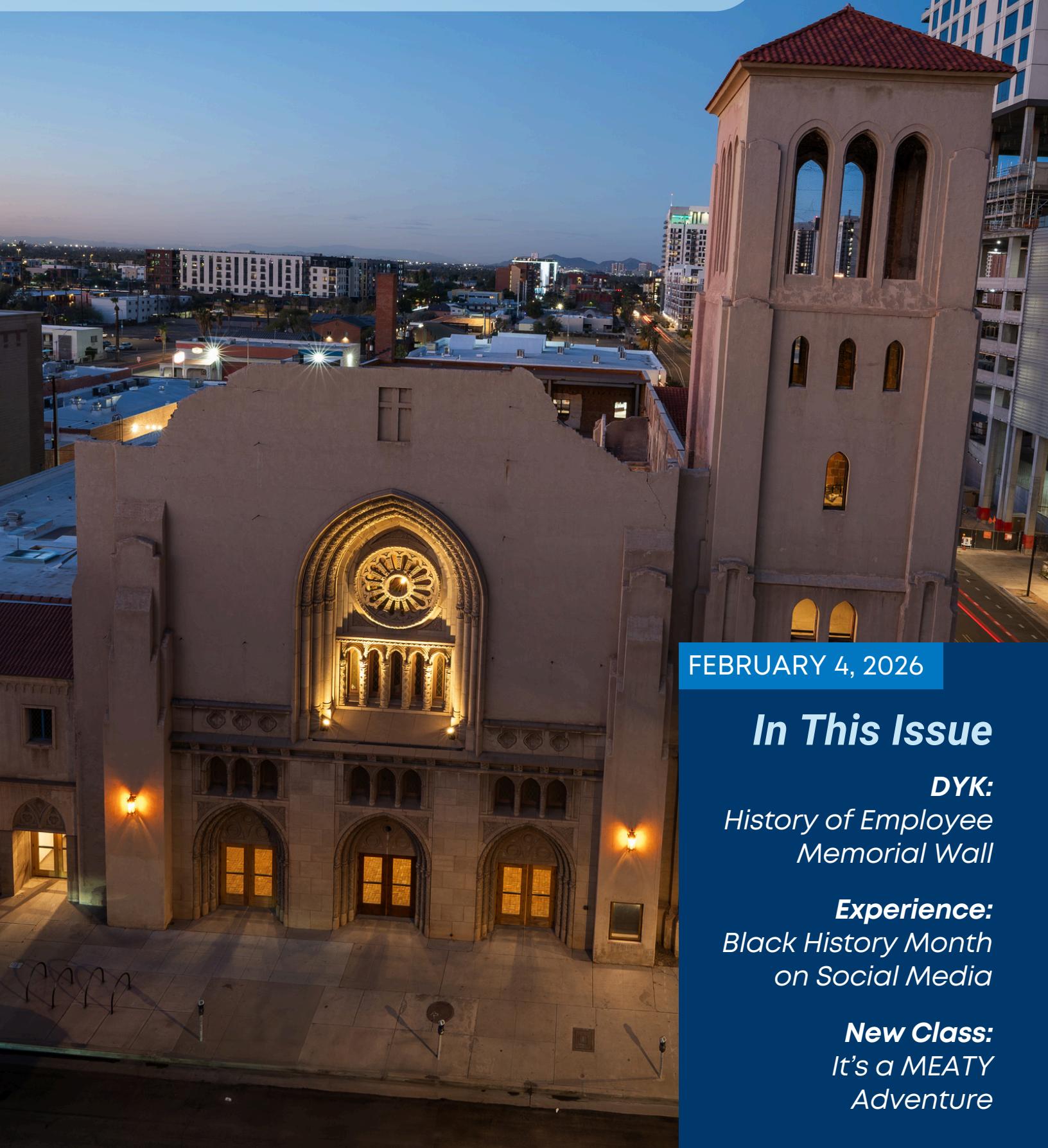


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CITY OF PHOENIX EMPLOYEE MEMORIAL CEREMONY



There are just about two weeks until this year's City of Phoenix Employee Memorial Ceremony. This annual event honors all the men and women who died while in the service to the community. A ceremony is held inside the Orpheum Theatre before people are invited to walk to the Employee Memorial Wall nearby. There, they can view the names of those we lost etched onto clear bricks. Watch the video below to learn about the wall.



ALL CITY EMPLOYEES ARE INVITED

- *Thursday, Feb. 19*
- *9 - 10:30 a.m.*
- *Orpheum Theatre*

This year, two names will be added to the wall: retired Phoenix Engineer **Frank Contreras** and Phoenix Fire Captain **Anthony Mock**. We invite you to watch tribute videos about each of them now (click on their photos) - and then join us in honoring their memories, along with the other 99 City employees whose names are on the Memorial Wall.



Frank Contreras



Anthony Mock

Check out this **know before you go** information

Watch Our Stories & Celebrate History

This Black History Month, the City of Phoenix is sharing stories that highlight leadership, legacy, and community connection across our organization and our City.

Throughout February, watch our City's social channels for the people and places that continue to shape Phoenix's history and future. That includes:



- A closer look at the National Forum for Black Public Administrators (NFBPA), one of the City's employee resource groups dedicated to supporting, empowering, and uplifting Black employees across departments.
- A powerful generational story through a profile of Anthony 'Kerry' Goode, a City of Phoenix employee who is continuing a legacy of public service. His uncle, Calvin Goode, served as a longtime Phoenix City Councilmember and remains a respected figure among Phoenicians. Today, that commitment to service continues through Kerry's own career with the City.
- At Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, the Ragsdale Terminal was named in honor of a Black aviation leader whose impact helped shape the airport's history. The terminal stands as a lasting reminder of the contributions that continue to move Phoenix forward.

Be on the lookout for these stories on the [City's social media channels](#).



File Your Taxes For Free!

If filing your taxes is stressful, the City of Phoenix Volunteer Income Tax Program (VITA) has options for filing taxes for FREE! Volunteers will help ensure taxpayers income, deductions and allowable credits are claimed.

There are three ways to file taxes:

- **Do It Yourself:** prepare your own state and federal tax returns using our free online software and get help from a VITA tax volunteer. For individuals and families who make less than \$89,000/year.
- **In-Person Assistance:** Make an appointment to work with an IRS-certified tax preparer to get your returns filed for individuals and families who make less than \$69,000/year.
- **MyFreeTaxes.com:** Complete your own taxes for free online at home using a self-paced, step-by-step guide to file your returns. IRS-certified tax volunteers are available to help through online chat.

Learn more or make an appointment visit phoenix.gov/taxhelp.

MEAT Your Next Culinary Adventure!

Join the next **sizzling** session of our cooking class series. This virtual team-building experience serves up a live cooking demonstration right on your screen and lets you engage with top-tier, accredited culinary experts. Don't miss this **rare** opportunity—register now! **Details:**



- Meal: Sesame-Ginger Beef with Wendy Green
- Wednesday, Feb. 18 | 6-6:30 p.m.
- Register at [here](#) | Space is limited
- For more information visit the [Benefits Wellness site](#)

How AI is Transforming the Blindness Community

Join the Phoenix Mayor's Commission on Disability Issues on **Wednesday, Feb. 18 from 12 - 1 p.m.** for an insightful panel discussion on how Artificial Intelligence (AI) is reshaping accessibility and independence for people who are blind or visually impaired.

Employees must register on [PHXYOU](#) and [Webex](#) to earn 3x Community & Organizational Awareness points! Course code: **EOD145-VTL-MCDI**



Employee Leave Request

The following employees are accepting leave donations. If you would like to help, use eCHRIS.

- Natasha Imadiyi | Police
- Israel Robinson | Police
- Rosina Mejias | Aviation
- Jessica B. Ruiz | Human Resources

Complete list of eligible employees: [Leave Donation website](#).

Featured Job of the Week

Utilities Service Specialist Public Works Dept.

(Close Date: 2/10/2026)

The Public Works Department is committed to improving the quality of life in Phoenix through the efficient delivery of essential services, including solid waste management, fleet, facilities, and energy management.

Public Works is currently seeking individuals passionate about customer service and interested in working for a municipal utility to join the team as Utilities Service Specialists.

In this role, you will assist customers over the phone with a wide variety of requests and inquiries related to their solid waste services. This position requires strong communication skills, the ability to multi-task in a fast-paced environment, and proficiency in navigating multiple computer systems.

If you're ready to make a difference and help deliver outstanding service to the residents of Phoenix, this is the opportunity for you!

SALARY DETAILS:

Pay Range: \$20.51 to \$30.31/HR.

Hiring Range: \$20.51 to \$23.74/HR.

Pay Range Explanation:

- *Pay range is the entire compensation range for the position classification.*
- *Hiring range is an estimate of where you can receive an offer. The actual salary offer will carefully consider a wide range of factors, including your skills, qualifications, experience, education, licenses, training, and internal equity.*

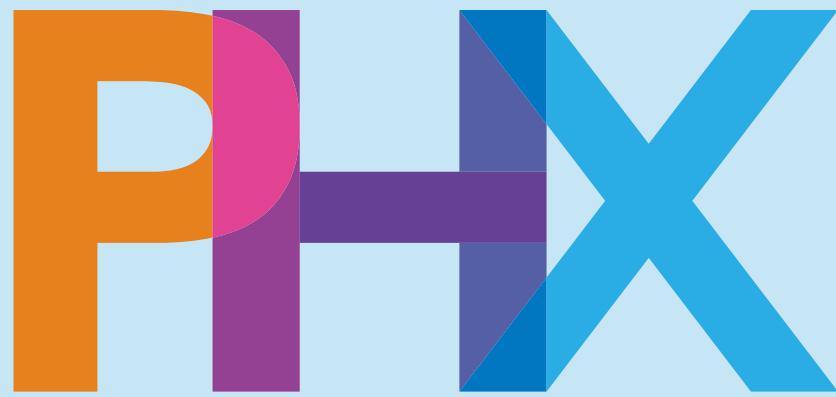
Learn about role responsibilities and more information at phoenix.gov/jobs or log into eCHRIS

[**Check out all
current job openings**](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

In order to reach the city's zero waste goal by 2050, the Zero Waste team provides education and community outreach to teach the public about waste diversion. These methods include group tours of the city's North Gateway Transfer Station and Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), educational presentations at schools, neighborhood and community meetings, and hosting informational booths at community events.

To request the Zero Waste team to give a presentation to your group, table at your event, or request a tour of the city's recycling facility fill out the request form [here](#).



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