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Hello District 5 Residents and Friends

Thank you for reading the September edition of Neighborhood News. Please share the information below regarding COVID-19 mobile testing sites, rent, mortgage & utility assistance, celebration of Women's right to vote, community engagement, 9/11 memorial, Census response deadline, and voting information.

Effective, tomorrow, September 4, 2020, the District 5 Office and Vice Mayor Guardado will be a little quieter than usual, due to what we refer to as a 'blackout' period leading up to the November election. In 2017, the Phoenix City Council adopted a Campaign Information Policy that provides guidelines for candidates during election campaigns. These guidelines include no airtime on PHXTV Channel 11 and putting our newsletter on hold until the election has been officially canvassed by city officials.

During this time, we will still be sharing relevant constituent information with you and providing you all with the regular constituent services you have come to know and rely on. We hope to be back soon with our Neighborhood News PHXTV series and monthly newsletter.

More information about the Campaign Information Policy can be found here: [Candidate Information Packet](#).

Free COVID-19 Testing Sites Continue!



The City of Phoenix COVID-19 mobile testing van in partnership with Vincere Cancer Center launched in August and has served hundreds of our residents. The sites are focused on underserved communities and struggling small businesses to provide free COVID-19 anti-bodies and live virus tests. For updated locations, dates, required pre-registration and scheduling a required appointment, visit phoenix.gov/COVIDtesting.

Mobile Testing Van September Sites in District 5:

Thursday, September 10, 2020 Cartwright School District (5220 W. Indian School Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85031) 7am-1pm Appointments at vincerecancer.com

Saturday, September 12, 2020 Maryvale Community Center (4420 N. 51st

Ave. Phoenix AZ 85029) 7am-1pm. Appointments at vincerecancer.com

Community Drive-Thru Testing in Phoenix

Saturday, September 5, 2020 & September 12, 2020

El Reposo Park

502 E. Alta Vista Road, Phoenix, AZ 85042

Council District 7

6:00 a.m. - 11 a.m. Appointments at familytreehealthcare.com

For updated information on COVID-19 testing, please visit: <https://www.phoenix.gov/newsroom/em-and-hs/1399>

COVID-19 Rent and Utility Assistance



**City of Phoenix
Human Services Department**

is now providing

COVID-19 EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE RELIEF

City of Phoenix residents are eligible to apply for rent or mortgage, water, gas and utility bill assistance.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:	CAN PAY:	PAYMENT AMOUNTS:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Households must be City of Phoenix residentsFinancially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemicOne-time assistance payment for rent or mortgage and utility obligations incurred after March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020Provide proof of lawful presence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Utility bills (electric/gas)City of Phoenix Water billRent or Mortgage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">\$600 - Utility bills\$300 - City of Phoenix Water bill\$3,300 - Rent or Mortgage (Households in subsidized housing must have a rental obligation to qualify for rental assistance.)The full payment amount listed above will be issued on behalf of each eligible household assisted, as applicable.



Family Services Centers
CITY OF PHOENIX | HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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Rent, mortgage, utility and water assistance are still available to Phoenix households affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Learn more about COVID Emergency Assistance Relief at phoenix.gov/humanservices

Exceptional Women of Phoenix - Celebrating Their Stories



Betty Guardado

Vice Mayor City of Phoenix, Councilwoman

District 5

"Betty Guardado grew up in south central Los Angeles, the child of immigrants from Mexico. While working as a hotel housekeeper, Betty became a leader in the hospitality workers union. She became an organizer and began educating workers on the importance of exercising their rights – both on and off the job. Betty moved to Arizona in 2007 and began leading her union's voter registration campaigns around Maricopa County. She also led successful independent voter turnout campaigns to elect several Phoenix City Council members, developing young leaders, and empowering working-class families. In May of 2019, Betty was elected to City Council, winning every precinct in her District. She was subsequently elected by her colleagues on the City Council to serve as Vice Mayor. Betty is working to raise living conditions in neighborhoods throughout her District, while helping to bring responsible economic development to all of Phoenix. She and her husband have lived in the Maryvale neighborhood for twelve years – where they raise their two children."

I was honored to be selected as a Phoenix Honoree for "Exceptional Women of Phoenix - Celebrating Their Stories. It's important to celebrate and recognize the struggle and the victory of women 100 years ago with the 19th Amendment granting the right to vote. Still, we have so much progress to make, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve as your councilwoman and Vice Mayor. See the whole story and video here: PhoenixHerStories.org/BettyGuardado

Community Engagement: Surveying & Cleaning Alleys



Residents have reported to our office the multiple issues in many of our neighborhood alleys. During the summer, Public Works picked up tons of trash in some of the most problematic alleys, but the issue continues. Last week, we joined constituents in their neighborhoods, in Washington Park, Ocotillo Glen, and Maryvale to talk to their neighbors about ways to keep the alleys clean as a community. When we have a united neighborhood, we can address the issues together.

The 19th Annual September 11 Memorial Event



The City of Phoenix will hold the 19th annual September 11 Memorial Event to honor the lives lost during the terrorist attacks on our nation. On this day and everyday, we support the hard work and sacrifice of our first responders. In past years, the event has been open to the public. **However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's event will be available to watch on a livestream. The ceremony will be streamed on the city's Facebook page on Friday, Sept. 11 at 9 a.m.**(Picture above dated 9/11/2019)

Civic Engagement: Census Response September Deadline & November General Election



Make sure you and your community are counted and fairly represented! We're advocating for a fair count of every single person that resides in the U.S. The deadline to respond to the Census is September 30th. If you have not done so yet, you can respond by visiting 2020census.gov or calling 844-330-2020.

Also, November 3rd is the last day to vote in the general election for your city, county, state, and federal representatives. I have always encouraged all eligible citizens to exercise their right to vote and use their voice for the good of their community. Registered voters can vote-by-mail or in person. The voter registration deadline is October 5. Early ballots mail on October 7. In-person voting will be available October 7-November 3. All voting locations will follow strict physical distancing and cleaning guidelines. For more information, visit recorder.maricopa.gov.

Thank you for reading our September newsletter. Please share the information with your family and neighbors. As always, please contact our office for your comments, questions, and concerns, at (602)262-7446 and council.district.5@phoenix.gov. Or for daily updates you can follow us on social media:



City of Phoenix

**Vice Mayor
Betty Guardado**