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Hello District 5 Residents and Friends,

As the weather is getting warmer, there are so many spring activities and programs that are happening in District 5 and throughout the City. It's also the new budget season, where Phoenix residents can have their voices heard and see how the City budget is spent. In the March edition of Neighborhood News, learn about the District 5 budget survey and public hearing, small business grants and support, an Earth Day event, street safety improvements, the Maryvale Resource Fair, and more.

Maryvale Resource Fair

MARYVALE RESOURCE FAIR WITH COUNCILWOMAN GUARDADO



*APPRENTICESHIPS

*SMALL BUSINESS
ASSISTANCE

*JOB OPPORTUNITIES

*HOUSING OPTIONS

*UTILITY & RENTAL
ASSISTANCE



*SCHOOL RESOURCES

*HEAD START & MORE

MARYVALE COMMUNITY CENTER - 4420 N. 51ST AVENUE

SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH | 10 AM TO 2 PM

Contact us at 602-262-7446 or council.district.5@phoenix.gov for info.



Join us on Saturday, April 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Maryvale Community Center (4420 N. 51st Ave.) for the Maryvale Resource Fair. This is an all-encompassing event that will include city and community resources, COVID-19 testing and vaccinations, rental and utility assistance, career opportunities, giveaway, music, children's activity and more.

The last two years of the pandemic have been hard on so many in our community. The City of Phoenix and its partners have funding, assistance, and information to help our residents, but it can be confusing to know where to go. This fair will bring resources directly to District 5 residents. Resources and organizations attending include:

- Grand Canyon University
- Watts Family YMCA
- Phoenix HEAD Start
- City of Phoenix Departments: Water Services, Housing, Human Services, Public Transit, and Public Safety
- Emergency Rental Assistance Help
- City of Phoenix Mobile Career Unit
- COVID-19 Mobile Testing and Vaccinations
- Local Labor Representatives promoting careers and apprenticeships
- Alhambra and Cartwright Elementary School Districts
- The Arizona Human Society
- Phoenix Union High School District

Invite your friends and family. We'll see you there!

City Budget Survey and Public Budget Hearing



The poster features a background image of a modern building under construction with a blue and purple color scheme. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical layout.

City of Phoenix

DISTRICT 5 VIRTUAL BUDGET HEARING

Thursday,
April 7
at 5:30 p.m.

Betty Guardado
COUNCILWOMAN | DISTRICT 5

Join virtually
at phoenix.gov/budget

EVERYONE INVITED TO ATTEND

For more information: (602) 262-4800
or budget.research@phoenix.gov



There is a lot going on in the City of Phoenix. At the City Council policy session on March 29th, we discussed the trial budget. I advocated for additional resources to address homelessness, housing, mental health, sustainability, roadway safety and many other new programs.

Once you have had a chance to review the trial budget, join me on April 7th for our District 5 budget hearing. You will be able to provide direct feedback and get your questions answered on the budget. Please register online: phoenix.gov/budget/hearings.

If you haven't already, please take a moment to fill out our four-question survey to tell us what your priorities are for the next city budget. Click and share the following link: [D5 Budget Survey](#)

As your Councilwoman, I will advocate for your priorities and ask the City management to consider them before the final budget is approved. Thanks for your dedication to improving our community! The last day to respond to the survey will be Sunday, April 10th.

Earth Day Event at Homestead Park



The poster features a green and brown color scheme with illustrations of trees and a globe. At the top left is the Earth Day logo. To its right is the Phoenix Parks & Recreation logo with 'PARK PLAYS' in a stylized font. Below these is the address: 'HOMESTEAD PARK 2602 W. GLENDALE, PHOENIX, AZ 85051'. The main title 'EARTH DAY EVENT' is in large, bold, brown letters, followed by 'COMMUNITY GARDEN DEDICATION & MOVIE AT THE PARK' in smaller green letters. The date and time 'FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2022 AT 5:00 PM' are prominently displayed. A paragraph of text describes the event: 'Come and join us for the dedication of the new community garden, family games, food trucks, and free movie at the park, Happy Feet.' At the bottom, there are logos for Betty Guardado (Councilwoman District 5), NSD, Tiger Mountain Foundation, and OEP. A green banner at the very bottom contains the contact information: 'For more information please call 602-262-6575'.

Join us again at Homestead Park (2602 W. Glendale Ave.) for our Earth Day Event on Friday, April 22nd. Enjoy the dedication of the new community garden, family games, food trucks, and free movie at the park, Happy Feet.

Special thanks to the community organizations, Tiger Mountain Foundation, Parks RX, and the neighborhood groups, VIP Coalition, Ocotillo Glen and North Glen Square Neighborhood Associations for their work to make this community improvement a reality! Please use the new north entrance on 26th Ave. and Myrtle Ave.

Road Safety Improvements around District 5



Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego and I joined the Estrella Supermoms Block Watch members and staff from the Street Transportation Department to commemorate the activation of the city's 75th pedestrian signal crossing on Thursday, March 24th. The newest signal is located at Indian School Road and Amelia Avenue (between 83rd and 81st avenues).

Formally referred to as a HAWK (**H**igh-Intensity **A**ctivated cross**W**alk), the signal features pedestrian triggered flashing red-yellow-red beacons and provides a safe crossing point for pedestrians near busy intersections and mid-block locations. A HAWK operates similar to a standard traffic signal, minus a green-signal light, and remains "dark" until engaged by a pedestrian.

In addition, on Tuesday, March 22nd, we celebrated the installation of five new speed cushions in the Tomahawk Elementary School neighborhood. Residents Marcela and Jorge, with support from the Tomahawk Village Block Watch took the leadership to contact our office and work together with us to collect the needed signatures and find the funding for these speed cushions.

During the last several years, there has been a dramatic increase in traffic collisions and incidents involving pedestrians in Maryvale. The additions of the signal and speed cushions are important steps to reverse that trend. Residents will feel safer when they walk, bike or access public transit along these streets.



PHX BIZ Grants & Small Business Toolbox

PHX **BIZ** GRANTS



HELP YOUR BUSINESS PROSPER

Micro and Small Businesses in the City of Phoenix may be eligible to receive grants for up to \$15,000. The grant funds can be used for any business expense categorized by the Internal Revenue Service as a "deductible expense."

Past grant recipients have used funds for payroll, company rent or mortgage payments, insurance, inventory and utilities.

Applications will be accepted until April 15, 2022 unless all grant funds are awarded prior to this deadline.

See if you qualify for this opportunity.

IN-PERSON APPLICATION LAB* ARIZONA@WORK

Phoenix - South Jobs Center
THURSDAYS 9AM - 11AM

Pre-registration recommended

at TeamPhoenix@Phoenix.gov
or call 602-262-6040

*Labs will be conducted through April 15, or when grant funds are exhausted.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Micro and Small
businesses with 25 or
fewer employees

Must operate a
physical/mobile
location in Phoenix and
have been open one
year prior to submitting
a grant application

Gross sales less than
\$3 million

Gross sales declined by
at least 25% as a result
of COVID-19 when
comparing any month
since March 2021 with
the same month in
2020 or 2019

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE GRANT AND FREE APPLICATION
ASSISTANCE, VISIT US AT:

Phoenix.gov/PHXBizGrants

**PHOENIX
IS HOT**

The City of Phoenix has allocated funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) to help micro and small businesses affected by the pandemic's economic impact.

Eligible micro and small business in Phoenix may receive up to \$15,000. The grants funds may be used for any business expense that is categorized by the Internal Revenue Service as a "deductible expense." In the past, grant recipients have used these funds to pay for rent/mortgage, payroll, insurance, inventory, and utilities among other expenses.

Applications will be accepted until April 15, 2022, unless all grant funds are awarded prior to this deadline.

Free application assistance is available to eligible applicants from our partner, Local First Arizona. Please contact their office at: Phone: 602-777-7636 Email: phoenixgrants@localfirstaz.com. For additional small businesses assistance resources, click on the following link: Phoenix [Small Business ToolBox](#)

All-Day PHXPlays Summer Camp Registration is Now Open

Are you looking for summer childcare or activities for your kids? Check out the All-Day Summer Camps at our community centers throughout the City. Some sites offer swimming, field trips, free meals and snacks, and much more.

Please contact program locations for specific information. In District 5, contact the Maryvale Community Center and the Washington Activity Center. For more information and registration, please visit phoenix.gov/parks

All-Day Summer Camps

LOCATIONS

- A. LOUF COMMUNITY CENTER
3420 W. Ironhorse Pkwy Rd.
Phone: (602) 584-8774
- B. HIRSH VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER
3801 W. Wenden St.
Phone: (602) 419-2735
- C. HENRY WEST COMMUNITY CENTER
4803 W. Virginia Ave.
Phone: (602) 419-2700
- D. EASTLAWN PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
1544 E. Camelback St.
Phone: (602) 265-4739
- E. LINCOLN HIGHLAND RECREATION CENTER
4540 N. 14th St.
Phone: (602) 584-4870
- F. MARYVALE COMMUNITY CENTER
4420 N. 51st Ave.
Phone: (602) 543-5500
- G. MOUNTAIN VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER
1124 E. Grover Ave.
Phone: (602) 584-4300
- H. PARADISE VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER
17422 N. 40th St.
Phone: (602) 419-2777
- I. PICO COMMUNITY CENTER
1700 N. 4th St.
Phone: (602) 419-2500
- J. SOUTH MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CENTER
212 E. Andrianna Rd.
Phone: (602) 265-4874
- K. CUMBERLAND COMMUNITY CENTER
880 E. Vogel Ave.
Phone: (602) 584-4441
- L. WASHINGTON ACTIVITY CENTER
2540 W. Camelback Way
Phone: (602) 584-8771

Program activities and prices vary.
Some sites offer swimming, field trips, free meals and snacks, and much more.
Please Contact Program Locations for Specific Information

GET INTO THE FUN!

Registration Begins:
Thursday, March 24, 2022 at Noon

Summer Camp Times:
7:00am - 6:00pm
Ages: 6-12
Prices range from
\$60 - \$80 per week

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Thank you for reading and sharing the March 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 daily updates, follow us on our social media accounts by clicking on the icons below.



This email was sent by Phoenix Council District 5 Office of Councilwoman Betty Guardado at 200 W. Washington St. 11th floor, Phoenix, AZ 85003.

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