



District 5 Residents and Friends

We are in the middle of the heat of the summer, but our team continues to work in your community. In this June edition of Neighborhood News, read details about the Independence Day fireworks celebration, new affordable housing for seniors, summer camps and pool information, refugee town hall, Juneteenth celebration and more.

Annual Maryvale Fireworks Celebration

A vibrant poster for the 'Light Up The Sky' event. The top features the event title in large, stylized letters with a starburst effect, set against a dark blue background with fireworks. Below the title is a graphic of a stadium with the text 'PHOENIX PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT'. The main text is in bold, white and red fonts, announcing a 'FREE FAMILY EVENT' on 'THURSDAY, JULY 3, 2025 6:30-9:30 PM'. It also mentions a 'FIREWORKS SHOW AT 9:10 PM' and the location 'AMERICAN FAMILY FIELDS OF PHOENIX'. Four red stars highlight 'INFLATABLES', 'ENTERTAINMENT', 'FOOD FOR SALE', and 'ACTIVITIES'. The bottom section provides a website for prohibited items, contact information, and logos for Milwaukee Brewers, American Family Fields of Phoenix, Alhambra Elementary School District, and Betty Guardado. A red bar at the very bottom contains a navigation menu with icons for a mouse cursor, hand, zoom in/out, 97.6% zoom level, and various social media and utility icons.

LIGHT UP THE SKY

PHOENIX PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

FREE FAMILY EVENT

THURSDAY, JULY 3, 2025 6:30-9:30 PM

★ **FIREWORKS SHOW AT 9:10 PM** ★

AMERICAN FAMILY FIELDS OF PHOENIX

INFLATABLES

FREE EVENT PARKING LOCATED AT:
3600 N 51ST AVE
PHOENIX, AZ 85031

FOOD FOR SALE

ENTERTAINMENT

ACTIVITIES

FOR A LIST OF PROHIBITED ITEMS, PLEASE VISIT
WWW.MLB.COM/BREWERS/SPRING-TRAINING/TRIP-PLANNING

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT
602-262-5030 OR PKS.MARYVALE.CC@PHOENIX.GOV

   

RECREAT

On July 3rd, join us for the Light Up The Sky and start the Independence Day celebrations one day early in Maryvale! This free family-friendly event is packed with

live music, food, and activities for all ages. End the night with a spectacular firework show at 9:10 PM, lighting up the sky in celebration of our nation's independence. Free event parking located at: 3600 N 51st Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85031.



If you are going to celebrate at home with fireworks, know what's legal! Ground-based fireworks are allowed; anything that explodes or launches is not.

Sparklers, fountains, and smoke devices are legal. Anything that explodes, shoots into the air, or flies is not and can result in a fine. Please celebrate safely and legally!



REMEMBER: follow and share the best practices for fireworks disposal:

1. Soak in water overnight
2. Double-bag
3. Trash them—not your yard!

Thank you for keeping our community safe and fire-free.

New Senior Village Affordable Housing



During the formal meeting on June 18th, the City Council and I approved a federal grant for construction funds for 80 new affordable housing for seniors at the Helen Drake Senior Center site on 27th Ave. south of Northern Ave! This project will convert empty city land into safe, high-quality affordable housing for seniors with lower to median income — close to the services they count on, like enrichment programs, social activities, transportation and meals.

It's part of our citywide goal to build more affordable housing in Phoenix by 2030. In addition, we're excited that this new project will be within walking distance of the Haven, a new transitional housing for seniors experiencing homelessness, on Northern Ave. and the I-17. We're building housing to integrate seniors into the community that will improve the stability and safety of this neighborhood. Special thanks to Deputy City Manager Gina Montes, the Housing Dept. Director Titus Mathew, and TRG Arizona.



Resident Highlight: New Speed Humps & Gated Alley



My office outreach team is constantly out in the neighborhoods talking to residents door by door to support requests for speed humps and gated alleys. This month, Patricia, a new neighborhood leader in Maryvale, was excited to announce her speed humps and alley gates were installed near 47th Ave. and Indian School Rd. She told us how multiple cars crashed into her property and people used to illegally dump in her alley. After talking to me and my office staff, we helped her begin the application process.



She was willing to go out and talk to her neighbors and collect signatures for both the speed hump and gated alley programs. Our office staff helped her collect the final signatures for both programs and find funding to support the speed hump installation. Now, she and her neighbors see how working with our office and the City can transform a neighborhood highway into a residential street, and a dumping ground into a safe and clean alleyway.

Affordable Summer Camp & Pool Entry



Still looking for summer plans for the kids? PHXPlays Youth Summer Camps have spots open! Games, sports, crafts & field trips—all in a safe, fun, and affordable setting. [Click here to register today!](#)

Beat the heat—Phoenix public pools are officially open for the season until July 27th! Dive into summer fun at a pool near you and enjoy a safe, refreshing, and low-cost way to cool off with family and friends.

Thanks to generous sponsors, kids have **FREE admission** at District 5 pools:

- Maryvale Pool (4444 N. 51st Ave. Phoenix 85031)
- Washington Pool (6655 N 23rd Ave. Phoenix 85015)
- Starlight Park Pool (7810 W. Osborn Rd. Phoenix 85033)

To find your nearest pool, check hours of operation, and learn about swim lessons or recreation programs, visit phoenix.gov/pools.

On top of that, District 5 has **3 free park splash pads** that are open every day until the beginning of October from 8am through 8pm:

- Dust Devil Park (10645 W. Camelback Rd.)
 - El Oso Park (3451 N. 75th Ave.)
 - Mariposa Park (3150 W Morten Ave.)
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Refugee Town Hall Conversation



On June 17th, I had the honor of co-sponsoring a town hall in partnership with the International Rescue Committee with other elected officials. Phoenix is home to a vibrant mix of cultures, and this conversation highlighted the powerful contributions of our refugee and immigrant communities. Together, we're building a more inclusive, compassionate city — one that uplifts every voice and every story.

Juneteenth Celebration at City Hall



It was an honor to speak at the National Forum for Black Public Administrators (NFBPA) Juneteenth Celebration on June 18th at Phoenix City Hall! It was a powerful evening of reflection, celebration, and community. Juneteenth National Independence Day commemorates the end of slavery at the end of the U.S. Civil War. It reminds us of the ongoing fight for justice, equity, and true freedom for all. Let's continue to honor this day by uplifting one another and committing to a more just future.

HIV Fast Track Cities During Pride Month



This June, we stand in solidarity with the LGBTQ+ community to celebrate love, identity, and equality. Pride Month is a reminder that everyone deserves to live with dignity, authenticity, and without fear.

The City of Phoenix Human Relations Commission & Phoenix Fast-Track Cities present: Ending the HIV Epidemic in Phoenix. Update your knowledge of HIV basics like prevention, testing, treatment, and myth-busting with Ending the HIV Epidemic Health Educators from Maricopa County Public Health. Learn about local efforts to address the HIV epidemic in Phoenix and hear real stories from people living with HIV in this new dawn of treatment and prevention. Thursday, June 26, 2025 12 - 1 p.m. via Webex. [Click here for more information.](#)

Thank you for reading and sharing the June 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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