



All month long the City of Phoenix will be celebrating Black History Month by featuring local individuals who contributed to our community. Click the photo below to learn more about Calvin and Georgia Goode.



HIKE WITH A FIREFIGHTER HEAR FROM A PARK RANGER

In celebration of Black History Month, the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department, Phoenix Fire Department, and the United Black Firefighters Association are teaming up to host the 2nd Annual Hike with a Firefighter and Hear from a Park Ranger event at South Mountain.

Join us for this community event for people of all ages and abilities. **Details:**

- ♦ Feb. 3 | 9 a.m.
- ♦ Hike starts at 10 a.m.
- ♦ South Mountain Environmental Education Center, 10409 S. Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85042

There will be food, fire trucks, music, and community information. Employees who sign in at the event will also receive triple cultural competency EO Plan points.



Join us tomorrow 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**

BCBS PROVIDER UPDATE

You may have received [a letter](#) regarding Dignity Health's intent to leave the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona (BCBSAZ) network, effective Feb. 1. The City of Phoenix is hopeful that BCBSAZ and Dignity Health will reach an agreement. BCBSAZ commits to working diligently to keep them in network.



For more information, visit azbluefacts.com/dignity. Additional communication will be published in PHXConnect once a decision is reached.

Questions? Contact the City's BCBS liaison, Aimee Johanning, at aimee.johanning@azblue.com or at 480-521-4350.

LEARN TO GARDEN



Are you interested in doing more gardening this year, but don't know where to start? The City of Phoenix maintains a demonstration and pollinator garden by the Calvin C. Goode Building.

If you are interested in learning how to grow food, the benefits of pollinators, and/or gaining some hands-on experience with gardening (no prior experience necessary) please email ariel.lebarron@phoenix.gov.



RAISE AWARENESS

February is "Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month." The City of Phoenix invites you to join in raising awareness to prevent youth violence and encourage healthy relationships. The City of Phoenix



works closely with organizations to educate young people and their parents about dating violence, social media safety, sex trafficking, and consent. Follow City of Phoenix Strategic Initiatives on X (formerly Twitter) and Facebook

and visit our [webpage](#) to learn more about events and learning opportunities throughout the month.

Public Meeting

Join us!

Future Phoenix High-capacity Transit Projects




Join Public Transit and Valley Metro at these in-person and virtual upcoming public meetings to learn about future high-capacity transit projects in Phoenix!

- ♦ Feb. 3 | 9-11 a.m. | Burton Barr Central Library
- ♦ Feb. 8 | 6-8 p.m. | Desert West Community Center, Multipurpose Room
- ♦ Feb. 15 | 6-8 p.m. | [Webex link](#) | Webinar #: 2493 599 9907 | Password: 38887374

For more details, visit: valleymetro.org/phxfuture.

CHAIR MASSAGES ARE BACK

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](#).



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FEATURED JOB OF THE WEEK

Neighborhood Specialist – Neighborhood Services Department

Pay Range: \$60,028 to \$113,193 annually

Hiring Range: \$60,028 to \$76,627 annually

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

This position will plan, develop, and organize neighborhood organizations in community self-help and improvement activities. Assignments focus on areas and specialized projects within the city such as Graffiti Free Phoenix, PHX C.A.R.E.S., Gated Alley Program, Neighborhood College, Love Your Block, and other city initiatives. Responsibilities include educating residents and neighborhood associations on property maintenance and supporting neighborhood activities in City Council Districts. Many of these meetings require a flexible schedule to include nights, weekends, and some holidays.

For more information, [visit the City's employment website](#) or log into eCHRIS. **Job code: 53112.** [Check out all current job openings here.](#)

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know that recruitment periods have gotten shorter? Promotional job recruitments, such as internal recruitments, are only open for 7-10 days. External recruitments are usually open for two weeks. However, some can be requested by the department to open for a shorter duration.

LEAVE REQUESTS

The following employee is accepting leave donations.

◆ Dean Vigil, Aviation 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.