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Hello District 5 Residents and Friends,

This July has held a lot of excitement in the valley, the Phoenix Suns in the finals, and record-breaking monsoons have sent us for a whirlwind. The District 5 office has been working hard to help serve the community through these times and gear up for the back-to-school season.

In this edition of neighborhood news, we will take a look at the District 5 Backpack Giveaway, how the Phoenix Suns Charities renovated our beloved Maryvale Community Center, and important updates to find convenient COVID-19 testing and vaccinations!

Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway!

COUNCILWOMAN GUARDADO
PRESENTS:

BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK GIVEAWAY

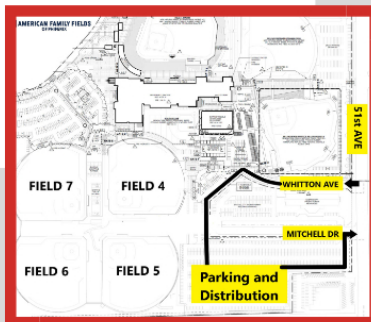
SAT. JULY 31ST, 5PM-8PM



Free COVID
Vaccines
Available!

Join us at American
Family Fields of Phoenix
parking lot:
5101 W Whitton Ave

Entrance at 51st Ave &
Whitton Ave



*Children must be present to receive school supplies

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District 5 has teamed up with the Milwaukee Brewers to help give away 1,000 free Backpacks and school supplies for kids and teens. This **Saturday, July 31st** from 5-8 pm at the American Family Fields. There will be COVID-19 vaccines, community resources, live music, free popsicles from Phoenix PD, the Fire Department will spray water for the kids, and food trucks!


Phoenix Suns Charities Renovate Maryvale Community Center




It was an exciting season for the Phoenix Suns, who made it to the finals bringing the valley together in excitement for the games. While they didn't get the championship, the Suns left a lasting effect on their community.

COVID-19 Testing & Vaccine Van in District 5

COVID-19 MOBILE TESTING & VACCINE VAN IN DISTRICT 5



Only Testing	Testing & Vaccine
<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">August 2nd, 7 am - 1 pm Washington Activity Center 2240 W Citrus Way</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">August 7th, 7 am - 1 pm Yucca Library 5648 N 15th Ave</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">August 9th, 6:30 am - 12:15 pm Fry's Food Store 6601 W. Indian School Rd</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">August 11th, 7 am - 1 pm Helen Drake Senior Center 7600 N 27th Ave</p>	<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">August 7th, 8 am - 12 pm Washington Activity Center 2240 W Citrus Way</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">August 7th, 8 am - 12 pm ASU- Girls Innovation Academy 4730 W Campbell Ave</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">August 16th, 7 am - 1 pm Watts Family Maryvale YMCA 3825 N 67th Ave</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">August 30th, 7 am - 1 pm Epworth United Church 4802 N. 59th Ave</p>



The COVID-19 Testing and Vaccine van is on the move throughout the District. We have several dates in August so far, with more to come. Stay tuned on social media to see the most up-to-date information on where the van will be. Also, check [here](#) for a list of all testing sites coming up in Phoenix.

Safe Streets for Safer Neighborhoods in District 5



\$25,000 was secured for District 5 residents in need of funding for speed humps. It is with great pride that we were able to assist these neighborhood leaders with funding for one of the most common concerns taking place in our District, speeding.

Neighborhood Leader Blanca Ruiz Leon, and Cassandra Ortega, reached out to our office for support after three different vehicles crashed into their property due to speeding. These ladies helped bring together their neighbors to help make their neighborhood safer. She worked tirelessly to gather signatures and meet the deadlines to help make sure the speed humps get installed.

Thank you, Blanca, and Cassandra, along with all of our neighborhood leaders for taking action in your community and coming together to help create a solution. We take pride in helping make Maryvale streets safer for the community, it is neighborhood leaders like you that help makes it a success.

If you would like to get more information on how to get a speed hump installed in your neighborhood, we would love to speak to you, call (602) 262-7446 or email Council.District.5@Phoenix.gov.

City of Phoenix awarded \$2 million for continued funding of mental health, substance abuse, and social services for Veterans



Recently, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) awarded the City of Phoenix, Law Department a \$2 million grant for its Veterans Court. This grant

provides the City of Phoenix Veterans Court, in partnership with EMPACT-Suicide Prevention Services, funding to expand and enhance its current program of providing mental health, substance abuse, and social services to veterans not eligible for the Veterans Administration (VA) Services.

The goal of Veterans Court is to restore veterans to being successful, contributing members of the community by ensuring that veterans entering the criminal justice system make contact with specific programs to address the root causes of the behavior that resulted in the veteran becoming a defendant in the criminal justice system. The target population consists of defendants (veterans) who served in the United States Armed Forces, who are experiencing treatable behavioral issues such as post-traumatic stress (PTS), traumatic brain injury (TBI), anger management, domestic violence, or substance and alcohol abuse. More information about Veterans Court services can be found on the City of [Phoenix Law Department's website](#).

For more information on grants, please call 602-262-1833 or visit the [City of Phoenix Government Relations Office's website](#).

Do You Want to Own a Food Truck?



"Do You Want to Own a...?" is a new series of programs for people interested in starting a business, being offered by Phoenix Public Library. Each month will highlight leaders in specific industries and areas of interest. On Wednesday, August 11th from 5:00 pm- 6:30 pm. The focus will be "**Do You Want to Own a Food Truck?**" Customers can join a virtual facilitated panel discussion with local entrepreneurs.

The goal of the program is to connect entrepreneurs with industry leaders from the Valley to provide guidance and networking opportunities. For more information and to register, please visit the [Phoenix Public Library website](#).

We are always looking for ways to improve our Neighborhood News, take our [survey](#) and let us know what you think!

Thank you for reading and sharing the July Neighborhood News with family, friends, and neighbors. As always, please contact our office for your comments, questions, and concerns, at (602) 262-7446 and council.district.5@phoenix.gov. For daily updates, follow us on our social media accounts by clicking on the icons below.

