

We are always celebrating the rich culture and history of our community, but February is a special reminder to reflect on the lives of the many African-American leaders who have made our community stronger and more beautiful. In this issue, we highlight just a few of the people and places that helped to forge a path to equality.

As councilmembers, it is our duty to be accountable to you in ensuring that the City of Phoenix continues to provide the great services that you expect. However, our responsibility to you goes beyond just these necessary services. Holding ourselves accountable extends to the behavior of every individual elected official. That is why I have made it a priority to create and implement the first Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy to include elected officials. This policy provides a pathway for victims to speak out, and guidelines to address any misconduct of city elected officials who commit sexual harassment or other abuses of power. With help from Mayor Stanton and my colleagues on the city council, the City of Phoenix joined cities around the country in creating harassment-free workplaces by unanimously passing this policy yesterday, February 27th.

There are many exciting opportunities and events in District 8 this month and, as always, we invite you to follow us on Twitter <u>@TeamGallego</u> and on Facebook <u>@KateGallegoPhoenixCityCouncil</u> for up-to-date information happening around the district.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, I invite you to call our office at (602) 262-7493 or reach us via email at council.district.8@phoenix.gov.

Sincerely,

Councilwoman Kate Gallego 200 W Washington St Phoenix, AZ 85003 https://www.phoenix.gov/district8



Important Phone Numbers

Abandoned Vehicles 602-262-6151

Block Watch 602-495-0597

Neighborhood Preservation 602-262-7844

Illegal Dumping 602-262-7251

Domestic Violence 602-534-2120

Drug Activity 602-275-5886

Graffiti Busters 602-495-7014

Street Light Repair 602-495-5125

Pothole Repair 602-262-6441

Flood Control District of Maricopa County 602-506-1501

Eleanor Ragsdale | 1926-1998

One of the most distinguished activists, educators, and entrepreneurs in Arizona history. She began her career as a kindergarten teacher at Dunbar Elementary School. She later became a member of the local NAACP, Phoenix Urban League, and Greater Phoenix Council for Civic Unity. Through her activism, she helped desegregate Phoenix and led the way in desegregating Phoenix's Encanto District. Also, in 1953, she helped desegregate Phoenix high schools one year before *Brown v. Board of Education*. She negotiated political partnerships across race lines and was one of the most influential women in Arizona during the height of the state's civil rights movement. *Blackpast.org*





Lincoln Ragsdale | 1926-1995

Along with his wife, Eleanor, Lincoln was a leading activist in the battle for civil rights in Arizona. After graduating from Tuskegee flying school in Alabama in 1945, he relocated to Luke Air Field in Litchfield Park, AZ, becoming one of the first black pilots to serve at that installation. Lincoln "remembered when we (Tuskegee Airmen) used to walk through black neighborhoods right after the war, and little kids would run up to us and touch our uniforms. 'Mister, can you really fly an airplane?' they'd ask. The Tuskegee airmen gave blacks a reason to be proud." Their service also gave the 2.5 million African-American veterans of WWII incentive to believe that they could achieve much more in their communities and the nation. *Blackpast.org*



Aubrey and Winstona Aldridge House (1950) | 1326 E. Jefferson St. | The first African-American doctor to arrive in Phoenix was Dr. Winston Hackett, who moved to the Phoenix area in 1916. He was the first Black physician in the area and helped patients of all races. His daughter, Winstona, was born in Phoenix in 1917. She grew up to become a teacher, first at Dunbar School and then at Booker T. Washington School. She married Dunbar School Principal Aubrey Aldridge and moved into this home in 1951. *Arizona Republic*

Progressive Builders Association (1953) | 2019 E. Broadway Rd. | The PBA built homes in downtown Phoenix, giving many African-Americans their first opportunity to buy a brand-new home. The PBA purchased 16- acres from Kemper Marley in an area that had formerly been his cattle ranch. The acreage was located between 20th and 24th streets and from Roeser to Broadway roads, where the Park South neighborhood is currently located. *Arizona Republic*



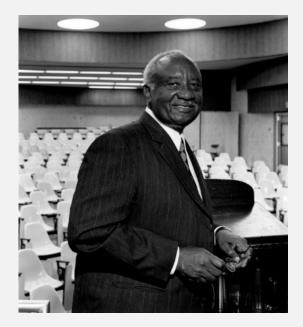


Tanner Chapel A.M.E. Church (1929) | 20 S. 8th St | Tanner Chapel is the oldest African-American congregation in Arizona, first organized in Phoenix in 1887. Some of the church members over the years have been leading Phoenix politicians and civilrights activists, such as former Phoenix Councilman Calvin Goode and the late legislator Cloves Campbell Sr. Also, Tanner Chapel is the only church in AZ where the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. is known to have given a sermon. In 1929, a formal church was built at Jefferson and Eighth streets and named to honor the late Bishop Benjamin Tanner. *Arizona Republic*

Cloves Campbell Sr. | 1930-2004

Campbell was born in Louisiana and moved to AZ in 1945 to earn a B.A. in education from ASU. He was elected to the AZ House of Representatives in 1962, and after two terms he became the first African American to be elected the AZ State Senate. Campbell became the first legislator in the US to introduce a bill calling for a state holiday to honor Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. The bill did not pass, but after two decades of struggle, AZ approved a King holiday in 1993. His community presence included service as a school board chairman, member of the boards of the Better Business Bureau, the Consumers Council, the YMCA Youth Center, president of the Maricopa County, AZ NAACP, chairman of NAACP West Coast Region I. In the late 1960s, he and his brother, Charles, purchased the Arizona *Informant* newspaper and reported exclusively on issues of interest to the African American community. It is still one of the longestrunning, and most widely circulated weeklies in AZ history. *Blackpast.org*





Morrison F. Warren | 1923-2002

Dr. Warren served in the Air Force in Germany in WWII and witnessed the atrocities of the Buchenwald concentration camp. It made such an impact that he made a promise that if he survived the war, he would dedicate his life to building bridges between races. He then studied education at ASU and starred as running back on the football team. He was the second black player in program history and went on to join the Brooklyn Dodges of the NFL, but was injured and ended his football career. He returned to AZ and began teaching. He earned his doctorate, became a Professor Emeritus at ASU, joined the Phoenix city council and became a vice mayor of the city, earning the love and respect of the community. His son became Stanford football's first black recruit. Morrison Warren: My American Story

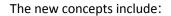


America's Friendliest Airport® is getting friendlier with local dining options and nationally recognized retail stores.

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport is known for its award-winning dining options and local stores in its busiest terminal, Terminal 4. Now, Terminal 3 will also be getting some new and delicious dining options as well as exciting shopping choices. With the modernization of Terminal 3, America's Friendliest Airport® will add local dining options as well as exclusive

retail stores. At the February 21st Phoenix City Council meeting, the recommended proposals by Host International Inc. and SSP America Inc. were approved for food and beverage contracts, and the proposals by HG PHX T3 Retailers 2017 JV (Hudson) and Stellar Retail Group PHX, LLC were approved for new retail options.

Construction will begin in the coming months with many new stores and restaurants opening at the same time as the new South Concourse, and the remaining opening in 2020 when renovations to the North Concourse are complete.



- The Parlor Wood oven pizzas, pastas, sandwiches, salads and more are offered at this local favorite.
- Mustache Pretzel A local favorite that began as a food truck. This eatery serves gourmet pretzels, dips and drinks.
- Postino A local favorite offering bruschetta boards, salads, sandwiches, beer, wine and more.
- *Joyride Taco House* Another locally-owned favorite featuring tacos, burritos, scrumptious appetizers, craft cocktails and more.
- Original ChopShop Dubbed feel good food, this restaurant, popular with local residents, sells salads, protein bowls, sandwiches, fresh juices and more.
- *Uberrito Fresh Mex* A regional favorite. Burritos, tacos, and more are available at this fresh-Mexican eatery.
- Phoenix Ale Brewery Central Kitchen Locally-brewed beer makes this an
 inviting place to enjoy a drink and a bite to eat before your flight. Enjoy
 pub fare, salads, craft beer and more.
- Leoni's Focaccia Cured Italian meats, mouth-watering focaccia bread, and a variety of cheeses make these sandwiches stand out at this locally-operated restaurant.
- *Crave Grounds* Donut and coffee lovers rejoice. This local favorite offers a variety of freshly-made donuts with locally-roasted coffees and specialty teas.
- The Tavern From legendary Phoenix Chef Mark Tarbell. Salads, sandwiches, burgers, and a variety of entrees make this an enjoyable local dining experience.
- *Christopher's Crush* From James Beard award winner Chef Gross, this local restaurant aims to please with a variety of pizzas, salads, entrees, meats and cheeses and more.
- Indigenous/Mosaic A combination of two popular Sky Harbor stores. Take a piece of Arizona home with you: Unique gifts including creative ceramics, dazzling jewelry, artwork, collectibles and souvenirs at this regionally-operated store, which is a favorite of locals.
- Discover Arizona Find a variety of Arizona-themed gifts, souvenirs, books and more.

Visit skyharbor.com for a complete list.

"Sky Harbor has become a key part of Phoenix's growth as a global city. By bringing new and local dining and retail options to Terminal 3, we are not only sharing the Phoenix culture nationally, but internationally as well. Sky Harbor continues to

spotlight the best of our city." KG



South Central Extension Community Office Opening

5040 South Central Ave | The South Central Extension Community Office opened on Monday, Feb. 26! During office hours or by appointment, community members and business owners will be able to visit with various project staff, including designers and community outreach coordinators, to learn about the extension, programs being offered and offer feedback.







Science Prep Academy presents "A Celebration of Talent" on March 6, 2018 from 6:30-8:30pm at The Salvation Army Kroc Center, 1375 East Broadway Road. Celebrate and honor Arizona's future STEM and Tech talent as the students show-off their skills in robotics, song, dance, and many other areas of artistic and scientific endeavors. The evening will also host the first annual Science Prep Academy (SPA) Awards, given to outstanding citizens for their dedication to youth education in Phoenix.

More than 15 students, staff, and faculty will participate in the talent show including performances in dance, music and magic. Competitive robotic teams will give explosive demonstrations and the "magic" of science will be on display! Local businesses and organizations will be participating as well by providing donations, volunteer time and participation in the talent show.

Generously supported by the National Endowment for the Arts for a second year, this specialized grant will make funds available for collaborative, arts based projects with children and teens in Phoenix neighborhoods. By centering the young people of Phoenix, this grant hopes to increase intergenerational neighborhood engagement, and give voice to Phoenix's young leaders. Proposals for temporary or permanent projects in all disciplines will be encouraged.

Projects can be one-day events to week-long festivals on neighborhood streets, literary gatherings, concerts on front porches, oral history storytelling at a neighborhood center, activation of vacant lots or pocket park, workshops and more. Projects must serve young people under 18 years old, but may also serve adults, seniors, veterans, intergenerational groups, and others who benefit from arts experiences.





Earned Income Tax Credit Campaign

Since 2003, the City of Phoenix Human Services Department has implemented an Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Campaign. Throughout the course of the campaign, more than 66,800 low- and moderate- income families have received more than \$88 million in federal funds at free tax preparation sites across Phoenix. Nationally, EITC lifted an estimated 6.5 million people out of poverty, including 3.3 million children.

Every year millions of dollars in tax refunds go unclaimed because people are unaware of the various credits available to them such as the EITC, a refundable federal income tax credit for low-income working individuals and families. Find out if you <u>qualify for EITC!</u>

VITA Volunteers

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Campaign, in partnership with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, is an entirely volunteer driven project. The VITA program offers free tax preparation and e-filing to households with an annual income of \$54,000 or less, providing the maximum credits available to the taxpayer saving them hundreds of dollars in paid preparer fees. VITA volunteers do meaningful work in the fight against poverty.

Locate a VITA Site

VITA Sites in the Phoenix area are open from January to April. Sites are most commonly set up in churches, community centers, colleges, and other easily accessible locations. Check out the current list of city of Phoenix VITA locations now!

Do your State and Federal taxes yourself FREE online at myfreetaxes.com, for individuals or families with a combined household income of \$66,000 or less in 2017.

Learn more now about myfreetaxes.



VALLEY LEADERSHIP YOUTH 2018 REGISTRATION

Designed to empower youth to lead, our innovative and experiential workshop series tasks high school students with designing and awarding grant funds to local nonprofits and community agencies. Students, 15-17 years old, gain a deep understanding of the significance of philanthropy. Through time, talent and treasure, we cultivate change agents early in their leadership careers. The cost to participate is \$150. Financial assistance is available.

The dates for the 2018 program are: Valley Leadership Youth Day 1
Sat, March 17, 9-12p.m.
Valley Leadership Youth Day 2
Sat, March 24, 9-12p.m.
Valley Leadership Youth Day 3
Sat, April 21, 9-12p.m.
Valley Leadership Youth Grant
Ceremony Tues, May 1st, 6-7p.m.

Location: Uber- 201 E, Washington St. Phoenix, AZ 85004

Visit the Valley Leadership webpage or reach out to sophia@valleyleadership.org with any questions.

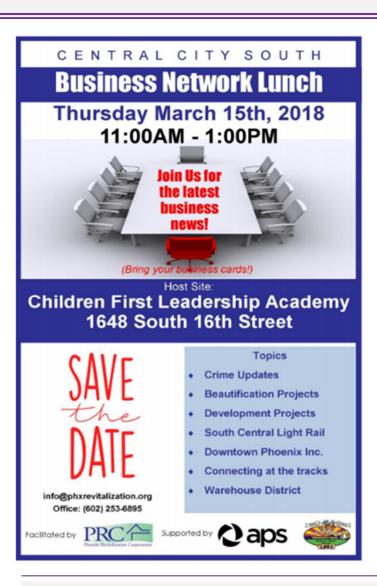
Registration and tuition due Monday, March 5,2018.



Bishop Alexis Thomas

1967-2018

Bishop Alexis Thomas was a true leader, and an inspirational force to so many individuals and families in the state of Arizona. He was called to be a shepherd of men and his success at that calling is exemplified in his leadership not just at Pilgrim Rest, but throughout the community. His work on My Brother's Keeper initiative at the City of Phoenix helped keep many young men and women safe. I am sure his legacy will live on through the people he has touched. District 8, our entire city, and I will miss him dearly. KG





Freedom from Violence Walk & Unity Block Party

Damion Gosa Memorial Foundation
March 3rd | 8:00am-3:00pm
A 3K Walk/Run to stop Crime, &
Violence!
Hermoso Park | 2030 E Southern Ave

The City of Phoenix
Public Works
Department and the
grocery industry
celebrated the 10-year
anniversary of the Bag
Central Station plastic
bags recycling program.
This event served to
promote recycling right
and to recognize Phoenix
grocery stores for making
the program possible.



















Did you know?

Did you know bagging recyclables makes them unrecyclable? Please make sure to place recyclables loose in your recycling container. To learn more, visit phoenix.gov/recycle

Did you know soft/film plastic (such as plastic bags and sandwich bags) is not recyclable in your residential container? The good news is that you can bring most of it back to your local grocery store to recycle. To find out exactly what is recyclable in these containers and where you can bring it, please visit the following link: http://bit.ly/2GG546t. Film/soft plastics include these and many others: Zip lock bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, stretch wrap, dry cleaning bags.

Plastic bags and film/soft plastics damage the city's recycling sorting machinery, reduce the value of recyclables and increase processing costs. The plastic collected from Bag Central Station undergoes a different recycling process and gets turned into more bags or plastic lumber.