



District 5 Residents and Friends,

Happy New Year! This past year we have been hard at work throughout the district. From park improvements to safer alleys, to backpacks for students and community cleanups, we had a busy year. Thank you to the countless neighborhood leaders and community advocates who partnered with us last year and now! We are excited about all we will accomplish together in 2023!

27th Avenue Community Cleanup on Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend



I want to thank everyone for making the 27th Avenue community cleanup on January 14th such a huge success! We had over 120 people in

attendance, including great groups from the Alhambra Elementary School District, the Ss. Simon and Jude community, and our great new neighborhood associations! In case you missed it, [check out the news story here!](#)

Our office has been meeting and working with the residents along 27th Avenue for a year and – although there is much work to still be done! – the progress is transformative. I was proud to champion the 27th Avenue Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan and it was approved by the City Council, but it can only be successful with community involvement and support. Area residents are making inspirational improvements by forming a new neighborhood group – such as the Berkley Square Neighbors – and working together to collect signatures to request gated alleys and speed humps.



Finally, a special thank you to all the city departments who make these events possible and safe, including our Neighborhood Services, Public Works, Street Transportation, and Police Departments and the City Manager's Office. We look forward to seeing all of you at the next community cleanup Saturday, March 4th at 27th Ave. and Camelback Rd. at 10 a.m.

Grand Re-opening of West Plaza Park



On January 25th, we had the honor to officially re-open the newly renovated West Plaza Park which includes a new playground, basketball and sand volleyball courts, and a FitPHX walking path and exercise equipment. A special thanks for the \$1.9 million Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding through a partnership with City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department and City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department.

We appreciate the community groups that joined us to celebrate the park on 43rd Ave. and Maryland Ave.: Alhambra Elementary School District, West Plaza Neighborhood Association, and St. Louis the King Catholic School.

Grand-35th Avenue Meeting and Survey

Get Involved!

Public comments on the proposed alternatives will be accepted through February 21, 2023 in the following ways:



Via the study website at ADOTGrand35Study.com



Email: ADOTGrand35Study@hdrinc.com



Call: 602.474.3952



Mail: ADOT Grand-35 Study c/o HDR, Inc.
20 E. Thomas Rd., Suite 2500, Phoenix, AZ 85012

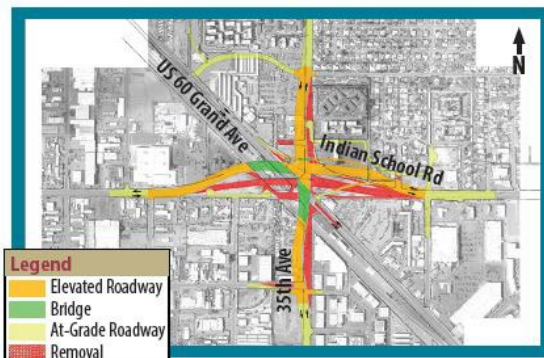


ADOTGrand35Study.com



Alternative 1

- Raises 35th Avenue to create a new elevated intersection with Indian School Road above Grand Avenue.
- Maintains the existing alignment of 35th Avenue.
- Shifts Indian School Road to the north.
- Constructs new bridges for 35th Avenue and Indian School Road to pass over the railroad and Grand Avenue.



Alternative 2

- Raises 35th Avenue to create a new elevated intersection with Indian School Road above Grand Avenue.
- Shifts 35th Avenue to the west.
- Shifts Indian School Road to the north.
- Constructs new bridges for 35th Avenue and Indian School Road to pass over the railroad and Grand Avenue.

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) will host a public meeting as part of an ongoing study of proposed improvements to the Grand Avenue intersection with 35th Avenue and Indian School Road (known as the [Grand-35 Study](#)). The meeting is scheduled on Tuesday evening (Jan. 31), at Alhambra High School in Phoenix.

The meeting will review two options for building new bridges to carry 35th Avenue and Indian School Road traffic over Grand Avenue (US 60) and the nearby BNSF

Railway tracks. The alternatives are being recommended as a way to improve the movement of traffic in the area.

If you are not able to attend Tuesday's meeting in person, you can provide comments through Feb. 21 by completing an online survey on at [Grand-35 Study](#). Additional options for providing comments, including by phone or email, can be found on the study's site.

Scholarships for High School Students



Cesar Chavez Community Engagement Scholarship

REQUIREMENTS

- ✔ Current high school seniors moving to a 2 or 4-year university or trade school
- ✔ 2.5 minimum GPA score
- ✔ City of Phoenix resident

APPLY NOW

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Applications due Friday, March 3

As part of the Phoenix Hispanic Network's (PHN) vision, PHN is dedicated to collaborating with community partners to strengthen relationships with the residents we serve. We are pleased to announce our fifth annual Community Engagement Scholarships, to be presented at our Cesar Chavez Celebration on March 30, 2023. Two scholarship recipients will be selected and will receive a \$1,500 scholarship to be used towards their college education in the field of local government or civic engagement. [Click here](#) for more information.



The City of Phoenix Youth and Education Office is now accepting applications for the 2022 Outstanding Phoenix Youth Leader of the Year awards. The awards recognize and honor the outstanding achievements of

young people, enhance the perception of youth, and raise community awareness of their positive contributions.

Winners can earn up to \$2,000 for their leadership. Students currently enrolled in high school in Phoenix, or who live within Phoenix city limits, can apply. For a complete list of requirements to apply, and details on the monetary prizes awarded, [click here](#). Applications are due Friday, February 24th at 5 p.m.

Phoenix Airport Job Fairs Continue



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- February 7
- March 7
- April 4
- May 2
- June 6
- July 11
- August 1
- September 5
- October 3
- November 7
- December 5

More info available at skyharbor.com/jobs

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44th St. Station
200 South 44th St.

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

CHILDCARE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

Phoenix Sky Harbor is holding a job fair on Tuesday, February 7th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 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. 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](#).

Lifeguard Jobs and Certification Classes

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Lifeguard wage \$15.72/hr
Wage + Incentives = \$25.08/hr.*
Based on working 320 hours over the season

Note: Must be 15 years old by the last day of the class
\$20 classes! Register on-line at phoenix.gov/lifeguard by selecting the "Get StarGuard Certified" link.

January Classes

- Paradise Valley Pool--17648 N. 40th St.--Jan. 7th
- Cortez Pool--3434 W. Dunlap Ave--Jan. 21st
- David C. Uribe (DCU)--3801 W. Cactus Rd.--Jan.21st

February Classes

- Pecos Pool--17010 S. 48th St.--Feb. 4th
- Cortez Pool--3434 W. Dunlap Ave--Feb. 4th
- Paradise Valley Pool--17648 N. 40th St.--Feb. 18th

RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL \$2500 INCENTIVE AT END OF SEASON!!

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Make a Splash, Earn some Cash. It's never too early to start looking for a summer job. We're hiring lifeguards for this year's pool season! Teens can earn a \$3,000 incentive when they become a certified lifeguard. [Register for training here.](#)

January was National Human Trafficking Awareness Month

STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS HAPPENING HERE IN ARIZONA!

DID YOU KNOW?

-  Human trafficking is the use of force, fraud, or coercion to control or lure a person for the purpose of engaging in commercial sex or labor services against his/her will.
-  The average age of entry into sex trafficking in Arizona is 14 years old.
-  There are an estimated 100,000 American children at risk for commercial sexual exploitation in the United States each year.
-  Child sex trafficking includes anyone under the age of 18 involved in commercial sex.
-  Human trafficking (a crime against an individual) is not the same as human smuggling (a crime against a government).
-  Victims of labor trafficking in the US are often forced to work long hours for little or no pay, as domestic servants, traveling sales crews, and service workers.

**GET HELP • REPORT A TIP • REQUEST INFORMATION
GET TRAINED • GET INVOLVED**

National Human Trafficking Resource Center
TOLL-FREE 24 Hours
1-888-3737-888
Text HELP or INFO to: BeFree (233733)
Confidential • Interpreters Available



ASU School of Social Work
**Office of Sex Trafficking
Intervention Research**

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January 11th was National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. It is crucial to raise awareness to help end human trafficking in Phoenix. It affects our communities & our families, and we may witness it in our own neighborhood. Please use and share these resources: National Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888 or text 233733. Learn more about the City's Compass Plan at: [Human Trafficking Awareness](#).

Thank you for reading and sharing the January 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.

