



## District 5 Residents and Friends

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Back to School season is here, and there are many exciting events and updates included in this July edition:

- Back to school backpack giveaway this Saturday
- Anti-Human trafficking law was signed by the governor and is in effect
- Water conservation tips during drought
- Summer safety and heat relief network
- Pools open on weekends through Labor Day

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### **Back to School Backpack Event this Saturday**



In partnership with the United Phoenix Firefighters Association, I am excited to invite all families with elementary school students in West Phoenix to attend the 6th Annual Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway this **Saturday, August 1 starting at 6:00 p.m. at American Family Fields of Phoenix**, with parking located at 3600 N. 51st Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85031 (51st Ave. and Whitton Ave.)

This free community event will provide **backpacks filled with school supplies** to help students start the new school year prepared and ready to learn. Backpacks will be distributed while supplies last, and children must be present to receive one. Also, there will be **free haircuts offered**, thanks to the Accelerated Pathways College, and many other community and educational resources. All of this is made possible through the generous support of the United Phoenix Firefighters Association, IDM Companies, Bill Luke Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram, Dr. Alex Kim Foundation, Southwest Human Development, Alhambra and Cartwright Elementary School District, the Milwaukee Brewers and the Parks and Recreation Department and other dedicated community partners.



Now in its sixth year, the Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway has become one of District 5's signature community events, bringing together thousands of families, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and community partners to support local students and ensure they have the tools they need to succeed. This event is about investing in our students, supporting our families, and strengthening our community. We look forward to welcoming everyone for another great evening as we prepare our children for a successful school year. **This is a rain or shine outdoor event. Come prepared for the heat (sun protection and hydration). There will be cooling and hydration stations to ensure it is a safe and fun event for everyone.** For more

details, please contact the Phoenix City Council District 5 Office at (602) 262-7446 or [council.district.5@phoenix.gov](mailto:council.district.5@phoenix.gov).

[In case you missed it last year, click here to watch a two-minute recap video to get a sense of what to expect this Saturday.](#)

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### **Anti-Human Trafficking Bill Signed by Governor Hobbs**



On June 25th, I had the honor of joining Governor Katie Hobbs, as she signed HB 2720 into law, an important step forward in **Arizona's fight against human trafficking**. Months ago, I testified in support of this legislation and worked alongside community leaders and state lawmakers to help move this effort forward. We continue to work with police, city and county prosecutors, city staff, schools, and community groups to address the ongoing challenges, especially along the 27th Ave. corridor.

Thank you to Senator Flavio Bravo and State Representative Selina Bliss for their leadership in championing this bill through the Legislature. Together, we are **holding buyers accountable, supporting survivors**, and making our communities safer. [For details about the new "prostitution, assessment, and anti-human trafficking fund" law, click here.](#)

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## Ways to Save Water During Drought

The infographic is a vertical poster with a blue background. At the top left, an orange circle contains the text 'STAGE 1 WATER ALERT! Be Drought Ready!' with three exclamation marks below it. To the right of this circle is the 'PHX WATER SMART' logo. The main title 'Top 5 Ways to Conserve Water' is written in large white letters. To the left of the title, it says 'PHOENIX IS IN STAGE 1 WATER ALERT'. To the right of the title, there are five items, each with an icon and a text description: 1. A wrench icon for 'Find and Fix Leaks'. 2. A green circle with a white dollar sign for 'Check Your Water Bill Every Month'. 3. A green leaf icon for 'Switch to Native Desert Plants'. 4. A green icon of a smart irrigation controller for 'Use a Smart Irrigation Controller'. 5. An orange icon of a hand holding a water drop for 'Share the Desert-Water Mindset'. At the bottom, an orange bar contains the website 'phoenix.gov/waterfuture'.

**STAGE 1**  
**WATER ALERT!**  
*Be Drought Ready!*

**PHX**  
WATER  
SMART

PHOENIX IS IN STAGE 1  
WATER ALERT

**Top 5  
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**phoenix.gov/waterfuture**

The City of Phoenix is in a **Stage 1 Water Alert in the Drought Management Plan**. As drought conditions persist and uncertainty on the Colorado River remains,

Phoenix is asking residents and businesses to do their part to save water and secure our water future.

Five easy action items include 1) find and fix leaks 2) check your water bill every month 3) switch to native desert plants 4) use a smart irrigation controller 5) share the desert-water mindset. To learn more about what the city is doing and what you can do to conserve water for our future, click here [Phoenix.gov/WaterFuture](https://phoenix.gov/WaterFuture).

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### Summer Safety: Heat Relief, Cooling Centers, and Trail Closures



*New Respite Center*

FOR THE SECOND YEAR, PHOENIX WILL OPERATE A 24/7 RESPITE CENTER. IT IS LOCATED AT 20 W. JACKSON ST.

Hydration stations as well as cooling and respite centers are **open through at least Sept. 30**. If you are in need of water or a cool indoor space, there are several

locations throughout the city, including libraries and community centers. The **24/7 respite center** in downtown Phoenix also offers individuals experiencing homelessness with support services including housing placement. Visit [phoenix.gov/summer](https://phoenix.gov/summer) to find a location near you.



It is so important to stay active outdoors during the summer, but hiking during the extreme heat is dangerous if not done safely. Always remember to **Take a Hike, Do it Right:**

- Drink plenty of water
- Wear proper clothing and footwear
- Hike with a buddy
- Bring a cellphone
- Hike early in the morning

And most importantly, know your limits! Turn around before your water is halfway gone. If you're unsure about hiking in the heat, it's better to be safe at home rather than suffering from heat exhaustion on the trail.

On days when the National Weather Service issues an Extreme Heat Warning, Camelback Mountain's Echo and Cholla Trails and all trails associated with Piestewa Peak Trailhead in the Phoenix Mountains Preserve and South Mountain Park and Preserve will close from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Learn more at [phoenix.gov/parks/trails](https://phoenix.gov/parks/trails)

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### **School is Back but Pools are Still Open Until Labor Day**



Starting this Saturday, August 1, Maryvale Pool and other select city pools are open weekends for **open swim from 12 - 6 p.m. through Labor Day weekend** (Sept. 5-7). Maryvale Pool is a Kool Kids pool, so children can enter free of charge. Find a pool near you at [phoenix.gov/pools](https://phoenix.gov/pools) and remember to swim safely!

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Thank you for reading and sharing the July 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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