

District 5 Residents and Friends,

June has been another busy month, but even in the extreme heat, the team has been serving our community directly in their neighborhoods. In this edition of Neighborhood News, you'll find some exciting updates including upcoming events and opportunities as well as a look back at some of this month's highlights.

Back to School Backpack Giveaway



We're excited to invite families to our second annual Back to School Backpack Giveaway on Saturday, July 30th from 6pm-9pm at the American Family Fields of Phoenix.

This year, in addition to providing 1,000 backpacks with school supplies, we will also provide uniforms and other necessities. There will also be food trucks, children's activities, and fun giveaways.

Please invite your family and friends who could use a little help getting ready for the upcoming school year. The parking entrance is at 3600 N. 51st Ave.

Tardeada Del Pueblo at the "Maryvale Ballpark"



Though we were disappointed that fireworks are still unavailable due to supply chain challenges, we couldn't let that stop the party! In place of the annual Light Up the Sky event, the neighborhood can still come together at the American Family Fields of Phoenix (formerly Maryvale Ballpark) to enjoy a new one-of-a-kind event.

On Sunday, July 17th, we are partnering with the Office of Councilmember Garcia and La Campesina 101.9 FM for la Tardeada del Pueblo, a free concert in the ballpark. In addition to an amazing line-up, our friends at One Arizona, CASE, UNITE HERE!, and Puente will be registering eligible voters.

Invite your family and friends to join the party!

Meet Our High School Summer Volunteers

This summer, through a partnership with Arizona State University, four Maryvale High School and Gifted and Training Academy students joined the team to serve the community and gain experience in local government.



The volunteers are helping with community outreach, including neighborhood door to door canvasses to promote city improvement projects like Cool Pavement and the expanded gated alley program. In addition, on June 23rd, they joined the We're Cool

volunteers to provide heat relief and resources with the Office of Heat Response and Mitigation, Volunteer PHX Office, and Phoenix C.A.R.E.S.

They also attend weekly training meetings with different city departments and will visit us in City Hall for the Formal Council Meeting on July 1st.





As the drought intensifies, the City must continue to innovate new, proactive actions to prepare for even deeper shortages on the Colorado River. We need you to be our partner in water conservation, so we can all continue to do our part to be #PHXWaterSmart.

Learn more: Phoenix.gov/drought



Looking for fun and educational activities for kids for the summer? Check out PHXWater's free activity book series with their mascots!

Learn about water conservation with Wayne Drop, wastewater and sustainability with Loo Poo, and stormwater with Hopper. Each book is full of coloring, games and puzzles!

Download the series for free here: phoenix.gov/watercloud

Phoenix Police are Recruiting



Beginning August 8th, the Phoenix Police Department will be the highest paid agency in Arizona. #PHXPD recruits will start at \$68,661 and officers will top out at \$105,539.

Visit JoinPHXPD.com to apply or email a recruiter at recruiting.ppd@phoenix.gov

Need Home Repairs? Neighborhood Services Can Help



The City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department offers financial assistance designed to stabilize critical home systems, address immediate health and safety issues, eliminate hazards, conserve water and energy, and address exterior code/blighting violations.

Home repair is an important element in the city's strategy to enhance the quality and value of the neighborhood and to promote sustainable communities.

Learn more at phoenix.gov/nsd/programs/housing-repair-programs

Juneteenth in Phoenix

Although the Emancipation Proclamation—officially declaring the end of slavery in the US—was signed Jan. 1, 1863, it wasn't until June 19, 1865 that the last Confederate holdout (Galveston, TX) was reached by the Union Army and remaining enslaved African Americans were freed. This day is now known as Juneteenth,

and has come to be recognized as the official commemoration of African American emancipation, freedom, and achievement.

It is a time for reflection and rejoicing: to recognize where the African American community has come from, to affirm our collective commitment to freedom, and to plan for where we want to go in the future. In addition, for the first time ever, the City of Phoenix observed the newly federally recognized holiday on June 20th, 2022.



As part of the City's ongoing commitment to honoring African American history in our own community, the City of Phoenix Commissions of Arts and Culture and Human Relations are producing an oral history documentary project celebrating Juneteenth in Phoenix. The project is open to any resident of Phoenix, and we need your help finding people to share stories, memories, photos or memorabilia. You can nominate friends, family members, elders, community leaders—even yourself. Click here to learn more.

Thank you for reading and sharing the June 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.

