



WELCOME 2020!

We hope that you all have a happy and healthy new year, and we look forward to continuing to work with you all to engage our neighborhoods and provide excellent service and representation. In this issue of Neighborhood News, you'll see updates from December, a brief report of our first 7 months in office, and important upcoming events in January.

#MerryMaryvale Holiday Celebration (Dec. 14th)

Our inaugural Merry Maryvale Holiday Celebration was a huge collaborative success! We served a total 450 community members, 85 families, and 220 kids received a toy. The Live music was played by the award-winning Mariachi students of Tolleson Elementary School district. Thanks again to our partner, Maryvale Revitalization Corporation, our host Watts Family Maryvale YMCA, and our sponsors, AFCSME 2384 and United Phoenix Firefighters; as well as Labor's Community Service Agency for toy donations.



[Click on this link or on the image above to see a short video of our celebration](#), and hear from your elected officials, including state representative, and state senator, and Cartwright School district.

Holiday Family Adoption: dinner and children's toys (Dec. 19th)

Special Thanks to **The Original Geno's - Best Craveable Eats in Phoenix** for adopting three of our district families. Restaurant owner, JJ Bazzi, hosted them for a wonderful dinner and gifts for the children. We enjoyed celebrating the holidays with them!



APS Electric Light Parade (Dec 7th) & Winter World Express by 19North, (Dec. 8th)

We enjoyed meeting our district residents at these free annual community events. Thanks to all the city departments, community organizations, schools, local business, and our residents who made these awesome events possible.



7 Months in Office brief report

- In District 5, since we took office in June 2019:
 - Accelerated Pavement Maintenance Program:
 - 38 mill and overlay miles
 - 2.5 preservation treatment miles
 - 16.7 crack seal prep for future work miles
 - 163 ADA ramps were upgraded
 - 300 constituent cases closed services & dozens of surveys completed
 - 4 street & alley clean-ups
 - Dozens of neighborhood meetings & events attended
 - 100 cases of water donations and hand-delivered to constituents during summer
 - City Council appointed Councilwoman Guardado as new Vice Mayor in record time
 - 8 Public school district meetings to develop partnership with local schools:
 - High School Districts: Phoenix Union, Glendale Union, and Tolleson Union.
 - Elementary School Districts: Alhambra, Cartwright, Pendergast, Tolleson, and Washington.

10 Appointments to committees & other boards:

- 2 Alhambra Village Planning Committee
- 4 Maryvale Village Planning Committee
- 1 military Veterans commission
- 2 Census complete count committee
- 1 Phoenix youth and education commission.



- City-wide victories in 2019:
 - Taskforce investigation on gated alley program moving forward
 - Mayor Kate Gallego consented to initial refugee resettlement in Phoenix along with Maricopa county and Arizona.
 - Phoenix received a 100 on the 2019 HRC LGBTQ municipal equality index
 - Voted to move forward with opening of a Latino Cultural Center
 - "All Fines Forgiven" All Phoenix Public Libraries removed overdue fines.
 - \$15 per hour minimum wage increase for all full-time city employees & all year-round part-time employees.
 - Light Rail expansion- Northwest expansion phase II community meetings in Metro center.
 - "Life in the Big City" video highlights our 2019 accomplishments. [Click here or image to watch:](#)



Upcoming events/information for 2020

- **Proposed rate changes for trash and recycling services: community meetings**
official website: <https://www.phoenix.gov/publicworks/trashandrecycle>
 - **Jan. 13, 2020**, 6:30 p.m. D3/D5. Sunnyslope Community Center, Multipurpose Room, 802 E. Vogel Avenue
 - **Jan. 22, 2020**, 6:30 p.m. Desert West Community Center (bilingual, Spanish), 6501 W. Virginia Avenue
 - **Jan. 28, 2020**, 6:30 p.m. D1/D3/D5. Helen Drake Senior Center, 7600 N 27th Ave
- **Capitol/I-10 West Light Rail Extension Project: public meetings**
official website. (<https://www.valleymetro.org/project/capitoli-10-west>)
 - Tuesday, Jan. 14th, 2020 at 6pm
 - Desert West Community Center 6501 W Virginia Ave Phoenix, AZ 85035
 - Wed. Jan. 15th, 2020 at 6pm
 - Isaac Middle School, 3402 W McDowell Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85009
 - Sat. Jan. 18th, 2020 at 9am (Spanish presentation included)
 - Neighborhood Ministries, 1918 W Van Buren St. Phoenix, AZ 85009
- **District office hours: weekly schedule,**
 - Every Thursday, 10am-4pm, beginning Jan. 16th., 2020
 - Maryvale Revitalization Corporation business center, 3802 N. 53rd Ave, Phoenix 85031, Suite #290.

Thank you again for all your involvement and contacting our district office. We hope that you join us for the upcoming community events, because your voice is important in making decisions that affect our city

Thank you for reading our newsletter. Please contact our office with questions, comments, concerns, or even just to say hi at **602-262-7446** and **council.district.5@phoenix.gov**. To get DAILY updates from our office, follow us on our social media:



Sincerely,

Betty Guardado

Phoenix Vice Mayor, District 5