



# **The Central City Precinct News**



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**PRIDE**

Protection | Respect | Integrity | Dedication | Excellence

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# *ANN OTT SCHOOL REVITALIZATION*



Ann Ott was an educator, community member, and friend whose life revolved around increasing the quality-of-life of low-income children. She taught at the Grace Court School and later at the Adams School before becoming principal of the newly established Robert Louis Stevenson School, which opened during the 1929–30 school year with just four teachers and 86 first and second-grade students ranging in age from six to sixteen.

Ann Ott's dedication to being of service in the lives of low-income and multi-racial pupils was undeniable. Her mission was not only to educate children, but to feed them and clothe them. When she noticed a pattern of students entering the classroom without eating breakfast, having wounds on their bodies from working in fields, and without shoes, she did not hesitate to request funding from the district superintendent.

Ann Ott's philosophy for philanthropy was rooted in love. As she once explained, "I always try to do a great deal for others. If you start thinking of yourself, you don't get anywhere." Her selflessness, so uncommon that she was often described as "odd," was reflected in her decisions—most notably when she declined an opportunity to work in a wealthier neighborhood and school district, viewing it as a threat to the goodness in her life that came from years of giving to others. Ms. Ann Ott retired in 1960, and the Robert Louis Stevenson School was renamed in her honor.

Ann Ott passed away on April 18, 1971, but her kindness and generosity left a lasting mark on the Phoenix community. In her final will, she donated \$68,854.01—equivalent to an estimated \$547,334.98 in 2025—to the Phoenix Elementary School District, instructing the Board of Trustees to use the income annually "for the benefit of needy children in said District for scholarships and for other financial assistance."

What began as a small group of underprivileged students blossomed into a vibrant community of nearly 800 children, each nurtured by learning and care. Though the school closed in 2007 and later served other charitable purposes, Ann Ott's vision continues to inspire.



On April 18, 2026 Residents, School Officials, and Community Action Officers came together to share food and enjoy a cultural performance to honor the start of a reuse project for Historic Ann Ott School.

# ***RAILROAD / ENCAMPMENT CLEANUP***



After extensive outreach conducted through a coordinated effort between Community Action Officers and Office of Homeless Solutions.

CAOs supported agents from the Union Pacific Railroad with a cleanup of discarded camping debris, human waste, and other blight items on railroad property spanning the entire Central City Precinct.



This past month the Community Action Officers coordinated over 70 encampment cleanups. The individual in this picture was provided services, and housing placement.

# *NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES IMPACT*

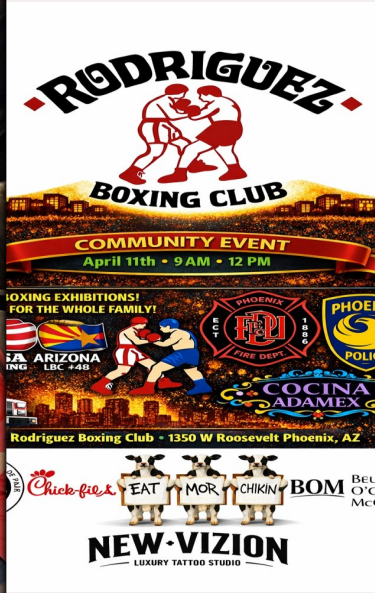


The Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department, Central City Precinct and Downtown Operations Unit partnered together to improve community safety.

April 29, 2026 We were recognized for the Neighborhood Impact Award.

Thank you Neighborhood Services, we appreciate you continuing to work with us in decreasing crime in our phoenix neighborhoods.

# RODRIGUEZ BOXING CLUB EVENT



Community Action Officers and Community Relations Bureau participated in the Rodriguez Boxing Club Community Event. There were demonstrations, drills, prizes, food provided by Cocino Adamex and Chick-Fil-A gift card handouts.

Thank you for hosting this wonderful event.



# UPCOMING EVENTS



BRIDGET PETTIS FOUNDATION

PRESENTS

# SUMMER KICKOFF

GRANT PARK BASKETBALL LEAGUE GP

## BOOKS & BASKETBALL

### 3V3 TOURNAMENT

**MAY 23<sup>RD</sup>**  
**AT 9:00 AM**

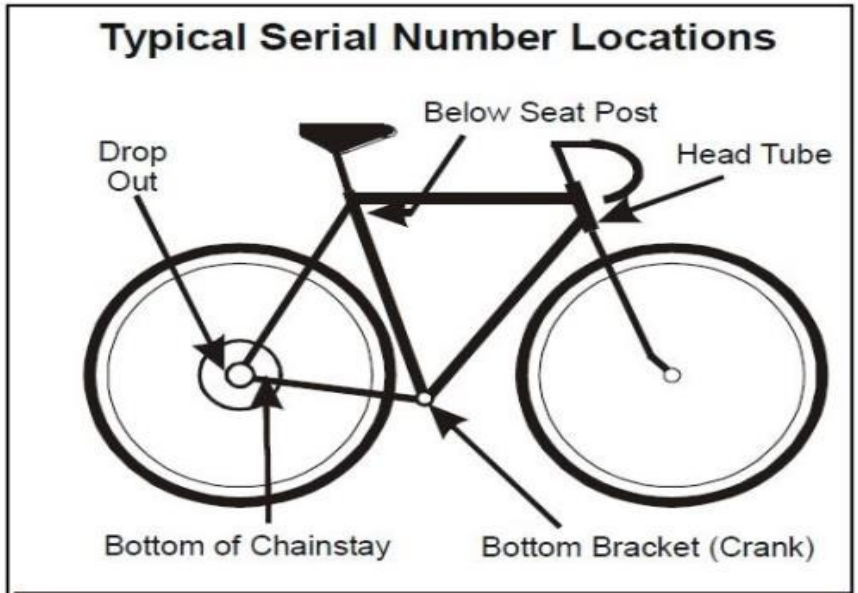
**GIRLS & BOYS**  
**AGES 7-17**  
**COST \$25**

**GRANT PARK**  
701 S. 3RD AVE  
PHOENIX, AZ



**Register  
your Bicycle**

**Bike Registration:**  
**Phoenix Public Market**  
**821 N. 5th St.**  
**Phoenix, AZ 85004**  
**Saturday, May 9, 2026**  
**Time: 0730-1230**



# TRAVELING SKY HARBOR

## New at Phoenix Sky Harbor: Faster Parking, Traveler-Friendly Amenities and Seamless Security Screening Options

At Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, we are always looking for opportunities to enhance the passenger experience. From improving convenience to introducing innovative technology, our team continuously works to make travel smoother, faster and more enjoyable. Catch up on some of the latest services and amenities now available.

### Terminal 3 Parking Guidance Pilot Program

A new parking guidance pilot program was recently launched in the Terminal 3 garage to help drivers find open spaces faster.

The camera-based system uses sensors to track parking availability in real time. Red and green lights show what spots are occupied and open, helping reduce the time drivers spend searching for parking.

The “Portier VISION” system was developed with airport contractor ACE Parking. Terminal 3 has more than 2,000 spaces, and the airport plans to expand the system to the larger Terminal 4 garage.

### Early Bag Check

This free and convenient service allows passengers to check their luggage before arriving at the terminal, helping them travel lighter and more easily on the PHX Sky Train® and save time by skipping airline ticket counters. [Early Bag Check](#) is available daily from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m., including holidays, at the Rental Car Center and East Economy Parking.

Passengers flying domestically on the following participating airlines can use the service:

- Alaska Airlines
- American Airlines
- Delta Air Lines
- Frontier Airlines
- Southwest Airlines
- United Airlines

Early Bag Check counters are located at the Rental Car Center and East Economy Parking.

While there is no additional fee for the service, airline baggage fees still apply.

For more information, visit [skyharbor.com/EarlyBagCheck](http://skyharbor.com/EarlyBagCheck).

### Save Time at Security With TSA’s New Expedited Screening Options [TSA PreCheck®](#) [Touchless ID](#)

TSA PreCheck® Touchless ID is now available in Terminals 3 and 4. The system uses facial-recognition technology to verify travelers’ identities so they can move through security without showing a physical ID.

After opting in through their airline profile, travelers can use a dedicated lane where a camera confirms their identity. This process offers a quicker, more convenient way to get through security.

Travelers should still carry a physical ID as a backup.

For more information, visit [tsa.gov/touchless-id](http://tsa.gov/touchless-id).

**eGATES** New electronic gates (eGates) are now available in Terminals 3 and 4. Available as an opt-in feature for CLEAR Plus members, eGates use biometric verification to confirm a traveler’s identity in under five seconds. Travelers then proceed directly to bag screening, bypassing the traditional TSA podium check for a faster and seamless screening process.

Travelers at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport have a new way to experience Phoenix’s story of growth and ingenuity through a large-scale photo mural.

The project is a partnership between Phoenix Sky Harbor and the Greater Phoenix Economic Council. The mural features key industries and blends historic context with modern imagery and data to tell the story of greater Phoenix’s past, present and future. The Phoenix Airport Museum is one of the nation’s largest airport art programs and highlights Arizona’s art, history and culture. Art appears throughout the airport in artist-designed floors, ceilings, murals and rotating exhibitions.

The museum manages more than 900 artworks and more than 40 exhibition spaces, many accessible pre-security at all hours. Its collections include fine art, historic aviation materials, photographs and cultural objects from regional artists, collectors and cultural organizations.



*APPRECIATION*



**Please stay safe out there!**  
*Commander Rachel Warren*