

July Neighborhood News: Back to School Backpack Event, Bulk Trash Appointments, Stormwater Monsoon Season, Lockbox Program, and Signature Event List

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District 5 Residents and Friends

We hope you're staying safe and cool this July, and you're enjoying the last few weeks before school returns. In this July edition of Neighborhood News, read details about the annual Back to School Backpack Giveaway, bulk trash appointments, stormwater awareness during monsoon season, Fire Department Lockbox Program, and our updated signature event list.

Annual Back to School Backpack Giveaway



Backpack Giveaway!



**AMERICAN FAMILY FIELDS
OF PHOENIX**

3600 N. 51st Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85031

6 PM Saturday

Contact us (602)262-7446 or
council.district.5@phoenix.gov



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Guardado**
COUNCILWOMAN | DISTRICT 5

Mochilas Gratis!

Children must be present
to receive giveaways

JULY 26

Niños tienen que estar
presentes para recibir regalos

Limited Supplies Available

Útiles son Limitados

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Join us to kick off the school year and help our students start strong! You're invited to our Annual Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway this Saturday, July 26th, starting at 6 PM at the American Family Fields of Phoenix (3600 N. 51st Ave. Phoenix, 85031). Every year, our community partners and our office host a fun and meaningful evening, while keeping everyone safe and cool. No registration is required. Bring your family and friends to enjoy:

- Free backpacks and essential school supplies
- Free haircuts for students
- Free community resources and educational information

Let's come together to support our students and families as they get ready for the new school year. First come, first served — children must be present to receive a backpack and school supplies while they last. This is an outdoor event, so please remember to come hydrated and bring sun protection. We'll see you this Saturday! Free event public parking is located at 3600 N 51st Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85031 (south of Indian School Rd.)

Bulk Trash Pick-Up Appointment Update



You spoke up, we listened! Phoenix residents can now book their bulk trash appointments up to **SIX MONTHS** in advance. Conveniently schedule around your own cleaning, remodeling, or moving plans. Book a pickup from the new and improved City of Phoenix Public Works Department bulk trash page. [Click here to learn more: phoenix.gov/bulktrash.](https://phoenix.gov/bulktrash)

Stormwater Awareness Monsoon Season



During the monsoon season, the City of Phoenix Water Services Department encourages residents to help reduce stormwater pollution by increasing their knowledge and taking preventive actions. Stormwater can pick up pollutants such as oil or trash and impact our rivers, washes, and parks. Your simple everyday actions can make a huge difference and improve stormwater quality and our environment.

To learn more about what you can do to prevent stormwater pollution, visit phoenix.gov/stormwater. Remember, only rain in the storm drain!
Click here for Stormwater Management Program information: phoenix.gov/stormwater.



PHX WATER SMART

**STORMWATER
AWARENESS**

PHOENIX.GOV/STORMWATER

5 TIPS TO HELP STOP STORMWATER POLLUTION

WHAT
YOU
CAN DO
TO HELP!

01

**KEEP THE STREETS
FREE FROM TRASH**

02

**BAG AND TRASH
LEAVES AND BRANCHES**

03

**USE LAWN CHEMICALS
SPARINGLY**

04

**ALWAYS PICK UP
PET WASTE**

05

**HELP KEEP OUR WATER
SOURCES CLEAN**



Fire Department Lockbox Program



Lockbox Program

**Learn more at
[Phoenix.gov/Fire](https://phoenix.gov/Fire)
under Community Outreach**

Seconds save lives — the lockbox program ensures firefighters can get in fast when every second counts. The City of Phoenix Lockbox Program allows firefighters to gain entry to your home in case of an emergency without causing any damage to your residence. This is done by utilizing a key that you provide in a secure lockbox attached to your entryway.

This program not only provides free lockboxes to those vulnerable Phoenix residents; it also allows those who already have their own lockbox in place to register their lockbox code with the fire department. Safe, secure, and only accessible by Phoenix Fire during

emergencies. This is free for eligible Phoenix residents. If you have any questions about the City of Phoenix Lockbox Program or would like to be removed from the program, please email pfd.lockbox@phoenix.gov .

Signature Community Event List 2025

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UPCOMING EVENTS
Signature **2025**








JULY 26

Our team's Annual Backpack Drive equips students in Phoenix with essential school supplies, lightening the financial burden for families and fostering educational success. Each year, in partnership with local businesses and community volunteers, we distribute over 1,000 backpacks to help ensure that every child has what they need to thrive academically. Join us in making a meaningful impact in the lives of our young learners!

Time: 6:00- 9:00pm Location: American Family Fields of Phoenix, 3600 N 51st Ave Phoenix

Ring the bell! Each year 20K Phoenicians join in downtown Phoenix to celebrate Mexico's Independence Day. It's a part of Mexico's heritage that every American can share! Enjoy a day filled with live mariachi, folkloric dances, authentic cuisine, and more.

Time: 4:00- 11:00pm Location: 3rd Ave & Washington St., Downtown Phoenix

SEPT 13





OCT 18

Celebrate Halloween at two thrilling events! Family Fright Night and Scaryvale in Maryvale offer fun for all ages with trunk-or-treat car shows, live music, food trucks, bounce houses, and haunted house escape rooms. Join us for a spooky good time and make this Halloween unforgettable for the whole family!

Time: 6:00- 9:00pm Location: Maryvale Community Center, 4420 N. 51st Ave. Phoenix
Time: 3:00- 9:00pm Location: Washington Activity Center 2240 W. Citrus Way Phoenix A

Join us for our 4th Annual turkey give away (El Pavazo) Event in Maryvale! Help us give away thousands turkeys to deserving families in our community! This event is more than just about turkeys; it's a celebration of community, family, and togetherness. By bringing together the spirit of American Thanksgiving and the vibrant traditions of Día de los Muertos, we honor our shared values of gratitude, remembrance, and unity.

Time: 5:00- 8:00pm Location: American Family Fields of Phoenix, 3600 N 51st Ave Phoenix

NOV 22





DEC 13

Celebrate the season! For many working families, the cost of celebrating the holidays can be overwhelming! But at Verry Merry Maryvale it's all about community and fun! We (oops Santa) brings thousands of toys for children who might otherwise not have gifts this year. It's a day full of live music, a full dinner, games, giveaways – and gifts for every child from Santa himself!

Time: 5:00- 9:00PM Location: Maryvale Community Center 4420 N. 51st Ave Phoenix

Our busy signature event season is about to begin! Please save the date for our annual free community events, which our community looks forward to every year. Thanks to our generous financial sponsors and community partners, we continue to provide a family-friendly and safe environment in our city facilities for our community to enjoy. We appreciate your support!

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-

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