

Black History Month celebrated in Queen Creek

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1 / 7 From left: Jeff Brown, Elaine Davis, Dawn Oliphant and Tammy Robinson at the first ever gathering for Black Heritage Month at Desert Mountain Park in Queen Creek. | Submitted

The Queen Creek Town Council and Queen Creek Police Department celebrated the first ever gathering for Black History Month at Desert Mountain Park in Queen Creek.

Many volunteers worked hard to bring the event to fruition, including Paula Fuller and Elaine Davis. Tammy Robinson, who serves as president of Mesa Community College, the first black female ever to do so, spoke and joined in the inaugural event. Queen Creek police officers and Chief Randy Brice connected with the community during the event.

There was a smattering of items on display celebrating black inventions/inventors, showing a link to the past and a bridge to the future. See more information at akheritageconnection.org.

Councilmember Dawn Oliphant read the town's proclamation declaring February 2023 as Black History Month in the Town of Queen Creek. February is also when the town proclaims and recognizes Black History Month as an annual opportunity to recognize the central role of African Americans in the history of our nation. The proclamation celebrates the many achievements and contributions of African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, social and political development.

Black History Month was officially established in 1976 by President Gerald Ford, who called the public to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

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