited to meet and work with all of our District 5 residents!

General Election: Vote Now until Nov. 5th



For the general election on November 5th, registered voters in the City of Phoenix have the opportunity to vote for Mayor and Councilmembers (Districts 1, 3, 5, and 7), and on three ballot propositions. Please keep these important dates in mind so you can participate in this year's election:

- **October 9th** - Early voting began, and early ballots were mailed.
- **October 9th - November 4th** - In person voting prior to Election Day
- **November 5th** - In person voting on Election Day
- **November 20th** - Final election results (Canvass of Vote)

For more detailed information about voting, [please visit the City Clerk by clicking here](#). In addition, there are federal, state, county, school district, and other sections of the ballot. To learn more, visit the [Maricopa County Recorder's Office by clicking here](#).

Thank you for reading and sharing the October Neighborhood News with family, friends, and neighbors. As always, please contact our office for your comments, questions, and concerns, at (602) 262-7446 or council.district.5@phoenix.gov. For regular updates, follow us on our social media accounts by clicking on the icons below.



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