



Hello District 5 Residents and Friends!

As the weather is finally cooling down, our office staff is busy with community events and supporting constituents with services. In this September edition, learn about El Grito celebration, Maryvale Park playground ribbon cutting, 9/11 memorial day of service, neighborhood recognition conference, new camping ordinance, new 24/7 park ranger call center, Parks Master Plan, and city ballot propositions.

Annual El Grito Celebration Sun. Sept. 15

FREE!
Fun for the entire family!

¡GRATIS!
Diversión para toda la familia

EL GRITO
Celebration

PHOENIX 2024 ARIZONA

Presented by Councilwoman
Betty Guardado

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH • 4-11 PM

DOWNTOWN PHOENIX • 3rd AVENUE & ADAMS STREET

Live Entertainment!

LOS Indios DEL Norte

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City of Phoenix, Geneva, Fred Loya Insurance Agency, District 7, SNY, Campesina, Southwest Gas, Betty Guardado, Phoenix City Hall, Greenlight, Mark Kelly, Hensley, Chicanos for a Cause, Starbuck's, and T-Mobile.

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Next Sunday, September 15th, the wait is over! Our annual tradition to kick off Hispanic / Latino Heritage Month by Phoenix City Hall in downtown Phoenix to commemorate Mexico's Independence Day is here. It's part of Mexico's heritage that all American families can share! Celebrate with an evening of live mariachi, folkloric dances,

amazing performing artists, authentic cuisine and drinks, and more. Free public parking will be at 101 W. Adams St. Phoenix [Click here to check out the website for more information and videos of past year's events \[elgritophoenix.com\]](#).

Maryvale Park Playground Ribbon Cutting



On Tuesday, September 3rd, we were honored to officially open the Maryvale Park Playground and Maryvale Community Center with Parks & Recreation board members, Director of Parks & Recreation Cynthia Aguilar, and Superintendent Dr. Aguilar-Lawlor of Cartwright School District, and the principal and students of Tarver Elementary.

Maryvale Community Center and Park has supported residents of district 5 for generations! The park and community center offer something for everyone. Its important for us to engage the community to make sure we are investing in Maryvale

and listening to what you want to see in the parks. Thank you to everyone who helped pick this amazing playground design. More than 300 residents voted for the final design. As a mom to two young boys, playgrounds are really the heart of a park. Families come here to have fun and spend time together.

This playground has fun features like a double slide, areas for younger children, swing sets, balance structures and a netted climbing mountain. Also, inside the community center the renovations include new LED lighting to make it brighter inside and outside, which helps make it a safer space. There are also new restroom renovations and new flooring. Thank you for your tax dollars, and to the Phoenix Parks and Preserves Initiative funds to help make this possible. Come check out the newly playground and community center.

9/11 Memorial Day of Service: Community Cleanup & Tree Planting



In commemoration of the anniversary of 9/11, we co-hosted a 9/11 Memorial Day of Service Environmental Project with Sewa International last Saturday, Sept. 7th. The community cleanup at Maryvale Park and Parkway was a blast with dozens of volunteers from all over Phoenix who joined active neighbors in cleaning up the heart of Maryvale.

In addition, 56 drought resistant trees were planted in conjunction with the event. Special thanks to Street Transportation, Neighborhood Services, Public Works, Parks & Recreation, and the Office of Heat Response and Mitigation. We also honored our Police and Fire Department and all first responders for their service.



Neighborhood Recognition at Synergy Conference



Later on the same day, Saturday, Sept. 7th, the 2nd annual Synergy Conference, hosted by the Neighborhood Services Department, was an exciting opportunity for residents to learn more about city services and provide support. The conference was designed for neighborhood leaders of neighborhood groups registered with NSD's database, called Neighborhood Link. The conference offered breakout sessions for attendees to learn the latest on city programs and to be informed about current city processes that could assist with neighborhood challenges. There was an awards

luncheon, where some of the outstanding neighborhood leaders from every Council district were recognized.

I was happy and honored to recognize two newer neighborhood groups and one outstanding leader for this year's award ceremony.

- Community Impact Award: Camelback Community Neighborhood Association
- Community Builder Award: Amy Ramirez from Camelback Community Neighborhood Association (pictured above)
- Civic Engagement Award: Vista Diamante Block Watch (pictured below)



New Camping Ordinance & PHX C.A.R.E.S.



COMMUNITY
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A coordinated response to work with neighborhoods and individuals experiencing homelessness to educate and focus on solutions

602-262-6251
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For those experiencing homelessness, PHX C.A.R.E.S. sends trained outreach teams, who take the time to build rapport and trust with people on the street, to encourage them to accept the services and resources that are offered to help end their homelessness.

Changes to the ordinance related to camping within city limits begin this month. The new rules prohibit camping within 500 feet of the property boundary of a school, daycare center, shelter, college/university or City-owned park. While the changes go into effect on September 1, the City will continue to lead with services and use enforcement only when needed. [Click here to learn more.](#)

To report encampments or individuals who need resources or services, please contact PHX C.A.R.E.S. at 602-262-6251 or submit a report online. For more information on the City's efforts to address homelessness, please see phoenix.gov/solutions.

Park Ranger 24/7 Call Center Coming Soon



We're excited to announce that a long-awaited 24/7 park ranger phone answering service will be available to the public. It is designed to capture resident concerns regarding code of conduct and park rule violations, and the information will be forwarded to park rangers. The phone line to the independent call center is expected to go live on September 23rd. Please stay tuned for more details from the council district 5 office and the Parks and Recreation Department.



The Parks and Recreation Department is developing a Master Plan to improve our community's recreational spaces and programs. The Master Plan will evaluate programming, park facilities, and address important issues such as water use and public safety through Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). By incorporating sustainable practices into park design and implementing CPTED principles,

we aim to create safe, welcoming spaces for all members of our community. We are committed to gathering meaningful feedback from residents, stakeholders, and park users throughout this process. [Click here to give feedback on the website.](#)
[\[parksmasterplanphx.com\]](#)

City of Phoenix Ballot Propositions: Election Begins October 9th



For the general election on November 5th, registered voters in the City of Phoenix will have the opportunity to vote for city officials, Mayor and Councilmembers (Districts 1, 3, 5, and 7), and three ballot propositions. It is important for residents to know what these propositions are and how they may affect them and the City, so they can make an informed decision:

- **Proposition 487** - Locally Controlled Alternative Expenditure Limitation-If approved, it would keep the annual expenditure limitation equal to the City Council adopted budget for the next four years.

- **Proposition 488** - Ratification of the City of Phoenix General Plan
 - The General Plan provides direction for development, conservation and infrastructure investments in the city.
- **Proposition 489** -Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected City Officials - The recommendation of the commission is to increase the annual salary of the Mayor to \$103,840 and the Councilmembers to \$77,000.

The latest date to register to vote is October 7th. Then, early voting begins and early ballots are mailed on October 9th. The last day to vote is November 5th. For more information, [please visit the City Clerk by clicking here.](#)

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](tel:6022627446) 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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