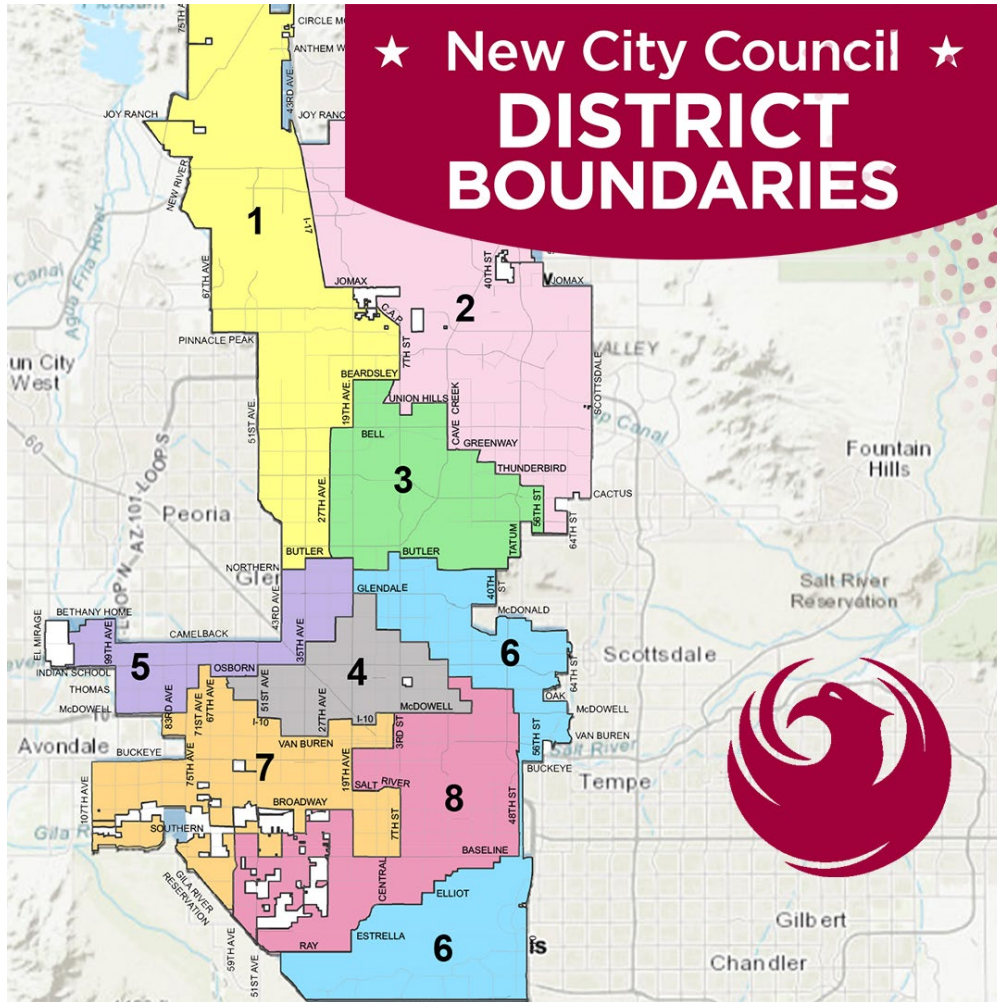


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Hello District 5 Residents and Friends!



New year, new City Council boundaries! After completing Redistricting with community input and City Council approval, new City Council District boundaries are now in effect. [Find your Council District here.](#)

Read the January edition of Neighborhood News to learn about the Prevailing Wage Ordinance, monthly Maryvale Mercado, Vacant Property Registry, new park playground survey, lifeguard hiring incentives and more!

Prevailing Wage Ordinance Approved



The Phoenix City Council on January 9th, passed a prevailing wage ordinance, guaranteeing that workers on local construction projects will make a fair wage. Prevailing Wage is a critical minimum wage requirement specific to ensuring workers receive wages that align with local standards. This initiative echoes the principles of the Davis-Bacon Act at the federal level and has been adopted in various forms by numerous states and cities to ensure fair compensation on state or city-funded construction projects.

It applies to all city-funded projects exceeding \$4 million, but would exclude the 2023 GO Bond Program, which funds rehabilitation of parks, libraries, fire and police stations. It also would not apply to affordable housing projects in an effort to keep them affordable. This not only guarantees a happier workforce, but also contributes to the growth and prosperity of our economy. To learn more, [click here for a local news story](#).



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Next Monthly Maryvale Mercado - Feb. 4th

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Maryvale Mercado

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Join us for the first Maryvale Mercado of 2024 along the grassy median of 55th Ave, from Campbell Ave. to Glenrosa Ave. Explore local small businesses, savor food vendors, and shop at unique stalls. This is a new monthly outdoor event in partnership with Local First Arizona and Cartwright School District!

The Launch of Vacant Property Registry



The City of Phoenix's Vacant Property Registry (VPR) is now open to the public. City staff have spent days or weeks tracking down property owners' information when there's an issue. These companies or property owners should take full responsibility. And when they don't, it becomes a problem.

In a new ordinance passed by the Phoenix City Council last month, properties vacant for more than 30 days that meet the following criteria are now required to register with the Neighborhood Services Department:

- Non-residential properties
- Unimproved land that is 10,000 or more square feet
- Residential properties with 50 or more unit

The VPR takes an important step toward addressing the community's need for increased communication with vacant property owners. Before establishing the VPR, the City faced challenges with locating property owners, especially those who reside out-of-state. The new ordinance addresses these challenges by requiring owners to register annually, provide contact information and report occupancy changes within 10 days. In addition, out-of-state owners are required to designate a local point of contact who can address issues promptly. To learn more, [click here for the local news story](#).

Homestead Park Playground Survey



Our office and the Parks and Recreation Department are happy to announce the renovation of the John F. and Mary P. Long Homestead Park (2602 W.

Glendale Ave.) playground area. We are reaching out to the community to help us select the playground equipment.

This park and the community along 27th Ave. have been a big focus on improving the area to make it more clean and safe for children to enjoy. We will continue to host free family-friendly events at the park. [Please use this link to review and select one of the three options](#). Voting closes on Saturday, January 20, 2024. Thank you for your support of our parks!

Pool Lifeguard \$3,000 Hiring Incentives



The Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department is offering up to \$3,000 in incentive pay for certified aquatics staff. The department needs to hire pool

managers, assistant managers and hundreds of lifeguards ahead of the 2024 pool season to safely open as many of the City's 29 public pools as possible.

Eligible certified managers will receive a total \$3,000 in incentive pay, while eligible certified assistant managers and lifeguards will receive a total of \$2,000. Those staff will receive \$500 on the first paycheck, and the remaining incentive as a one-time payment at the end of the 2024 pool season. [Click here for our local news story.](#)

Human Trafficking Awareness Month



Human trafficking can happen to anyone! No matter race, age, gender or socio-economic status. Learn more about the City of Phoenix's efforts to raise awareness and eradicate human trafficking in our communities.

Human traffickers often target people they know, like family members or partners. During this month of January, learn how to get involved and raise awareness to end the exploitation. Learn how to recognize and safely report human trafficking. The City of Phoenix has a plan aimed at eradicating human trafficking in our communities. [Click here for more information.](#)

Thank you for reading and sharing the January Neighborhood News with family, friends, and neighbors. As always, please contact our office for your comments, questions, and concerns, at [\(602\) 262-7446](tel:6022627446) or council.district.5@phoenix.gov. For regular updates, follow us on our social media accounts by clicking on the icons below.



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