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## **District 5 Residents and Friends,**

Fall is finally here with cooler weather, and so is the busiest event season of the year! Read on to learn about the Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations, Solano Park Skate Park grand opening, West Phoenix transit study meeting, neighborhood tree planting grant program, housing choice voucher applications, neighborhood yard sale and more!

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## ***Hispanic Heritage Month Celebrations***



Thank you to everyone who joined us for the unforgettable celebration of the 2nd annual *El Grito* to kick-off Hispanic Heritage Month in style with over 11,000 people! Special thanks to our partners Arvizu Advertising and Promotion, La Indiscreta FM, and Phoenix Sister Cities, as well as our biggest sponsors Chicanos Por La Causa and Greenlight Communities for their support and dedication to making this event a huge success.



Let's continue the Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations! Next week on Sept. 28, the Mexican Baseball Fiesta will have one night in our district at the American Family Fields of Phoenix. Join the family fun, food, live music, and great baseball in Maryvale. [Click here to purchase your tickets to see Hermosillo vs. Obregon.](#)

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## Solano Park Skate Park Grand Opening



This Monday, Sept. 18, I was honored to join the community, the Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department, and Cowtown Skateboards for the ribbon cutting of the newly renovated Solano Park. After many years of planning, the park has undergone extensive improvements, including new skate park, pickleball courts and resurfaced basketball court.



The park located at 5625 N 17th Ave is easily accessible from light rail and other public transportation options. Solano Park is a great asset to our community, and I am proud to have been part of this project from start to finish. Phoenix Parks and Recreation Director Cynthia Aguilar added: "We are thrilled to add additional amenities that will enhance recreational opportunities for the surrounding community." [Click here to check out the local news channel story here.](#)

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# West Phoenix Light Rail Route Meeting



## YOU'RE INVITED!

Attend a public meeting to learn about and provide input on the recommended transit type (light rail) and route (see map) for the West Phoenix Alternatives Analysis that will bring high-capacity transit to west Phoenix.

## STUDY AREA MAP AND RECOMMENDED ROUTE OPTION



## Join us at an in-person meeting\*:

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Desert West Community Center**

6501 W. Virginia Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85035

All meeting materials, including a comment form are available at [valleymetro.org/westphoenix](http://valleymetro.org/westphoenix) from September 11 through October 6, 2023.

\*The same information will be presented at both meetings.

## Can't make it to the In-person meeting?\*

Join us virtually!

Thursday, September 21, 2023 | 6:00 p.m.

- Join link: [valley-metro.webex.com](http://valley-metro.webex.com)
- Join by phone: 1.408.418.9388
- Webinar number: 2495 878 3054
- Webinar password: WestPhoenix (93787463 from phones)

Spanish Audio Channel:

- Join by phone: 1.408.418.9388
- Webinar number: 2489 167 7723
- Webinar password: WestPhoenix (93787463 from phones)



Scan Me to link to the meeting!

Persons who require a reasonable accommodation based on language or disability should contact Brett Benninghoff at 602-256-5815 or [bbenninghoff@valleymetro.org](mailto:bbenninghoff@valleymetro.org). Requests should be made as early as possible to ensure Valley Metro has an opportunity to address the accommodation.

Las personas que requieran asistencia (dentro de lo razonable) ya sea por el idioma o discapacidad deben ponerse en contacto con la Brett Benninghoff la 602-256-5815 o [bbenninghoff@valleymetro.org](mailto:bbenninghoff@valleymetro.org). Las solicitudes deben hacerse lo más antes posible para asegurar que Valley Metro tenga la oportunidad de hacer los arreglos necesarios.

Những người cần sự điều chỉnh hợp lý vì các lý do ngôn ngữ hoặc tình trạng khuyết tật nên liên hệ với Brett Benninghoff theo số 602-256-5815 hoặc địa chỉ [bbenninghoff@valleymetro.org](mailto:bbenninghoff@valleymetro.org). Yêu cầu nên được thực hiện càng sớm càng tốt để đảm bảo rằng Valley Metro có cơ hội thực hiện điều chỉnh.

We need your comments and ideas on how to expand public transit in Maryvale to better connect our district to the rest of the city. Join us at a public meeting to learn about and provide input on the recommended transit type (light rail) and route (see map) for the West Phoenix Alternatives Analysis that will bring high-capacity transit to west Phoenix.

The in-person meeting will be on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Desert West Community Center, 6501 W. Virginia Ave. If you can't make it to the in-person meeting? Join us virtually on Thursday, September 21 at 6 p.m. [Click here for more information.](#) We'll see you there!

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## Neighborhood Tree Planting Grant Program



Attention Phoenix residents! Do you want trees for your home or neighborhood? The Office of Heat Response and Mitigation is offering trees and expert planting support through their Community Canopy Grant Program. For additional details and to find out if you qualify, [visit Phoenix.gov/heat](https://phoenix.gov/heat).

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## Housing Choice Voucher Program is Open



**JOIN THE  
SECTION 8  
WAITLIST**  
HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

**Now through  
September 26**

[phoenix.gov/housing](https://phoenix.gov/housing)

City of Phoenix Housing Department  
**PHXHOUSING**  
Quality Affordable Housing and a Pathway to Self-Sufficiency

The City of Phoenix Housing Department is now accepting pre-applications for the Housing Choice Voucher Program waitlist through September 26 at 7 p.m. Join the Section 8 waitlist! Anyone who is interested may submit a pre-application. It is available in multiple languages and accepted online, in-person,

and via email, fax, and mail. [For more information click here](#), email [s8waitlist@phoenix.gov](mailto:s8waitlist@phoenix.gov), or call 602-534-3030.

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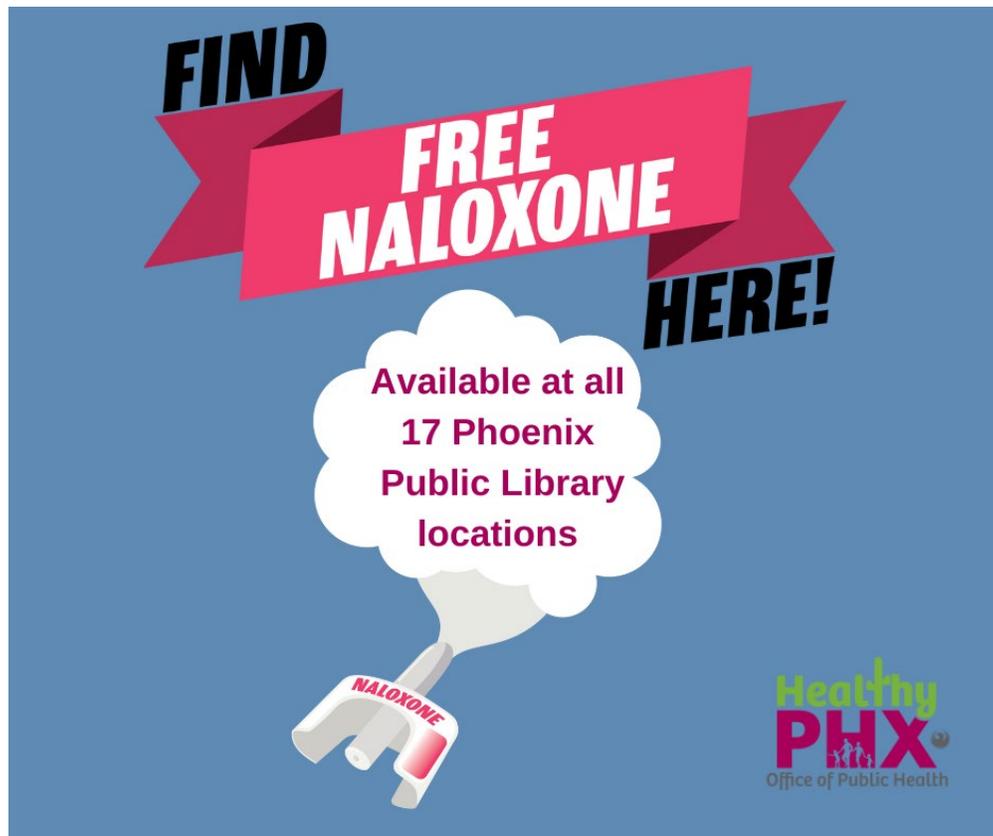
## North Glen Square Neighborhood Yard Sale



The neighborhood-wide yard sale will be on Saturday, October 14 within the perimeter of 27th to 35th Avenues and Northern to Glendale Avenues. North Glen Square Neighborhood Association has a 25-year tradition of annual neighborhood-wide yard sales, and now it's back by popular demand.

Come find your delightful treasures and needed items in North Glen Square on October 14! The map of participating houses (and their addresses) will be posted on the website. [For more details and, if you live in the neighborhood and want to register, click here!](#)

## **Free Naxolone Kits at Phoenix Libraries**



The City of Phoenix Office of Public Health launched a Naloxone program to combat the opioid crisis. Naloxone is a life-saving nasal spray that reverses opioid overdoses. In 2022, 991 fatal overdoses occurred in Phoenix.

Free Naloxone kits are available at all 17 Phoenix Public Libraries. Pick up a kit for yourself or a loved one. Be the difference, use Naloxone, save a life. [Find location near you at https://www.phoenix.gov/health.](https://www.phoenix.gov/health)

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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 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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