

Dear Friends and Residents of District 5,

As we wrap up a bustling February, I am filled with gratitude for the vibrant life and communal spirit that thrive within our district. This month, we celebrated significant events that not only brought us together but also highlighted the rich cultural fabric of our community.

Celebrating Black History Month February commenced with the profound celebration of Black History Month. I was privileged to join the kickoff event at City Hall, where we came together to honor and celebrate the monumental contributions of the Black community to our nation. This month serves as a poignant reminder of the ongoing journey towards equity and understanding. It's a time to reflect on the enduring impact of Black Americans, learn more about the historical and contemporary contributions, and embrace the diverse narratives that shape our nation.

First Maryvale Mercado: A Resounding Success! We also marked the beginning of an exciting new tradition with the first-ever Maryvale Mercado. Heartfelt thanks to all who supported our local vendors. Your presence turned this event into a lively celebration of Maryvale's entrepreneurial spirit. We are eager to continue this tradition; if you're a local business owner interested in joining future Mercados, please reach out. Let's make the next event on March 29 even more spectacular!

Grand Reopening of El Oso Park & Little League Kickoff The month's highlights continued with the grand reopening of El Oso Park. It was an honor to initiate another Little League season amid the park's significant upgrades. Thanks to our community partners like the Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation, the Kendrick and Toledo families, and our tireless volunteer coaches, we've created a top-notch environment for our youth to thrive in sports. A special shoutout goes to our Parks and Recreation Department for their dedication to making our parks exemplary spaces of community and recreation.

As we look forward to March, let's carry this momentum to achieve even more for our community. Thank you for your active participation and continuous support.

Together, we are making District 5 a better place for everyone.

In this edition of our newsletter, you'll find details on:

Upcoming Neighborhood Meetings:

- Tomahawks Neighborhood Meeting
- Washington Park Neighborhood Association

March D5 Events:

- Celebration of the completion of Grand Canalscape Phase 3
- 2nd Maryvale Mercado

Community Updates & Opportunities

- 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan
- Lifeguard Jobs
- Phoenix Police Chief Recruitment Survey

Thank you for staying engaged and active in our community. Your participation and feedback are what drive us forward. Looking forward to seeing you at our March events!

Warm regards,

Councilwoman Betty Guardado







Upcoming Neighborhood Meetings



Barrio Santa Rosa

Join Council District 5 and the historic preservation office at the Washington Park Neighborhood meeting to share your memories and pictures from the historic Barrio Santa Rosa community

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 6 to 7:30 PM

Washington Activity Center Multipurpose Room 2240 W Citrus Way, Phx 85015



With permission images may be used in the creation of interpretive signage honoring the community

Santa Rosa





March D5 Events

Join us for a special celebration: Canalscape Completion Event!

Celebrate with us as we unveil Phase 3 of Grand Canalscape, adding 4 miles of beautiful outdoor amenities for everyone to enjoy. This event is free and open to all—perfect for families and outdoor enthusiasts!

Stay tuned for more details. Don't miss out on the fun and excitement of exploring your new community space!





Maryvale Mercado

Get ready for another spectacular day at the Maryvale Mercado on March 29th! Come and enjoy a vibrant gathering of local vendors, delectable food trucks, and lively entertainment at Maryvale Park. This community event is the perfect place to explore unique crafts, savor local flavors, and soak in the festive atmosphere with family and friends. If you know any small businesses interested in joining, please encourage them to sign up at www.MaryvaleMercado.com [maryvalemercado.com]

Join us for a fun-filled day and experience the best of what our local businesses have to offer. See you there!

Info [maryvalemercado.com]





Community Updates & Opportunities



Shape Phoenix: Influence Our \$130M Community Investment

Phoenix is looking ahead, and your input is crucial! Share your insights on housing and community needs to help shape the city's investment of \$130 million in federal funding. Every five years, Phoenix develops a strategic Consolidated Plan in collaboration with its residents. This plan sets out to address housing, community development, and market conditions, guiding the allocation of essential HUD grants including the Community Development Block Grant, **HOME Investment Partnership, Housing** Opportunities for Persons with AIDS, and **Emergency Solutions Grant. Your** feedback drives community improvements—participate today to make a difference!

Survey [https]



Join the City of Phoenix Aquatics Team!

Dive into a rewarding summer job with the City of Phoenix Aquatics! We're hiring lifeguards and here's how you can join:

- Age Requirement: Must be 15 by the end of the class.
- Class Fee: \$20.
- Mandatory Attendance: Complete all class dates.

How to Apply:

1. Register for a

Class: Visit <u>phoenix.gov/lifeguard</u> to find available dates.

- 2. **Submit Your Application:** Apply online at phoenix.gov/hr/currentiobs.
- 3. **Interview:** Watch for an email to schedule your interview in March.





Phoenix Police Chief Recruitment Survey

The City of Phoenix is looking for a permanent Police Chief. As we go through the hiring process, we want your feedback. Take the survey and let us know your top priorities for police leadership and what questions we should be asking:

English:

Survey [surveymonkey.com]

Spanish:

Survey [https]

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