

# City CONNECTION

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This week's featured employee, **Kevin Grapes with Pubic Works**, discusses storm cleanup. View his "On the Job" video at <https://www.phoenix.gov/phxtv-media/video/1673>

## Extended parking meter enforcement set to begin

Beginning Monday, Aug. 18, all city of Phoenix parking meters will be enforced from 8 a.m. – 10 p.m. including weekends and holidays.

The new hours, which City Council adopted in June, were enacted to increase the turnover of parking spaces in central Phoenix and downtown areas where meters are most often used.

For the public's convenience, the city has purchased and installed 598 new single space credit card enabled meters. With this upgrade approximately 1,500 of the city's parking meters, or 81 percent of citywide meters, will take credit cards.

As part of the council action, parking meter rates also will change in November. Under a new demand-based pricing system coming in November, rates at credit card-enabled meters can vary from 50 cents to \$4 an hour, with higher meter rates reserved for high demand-parking during special events. Until demand-based pricing is implemented in November, meter rates will remain \$1.50 per hour.



For more information, visit [phoenix.gov/streets/parking-meters](http://phoenix.gov/streets/parking-meters), call 602-261-8090 or email [parking.meters@phoenix.gov](mailto:parking.meters@phoenix.gov).

## Make sure your out-of-state student has non-emergency coverage

Do you have children enrolled in your city medical and/or dental coverage and attending college out of state?

If so, contact the city's on-site representative for Cigna or BlueCross/BlueShield to find out if your child has access to non-emergency coverage out of state. Each plan has different provisions for out-of-state coverage. Don't wait until you receive a bill from a provider to give this your attention, call the Benefits Office today at (602) 262-4777 and ask to speak with the Cigna or BlueCross/BlueShield representative.

Here's another important reminder: Keep your address up-to-date in eCHRIS Self-Service to receive important mailings about your medical, pharmacy, dental, life insurance and other benefits. You can access eCHRIS from your home computer at [employee.phoenix.gov/hr](http://employee.phoenix.gov/hr) (To log in, look for the eCHRIS logo at the top of the page).

## What massive password theft means to you

There have been a lot of media reports recently about a Russian crime ring that created a huge database of stolen usernames, passwords and email addresses. Information Technology Services' Information Security and Privacy Office (ISPO) put together FAQs so you can protect yourself.

*What Happened?* A Wisconsin-based security company discovered a database containing about 1.2 billion unique user credentials and half a billion email addresses. They think the data was collected by a Russian crime ring from many different data breaches that occurred all over the world in recent months. This is considered the single biggest amount of stolen Internet identity information ever collected.

*Which Sites' Information Is In the Database?* While the security company would not disclose which sites' information was breached to build the credentials database, they said, "The Hackers did not just target U.S. companies, they targeted any website they could get, ranging from Fortune 500 companies to very small websites."

*Does This Impact Me?* We do not know, but probably. It is estimated that about 66.5% of the records in the database contain information on U.S. citizens (546.8 million records).

*What Should I Do?* The most important thing to do is change your work password(s) and any personal password(s) for online accounts and activities that involve your personal or financial information. For example, do not bother changing a password for a website where you login just to read articles. But definitely change passwords for online banking, shopping, utility, medical/insurance, and other sites. *And use different passwords!* Do not reuse the same passwords for the different sites.

*How Do I Remember All the Different Passwords?* There are some tricks to creating long, strong, easy-to-remember passwords. For example, pick a word, like *phoenix*. For your AZ Federal banking password, use *AZFederal-ph0en1x*. For your Gmail account password, use *Gmail-ph0en1x*, and for your eBay account, use *eBay-ph0en1x*. For more tricks, see Password Cracking 101 and Password Management 201.

Meanwhile, be on the lookout for emails and websites that promise scandalous, newsworthy, secret, and/or shocking news, pictures, or video about the death of actor Robin Williams. The goal is to get you to click on links that may cause malicious software to be downloaded to your PC. Always think before you click!

For more information about either issue, contact [ispo@phoenix.gov](mailto:ispo@phoenix.gov).

## **NEWS BRIEF**

**This year's Disability Achievement and Recognition Event (D.A.R.E.) will be from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 20, at City Hall, assembly rooms A – C.** The event honors exceptional individuals with disabilities, employers of individuals with disabilities and others who have shown dedication to people with access and functional needs. The ceremony also recognizes commitment to improving the quality of life of Phoenix residents and visitors. City employees are invited to nominate someone for the Architectural, Business, Educator, Community Service and Pride of Phoenix awards. For more information about the event or to nominate someone, visit [phoenix.gov/eod/commissions/disabilityissues](http://phoenix.gov/eod/commissions/disabilityissues). Nominations are due at noon Wednesday, Aug. 20.

## **PEOPLE**

**Denise Archibald** with City Clerk and **Ellie Perez** with Councilwoman Kate Gallegos' office have been selected among the state's "40 Hispanic Leaders Under 40" by Univision Radio-Phoenix and Valle del Sol. The award recognizes emerging leaders who have impacted the community and demonstrated excellence in leadership...Leave donations are being accepted for **Sally Hobbs** with Municipal Court. Submit leave donations through eCHRIS.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Monday, Sept. 8** - City Manager's Future Leaders Forum Lunch Series: "Professionalism in Policy-making. Presented by Acting City Attorney Daniel Brown, Chief Information Officer Debbie Cotton and Cliff Neal of the City Manager's Office. Noon - 1 p.m. City Council Chambers. Register on eCHRIS (course code CMLF05).

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