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## Hello District 5 Residents and Friends,

This March, we were busier than usual, as we increased our community outreach. We're excited to engage our residents in innovative and safe ways to ensure your voices are included in the city budget process. In this edition, please read about the District 5 budget survey, emergency relief assistance, the Grand Canalscape in Maryvale, installation of alley gates, and much more.

### City of Phoenix Virtual Budget Meetings

**WHAT ARE YOUR PRIORITIES?**

Virtual Community Budget Hearings April 2-23

1) Complete the short online engagement survey: [linktr.ee/PHXDistrict5](https://linktr.ee/PHXDistrict5)

2) Submit a #FUNDPHX proposal budget & register for the meetings at: [phoenix.gov/budget](https://phoenix.gov/budget)

City of Phoenix Budget

**District 5 Budget Virtual Hearing Meetings**

- Mon., April 12, 2021, 5:30 PM
- Thurs., April 15, 2021, 5:30 PM (Bilingual)

Contact Us @ Phone: 602-262-7446  
Email: [Council.District.5@phoenix.gov](mailto:Council.District.5@phoenix.gov)

City of Phoenix Councilwoman Betty Guardado

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Join us for the City of Phoenix Virtual Budget Meetings in April. We want to know what your priorities are. Click on the link to submit a short survey response at: [linktr.ee/PHXDistrict5](https://linktr.ee/PHXDistrict5)

Also, please attend the Virtual Budget Hearing Meetings for Council District 5;

**April 12th at 5:30 p.m.**

**April 15<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m.** (Bilingual-Spanish)

To learn more about the process and register for the virtual budget hearings, visit: [Phoenix.gov/Budget](https://Phoenix.gov/Budget).

### Gated Alley Pilot Program Celebration



We're grateful to the Washington Park residents for advocating for the Gated Alley Pilot Program, talking to their neighbors, and collecting signatures. The heat of the summer and the pandemic didn't stop them from working together to make this a reality. On March 26th, we announced the first of many installed gates in District 5! Also, thanks to Mayor Gallego for her support of our neighborhoods and to all the city departments (Public Works, Neighborhood Services, and Planning & Development) who supported the neighbors through the whole process

### **RICE Supports Residents in Need with City Assistance**



[Click here](#) to watch this edition of Neighborhood News, Dominic Brahm, Executive Director of Refugees and Immigrants Community for Empowerment (RICE) taught us about the services RICE provides refugees. The Councilwoman also meets, Jawad, a Phoenix resident who is originally from Iraq, to hear how RICE has helped him. The Councilwoman also provides an update on current emergency rental and utility assistance funding to help residents. More information about these funds is available at: [Phoenix.gov/renthelp](http://Phoenix.gov/renthelp).

### **Emergency Relief Assistance to Recover from COVID-19**

**RENT** ✓  
**UTILITIES** ✓  
**WATER & TRASH** ✓

**WE CAN HELP**  
THE CITY OF PHOENIX HAS  
**\$51 MILLION**  
TO HELP RESIDENTS IMPACTED BY COVID-19  
LANDLORDS MAY APPLY ON BEHALF OF RENTERS WITH THEIR PERMISSION

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- Must be a Phoenix resident
- Able to show financial impact due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Income at or below 80% of Area Median Income or \$62,250 for a family of 4
- Unemployed and/or receiving unemployment benefits
- Assistance for rent and utility obligations incurred after March 15, 2020

**CAN PAY FOR**

- Rent (including late fees)
- Utility bills (electric and gas)
- City Services Bill (water and trash)

**PAYMENT AMOUNTS**

- Rental Arrears - Up to 12 months of assistance (residents in subsidized housing must have a rental obligation to qualify for rental assistance)
- Forward Rent - Residents may qualify for 3 months forward rent once past due or arrears are paid in full, and if the household is unstable
- Utility Bills (electric and gas) arrears and credits
- City Services Bill (water and trash) arrears and credits

**LEARN MORE AT**  
**PHOENIX.GOV/RENTHelp**

**TO APPLY BY PHONE**  
**(602) 534-AIDE (2433)**

**TO APPLY ONLINE**  
**WILDFIREAZ.ORG/PHXERA**

Emergency Rental Assistance in City of Phoenix is still available. There are two ways to apply:

1) Call Phoenix's Human Services Department at **602-534-AIDE(2433)** on Mondays only, starting at 8 a.m. to schedule a telephone appointment for emergency financial assistance

2) Submit an application online through Wildfire by clicking here or by going directly to <https://wildfireaz.org/phxera>

## The Grand Canalscape is Coming to Maryvale



The City of Phoenix Street Transportation Department is continuing enhancements to the Grand Canal. Phase 3 of the project will transform the dirt path between 75th Avenue and 47th Avenue to an improved concrete pathway, introducing a new route for commuting and

recreating with safe crossings where the trail crosses city streets. Salt River Project (SRP) operates the canal system and is collaborating with the City of Phoenix on this exciting new project. The Maryvale section of the Grand Canal accommodates a lot of pedestrian and bicycle use, so an improved Canalscape project will bring a recreation or commuting alternative to navigating nearby roads. Your input will help shape the way this project is developed. The survey will close on April 16, 2021 at midnight. For more information visit: [www.phoenix.gov/streetsite/Pages/GrandCanal3.aspx](http://www.phoenix.gov/streetsite/Pages/GrandCanal3.aspx)

## Housing Department Providing COVID-19 Vaccine to Residents



On March 16th, we visited Maryvale Parkway Terrace, as senior residents were provided onsite COVID-19 vaccines. Special thanks to the Housing Department staff and medical staff for serving the senior population in Maryvale, one of the most impacted areas in the city.

## Delivery of PPE & School Supplies to Local Schools



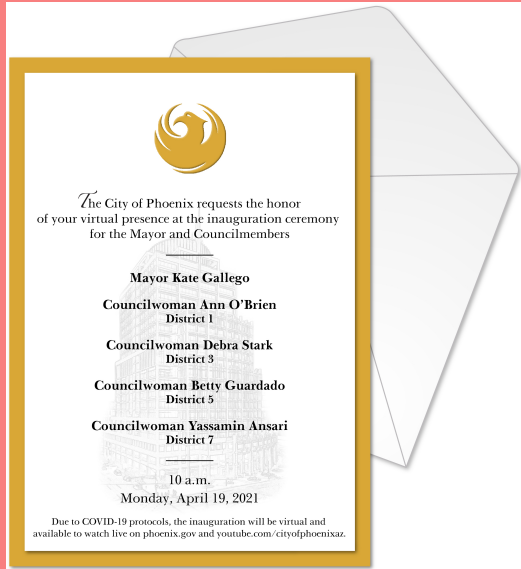
Villa de Paz Elementary School Principal



Estrella Middle School Principal

On March 25<sup>th</sup>, we delivered a box of 2,000 facemasks, school supplies, backpacks, and essential PPE to each of the 20 schools in the Pendergast and Cartwright school districts, in addition a delivery to the Washington Elementary School District. We'll continue to support our educators, staff, students and their families.

## Inauguration of the Mayor and Councilmembers



Thank you for the honor of continuing to serve you and District 5. We request the honor of your virtual presence at the inauguration ceremony for the Mayor and Councilmembers of the City of Phoenix at 10 a.m. on Monday, April 19.

This year's inauguration in person attendance will be limited to councilmembers and their immediate families to comply with COVID-19 protocols.

The event will be broadcast from the Steele Indian School Park amphitheater, and available on [phoenix.gov](https://www.phoenix.gov), YouTube channel and over PHXTV.

**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 and [council.district.5@phoenix.gov](mailto:council.district.5@phoenix.gov). And, for daily updates, follow us on social media accounts and click on the icons below.



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