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District 5 Residents and Friends,

April has been another exciting month of getting more residents involved in the city budget process. In this edition of Neighborhood News, learn about the upcoming proposed water rate increase meetings, more Cool Pavement installation, community conversations on opioid use and overdoses, registration for swim lessons, the Weatherization Assistance Program for homes, and more.

Volunteer Impact Awards Honor Our Students



Throughout the past nine months, ten amazing students from Maryvale High School have been volunteering with our office. They've collaborated with City departments and educated our constituents about various programs and resources while also supporting a number of community events our district.

Through their passion and hard work, they have been change makers and helped create long-lasting improvements in our community. I was happy to see them be recognized for their hard work at the City of Phoenix's Impact Volunteer Awards. This is an amazing group of students, and I'm excited to keep the momentum going this summer with another group high school interns.

Proposed Water Rate Increase Meetings

NEW RATE CALCULATORS NOW ONLINE

PROPOSED RATE INCREASE
PHX WATER SMART

The Phoenix Water Services Department is seeking City Council approval for a rate increase due to rising inflationary costs.

Learn more at phoenix.gov/proposedrates

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The Phoenix Water Services Department is proposing rate increases for water and wastewater services. Additionally, a stormwater excise tax increase will fund the City's compliance with new requirements for preventing pollution from entering waterways. Customers can share feedback at upcoming in-person and virtual public meetings and through the City's website.

The District 5 General Public In Person Meeting will be Tuesday, May 23rd at 6 p.m. the Maryvale Community Center. For more information and to submit comments, [click here](#).

Cool Pavement in 27th Ave. Neighborhood



I'm thrilled to share the aerial photos of the newest application of Cool Pavement seal coat to neighborhood streets near 27th and Maryland Avenues which is the first location in the entire city to receive Cool Pavement this year.

Cool pavement reflects the sunlight that hits it, rather than retain heat. It has the potential to offset rising nighttime temperatures in Phoenix. The use of cool pavement technology may help reduce the heat island effect and reduce temperatures in the city. It is also useful to cool neighborhood areas that don't have much shade from the sun. Residents can learn more by [clicking here](#).

Swim Lessons Registration Opens May 4th

Open during the summer months, City of Phoenix pools are a great place to learn how to swim, attend a special event, exercise or just cool off. There are swim lessons and aquatic classes for babies, youth, and adults. You can sign up for swim lessons on May 4th after 12 p.m. by scanning the QR code below or [click here](#).

A promotional graphic for swim lessons registration. The background is a photograph of a man in a wetsuit and goggles holding a red kayak, with two children in the water. A dark blue overlay on the left contains white text and a QR code. The text reads: "SIGN UP FOR SWIM LESSONS!", "Registration opens Thursday, May 4, at noon!", and "→ Youth and Adult Classes available!". Below the text is a QR code and the URL "phoenix.gov/pools/programs". In the bottom right corner of the graphic is the City of Phoenix logo, featuring a bulldog and the slogan "EXPECT EXCELLENCE".

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Opioid Use & Overdose Community Conversation in Maryvale

The Phoenix Public Health Office will be holding 8 in-person opioid community education forums to provide information and resources regarding the opioid crisis. These resources align with our four-pillar framework including prevention and education, treatment and recovery, harm reduction, and community safety and justice. These community forums are scheduled now through May 22nd and residents can attend virtually by [clicking here](#).

OPIOID USE & OVERDOSE



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COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

We need to hear from you!

- Hear from leaders and experts in opioid prevention, treatment, harm reduction and community safety
- Ask questions and provide input during Q&A sessions
- Interpretation will be available

April 20, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

Paradise Valley Community Center

April 25, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

Sunnyslope Community Center

April 27, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

Adam Diaz Senior Center

May 4, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

Devonshire Senior Center

May 8, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

Maryvale Community Center

May 9, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

South Mountain Community Center

May 16, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

Emmett McLoughlin Community Training Center

May 18, 2023, 6 p.m. Virtual

May 22, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

Deer Valley Community Center



For more information about speakers and community partners, visit [Phoenix.gov/Health](https://phoenix.gov/Health) or email publichealth@phoenix.gov

Weatherization Assistance Program

The summer heat is just around the corner! Is your home ready? The Phoenix Weatherization Assistance Program can help you lower your power bills by increasing the energy efficiency of your home at no cost to you. Repairing or replacing an old AC, sealing air ducts, or adding window screens can help you beat the heat! Find out if you qualify for a grant to make improvements to your home by [clicking here](#) or call 602-534-4444 ext.3.



April is Sexual Violence Awareness Month

In 2019, the City of Phoenix launched a Sexual Violence Awareness campaign called "Let's Talk Teal". In addition to activities that directly impact survivors of sexual violence, the initiative emphasizes having important conversations to prevent and end sexual violence.

The City of Phoenix's partnership with the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence and the Sexual Assault Kit Initiative administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks to raise public awareness about Sexual Violence and to educate communities on how to prevent it. As part of the partnership, the City of Phoenix holds monthly workgroup meetings focusing on four key areas: Teens and Youth, Education, Advocacy, and Leadership. [Click here for more information.](#)



Thank you for reading and sharing the April 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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