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District 5 Residents and Friends,

The City budget season has already begun! Our office has been busy conducting outreach in the community to serve and inform our residents and small businesses about the upcoming budget process. In this February edition, learn about our annual Jobs and Resource Fair, the City Budget process and District 5 budget surveys, and other important updates.

Maryvale Jobs and Resource Fair

**COUNCILWOMAN BETTY GUARDADO
PROUDLY PRESENTS THE 2023**

MARYVALE JOBS AND RESOURCE FAIR



**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 25TH**

1:00-5:00 PM

**MARYVALE COMMUNITY
CENTER & PARK**

**4420 N. 51ST AVENUE
PHOENIX, AZ 85031**

**Betty
Guardado**
COUNCILWOMAN | DISTRICT 5

Join us this Saturday, February 25th for our annual Maryvale Job and Resource Fair. The event will take place at the Maryvale Community Center (4420 N. 51st Ave.) from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Local school districts, non-profit organizations, city departments, and labor organizations will offer jobs, apprenticeships, educational opportunities, and resources. There will be activities for kids, and we will have COVID and Flu vaccines available. We'll see you there!

City Budget Process and District 5 Survey



Every year, the City of Phoenix develops its budget for the following year. This helps each department plan projects and determine the best way to complete them.

The General Fund operating budget is \$1.8 billion and includes everything from police and fire services, to parks, libraries, and senior services. [To learn more about the city budget process, click here.](#)

Most of this budget is already allocated to long-term projects, permanent services, and maintenance, but there is a portion that we need your input on how

to spend. [Please click here to take our short survey to help us better understand your priorities.](#)

West Camelback Corridor Community Outreach


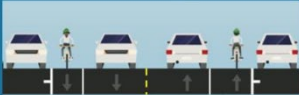



Since January, we have been walking the neighborhoods of the West Camelback Corridor connecting residents and small businesses with city resources and programs. High school student volunteers join us weekly to talk to their neighbors and build relationships to keep our neighborhoods clean and safe. Our community is enduring many challenges and many residents are getting




involved and forming new neighborhood groups that will work to improve the area.

New Bike Lanes and Parking in Maryvale

**55th Avenue, Thomas Road to Indian School Road
Summary of Impacts**

		
Option A: No Changes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• On-street parking• No bike lanes	Option B: Bike Lanes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• On-street parking• Bike lanes• Minimal traffic impacts	Option C: Buffered Bike Lanes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduced on-street parking• Buffered bike lanes• Minimal traffic impacts

**55th Avenue, Indian School Road to Camelback Road
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The City of Phoenix Street Transportation Department continues to make improvements to our roadways, and a major focus is making neighborhood streets safer with more bicycle and pedestrian friendly updates. The Street

Transportation Department is proposing an update to the parking and bike lanes on 55th Avenue from Thomas Rd. to Camelback Rd. and 45th Ave. from the Grand Canal to Camelback Rd.

The Cool Corridor project, which was completed this past fall, includes 200 newly planted trees, a newly paved walkway along the one-mile median on 55th Ave. from Camelback Rd. to Indian School Rd. The proposed bike lanes will add another option for the residents to enjoy the Cool Corridor. [Click here to let us know where you would like the bike lanes and parking on 55th Ave.](#)

Also, 45th Ave. from the Grand Canal to Camelback Rd. is the second location for a change in bike and parking lanes. [Click here to vote on the options you prefer.](#) Please respond to the survey now through March 31, 2023.

Phoenix Sister Cities Youth Ambassador Program



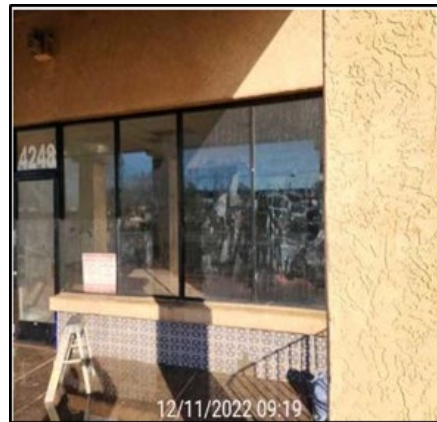
Do you know a Phoenix resident high school sophomore or junior, who would like to represent Phoenix in one of our 11 sister cities this summer? Phoenix Sister Cities is accepting applications for the 2023 Youth Ambassador Exchange Program.

Phoenix youth travel to one of our sister cities for approximately three weeks in June, where they are home hosted. In July, they welcome their international counterpart for three weeks here in Phoenix. Applications are due at 11:59 P.M. on March 3rd. [Click here for more information and a link to the online application.](#)

Graffiti-Free Phoenix: See Graffiti? Report it!



BEFORE



AFTER

February marks the City of Phoenix's 9th annual Graffiti-Free Phoenix Awareness Month and you can make a difference by helping the City to fight it. In 2022, the City's Graffiti Busters used nearly 12,000 gallons of paint and

cleaned up nearly 50,000 sites around Phoenix. Graffiti is a crime, so if you catch it in the act call 911. Otherwise, if you see it in your neighborhood there are three ways you can report it:

- **Call: 602-534-4444**
- **Email: blight@phoenix.gov**
- **Online: myPHX311 [Phoenix.gov/myPHX311](https://phoenix.gov/myPHX311).**

You can also organize a community group and the City will provide free paint and supplies, so you can remove graffiti on your own. Learn more at [Phoenix.gov/Graffiti](https://phoenix.gov/Graffiti).

Black History Month: Hike with a Firefighter



Our team was proud to join the Phoenix Fire Department, the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department, and the United Black Firefighters of Arizona who hosted the first annual Hike with a Firefighter and Hear from a Ranger event in honor of Black History Month. This free family-friendly event included a self-paced hike while learning about local and national black history facts on the trails.

Brand new and beginner hikers were encouraged to hike the ADA-accessible Judith Tunell Trail and intermediate to advanced hikers braved the Holbert Trail. We also had the opportunity to learn about hiking safety from Park Rangers. [Click here to learn more about hiking trails and safety.](#)

Thank you for reading and sharing the February 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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