

District 7 Newsletter



Dear District 7 Resident,

It's back-to-school season for many students and parents across District 7, and personally, I'm ready to get back to regular council business at formal meetings starting on August 31st.

First up, I'm thrilled to share that Phoenix has secured two competitive grants set to improve mobility options in District 7 and fast-track our clean transit efforts: a [\\$25M grant to help us build a pedestrian bridge](#) and a [\\$16.3M grant to purchase low and zero emission buses!](#)

We're also seeing the re-launch of successful ARPA-funded COVID-19 recovery programs, and new ones, such as the [Airport Employee Child Care Scholarship Program \[members.azffscholarships.org\]](#).

My office has been hard at work letting residents know that [now is the time](#) to give your feedback on the [2023 Go Bond Program](#). We hosted a community canvass in Estrella a few weeks ago where we distributed over 500 door hangers, and we are heading to Maryvale this Saturday! And on Tuesday, August 30, my office will be hosting [Maryvale Unidos: A District 7 Community Resource Fair](#) (more below).

Finally, and although we've seen\*\* plenty of rain these last few weeks, The Wall Street Journal recently joined my team, AZ Hugs for the Homeless, the Office of Heat Response and Mitigation and Volunteer Phoenix on a 100+ degree day for one of our usual heat relief outreach shifts – [read about their takeaways here](#).

We're almost at the end of this grueling heat season, and I'm proud of all that we have done to save lives this summer.

At your service,

Councilwoman Yassamin Ansari

**¡MARYVALE UNIDOS!**  
A DISTRICT 7 COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR!

Hosted by  
**COUNCILWOMAN YASSAMIN ANSARI PHOENIX DISTRICT 7**

**AUG. 30 4-8PM**

**GIVEAWAYS!**  
BACKPACKS, SCHOOL SUPPLIES, FRESH FOOD, AND GIFT CARDS!

**CITY AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES**  
RENT & UTILITY ASSISTANCE, JOBS & CAREER EXPO, MENTAL HEALTHCARE, FREE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS AND BUS/RAIL PASSES

**FREE FOOD BY** EL TORREDO  
**THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!** UNITED PHOENIX FIREFIGHTERS CHARITIES, CARPENTERS, goodwill  
**FUN ACTIVITIES** LIVE DJ, KID GAMES & MORE FAMILY FUN!

DESSERT WEST COMMUNITY CENTER (6501 W. VIRGINIA AVE.)

FREE VEGGIES

SPONSORS: UNITE HERE! LOCAL 11, ROAD SAFETY ACTION PLAN VISION ZERO, ACE, HEAD START, City of Phoenix, City of Phoenix PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, P&G, KEEP PHOENIX BEAUTIFUL, ARIZONA SCIENCE CENTER, AZ HEALTH ZONE

**August 30: D7 Maryvale Unidos!**

The District 7 team and over 20 partners are thrilled to invite you to [Maryvale Unidos: A District 7 Community Resource Fair](#) on August 30th, from 4-8 p.m., at the Desert West Community Center.

This event is an all-inclusive, family-friendly resource fair to help provide the residents of Maryvale with 1-on-1 support to navigate various programs that the City of Phoenix has to offer and community resources in their own neighborhood.

The D7 team will be distributing 2,000 free at home COVID-19 tests, 1,000 free bus passes, 500 free backpacks filled with supplies and 250 fresh food bags! There will also be free dinner, gift card giveaways from Goodwill of Central and Northern AZ, casework intake and more. Invite your friends, family and neighbors!

**When:** Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2022 from 4-8 p.m.

**Where:** Desert West Community Center, 6501 West Virginia Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85035

[RSVP HERE](#)

**WE'RE HIRING:**  
**CONSTITUENT SERVICES LIAISON**

**\$20 per hour**  
**15 to 25 hours per week**

**We're Hiring: Constituent Services Liaison**

PHOTOS: Councilwoman Yassamin Ansari, community events, and a woman in a red suit.

We're seeking a passionate and thoughtful person to serve as our Constituent Services Liaison! This is a vital role that allows our office to deliver exceptional services, plan community events and share critical information across District 7.

Please send your resume to our Community Manager, Jordyn Hodges-Wilson, at: [jordyn.hodges-wilson@phoenix.gov](mailto:jordyn.hodges-wilson@phoenix.gov)

[APPLY AND LEARN MORE](#)

**CITY OF PHOENIX**  
**BACKYARD GARDEN PROGRAM**

[APPLY NOW](#)

THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS IS OFFERING A **FREE** BACKYARD GARDEN TO 180 PASSIONATE COMMUNITY MEMBERS INTERESTED IN GROWING FOOD AT HOME. MATERIALS, LABOR, AND WORKSHOPS WILL BE PROVIDED AT NO COST.

**HOW DO I QUALIFY?**

**1 YEAR COMMITMENT**

**MEET INCOME REQUIREMENTS**

**LIVE WITHIN THE CITY OF PHOENIX AND THE FOLLOWING VILLAGES:**

- ALHAMBRA
- CENTRAL CITY
- ESTRELLA
- LAWEEN
- MARYVALE
- SOUTH MOUNTAIN



**HARVESTING:** PROGRAM PARTICIPANT WITH THEIR LEHR GARDEN ON APRIL 29, 2022

**PLANTING:** PROGRAM PARTICIPANT WITH THEIR LEHR GARDEN ON MARCH 31, 2022

- ✓ SAVE MONEY
- ✓ EAT HEALTHY
- ✓ LIVE SUSTAINABLY

**CHOOSE FROM 3 BACKYARD GARDEN SYSTEMS:**

**AQUAPONICS SYSTEM**



**GROW FRUITS, VEGGIES, AND FISH!**

**LEHR GARDEN**



**GROW FRUITS & VEGGIES!**

**TRADITIONAL RAISED BED**



**GROW FRUITS & VEGGIES!**

**APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED UNTIL AUGUST 30, 2022 AT 5PM.**

LEARN MORE AND APPLY AT [HTTPS://WWW.PHOENIX.GOV/DEP/BACKYARD-GARDEN](https://www.phoenix.gov/dep/backyard-garden)

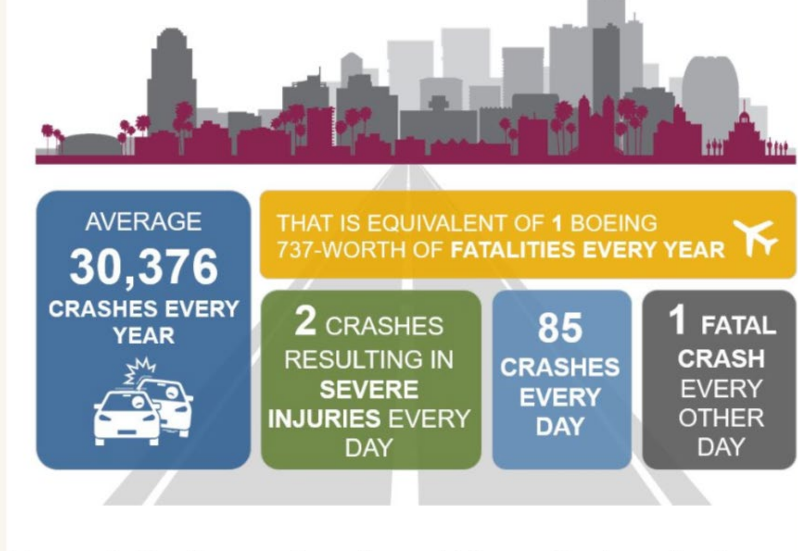
**Apply to Receive a Free Backyard Garden!**

The City of Phoenix Office of Environmental Programs is beginning the next cohort of the [Backyard Garden Program](#), where participants will receive, at no cost to them, a garden system, including training, support, and maintenance (as needed) for one year.

Thanks to American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, the program already supplied 92 garden systems to community members in the first year. In year two, the program will provide 178 households with either a traditional raised bed garden, a regenerative agriculture system called a 'Lehr Garden,' or an aquaponics system. Please submit your application by 11:59 p.m. on Aug. 30, 2022.

[Apply Here](#)

**ROAD SAFETY ACTION PLAN**  
**VISION ZERO**



**Road Safety Action Plan Schedule and Process**

**Road Safety Action Plan Feedback Open until Aug. 31!**

Want to address a dangerous intersection in your neighborhood? The Phoenix Street Transportation Department is developing a comprehensive Road Safety Action Plan that will incorporate the goals of Vision Zero. Vision Zero is built around a core philosophy that traffic-related deaths and serious injuries are preventable.

Community members are encouraged to read the draft Road Safety Action Plan and provide feedback by taking a survey. The draft plan and English and Spanish versions of the survey are available on [Phoenix.gov/RoadSafety](http://Phoenix.gov/RoadSafety). Please share your priorities by Aug.31.

- [Read the DRAFT Road Safety Action Plan](#)
- [Take the survey in English](#)
- [Take the survey in Spanish](#)

[Learn More Here](#)



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