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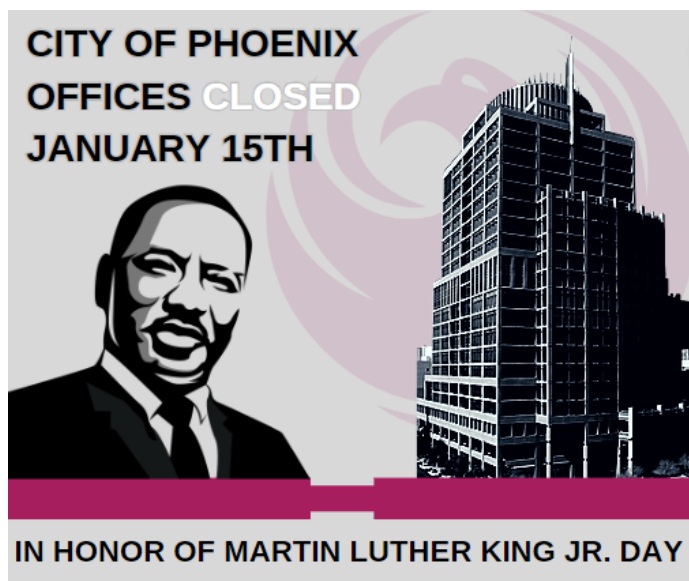
GET MORE ACTIVE IN 2024

The new year is the perfect time to try something different! If your resolution is to be more active, consider one of the fastest-growing sports: Pickleball. Phoenix Parks and Recreation has a variety of options for players of all skill levels.



Employees who are up for a challenge can test their skills in an upcoming pickleball tournament on **Jan. 26 from noon to 6 p.m.** (with supervisor approval if the event is during your normal work hours).

Use the QR Code to register online. Space is limited to 12 two-player teams. The City also has more than 80 [indoor and outdoor](#) courts where residents can [take classes](#) and play now through May.

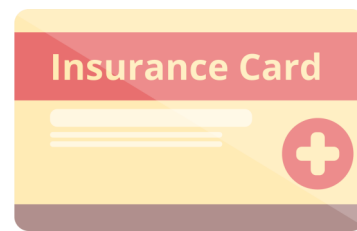


NEW MEDICAL ID

With a new calendar year, comes a new benefit plan year for City of Phoenix employees. This means your deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums start over. It also means it is time for a new member ID card.

Members enrolled in the City-sponsored **Banner Aetna HMO Plan** should receive a new member ID card this week. As a member, you can also access your card several ways:

- ♦ Access the Aetna app in the [App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#)
- ♦ Print a card at [myplanportal](#)
- ♦ Request a physical card by contacting member services at 855-220-6506



If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the City's Banner Aetna liaison, Magdalena (Maggie) Perez, at PerezM5@aetna.com or at 602-495-5724.

Members enrolled in the City-sponsored **BCBS PPO or Saver's Choice (HDHP) Plan** should have received the new member ID card in the mail. As a member, you can also access your member ID card several ways:

- ♦ Print a card at [azblue.com](#)
- ♦ Request a physical card by contacting (602) 864-4857 or (800) 232-2345, ext. 4857

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the City's BCBS liaison, Aimee Johanning, at aimee.johanning@azblue.com or at (480) 521-4350.

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LGHN CONFERENCE



There is still time to register for the Local Government Hispanic Network Conference! The conference will be held Jan. 17-19 at the Mesa Convention Center. You can register at lghn.org.

If you are using your EDF funds to attend, please email Vanessa Castillo for an invoice at Vanessa.Castillo@phoenix.gov. If you prefer to pay directly and get reimbursed, please log into LGHN's membership login page to pay online and receive an invoice.

If you have any questions, please contact us at phx.hispanic.network@phoenix.gov or LGHN President, Sam Tavares, at samantha.tavares@phoenix.gov. Out of EDF funds or need more to attend? Email Sam Tavares, Vanessa Castillo, or the PHN inbox for a PHN scholarship opportunity! We hope to see you there!

CHAIR MASSAGES AT CITY HALL

Free 10-minute massage (walk-in and signup available) will be available to all City of Phoenix employees on **Jan. 16** and **Jan. 24** from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at City Hall, Assembly Room A.



The sign-up sheet will be available at the time of the events, so come by and select the time that you would like to have a massage.

VEHICLE EMISSIONS NOTICE

To improve air quality and reduce vehicle emissions in heavily traveled areas, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality administers a mandatory vehicle emissions inspection program known as the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program. Please review this [Vehicle Emissions Notice](#).



If you would like more information regarding vehicle emission testing locations, costs or exemptions, please call the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Hotline at 1-877-692-9227 (1-877-myAZcar), or visit myazcar.com.

CONGRATULATIONS ELP GRADS



The Engaging Leader Program held its 19th graduation ceremony for City supervisors last month. The class featured 29 graduates representing 14 City departments.

The 5-month program broadens participant's leadership knowledge, skills, and abilities. This program starts by looking at self-awareness topics such as four dimensions that impact performance, personality types, and personal brand. Next, the group explores team awareness by discussing team brand, coaching and feedback skills, and team dynamics.

Then they move to organizational awareness by looking at leading change, delivering quality through teamwork, and continuous improvement. A group project is included which encourages participants to apply the concepts taught in the classroom.

Congratulations to Class 19!

COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

Celebrate the Arizona Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday at the 38th Annual Arizona MLK Awards Breakfast “I Still Believe in the Dream.” This annual event honors the winners of the Phoenix Human Relations Commission’s Calvin C. Goode - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. “Lifetime Achievement Award” and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. “Living the Dream” Awards.

The 2024 Honorees are:

Calvin C. Goode – MLK “Lifetime Achievement Award”

Mr. Dennis Prince, Sr.

MLK “Living the Dream Award”

Pastor Aubrey L. Barnwell

Mr. Kenny W. Harris

Mr. Jalen Herring

Mr. Essen Otu

Honorable Leah Landrum Taylor



Event Details:

- ♦ Jan. 12 | 8 a.m.
- ♦ Phoenix Convention Center, South Ballroom (33 S. 3rd Street, Phoenix 85004)

For updates and information about the event, visit: azmlk.org.

FEATURED JOB OF THE WEEK

2024-25 Management Fellowship Program \$27.49 per hour (\$57,179.20 annualized) & a comprehensive benefits package

If you or someone you know is interested in a rewarding and challenging public service career, the [Management Fellowship Program](#) is an excellent opportunity to work in a world-renowned, award-winning municipal government in one of the fastest growing metropolitan areas in the country. Fellows gain a wide range of experiences and learn about every facet of a large, urban, and complex city operation.

For more information, [visit the City’s employment website](#) or log into eCHRIS. [Check out the latest job openings.](#)

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know the City’s Parks and Recreation Department kicked off its Aquatics 2024 Season and is hiring for pool managers, assistant managers, and hundreds of lifeguards to safely open as many of the City’s 29 public pools as possible? [Learn more here.](#)

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