



District 5 Residents and Friends

We are in the middle of the summer heat, but there continue to be many events and updates for you including:

- West Phoenix Light Rail Extension Open House - June 24th
- Light Up the Sky fireworks celebration - July 2nd
- AZ shopping cart bill passage affects neighborhoods
- 602 Day celebrations in District 5 on June 2nd
- Summer reading program and movie in the park
- Thank you for 7th Anniversary of my Council Inauguration.

Thank You for 7th Inauguration Anniversary



June 6th was the 7th anniversary of my first inauguration (pictured below). Thank you, District 5, for trusting me *three times* to serve, advocate, and fight for our neighborhoods every day. Together, we've made historic investments, strengthened our community, and created opportunities for future generations.

I'm so grateful to look back at how many accomplishments we have achieved. From planting **3,000 new trees** and supporting **35 neighborhood speed humps**, to installing **650 alley gates**, we have focused on delivering real improvements that residents can see and feel every day. Some of our favorite highlights include the opening of the lighted and signalized paved path, [Grand Canalspace from 47th Ave. to 75th Ave.](#) and the groundbreaking of the education and workforce collaborative, [Innovation 27 at Northern Ave. and Black Canyon Hwy.](#)

The past seven years also brought significant infrastructure upgrades and economic investment, including **30.74 miles of street improvements**, completed **96.25 miles of new pavement projects**, repaired more than **4,400 feet of sidewalk**, installed **4,385 ADA ramps**, added **17 new HAWKs**, built or upgraded **35 traffic signal intersections**, and placed **227 new streetlights**. Major growth in core industries—especially healthcare—has generated more than **\$90 million in capital investment and created 609 new jobs with strong annual wages**.

It's a moment of celebration for the entire community and a reminder of what can be achieved, but also motivation to keep moving forward, because we have so much more work to do. Thank you for your continued support and working with city staff and my office to improve our district.



West Phoenix Light Rail Open House

YOU'RE INVITED

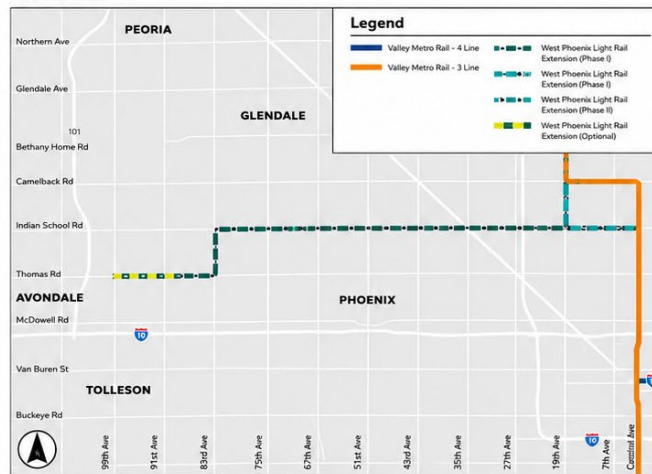
Join us for an open house to learn more about the West Phoenix Light Rail Extension. This meeting is a continued conversation aimed at hearing your hopes for this major infrastructure project from design through construction.



ATTENDEES WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO

- Share what's important to you, one-on-one with Valley Metro® and City of Phoenix staff
- Provide current contact information, preferred language and method of communication for future project notifications

Project Route



JOIN US

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

6–8 p.m.

Maryvale High School Cafeteria
3415 N. 59th Avenue,
Phoenix, AZ 85033



Scan & learn more

Please share this invitation with anyone on or near the preferred route.



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Join me and my team for an important light rail meeting for Maryvale and all of West Phoenix. The Valley Metro's West Phoenix Light Rail Extension Open House will be on Wednesday, June 24, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Maryvale High School (3415 N 59th Ave. Phoenix 85003). [Click here for all the details.](#)

This is an opportunity for residents and business owners to learn more about the recently approved Maryvale light rail extension and share their ideas for this important project. Valley Metro and City staff will be available to answer questions,

and we want to hear directly from the community as we continue planning for the future of west Phoenix. This is an exciting time to be a part of a transformative mass transit infrastructure that I was proud to support when the City Council approved the extension early this year in January.

Light Up the Sky Fireworks Celebration

A promotional poster for the 'Light Up the Sky' event. The background is a dark blue night sky with purple and white fireworks. At the top, there are logos for 'PHX PLAYS' (Phoenix Parks & Recreation) and 'AMERICAN 250 PHOENIX'. The main title 'LIGHT UP THE SKY' is in large, bold, white and red letters with a starburst effect. Below the title is a graphic of a stadium with 'PHOENIX PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT' written on its base. The text 'FREE FAMILY EVENT' is in large, red, italicized letters. The date and time 'THURSDAY, JULY 2 | 6:30-9:30 P.M.' is in white. Below that, two key events are listed: 'MILITARY FLYOVER AT 6:45PM' and 'FIREWORKS SHOW AT 9:10PM', both flanked by stars. The venue 'AMERICAN FAMILY FIELDS OF PHOENIX' is in white. The address '3600 N. 51ST AVE PHOENIX, AZ 85031' is in red. A URL for prohibited items is provided. Contact information for questions is at the bottom. Four red stars with white text are placed around the central text: 'INFLATABLES' (top left), 'FOOD FOR SALE' (top right), 'ENTERTAINMENT' (bottom left), and 'ACTIVITIES' (bottom right). At the bottom of the poster are logos for the Milwaukee Brewers, American Family Fields of Phoenix, and Betty Guardado, Councilwoman District 5.

PHX PLAYS
AMERICAN 250 PHOENIX

LIGHT UP THE SKY

PHOENIX PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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★ **MILITARY FLYOVER AT 6:45PM** ★

★ **FIREWORKS SHOW AT 9:10PM** ★

AMERICAN FAMILY FIELDS OF PHOENIX

FREE PARKING:
3600 N. 51ST AVE
PHOENIX, AZ 85031

FOR A LIST OF PROHIBITED ITEMS, PLEASE VISIT
[HTTPS://WWW.MLB.COM/BREWERS/SPRING-TRAINING/TRIP-PLANNING](https://www.mlb.com/brewers/spring-training/trip-planning)

FOR QUESTIONS:
602-262-5030 OR PKS.MARYVALE.CC@PHOENIX.GOV

INFLATABLES
FOOD FOR SALE
ENTERTAINMENT
ACTIVITIES

MILWAUKEE BREWERS
AMERICAN FAMILY FIELDS OF PHOENIX
Betty Guardado
COUNCILWOMAN | DISTRICT 5

Mark your calendars for the annual Light Up the Sky on Thursday, July 2, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at American Family Fields of Phoenix (**3600 N 51st Ave. Phoenix AZ 85031**). This FREE family-friendly celebration will feature live entertainment, games, food and beer vendors, a kids' zone, misters to stay cool, and one of the best fireworks shows in the city beginning at 9:10 p.m.

Make sure you come early this year, because of the new addition this year, there will be a **military fly over at 6:45PM** to celebrate our country's 250th birthday! I'm

excited to once again partner with our Parks and Recreation Department and the Milwaukee Brewers to bring this great event to Maryvale.

Shopping Cart Bill Passage Hurts Neighborhoods



How to Report Abandoned Shopping Carts

NSD

myPHX311
Access our services through your smartphone or the web by navigating to myPHX311.

Phone
Call (602) 534-4444 and select option 1 after the language option.

Email
Report via email at shopping.carts.nsd@phoenix.gov.

More Information:
phoenix.gov/shoppingcarts

A bill that was recently passed at the State Capitol, [HB 2460 \(business property; theft; penalties; prohibition\)](#), would affect the City of Phoenix's recently updated shopping cart ordinance. Over the past several years, residents have noted increasing numbers of abandoned shopping carts left on sidewalks, near transit stops, and in neighborhood alleys. In response, the Phoenix City Council adopted updated requirements earlier this year to encourage retailers to secure their carts and retrieve them promptly when they leave store property. [Click here to learn more.](#) **Since the update, the City has reported a 94% reduction in the number of**

carts collected through its new retrieval program.

If enacted, **HB 2460** stops cities and counties from fining businesses when customers steal items like shopping carts, baskets, or other movable property meant for temporary use. The bill could affect the City's ability to continue working directly with retailers on retrieval efforts and may influence future approaches to managing cart-related concerns in public spaces.

Make Your Voice Heard and Ask the Governor to Veto the Bill:

- Call or email the **Governor's Office at: 602-542-4331** | khobbs@az.gov
- Let her know how important Phoenix's recent shopping cart ordinance is and your personal experience with abandoned carts in your community.
- Emphasize that **HB 2460 would end Phoenix's shopping cart ordinance and the City's ability to hold bad actors accountable.**
- A short email or phone call from constituents makes a meaningful difference.

Thank you for staying engaged and for everything you do to strengthen our city.

Movie After Dark at Mariposa Park



Movie
NIGHT



MARIPOSA PARK
3150 W MORTEN AVE

SATURDAY - JUNE 13
7:45 PM



*Join your neighbors,
and bring friends,
family, and good
vibes!*

What to Bring:

- Blankets and lawn chairs
- Your favorite beverage and snacks



Free to attend



Come and join us for a Movie in the Park! The **movie will start 7:45 pm at Mariposa Park. Come earlier to enjoy the splash pad to beat the heat, then stay for treats and a fun family movie.**

Bring your blanket or chairs. Help activate and use our beautiful park as it should be to keep it clean and safe. This event is free and please share with your family and friends. We'll see you there.

602 Day Worker & Small Biz Appreciation

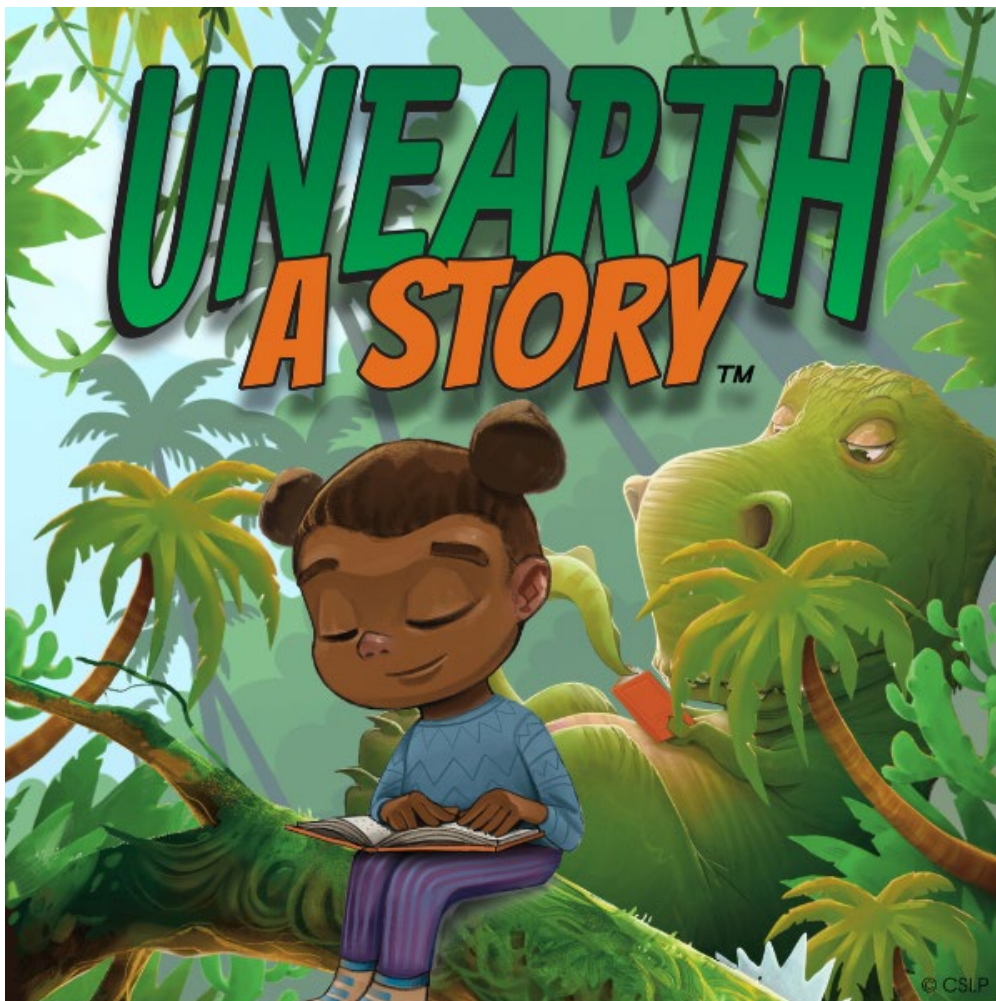


We kicked off the 602 Day celebrations with fun employee party at the Washington Activity Center! Workers hung out, won prizes, and even got the chance to dunk their bosses—yes, really. Special thanks to City leadership for being good sports in the dunk tank. And of course, we sponsored the tacos for everyone to enjoy a delicious lunch. It was the perfect way to celebrate the employees who keep Phoenix running strong.



602 Day is also about celebrating the local small businesses that make Phoenix and District 5 shine. We toured District 5 to check out all the special 602 Day deals and support our favorite neighborhood spots by shopping, dining, and exploring local tomorrow. Some of our favorites were El Cafezito, Mariscos el Nuevo Altata and JMG Salon. Let's keep celebrating everything that makes the 602 proud.

Library Summer Reading Program



Phoenix Public Library invites you to join the 2026 Summer Reading Game, Uneath a Story, running June 1 through July 20. This free program encourages readers of all ages to explore books and complete fun literacy activities while earning exciting prizes. Getting started is easy: sign up beginning May 1 at [MaricopaCountyReads.org](https://www.maricopacountyreads.org), then read 20 minutes a day or complete activities to earn points. The more points you

earn, the more prizes you win. Visit [PhoenixPublicLibrary.org](https://www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org) to learn more and start your summer reading journey.

Thank you for reading and sharing the June 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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