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Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!



We wish you a happy and healthy holiday season and a happy new year. Thank you for all your support and contributions to improving our city and our district during this year. I'm so grateful for the opportunity to serve you all. Let's get to work in 2024 to continue making progress.

Read the December edition of Neighborhood News to learn about our holiday event, holiday solid waste collection schedule, city services, job fairs and more.

Very Merry Maryvale this Saturday

Betty Guardado
COUNCILWOMAN | DISTRICT 5

Our 4th Annual Holiday Celebration

Very Merry Maryvale

SATURDAY 16TH DEC

MARYVALE COMMUNITY CENTER
4420 N 51ST AVE.
PHOENIX AZ 85031

Doors Open at 5 PM until all spots are filled

SPECIAL GUEST
JOSE ANDRES HERNANDEZ

GIFTS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN AGES 5-12 UNTIL SANTA'S WORKSHOP RUNS OUT

CHAVALONES

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MUSIC * LIVE ENTERTAINMENT * KIDS PLAY ZONE * RAFFLES * FREE FOOD * PICTURES WITH SANTA

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This Saturday, the fourth annual Very Merry Maryvale Holiday Celebration will be at the Maryvale Community Center (4420 N 51st Ave) on the corner of 51st Ave. and Campbell Ave. The whole family is welcome to enjoy free food, live entertainment, music, games, arts and crafts, raffles, special guests from the Phoenix Rising and Phoenix Suns and more. Children (ages 5 to 12) present will

register for a visit with Santa and free toy. Doors open at 5 PM until 9 PM. We'll see you there for our biggest holiday celebration ever!

New Year, New District, and New Budget



Desert Sky Mall
(Desertskymall.com)



Talking Stick Resort Amphitheater (Live Nation Photo)

As approved by City Council, the new council districts will take effect in January 2024. We are excited to welcome new areas and neighborhoods southwest of 75th Ave. These include city facilities like Desert Sage Library, Desert Star Park, and Desert Sky Transit Center, and retail and entertainment venues like Desert Sky Mall, and Talking Stick Resort Ampitheater.

From gating alleys and speed humps to park renovations and street paving, our city staff continues to improve our neighborhoods and there are many more developments in the process. Police, Fire, solid waste, and water services are just some of the departments that are funded by the city budget. It is important to

hear your comments and thoughts on how your city budget is being used. Please save the date for next year's budget hearing in District 5. It will be Wednesday, April 10th at 5pm at the Maryvale Community Center. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Holiday Trash Collection and Tree Composting



Please be aware of the upcoming holiday collection schedule changes. All residents will have an altered schedule during the weeks of Christmas and New Year's Day. Solid waste collections will not be provided on Christmas Day or New Year's Day (December 25, 2023 and January 1, 2024). All solid waste collections

will be pushed back by one day that week, starting with Monday's collections being provided on Tuesday, and ending with Friday's collections being provided on Saturday. For more information, visit [Public Works Holiday Collection Schedule](#).

The City of Phoenix will offer several drop-off locations to recycle live (not plastic!) Christmas trees and wreaths from December 26, 2023 to January 7, 2024. Please remove all lights and decorations before making your drop-off. All trees and wreaths will be composted at the Public Works Department's Compost Facility. Click here for locations: [Public Works Christmas Tree Recycling](#).

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance



The City of Phoenix needs volunteers to help residents with their 2023 taxes. Every year, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program prepares free tax returns for low-to-moderate-income individuals and families, but we can't do it without YOU. VITA volunteers receive free training and are certified by the IRS to prepare basic tax returns. We also need greeters, screeners, bilingual interpreters, and site coordinators.

Training is free and available online to complete at your own pace. You can become a volunteer with as little as 8 hours of training and get IRS certified with 24 hours of training. Volunteering with VITA is a great way to learn new skills and build your resume while helping others. Learn more and sign up at

[Phoenix.gov/TaxHelp](https://phoenix.gov/TaxHelp).

Improved myPHX311 Online Portal



Now Even Better! Visit the enhanced myPHX311 online portal to request City services, report issues (including blight and code violations), or find important information. You can pay your bill, start or stop services, and you can report graffiti, potholes, and homelessness encampments; you can even view job opportunities.

This mobile-friendly website has many new features, is easy to use, and replaced the myPHX311 app on November 1. Visit [Phoenix.gov/myPHX311](https://phoenix.gov/myPHX311) and bookmark it for future use. You can also contact myPHX311 at 602-262-3111.

Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport Job Fairs



PHX
Monthly Job Fairs
COME LAND WITH US
100s
of airport jobs available!

Upcoming Dates

- January 9
- February 6
- March 5
- April 2
- May 7
- June 4
- July 2
- August 6
- September 3
- October 1
- November 5
- December 3

More info available at skyharbor.com/jobs

PHX Sky Train®
44th St. Station
200 South 44th St.

(Note New Times)

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

CHILDCARE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

Phoenix Sky Harbor will continue to hold job fairs in 2024 at the 44th Street PHX Sky Train® Station located at 44th and Washington streets. The station is easily accessible by bus and Valley Metro Rail and transit pass will be offered to attendees. Parking is also available. No preregistration is required to attend the event. The next fair is scheduled for January 9th, 2024.

Hundreds of available positions are looking to be filled, including customer service agents, drivers, sales associates, and security. Benefits vary by each company, but may include health, insurance and retirement options, retention bonuses, employee assistance programs and sign-on bonuses. [Please visit this page for new information on participating companies.](#)

Thank you for reading and sharing the December 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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