



District 5 Residents and Friends

Phoenix City Council meetings continue and fall is finally here! We're excited to see you all at our community events. Read this September edition for:

- Mexican Baseball Fiesta games in Maryvale: Sept. 25 - Sept. 27th
- New appointment to Fast Track Cities Committee
- Parks teen and parent program survey. Deadline coming soon!
- Battery recycling event in West Phoenix and more...

Mexican Baseball Fiesta in Maryvale

Betty Guardado
COUNCILWOMAN | DISTRICT 9

PHOENIX IS HOT

Maryvale
MEXICAN BASEBALL FIESTA
DOS EQUIS
EST. 1933

PRESENTED BY
CLINICA REAL CHIROPRACTIC

PHOENIX
SEPT. 25-27, 2026
AMERICAN FAMILY FIELDS OF PHOENIX

OPENING EVERY DAY!
TECNO BANDA "SHOW LATINO"

Friday 25
H VS G
7:05 pm
LIVE MUSIC! NIVEL X & EXPRESSO MUSICAL

Saturday 26
Double game
SCU VS G 5:05 pm
H VS N At the end of Game 1
LIVE MUSIC! BRIAN ROMERO & LA SONORA DINAMITA

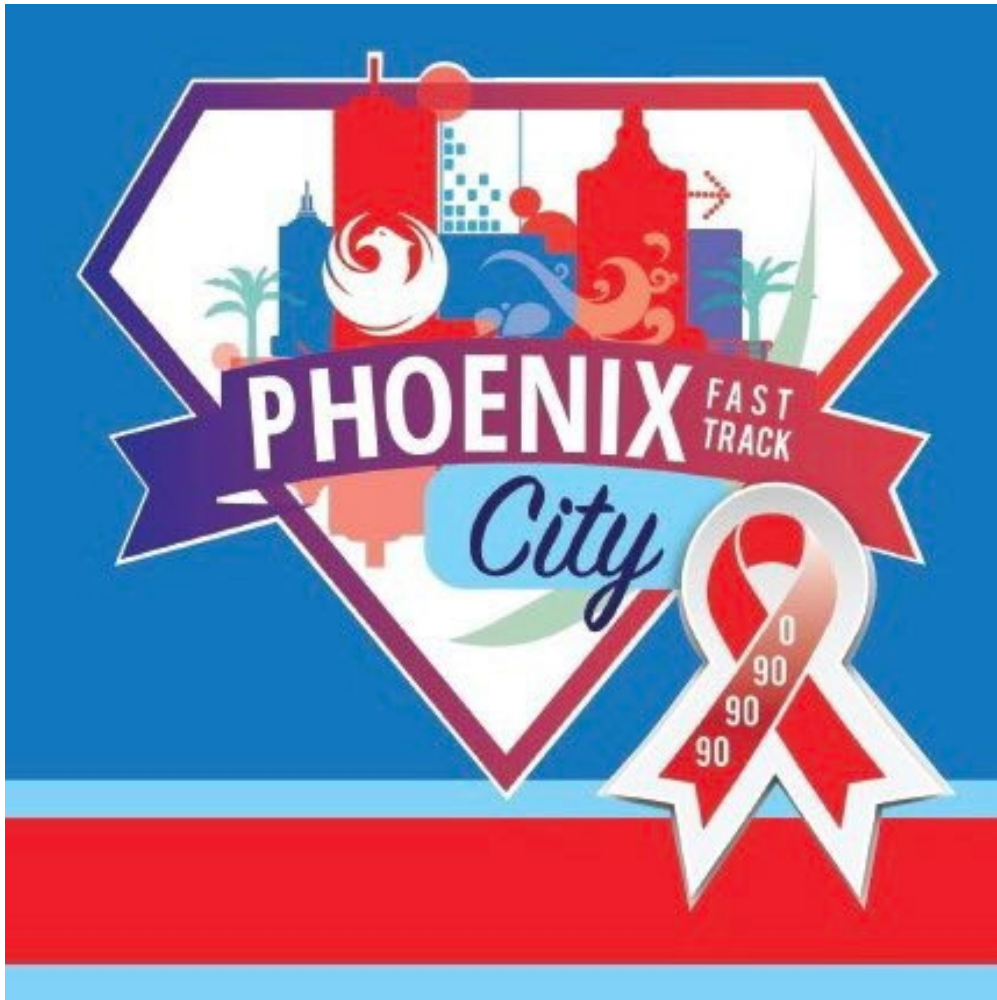
Sunday 27
Double game
\$ VS H 2:30 pm
G VS N At the end of Game 1
LIVE MUSIC! TRISTÁN DE LA SIERRA & JUAN ORTEGA

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Are you ready for Mexican Baseball Fiesta? The games kick off this Friday and continue Saturday and Sunday! Come out for a weekend of great baseball, culture, and community right here in Maryvale. And don't miss me this Sunday as I throw the first pitch before the second game! Three exciting nights of baseball, live entertainment and music, authentic Mexican food vendors, and a family-friendly atmosphere. [Click here to learn more and get your tickets at Mexicanbaseballfiesta.com](https://mexicanbaseballfiesta.com)



The Fast Track Initiative Committee



The Fast-Track Cities Initiative (FTCI) is a global partnership between the city of Paris, Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDs, United Nations Settlement Program, and the International Association of Providers of AIDS Care, in collaboration with local, national, regional, and international partners and stakeholders.

During the September 23rd City Council Formal Meeting, I was honored to accept the responsibility of serving as Co-Chair of the Fast-Track Cities Ad Hoc Committee. I want to thank Councilwomen Debra Stark and Laura Pastor for their leadership and for the important work they have done with our community partners. This committee brings together the people, resources, and expertise we need to prevent new HIV infections, connect people to treatment and care, and confront the stigma that too often keeps people from seeking help.

For me, this comes down to something very simple: where you live, what you earn, what language you speak, or what neighborhood you call home should never determine whether you can get the care you need. We know there are still communities in Phoenix where people face real barriers to healthcare, testing, treatment, and even basic information. We also know that stigma can be a barrier all by itself.

I'm looking forward to bringing people together, listening to the communities most impacted, and making sure we are reaching people where they are. If we do that, we can make a real difference in people's lives and continue moving Phoenix toward the goal of ending the HIV epidemic. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Free Battery Recycling Event on Oct. 8th



There's a FREE event to safely dispose of all those dead batteries you've been storing! Join us at **Desert West Sports Complex on Thursday, October 8 from 2-6 p.m.** It's a drive-through collection event, so you don't even have to get out of your car. Representatives from Phoenix Public Works and the Phoenix Fire Department

will be on hand to receive your lithium-ion, alkaline, and button batteries. [Click here to learn more about this event.](#)

We cannot accept car, e-scooter, e-bike, or any lead-acid batteries. Lithium-ion batteries are some of the most common fire starters inside garbage trucks, transfer stations, and the landfill. **Batteries should never be placed in your blue or black curbside bins.** For more details on battery safety, or to schedule an at-home Household Hazardous Waste collection appointment for your batteries, visit phoenix.gov/hhw.

Parks Youth Program Survey Open Now



Teens & Parents—we want to hear from you! The City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department wants your input on programs and activities for our youth.

What programs do you love? What would you like to see offered in the future? Your voice can help shape future opportunities for young people across Phoenix. Take the survey today: phoenix.gov/parksyouthsurvey. The Teen and Youth Programming

Survey is open from **August 31 through September 30, 2026**. All teens, youth and parents or guardians are encouraged to participate and make their voices heard

Historic Home Rehabilitation Program



Preserve Historic PHX **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT PRESERVE SHAPE BUILD**

Are you a historic homeowner?

APPLY FOR AN EXTERIOR REHABILITATION GRANT!

Application Deadline: OCTOBER 9, 2026

Phoenix homeowners in historic districts: The 2026–27 Exterior Rehabilitation Grant Program is now accepting applications! This 50/50 matching grant offers up to \$20,000 for exterior repair projects that preserve your home's historic character. **Submit your application by October 9, 2026, at 5 p.m.** The City of Phoenix Historic Preservation Office is now accepting applications.

To qualify, applicants must own a home located within a City-designated historic district or a home individually listed on the City's Historic Property Register. [Click here for more details.](#)

Thank a Water Hero Day



Behind every drop is a team of Water Heroes that keeps water flowing!
On Wednesday, Sept. 23, the City of Phoenix Water Services Department celebrated

"Thank a Water Hero Day" — a statewide campaign launched in 2020 to recognize essential workers. Let's celebrate the nearly 1,500 Water Services employees who work around the clock to keep Phoenix's water safe and reliable. From treatment plants to field crews and customer service teams, every Water Hero plays a vital role in protecting public health.

On this special day, water and wastewater professionals across the valley are honored for their hard work and commitment to delivering safe, reliable and clean water to their communities. Let's thank our essential workers for their crucial roles which we should never take for granted!

Thank you for reading and sharing the September 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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