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*Happy  
Holidays*



& Best Wishes from



Phoenix Revitalization Corporation



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## The Season of Giving is Also the Season of Scams

As we enter the holiday season, it pays to be vigilant to avoid scams or slip-ups that could put a damper on your celebrations. Here are some ways to keep your holidays happy.

**Beware of deals.** Be wary of those too-good-to-be-true deals, especially those that show up as links on your social media feeds. Check out reviews, search the retailer's name with "scam" to see what comes up, and if it's a retailer you already know and frequent online, go directly to the website rather than clicking on a link.

**Buying gift cards? Consider this.** Thieves can hit store gift card racks, secretly write down or scan the numbers off the cards, then check online or call the toll-free number to see if someone has bought the cards and activated them. As soon as a card is active, the scammers drain the funds. By the time your gift recipient tries to use the card, the money is long gone. Safely purchase gift cards directly from the store clerk – and ask them to scan the card to make sure it has the correct value.

**Keep the debit card in your wallet.** Consumer protection experts recommend the use of credit cards rather than debit cards for most purchases, to protect from fraud and theft. With credit cards, you are liable for only up to \$50 of fraudulent use. In the case of a lost or stolen debit card, your financial loss could be much higher.

**Sign for those package deliveries.** Package delivery companies are not responsible for stolen packages left at your front door without requiring a delivery signature. And watch out for phishing scams claiming to be from UPS, FedEx and the US Postal Service asking you to click a link to solve a delivery issue.

**Be mindful when applying for temporary holiday jobs.** Bogus online job applications for holiday help ask for personally identifiable information, especially your Social Security number. Don't share your number with anyone unless you absolutely have to, and never provide it until you confirm you are dealing with a real organization looking for employees.

**Is that really a holiday e-card?** Fake e-cards can carry malicious software or contain unwanted advertising. Clues of a fake card include not knowing the sender, not being familiar with the e-card company, and misspellings.

For more tips on what to watch for this holiday season, visit [www.aarp.org/holidayscams](http://www.aarp.org/holidayscams).

When it comes to fraud, vigilance is our number one weapon. You have the power to protect yourself and your loved ones from scams. Please share this alert with friends and family.

# A Day of Learning and Fun!

Congratulations to the new Communities for All Ages Leadership Academy participants who graduated on Saturday – November 4, 2017. The attendees found this class to be extremely beneficial to them and hope to apply some of the skills they learned to their everyday lives. They enjoyed two days of learning on self-esteem and self-efficacy.

This program was sponsored by the City of Phoenix Housing Department – iWork Jobs Plus Initiative. The training was facilitated by Phoenix Revitalization Corporation.

*Article Submitted by: Judy Hillman-Buztine*

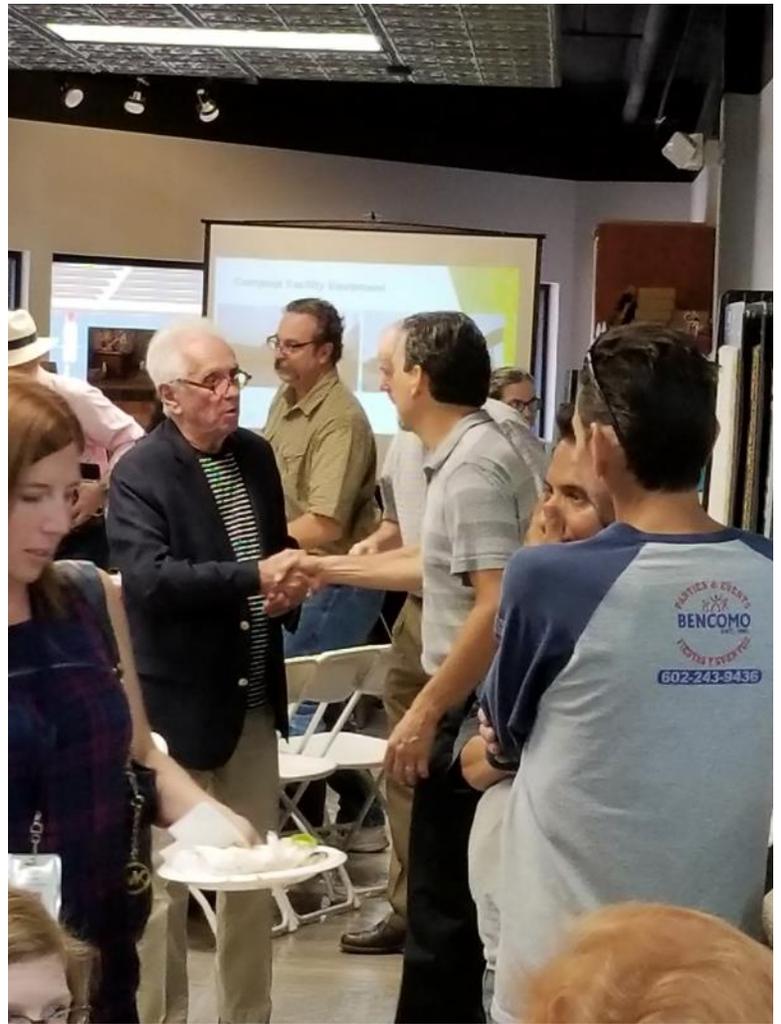


# Central City South Business Network

On Thursday – October 12, 2017 Phoenix Revitalization Corporation facilitated the Central City South Business Network Luncheon. This group meets to learn about the happenings in the neighborhood and city, network and share stories on a regular basis.

Special thank you to Planet Recycling (1600 South Central) who hosted the meeting in their showroom. Attendees were introduced to the services available at this CCS business. In addition, we thank Arizona Public Service who is an annual sponsor of this program that supports the voice and needs of the Central City South businesses.

The next meeting will be hosted at the Bentley Gallery located at 215 E. Grant Street on Thursday – January 11, 2018 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



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*Happy New Year!*

# St. Anthony Church Festival

On Saturday – October 21, 2017 the Kilali's Polynesian Dancers lead by Gladys Apelu performed at the St. Anthony Church Festival. In the spirit of sharing their cultural dances they entertained several hundred attendees who were there to enjoy the great food and colorful entertainment while supporting the goals of the church. The members of this dance group are no strangers to Central City South as they have performed at the Sizzling Safe Summer pool parties for the past 7 years. The entertainment for this event was sponsored by Phoenix Revitalization Corporation.



## Thank You Partners

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**GRANT PARK 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HOLIDAY  
 FUNN FEST FOUNDATION  
 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GRANT PARK  
 NEIGHBORHOOD FIGHT BACK ASSOCIATION**

**SATURDAY DEC. 2, 2017 AT GRANT PARK  
 701 S. 3<sup>RD</sup> AVE. 11AM – 2PM**

**Contact: Raymond Buchanan (602) 568-2072  
 or Vangie Muller (480) 274-9797**

# Thank You to everyone who participated in the 2017 G.A.I.N. Event



**GETTING ARIZONA GAIN INVOLVED IN NEIGHBORHOODS**

**CENTRAL CITY SOUTH**  
2017 SAFETY AND RESOURCE INFORMATION FAIR

FOOD - MUSIC - ENTERTAINMENT - GAMES & FUN  
SAFETY RESOURCES - MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS - PRIZES  
CRIME PREVENTION - SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCES

**Saturday October 21, 2017**  
**9:00AM - 11:30AM**  
**Harmon Park - 1425 South 5th Ave**

For more info contact:  
[info@phxrevitalization.org](mailto:info@phxrevitalization.org) or call (602) 253-6895

Join us to celebrate community togetherness, safety, and to show support for Phoenix Police and other departments that keep our neighborhoods safe.



**Hosted by Manic Hispanic of Mega 104.3FM / Music by DJ Tranzo**

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**SOUTHWEST GAS**





# Help for Military Families



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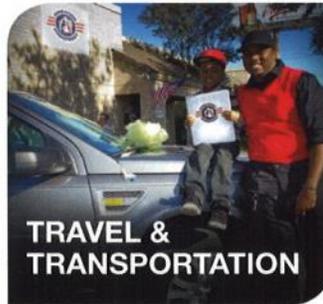
UTILITIES



RENT & MORTGAGE



AUTO & INSURANCE  
PAYMENTS



TRAVEL &  
TRANSPORTATION



AUTO REPAIR



MOVING &  
RELOCATION



ESSENTIAL HOME  
ITEMS



HOME REPAIR



VISION & DENTAL  
CARE



CRITICAL BABY  
ITEMS

Operation Homefront is a national non-profit that builds **strong, stable, and secure** military families so they can thrive — not simply struggle to get by — in the communities they have worked so hard to protect.

Apply Online at  
[OperationHomefront.org](http://OperationHomefront.org)

## CRITICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Critical financial assistance to the families of deployed and injured service members is the core of Operation Homefront's mission. When service members are deployed or recovering from serious injuries, they deserve the peace of mind that comes with knowing their family won't have to weather a financial crisis alone. They have a partner in Operation Homefront. Operation Homefront's Critical Assistance Program helps military families address critical financial shortfalls. Most often, this means assistance with rent, utilities, and groceries. Our process is efficient, responsible, and managed by professional case workers.

- Financial needs are validated before support is provided.
- Assistance is provided in the form of grants, not loans.
- Grants are paid directly to service providers, not the family.

Our nonprofit partners provide those receiving financial assistance with financial education to help them become self-sufficient.

## HOW TO APPLY



Log on to [OperationHomefront.org](http://OperationHomefront.org) and click on **Get Help Now**.

Requests for critical financial assistance must be made through our online application at [OperationHomefront.org](http://OperationHomefront.org). Priority is given to the families

of junior- and mid-grade (E1-E6) enlisted service members deployed to combat zones and post-9/11 service-connected wounded, ill, or injured that are within 7 years of discharge.

Applicants will be asked for copies of appropriate documentation. Please be prepared to provide:

- Proof of DEERS enrollment of dependents, or form DD-1172.
- Deployment orders, if applicable.
- Line of Duty documentation or other official VA or DoD record of a wound, illness, or injury sustained in the line of duty, if applicable.
- Proof of all household income and assets, such as bank statements, recent LES or RAS, civilian pay, or disability benefits.
- Proof of financial need, such as overdue bills.
- DD-214 for those no longer on active duty.

More information is available at [OperationHomefront.org](http://OperationHomefront.org) or by calling 877-264-3968.

## OTHER OPERATION HOMEFRONT PROGRAMS

### BACK-TO-SCHOOL BRIGADE

Operation Homefront, with help from a nationwide volunteer network, collects donated school supplies to assist military families as they prepare for the new school year. Distribution events occur each year shortly before schools go back in session.

### HEARTS OF VALOR

Hearts of Valor honors the service and sacrifice of those who care for our nation's wounded, ill or injured warriors by providing a community of support based on a foundation of empathy and mutual understanding. Post-9/11 caregivers receive access to our national in-person peer support groups, which address the daily challenges of caregiving. Our annual all-expenses-paid caregiver retreats offer expert coaching and education on best practices in caring for wounded warriors. Caregivers also have access to one-on-one support from mental health professionals who can provide assistance with identifying up-to-date resources and local referrals.

### HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

Each year Operation Homefront brightens the holidays of military kids — and lightens the burden on their parents — by collecting thousands of toys that are distributed at events across the nation. Holiday toy events are held in November and December.

### TRANSITIONAL HOUSING VILLAGES

Located near major military medical facilities in San Antonio, San Diego, and Washington, D.C., Operation Homefront Villages provide rent-free, furnished apartments where service members can live with their families while recovering from injury and transitioning to civilian life. Military families living at the Villages receive a full complement of support services. These services include financial and job-search counseling as well as morale activities: monthly dinners, support group meetings, and special holiday events.

### HOMES ON THE HOMEFRONT

Part of the American dream has always been owning a home. After helping to secure the freedoms all Americans enjoy, we want to help our warriors and their families realize their own American dreams. Through the Homes on the Homefront program, veterans of all eras are eligible to receive a permanent, mortgage-free home.

### HOLIDAY MEALS FOR MILITARY

Each year, Operation Homefront provides thousands of free meal packages to military families. Meal kits include all the grocery items necessary for a full holiday meal and are distributed at events across the country, primarily to junior- and mid-grade enlisted (E1-E6) families.

# Winter Wonderland at University Park

Fun Day at the oldest city park in Phoenix, University Park, for the holiday celebration with the local community! We are truly grateful for Cate and the staff at the park for this well-orchestrated and successful event. The Cultural Arts Coalition was present to make beaded bracelets with all ages and have participants write cards to veterans in the VA Hospital. Santa provided gifts for the children and the car show was fabulous! The day ended with Folklorico dancers. What a gift to our community from many supporters including the Luke American Legion (first in Phoenix) who provided all the food. Thank you Twila and Gaby for your assistance...Happy Holidays to All; and May Peace Prevail Upon our Earth





## Planning Ahead Key to Hassle-Free Holiday Travel

For those of you flying someplace this holiday season, Phoenix Sky Harbor offers some handy tips for navigating America's Friendliest Airport®.

If you're picking up or dropping off family and friends, avoid the congestion on airport roadways and outside terminals by taking advantage of the 44th Street PHX Sky Train® Station. Many find this is the ideal way to bypass hectic traffic and access the airport during holiday travel.

The 44th Street PHX Sky Train® Station is centrally located on the southwest corner of 44th and Washington streets and can easily be reached from highways, major streets and Valley Metro Rail.

It features a Cell Phone Waiting Lot, and it provides easy access to all airport terminals via the free PHX Sky Train®.

### Other travel tips for you to consider:

- Confirm flight status with your airline before heading to the airport, then give yourself plenty of time. Arrive at the airport at least two hours before your flight departs if you are flying domestically, three hours if you are flying internationally.
- Drivers should watch freeway signs for airport traffic updates and recommended alternate routes, and they should watch their speed and keep an eye out for officers directing traffic once at Sky Harbor.
- If you plan to park at the airport, take advantage of Prepaid Discount Parking. Go to [skyharbor.com/prepaidparking](http://skyharbor.com/prepaidparking) to book online and prepay for lower rates at all three terminal garages and the popular East Economy Parking.
- Get an early start on holiday shopping by browsing our new [Holiday Catalog](#)! From snacks to jewelry to gifts for the kids, the Holiday Catalog features lots of locally-made goods from some of your favorite Phoenix-area artisans.
- Once you're checked in, treat yourself with something from our shops and restaurants. Visit [skyharbor.com](http://skyharbor.com) to find out what is close to your gate or look on our Interactive Directories in Terminal 4 for directions.

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# Community Action Team Meeting - CAT

*"Fighting blight and crime together, connecting our community"*



**\*December 2017 Holiday – Break**

## 2018 - Dates

- January (Holiday Break)
- February 08
- March 08
- April 12
- May 10
- June (Summer Break)
- July (Summer Break)
- August (Summer Break)
- September 18
- October 11
- November 08
- December (Holiday Break)

## Crime Updates Community Announcements Connect with Neighbors

- ⇒ Meetings are open to and hosted by the many neighborhood associations, resident leaders and community stakeholders in Central City South (CCS).
- ⇒ Presentations and information are provided to keep the community aware of crime and blight issues and efforts, development projects, zoning variances, and liquor applications and resources that impact the neighborhoods of CCS.
- ⇒ No more than 3 presentations by groups are scheduled for a maximum of 5-7 minutes at each meeting.
- ⇒ Time is reserved for public announcements at the end of each meeting. Refreshments are served and we have a community table available.

## Working for positive community change Together!

### Whose invited?

Neighborhood Associations  
Tenant Councils  
Block Watch Groups  
Faith Based Groups  
Businesses  
Service Providers  
Government Agencies/Departments  
Any and all interested stakeholders

### Host Site:

City of Phoenix HOPE VI  
Emmett McLoughlin  
Community Training and  
Education Center  
1150 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
(NW corner of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Buckeye)  
5:30-7:00 p.m.

### Facilitated by:

Phoenix Revitalization Corporation  
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### Other projects of the CAT:

Neighborhood Clean Ups  
Community Connection Fair  
G.A.I.N. Event