



## **District 5 Residents and Friends,**

Hope you are staying cool and healthy this summer. As students return to classes and City Council meetings resume, we are continuing our community engagement and connecting residents to resources and services. In this edition, learn about a fun community park event, Street Transportation Road Safety Action Plan, the Parks & Recreation Phoenix Afterschool Program, new paid parental leave, and other resources.

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## **Back to School Backpack Giveaway Success**



Thanks to all our sponsors, community partners, and especially, the students and their families who made our second annual Back to School Backpack Giveaway a huge success.

Even in the extreme heat and the sudden heavy rain, we provided 1,000 backpacks and \$13,000 in gift cards for uniforms and accessories. We appreciate our amazing hosts, the Parks & Recreation Department and the American Family Fields of Phoenix, as well as La Indiscreta 106.7 FM for providing the live music, inflatables for the kids, and many booths.

Thanks to the generous contributions of our sponsors, we were able to support hundreds of families in need.



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**"Celebrating Our Encanto" at Mariposa Park**

CELEBRATING OUR  
**ENCANTO**  
COMMUNITY EVENT

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2022**  
MARIPOSA PARK - 3150 W MORTEN AVE

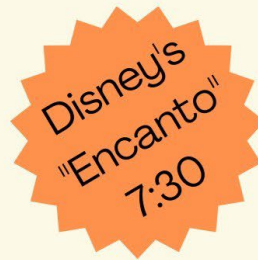
**EVENTS 5:30PM • MOVIE 7:30PM**

FAMILY GAMES • WATER BOTTLE COLLECTION DRIVE  
TRAIN RIDES • INFORMATIONAL TABLING  
"ENCANTO" MOVIE NIGHT • FOOD TRUCKS

**RAFFLE • PRIZES**

ENTER TO WIN A GIFT CARD: RENEW OR BECOME A NEW NGSNA MEMBER  
OR BRING A CASE OF WATER FOR DONATION DRIVE

**FOR FULL DETAILS VISIT**  
[WWW.CELEBRATINGOURENCANTO.COM](http://WWW.CELEBRATINGOURENCANTO.COM)



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Our office is co-sponsoring with the North Glen Square Neighborhood Association and the Parks & Recreation Department to host the first of its kind "Celebrating our Encanto" community event.

Join us at Mariposa Park (3150 W. Morten Ave.) on Saturday, August 13th. Beginning at 5:30 p.m., various city departments and community groups will table to provide educational information and giveaways; at the same time, there will be children's activities, food trucks, music, and a raffle. The viewing of Disney's "Encanto" will start at 7:30 and end at 9:30 p.m.

The event will also be a water bottle collection drive to benefit distressed community members. [Please visit this website for more information.](#)

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## Road Safety Action Plan Survey



Understanding the importance of safety as a core function of the Street Transportation Department, and due to recent data trending in a negative direction, Phoenix is investing in a comprehensive Road Safety Action Plan (RSAP) that will further the city's current efforts and provide a framework and key strategies for safety enhancements citywide.

Street Transportation Department staff provided an update to the community about the comprehensive Road Safety Action Plan (RSAP) during the City Council Transportation, Infrastructure and Planning Subcommittee meeting on June 15, 2022.



Community members are encouraged to [watch the presentation](#), read the draft RSAP and then participate in the newest survey ([click here to view and take survey](#)). The survey will be open through August 31, 2022, and don't forget to subscribe to the Road Safety Action Plan e-mail list to receive project updates.

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## **Phoenix Afterschool Center Registration is Open**

# PAC 2022 2023

Supervised by recreation staff, participants will have structured, age-appropriate activities along with periods of supervised free-play. Program components consist of sports, games, educational enrichment, arts and cultural activities, civic and community involvement, and most of all, having FUN! PAC runs from out-of-school time until 6 p.m.

**PAC is not a licensed child care facility under ARS section 36-882.**

**For more information, please visit: [www.azleg.state.az.us](http://www.azleg.state.az.us).**

### PAC Expectations

- We have FUN and are SAFE,
- We keep hands and feet to ourselves,
- We listen and follow directions,
- We stay with our group,
- We walk at all times indoors,
- We use appropriate language,
- We are respectful of others and their belongings,
- We are courteous and respectful,
- We report bullying and harassment,
- We use inside voices when we're inside,
- We listen during announcements,
- We keep PAC clean,
- We try to use the restroom during group breaks.

### Scholarship Opportunities

PAC has **limited** scholarship opportunities available. Scholarship forms are available from PAC staff at each site and must receive principal approval. It can take up to 10 business days to process. Scholarships are typically awarded **one time** per school year. Children may attend once PAC fees are paid.



TTY 262-6713

### **REGISTRATION BEGINS**

**Wednesday,  
July 13  
at noon**

**Online at**

**[phoenix.gov/parks/pac](http://phoenix.gov/parks/pac)**

Or visit a City of Phoenix  
Community Center near you.  
[parks/recreation-and-community-centers](http://parks/recreation-and-community-centers)

### Program Requirements

- Participants must be at least 6 years old by the session start date, and no older than 13. If your child is registered, but does not meet minimum age or grade requirements, your child will be removed from the program and a refund **will not** be issued.
- Participate in large group settings.
- Follow oral instructions.
- Manage personal hygiene without direct assistance from PAC staff.
- Follow PAC program rules and expectations that ensure the safety, health and fun of everyone.

### Waitlist

If the site you want to register your child or children for is full, the system will give you the option to be placed on the waitlist. The waitlist is utilized on a first-come, first-served basis. Staff will notify parents if the waitlist opens.

### What We Do

- **Homework Help**... we provide time and assistance to complete homework on a daily basis
- **Educational Enrichment**...  
**Book Blast**: we provide books of all levels to read when homework is complete  
**STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math): we present STEM in a fun and interesting way  
**Guest Presenters**: our partners provide educational enrichment presentations
- **Physical Recreation**... we lead organized games, activities, and opportunities for children to play.
- **Social Recreation**... we offer time for children to socialize
- **Arts and Crafts**... we provide fun arts and crafts projects for children to take home

### PAC Fees

PAC fees have been determined based on each school's USDA FREE and Reduced lunch rate. Each site has been divided into four sessions to allow families the option to register by session or for the entire year. Please be advised, when registering by session no priority registration is provided for the remaining sequential sessions.

PAC Hotline: 602-262-7370

Registration for the 2022-2023 Phoenix Afterschool Center (PAC) program opened Wednesday, July 13. Supervised by Parks and Recreation staff, PAC participants from 6 to 13 years old have structured, age-appropriate activities along with periods of supervised free-play. Program components consist of sports, games, education enrichment, arts and cultural activities, civic and community involvement, and most of all, having FUN! PAC runs from out-of-

school time until 6 p.m. at school sites across the city. Please see the flier for additional information on our 2022-2023 program. Community members can register and learn more about the PAC program by [visiting this site](#).

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## Paid Parental Leave Approved by City Council

NEW:  
PARENTAL LEAVE IN PHX



City of Phoenix employees will soon have the option of paid time off for the birth, adoption, or foster care of a child.

Details in the  
#PHXNewsroom  
[Phoenix.gov/Newsroom](https://phoenix.gov/newsroom)



The City of #Phoenix just became an even better place to work with 12 weeks of paid leave for new birth, adoptive, or foster parents. The new parental leave benefit was unanimously approved by City Council on July 1st, 2022 and 480 hours is among the most generous parental leave packages offered by any local government agency. [Click here for details on this new program](#) for City employees. Looking for a new career? Check out [Phoenix.gov/Jobs](https://phoenix.gov/jobs).

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## Cooling Requirements in Rentals





Rental units must have reasonable cooling – it’s the law! Especially during our summer of excessive heat, it is crucial to maintain equate cooling for the residents' health and safety. There were 339 heat deaths in Maricopa County in 2021. Nearly 22% of those were people who were indoors with no air conditioning. [More details from Maricopa County Public Health here.](#)

Renters – talk with a Landlord/Tenant counselor if you have questions, or to report an AC violation: 602-262-7210

The Landlord and Tenant Program provides educational services and information to landlords and tenants. [Click here for more information.](#)

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## **Monsoon Safety and Free Sand Available**

In the desert, storms and flooding can strike quickly and lead to rapidly changing conditions. The Monsoon runs from June 15 to September 30; storms peak between mid-July and mid-August. To prepare for storms, [this page includes tips for Before the Storm](#) to protect your home, loved ones and personal property. Do you need sand ahead of the next storm? Bring your own shovel and bags to the following Phoenix park location in District 5: El Oso Park (3451 N. 75th Ave.).



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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) 262-7446 or [council.district.5@phoenix.gov](mailto:council.district.5@phoenix.gov). For regular updates, follow us on our social media accounts by clicking on the icons below.

