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District 5 Residents and Friends

April was another eventful month and we're excited to share updates with you all. Read this edition of Neighborhood News for updates on the Council Inauguration, Innovation 27 Groundbreaking, Summer Camp & Swim Lesson Registration, Affordable Housing Groundbreaking, Neighborhood Grants, 27th Ave. and 19th Ave. Safety Survey, and the monthly Maryvale Mercado.

Councilwoman Guardado Celebrates Inauguration & Thank You!



On Monday, April 21st, Councilwoman Betty Guardado celebrated her reelection at the City of Phoenix Inauguration Ceremony held at the historic Orpheum Theatre in downtown Phoenix. If you missed it, [click here to watch it](#).

Thank you for your trust in me and for giving me the honor of representing Council District 5. I appreciate the confidence that the voters of District 5 had in me once again. I'm especially grateful to my family and community members who support me and my team every day to do this important work! We have so much more to do, and we need everyone to do their part to continue the progress we've made.



Innovation 27 (old Kmart) Groundbreaking!

YOU'RE INVITED

Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego, District 5 Councilwoman Betty Guardado and the Phoenix City Council invite you to celebrate the ceremonial groundbreaking of the Innovation 27 Workforce Training and Education Collaborative.



INNOVATION 27 Ceremonial Groundbreaking Celebration

May 7, 2025
9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

2526 W. Northern Ave.
(northwest corner of I-17 and Northern Ave.)



City of Phoenix

Please RSVP to: Athena.Sanchez@phoenix.gov
Questions: please call 602-262-5040

We are so excited to announce the long-awaited Innovation 27 groundbreaking will be Wednesday, May 7 at 9:30am. After years of working with residents, city

leadership and community educational partners, you are all invited to attend the ceremonial groundbreaking for the City's Innovation 27 project in Council District 5. With the City's purchase of this building, we are ready to kick off the tenant improvements which will culminate in a new Workforce Training and Education Collaborative in the former Kmart building at I-17 & Northern.

Our educational partners including Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University, Maricopa County Community Colleges District (MCCCD), West-MEC and Washington Elementary School District will all be in attendance as well. We would be honored to have you the community residents and partners, in attendance.

Summer Camp & Swim Lesson Enrollment



Summer in Phoenix means fun, friends, and fresh opportunities! From youth sports to creative camps, there's something for every kid to explore. Let's make this the best summer yet. Registration is open and there are still spots available. There are 13 locations around the city, including two in District 5 (Maryvale Community and Washington Activity Centers). Camps run Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and the cost is \$60-\$80 per week. [Click here to learn more and register.](#)



Dive into

summer fun with us! Our swim lessons are the perfect way to stay cool, build confidence, and learn essential water safety skills.

Mark your calendars! Swim lesson registration will open on **April 24 at 12 p.m.** (Noon). The first session of swim lessons will begin on the first Monday of June and the fourth session will end at the end of July . Sign up and make a splash with us this summer.

[Click here to learn more and register.](#)

New Affordable Housing on 27th Ave.



On April

15th, we broke ground on The Glendale, bringing new life to a piece of land that had sat vacant for over 100 years along 27th Ave. near Glendale Ave. This brand-new affordable housing community will provide:

- 45 units for seniors 55+
- 11 units reserved for veterans
- Income-based rent (40–60% AMI)
- On-site services, walking path, community center & more

This project is about more than just housing — it's about restoring purpose to forgotten spaces and ensuring our seniors and veterans have the support they deserve. A huge thank you to The Richman Group for bringing this vision to life!

Love Your Block Grant Application Open



The Love Your Block (LYB) Grants program is for neighborhood groups listed with Neighborhood LINK that are interested in making a difference in their community. The program is designed to develop and build neighborhood capacity by funding projects that benefit the community. Working on grant-funded neighborhood projects opens doors for networking and engaging with neighbors, which often results in a more cohesive community.

Neighborhood groups can apply for a grant for up to \$5,000 to implement a project in their neighborhood. Eight groups will be awarded annually. This year, the program is funded by our funding partners from the Phoenix Water Services and Public Works departments. This program is managed by the Neighborhood Services Department. One example grantee from 2024 is the North Glen Square Neighborhood Association, which applied for neighborhood sign toppers (pictured above). Applications for 2025 Love Your Block Grants are now being accepted from **April 15 to May 12, 2025**. [Click here to learn more](#).

19th Ave. & 27th Ave. Community Safety Plan Perception Safety Survey



The 2025 Community Safety Plans (CSP) Perceptions of Safety Survey is open. As part of the study of **19th Ave. and 27th Ave. Corridors** CSP areas, we invite residents and business owners to submit your responses to this survey to help inform and

measure the City of Phoenix's CSP efforts to address community safety within these intervention areas.

The City has invested over \$9 million in staff, resources, and support, including two Real Time Operations Centers with technology including cameras, license plate readers, and gun-shot detectors. Still, there is more work to do! The survey will take approximately 5 minutes to complete and responses remain anonymous. Please share this survey with your neighborhood and business associations, block watches, students, patrons and anyone who is a stakeholder within any of our CSP focus areas. The survey will remain open until May 5 at 12 a.m. [Click here to complete the English survey.](#)

Maryvale Mercado this Saturday, April 26th

MARYVALE MERCADO
Betty Guardado

FREE FAMILY EVENT!

DIA DEL NINO

Saturday.
APRIL 26, 2025
2:00- 6:00PM

4420 N 51st Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85031
(602) 505-0361

Free Toys *While Supplies Last

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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT & MUSIC

LOCAL VENDORS, LOCAL FOOD TRUCKS

BOUNCEHOUSE, ARTS & CRAFTS FOR KIDS

www.MaryvaleMercado.com

Join us at the Maryvale Mercado this Saturday, April 26th from 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM at Maryvale Community Center (4420 N 51st Ave.) This is a **FREE** event for the whole family with **free toys for children** in honor of Children's Day or *Dia Del Nino*! Come and enjoy live music, discover local vendors, indulge in food from amazing trucks, and much more. Don't miss out on a day full of fun, especially for the kids!

Thank you for reading and sharing the April 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.