



District 5 Residents and Friends,

September was another busy month with many fun community events! The fall weather is finally here, so check out the latest information for upcoming events. Also, in this edition of Neighborhood News, read about exciting updates on the Gated Alley Program, the Caring for the Community Mental Health Program, and the trash and recycling collection day change.

Highlights of Hispanic Heritage Month



Thank you to the 6,000 plus members of our community that joined us downtown on Thursday, September 15th to celebrate “El Grito” in Phoenix! We had a blast dancing, eating, and officially kicking off Hispanic Heritage Month.

We especially appreciate all our sponsors, vendors, and partners that made this such an amazing evening. We look forward to doing it bigger and better next year!



Also, thanks to the Mexican Baseball Fiesta and our hosts, the American Family Fields of Phoenix, for bringing two nights of baseball and fun to Maryvale on September 23rd and 24th. I had the honor of throwing the first pitch at the first game! Finally, Councilmember Garcia and I were recognized at the ASU vs. Utah football game on September 24th as elected officials during Hispanic Heritage Month.



**Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods
(G.A.I.N.) Events**

FALL 2022 OCT EVENTS

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October is full of G.A.I.N. events throughout the district!
Join your neighbors for food, fun, and fall activities
for the whole family.



Saturday, October 15th

WEST PLAZA NA | Family Fun @ La Pradera Park
9am-12pm + 6830 N. 39th Ave.

EL CARRO VILLAS BW | Clubhouse Meetup
10-11:30am + 8219 N. 21st Dr.

PARKS & REC | Fall Fest @ Holiday Park
12-4pm + 4560 N. 67th Ave.



Saturday,
October 29th

ROYAL PALM
PARK

Fall Festival

5-8pm
8405 N. 15th
Ave.



Saturday, October 22nd

NORTH GLEN SQUARE NA | Community Clean Up
8-11am + 3200 W. Myrtle Ave.

ALTA VISTA BW | Info Fair
10am-1pm + 8503 N. 27th Ave.

WASHINGTON PARK NA | Family Fright Night
4-7pm + 2240 W. Citrus Way



We're excited to join the G.A.I.N. events this year and happy to support the neighborhoods that are hosting them. G.A.I.N. stands for Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods, and many groups registered their events in District 5. Check the list and bring your family and friends to the G.A.I.N. event nearest you.

Third Annual Maryvale Drive-Thru Boo



Maryvale Drive-Thru BOO!

3600 N 51st Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85031

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022

6:00 - 9:00 PM

Come experience Maryvale's Drive Thru Boo!
FREE special event at

American Family Fields of Phoenix

Dress up in your favorite costume, receive treats
from our community partners, all from the
comfort and safety of your vehicle.

Decorate your vehicle for a chance to win prizes!



Enter event traveling South on 51st
Ave turning right onto Whitton Ave

All participants must remain in vehicle at all times. No walk-ups will be accepted.

Obey all signs and staff direction.

Please call 602-262-5030 for more information



Join us for the third annual Maryvale Drive Thru Boo on Saturday, October 22nd from 6:00 – 9:00pm. Please bring the Halloween spirit with the whole family for free candy for the children, costumes, decorations, and a prize for the best decorated vehicle.

In the past two years, more than 600 vehicles and 2,600 community members enjoyed driving through the event with all the Halloween themed decorations and receiving candy from the various community organization booths and vehicles. If you are interested in hosting a booth, please call (602)262-5030.

Gated Alley Program Officially Expanded



For years, my council team and I have personally heard from neighbors about the problems in their alleys that are plagued with illegal dumping, vandalism, and blight. Since 2020, my Council team and I have worked to support residents throughout District 5 to gate fifteen alley segments during the pilot program, and I have advocated for the expansion of the Gated Alley Program. In this year's Budget Fiscal Year 22-23, it includes over \$600,000 for 45 new alley segments and a new position.

On September 7th, the Phoenix City Council unanimously approved the Gated Alley Program Implementation, and staff is currently processing forms already submitted by residents. This new process has empowered many new resident leaders to work with our office to begin addressing other

neighborhood issues. For these neighbors, this program is about more than putting a gate in an alley. It is about the residents taking back control of their neighborhoods to provide a safe and clean environment for their families.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

Caring for the Community Mental Health Program



Are you a Phoenix resident? You can get behavioral health treatment and services at no cost. Behavioral health services include mental health screenings, counseling and therapy, substance use treatment, outreach and case management.

It's okay to ask for help. Sometimes people who are experiencing mental health or substance use issues feel ashamed or afraid. But you shouldn't be. Services are available for individuals, adults and children, and families at many locations throughout the Phoenix area.

Call Mercy Care at 866-642-1582 or [click here to visit one of the providers](#) on the list

Trash and Recycling Collection Day Change



Starting October 3, many customers will have a new day of collection for their solid waste services including green organics, trash, and recycling. In an effort to enhance operational efficiency and customer service, the City of

Phoenix has re-routed its trash/recycling collection routes. To find your day of collection, please visit our website: [Find Your Trash and Recycling Collection Day - City of Phoenix](#)

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport is a Sustainability Leader among U.S. Airports



The Aviation Department was recently recognized by Airports Council International with Level 4 carbon accreditation, for our commitment to

reducing the environmental impact of airport. Phoenix Sky Harbor received the Level 4 “Transformation” rating from Airport Carbon Accreditation.

We are currently the only airport in the U.S. to have achieved the Transformation certification, and only one of three airports in the U.S to have achieved the Level 4/4+ rating tier. The accreditation recognizes transformation of operations from the airport and its business partners to achieve absolute emissions reductions. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Thank you for reading and sharing the September 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.