



District 5 Residents and Friends

October is our busiest month of the year with free fun-filled events. And, there are important policy updates and resources that affect our communities. Check out the line-up for this edition:

- Neighborhood Synergy Conference — training and recognizing leaders
- G.A.I.N. Events - free community celebrations that unites neighbors
- Lockbox Program — free for residents to allow firefighters quick access
- Shopping Cart Ordinance — improve accountability to retrieve carts
- Small Business Workshop — support with education and resources
- Amazing Library Card Campaign - free books, music, videos, Ebooks...
- Paint Phoenix Purple — October is Domestic Violence Awareness month.

Neighborhood Synergy Conference



In September, I had the honor of joining the Neighborhood Synergy Conference, where collaboration, community, and compassion come together. Thank you to the City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department (NSD) for organizing such an important gathering and for your tireless work in strengthening our neighborhoods. We celebrated the efforts of our District 5 associations:

- Community Impact Award – Berkeley Square Neighborhood
- Inclusion & Engagement Champion – West Plaza Neighborhood
- Community Builder Award – Andalucia Neighborhood

To all of our honorees: thank you for your leadership, your dedication, and your love for your neighborhoods. Let's continue building bridges and creating communities where everyone can thrive. If you are looking to join your neighborhood group or form your own, [click here for the NSD website](#).



G.A.I.N. Events in Your Neighborhood



If you're near Washington Park, check out Family Fright Night this **Saturday, Oct. 18**, from 4 to 9 PM at the Washington Activity Center (2240 W. Citrus Way) for a FREE family event packed with fun, games, resources, a costume contest, and a movie in the park. It'll be a night of spooky fun!



If you're in Maryvale, this **Saturday, Oct. 18**, from 6 to 9 PM, we'll see you at Maryvale Park & Community Center (4420 N 51st Ave.) for Scaryvale at Maryvale! Bring the whole family for: music & fun activities, FREE trunk or treat, food for sale, a brand-new haunted house, and a costume contest.

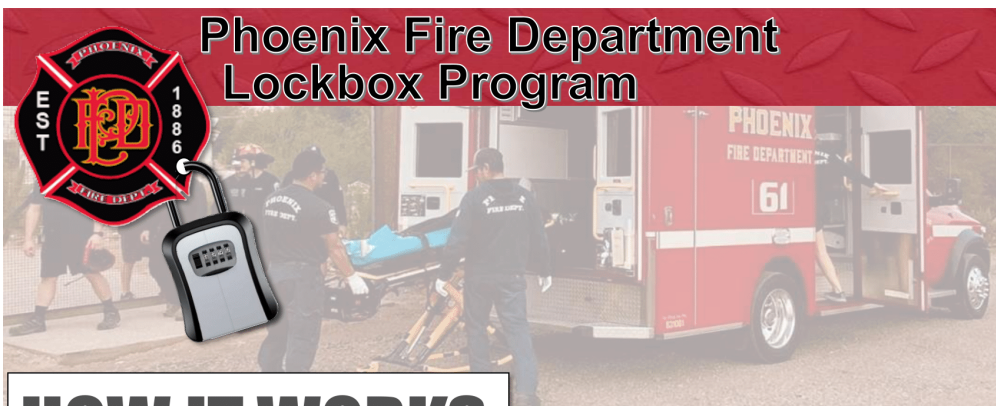


Join us for the annual Homestead Park Halloween Trunk or Treat on **Friday, Oct. 24** at 6pm to 8:30pm at 2602 W. Glendale Ave. There will be free music, raffle prizes, costume contest, and candy from our local sponsors, plus show cars from the Legendary Bombs Car Club! Also, the kids can enjoy the new playground. The pedestrian entrance is on 25th Dr. and Myrtle Ave.



On **Saturday, Oct. 25**, join us for a fun-filled event and enjoy the weather from 9am to 12pm at La Pradera Park (6830 N. 39th Ave.) After the grand re-opening with new bathrooms, pickleball court and basketball courts, it is time to bring the community together to celebrate. It will be featuring resource booths, food, games, and activities for the kids.

Fire Department Lockbox Program



HOW IT WORKS

1. A Phoenix resident, or family member of a Phoenix resident, can go to our website (phoenix.gov/fire or scan the QR code to the right) and complete the request form.
2. A member of the Phoenix Fire Department will reach out to schedule the lockbox installation. **At the time of installation, you will need to supply the key for the residence, to put into the lockbox.*
3. A member of the Phoenix Fire Department will come to your home and install the lockbox and document the location in the department's computer aided dispatch system (CAD). If there is an emergency and you are unable to open the door, they will use the lockbox key to gain access.



If you already have a lockbox installed and would like to register your lockbox code, or you have a garage door code you would like to register with the department, please visit phoenix.gov/fire to register your lockbox or garage door code.

WHY PARTICIPATE?

This program is free to City of Phoenix residents thanks to a partnership between the Phoenix REALTORS and the City of Phoenix. It allows first responders to gain access to a home in case of emergencies where the patient is not able to make it to the door.

**Help Us
Help You!**

The Phoenix Fire Department's Lockbox Program helps first responders get into your home quickly during an emergency — without breaking down a door or damaging property. It's especially important for seniors, people with disabilities, and anyone who lives alone. I'm thrilled to announce the relaunch of the Lockbox Program — now with materials and outreach available in Spanish! Together, we're making Phoenix safer and more inclusive — one home at a time. [Click here to visit Phoenix.gov/fire for more details.](http://Phoenix.gov/fire)

New Shopping Cart Ordinance



How to Report Abandoned Shopping Carts

myPHX311

Access our services through your smartphone or the web by navigating to myPHX311.

Phone

Call (602) 534-4444 and select option 1 after the language option.

Email

Report via email at shopping.carts.nsd@phoenix.gov.

More Information:
phoenix.gov/shoppingcarts

Abandoned shopping carts have been a major frustration for our community — blocking sidewalks, cluttering spaces, and hurting the look of our neighborhoods. I'm happy to announce a big win for our neighborhoods with the new shopping cart city ordinance that was approved by the City Council and myself, which will take effect starting October 17th. This is about respecting our residents and protecting our neighborhoods. The new shopping cart ordinance will:

- Hold large retailers (50,000+ sq ft) accountable
- Require retrieval systems
- Establish fines for violations
- Create faster community reporting

All retailers with shopping carts will be required to register with the city and implement cart management strategies, including installing locking wheels or submitting a retrieval plan. The ordinance specifically mandates larger stores (50,000+ sq ft) either use a locking mechanism or a detailed compliance plan, while all stores must register and can face increased retrieval fees or other penalties if they fail to manage their carts effectively. [Click here for more details on the shopping cart retrieval program.](#)

Small Business Thrive in 2025



THRIVE IN 2025
SMALL BUSINESS SUMMIT
*UNLOCK OPPORTUNITIES. BUILD CONNECTIONS.
GROW YOUR BUSINESS.*

TUESDAY
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OCTOBER
10 AM - 1 PM

Equal Opportunity Department
Creating an inclusive & equitable environment where everyone is valued

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
**PRESERVE
SHAPE
BUILD**

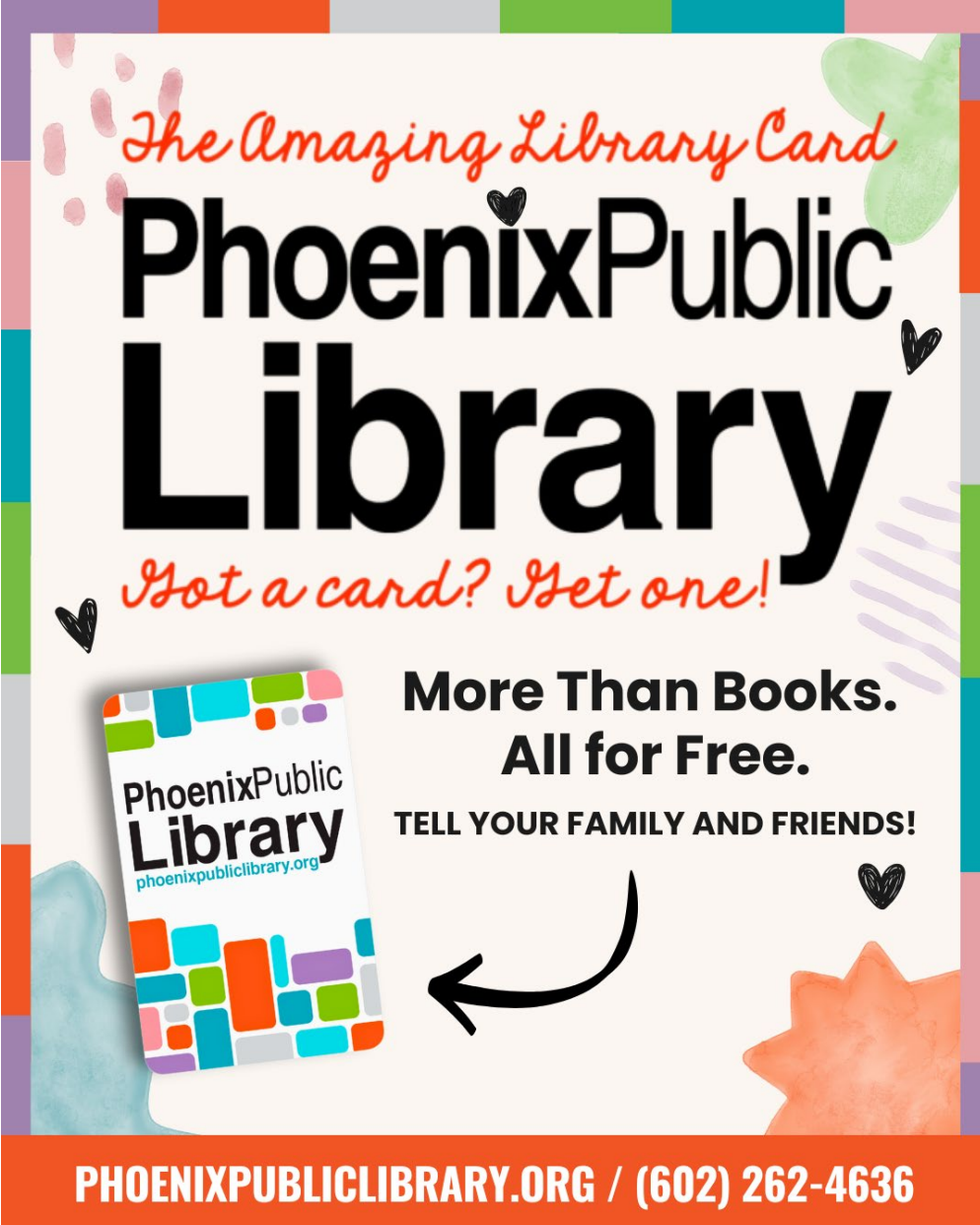
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**Phoenix City Hall
Assembly Rooms
RSVP by October 15!**

Are you a small business owner ready to take your next big step? Join the City of Phoenix and our community partners for a half-day summit built to help you grow,

connect, and thrive in 2025. At the summit, you'll learn about what the City buys, current and upcoming contract opportunities, tips on responding to solicitations, and more. Interested in attending? [Click here to learn more.](#)

Amazing Library Card Campaign

A colorful promotional graphic for Phoenix Public Library. The background is white with a multi-colored border (purple, orange, grey, green, teal, pink). At the top, the text "The Amazing Library Card" is written in a red cursive font. Below it, "PhoenixPublic" is in black, with a small heart above the 'i' in "Phoenix", and "Library" is in a larger black font, with a small heart above the 'y'. Underneath, "Got a card? Get one!" is written in red cursive. To the left, a hand holds a library card that says "PhoenixPublic Library" and "phoenixpubliclibrary.org". To the right, the text "More Than Books. All for Free." is in bold black, followed by "TELL YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!" in all caps. A large black arrow points from this text towards the library card. The bottom of the graphic has an orange banner with the text "PHOENIXPUBLICLIBRARY.ORG / (602) 262-4636" in white. There are also some faint, colorful shapes like a green leaf and a purple handprint in the background.

The Amazing Library Card

PhoenixPublic Library

Got a card? Get one!

**More Than Books.
All for Free.**

TELL YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

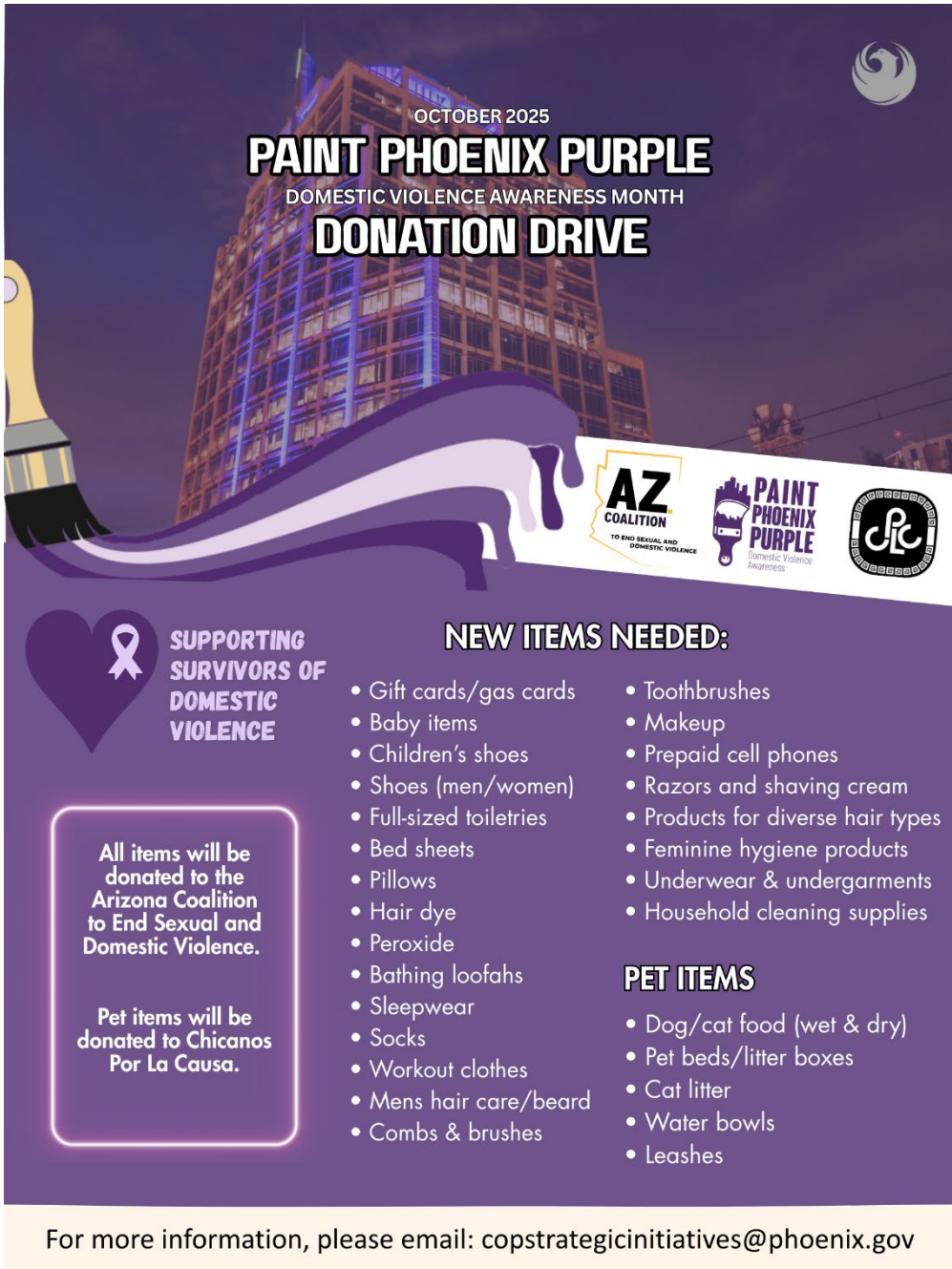
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Celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month through end of October. Getting a Phoenix Public Library card is easy and free for Maricopa County residents. Just bring a valid photo ID to any library branch and unlock access to books, eBooks, computers, Wi-Fi, Culture Passes, and more. Visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org to learn more.

- Visit any Phoenix Public Library location.
- Bring a valid photo ID (driver's license, state ID, passport, school ID, etc.).
- If your ID does not include your current address, bring proof of address (such as mail or a utility bill dated within 30 days).

- Children under 13 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian with valid ID.
[Click here for more details available at: phoenixpubliclibrary.org.](http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org)
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Paint PHX Purple: Domestic Violence Awareness



OCTOBER 2025

PAINT PHOENIX PURPLE


DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

DONATION DRIVE

AZ COALITION
TO END SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

PAINT PHOENIX PURPLE
Domestic Violence Awareness

CLC
Chicano Por La Causa

 **SUPPORTING SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

All items will be donated to the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence.

Pet items will be donated to Chicanos Por La Causa.

NEW ITEMS NEEDED:

- Gift cards/gas cards
- Baby items
- Children's shoes
- Shoes (men/women)
- Full-sized toiletries
- Bed sheets
- Pillows
- Hair dye
- Peroxide
- Bathing loofahs
- Sleepwear
- Socks
- Workout clothes
- Mens hair care/beard
- Combs & brushes
- Toothbrushes
- Makeup
- Prepaid cell phones
- Razors and shaving cream
- Products for diverse hair types
- Feminine hygiene products
- Underwear & undergarments
- Household cleaning supplies

PET ITEMS

- Dog/cat food (wet & dry)
- Pet beds/litter boxes
- Cat litter
- Water bowls
- Leashes

For more information, please email: copstrategicinitiatives@phoenix.gov

The City of Phoenix encourages you to join us in raising awareness and supporting victims of Domestic Violence this October in the 13th annual Paint Phoenix Purple Campaign. Domestic Violence is one of the most widespread and dangerous health and safety challenges in our community.

Paint Phoenix Purple is a local campaign brought to you by a collaboration of more than 50 community, private, and public organizations. The City of Phoenix will be

providing resources throughout the month and will be hosting several events. For more information or how you can get involved, please visit our [website](#).

Thank you for reading and sharing the October 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.



[Visit the City of Phoenix City Council District 5 Website](#)

[Forward to a friend](#)