



District 5 Residents and Friends

Fall is around the corner, and our event season is in full swing. **In this edition of Neighborhood News, you'll find updates on many exciting events:**

- Maryvale Resource Fair — Saturday, Sept. 6th at Maryvale Community Center
- La Pradera Park Grand Re-Opening — Saturday, Sept. 6th at La Pradera Park
- El Grito celebration — Saturday, Sept. 13th in downtown Phoenix
- Community canopy grant application - two free trees per residential home
- Lifeguard certification classes to prepare for next summer
- Mexican Baseball Fiesta in Maryvale — Friday, Sept. 26th - Sunday, Sept. 28th
- G.A.I.N. event registration deadline is Sept 24th.

Maryvale Resource Fair - Saturday, Sept. 6



COUNCILWOMAN BETTY
GUARDADO PRESENTS:

**MARYVALE
RESOURCE FAIR**

**COUNSELING &
MENTAL HEALTH
SERVICES**

**NO APPOINTMENT
NECESSARY**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH
3 PM TO 6 PM**

**MARYVALE COMMUNITY CENTER
4420 N. 51ST AVE. PHX AZ 85031**

**RESIDENT
UTILITY
ASSISTANCE**

**FREE ACTIVITIES
IN GYM FOR
ALL AGES**

**QUESTIONS? CALL 602-262-7446 OR
EMAIL COUNCIL.DISTRICT.5@PHOENIX.GOV**

**IN SUPPORT OF THE MARYVALE COMMUNITY TO PROVIDE A SAFE
SPACE FOR HEALING AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR FAMILIES**



In response to the tragic incident at Maryvale High School on August 19th, our office has been directly involved in supporting families affected. The whole community is invited to attend our free Maryvale Resource Fair for various types of support services and information:

- Counseling and mental health services
- Resident utility assistance

- Physical health checks
- City resources and career information
- And **free raffle electronic prizes, like laptops, TVs, and tablets.**

If anyone you know has been affected by violence in our community or needs mental health support or just wants to learn more about resources and opportunities, we invite you to join us this Saturday.



The Maryvale community is hurting, but through honest dialogue, compassion, and collective action, we are beginning the work of healing and building a safer, stronger future for our families. We remain committed to listening, supporting, and standing with our community every step of the way in partnership with Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego, newly appointed Police Chief Giordano, and Superintendent Andrade of the Phoenix Union high school district.

La Pradera Park Grand Re-Opening



The poster features a blue background with a string of colorful pennants (pink, yellow, green) at the top. The central text is in large, bold, blue letters with white outlines. Logos for 'PHX PLAYS', 'Betty Guardado', 'WEST PLAZA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION', and 'CHASSE BUILDING TEAM' are included. A yellow box highlights the event activities. The bottom section provides the date, time, and location in blue text. The background illustration shows a park scene with a bench, trees, and a path.

Phoenix Parks & Recreation
PHX PLAYS

In partnership with

Betty Guardado
COUNCILWOMAN / DISTRICT 5

WEST PLAZA NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

CHASSE
BUILDING TEAM

La Pradera Park GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION!

Enjoy refreshments,
performances, carnival
games, raffles, and more!

When:
Saturday
September 6, 2025
8:30am-11:30am

Where:
6830 N 39th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85004

For more information please email stacia.holmes@phoenix.gov or
call 602-262-6575

Celebrate the official re-opening of La Pradera Park at 39th Ave. and Glendale Ave! Join us as we celebrate the construction completion of the revitalized green space, which includes basketball courts, pickleball courts, and more. This is a free

community event with refreshments, performances, carnival games, raffles, and more!

El Grito Celebration, Sat. Sept. 13

FREE!
Fun for the
entire
family!

¡GRATIS!
Diversión
para toda la
familia

EL GRITO
Celebration

PHOENIX ARIZONA
2025

PRESENTED BY COUNCILWOMAN
BETTY GUARDADO

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH • 4-11 PM
DOWNTOWN PHOENIX • 3rd AVENUE & ADAMS STREET

TROPICALISMO APACHE
DJ La Pachanga
BANDA DE GUERRA

FOOD • BEER & MARGARITAS •
ARTS & CRAFTS • BALLET FOLKLORIC • MARIACHIS •

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www.elgritophoenix.com

Welcome to the 'El Grito' Festival, an electrifying celebration of Mexican Independence Day celebrated right in the heart of downtown Phoenix! (FREE FAMILY EVENT) This popular Phoenix event, presented by our office, and the United Phoenix Firefighters Association Inc. which welcomed nearly 20,000 attendees last year, returns for its fourth magical year, featuring headliners, world-famous cumbia artists Tropicalismo Apache and Norteño sensation Dueto Las Voces del Rancho. Hosted by 96.5FM La Z's very own Ericka Sanchez "La Pochita" and Humberto Luna "El

Vaquero Pelotero, the celebration will also feature Phoenix favorites: DJ La Pachanga, Mariachi Rubor, and Banda La Parrandera!

Join the celebration and indulge in an exquisite array of authentic Mexican cuisine and beverages that will transport your taste buds directly to Mexico. (nearly 100 vendor booths) From margaritas, micheladas, aguas frescas, savory tacos to mouthwatering tamales, our festival promises a feast for your senses. (Must be 21 to drink) This Mexican Independence Day celebration is one you don't want to miss. For more details, [visit the official website here](#).

Free Tree Grant Application Still Open



COMMUNITY CANOPY GRANT PROGRAM

WHAT

City of Phoenix is offering grants for individuals and neighborhoods to apply for trees for their homes

APPLY NOW

Visit [Phoenix.gov/shade](https://phoenix.gov/shade) to apply and find more information.

ABOUT

- Individuals living in the same neighborhood should submit one group application.
- Grantees will receive a maintenance bag to help care for new trees
- You will choose from a list of native and drought tolerant trees
- Contractors will plant trees and call AZ 811

WHO

Be in a Qualified area in the City of Phoenix. Scan this QR code to find out if you qualify



QUESTIONS?

Please contact Mary Muñoz Encinas at mary.munoz@phoenix.gov or 602.695.3680 with any questions.

FOLLOW

For tree planting tips and more information, Follow [@HeatReadyPHX](https://twitter.com/HeatReadyPHX).





This is a reminder for you to take advantage of this amazing grant opportunity to get two free drought-tolerant trees planted in your front yard completely free of charge! Through the Community Canopy Grant last season, 1,200 trees were planted in Phoenix neighborhoods and schools, and we are working with more eligible neighborhoods this season to get even more in District 5!

The Shade Phoenix Action Plan outlines the actions the City and its partners will take over the next five years to accelerate the creation and maintenance of shade in

Phoenix. These actions explicitly focus on the City's most vulnerable residents and the places where people are outside the most, walking to work, the bus stop, or at their local park. Our overarching vision is to create a future where all Phoenix residents and visitors experience the benefits of trees and built shade throughout the city. [Click here to visit Tree Grant Programs](#) for more information to check eligibility and apply for this grant.

Mexican Baseball Fiesta, Sept. 26-28



Our office is proud to host the Mexican Baseball Fiesta back in Maryvale September 26-28 for another exciting cultural event and great baseball from your favorite teams at the American Family Fields of Phoenix (3600 N. 51st Ave.). The fiesta features games between teams from the Mexican Pacific League, like

Naranjeros de Hemrosillo, Yaquis de Obregon, and more as well as concerts, dance performances, and food festivals.

Ticket prices for box seats are \$25 and general admission tickets are \$20. Tickets for children age 6 and under, senior are \$10 special-priced tickets. We hope to see you there for this annual celebration with fun for the whole family. [Click here for tickets and more information.](#)

Lifeguard Classes for Next Season

Make a splash earn some cash!

LIFEGUARD CLASSES



Register Now!



Pierce Pool
2150 N. 46th st.
Phoenix, AZ 85008

Class Dates:

SEPT. 20 | SATURDAY | 9AM-10:30AM
SEPT. 24 | WEDNESDAY | 5PM-8PM
SEPT. 26 | FRIDAY | 5PM-8PM
SEPT. 27 | SATURDAY | 9AM-4PM
SEPT. 28 | SUNDAY | 9AM-4PM
SEPT. 29 | MONDAY | 5PM-7PM

Got Questions? Call Us at 602-534-6587

Even though our pools are closed for the season, we're already preparing for next year. Make a splash & earn some cash! Become a City of Phoenix lifeguard next summer! There's still time to register for the certification course starting September 20th through September 29th.

Also, there are jobs open for Pool Managers (\$23.74 or \$26.18 per hour) and Assistant Pool Managers (\$21.54 per hour) to make sure our pools stay open and

work well for the community. [Click here and visit phoenix.gov/lifeguard](https://phoenix.gov/lifeguard) to view available classes, locations, jobs available & additional information.

G.A.I.N. Event Registration Open Now



The G.A.I.N. (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) is a day for Arizona residents and city departments to join forces and promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity. G.A.I.N. showcases the importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement in our fight for a safer Arizona. On G.A.I.N. day, October 18th (third Saturday in October), we invite neighborhoods to come together and make their community a safer, better place to live.

Every year, I am always happy to support all our neighborhoods with their G.A.I.N. events, like Washington Park Neighborhood Association (G.A.I.N. 2024 event pictured above). The registration deadline is 9/24/25. For more Information call 602-256-4303 or email blockwatchcoordinator.ppd@phoenix.gov or Sergeant Charles Lambert at charlie.lambert@phoenix.gov. [Click here for more information on how to register for the 2025 G.A.I.N day.](#)

Thank you for reading and sharing the September 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.