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District 5 Residents and Friends,

July has been a record-breaking hot month, but we continue our community outreach with exciting events and more resources for our residents! Read this month's Neighborhood News to learn about the Back to School Backpack Giveaway, summer outreach team, Heat Ready Phoenix, Fire Department application process, and PlanPHX General Plan survey.

The Third Annual Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway is Tomorrow



Join us this Saturday, July 29th, for our third annual Back to School Backpack Giveaway at the American Family Fields of Phoenix. Each year, we provide 1,000 school aged children backpacks, school supplies, and uniform gift cards, along with kids' activities and free live entertainment. In addition, this year barbers and hair stylists will give free haircuts, and there will food trucks selling shaved ice, ice cream and tacos.

We're grateful for our community partners: the Milwaukee Brewers, the Parks and Recreation Department, La Indiscreta FM, and the Cartwright and Alhambra elementary school districts. This event is made possible by our generous sponsors!

Summer Events with our New Team!



Our growing outreach team is staying busy with all the summer community events in July. Deborah (bottom left) is our new outreach coordinator who goes door to door and braves the heat to support residents in community improvement projects. Zul, (bottom right) is our new communications specialist, who manages our social media and creates digital content. In addition, a new group of high

school volunteers (back row) is joining our events and connecting with families.

They make our events more fun, so come to our next one and say hi!



Our Independence Day celebrations were special and exciting, especially after three years without spectacular fireworks show! On July 1st, the Light Up The Sky event at the American Family Fields of Phoenix was a huge success with thousands in attendance. On July 4th, the Royal Palm Neighborhood Independence Day Celebration was a nice early morning event with hundreds of community members.

Heat Safety and Heat Relief Network



When it's above 100° it's important to: Stay cool. Stay hydrated. Stay informed. Heat related illness is possible to those sensitive to the heat such as the elderly and homeless, individuals spending time outdoors, and those without effective cooling and/or adequate hydration. Even in the extreme heat on July 18th, our outreach team joined the We're Cool Volunteers team with the Office of Heat Response and Mitigation to provide water and resources to our unsheltered community in District 5.

The City of Phoenix is dedicated to summer safety and fun. Visit the Summer Heat Safety page to learn about summer safety tips, renter's rights to safe indoor temperatures, and the Heat Relief Network which offers free water and indoor locations to cool off. View Heat Relief Network locations that are BOTH hydration stations and cooling refuge locations for anyone needing to get out of the heat.

Pool Party and Extended Pool Season



We had a blast at our Washington Pool Party on Saturday, July 15th. About 200 community members joined the party and enjoyed this newly reopened pool, after three years of closure. In partnership with the Washington Park Neighborhood Association and the Parks and Recreation Department, residents beat the heat in this landmark pool while enjoying kids' activities with prizes.

Although many pools will close at the end of July, the extended pool season will continue through Labor Day at select pools. Maryvale Pool is one of the District 5 pools that will remain open during the extended season. Click here to learn more about what pools will stay open and their hours of operation.

Fire Department Applications Due Aug. 3rd



The Phoenix Fire Department is actively recruiting new hires. The application deadline closes on August 3rd! Apply Today! For questions, email recruitment.pfd@phoenix.gov. Become a hero and join one of the most competitive and exciting careers in the City of Phoenix. Click here to see current job opportunities for more information.

PlanPHX: General Plan 2023 Survey

The City of Phoenix Planning and Development Department is seeking your input on the 2025 General Plan! The General Plan serves as a comprehensive roadmap for the future physical development of Phoenix, based on the vision of its citizens. To help with this, Planning and Development has created two surveys.

Your participation in these surveys is crucial in helping the City identify "tools for action" with the established city-wide policy framework, which will enable the City of Phoenix to plan, prioritize and align its efforts for the next ten years.

Become an active participant in this important initiative by completing the planPHX surveys today: Phoenix.gov/PDD/GeneralPlan2025



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. For regular updates, follow us on our social media accounts by clicking on the icons below.



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