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District 5 Residents and Friends,

October continues to be one of our busiest months of the year, with several neighborhood events, festivals, and a city-wide election. Read on to learn about Halloween and G.A.I.N. (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) events, the Go Bond election, the Grand and 35th Ave. transportation study, the council redistricting update, the Synergy Neighborhood conference, and more.

Free Halloween and G.A.I.N. Events



FAMILY FRIGHT NIGHT
2023

FREE GAIN EVENT! **MOVIE IN THE PARK** **FREE GAIN EVENT!**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21
4:00–9:00pm

Join us for a neighborhood **GAIN** Event with friends, community partners and local businesses. Enjoy a variety of activities for the family & cap off the night with a movie in the park!

COSTUME CONTEST • PRIZES
GAMES • FOOD TRUCKS •
SCARES & TREATS

Washington Activity Center
2240 W. Citrus Way, Phoenix, AZ 85015 • 602-262-6971

Featured Movie
Goosebumps

GAMES • FOOD • COMMUNITY PARTNERS
4:00–6:00PM

MOVIE STARTS
6:30PM

Thank You to Our Sponsors!
Washington Park Neighborhood Association
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Maryvale Drive-Thru BOO!

3600 N 51st Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85031
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023
6:30 – 8:30 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 fabulous prizes!

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

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Our office is co-sponsoring multiple free annual community events in partnership with the Parks and Recreation Department. Invite the whole family and your neighbors to join us at one of three fun-filled events.

Join us for **Family Fright Night**, a neighborhood G.A.I.N. event with the Washington Park Neighborhood Association, community partners and local businesses. Enjoy a variety of activities for the family & cap off the night with a movie in the park! Costume contest, prizes, games, food trucks, scares and treats start at 4pm at the Washington Activity Center (2240 W. Citrus Way) this Saturday, October 21st.

Experience Maryvale's annual **Drive-Thru Boo** at the parking lot of the American Family Fields of Phoenix (3600 N. 51st Ave.) at 6:30pm also this Saturday, October 21st. 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 fabulous prizes!



Next Friday, October 27th, stop-by our **Trunk or Treat at Homestead Park** (2602 W. Glendale Ave.). There will be free candy, music, inflatables and food trucks at a family-friendly park. Bring the kids and costumes and join us near the northeast corner of 27th Ave. and Glendale Ave. at 6pm until 8pm. We hope everyone has a safe and fun Halloween season.

GO Bond Election Voting Ends Nov. 7th



GO Bond programs help to fund infrastructure needs of City facilities such as parks, libraries, fire and police stations, affordable housing, streets and storm drains. Registered resident voters will vote whether to approve or reject the 2023 GO Bond Program during a special mail only election ending on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

Phoenix City Council approved the following allocations per program area totaling **\$500 million**:

- Arts & Culture - \$50,385,000
- Economic Development & Education - \$38,000,000
- Environment & Sustainability - \$26,000,000
- Housing, Human Services & Homelessness - \$63,000,000

- Neighborhoods & City Services - \$44,615,000
- Parks & Recreation - \$64,000,000
- Public Safety - \$132,500,000
- Streets & Storm Drainage - \$81,500,000

These allocations include many District 5 projects such as:

- Yucca Branch Library expansion - \$10.6 million
- Fire Station 15 & Community Assistance Program - \$21.4 million
- Maryvale Police Precinct renovation - \$3 million
- New Latino Cultural Center - \$21.7 million
- Maryvale Park Regional Pool and Two Splash Pad Sites - \$21.4 million

Remember to vote by mailing your ballot and remind your neighbors. [Click here to learn more about the GO Bond.](#)

Grand-35 Study for Street Improvements



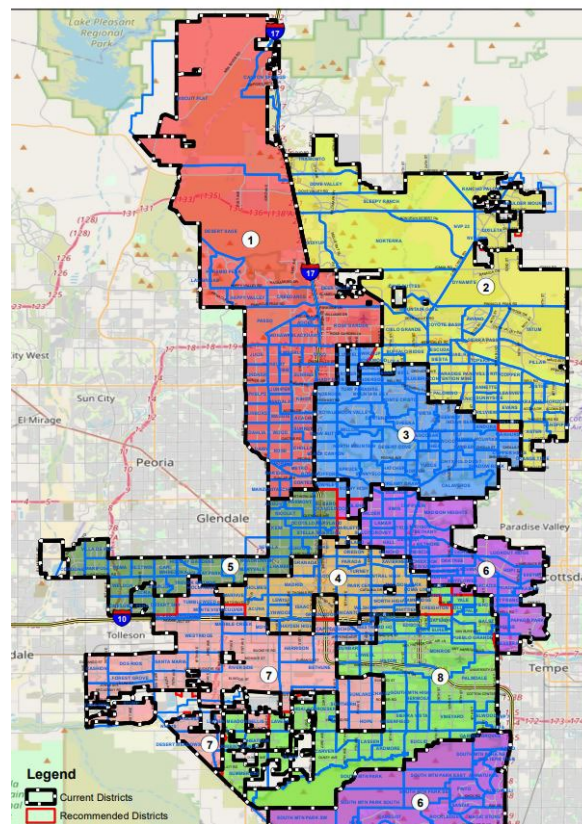
The Arizona Department of Transportation, in coordination with the city of Phoenix and Maricopa Association of Governments, is hosting a public hearing Oct. 25 to provide an opportunity for public review and comments on an engineering and environmental study for a proposed intersection improvement project at US 60 (Grand Avenue), 35th Avenue and Indian School Road (known as the Grand-35 Study).

Proposed improvements include raising 35th Avenue above Grand Avenue to create an elevated intersection, improving traffic operations, enhancing safety, improving pedestrian and bicycle facilities and reducing vehicle/train conflicts.

Please attend the Oct. 25 hearing and/or provide comments through Nov. 27. To learn more and submit an online comment visit www.adotgrand35study.com.

Redistricting Council Districts Approved

City of Phoenix - Recommended Plan 9-26-23



With a 9-0 vote, we're excited to announce that the changes to District 5's map were approved. While we are thrilled to welcome new areas like Desert Sky Mall

and parts of Maryvale, we will miss our friends in the Royal Palm neighborhood and the Christown Mall area who will join new districts.

We are grateful to the over 140 residents of District 5 who participated to make sure this process was truly community led and driven. The approved changes will take effect in January 2024. [Click here to see more details.](#)

Synergy Neighborhood Conference Awards



The inaugural Synergy Neighborhood Conference was a huge success! Special thanks to Neighborhood Services Department for organizing it and for the amazing neighborhood leaders who attended and are dedicated to improving our district.

Although there were so many we would like to recognize, we were honored to highlight two neighborhood leaders and one association/block watch: **Maribel Carrillo (Berkeley Square Neighborhood Association)** for “Up-and-Coming Neighborhood Leader, **Sarah Curtiss (Washington Park Neighborhood Association)** for “Distinguished Neighborhood Leader”, and **North Glen Square Neighborhood Association** for "Most Creative Engagement Project".

Domestic Violence Awareness in October



The City of Phoenix is proud to announce the 11th annual Paint Phoenix Purple campaign to raise awareness about domestic violence and provide education and resources for victims. Domestic violence is a serious, widespread, and dangerous health and safety challenge in our community. [To watch my public service announcement video, click here.](#)

By raising awareness about this issue, we can help victims get the support they need and prevent future cases from occurring. Paint Phoenix Purple is a City of Phoenix awareness campaign brought to you by a collaboration of more than 50 community, private, and public organizations. [Click here for more information on how you can help.](#)

New Chief of Staff: Miguel Medrano



We're thrilled to introduce and extend a warm welcome to our newest team member, Miguel Medrano, who joins us as our Chief of Staff. He comes with experience from city council, marketing, and political consulting.

Miguel was born, raised, and lives in the Phoenix metro area. One of his favorite things to do is watching his children grow. If you haven't already, I hope you will meet him soon at one of our meetings or events.

Thank you for reading and sharing the October 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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