



## **District 5 Residents and Friends**

During this spring, we have several free community events and need your input for important surveys. Read the March edition of Neighborhood News for updates on the Gated Alley Program, Grand Canalscape Grand Opening, Maryvale Mercado, city budget hearings, Bus Rapid Transit survey, youth interactions survey, the City Council inauguration and more.

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## **1,000 Alley Gate and Birthday Celebration**



On Saturday, March 22nd, we celebrated a major milestone for our district and city! We have successfully installed 1,000 alley gates, enhancing safety and security for our residents. This achievement is a testament to our commitment to creating safer, cleaner neighborhoods for everyone thanks to the resident leaders, supportive property owners, and the Neighborhood Services Department. The Gated Alley Program started five years ago, including two successful pilot years, and it's delivering real results for our communities.

The City has invested approximately **\$5.5 million** in this program, leading to the installation of **1,000 gates in about 434 alleys citywide**, helping protect families and properties. One third of all the gated alleys are in District 5, and we're not stopping there — 30 more alleys in District 5 are set to be gated by the end of this year, ensuring even more neighbors experience these safety benefits. And to top it off, we celebrated my birthday! The best gift is to see the positive results of the dedication and commitment of residents and staff. [Click here to check out the KJZZ Phoenix story that highlights](#) more than five years of hard work that I have been honored to champion. To learn more about the [Gated Alley Program](#), [click here to visit the website](#).

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**Grand Canalscape Grand Opening this Sat.**



**Grand Canalscape  
Phase 3**

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony  
and Community Event

**Saturday, March 29  
10 am to noon**

Located along the canal, at  
63rd Ave and Clarendon Ave



GRAND  
*Canalscape*  
PHX, AZ

We're excited to invite you to the long-awaited Grand Canalscape Phase 3 Ribbon Cutting this Saturday, March 29th from 10 a.m. to Noon. This will be a big free event that will activate public spaces for cyclists and pedestrians, with improved lighting, exercise equipment, and a new pedestrian bridge.

In addition, there will be new signalized pedestrian crossings at major intersections to make the streets safer. This phase adds four more miles of improvements to the previous 12 miles completed back in 2020.



The celebration will be centered at **Sunset Basin Park on 63rd Ave. just south of Indian School Rd.** There will be music, free games, fun, refreshments, food truck, and information tables between 67th and 59th avenues. The ceremonial walk will be at 10 a.m. from Maryvale High School to the new pedestrian bridge for the ribbon-cutting. There will be **FREE parking at Maryvale High School (3415 N. 59th Ave.)** [Click here for more information about the Grand Canalscape.](#)

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**Monthly Maryvale Mercado this Sat.**



**MARYVALE MERCADO**  
Betty Guardado

**FREE FAMILY EVENT!**

*Saturday.*  
**MARCH 29, 2025**

**12:00-4:00PM**  
4420 N 51st Ave,  
Phoenix, AZ 85031  
(602) 505-0361

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT & MUSIC**

**LOCAL VENDORS, LOCAL FOOD TRUCKS**

**BOUNCEHOUSE, ARTS & CRAFTS FOR KIDS**

LAZ 98.5 FM - 94.5 HD3

PHOENIX IS HOT

INGENTE PROMOTIONS

arts+ culture CITY OF PHOENIX

PHOENIX PLAYS

70 NETWORK CAMPESINA

[www.MaryvaleMercado.com](http://www.MaryvaleMercado.com)

Right after the Grand Canalscape event, join us for our monthly Maryvale Mercado this Saturday, March 29th. It will start at **12 PM until 4 PM at the Maryvale Community Center**. This is a **FREE** event for the whole family! Come and enjoy live music, discover local vendors, indulge in food from amazing trucks, and much more. This month we're celebrating Women's History Month.

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## 35th Ave. Bus Rapid Transit Survey Open

# Take Our Survey Today!



There is still time to take the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) survey! Please make sure your voice is included – now is the time to provide input on how BRT is implemented along **35th Ave. from Peoria Ave. to Van Buren St.**

There are two options, one with dedicated bus lanes in the curb lane (side-running) and one with dedicated bus lanes in the center of the road (center-running). Your preference will help guide the design of BRT on 35th Ave.

Please visit the program website at [www.meetphoenixbrt.com](http://www.meetphoenixbrt.com) to learn more about the project and the lane options, then take our brief survey. The comment period ends **April 6, 2025**. Your opinion matters and makes a difference!

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### **Youth and Parents: Youth Police Interactions Survey is Open!**



The City of Phoenix Youth Interactions Survey aims to help the City of Phoenix, and the Phoenix Police Department develop policies and practices to improve police interactions with the youth in our communities. The survey is available to young people and parents; participation is voluntary. Although you may include your school's name or area code, no other personal information will be requested or tracked in this survey. **Responses will be anonymous and confidential** and will not be shared or used for any purpose beyond improving relationships with local law enforcement. [Click here for the English survey.](#)

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## Community Budget Hearings in District 5



The City of Phoenix Proposed 2025-26 City Manager's Trial Budget is now available to view. Your feedback on this Proposed Trial Budget for the next fiscal year is welcomed and encouraged. Before the Phoenix City Council is scheduled to vote on the budget in May, you are invited to participate in the budget process:

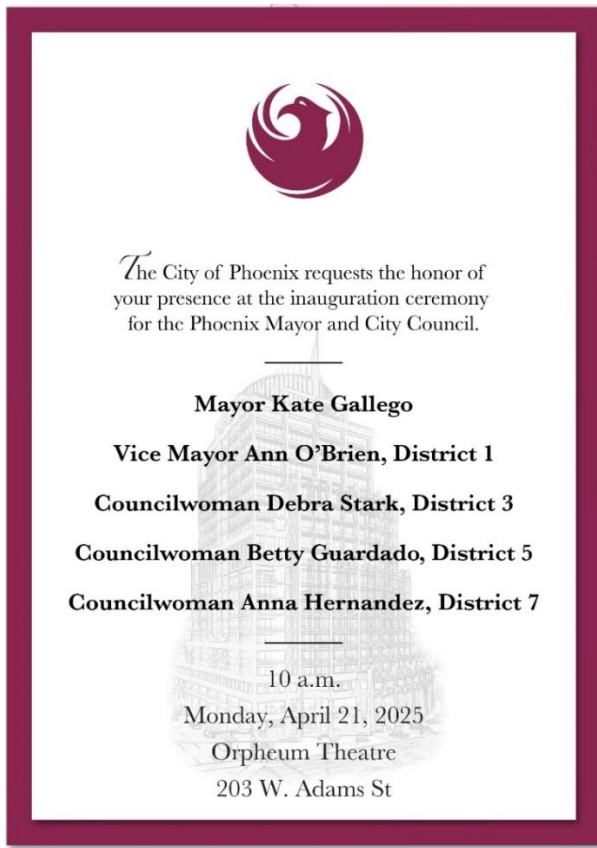
- Review the Proposed Trial Budget at your own pace
- Attend a public meeting with City leadership (**April 1st - April 16th**)
- Send feedback via email, phone, or social media

Access to all these options can be found on a special Budget Hearings website: [City Budget Hearings](#). Join us on **Tuesday, April 8th at the Maryvale Community Center** for a public hearing on the Proposed 2025-26 City Manager's Trial Budget.

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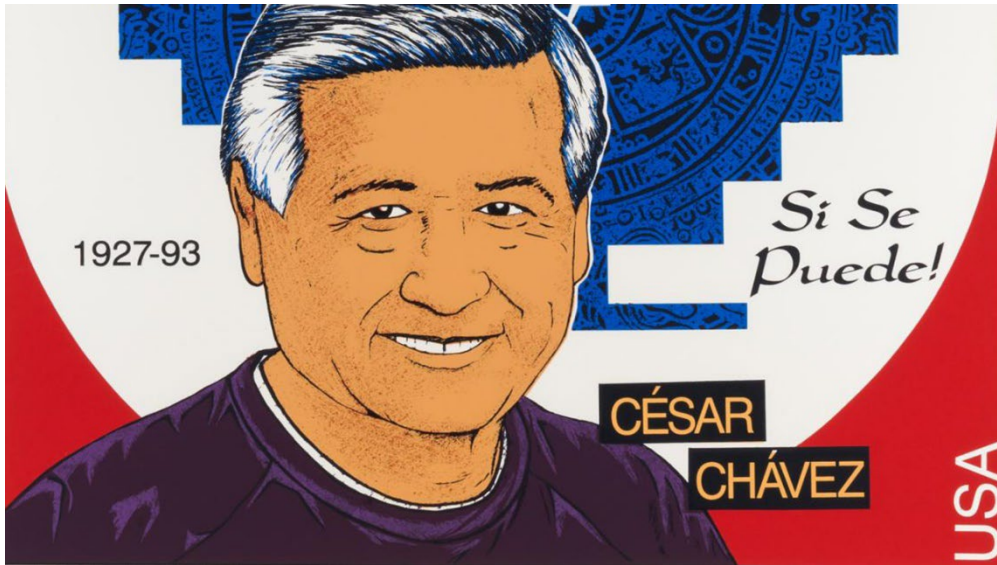
## Mayor and City Council Inauguration



Thank you for your trust in me and for giving me the honor of representing Council District 5. I appreciate the confidence that the voters of District 5 had in me once again. The public is welcome to join me, my family, and friends at my official City of Phoenix inauguration ceremony on April 21st at the **Orpheum Theatre by City Hall**.

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**Cesar Chavez Holiday on Mon. March 31st**



City of Phoenix offices will be closed Monday, March 31 in observance of the Cesar Chavez Day holiday. Curbside collection will not change during the week of Cesar Chavez Day. Trash and recycling collection will happen as regularly scheduled on Cesar Chavez Day.

Phoenix Public Library locations, except South Mountain Community Library, are closed on Monday, March 31 in observance of the holiday. Street Transportation regular services will resume on Tuesday, April 1. For urgent Street concerns, contact our 24/7 Hotline: For traffic signal issues or outages: 602-262-6021; Pothole repairs/street maintenance: 602-262-6441.

A true American hero, Chávez was a civil rights, Latino, farmworker, and labor leader; a religious and spiritual figure; a community servant and social entrepreneur; a crusader for nonviolent social change; and an environmentalist and consumer advocate. This day is especially significant to me as a former hotel housekeeper and a mother of a working-class family. It is important to reflect on the contributions of Cesar Chavez and how we all benefit today. From my 20 years of labor and union experience, it is an honor to continue his legacy, as we support improving working conditions for our essential workers.

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Thank you for reading and sharing the March 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.



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