



## **District 5 Residents and Friends**

Memorial Day and summer break are here, and we have exciting updates for you! In this May edition of Neighborhood News, read details on the Innovation 27 groundbreaking ceremony, the Washington Pool Party and pools opening day, 602 Day event, energy action plan survey, community canopy grant program, summer safety and heat relief network, summer reading program, and more.

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## **Innovation 27 Groundbreaking Ceremony**



We're grateful to everyone that attended the Innovation 27 Groundbreaking Ceremony on Wednesday, May 7th. This is more than just a project — it's a transformative opportunity for Phoenix. Together, we're addressing critical needs like job training, workforce development, and education, while revitalizing a key location in District 5. When it opens by fall 2026, Innovation 27 will provide:

- K-12 & community college programming
- Business space for start-ups & small businesses
- Culinary support services
- Workforce development & union-led job training programs

A huge thank you to: Mayor Kate Gallego, my City Council colleagues, City leadership, and Director of Community Economic Development Chris MacKay, our neighborhood groups & block watches, and the education partners — ASU, NAU, Maricopa Community Colleges, West-MEC, and Washington Elementary School District. Together, we are building a stronger, more sustainable future for everyone in District 5! Read this story by AZ Central to learn about [the history of making this dream become a reality.](#)



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**Washington Pool Party on Opening Day!**



Join us for a day of splashing fun, music, and **FREE PIZZA** as we celebrate opening day at Washington Pool (6655 N 23rd Ave., Phoenix) this Saturday, May 24th from 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM. Our office is sponsoring **free admission for all**, so bring the whole family for pool time, pizza, and community fun in the Washington Park Neighborhood.

Opening day for all City of Phoenix pools is this Saturday, May 24th. Our pools are a great place to learn how to swim, attend a special event, exercise or just cool off during the summer months. The Parks and Recreation Department will open 16 pools all season long and an additional two pools, one in June and one in July, for a total of 18 pools this summer. Find a pool near you at [Phoenix.gov/Pools](http://Phoenix.gov/Pools).

Thanks to generous sponsors, kids have **FREE admission** at District 5 pools:

- Maryvale Pool
- Washington Pool
- Starlight Park Pool

District 5 has **3 free park splash pads** throughout our district that will open this Saturday, May 24th - beginning of October from 8am through 8pm.

- Dust Devil Park (10645 W. Camelback Rd.)
  - El Oso Park (3451 N. 75th Ave.)
  - Mariposa Park (3150 W Morten Ave.)
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### Annual 602 Day Event in Maryvale



It's our annual 602 Day celebration in partnership with our friends at Jax Wax with **local food vendors, DJ, entertainment, a car show and competition for best taco truck** outside the Maryvale Community Center (4420 N. 51st Ave.) On Monday, June 2nd from 5pm until 8pm, beat the heat by enjoying the Maryvale Pool (open to the public from 12pm until 6pm), and there will be large outdoor tent with a cooling system. Let's keep this new annual tradition going!

Area Code Day is celebrated in communities around the country, as cities embrace their local flare and uniqueness on the calendar date that corresponds with their local area code. It generally involves local businesses offering discounts, special promotions, concerts and cultural events that highlight local food and art. The celebrations typically originate between residents and businesses, with the

support of local government and non-profits. [Learn more about 602 Day participating businesses around Phoenix by clicking here.](#)

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## Energy Action Plan Survey



Let's talk energy! The City of Phoenix is hosting workshops to gather community input on how we can make energy more accessible and affordable for all residents. Your voice matters, and we want to hear from you!

Each workshop will feature engaging discussions, interactive activities to explore energy solutions, a chance to connect with neighbors, and share ideas. **Free dinner is provided and Spanish interpretation services available.**

To register and view full workshops schedule visit [PHOENIX.GOV/EAP](https://phoenix.gov/eap).

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## FREE TREES: Community Canopy Program



The graphic features a bright yellow sun with rays, two blue clouds, and two small yellow birds flying. Below this, the text "COMMUNITY CANOPY GRANT PROGRAM" is written in green. The central illustration shows a house with a red roof and a chimney. A woman in a blue shirt and a man in a yellow shirt are standing in front of the house, and a small tree is being planted. The background includes green trees and a blue sky.

**WHAT**  
City of Phoenix is offering grants for individuals and neighborhoods to apply for trees for their homes

**APPLY NOW**  
Visit [Phoenix.gov/shade](https://phoenix.gov/shade) to apply and find more information.

**ABOUT**

- Individuals living in the same neighborhood should submit one group application.
- Grantees will receive a maintenance bag to help care for new trees
- You will choose from a list of native and drought tolerant trees
- Contractors will plant trees and call AZ 811

**WHO**  
Be in a Qualified area in the City of Phoenix. Scan this QR code to find out if you qualify

**CONTACT**  
Please contact Kayla Killoren at [kayla.killoren@phoenix.gov](mailto:kayla.killoren@phoenix.gov) or 602.534.1203 with any questions.

**FOLLOW**  
For tree planting tips and more information, Follow [@HeatReadyPHX](https://twitter.com/HeatReadyPHX).



The City of Phoenix Office of Heat Response and Mitigation reopened its Community Canopy grant for residents interested in **receiving free trees and planting support from contracted arborists**. Grant recipients will receive a supply bag featuring information about their tree, a t-shirt, a 100-foot water hose and an irrigation timer.

Single-family residents, homeowners, neighborhood associations, small businesses, multifamily residences, and churches can apply to have trees planted on private property. **Single-family residents can receive up to two trees per home, up to 20 trees for businesses, churches and multi-family residences and between 30 and 200 hundred trees per neighborhood.** Residents can check their [eligibility requirements by clicking here](#) and [apply by clicking here](#).

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### Summer Safety and Heat Relief Network



The City of Phoenix is offering heat relief by extending hours at three library locations and offering a 24-hour respite center. Now through Sept. 30, Phoenix will operate a 24-hour respite center at 20 W. Jackson St. Additionally, Yucca, Cholla,

and Harmon libraries will stay open as cooling centers offering full library services Mondays thru Saturdays until 10 p.m. On Sundays, these three locations will open as cooling centers from noon to 10 p.m.

With our Summer Safety Resources, learn about tips to protect yourself while outdoors, the heat relief network, swim season at city pools, fireworks safety, "Take a Hike. Do it Right" campaign, proper sun protection, and monsoon storm resources. [Click here for more information at Phoenix.gov/summer](https://phoenix.gov/summer).

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### Summer Reading Program - Register Now!



Registration opened on May 1 for Phoenix Public Library's annual Summer Reading Program "Color Our World" which runs from June 1 through August 1, 2025. Open to all ages and abilities, the **free program encourages participants to read 20 minutes a day and complete literacy activities to earn points, unlock digital badges, and win prizes.** Gameboards tailored by age and ability guide readers through the challenge, with those reaching 1,000 points eligible for a free book and other rewards.

Participants can also complete online challenges, attend themed events at local library branches, and enjoy special community experiences. Be ready to register and to start reading/logging minutes to win! More details can be found at [phoenixpubliclibrary.org/services/programs/summer-reading](https://phoenixpubliclibrary.org/services/programs/summer-reading).

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### **Save the Date: Back to School Backpack Giveaway - July 26th**



As the school year ends, please save the date for our annual Back to School Backpack Giveaway on Saturday, July 26th. Every year, we donate **1,000 backpacks** with school supplies to West Phoenix elementary school students. The flyer with final details will be shared later this summer.

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Thank you for reading and sharing the May 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](mailto:council.district.5@phoenix.gov). For regular updates, follow us on our social media accounts by clicking on the icons below.