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District 5 Residents and Friends,

We hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving with family and friends. As November ends and the holiday season goes into full effect, our office will continue supporting residents and spreading holiday cheer. Read on to learn about upcoming holiday events, Go Bond election results, recap on community events, Annual Action Plan, Food Waste Watchers and more.

4th Annual Very Merry Maryvale



Save the date for our fourth annual Very Merry Maryvale Holiday Celebration on Saturday, December 16 at the Maryvale Community Center (4420 N 51st Ave) at 5 PM. Bring the kids to enjoy free food, live entertainment, music, games, arts and crafts, raffles, visits with Santa, and toys. Spread the word and arrive before doors open at 5 PM to register children to see Santa and receive a gift.

GO Bond Election Results



The voters of Phoenix have spoken, and we are celebrating the approval of a comprehensive bond package that promises a brighter future for all residents. In a resounding show of support, the bond measures received overwhelming approval from the community, demonstrating a shared commitment to enhancing community safety, improving quality of life, and creating a more efficient and modern city. For the official election results, visit [the City Clerk's website here](#).

Together, the \$500 million investments will create a brighter future for our city - a place where businesses flourish, talent thrives, tourism booms, and residents

enjoy an improved quality of life. For an overview of the key areas of investment, [click here](#).

Maryvale Mercado & Little Canyon Park Grand Reopening



On Nov. 4th, the neighborhood and Parks and Recreation Department hosted a Grand Reopening Celebration of Little Canyon Park at 31st Ave. and Missouri Ave. The City is investing a total of \$4 million in Little Canyon Park. We were honored by the support of the new neighborhood groups.

Phase 1 includes Bankshot, new ramadas, sand volleyball, a meditation area, a brand-new basketball court, new sidewalks, signage, concrete ping pong tables, four sets of corn hole games, a finished parking lot, and new trees and landscaping. Phase Two of this construction is a brand-new playground



On Nov. 5th, in partnership with the Community Economic Development Department, Office of Arts and Culture, and Local First Arizona, we held the first-ever Maryvale Mercado on 55th Ave. between Campbell Ave. and Glenrosa Ave.

It was an exciting afternoon, with local vendors, artists, food trucks, and amazing cultural performances. This is part of the ongoing effort to beautify the 55th Ave. median to be a center of activity between multiple schools, a park, and the Grand Canalscape. The community enjoyed a walkable and

and a brand-new restroom that will be completed next year!

neighborhood-friendly event. We plan to make it a monthly event next year.

Maryvale Turkey Takeaway: El PavAZo

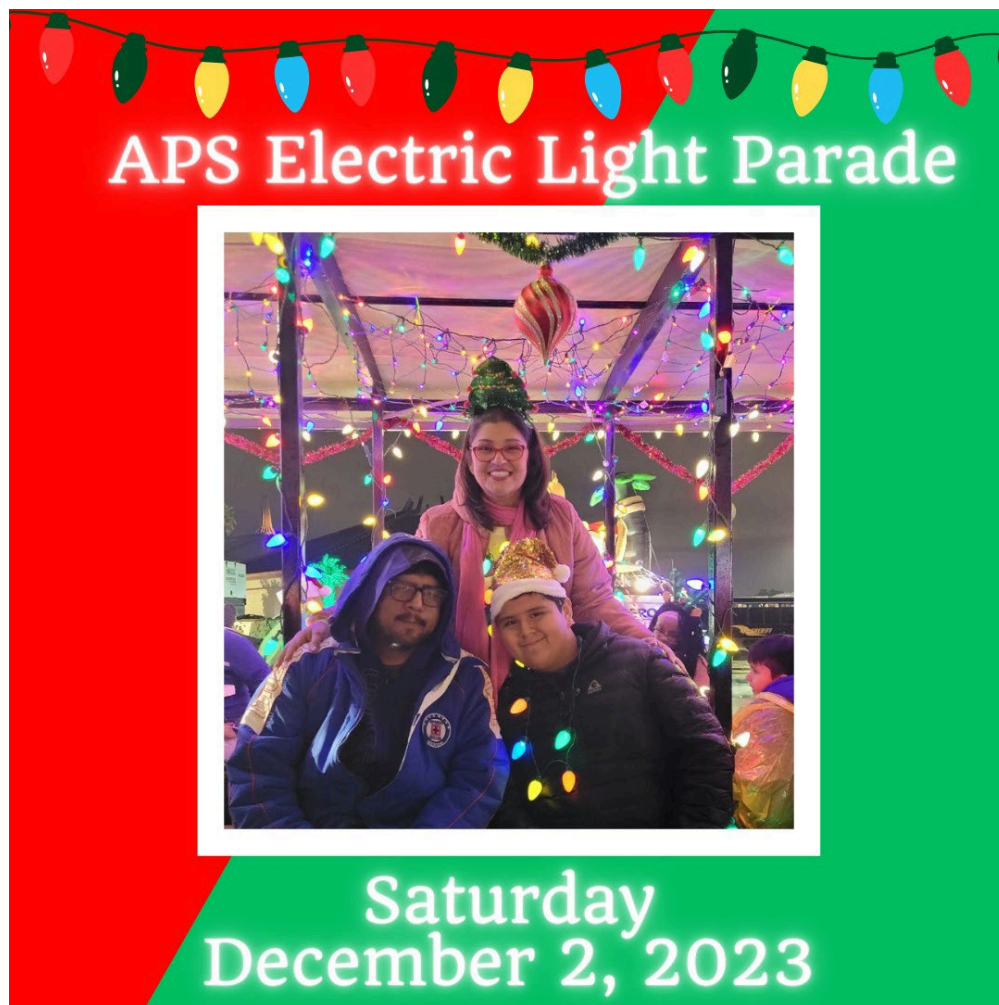


On Saturday, November 18th, we were overwhelmed with gratitude to everyone who supported the 4th annual Maryvale Turkey Takeaway: El PavAZo a huge success! West Phoenix families joined us at the Maryvale Community Center where my team helped distribute 500 free frozen turkeys, pre-packaged sides, and had a good time with activities and raffle prizes.

We were grateful to support so many families in our community to have a nice Thanksgiving meal. Special thanks to our hosts, the Parks and Recreation

Department, and to our sponsors, Carpenters Union Local 1912, Lipman Family Farms, and Albertsons Safeway, for their generous contributions and partnership.

Electric Light Parade this Saturday!



Be a part of bringing the Phoenix streets to life with the 36th Annual APS Electric Light Parade! Join us for a spectacular evening filled with illuminated

floats, music, and holiday cheer. For all the parade details, including the route and more, check out phoenix.gov/parks/elp. Look for our float and say "hi"!

Food Waste Watchers Program



The City of Phoenix's Office of Environmental Programs and Arizona State University are offering a free educational program dedicated to teaching residents how to eliminate food waste. Up to 400 Phoenix residents can participate in the program and receive a free composting service for a year.

Program participants will receive training on simple and practical tips to decrease household food waste, such as better food purchasing, storing food practices, meal planning tools, and more! Applications are open through Dec. 8

and the program will launch mid-January 2024. Find out if you qualify and apply at [Phoenix.gov/OEP/Food-Waste](https://phoenix.gov/OEP/Food-Waste).

Neighborhood Services Annual Action Plan



Your city, your voice! The City of Phoenix needs your input to help make important investments in our community by taking the Annual Action Plan Survey. Each year, the City receives millions of dollars in federal funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and we want to hear from our residents and business owners about how you think that money should be spent. When you take the survey, you help us identify needs in housing and homelessness, community and economic development, infrastructure and enhancement, and public services and facilities.

These funds help make real change; they can be used for projects like improving parks and streetlights, creating programs for youth and seniors, providing services for people experiencing homelessness or living with HIV/ AIDS, and helping families buy their first home. Your voice is important! Tell us what matters most in your community. [Click here to take the Annual Action Plan Survey today!](#)

Thank you for reading and sharing the November 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.



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