

# PHX CONNECT

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All month long the City of Phoenix will be celebrating Black History Month by featuring local individuals who contributed to our community. Jesse Owens was a legendary track and field athlete and humanitarian. He moved to Phoenix in 1972 and left a lasting impact. Jesse's four Olympic gold medals are often showcased at local track meets to inspire student athletes.



Be part of “A Seat at the Table: African Americans Today”. This moderated panel will explore and reflect on the contemporary experiences of African Americans in the workplace. Speakers include Jeff Barton, City Manager; Titus Mathew, Housing Department Director and many more of the City’s leadership. Learn more at [aznfbpa.org](https://aznfbpa.org).

#### Details:

- ♦ Feb. 20 | 11 a.m. - noon
- ♦ Phoenix City Hall, Assembly Rooms
- ♦ Register at PHXYou, event code **BPA106-ILT A** Seat At The Table to earn triple cultural competency points

## CELEBRATION OF AFRO-LATINO CULTURE

Join us for Black History Month Afro-Latino Culture



celebration. Attend the event featuring a special performance by Kawambe Omowale and food trucks. The event is supported by NFBPA and Phoenix Hispanic Network.

#### Details:

- ♦ Feb. 13 | 11 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.
- ♦ City Hall Assembly Rooms and Employee Entrance
- ♦ Food Trucks 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- ♦ Performance 11:30 a.m. - noon
- ♦ Register at event or at PHXYou, code: **BPA105-ILT**



National Forum  
for Black  
Public  
Administrators  
(NFBPA)

### EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GROUP

## SPOTLIGHT

**WHAT IS YOUR FOCUS?**

The NFBPA is a professional membership organization dedicated to the advancement of Black leadership in the public sector, within the field of public administration and executive positions.

**CONTACT:** [nfbpacac@phoenix.gov](mailto:nfbpacac@phoenix.gov)

**WEBSITE:** <https://aznfbpa.org/>



**NFBPA**  
National Forum for Black Public Administrators  
Arizona

2024 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

**BOLD**  
BUILDING OUR LEADERS THROUGH DEVELOPMENT

**MARCH 1, 2024**  
MESA CONVENTION CENTER

\$50 NFBPA CAC MEMBERS | \$100 NON-MEMBERS

Presented by **amazon**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**  
Milton Dohoney, Jr.  
Author, "It Always Begins With Leadership"

*Register Today!*

## EARN AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Advance your education by earning an associate degree (AAS) through a unique program that's been developed especially for you. The City of Phoenix partnership with Phoenix College gives you the ability to start or continue an AAS degree without commuting to campus. These 8-week classes are held once a week at the Calvin C. Goode Building. If you have questions about this program, the City and Phoenix College will be hosting informational sessions. You can join the sessions at any point within the scheduled time to ask questions or to speak with an academic advisor. Session times and links:

- ♦ **Session # 1 Meeting Link:** Feb. 13 | 10-11 a.m.
- ♦ **Session # 2 Meeting Link:** Feb. 21 | 10-11 a.m.
- ♦ **Session # 3 Meeting Link:** Feb. 29 | 10-11 a.m.

For more information contact Quentin Colter at [quentin.colter@phoenix.gov](mailto:quentin.colter@phoenix.gov).

## HR BENEFITS WEBSITE

Did you know that the City has a public-facing benefits website? This website contains helpful information about employee benefits like quick videos on benefits terms, a library of important documents related to qualified life events and benefits plan information, and contract information for all benefits. Check out [phoenix.gov/hr/benefits/](https://phoenix.gov/hr/benefits/)

## PHX SKY HARBOR MILESTONE



2023 was the busiest year ever in the history of Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. More than 48.8 million travelers passed

through the airport, which surpassed the previous record of 46.3 million passengers in 2019. This capped off a year which included a record-breaking day for passenger traffic, 21 new destinations, two new airlines, national and international honors, and many new innovations. See the press release for more on the significant milestone at <https://www.skyharbor.com/>.

## VALENTINE'S DAY PRAISE

City of Phoenix Employees for Christ (COPEFC) invites you to join them for "Valentine's Day Praise".

- ♦ Feb. 14 | 12 – 1 p.m.
- ♦ Calvin C. Goode Bldg. 10th Floor Coronado Room
- ♦ Food, fellowship, and video message by Francis Chan, Crazy Love- Overwhelmed by a Relentless God



Please RSVP by Feb. 13 to [copefc@phoenix.gov](mailto:copefc@phoenix.gov).

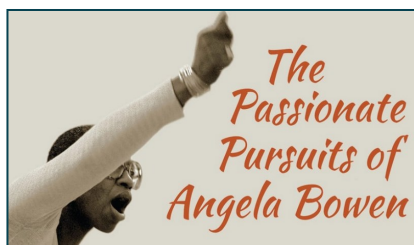


Join us for the next LGBTQ film discussion. ***The Passionate Pursuits of Angela Bowen*** provides a window into the life of Angela Bowen, a woman who grew up in inner city Boston during the Jim Crow era and went on to become a classical ballerina, legendary dance teacher, black lesbian feminist activist organizer, writer and professor.

Participants are encouraged to watch the film before the discussion on [kanopy.com](https://www.kanopy.com). Films are not shown during discussion sessions.

#### Details:

- ◆ Feb. 15 | noon
- ◆ Virtual Meeting Room. The link will be sent to you upon completing registration
- ◆ Register at **PHXYou**, event code: **LEA100-VLT-LGBTQ Film (Course ID # 118503)**
- ◆ Earn three cultural competency points





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**WORK**

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## TAX ASSISTANCE



Did you know it costs about \$300 on average to get your taxes prepared by a professional? You can **SAVE** that money this tax season by using the City of Phoenix's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. There are three ways you can file for free:

1. **Do It Yourself:** Prepare your own state and federal tax returns using our free online software and get help from a VITA tax volunteer. (For individuals and families who make less than \$79,000/year.)
2. **In-Person Assistance:** Make an appointment to work with an IRS-certified tax preparer to file your returns. (For individuals and families who make less than \$64,000/year.)
3. **MyFreeTaxes.com:** Complete your own taxes for free online at home using a self-paced, step-by-step guide to file your returns. IRS-certified tax volunteers are available to help through online chat.

Learn more or make an appointment today:  
[Phoenix.gov/TaxHelp](https://phoenix.gov/TaxHelp)

## CELEBRATE THE LUNAR YEAR

Join the Phoenix Asian League (PAL) for a lunch networking event to welcome the Year of the Dragon on Feb. 14, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Calvin Goode Building, 10th floor. Asian cuisine catered by [Bonzai Boyz](#), [Pinay Good Eats](#), and [Thai Recipe Bistro](#). FREE lunch to current PAL members. Non-members can fill out the membership form at the event to enjoy the free lunch, too! There will be games and a drawing for tickets to the NCAA Fan Fest, Ronny Cheng's show, and many more! Plus earn triple cultural competency points.



Space is limited. RSVP by Feb. 12 at: <https://forms.office.com/g/6JtiBRE4v9>.



## PICKLEBALL WINNERS

Congratulations Dan Wilson, Communications Office, and Adam Walz, Parks and Recreation Department! They placed 1st at the City-wide Jan 26 pickleball tournament! Thank you to all of those who participated and attended the event.



## LISTEN OR WATCH NEW EPISODES:



## FEATURED JOB OF THE WEEK

### Police Civilian Investigator - Phoenix Police Department

**Pay Range: \$26.18 to \$47.01 per hour**  
**Hiring Range: \$26.18 to \$38.68 per hour**

(Pay range is the entire compensation range for the position classification. Hiring range is an estimate of where you can receive an offer.)

The Phoenix Police Department is seeking to fill multiple Police Civilian Investigator positions. This position is a non-sworn, unarmed position, and is actively involved in supporting sworn police in detailed/complex criminal and employee background investigations.

For more information, [visit the City's employment website](#) or log into eCHRIS. **Job code: 53240.** [Check out all current job openings here.](#)

## DID YOU KNOW

When it comes to your resume, it's important to include details about your accomplishments that can be measured. For example, avoid vague phrases like "team player" and instead highlight your accomplishments like "contributed to the XYZ project by leading X task and completing Y transactions. This decreased processing time for the City by up to 3.5 days." Providing detailed information helps support hiring leaders in evaluating candidates.

## LEAVE REQUEST

The following employee is accepting leave donations.

- ♦ **Nancy Morrow, Information Technology Services Department**

Use eCHRIS to make your donation to any eligible employees. See the full leave donation list here. [Leave Donation website](#) for a complete list.