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Happy Holidays!
District 5 Residents and Friends



We are grateful for the opportunity to serve Council District 5 during this challenging and exceptional year. Thanks to your support, we have accomplished so much for our district and the City of Phoenix. From 19North and Alhambra to Maryvale and Villa de Paz, we've made big improvements, but we still have so much work to do. We wish you and your families a safe and healthy holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Very Merry Maryvale Was a Success!



On December 16th, more than 300 kids and their families had a Very Merry Maryvale, thanks to our partners the United Phoenix Firefighters, Valley Hispanic Bomberos, City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department (staff pictured above), Cartwright School District #83, and the Milwaukee Brewers. Thanks to our generous sponsors who provided food and a gift for every child: El Nuevo Altata restaurant, Chicanos Por La Causa, Arizona Coyotes, and Labor's Community Service Agency

A special thanks to our sponsor Andy Barroway from the Coyotes for making this a special night at the Maryvale Community Center. Felicidad Catering served delicious tamales and champurrado made with love. In case you missed it, [click here for a short clip from Fox10News](#). We'll see you next year!



Each child received a gift and some lucky families won a big raffle prize.



The kids loved their visit and picture with Santa Claus (Andy Barroway).

Annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program



The annual Christmas Tree and Wreath Recycling Program began the day after Christmas, Sunday, Dec. 26, and continues through Saturday, Jan. 8, and features 16 drop-off locations. In District 5, Washington Park at 23rd Ave. and Maryland Ave. is one of the recycling locations.

The Public Works Department offers Phoenix residents several drop-off locations for their live Christmas trees and wreaths to be composted. Trees or wreaths may be dropped off at any of the participating Phoenix parks. Only live trees and wreaths are accepted, not plastic trees and wreaths. Trees and wreaths will be composted at the City of Phoenix Compost Facility. [Click here for all the details.](#)

COVID-19 Testing & Vaccination Van in District 5



The COVID-19 testing van is on the move throughout the District. We have several dates remaining in December and January so far, with more to come:

- Thursday, December 30, 2021

Mobile Van #1. Fry's Food Store

6601 W. Indian School Road. Phoenix, AZ 85033
7:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Registration recommended at:
<https://vincerecancer.com>

- Monday, January 3, 2022

Mobile Van #2 at El Oso Park

3451 N. 75th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85033
7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Registration recommended at: <https://premierlabsolutions.com/covid>

Click [here](#) for a full and updated list of all testing sites in Phoenix.

2021 Paving Season Report



Paving season began back in March when 55th Avenue received mill and overlay from Pinnacle Peak to Happy Valley Road. Paving season ended on November 1, with the completion of Grant Street from I-17 to 19th Avenue. 518 miles received paving treatments in 2021 (including all pavement treatments completed as part of the Accelerated Pavement Maintenance Program). [Click here to see the completed and pending maintenance jobs.](#)

Urban Agriculture Fellowship (Applications due 12/29)



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The Urban Agriculture Fellowship program is designed to train the next generation of growers within the City of Phoenix. Local Host Farms will train Fellows on various growing methods and expose them to all relevant aspects of the farm.

Eligibility

- Must live within the boundaries of the City of Phoenix.
- Must be 18-24 years of age.
- Must be available to work 20 hours per week (a total of 80 hours in a 4 week period) for 50 weeks.
- Must be able to lift up to 50 pounds.
- Must be willing to work in variable conditions in an outdoor environment.
- Must meet household income per the U.S. Housing & Urban Development (HUD) FY2021 limits as outlined in the application.

Benefits

- Workforce development opportunity.
- Gain one-on-one experience with a local farm.
- Earn \$15/hour for 20 hours per week.
- Implement resilient and sustainable agriculture projects.
- Opportunity to participate in Worker Cooperative Sustainable Food Business Program.

City of Phoenix employees and paid employees of the Host Farm are not eligible.

If you have questions or need help in completing this application, please contact phxfood@phoenix.gov or call 602-534-5378.

The City of Phoenix Office of Environmental Programs (OEP) is currently accepting applications for the new Urban Agriculture Fellowship Program as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Phoenix Resilient Food System Initiative. The fellowship is designed to train the next generation of growers who will represent the future of farm entrepreneurship, innovation, and business ownership in Phoenix. This is an exciting opportunity for up to nine City of Phoenix residents ages 18-24 to work with a local grower beginning January 2022. OEP is seeking passionate and diverse community members with an

interest in becoming a future grower and willing to make a yearlong commitment to the fellowship program.

The City has the capacity to match nine Fellows with nine City of Phoenix farms. Learn more about the Urban Agriculture Fellowship Program and submit an application online. **Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021.** For questions or assistance, contact phxfood@phoenix.gov or call (602)534-5378.

Youth Ambassador Exchange Program 2022



After a two-year program suspension due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Phoenix Sister Cities is accepting applications for the Youth Ambassador Exchange Program in 2022. They are seeking Phoenix students to apply and participate in this year's exchange. The Youth Ambassador Exchange Program is a life-changing opportunity for students to become part of a global community, learn about different cultures, and make great friends from around the world! Phoenix 10th and 11th graders selected to take part in YAEP 2022 will, pandemic permitting, travel to one of Phoenix's 11 sister cities where they will live with host families for three weeks in June.

Do you know a Phoenix sophomore or junior who would like to represent Phoenix next summer? Applications are open through January 9, 2022. Scholarships are available! Students and parents can learn more about the program at www.phoenixsistercities.org/youth-ambassador.

We are always looking for ways to improve our Neighborhood News. Take our [survey](#) and let us know what you think!

Thank you for reading and sharing the December 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 daily updates, follow us on our social media accounts by clicking on the icons below.



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