

PHX CONNECT

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JOIN THE CELEBRATION



Join us for the Black History Month kick-off celebration! Attend the street fair featuring music, food trucks, and arts & crafts. The event is supported by NFBPA and Arts & Culture. **Details:**

- ♦ Feb. 1 | 11 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.
- ♦ Marvin Gardens Plaza, East of City Hall Building
- ♦ Triple cultural competency EO Plan points
- ♦ Sign in at event or register at PHXYou, event code: **BPA100-ILT**

PROTECT SENSITIVE DATA

Jan. 28 is Data Privacy Day. This is an important shared responsibility across all City departments, because when we have personal information we have a duty to keep it safe. To celebrate, let's practice good privacy hygiene.



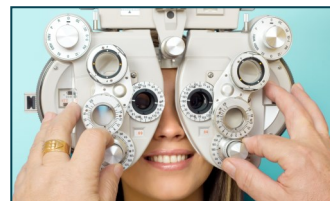
Be sure to protect any sensitive data of residents or employees and that you are following the records retention guidelines outlined in the city-wide Records Management Program. Together, we can make sure sensitive information doesn't get into the wrong hands!

ON SITE VISION EXAMS

Sight on Site will be visiting Phoenix City Hall on Feb. 20 and 21 to provide eye exams, eyeglasses, and contact lenses for employees. [Learn more here.](#)

- ♦ Feb. 20 | 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. or
- ♦ Feb. 21 | 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- ♦ Assembly Room A, Phoenix City Hall
- ♦ Register at soseyecare.com (Space is limited. Sign up ASAP.)

If you need a contact lens exam, Sight on Site needs a copy of your latest prescription so we can bring appropriate trial lenses. Email info@soseyecare.com at least 72 hours before the appointment, or upload it when submitting paperwork.



For 18 years, hundreds of residents from Chandler, Gilbert, Mesa, Phoenix, Scottsdale and Tempe have gathered at Tempe Town Lake to celebrate the annual Regional Unity Walk. On Saturday, Jan. 27 enjoy a short, one-mile walk that begins and ends at Tempe Beach Park with residents of neighboring communities. It's free!

The festival starts at 4:30 p.m. with music, food, and fun. The walk starts at 6 p.m. Get a free t-shirt and walk for unity, mutual respect and understanding. For more information, contact Shanna Archie at 602-534-1279 or shanna.archie@phoenix.gov.

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION



The Youth and Education Office is now accepting applications for the 2024 Outstanding Phoenix Youth Leader of the Year awards. This special award honors the outstanding achievements of young people, enhancing the perception of youth and raising community awareness of their positive contributions.

Each student will be awarded \$500 and two students will receive an additional \$1,500 cash (\$2,000 total!), as well as free admission to a summer leadership camp. The application deadline is **Feb. 23**, so apply now at [Phoenix.gov/Education](https://phoenix.gov/education)!

NEW COMMUNITY COURT



The City of Phoenix launched its new Community Court this month. It will provide long-term solutions and services for people experiencing homelessness as an alternative path to the traditional criminal justice system. Community Court allows those accused of misdemeanor offenses to connect with supportive services, specifically tailored to their individual needs, to help them resolve their legal issues and work to end their homelessness.

Join the **Conversation**



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MEDICAL ID UPDATE

With a new benefits plan year underway, employees enrolled in a City-sponsored **BCBS Saver's Choice (HDHP) or PPO Plan** may have already received a new member ID card. The insurance carrier recently updated the cards and will be issuing a **new version in February**. Members can already access the new member ID card several ways:



- ♦ Print a digital card at azblue.com
- ♦ Request a physical card by contacting 602-864-4857 or 800-232-2345, ext. 4857

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

City-sponsored **Banner Aetna HMO Plan** members should have already received a new member ID card. Additional options for accessing a member ID card include:

- ♦ Print a digital card at [myplanportal](https://myplanportal.com)
- ♦ 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 602-495-5724

PRESERVING PHOENIX HISTORY



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
**PRESERVE
SHAPE
BUILD**

Dr. Summer Cherland is introducing a student-led project aimed at capturing and preserving the

history of South Phoenix. The project involves interviews, analysis, and archival research. It aims to answer the question, "Where is South Phoenix?" and provides a guided driving tour of nearly 20 stops that are of historical significance.

- ♦ Feb. 6 | 12- 1 p.m.
- ♦ Register in PHXYou, Code **PDD118-ILT** (In-Person at Calvin Goode) or **PDD118-VTL** (via Webex)
- ♦ Earn triple Cultural Competency Points.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Join Phoenix Public Transit and Valley Metro at the **Northwest Extension Phase II**

project celebration, and be one of the first to ride the new light rail extension! This project adds 1.6 miles of light rail beginning at 19th Ave & Dunlap, crossing the I-17 to the Metrocenter area, where passengers will be able to access the new transit center with bus connections and a park and ride garage. **Details:**

- ♦ Jan. 27 | 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- ♦ Thelda Williams Transit Center | 9827 N. Metro Parkway East



YOUR CHANCE TO WIN

Congratulations Quintella McWilliams with the Parks and Recreation Dept! Quintella is the first winner of a \$50 Visa gift card. There is still time to win! As part of January's Human Trafficking Awareness Month, the Strategic Initiatives team is holding a total of four weekly drawings for those who complete the **CEASE AZ Human Trafficking 101** training course.



So far, 670 employees have taken the course! The gift cards were donated by the Arizona Anti Trafficking Network. There are three more up for grabs! Register at PHXYOU and help recognize and end trafficking in our community.

LISTEN OR WATCH
NEW EPISODES:



FEATURED JOB OF THE WEEK

HVAC / Mechanical Systems Technician - Aviation Department

Pay Range: \$26.18 to \$36.84 per hour

Hiring Range: \$26.18 to \$31.82 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.)

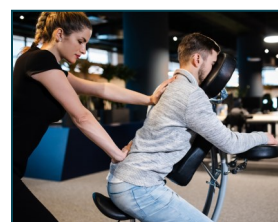
The Aviation Department is seeking experienced HVAC/Mechanical Systems Technicians (Building Equipment Operator I) to join our team. This is a highly independent role. Duties include performing skilled and semi-skilled work in the installation, operation, repair, and maintenance of heating and air conditioning systems/components and other mechanical equipment, including automatic doors/gates, pumps, air compressors, and fire/life safety systems, in one or more public buildings.

For more information, [visit the City's employment website](#) or log into eCHRIS. Job code 53025. [Check out the latest job openings.](#)

DID YOU KNOW

The Mobile Career Unit (MCU) bridges the gap between jobseekers and employers by providing targeted support, resources, and connections to potential job opportunities. The MCU operates out of our eight different library locations every second and fourth Wednesday of the month. MCU came about through the **2021 Global Bloomberg Mayors Challenge**. The City is encouraging the community to try it out and tell us what you think.

CHAIR MASSAGES ARE HERE



A free 10-minute massage will be available to City of Phoenix employees on **Feb. 6** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and **Feb. 7** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Calvin Goode Building, 10th floor.

The sign-up sheet will be available at the time of the event. Learn more at [fit4phoenix](#).