



# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

A Message from Phoenix Councilwoman Betty Guardado

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## Happy 2021, District 5 Residents and Friends,

We hope the first month of 2021 has been good for you, your family, and your neighbors. As our community still faces many of the same challenges of 2020, we have a renewed hope and motivation to continue serving our working families and small businesses. After the holiday break, we are back in City Hall connecting communities to services and information and equitably representing District 5.

In January's issue of Neighborhood News, you'll find a neighborhood highlight of holiday celebration, review of the City's work in 2020, a dedication to former Vice Mayor Calvin Goode who recently passed away, an introduction to the new District 5 intern, and important information about Phoenix water rates.

### Introduction of the New District 5 Intern: Noemi



Noemi is a Maryvale and Phoenix District 5 native, who graduated from Alhambra High

School, and is currently an ASU student majoring in Public Service and Public Policy. She is the Constituent Services and Community Outreach intern and is passionate about serving her community and amplifying the voices of the underserved neighborhoods. We're excited to support her growth as the next generation of local leaders.

### **Constituent Services Update & Highlight: Lucy & Jamie Ybarra**



In 2020, we closed **200 constituent cases**, including work completed to repair street potholes, alley trash pick-up, graffiti and blight clean-up, and small business outreach.

Maryvale resident Lucy Ybarra and her husband, Jamie, were grateful to receive support from our office. "It was a pleasure working with our Councilwoman's staff, Emmanuel, who was very professional, understanding and compassionate to my neighbors in helping them understand how to remedy the issues in our alley that will help keep us safer. Much appreciation to our Councilwoman Betty Guardado's office for her proactive and immediate concern for keeping our community safe."

Please contact our office for any questions, issues or comments, you might have.

### **Neighborhood Highlight: North Glen Square Holiday Parade**



North Glen Square neighbors organized the inaugural holiday lights parade on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020. There were 50 participants and hundreds of spectators. The eight-mile long parade route wound through as much of the neighborhood as possible, starting and ending at 31st Avenue and Glendale. It was an amazing display of light and community during dark times.



# Phoenix

## A Year In Review

# 2020



Last year, the City of Phoenix raised the standard on responsiveness to serve our residents in a practical and intentional way, especially during the public health crisis. The City Manager's Office created this informative video to review 2020. Click on the image or link to view: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bdemF0tXrJ0&feature=youtu.be>

Stay tuned for 2021 COVID relief updates, including a new mobile testing van coming in February. As always, visit [www.phoenix.gov/covidtesting](http://www.phoenix.gov/covidtesting), for free rapid results COVID-19 mobile testing van. Next time it will be in District 5 is this Saturday, January 30, 2021

El Oso Park 3451 N. 75th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85033 District 57:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Walk-Ups Welcome. Appointments at: <https://vincerecancer.com>

### **Parks & Trails Updates: New Washington Park Playground**



Parks & Trails continue to be open for use while following safety guidelines. Councilwoman Guardado and Parks & Recreation unveiled the new playground at Washington Park. Also, she interviewed the Acting Parks and Recreation Director, Cynthia Aguilar, to remind residents how to stay safe, while enjoying the parks. Check out the video: <https://youtu.be/-KjoaO0MRPs>

### **Remembering Former Vice Mayor Calvin C. Goode, 1927-2020**

Phoenix City Councilman Calvin C. Goode served a total of twenty-two years (1972 to 1994), as a representative to the Phoenix City Council. He was only the second African American elected to the Council. To commemorate his years of service to the city, a Phoenix municipal building, located at 251 West Washington Street, was named in Goode's



honor. The building is inscribed with a fitting tribute: "Guided by a deeply held belief in God and in the equality of all people, his lifetime exemplified a powerful commitment to improving the quality of life in Phoenix, especially for young people." Each year, the Calvin C. Goode Lifetime Achievement Award is presented during the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, for individuals who have promoted social and economic justice, defending civil rights and enhancing the dignity of all people. For more information:

<https://www.phoenix.gov/newsroom/article/1679>

### **January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month**

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## **WHAT IS SEX TRAFFICKING?**

**Human Trafficking defined: U.S. law defines human trafficking as the use of force, fraud, or coercion to compel a person into commercial sex acts or labor against his or her will or when that person has not attained the age of 18 years.**

[justice.gov]

**NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE: 1-888-373-7888  
FAMILY ADVOCACY CENTER (LOCAL ASSISTANCE WITH PROTECTIVE ORDERS,  
SAFETY PLANNING AND REFERRALS FOR OTHER SERVICES): (602) 534-2120**

January is National Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Human trafficking is a crime in which force, fraud or coercion is used to compel a person to perform labor, services or commercial sex. It affects all populations: adults, children, men, women, foreign nationals and U.S. citizens, and all economic classes.

Human trafficking is the second most lucrative organized criminal offense in the world. At least 100,000 American children under the age of 18 are victims of commercial child prostitution and trafficking. The average age of a child sold into prostitution in Arizona is 14. Human trafficking is a problem that affects our community 365 days a year. For more information about the Phoenix Compass plan to eradicate human trafficking, visit [www.phoenix.gov/humanservices/programs/strategicinitiatives/compassplan](http://www.phoenix.gov/humanservices/programs/strategicinitiatives/compassplan)

### **Proposed Water Rate Increase**

Join us at an upcoming Virtual Public



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## VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETINGS

### PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASE

Visit [phoenix.gov/waterrates](http://phoenix.gov/waterrates) to sign up for a meeting. All meetings will offer the same information.

Please email [watersmart@phoenix.gov](mailto:watersmart@phoenix.gov) with any questions/comments.

## Live Virtual Meetings:

January 27 at 6 p.m.

February 4 at noon

February 11 at 3 p.m.

February 18 at 6 p.m.

Spanish (Information will be provided in Spanish)



Please join us for a presentation followed by a question and answer session to learn more about the rate setting process, including the capital improvement programs and financial plans of the city's water utility.

Meeting to learn why Phoenix Water is recommending a water rate increase.

Phoenix Water Services is proposing a 6.5% water rate increase spread out over a two-year period. The meetings will offer the same information:

February 4 at noon

February 11 at 3 p.m.

February 18 at 6 p.m. (Info. in Spanish)

Sign up now: [phoenix.gov/waterrates](http://phoenix.gov/waterrates)

**Thank you** for reading and sharing the **January Neighborhood News** with family, friends, and neighbors. As always, please contact our office for your comments, questions, and concerns, at (602) 262-7446 and [council.district.5@phoenix.gov](mailto:council.district.5@phoenix.gov). And, for daily updates, follow us on social media accounts and click on the icons below. We'll see you in February!



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