



## **Hello District 5 Residents and Friends!**

The school year is in full effect and City Council meetings are back in session! Read the August edition to learn about the Back to School Backpack Giveaway success, redeveloped affordable senior housing with federal grants, 19th Ave. Corridor public safety technology, water activities park event, El Grito celebration, and more!

## **Back to School Support for Students**



Our 4th Annual Back to School Backpack Giveaway at the American Family Fields of Phoenix was a huge success on August 3rd. We distributed over a thousand backpacks with essential school supplies to students, plus a gift certificate for uniforms, free haircuts, and many more resources and additional supplies. [Click here to watch the fun recap video by PHX TV. \[youtu.be\]](#)

Thanks to our sponsors like Amazon, BBB Fashion, and Mima's Beauty College, Cox, Starbucks, and Milwaukee Brewers for their generous support. In addition, thanks to our co-host City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department and the Milwaukee Brewers, and to our community partners: the Cartwright Elementary and the Alhambra Elementary School Districts.

To top it off, during the first week of classes, we also delivered hundreds of backpacks to schools in the Tolleson Elementary, Pendergast Elementary, and Washington Elementary School Districts. We were happy to support our young learners, and they were so excited to get their new backpacks!



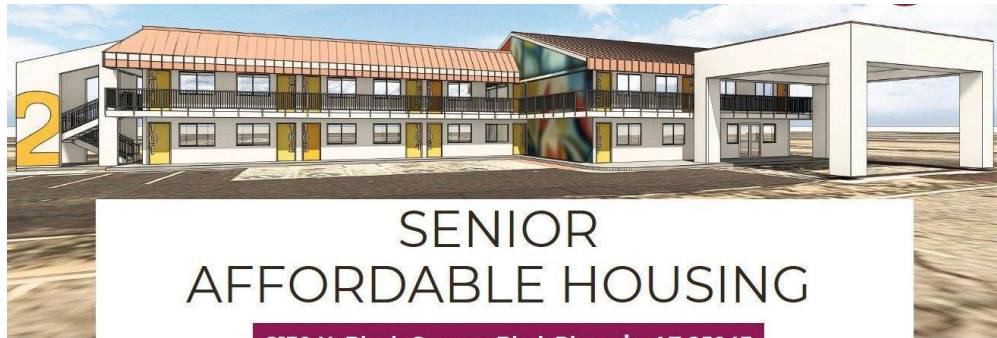
Desert Oasis Elementary School students were grateful for their backpacks and hosted me for a visit, thanks to Superintendent Dr. Lupita Hightower.

## Redeveloped Affordable Senior Housing to Revitalize I-17 Corridor



We had an exciting meeting with U.S. Senator Mark Kelly and Mayor Kate Gallego and our neighborhood leaders to talk about affordable senior housing on August 13th. Together, with the support of federal funding, we secured \$3 million for a project that will help revitalize an old hotel (formerly Super 8) by Northern Ave. and the I-17, which will offer 126 units of permanent senior housing. This initiative will prioritize low-income seniors aged 55 and older, converting a former hotel into a safe, comfortable home for those who need it most. We can't wait for the grand opening, which is scheduled for 2026!

This housing will be next door to two other important future projects: The Haven (formerly Phoenix Inn) will be an emergency shelter for seniors, and Innovation 27 (formerly K-Mart), a workforce training and education center. [Click here to learn more from a news story. \[kizz.org\]](#)



## SENIOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

8130 N. Black Canyon Blvd. Phoenix, AZ 85043

### Project Details

**PROJECTED OPENING DATE:** 2026

**CAPACITY:**

- 126 units of permanent senior housing

**RESIDENTS:**

- The housing program will prioritize low-income senior adults aged 55 or older.
- The City will coordinate referrals for prospective tenants and prioritize those with a rental subsidy.

**PURPOSE:**

- The City of Phoenix is converting the former hotel into permanent housing for seniors.
- This new effort will bring critically needed housing with onsite services for low-income (less than \$21,600 annually) seniors in our community.

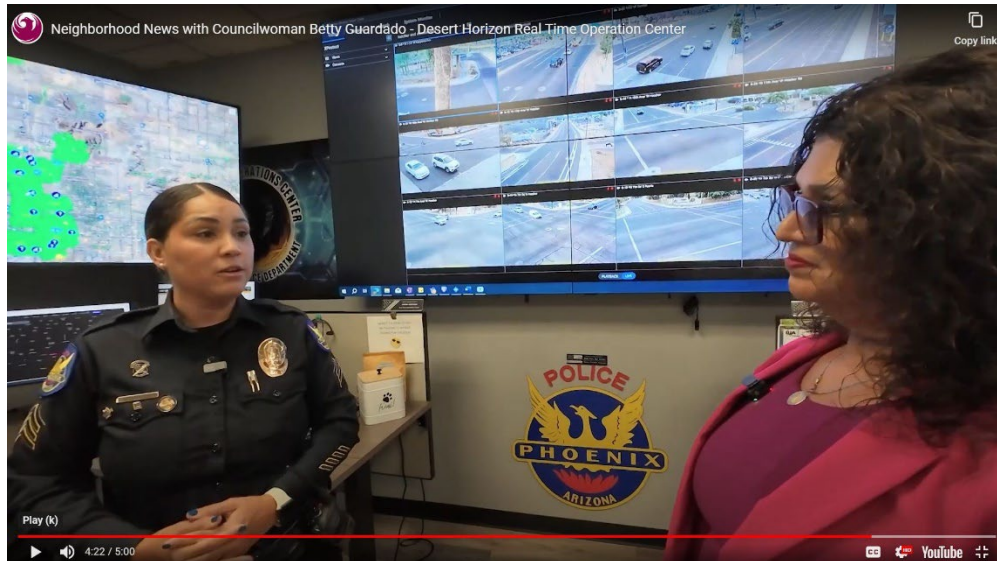
**COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION 27:**

- The site is located next to the Haven, a new non-congregate emergency shelter for seniors, developed by Central Arizona Shelter Services (CASS) and Innovation 27 Workforce Training and Education Center to the south.
- The redevelopment will transform this area, bringing much needed affordable housing, and a state-of-the-art workforce and education facility.



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## 19th Ave. Corridor Real Time Operations Center Opening Ceremony



On Wednesday, August 21st, we had an opening ceremony for another significant milestone for the 19th Ave. Corridor, the new fully operational Desert Horizon Police Precinct Real Time Operations Center (ROTC). This state-of-the-art facility is equipped with advanced technology to support our officers in responding to criminal activities effectively and in real time. Some of the high-tech equipment includes tilt-point-zoom cameras, license plate readers, and gunshot detection installed throughout the corridor.

The ROTC is a crucial part of our broader efforts to enhance safety and security throughout our community. Thanks to the Desert Horizon Police Precinct, and a special thank you to residents who advocated for and supported the ROTC, as part of the 19th

Ave. Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan. Together, we are making strides towards a safer community, equipped to face the challenges of today and tomorrow. [To learn more, check out the video interview of Sgt. Reeson. \[youtu.be\]](#)



I-17 Corridor residents were happy to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

# El Grito Celebration - Kickoff Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month

**FREE!**  
Fun for the entire family!

**¡GRATIS!**  
Diversión para toda la familia

**EL GRITO Celebration**  
PHOENIX ARIZONA  
2024  
Presented by Councilwoman Betty Guardado

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH • 4-11 PM**  
DOWNTOWN PHOENIX • 3rd AVENUE & ADAMS STREET

*Live Entertainment!*

LOS INDIOS DEL NORTE  
LOS KORTEZ De Sincio  
BETRIZ DRENK  
MARIACHI  
LUCHA

• FOOD • BEER & MARGARITAS •  
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Join our annual tradition to kick off Hispanic / Latino Heritage Month on Sunday, September 15th. We celebrate near Phoenix City Hall in downtown Phoenix at 3rd Ave. and Washington St. to commemorate Mexico's Independence Day. It's part of Mexico's heritage that all American families can share! Celebrate with an evening of live mariachi,



folkloric dances, amazing performing artists, authentic cuisine and drinks, and more. [Click here to check out the website for more information and videos of past year's events \[elgritophoenix.com\]](#).

## Water Neighborhood Park Event this Sat.

**North Glen Square** **Betty Guardado** **PHX PLAYS**  
COUNCILWOMAN | DISTRICT 5  
Phoenix Parks & Recreation

*present*

**NORTH GLEN SQUARE'S 2ND  
SPLISH SPLASH COMMUNITY BASH**

**@ Mariposa Park (3150 W. Morten Ave.)**

- ✓ Food trucks
- ✓ Music
- ✓ Water Slide, Bounce House, and Slip & Slide

**Saturday, August 31, 2024  
3:00-6:00pm**

This event is paid for by ARPA funds and membership dues paid to North Glen Square Neighborhood Association. Become a member to support our community and park activation efforts!

Check out [www.NorthGlenSquare.com](http://www.NorthGlenSquare.com)  
[Facebook.com/groups/NorthGlenSquare](https://www.facebook.com/groups/NorthGlenSquare)

Questions? Want to volunteer? Contact Cristina  
623-295-6206 [csanidad@gmail.com](mailto:csanidad@gmail.com)

Come celebrate the 2nd annual Splish Splash Community Bash at Mariposa Park (3150 W. Morten Ave.) by the North Glen Square Neighborhood Association (NGSNA). It will be this Saturday, August 31st from 3-6pm.

Bring the kids for a slip-and-slide and water bounce house alongside the established splash pad. We'll have music to add to the relaxing mood and food trucks with treats for all ages. This is a free community event funded by NGSNA membership dues and federal grant funds (ARPA). [Click here for more information about the organization.](http://northglensquare.com)  
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## City Council Meetings Session Resume



**2024**  
**City of Phoenix**  
**City Council Meeting Dates**

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**Subcommittee Schedule**  
 Public Safety and Justice (PSJ) - 10:00 a.m., first Wednesday of the month  
 Economic Development and Housing (EDH) - 10:00 a.m., second Wednesday of the month  
 Transportation, Infrastructure and Planning (TIP) - 10:00 a.m., third Wednesday of the month

The City Council resumed meetings after this week on Monday, August 26th. There are regular City Council Formal Meetings and Policy Sessions, and the public is free to

participate in many ways. The public is welcome to join in-person at the City Council Chambers, online, or by telephone. If you ever need any topic addressed or want to submit a comment, please contact our office directly. To learn about the agenda items, how to submit a public comment or speak during a meeting, [click here to learn more.](#)

## The Mexican Baseball Fiesta Games Maryvale



The Liga Arco Mexicana del Pacifico's (Mexican Winter Baseball League) version of "Spring Training" returns to The Valley for the 12th year and will feature some of Mexican Baseball's best: the Naranjeros de Hermosillo, Yaquis de Obregon, Aguilas de Mexicali,

and Mayos de Navojoa for a jam-packed weekend. We are excited that, for the first time ever, all four games will be played in West Phoenix (District 5) between Thursday, Sept. 26th through Sunday, Sept. 29th. Tickets will go on sale (prices range from \$10, \$20, and more) next week on Sept. 4th.

The opening game will be at the American Family Fields of Phoenix (51st Ave. and Indian School Rd.) and the next three games will be at the Camelback Ranch stadium (107th Ave. and Camelback Rd.) Bring the whole family for a fun evening of good baseball, delicious food, exciting music, and *la fiesta*. [For more information about the Mexican Baseball Fiesta and ticket sales, click here \[mexicanbaseballfiesta.com\]](#).

Thank you for reading and sharing the August 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](mailto: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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