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District 5 Residents and Friends,

Summer is here already! We want you all to stay safe, cool, and connected, so we're bringing you some programs to help. Check out all the exciting updates in this May edition of Neighborhood News, including hybrid format Council meetings, aquatics and parks summer programs, the heat respite shelter, highlights of the proposed city budget, and more.

Highlights of the New City Budget

THE PHOENIX CITY COUNCIL BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR 2022-23

Investment Focus: **Neighborhood Services**

- \$600,000 and 6 new positions for Neighborhood Services
- \$3 million and 15.5 new positions for Parks and Recreation and Libraries

Investment Focus: **Housing**

- \$1.5 million for Affordable Housing
- \$2.4 million and 10 new positions for Economic Development, Planning and Innovation

Investment focus: **Gated Alleys**

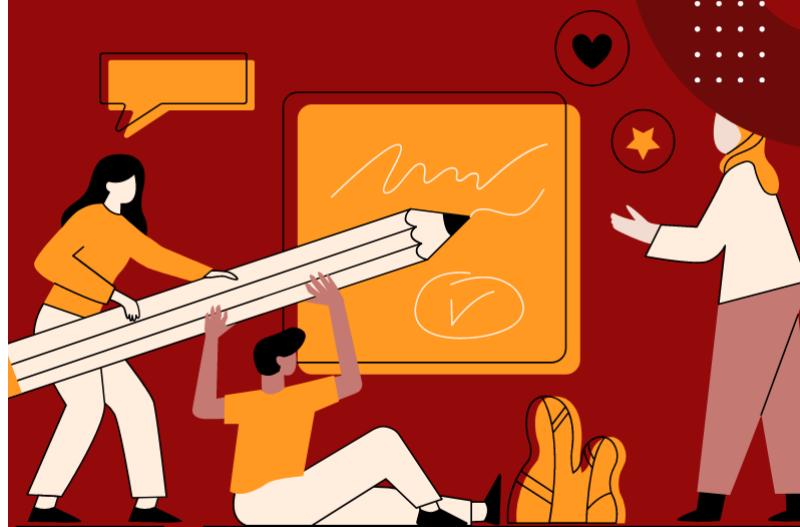
- \$627,000 and 1 full-time position

Investment focus: **Public Safety**

- \$6.9 million and 93 new positions

Investment focus: **Homelessness**

- \$3 million and 17 new positions



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COUNCILWOMAN | DISTRICT 5

During this year's City budget process, our office conducted close to 400 surveys

in both English and Spanish with residents from all over our district. The responses you each provided helped inform decisions among City Council, the City Manager, and City staff to craft this year's budget.

We heard your concern related to homelessness, housing affordability, public safety, street improvements, the gated alley program, neighborhood services, and much more. Thanks to your participation, we were able to advocate for additional funds and staffing to address these important issues and on May 17th, we approved the budget! [Click here to see the agenda with details](#)

Pools Opening and Swim Lessons Registration



[Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department](#) will operate 14 City pools this summer, with two in District 5:

- Maryvale - 4444 N. 51st Ave.
- Starlight - 7810 W. Osborn Rd.

Maryvale and Starlight are both Kool Kids pools, so youth ages 17 and younger will receive FREE admission. Admission for adults is \$3 and seniors (age 60 and older) is \$1.

Opening day is this Saturday, May 28, and pools will be open through May 30 for Memorial Day weekend. Pools will be closed May 31 through June 3, but will stay open from June 4 through July 31.

Cortez, El Prado, Encanto, Harmon, Maryvale, Paradise Valley, Perry and Sunnyslope pools will be open on weekends from 12-6 p.m. through September 5, Labor Day. [For a full list of pools and more details, click here.](#)

Swim lessons are available, but space is limited and registration is required - check for openings today! The complete swim lesson schedule for 2022, the Junior Lifeguard Program, and the Lifeguard Academy and instructions about how to register is available on the [Aquatics Programs webpage](#). Find more information about specific pool and office hours by calling 602-534-6587 or email aquatics.pks@phoenix.gov.

Heat Respite Shelter Saves Lives and Provides Services



The City of Phoenix has partnered with Maricopa County, Saint Vincent DePaul, and Community Bridges, Inc., to open and operate a new shelter that will provide day and nighttime heat relief for up to 200 people experiencing homelessness. The facility, owned by the City of Phoenix, is located near 28th and Washington Streets. The shelter is a closed campus, meaning there are no walk-up services and clients need to be referred to the facility by a caseworker.

People staying at the facility will have dedicated beds to sleep in, access to three meals each day, showers, and a secure place to store their belongings. Pets are also welcome. St. Vincent de Paul will operate the center and provide comprehensive case management services to each resident.

Staff will be able to assist individuals with obtaining identification, accessing medical and financial services, and connecting to employment and housing opportunities. [For more details and a video with interviews of shelter managers, click here.](#)

Summer Reading Library Program



Registration for the “Oceans of Possibilities” summer reading game is open at maricopacountyreads.org and the game officially begins on June 1st.

From June 1st through August 1st, participants log the minutes they read each day. If you log 500 to 1,000 minutes during those two months, you can earn special badges and prizes such as: free books, AZ State Park Passes, Phoenix Mercury tickets; free Rubios, Raising Caine’s and Peter Piper Pizza meals. And those achieving 1,000 minutes or more read are entered into a drawing to win a Family 4 pack to the Superbowl Experience 2023 and more!

Cool Pavement & Cool Corridors Programs



We're so excited for the [Street Transportation Department](#) to complete the new Cool Pavement and Cool Corridors projects in Maryvale this summer!

Phoenix is among several cities that are experiencing the urban heat island effect caused by asphalt collecting and retaining heat during the day and releasing it at night. In urban heat islands, nighttime temperatures can be as much as 22 degrees warmer than temperatures measured outside the heat island. Higher nighttime temperatures lead to more energy consumption, more greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution, and other harmful effects.

Cool pavement combats the heat island effect by reflecting the sunlight that hits it, reducing the amount of heat it retains. This can reduce temperatures and cool neighborhood areas that have little shade from the sun.

Crews are scheduled to apply the next treatment of seal coat to the District 5 neighborhood streets of **Indian School Rd. and Campbell Ave. and 51st Ave. to 47th Ave.** in June. [For more information about the Cool Pavement Program, please click here.](#)

As part of the FY2022 City Budget, the [Cool Corridors Program](#) provides allocated annual funding to install irrigation and trees on approximately one mile of roadways within each Council District. The intent is to lower temperatures adjacent to city streets, create a more walkable/bikeable environment, and create more shade in our community.

In District 5, the median on **55th Ave. from Camelback Rd. to Indian School Rd.** was selected. Two hundred trees and two parallel paved walkways will be added. These much-needed projects will provide students and their families with a cooler and safer pathway to school and to the Grand Canal.

Head Start Registration Is Open



City of Phoenix Head Start Birth to Five Program provides comprehensive early childhood development and family support services to income-eligible families with children ages 0-5 and at-risk pregnant women. The program has an emphasis on school readiness through early learning opportunities that promote strong child outcomes in the areas of social and emotional development, language, cognitive, early reading, science, math, and physical development. [For more information and to apply to click here](#) or call 602-262-4040.

Council Meetings are Now Accessible in Person



City Council meetings are now even MORE accessible! In-person attendance resumed on May 3, 2022, and members of the public are once again welcome to come to Council Chambers at 200 W. Jefferson Street for any public meetings. Plus, You STILL have the option to participate virtually (via Webex) or over the phone. [Get more details from this attendance option guide](#)

Giving public comment at the Chambers is EASY! [There are four “how to videos” to guide you on the updated procedure](#), which are also available in Spanish.

We hope to see you at the next meeting, whether in person or virtually.

Thank you for reading and sharing the May 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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