

City CONNECTION

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A Weekly Publication for City of Phoenix Employees



Meet this week's featured employee, **Light Rail Project Administrator Albert Santana**. View his "On the Job" video at phoenix.gov/citygovernment/phx11/index.html?videoname=otj-santana.mp4

Nationwide plan service rep available for meetings

Chances are, you are investing through the city's 457 and 401(a) Plans to have enough assets to maintain your standard of living when you stop working.



There's no guarantee that will happen, but Nationwide Retirement Solutions, the administrator of the city's 457 and 401(a) Plans, suggests that you have a specific goal.

Jared Williams, a local Nationwide plan service representative, will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, and Wednesday, April 23, on the fourth floor of the Personnel Building. He can help you determine if you're contributing enough to meet your goal, review your account, provide information about the city's Plans, explain retirement planning tools on Nationwide's phoenixdcp.com website and more.

Appointments are strongly encouraged. You can make an appointment by calling Nationwide's Phoenix office at 602-266-2733. If neither of these dates is convenient, you can call Nationwide's Phoenix office to schedule an appointment that fits your schedule.

Please be sure you obtain supervisor approval if you wish to meet with a plan representative during your normal work shift.

Employees invited to gear up for April 22 Bike to Work Day

Join fellow city employees and Olympic gold medalist Misty Hyman for Bike to Work Day on Tuesday, April 22.

The ninth annual Phoenix Bike to Work Day is a cycling event held with Maricopa County that highlights the use of bicycles for regular work-day commutes. Bike to Work also supports the city's FitPHX initiative that strives to make Phoenix one of the healthiest cities in the nation.

Participants can join a police-escorted ride from Park Central Mall to CityScape in downtown Phoenix, or they can make their way to Bike to Work events on their own. Registered participants will receive a T-shirt and are eligible to enter a raffle for a variety of prizes. Participants are also invited to a light breakfast from Chloe's Corner. CityScape also will have bicycle racks for guests to park and lock their bikes while they enjoy their breakfast. While supplies last, free bagels will be available to all other "Bike to Work Day" guests visiting CityScape.

Last year, the city of Phoenix won first place for most participants, the first time in the several years of friendly competition with Maricopa County. For more information or to register, visit maricopa.gov/communications/btw.aspx.

April 26 golf tournament will benefit Camp Colley

The Camp Colley Foundation is sponsoring the Ninth Annual Camp Colley Foundation Golf Tournament on

Saturday, April 26, to raise funds for the outdoor adventure camp for kids. The tournament is set for the city's Aguila Golf Course, 8440 S. 35th Ave., with a 7:30 a.m. shotgun start.

The four-person scramble costs \$100 per person and includes golf, range balls, a gift bag, breakfast, lunch and an awards presentation. Details and registration links are available online at campcolleygolf.com.

Ninety-five percent of funds raised from the event go directly to supporting the camp, which provides low-income kids the opportunity to experience outdoor adventure in Arizona's cool pines. The camp, which is owned and operated by the city, is named after the late James Colley, who was the Parks and Recreation Department director for 22 years.

For more information, visit campcolley.org.

H.R. adds eCHRIS leave-request training sessions

The new eCHRIS leave request module goes live Monday, April 14. All departments, with the exception of Police and Fire, will use the new paperless process. All supervisors and employees should attend training for the new system. Please attend one of the training sessions offered in your department. If you are unable to attend training in your own department, please use eCHRIS to enroll in one of the following make-up sessions at the Personnel Building.

Employees (course code - CHLREE)

- Monday, April 14: 8 – 9 a.m.; 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.; 11 a.m. – noon
- Wednesday, April 16: 1 – 2 p.m.; 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.; 4 – 5 p.m.

Supervisors (course code - CHLRSU)

- Monday, April 14: 1:30-4 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 16: 8:30-11 a.m.

NEWS BRIEFS

Human Services is recruiting children for Early Head Start and Head Start for the 2014-15 school year. The Early Head Start program is seeking parents with children from birth to 3 years old and pregnant women to participate in this home-based program. The center-based Head Start program is looking for children 3 or 4 years old. Parents of children with special needs are encouraged to apply. Families must meet federal income guidelines for family size to be eligible. For more information, call Early Head Start at 602-495-7050 or Head Start at 602-262-4040 or visit phoenix.gov/headstart.

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) campaign is in full swing. The program helps low- and moderate-income working families who earned less than \$51,567 in 2013 with free tax-filing services and to receive an EITC tax credit up to \$6,044. Fourteen primary sites in Phoenix offer the service. For more information, including a list of sites, visit phoenix.gov/eitc. For information about Valleywide EITC site locations, call the Community Information and Referral hotline at 2-1-1 or visit 211arizona.org.

Make plans to attend the annual Green Vendor Showcase of Opportunities from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 11, at City Hall. Green vendors will meet with multiple city departments during the free event; a state procurement representative will provide information about the state contracting process. For more information, call 602-256-5669 or email trudy.merrill@phoenix.gov.

PEOPLE

"Skin Dragons Talk," a short story by **Ernest Hogan** with Phoenix Public Library, has been published in the anthology, "Mothership: Tales from Afrofuturism and Beyond."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Friday, April 11 – "Defining Crisis: The Connection between Mental Health, Financial Health and Fair Housing." Advance registration, \$20 (includes breakfast and lunch). 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Disability Empowerment Center, 5025 E. Washington St. Registration at azfairhousing.org or call 480-335-7439.

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