



District 5 Residents and Friends

December can be a busy and frantic month for our community with the holidays; still, we are here to keep you informed. Check this month's updates:

- New traffic signal activation — 91st Ave. and Campbell Ave.
- Free tree composting — drop-off at various locations.
- Very Merry Maryvale Posada — holiday celebration brought joy to kids.
- End of year recap — list of accomplishments and highlights of 2025

New Traffic Signal Activation on 91st Ave.



On December 10th, we celebrated the activation of a brand-new traffic signal at 91st Ave & Campbell Ave — marking the 1,233rd signalized intersection in the City of Phoenix! This new signal is a commitment to safety and progress through our [Vision Zero Road Safety Action Plan](#), ensuring safer commutes for students, families, and everyone traveling through our neighborhoods. And another traffic signal on 91st Ave. and Osborn Rd. will be activated by the end of February.

A huge thank you to the Western Enclave Block Watch for their advocacy for being the voice of our community and helping us identify what's truly needed to keep our families safe. And, of course, thanks to our Street Transportation Department Director, Briiana Velez and staff for prioritizing this long-overdue project. Together, we're building safer, stronger, and more connected neighborhoods across the City of Phoenix.

Free Holiday Tree Composting Drop-Off



The City of Phoenix will offer several drop-off locations to recycle live (not plastic!) Christmas trees and wreaths from Friday, December 26, 2025 through Friday January 9, 2026. Please remove all lights and decorations before making your drop-off. All trees and wreaths will be composted at Public Works' 27th Ave. Compost Facility.

Drop it off at one of the 16 City of Phoenix parks listed below and we'll compost it, free of charge! Here are two locations in or near District 5: Marivue Park at 59th Ave. and Osborn Rd. and Washington Park at 23rd Ave. and Maryland Ave. [Click here to see the location nearest you.](#)

Very Merry Maryvale Posada Family Fun



On December 13th, we proudly celebrated our 5th Annual Very Merry Maryvale Posada. From the smiles on our kids' faces as they received gifts, to sharing free warm delicious meals, enjoying live music from Banda La Experta and Banda La Alterada, dancing from Fiesta Mexicana Dance Company, and welcoming a special visit from Santa — the evening was about spreading holiday cheer and bringing families together.

This year, we were honored to serve about 4,000 people and give out over 1,000 toys to children across Maryvale. This was made possible by the incredible support of our partners and sponsors who continue to show up for our community every year.

A heartfelt thank you to our amazing partners: United Phoenix Firefighters Association, CORE, Albertsons Companies, Sunbelt Holdings, Southwest Gas Corporation, Arizona Public Service - APS, Safeway, Sprouts Farmers Market Foundation, and IDM Companies.



2025 End of Year Highlights



- **Gated Alley Program:
1,000 Gates**

As a champion of the Gated Alley Program since it started as a pilot in 2020, I was happy to celebrate on March 22nd, the 1,000 gated alley, with many more installed since then. The alley gates have enhanced security and cleanliness, as the volume of calls for service has decreased dramatically in these neighborhoods. This program is only successful when residents collect the signatures, talk to their neighbors, and join or form block watches to improve communication and safety in their area. [Click here to learn more about the Gated Alley Program.](#)

- **Monthly Maryvale Mercados**

February through May, one Saturday a month, we showcased small businesses and put on fun family friendly event at the Maryvale Community Center. We



- **Grand Canalscape Phase 3**

Phase 3 of the Grand Canalscape project transformed the dirt path between 75th and 47th Ave. along the Grand Canal into an improved concrete pathway with lighting, exercise equipment, and a new pedestrian bridge. The new route for pedestrians and cyclists has safe signalized crossings (HAWK lights) where the trail crosses city streets. [Learn more here.](#)

- **55th Ave. Signalized Crosswalk and Speed Table**

Since 2021, this Cool Corridor along 55th Ave. from Camelback Rd. to Indian School Rd. includes: over 300 trees planted, new walking paths for residents and students, trash cans, recycle bins, and dog waste stations, circular flashing beacons to increase driver awareness and encourage yielding at pedestrian school crossings, speed tables (raised crosswalks) on 55th Ave. to slow

plan to continue these monthly open-air market events next year too!



Innovation 27 Construction Begun

On May 7th, we celebrated the groundbreaking of the innovative education and workforce collaboration in the "old KMart" building on Northern Ave. and I-17. Construction is scheduled to be completed by the end of February 2027. [Learn more here!](#)



Maryvale Turkey Giveaway: PavAZo

We distributed 700 frozen turkeys to families in need, thanks to the Phoenix Fire and Police Department volunteers,

vehicles and make pedestrians more visible.



New Fire Station Construction

Construction began on the new Fire Station #15 at 45th Ave. and Camelback Rd., as the first project under the City's General Obligation Bond Program. Thank you to our voters, Phoenix Fire Department, Mayor Gallego. [Click here for details.](#)



and partners at United Phoenix
Firefighters, and sponsors Southwest
Gas and Sprouts Farmers Market.

Back to School Backpack Giveaway

Thanks to our sponsors at IDM
Companies and our community
partners, we delivered over 1,000
backpacks filled with school supplies.

[Check out the recap video!](#)

Thank you for reading and sharing the December Neighborhood News with
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